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OF
LECTURES, ADDRESSES, ARTICLES, ETC.

By O. O. HOWARD and Others.

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In 5 parts:— Part 4.

Diary at West Point

from September 1st 1858,
to November 27th 1859.

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By O. O. HOWARD and Others.

Sept. 2nd 1858 West Point N.Y.

We returned to this Post on the 27th ult. Guy was taken lame in his left foot the next day and crawls now with difficulty. He has had feverish turns is excitable and scarcely seems like our darling little Guy. We found Aunt Ann Sue here & Perry. She left today & Perry Monday. I have now resumed my duties. We had family prayer this morning & shall have this evening before retiring. I think I enjoy much of the presence of God's Spirit & feel myself conformed to his will. "It is the Lord let him do what seemeth him good." Now I have got two new sections in Mathematics, I trust I shall struggle harder than ever before, to do justice to a Christian life before them. I have spent my leisure today in showing some visitors (The Brevins) around West Point. I am going to do my own shows, commencing from today.

Sept. 3rd

We arose this morning before half past six, but had hard work to get ourselves & the little ones ready for breakfast by quarter past seven. I read the first chapter in Isaiah & prayed after breakfast, but before the close of my prayer Guy commenced throwing up his breakfast. He seemed quite

ill, but don't seem to have been worse today than yesterday. After I returned from Kee. I fixed a little wagon for him. This occupied me till dinner, after dinner I gave George a ride in the wagon, had a short nap, read my papers, took a walk with Sizzie &c. It seems to have been rather an unprofitable day - This evening I finished a long letter to Rowland. wrote a note to Aunt Ann - and now after a little meditation and prayer am prepared for bed -

A member of the Eng^d Company W. B. Slayter died on the 19th July 1858 of Apoplexy brought on by the Sore or Mountain fever. He suffered much this few or five days preceding his death with violent pains in his back. He bore up well till he began to lose all control of himself, for three days before his death he could use any of his limbs, except his right arm. He was kindly attended by the Dr & the Steward but nothing could arrest the destroyer. Slayter attended my lectures at the little church and was once or twice at the Bible Class at the Hospital. I remember having had some personal conversation with him on the subject of personal religion. He was very respectful and attentive and I thought was under conviction to

[speaks of an English soldier
who had just died]

some degree. [The letter before me does not say
anything of his religious views & feelings before
being launched into Eternity - but it may be
that God brought the hours when we sat for prayer
& the lessons we learned home to his soul.

"He died at the Hospital of the 6th Regt. and was
buried at the West Camping Ground" I presume by this
that it was a moving hospital. □

Sept. 3rd -

It is now almost ten - nothing very unusual
has marked the day, except that we have had
a fine shower of rain - which kept Lizzie & me
down at Mr. Skimmer's where we went to
look at the house. We returned about dark
in the rain with borrowed coats, shoes &
umbrellas. and I have since been thinking
about an address that I have promised
with reference particularly to the death of
Mr. Slayter whom I mentioned above. I had
a slight conversation with Graham. He says he
has enjoyed the sermons well, but has not been to
church on account of not having clothes - I hope he is now
going back. I am afraid I am growing cold. Oh!
My Lizzie, let me not leave thee.

Sept 5th I felt quite dull last night and did not write in my book. Ed. Darling came to the post & I had a short conversation with him.

Today, the Sabbath, we have the presence of the Church, a good sermon this morning & this evening. The communion of our Lord & the Sabbath school. My school was organized today. The same affairs as before, excepting Mrs Morrison who has become Librarian.

[Lizzie and myself had quite a conversation - tonight. She thinks me full of extremes, impulsiveness & impatience and I think she is partially if not wholly right. We prayed God for union of heart & spirit in Christ. I am not close enough in my walk to Christ. I think too much of myself - am growing day I fear. Oh, keep me from coldness & lukewarmness -]

Sept 6th 1858

Lizzie went to N. York alone today - I could not help thinking how much I should miss her if God should take her away. Guy came to me at 12 m. and said with tears in his ^{little} eyes, "I don't want to go. Stay all night." I took him up & kissed him & he was soon asleep. [The Superintendent

declined to give me permission to meet the young men in the Diocesan hall and said he must provide me some other place, which he has not yet done. I thought of meeting them in one of the recitation rooms, but there being no gas obtained from the pistons - we postponed our meeting till Wednesday. I hope we will be able to hold our prayer-meeting again - for they benefit as well as for the Cadets.]

Sept. 8th Yesterday I went to the Battalion drill with little Guy & whom should I meet but Colonel Formis. He looked very well. I came to my house & got Sizzie & introduced her to him. Just as we left him to return home, he asked me to remember him in prayer that he be a better man.

This evening I delivered the address I have been preparing (in connection with the death of Wm. Layton's death) at the Little Church. There was quite a full attendance. Mrs. & Miss daughter surrounding much affected. Would that they might give their hearts to Christ.

Sept 9th Proposed our Cadet prayer-meeting
this evening - in one of the rooms in the Barracks.
I read a portion of Scripture the 54 Chap. of Isaiah -
Then Mr Wright led in prayer. After his prayer
which was a fervent supplication for mercy upon
his companions, I read a few passages from a
Book of sermons, said a few words, and then we
said two prayers - I asked if any one had a word
to say & a young man who has just come amongst
us arose, & spoke of his peculiar trials & temptations
and asked for our prayers - He said he was
but a young convert. I said a few words of
encouragement. Letting him we had more for
us than against us, for God is on our side.
Again we all united in prayer - as the call to
quarters bugle blew. Such is a brief sketch
of the half hour at the prayer-meeting.
O Lord have mercy upon us & make our
little meeting for prayer especially beneficial
to our souls.

Sunday Sept. 12th. I ^{took} a walk this morning through
the Street of the Soldiers' hospital. At the Gate I saw the
Sergeant of the Dragoons, with whom I once had a
personal conversation on the subject of religion. His
health is very poor indeed, he has had the dysentery for

some time. He looks thin & pale. He is quite intelligent
and seemed glad to see me. I did not broach the
subject of Religion, but offered to send him books
to read if he desired. I next met Mrs Stewart.
Saw her near the fence in her garden. Next a Short man
whose family is a ~~well~~ ^{well} kept - He attends the meetings
regularly and is much interested to have them kept
up. Next I met Sergeant Case. He showed me a
card of a physician who can cure a cancer without
cutting or caustic. He lives at Pearl Street N.Y.
I next saw Morris at his gate. He invited me in. I
was inquiring for any children, who were not Catholics,
who ~~did~~ ^{did} not attend the Sunday school. The Catholic
children have a school of their own. I had quite a
long conversation with Mr. and his daughter. He is
trying to get up a choir for our evening meetings. I
trust he will take hold & do all he can. Oh! that a true
Christian spirit might actuate them all. I then took a
turn about & down upon the cemetery road - inquired
for Mrs Fay's brother, who is near his death. conversed a little
with St. John then returned home. In the forenoon
we had an excellent discourse from Mr. French on
the words "Grieve not the Holy Spirit." In the evening
at the little Church Mr. Edwards preached from on the subject
of Repentance. He had quite a full attendance. May God grant

a blessing upon all their efforts.

Monday Sept. 13th. Mrs C. G. Lee came down from Troy
Wednesday today with her little Annie to pay us a
visit. She has become a professing Christian since
I saw her. Her husband H. Lee, is very pious, she says,
He is working in the vineyard of Christ -
We had a large attendance at the Cadets prayer-meeting
this evening, many of the new Cadets - I do hope
some good fruits may grow out of these meetings -
and that I may never exert any but the most
healthful influence. I don't think I love Christ
less than I did at first, though my joy is not
always rejoicing, but I am afraid I am not
careful enough with my tongue in speaking of
others. To day I commenced writing on
the ten commandments -

Tuesday Sept 14. I have spent a good part of
my leisure to day in writing on my lecture
for Wednesday - I dug two or three rows of potatoes
in my garden for exercise & they picked up. Visited
Cadet Kingsbury in the Hospital. I wanted to converse
with him on religion but did not. I talked two
march about Mrs S - I asked him, or told him about
my prayer-meeting, that he had not been there. He
said he was "a perfect heathen". He said he did not

even go to prayers Sunday afternoon. After this
I came away. I think I might have conversed
with him had not Cadet Tubbs been in the
neighboring room with large open doors between
Mr T. & his - ^{speaking a good English} He is an intelligent young man &
I should think with more than ordinary ability
I would be glad to have his influence in the
cause of Christ.

Saturday 18 Sept. 1858

Wednesday evening we had a good attendance at lecture.
Our new Choir did admirably, though I neglected
to give out the hymns as desired. I lectured
on the first of the ten Commandments. I pray
that God will bless these lectures to my benefit as
well as to that of those to whom they are addressed.

Thursday evening we had a full prayer meeting with
the Cantets. I read them a treat on the Ten Sepers. We
had the pleasure of hearing two voices new to us. We
need the blessing of God upon every effort for promoting
the Kingdom of Christ.

Friday I went to Newbury. visited my cousins the
Misses Phillips, two of them were away. I then went to
see Professor Spool, our old Chaplain, found him
gone to a funeral. Mrs S. & Miss Rebecca were at home,
and I passed the time very pleasantly till

The Professor, or rather the Rev. Dr. returned. We then took a walk to see the new Church, just being constructed for him, talking all the while. He told me the circumstances of his removal. I spoke considerably of the present prosperity of his Church, how God had blessed him in the work of conversion &c. He looked thin compared with what he did when here.

Sept. 20. It is now one year since I came to this post as an instructor. Am I much advanced in the Grace & Knowledge of Christ? I find My rebellious heart so ready with its own ways & projects that I tremble - O God have mercy upon me. Yesterday morning I went to hear Mr Gray at the Falls. He preached a funeral sermon for young Slaughter. We had our usual Sunday School. Quite a number of Scholars & Teachers were absent. At the Falls I made the acquaintance of Mrs Gray. She gave me some good & worthy advice. In the evening @ German Methodist's pulpit I spoke at the little Chapel under the Hill. He preached in the German language & had a good attendance. This evening I went to the Luther prayer-meeting, had a fair attendance. I read a part of a Sermon, on the prayers angels are not answered. We had three

prayers and then repeated the Lord's prayer together. A young man asked me why the Scripture is, "He answered and said," when is nearly a paper that anything had been previously spoken by any one else besides Jesus.

Sept. 25th

The week is drawing to a close. I heard early in the week that poor Graham had yielded to the tempter & began to drink ^{again}; he has succeeded in keeping out of my way. I went to see his poor wife yesterday. She says it is only since he went on a pass about two weeks since that he has got in a bad way. He has prayed with her and she has never been happier than since they have lived here. He has not been seen for two days & must have deserted. It is all due to liquor. May God have mercy on the poor insane man. Wednesday

Evening
Thursday

Silent Day came here. visited us & took tea. He seems about the same in point of health as in Florida. He did not say if he had found peace in Christ. I think he is trying to do the will of God. On Wednesday night I lectured on the 2nd Commandment, had a pretty good attendance but not so good as ^{we} should have had on any other day than "play day". A German (Methodist I think)

by the name of Myers formerly a member of the Band
made a very appropriate prayer at the close of the
lecture.

Tuesday eve. Sept. 28th

Wm C. Meyer, a Soldier who was clerk to Major
Rogge in Florida and whom I visited in the
Tampa hospital came to see me to day.

Last evening our Cadet prayer-meeting was
quite full. Maybe we will yet be blessed
here at this worldly place with a refreshing
from the presence of the Lord. I am not
wretched enough. Yesterday I did not feel
that I was acting the part of a Christian twice.
May God help me to eschew evil.

Thursday Oct. 5. The month of September closed and the
month of October began, since I have written -

Now many interesting experiences have no note - just
vague recall - The future however is full - Wednesday
usual duties - preparing for lecture on 3^d commandment -
made as strong an appeal as I could against profanity in
the evening. [Thursday evening - Prayer-meeting - good attendance
- read Bushnell on the Compassion of Christ - We prayed
for the aid of God's Spirit to ~~drive~~ ^{drive} the profane
spirits in the Corps - We continue to pray for the
Cadets - God will give His blessing at the proper time.]

Friday evening Perry Lee came to see us from N. York.
Aunt Lee better - quite hopeful - Saturday P & S visited
Mr Ed. Hinsley - talk of buying a vessel - Mr T &
Myself a quart each, Perry to go Master -
Sunday - visited Soldiers Hospital - talked with Smith - Mrs
Stewart - gave a tract to the attendant - returned
gave two tracts to a Soldier (stranger) one to be read &
the other on swearing to be given to a sweaver - Found
my little German boys playing - gave them some books -
They didn't go to S. school, jackets not good. Went to
Church - Good Sermon on a passage of Paul's Epistle to Timothy -
- cannot recall it - After service went to the Lord's table - felt
the effect of sinful indulgence of Appetite & Passion - felt to desire
nothing - Am. improve when I look to my poor eyes & face, exceedingly
improve - Must think more before going to the table of our
Lord & pray from the heart - Evening. Methodist, Mrs Edwards -
- subject faith in Christ - Monday Morning - Perry left - usual
duties - some reading - Paper - Wellbore - Evening - commenced a
letter to Charles - Robert came to bid us good bye - Starts for Clerken
Went to look up Bibles for the men, succeeded in getting old
Testaments for them - They left this morning -
I was up by six, washed, prayed on the way to Supt. Davis - got
the keys - went to S. S. Library - got the Testaments - home had
the usual exercises & duties - received a pamphlet from Rev
Mr Webb, read 49 pages to Lizzie this evening (Sermon Dr Jack Andrews)

met Dr. Guman on business before four - at 4. went to
ride with Sizzie. the children & servants - called on Mrs
Baldwin's found all gone but little Florrie - called
on Mrs Gray's family at the Falls - a pleasant call -
perused my letter to Charlie after evening prayer &
have just written the above notes - All this extra
work shows how much I lack in system - I must try
to arrange - do everything in place -

Wednesday Oct 6th

Caution in using proper self-Government - Praise myself
pretty well at recitation; Came near getting impatient
today - checked myself in time - I fear my policy
^{in recitation}
in procuring quarters is too selfish. I must make
sacrifices of comfort for the sake of others. I got a dis-
patches from Perry today - I will try to go to N. York
tomorrow. I am obliged to leave poor Sizzie alone a
good deal. She does not seem to have much sympathy for
my work below town, and it may be that I do not
do enough for her I must form the habit of
talking more with her about our Saviour -

⌘ Saturday night - Oct 7th. Went to N. York Thursday returned
last night. invested \$16.00 in a Bank. Perry to go Captain -
Aunt dont seem to have gained much. She is still
cheerful. Harri's done much to day in the way
of recitation - I am tired from two or three days

accumulation - Tomorrow is the Holy Sabbath - Oh!
that it may do me good - and many others here -
My cousins, Mrs A. Phillips & Mrs Millions came
to see us while I was away yesterday - Yesterday
made the acquaintance in Brooklyn of Mr Dwight's
family - In the evening his daughter & her husband
I found her at the cottage on my return - on their
wedding tour. Their names Smith - to live in Tarrytown
Mass - with Mr Tysonder Gilmore My Slep father's
cousin - We have been stirred a little about quarters
and Lizzie is a little discontented here - I fear we will
not be very comfortable; but should we not bless God for
his great goodness in giving us so many & so great comforts?

Monday Oct. 11th 1818.

Yesterday - heard St. Anglos' brother preach at the Chapel.
Went to the Soldiers' hospital in the morning. called on
Mrs S. - saw & conversed with Mrs. M. & B. - went to the
Governors' quarters - got the promise of a few to attend
the Sabbath school. promised to teach them myself.
The S. School was well attended. Two Governors came
four more have promised to come next Sunday. In
the evening attend prayers at 4^o pass 4 - at night. went
to little church - three Methodist laymen from
Newburg were present - sang. exhorted &c - I
made some remarks - got very earnest in view

of the fact that we had been passed by
during the last revival - Mr. Randall father of
Caleb Randall stand with us till this morning.
I stand too long in bed this morning and did not
properly conduct my secret prayer. Oh! that I
was more watchful & circumspect - I don't think
I am as patient & kind as I ought to be in
excitation. I must look over my lessons more
beforehand & study to preserve perfect self-command
I think Lizzie & I both are too much disappointed
because of our quarters.

Sat. 16th Oct. Today Lizzie, the children & Susan started
for Troy. Poor Light Guy was feverish last night
I hope he will be well tonight - visited with St. Goble
Mr. Moore - He is a learned old gentleman lives
in a pleasant little nook on the Island - found him
at work making a walk - took tea at Mr. Childs'.

Kept me from being lonely - Mr. Ed. Clark came home
with me - I had been telling him about my
Christian experience - Read a psalm with him
& both of us prayed - May God grant us his
blessing. He allows the faults of others to trouble
him. So do I too much - Let us keep our own spirits
clear. I trust my absent ones to the Lord.

Mr. Childs and the Seafar returned on Wednesday

evening of this week. Only few cars to the lecture -
It rained hard. I shall deliver the same again
next Wednesday evening. We had a good prayer
meeting Thursday evening.

Sunday - 17th Oct.

I have had a good Sabbath - Mr French's
morning sermon - very good. from the text
"Can the Lord stay long with all they work?" &
I dined at Mr Bratt's, talked much about
Episcopacy & Christians & I fear much
to little profit - Sunday school very thinly
attended. Evening preacher present. We had
services immediately after the S. School -

This evening I went to Rothermill Falls, called
at Mr Gray's; addressed a room full at the
Methodist Chapel on the new life. I hope
God will bless the efforts to the good of some -
Walked back with Mr Morrison & Mr Clarke (Edward)
and religious conversation with them. Mr Beam
is with me - We talked about various things in
connection with religion. Oh! My Father that
I might be true as true heart as the
words I write seem to imply. Help me to be less
thoughtful & talkative of self. Mr C & I read
& prayed together.

(Monday 18th Oct.) I breakfasted at home alone - was the
only one at family prayer - Mr Winsby dined with
me, talked over the prospect of our vessel, the S. J.
Goodell - She is going to St. Jago - has a good Cheston -
I wrote a letter to Saggie & written to Perry Lee - then
a load of wood into the wood-house - Supped at home
with Alexander - had much Christian conversation -
read to him a Sermon of Bushnell - "Problem of Christian
Experience" - then we went out together, pasted at Van
Fields - I went to see St. Huer - talked with him
an hour or two, on Army matters, quarters &c. &c.
He spoke of Capt Vicer & Hambluck - Huer says I
will have to leave the Army - [On my return I met
Dr. M - We had a long conversation. He used scarcely any
profane language - asked me about my religion &
talked about the want of it even in the Chaplain's
on the Frontier. The Chaplain at Ft. Leavenworth - makes
"toddlers" for the Gitters at the gaming table &c.
In New Mexico. They have no religion - Gambling, and all
manner of corrupt practices a common thing on the
Sabbath -] It was late when I got home I read a
part of the Sermon on the Mount - I asked God to forgive
my omission of duty - I had forgotten to meet the
Cads at the prayer meeting -
Tuesday 19th Oct. 1858. Nothing unusual has transpired

Today. I took tea at Professor Clouche's this evening - Col-
Hudson came in - after tea - We had a very pleasant
conversation on a variety of topics - nothing new
evolved - returned about nine - wrote a letter in reply
to one I got from Lizzie containing cheering news -
and another to Aunt Edward - Old Apocrypha crowd
upon Lizzie's mind at Waterbury - She feels reconciled to God's
will, is more & more humbled before Him - Am I
not happy to have my wife a follower of Christ?
I have revised my lecture for tomorrow night - I wrote
this with the preceding page. It is late -

Wednesday Oct. 20.

We had the very interesting ceremony of the baptism
of a little child, at my little Church, by Mr French this evening.
The house was quite full - The little innocent was beautiful
and did not cry and looked very ^{well} in Mr French's
Arms as he put the water on him & signed him with
the cross. After the ceremony Mr French left - I
was sorry, because I wanted him to see what sort
of discourses I delivered, but maybe, there is pride in
the wish - Mr. Mr Parker was present. He made
some remarks after the address - complimented me
very highly - I don't need any compliments, but
to know that souls are being led to God & ought not
to receive any - We can easily get the applause

of men; but how much better is the approbation
of our Lord & Saviour.

Thursday Oct. 21.

Morning exercises - Wages & reading two stanzas. Rev Mr
Parker of Mass. (not Thaddeus Parker) went into my
Section this morning. The 1st hour - The cadets did well.
Helped put down carpet in front room, to please Siggie
& hope she will like it. Mrs Simpson called for me
or left word for me that she wanted me on business -
Cory (a poor workman) had got into difficulty - I sent
others his family off the Push - I went to Mr
Kindley about him - to persuade him to give
him a place in his house. Mr T. did not like
my errand - refused the request - I don't know
but he is right - Cory's family have not a fine
reputation (excepting himself). I went to the Super^{or}
He talked rather hard - I think he thinks I am
taking up for offenders - I would prove it - He threatened
me - I told him to get a man at the Falls - and
wait, till he could get more -

We had a good prayer meeting I read a tract, two
chapters - asked the Cadets questions and we had
two prayers, besides the repeating the Lord's prayer
in unison - This evening I have spent at Mrs
Berards - took tea & talked much about myself.

much about Florida & my own earnings - I fear that
I love approbation too much & seek it - But I
will give myself to thee, O Lord how many upon me.
I know thy Spirit will conduct me if I do not resist
its blessed influence - My little family must be all asleep
at Haverhill - The Lord will bless them.

Monday 25th Oct. 1858 -

(Gen Wm Long Smith)

⌈ Saturday I did very usual morning duties -
⌋ Smith, W. of the ~~the~~ class next preceding
mine visited me in recreation room - He is a
sort of Bridge Engineer now - He resigned soon after
graduating - He says he despises sects - is a
Christian in the broad sense - In the afternoon
I took the train for Troy - got to the arrival
about dark - St. Lu met me at the depot -
Made a valuable acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Fairchild -
Wife & children glad to see me - Sunday forenoon
morning - Good sermon on the pass present & future -
"That which has been is now, & that which will be
has been and the first is required of thee" - That
is the substance of the text - In the afternoon Mr. G. took
the subject of "the feeding leaf" & gave excellent
instruction to his hearers, such that if heeded
will make them truly wise, wise unto
salvation - & dismissed the Sunday school

in compliance with the Super^{dr's} invitation - sought
to impress the children with the immortality of
the soul - ^{Spoke} of the two Kingdoms & urged them to
fight on the Lord's side - attended an excellent
prayer meeting in the evening - Spoke & prayed -
the meeting was lively & social - one inquirer
rose to ask the prayers of God's people - St. Lee
made an excellent, a fervent prayer - I made
the acquaintance ^{on Sat. night} of Mrs. Moreland, Misses Laura
& Minnie - The Misses Rosa & Hadden before -
I visited the office & shops this morning saw
many old familiar faces & shook many a
welcome hand - Saw Mr & Mrs Sumner. Mrs
L is quite pale in appearance - He returned -
leaving July 10 - 20 am. & getting here before 3 p.m.
The children exceedingly glad to get home - We
wondering to live here in happiness this winter -
Had a good prayer meeting with cadets tonight - Began
to read "The Old Man's Home".

Thursday Oct 28 - Had a good prayer meeting to-
night - read 2nd chap of "The Old Man's Home". Saw
the stars in many eyes - Had a fair attendance at my
lecture on the 5th Commandment last night - I was sick
Monday evening. i.e. I did not write on my lecture. Tuesday
evening I commenced - Capt. B came in - stood till near ten -

I then began to write till one A.M. The next day wrote
in the forenoon & afternoon - & delivered the address in
the evening. I did not think just of it good - but I made
out better than I expected - though I fear I think altogether
too much of myself & my efforts, else God would have more
abundantly blessed me in my work - He gives me much
Oh! much & I cannot complain; but I mean that sinners
are not turning to Christ - Today Sizzie went down
to Newburg on a shopping expedition. Today's paper
records the most horrid murder in the annals of
Crime - a boy, Gouldy, kills or strikes down with a
cut-throat a father mother two little brothers & two
servants & then goes by his own will unaccountably to
meet his God - I have written a long letter to
Brotherland tonight since ten -

Sunday 30. Oct. 1858

We had our usual family exercises this morning. After
family prayers, I went to the Soldier's Hospital, talked a
little with 3 sick soldiers (now very sick) and gave them
truth. I got a German youth, who used to belong to my Bible
class to come again to Sunday school. Saw St. Alexander
and talked with him on the way up from the barracks -
Went to Chapel with Sizzie - Mr. French on the 2nd
Commandment - Showed the use of symbols to be
allowable & of images to be forbidden - A youth

many were absent, from my Sunday School -
no drummer-boys present. I can't seem to get
them. Went to prayers at four at Chapel returned -
to the house - talked with Guy, about, "suffer little
children to come unto me and forbid them not
for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven". He seemed to
understand it pretty well - [I then started for the
Falls; overtook a Great boy & a little boy on the road -
little boy had a muss hat on the top of his cap. He
looked quite bright, and I began to question him.
He was learning the Roman Catholicism, he did not
know of the Saviour - I talked with him, pointed
to a Star and told him about the Star that went
before the wise men: both boys listened quite attentively.
I told them how men treated Christ, how he died &
how he had risen & ascended up to God - the
little boy did not think he could remember all
I had told him; - he said he swore sometimes - I
told him he must not any more. It seemed to be
a new thing to the boy to be talked to in this way -

I took tea at Mr Gray's - Spoke in his Church -
house full - all attentive - subject of my address
Repentance - God bless it to the Salvation of souls -
Oh! God keep me at all times, especially after an
address from Spiritual pride - Lizzie was

rather lonely at home - She does flatter - does
care to hear my discourses - It is well - would if
she had no children - Better, longer duties first.

Read the last part of Math. 11 at family prayers this
evening - Asked Gods blessing especially on the
children. Oh! how much we desire them to become
early the servants of Christ.

Saturday Nov^r 6th 1858. (slight review of the week)

Monday commenced the day as usual, came home late having
visited several officers with subscription paper for Mr Grey.
read a little - accompanied my wife to the North Dock. She went
to Cold Spring shopping - I then took Gray to Muster, left him
with a little boy while I went to the Superintendent's office to
report myself. Went for Mrs Howard - returned carrying
carpet - went to prayer meeting containing "Story of Old man's
home," had singing & prayers - Mrs Greble spent the evening
with us - spent the time in conversation - I did not commence
my lecture for Wednesday night.

Tuesday. I commenced my lecture on the 6th Commandment,
"Thou shalt not kill." My wife & I took a walk to the Hotel - visited
Mr & Mrs Platt - Par Hensley spent the evening with us -
Wednesday came and I had up three four pages written on
my lecture. I sat at my desk nearly all day, after 11
a.m. It seemed hard work. I was tired & did not write
to send you. It seemed sorrowful. I feared I was not an

the right side in many of my positions. God sent
a rain in the evening - very few at the church - I
did not deliver the Lecture - I was glad to be excused
with a song & a prayer we closed the meeting -

Thursday I felt exhausted all day - weather changeable -
stormy. At evening had a good meeting with the Cadets.
Went to Mrs Berard's of an errand - then to Capt Benton's,
saw Major Mordecai there. Friday Sizzie went to N. York
alone, brought furniture, books &c returned at 6 in the
evening. Thursday was her birth day - She did not get any
present or keepsake. Was too poor to buy her a
sewing-machine as I had wished. Saturday class this
week. Much good instruction from the scriptures has been
pondered on - We do not take time enough for Morning & Evening
readings. It gets too late before we read & generally we
do not rise early enough. Friday I visited Cold Spring - saw
Br Edwards & wife. He looks in poor health.

Sunday, Breakfasted this morning at 8 with Sizzie &
Guy. Had prayer both children present. I took a walk
to Logston - to ask after 8 school scholars - saw Jager -
the result was, both boys came to Sunday School - saw Mrs
Edwards & Sergeant Owens just starting for Ft. Montgomery -
saw Morris twice, corrected him just as he was going
to wheel in road. He tried to offer some apology.
I saw Wm Schodde, reproved him gently for going hunting

on Sunday & tried to show him how wrong it was - left a
tray on the steps near Grayson barracks on Accident,
Spirits. prayed that it might be made the instrument
of saving one soul from drunkenness. Went to Mrs S-
got a German Bible, talked with Mrs S- not an
place in that part of the post where family prayers
heard. went to Soldiers' hospital - returned home -
Went to Church with wife - Sermon excellent & practical
on profane swearing - Oh! how much I would rejoice
if profane swearing could be made to cease amongst
us. Communion - Felt glad to go to the Lord's table -
I think too much about the forms of prayer &c. have
too many objections against them rising up. Sunday school
interesting. Surgeon Owen says, more interesting than it used to
be. I read a little book "The Lost Lamb", the children paid
good attention. [Went to evening prayers, ^{at 7.00} ^{at chapel} mind wandering much
during service - I conducted the service & addressed the
people at the Methodist Chapel under the hill - On the first
commandment, a recollection - The house pretty well filled -
Congregation very attentive. My Sermon seemed to draw near
to me & bless the lecture, I mean the delivery & subsequent
remarks - What a beautiful day is the Sabbath!
How different from those Sabbaths, before God called
me into his fold!]

[Sunday - Nov^r 14 1858 -]

Mr French preached another good sermon on profane Swearing, good attendance at Sunday School - talked with Owen this morning - Went with Mr Morrison this evening up to the "West Grove" School house in the Mountains about 4 miles from this place. Mr M & I talked on predestination & other things - I lectured on prayer - School room small, crowded full - good attention, tearful eyes - I trust God will bless the lecture to the salvation of souls, got home before ten. On Wednesday last I lectured at the Little Church on the 6th Commandment. My discourse seemed to me not calculated to do good - I must rely more on Christ than on myself for fruits - Blessed news from home - Sinners are turning to Christ on "the ridge" (Seeds Main)

Thursday 16 Nov^r 1858.

Fr. Mack on a visit to the Point, dined with us - He looks thin & pale - Monday & Tuesday I prepared a lecture on the 7th Commandment, and delivered it last night. There was a fair attendance - God does not bless my labors with immediate success, & I know I am a sinner, poor, blind & destitute - Oh, that I might be more careful, that I might be a better servant.

Saturday November 27th 1858.

Another week has drawn to a close. I have been through the same routine of duties during the past week as heretofore. How many thousand words have been spoken. How much has gone forth never to return till the day of accounts! O God! canst thou the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart to be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my Strength my Redeemer.

After evening prayer, had a conversation with Fizzie about politics. I am not sufficiently attentive to her in small things. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. I must try to keep it better than I did last Sunday. so as to have my Master & have more enjoyment - more peace of mind. Last night Fizzie & I sent a tract to Silas. He marked it & I wrote him a few lines. We took his case to the throne of Grace & asked for his conversion.

December 6th 1858 -

I feel sorry when I open this book & find I have not written, but, it may be better, for there is too often a feeling that others will see these things that I write and I fear spiritual pride, and there is too much of self. But there have been many & great blessings that I have enjoyed since I have written. Our prayer meeting room is now filled full. A young man asked tonight for "The Serious inquirer": I gave it to him. O God, turn him to thee.

Thursday & Friday Sizzie, Guy & I were in New York. Guy & I returned Friday & Sizzie Saturday - Sarah is poorly, Caven increasing, I fear. God has laid a heavy burden upon her in this life, but it is in mercy? Why chastise them so plentifully with me?

Poorannah blind! News by St. Gilman in the eve Friday. Poor fellow, he prayed for us earnestly the other night. To night at the prayer meeting he was remembered by Mr Wright at the throne of Grace. Have read Young's "New Covenant". Had a letter from Rowland recommending Boardman's book "Higher Life": Oh! teach me what to ask for for I would Oh! God that thou wouldst sanctify me wholly - make my heart all clean & completely new - "Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, & worthily magnify thy Holy Name."

I have read the "Life for the Line" by the author of Capt. Vieux's life - I am reading it at the ladies prayer meetings. I trust it will promote the good Spirit that seems to be prevailing "all hearts there."

[September 12th. I obtained "the Higher Life" through the Rev. Mr. Gray at the falls, and Sizzie & I have been reading it attentively and thoughtfully. It has

indeed sent a thrill of joy into my heart and been
the means of smoothing much rough ground within
me. Saturday night at our evening prayer after
spending a portion of the evening upon the subject of
"a second conversion" or "a full salvation" - my heart
became full of great gladness; and the peculiar power
was more than usual. How glorious the Lord is - How
abundant in his bestowments. I thank thee, O my God,
that thou hast ^{heard} that thou art ^{hearing} and that thou wilt
continue to bless me; for such is thy good pleasure -
I will endeavor to ^{in mind} ~~to know~~ thy infinite mercy & loving
kindness, in the imparting to my soul, such knowledge
of Jesus my Saviour & Jesus my Sanctifier, so as to render
him all & in all. Oh let me, my ~~independent~~ self,
be absorbed altogether in the brightness of his image,
and fit me for thine own work by helping me to live
every moment of my life by faith on the Son of God.

How rich was yesterday's psalm (selection for the day)
at Okonk. How much was the French under the influence
of the Spirit of God, when he preached on "the killing of
the soul." We had a good Sunday school - I lectured at
Mr Gray's Church in the evening on the subject of
conscience. Good attendance - good attention - Had a
conversation with the Rev. Mr Wells - said too much to
him - not calm enough. Talked too much after & before

evening service - O, let me contemplate Him that I love
and imitate Him & serve Him

Wrote a full page meeting - made some remarks on
charity - read in "light for the line". Good attention - room
full. A young man stopped back; he wanted to enjoy
religion as he once did. I went to his room & brought
him to endeavor with all his heart to seek for
greater blessings from Christ - Went to hospital, saw
Cedar Wright - sick with a cold - This evening have been
reading in Romans - This Spirit grows upon me. It
truly contains words of eternal life - Sizzie has
been unwell today - She enjoys "the higher life" with
me and ^{she} seems lately to be getting into fuller liberty
as a disciple of Jesus.

December 20th. 1858. On Wednesday commenced a
court martial or rather a Court of Inquiry into the
difficulties pending between Prof. Mahan & Lt. Mostow.
The Court consists of Col Lee Major Anderson Capt
Macey & Capt. Sam Jones. Col Lee was superintendent
the last two years of my Cadet Ship - his son Curtis my class
mate - Capt Macey & I made experiments together
in Florida, I know him very well. Major Anderson
I saw here before with his Invalid wife, & through Prof
Mahan I read a letter telling of the thrill of joy that
he experienced at the confirmation. Capt Sam Jones

was my instructor in Algebra at this Academy. So considerable time has been spent in calling though I have had conversation at length with only Capt. Marcy. He has had the influenza. I went to his room one evening & he gave me a brief account of his march from Utah to Santa Fe - He went with forty picked men - without tents. There came on deep snows so that they could make but ~~8~~ 6 miles a day and that with the utmost difficulty. They got out of provisions & had to feed on mules that were ready to perish.

Thursday - was the funeral of Col. Smith of the Engineers. The whole Corps of Cadets were taken as escorts - Many officers from other posts were here, Col. May, Simick, Major Bernard & others. He Col. Smith an old officer of some 75 years without a relative present to follow him to the grave - a brotherless childless orphan bachelor. Lt. G. says he was of an amiable temper, doing good with his charities "no Christian at all." He thinks he died with a pure, clear conscience. I hope so, but he was widely different from other men, who somehowly more than their own righteousness, to fit them to reach God. If his soul was clean, it must have been cleansed by Christ, his Redeemer & Saviour - Yesterday, I did not enjoy the service, the sermon or the day as much as the Sabbath before, for I had been too much under

boardage in the morning. O keep me, O keep me, that
I may be ever close unto the O Lord. Be very near, ^{ever} ^{very}
present. My blessed Redeemer & I shall be guided aright,
and ready to meet temptation. A good prayer meeting
tonight with the Cantos - We read, sung, said in union the
Lord's prayer, remained a few moments in silent prayer -
then I finished the Book "a Light for the Cane". Young men
very attentive. I urged upon them to seek the Saviour &
his abiding presence.

Tuesday 28th December - Last Wednesday evening a
German preacher from Paderborn spoke to the
Germans at the little Chapel - He has been here
before & seems to interest his countrymen very
much. I made some remarks from the words
"I am the door" & "I am the way". The audience
was large & I trust some good impressions
were left. May the blessing of God attend us in
this place. On the evening before Christmas, we
gave the Sabbath school children of our little
community a Christmas tree & each a present
of a book at the Board practice room. Many
people were present. The tree was beautiful
the children happy & well-pleased. Each
child came up as I called their name & received a
book and generally I got a bow & modest "Thank

you, Sir." Saturday, being Christmas day, we went to the Chapel-service & partook of the Sacrament. Two Castles who had not been before, came this time - I was glad to see so many at the Lord's table - but how few compared with the whole number of Castles.

Monday evening prayer meeting was not so full as it has been for a few weeks - Sunday morning I visited the Soldier's hospital, met the new Steward - talked with him to some extent, left him Abbott's Corner Stone. I saw him only Sunday evening. I hope his heart is getting interested in Christ. Last night Sizzie & I had a long conversation on the matter of confirmation &c. I said such hard things that she was grieved. This morning I concluded it was best to cease making objections to Episcopacy & be confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

My objections are not of much importance. My plain duty is to serve Christ & I don't know that any denomination would hinder me. I am thinking of the ministry of commencing my studies under the direction of Mr French. but my dear wife feels much against it - so it must be decided by the Great Ruler of my life -

This evening I took Sizzie & Guy & went in Stewart's carriage to Mr Wells Church, to see his Christmas tree for the children of his S. & school. He had it in the Church - We took tea with him.

Sunday 9th January 1859. The new year has
commenced. The evening before I lectured on "Book-keeping"
at the Methodist Chapel at "The Falls." Saturday
Spent the whole day visiting from house to house.
Mr Speles & I had a long conversation on religion
in the morning. The evening spent at home.
Sunday a week ago, my wife & I went to Church
after I had been written a portion of a letter to Newland.
I took a copy of R.'s letter. I have written to Hodge & to
Gen. Stevens, and this week to Charles. Monday I heard
only one section. Tuesday I spent in examining the
sections before the Board & a part of Wednesday.
Thursday was officer of the day - On Monday evening
had a good prayer-meeting with the Cadets, announced my
resolve to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church.
Asked others to join the Church. Went on foot to the
Falls, heard a sermon from Rev. Mr Hawley of Northampton -
Tuesday night Lizzy & I went together. Wednesday evening
we went to our little Church in Camp town, I heard a
a plain, unpretending, elegant, & impressive lecture
from Mr French on the Newbirth. a good attendance
& good attention. Thursday - officer of the day, in the
morning - good prayer-meeting with Cadets in the
evening - rode with Mr Smith to the Falls to hear
Mr Hawley - Stopped in after-prayer-meeting, spoke

and prayed - prayed for Sunday school Bible class of Mr
Grey's - Friday rainy stayed at home - visited Cadets
barracks talked with several on religious topics - Cadets
Maj H. C. & Med - spent the evening at home
reading - have seen the Soldier's hospital steward
several times & conversed with him - visited Mr Hargett's
& Schooler's - Sippie likes well enough to have me an
episcopalian if she thought I would be a proper
one, but fears I will not feel free as now. She dreads
my being a Minister & opposes it. Mr Grayd came after
we got home last night from the Falls.

Monday 10th Communion veneration again. 3rd & 4th Sects. 4th class Secretary -
evening - usual prayer meeting, well attended - spent evening at
home reading aloud to wife - weather exceedingly cold.

Tuesday - 11th Jan. usual duties in the day - went to Mr Grey's church
at evening - called for Edward Kinsey - an excellent sermon from
Rev Mr Hawley of Newhall (and was thought very in vogue said) - The
revival progressing - 22 expressed a hope, from a short prayer meeting
at the close of evening services. I spoke & prayed & returned with

Mr Ed. Kinsey - A poor German woman annoyed him by speaking,
(and a lecture from Rev Mr Hawley)

Wednesday - Lectured at Camp lower Church. good attention -

Thursday & Friday evenings lectured at Mr Grey's - On Thursday
my subject was "The Resurrection of the Dead" - On Friday "Believe
us from Evil." Many rose for prayers at the subsequent
prayer meetings. Saturday afternoon I went to a prayer-

meeting - and talked to & prayed with several young converts
after Mr Gray had spoken to them & exhorted with them.

In the evening I took Mrs Howard & went to hear a
sermon from Mr Gray. We went to his house after the
evening service & had a long conversation on "Episcopacy & the
perseverance of the Saints".

Sunday Jan. 16th arose this morning about eight. After
our usual morning exercises, I did not go to the Soldiers' hospital.

Went to Church this morning & listened to a sermon on
the 10th Commandment. It contained good advice relative
to the choice of a profession in life & good counsel for
the subsequent life.

February 3rd I have not written herein for weeks -
words of two weeks, and every day has been full
of interest. A week ago Sunday night Rev Mr
Gardner of Cold Springs was to lecture, but
couldn't come for the wanters of the ice in
the River - but God sent the Rev. Mr Field of
the Methodist. On Wednesday evening following
we had an exhibition of panoramic views by a
Mr Wood. views of the Garden of Eden, crossing of the
Red Sea, the flood - Abraham sacrificing - the
city of Jerusalem & surrounding scenery, the crucifixion;
and the valley & shadow of death from Benjam -
Mr Wood stopped with us. Last Sunday morning we had a

sermon from Rev. Dr Henry, Episcopal Clergiman - a
right, manly out & out, discourse - Shewing the reason
why a man should do right, & avoid the wrong; "because
it is right - and not do wrong because it is wrong."

He attacked that prevalent philosophy, with doses
of sin & success, which makes a subtle selfishness the
prevailing cause, the motive, of goodness - After
Church I visited him, and thinking from his
boldness & informal declaration of the truth, a
discourse from him might awaken some
of the frequenters of the Camp Town Chapel. I invited
him to go there in the evening. He went and
delivered a most excellent & affectionate discourse
on the love, character, goodness, of God as exhibited
in the gracious invitations set forth in a chapter
of the Prophet Isaiah that he read. Dr Henry is eccentric
full of humor, telling anecdotes continually in private
and repete with pointed illustrations in his public
discourses. I liked him very much, for I believe he
has a large heart & loves his blessed Master.]
He had who has been sick a long time at Mrs Berard's is
still very low. I have watched with him two nights
last Thursday a week ago and last Tuesday night. I have
been enabled to talk with him those times about his
soul and to pray with him. His wife is afraid

That any exposure to this subject will agitate him
and endanger his recovery. So that the last time
I promised not to speak to him on such topics &
did not. [Now plainly poor Reed's case shows the
necessity of a previous preparation for death. He
says he don't rely much on a death-bed change;
but I told him he did not know it was his
death-bed. He said, "true". and I urged him to give
himself to Christ for life or for death.]

* A young Sufferer, Satou, has been threatened with
the consumption. My conversations, readings & prayers
seem to have been acceptable to him; Last Sunday
morning he received the news of his sister's sudden
death by telegraph & poor fellow, his heart seemed most
broken. I said was she a Christian? "Oh very much
so". Do you believe she has gone to a better country? "Oh
yes". He manifested a cheerful resignation with a
wounded spirit. I read the fourth chapter of Thessalonians
and united with him in prayer. My prayer
meetings with the cadets have been rather thinly
attended but interesting. Sigger poor child is
quite ill with influenza & pain in the head. Last
night I lectured at Camp-town on faith; a large
audience comparatively. & excellent attention. Will
not God bless us with a spiritual increase? Much

* I fear Satou was somewhat drunk

Henry Strickland visited us for a few hours yesterday -
He and his wife are now members of the Episcopal
Church. I got a letter from Charlie today. Rowland is
convalescently able to travel, but not to preach - All
well at home.

Feb. 9th Poor had died Saturday evening at 1/2 past 5^{P.M.} and was
buried yesterday at 8 P.M. Tuesday night I watched with him.
He grew gradually weaker, I did not see him again after
Wednesday morning. He had the most assiduous attention
of his wife, the family and his friends - His death seemed
to cast a gloom over the Corps of Cadets - Both brothers
James & Gaus were with him - I wrote Monday before
the funeral an account of the conversations I had with
him in the form of a letter to his Mother. His eldest
brother thought it would be a pleasure to her to have
them - His wife bore up wonderfully under the trial. She
went to the Chapel and to the Grave. The whole service
was completed at the Chapel & the band played
there in the Gallery & did not accompany the
remains to the Grave. Early, just having entered upon
his career, he was cut off, but God who doeth all things
well will bring the blessing He has in store. Oh, that
it be the salvation of the entire family - Oh, that
it be the will of God to bring those brothers who have
such tender hearts to the truth as it is in Jesus.

Wednesday }
February 6th } Sunday evening last I lectured to a few souls
gathered at the C. F. Chapel - It storm'd very hard. After
words I went to Mrs Berard's & staid till the young men
came to sit up. Monday Feb. 7th with usual routine
of duties, attended St. Kev's funeral - helped support the
poor wife at the Church & at the grave. God gives
her the strength & consolation of his Spirit, which she
needs - Was the Duties in prayer-meeting - room quite
full - Spoke to those of the Providence of God - just
witnessed, urged them to prepare for death which
is life. Tuesday Feb. 8 - usual duties - Went to the
Falls, paid a short visit to Mr Gray's - then a short one
to Robert Berard - then went to the M. E. Church &
lectured on the subject of prayer - came away about
ten - was rainy - Mr Stratton's boy brought me up, in a
sleigh - ^(boy's) young man's name John Butman - a good young man
& new convert. Young Mr Perry came forward for
prayer - I urged him to believe that Christ had
already accepted him - He thinks he is not convicted -
whereas the desire of his soul seems to be, to become
a child of God & adopted into the fold of Christ.

Today I have performed my usual morning duties - called
at Libby & talked with Mrs French, who promised to accompany
me to C. F. Chapel this evening - called to inquire for Gibbon who
is sick with a cold, then called on Prof. Aguel's - found him

on the bed & quite poorly, with flushed cheeks - otherwise
pale. His lungs have been inflamed from a sudden &
severe cold - This evening, accompanied Rev French
to the B. F. Chapel, where he gave us a beautiful, fervent
& I trust effective discourse, on subjects suggested
by the woman's case, who washed the feet of Jesus with
her hair & wiped them with the hairs of her head etc.
He took those cases the convicted, not realizing it, the conscience
convicted, & the completely indifferently & I trust he
reached some hearts - May God grant his blessing - Mr
(Mr French & myself) called at Mrs Beards' on our way
back found all. Mrs B. Miss Sophia & Minnie & Mrs Red
in the parlor - The latter looked very pale & kept very
silently. Oh, that the Spirit of Jesus would reign in
their midst at this sad time with them all
(Ferdinand Caples writes to me every day just after Eleven A. M.
He commences if I mistake not, Thursday January 13th &
writes 5 days in each week. - Capt S. P. Lee. has arrived in
New York (same week ^{or two days} _{same}). but his frightful & understand-
bly cleared expenses - I am sorry - He goes again in a week
& I hear, advises Aunt Mary to try the plaster - Everett's sons for
whom I have constantly prayed, has returned to his home -
Oh, Lord, I trust that man's soul completely! Give
him a tender & controlled heart. Thine heavenly prayer.

Sunday Feb. 13. 1859.

We had no service this morning. Mr. Fouch sick with a cold. Sabbath school quite interesting - I read our class myself - Mr. Gray & John Butman were to tea - The ladies took me to the Falls. Lectured from the first commandment - Mrs G. preached here - Chas. Merrill was out - He spoke to me after service - I hope he will learn to do right. St. Jernath came to see us Friday evening. He came from an eye, but was completely lost the sight of the other? O Lord, lead him to love thee & serve thee wholly and how submissively & cheerfully to thy providential care -

[Monday Feb. 14th 1859.]

St. Jernath left today - Good prayer meeting with seats nearly all the seats filled - I read a piece on decision of Character - the 1st Chap. of Tim. - I made some remarks on the besetting sins of the army, particularly drunkenness & Gambling - I besought the young men to lay a good solid foundation in principle, for they would need it - I got Thomas à Kempis in Latin - Have read a little of the sketch of his life, a chapter of his sayings - and a chapter in St. John in Latin this evening. We have had our evening prayer now for ever.]

Wednesday February 23^d 1854] Last Wednesday suspended
Evening meeting at Mr Edwards request - Friday, went to
Mr Gray's in the evening - Mr Gray sick - desired me to fill
his place Sunday. Visited the Methodists. Heard a
young preacher, Owens, about 18 years of age. I spoke
after his discourse ^{the text of which was} "Whosoever shall drink
of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst".
Saturday Lizzie & I started for the cemetery. But it
beginning to rain before we got far we turned
back. I spent a pleasant evening at home - Sunday. I
went to the Falls in the morning. Spoke in the morning
on the subject "Give us this day our daily bread".
Heard the Bible class for Mr Gray. opened the praye-
meeting & lectured again in the evening on the 2nd
Commandment. Mrs Gray heard the day before of
her Brothers death at Syracuse. She was almost
completely prostrated by her grief.

Saturday evening just before night I visited Mrs Cashman
(Wife of George's Cashman) who has the cancer. She can scarcely
eat or sleep or talk, in a terribly helpless condition. I
talked to her, read a portion of Scripture & prayed with her.
My Sunday's work tired me considerably, or something
else did so - Lizzie left this morning for Brooklyn - I
stand next to lecture this evening & did so on the
temptations of Jesus (Extemporaneously) & I think not very

well. There were not many any tonight - I had a
conversation with K. Walker after lecture with regard to the
spiritual nature of these temptations of Christ. I then
came home, and afterwards went & called on St. Snyder.

I shall leave for a two days leave at 7 AM tomorrow.

Mar of the 1859 - Mr. went to New York - Stopped at
Mr. Tupper's - saw much of poor Aunt Ann. Made our
purchases & returned - Staid all night at Mr. Edwards, Cold Spring -
preached Saturday a week ago. I have had my usual
duties since my return - Sabbath school - evening meetings
at home & at the Falls - I have visited Mrs. Eastman -
again & again - I generally read a Chapter & pray - The Sergeant
an old man is a Roman Catholic & so is his niece who
lives there. Mrs. Morrison lies very low - I have visited her
several times. She can scarcely speak or move, but her tongue
is clear & unwearied in Jesus. She says, "His Grace is sufficient
for me." I put all my trust in Him & His like expressions -
She has four little girls - the eldest about seven more than
8 or 9 yrs.

Mar. 16th 1859. Attended Mrs. Morrison's funeral at the M. E. Chapel
at the "Falls". She died in peace day before yesterday P.M. "Blessed
are the dead who die in the Lord". Four poor motherless
children. Mr. Morrison is quite resigned, but greatly depre-
ssed in spirits - May God give him strength & comfort. Visited
him since tea & talked & prayed with him.

[Sunday Mar. 20. In the morning we breakfasted a little after 8
A. M. After family prayer, I took the Lily of the Valley of Atlempin
given me by Professor West for Mrs Esterman & went to see her.

She was in bed, ~~and~~ did not seem in much pain from the
cancer and I thought appeared more cheerful than when I
first visited her. I inquired particularly if she had an
interest in Christ? if she could bear & trusted him. She said
something about a want of the inward witness of the
Spirit. She believes in Jesus, but doubts her own acceptance.
I talked to her as best I could, read a portion of Scripture
and prayed. The Surgeon came in just before the prayer.

He seemed grateful for my attentions to his wife in her suffering.

I then went to the Soldiers' Hospital, saw & talked with
Scudder, ^{as ever} returned home & went to Church with Sizzie.

We had an excellent discourse from Rev. Mr Morrison. The
Sermon was so appropriate & such plain truth that both
warm Christians & sinners were exceedingly restored. It was
evidently too long for them. They looked cross, ~~some~~ ^{one} read books
another yawned, another whispered - and there was an ~~evident~~
sense of relief, when the beautiful doctrines of Jesus were
no longer proclaimed. Oh! how I wish that every Christian in the
House had been praying that those words might be the means
of saving many of these immortal souls. I hope they pierced some
hearts. Father Lane from Cold Spring was at the
Sunday School & addressed the children at the close

He came up with me & stood to tea: So deaf that he can scarcely hear a word - but a living, active Christian, with strong faith. I went to Mr Gray's Church in the evening, walked down, overtook New Skinner - He has experienced religion joined the Church (M. E. C.) I hope he will persevere. I lectured on the 5th Commandment. There was a full house & marked attention. I hope it did some good.

Wednesday March 30th 1859.

I have not written a word herein since a week ago last Sunday - Religious meetings, daily duties, and personal expenses, have followed on with very little to mark them - On Wednesday last I received a letter from Ann by through Miss Kearney stating that she was worse, and I hurried to get a Coche, asked a young man to read a selection for the evening & then hurried away - I got on the slow train - accompanied Mrs Delapfield & Cecl as far as Sing Sing - went on to Tarrytown where I took another train after twenty minutes waiting. While at T - I saw a poor fellow come walking into the Depot - on his knees - he had lost both legs on an expedition to the rocky mountains he said - He had bought a pair of cork legs & was begging to get enough to finish paying for them - He expected my compassion. He might have told some things not true for his manner was rather brazen - but there was no doubt about his being without legs.

So I gave him a dollar. Thence on to New York, thence to
Brooklyn - went to Mr Tupper's - Miss Maria could not
return with me to West Point the next day - I went to Ansty
found her moved to comfortable quarters corner of Clinton &
Murray Sts. She was in great pain - walking up & down the
floor, showed me the cancer - a terrible tumor, the discolored
portion protruding from her left breast as big as my two feet -
No one can realize how much she suffers - and there is no
rest & little expectation of relieving pain - She has a
bright hope in Christ. Death, I think, must be a happy
release. I took tea with Mr Tupper - He is an old gentleman,
full of kind hospitality & warm Christian feelings, he is short
in stature, his hair quite white, speaks gently & slowly, but always
says something worth hearing. His family William, Maria, Lydia,
& little Anthony are gathered around him & I hope they will lay
by many useful lessons from the life & practice of such
a father. I staid with poor Ansty all night, sleeping in an
adjoining room - She suffered much & slept little - I remained
with her till after eleven the next day - called upon Miss
Emma Beward & talked with her freely about religion as
connected with her friends at the Point - went to Mr Bacon's
office & thence up street to make some book purchases.
Spent the time in walking & shopping till the
cars left for the North - I got home & found all well -
I met Mrs Maria Tupper Saturday eve 1/2 past one

She has been with us since - Mrs Gray & daughter were here when she arrived - Miss Jeanine Cadell, Marcelline Miss Fupper & myself attended the last concert together. Lizzie stood at home with Mrs Gray - Sunday a good sermon from Mr French on the justice of God. A good attendance at Sunday School - Took Lizzie to Mr Gray's church in the evening. I lectured on the 6th Commandment - a large & attentive audience. I hope ^{the lecture} I will be blessed to do good. I am always in danger of losing the power of men: but as I look back over the efforts that I have made for the last two years here, I see no fruits directly attributable to my own exertions - In this God bless me - Oh! that he would give us a refreshing increase - ! Sunday morning visited Mrs Cushman - spiritually about the same - a poor sufferer - I went to the Hospital, saw the young man who had fallen & sprained there, some five or six in the room. Wednesday - usual duties, accompanied the ladies to Mr Gray's in the afternoon, visited the falls of Ruthemilk took tea & slept the ladies with Mr Winsley - They stopped while I returned for my Wednesday evening meeting - Only a few came - I read the "Birds of Paradise" of Spencer & made a few remarks. I trust somebody found good - I went to Frise's, saw him & his wife talked with them a little on controverted points as they unprofitably I have - finished in reading & prayer before I left -

Mrs J. is much interested. I would her respond answer, & saw the tears start to her eyes as she rose from prayer & bade me good night. Lizzie brought home the news that Mr Gray had united Saunders the Hospital Steward & Norris' daughter in Marriage, during the evening -

Today Thursday (the 31st of March 59) rather windy weather rather cold. I have done little to day - had a good Catlets prayer & reading meeting - One new face - I am reading "The Shadow of the Cross". My own religious views perplex me - I find I am certain only on a few points - I think, however, Jesus will take care of me - I had a little talk with Col. St. This evening he is almost persuaded to be a Christian. Miss Maria -

has some troublesome doubts of her acceptance, we have been talking about them - I trust they will be removed.

I had a curious dream night before last - I was in Mount (St. I thought) at "Uncle Ben's" - Aunt Lucretia's family were there (some of them) - I had a marriage, leaving me in a sad plight - One of those parents, Clark I think undertook to look in my mouth - My jaws were apparently stiff - He took his hold, one hand on the lower ^{lip} & the other on my head & believe & pulled hard - He occasioned a fresh burst of blood - I was then on my way to join my wife & think at "Uncle Warren's" - I soon fell & and died - I remembered the strong trust I exerted in Christ, giving my spirit into his hands - but felt disappointed, that I was to sleep till the Resurrection, but found some consolation in finding it to be a conscious state.

Monday Apr. 4 1859] Sizzie Miss Maria Jupper left
for Brooklyn this morning. May God protect them
in their journey & bring Sizzie back in safety -

After the prayer was read in honor of the
Cadets for meeting Cadet Weston made a short
prayer, & after the first he ever made in public.
I was exceedingly rejoiced. He stopped back after the
rest had left. Said his brother had died in joy & invited
him to meet him in Heaven - Oh! those brothers, whom
God has called into his vineyard! Mr W. told me he
had made a practice of reading two chapters in
the Bible every day. God has rewarded him &
will bless him - [O'Keefe (Jupper) visited this
evening at the Soldiers Hospital - He bled some last
night in the night. He thanked me heartily for
my visit & I saw the tears in his eyes after the
prayer, when he invited to come again.]

The Order for the resumption of the 3 years
course came today - Cadets of the 1st Division
utterly disappointed - Saw two Cadets Holistic
& Todd I think at the Forenoon -

Wednesday Apr 6

I visited the Hospital this evening O'Keefe, poor fellow continues
to bleed. I saw ^{the blood} on his lips & in the Spittle. It made me
feel badly to see him. He is cheerful & resigned and I think

has his trust in the right place. He asked me if any
thing should happen & he sent for me if I would come. I
told him certainly, for I saw he surely death might
visit him soon. I tried to get "L." to do me a great favor
I asked him as a personal favor to me not to drink liquor
any more, certainly nothing stronger than beer. He said
he would not. I lectured this evening on "the Christians hope"
there were more soldiers out than usual, I said some
hard things but I hope the truth frankly spoken may do
some good. I am still apt to think myself of some considerable
importance, & that I might give my whole heart continually
to the Lord. Called at Capt R's this evening after lecture -
have declined an invitation to a dinner at the off's mess -
on acct. of the prayer meeting at the same hour - Lizzie still
away - it makes the house seem quite deserted - My evening
family prayer can be attended only by myself - since the girls
are Romanists and though followers of Christ "are not allowed"
to mix in devotional exercises with the heretic & schismatic. There
will be no more bigotry when the Kingdom of God is fully come & his
will done on earth as it is in Heaven.

[Saturday night. Apr 9th 1859] Lizzie returned from N. York last
night, felt quite glad to see her back. She had a pleasant visit but
comes home exceedingly weary. Early went away to Paul Church
on the Harlem road the day Lizzie went down and she did
not see her. I went in to see O. Mason this evening. He has been in

bleeding lately I should judge as his basin was clean. He looked better though
he was fatigued with changing his underclothes. He told me he was
always glad to see me and said he didn't know what he could
have done, if I had not visited him. I told him I had done
nothing for him, but go to see him - I noticed the tears in his
eyes. Poor fellow, I presume it is pleasant to him to hear a
kind Christian word and how somebody pleased with God
for the good of his soul. I don't always meet with
such a grateful return. and it is better for me. Even when
I write in this book I think somebody will see it & I am ^{too} ashamed
of my own vanity to write my own thoughts. The pride & magnificence
of my heart is more than you can tell, but I believe God will
so school me, by failures when I act without Christ, by disappoint-
ments & afflictions, as to bring my miserably foolish soul
into the full subjection to himself. My list - H. Adams P.
P. M. H. G. G. - under H. G. My cousins S. L. & P. L. & R.
The two poor men at B. I remember day after day at the
Throne of Grace. Sometimes I think "you are not heard for your
much speaking - oft repetitions" & then I remember the
parable of the unjust judge - I have not heard of the conversion
of either yet - Yes, one who was on the list has become a Christian.
My pleading is for the Castles. What means shall I use? Trust
in God? I do, but I fear I might be a better instrument than I am.
S. I sticks to his infidel notions - I think the Spirit of God is
moving him - God Grant that the light may dawn in respect

his soul in full radiance, so that he cannot doubt the truth nor believe a lie. [I am not abstemious enough in the use of food, I fear if God should give me success with my pen or it is now, that I would be puffed with pride & thus lose the countenance of my blessed Saviour. I am conscious that I do not make a good warfare against the world the flesh and the Devil. But blessed be God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Will Heaven not bring us off conquerors?] Oh, that Mr French may have a great blessing tomorrow.

Apr 11th Monday.

Lectured last evening at Mr Gray's on 7th Commandment - felt desirous of being praised (vanity.) I am full of vanity and I don't seem to get the mastery of it. If Heaven should desert me, how very soon I would run after the praise of men & think more of it than the praise of God. I was tired last night; had a busy day - poor O'Hearn did considerably. He asked me to pray for him & I tried to do the best. I hope many a heart united to jubilate the throne of Mercy - Today I have not done much - found O'Hearn quiet & weak - read & prayed with him - Had a good prayer meeting Mr Smith, Mr Npton & Mr Benjamin made excellent prayers for ourselves & our companions. Visited ^{Heard} Randall, I did not say anything to him about his soul or about ^{his} moral duties; though we talked a little about vice & immorality. Yesterday I stood as sponsor for the ^{Captain of} Albert Lane Steamer. Mrs S requested & Mr French certified that I stood as proxy for Mrs Steamer's brother. I don't

understand how so much can be done by prayer. I take
vows for the child, for which the child is responsible & at
the same time take those vows in the name of another, who is
to see to the child's performance of his vows by me taken.
Well, may God give the little fellow a new heart & right
spirit in due time so that he may worship him in spirit
& in truth. The thought struck me that this child might
become a herald of salvation to sinners under condemnation -
May the parents become the children of God so as in their hearts
to cry, Abba, Father & bring up the little one in the nurture
& admonition of the Lord. I am sometimes afraid to write down
my thoughts out & out, in this book because of my evil tendencies - If I
could set down sins as I discover them & keep them before me till I
had been washed from them, I might by God's help pass on more from
Guer to Guer. I don't believe I am so cheerful to my wife & children as I
was awhile ago. I am more given to civility with others. I am ever indulging
in complacency - thinking of what I am doing - speaking of it - I see &
name the failings of others - I find pride, vanity. don't think I
am as kind as I ought to be in refection - yet I am blessed with
much peace & hate to be brought in subjection by these things - Appetite
& passion keeps getting the master of me; but I love the Lord Jesus Christ,
& hope he will keep me from denying him in the words of my
mouth & in the meditations of my heart and that he will finally
help me conquer every wicked thought & resist every temptation
of the Devil.]

(May 2nd 1859.) During the last week - on Tuesday, Miss
Blanch Revard, who has been some time away from us in
England & France, found her way home - We are glad
for her mother's & sister's sake & for our own, for she
is a kind friend & an active, zealous Christian.

Yesterday she resumed her class in the Sunday School -

Perry Lu arrived at New York on the 20th or 21st Apr.
He visited us with Edwin Darling and stand over night
Thursday last. He does seem yet fully to have given
his heart to God. Poor Aunt has found some comfort at
Port Chester. So that our prayers for her have been
answered. Had a Christian letter from Gen. Stevens Bangor
Me. today - He writes encouragingly - We are remembered
in the public prayer meetings in his city. Let us work
patiently on the Lord. For his own time He will pour
us out a blessing. [Last Wednesday evening I delivered a
lecture on the subject of Grace & last night on the 2nd Miracle
of Jesus at Cana. had a fair attendance & good attention -
I do hope & pray that the work of Grace may show itself
amongst us abundantly - but I do not know as I have the
right motives prompting this wish. I have finished the
life of Payson & am reading Cotton Mather's Hist. of New
Eng. aloud to Lizzie - It is very interesting & I hope will prove
useful to me

Mr French, ^{repetition} Marched from 1st Sam 2^d Chapter, "For the Lord is a

End of knowledge and the actions of men are weighed
by him. - a most remarkably direct & pointed
discourse referring to those Catholics who read books during
service, & to those who meditated upon corrupt themes &c.
The discourse seemed to stultify some & at least to
excite general & fixed attention. I hope it will
reach many hearts the true means of turning them
to Christ

May 8th 1859. I went to Mr. Friday saw Sarah Sargent & her
children & Perry. Aunt Lee is still at Port Chester. A part of
the cancer has been removed. She suffers considerably, Perry says &
is quite thin. I slept with Perry after visiting the vessel
near Brooklyn Navy Yard & calling at Mr. Tupper's. Early
Saturday morning, I went to meet the Fall River
boat - got there before the boat. Saw Ella on board
when the boat reached the wharf, got on board &
bade her welcome before we could land. We had time
enough to get to the Albany boat Foot of Jay St.
before 7 o'clock A.M. had a pleasant trip up
the river. reached home by 11 A.M. Mrs. C. Lee
has been with us since last Wednesday. Our cottage
holds ten souls. This morning had an excellent
discourse from Mr. Farnell. on "I beseech you
presently your bodies a living sacrifice, holy &c -
&c presented the love of God & explained our

duty in view of it - There was good attention & I do hope some souls were reached. I did not feel like moving my eye from the minister during the discourse.

May 9th Mr. Collier left for home. News came of Uncle Ellis' marriage with Sarah B. Howard. Much happiness to them - They were married on -

May 16th Last Wednesday evening Rowland came. He & I were at the C. V. Chapel. I did not deliver the lecture prepared there were so few present; so I read an extract from Dr. Spencer - Saturday Rowland & Eliza went to St. York; her brother & uncle having arrived there. He returned in the 5 O'clock train. Yesterday we heard Mr. Branch in the morning - shewing that we are all God's property & God's children - Afternoon he addressed the children after S. School; got their attention quite well. In the evening he preached a good sermon on "Sinning to the flesh" - never quite full. I hope he reached some hearts by the aid of the Spirit. He has gone to St. York again. I had a walk with Logan to the falls. I went to Cuzzins' wood & talked with Chas. Perrille. He & I would preach at Mr. Gray's next Sunday. Some Mrs. Williams asked her son going to the S. School, called at Mr. Gray's - returned & had a good wasson washed prayer meeting with the Cadets & gave them a tract on "Self dedication", on to read.

one new one tonight. Cadet W. came in. I thought him interested. I hope he will set out in the right way. Let the Holy Spirit, O God! Guide him into the way of truth.

May 27. Last Sunday Rowland preached at Mr. Gray's morning & evening & attended a funeral (in the afternoon) of a poor Italian about a mile & a half below the Falls. His morning discourse beautifully contrasted the Law & the Gospel. and in the evening he preached from the text, "Simon son of Jonas lovest thou me?" He visited the "Falls" people wonderfully well & I hope did them some good.

Monday he left for home - Ella went to Brooklyn with him & has not yet returned. I have had good prayer meetings, this week. Lectured to a thinly attended house on Wednesday evening (extempore) on "The Christian's joy;" cultivated my thoughts mostly from Bushnell & Thornton. Sec. has not yet even cut his teeth. Script. W. continues in infidelity apparently - How much I need instruction from Jesus in order to become fruitful.

May 31. Visited with wife Mr. Cook - I went to visit Chester's Aunt quite low - some cough, very little pain. Anne's house - Sarah is with her accompanied with her two children - Ella, Miss Lydia Trappes & Miss Julia Tallon

Mr. O. O. Woodman, of New-Orleans, died on the 30th August, at Coyner's Springs, in Virginia. Mr. Woodman's name obtained some notoriety, two or three years since, in consequence of a case of scandal which occurred at the New-York Hotel, in which Mrs. Woodman and Mr. Gardner Furniss figured. Mr. Woodman was a druggist in New-Orleans and had accumulated a large fortune.

have returned with us.

August 30th 1859

visited Troy. Stopped over the Sabbath with St. Ch^{as} C. Lee visited Niagara - crossed the Lake; down the St. Lawrence - stopped at Montreal - went to Quebec, then the Glen House near Mt. Washington ascended the Mt. arrived home the 30th of June - The 3^d^{July} went to the Baptist Church Leeds - the 4th to Farmington - saw the Abbotts attended a picnic - visited Hamilton Abbotts School & grounds. Monday 7th July rode with Sizzie Guy from Leeds to Lewisville & back - soon we went to North Ferris - then to Brittain's Mills - 11th July spoke at City School house. Subjects - morning "unbelief" - afternoon "Worth of the Soul". Next Sabbath - lectured at Chapel North Leeds. Subjects "Importance" & "Christian's hope". The next Friday went with family in the cars to Auburn - lectured the following Sunday (24th July) at the Cong. Church in the afternoon - on the Christian's hope. The next day, went fishing in the morning - afternoon went to Bangor with Sizzie, Children went to Leeds - Geo. Sprague ^{died} was carried to his parents by the same train we went, were welcomed by Gen & Mrs Stevens - attended the examination the next day - & the funeral of George - heard Mr Fiske's lecture respecting the claims of certain Episcopalians - heard Robert Smyth's lecture on the higher truths of Christianity - went to the Commencement exercises. was particularly

Struck with Parker's pest; returned with wife to Leeds
Thursday. Found my a little sick. He soon recovered under
his mother's care - Saturday following - went to Boston's
Mills. Spoke in a hall morning ^{afternoon of Sunday} & evening - at 5 o'clock
went to Mr. Peley's Old School House tried to speak
extempore. Peley was there, said a few words & read a
poem in the meeting - He is not yet the Lord, I fear.

Tuesday with family went to Bowdoin Commencement,
stopped at Mrs. Sands. Charles' piece was excellent &
excellently delivered. On Thursday went to Bath, had a
pleasant visit at Mr. Patten's. Attended prayer meeting with him
in the evening - Saturday back to Brunswick, Sunday morning
rode to Haysville, heard Rowland preach in the morning
& spoke myself in the afternoon & evening on Grace &
wonderful - Monday went fishing till ten, rode to Brunswick
joined family & went on to Portland - Staid at Uncle
Ed. Peates till Thursday following - then to Leeds, on the
Sunday after lectured all day at South Leeds - Monday
visited Uncle Barna. with Siggie & Grace - Thursday went to Hallamell
stopped the night with cousin Laura Ann - made a call on the
way at Winstrope at Mrs. Burgess's - Friday called on Ann & Ellen.
then went to Gardiner, saw Ella & her sister & returned to Leeds
calling on Monmouth on Aunt Sacretin - The next day we
went to North Yarm - saw the monument placed &
returned at evening - Sunday the 21st August lectured at

the Chapel again twice & at Uncle Ensigns School
found at 5 o'clock P.M. Monday I packed blackberries
& went on a fishing excursion by myself up & down
the bay brook - Wednesday Tuesday - took Ellie to the
Depot on his way to College - broke down on the way
with wagon full of trunks & boxes without any seeds, with
Guy in cage - Wednesday left for West Point - met
Pirley & family on the boat for Boston - Ladies very sea-sick
- Stopped at the United States together; Charles & Mrs Mulliken
there called upon us - Came on by "Fall River" had a nice
night, no wind to harm; met Prof. Bartlett before we got
to New York. He approved one of the changes about to take
place at this place (West Point) Stopped with my family
at Mr Tappan's Brooklyn - Learned that our Bark D.S.
Grubell was ashore - came up that Friday afternoon in
the "Powell" - where we met three or four officers - We
arrived just at evening - bought a loaf of bread at the hotel, got
the house key & soon had a fire & then a good cup of tea.

We found large crowds of people here - hotels not able
to accommodate all the corners - Mr St. Thompson came to us
Saturday & staid till Monday night - her brother Mr Talsipero
was with her & took two or three meals - Glad to find Mrs
J. so Christian, thinks her husband is not far off - Thursday
Cousin Miss Phillips & Mrs Maj Williams ^{with little Johnson} made us a visit.
Was introduced to Charles Murray's Mother & Mrs C. Christian con -

correction with her.

Sept. 2nd By an duty yesterday - have 1st & 2nd Section 5th Class Multi-S.
heard today by St. Locketh of the Horsem illness of
Cousin Oliver (O. Woodman) at the White & Black Sulphur
Springs. ^{He} He has had a second attack of Paralysis.

We are reading Irving Washington. —

Sept 6th Last evening resumed the cadets' prayer meeting.
Met in the barrack dispensary, sixteen present - commenced
reading to them the life of Sir M. S. Perry - The young
gentleman seemed to enjoy the meeting very much. I am
hoping for a great blessing on our gatherings this
year. May God keep our hearts clean & help us to exert
our selves in his service - Had conversation with St.
Sutton today. found him a Christian with good Christian
sympathy. St. Craigbill is a communicant & I hope
a warm hearted Christian man. A Soldier met me last
night & wanted to join the Sunday Bible Class. One who gave
great promise last year finds more truth in infidel than
in Christian works. I have prayed for him. Oh! that I
might be enabled to pray in faith for him. ^{May} God grant him
a new path.

Today we have chosen the cottage next south of the
Keps. hall

Thursday Sept. 8th Perry came last night. Just before
family prayer last evening, he told us about the last hours of Sir,

Oct^r 14th Yesterday Professor Vase of Amherst College
visited us & dined with us. Today Charles May
brother came. I met him at noon across the river -

Nov^r 6 1859 - Had study two or last Cadets meeting -
Singing good - prayers very few - Seventeen cadets or the
Communion at Chapel today - Last night visited as follows
Fayer's family - Fayer respectful to religion, no testament seen
since the voluntarism - found one at last - had a prayer -
Jacob, his father & mother present.

Wammers family - Mrs H. put the little girl to bed. She
said her prayer in the German - Mrs H. understands
the German testament the best - H. read the 8th of St John's
Gospel in German, I looked over in English, then offered a
prayer -

Winkleman (Catholic) - found him & his wife by
themselves with a German book before them - little one
asleep on a bed on the floor - We had a pleasant talk
reading in the testament & prayer

Freis' family - Himself, wife, little Lucretia & a German
girl there - We talked - Found a Chapter in St John, in German.
then I offered a prayer -

Bottom's family - Himself, wife & two soldiers present - was long
in getting to the right kind of conversation - He had a sleeping child
in his arms & she was arranging numerous "nestings" for
the cadets & soldiers - one soldier left, then we had a prayer
(over to last page)

Twenty ninth

November 8th 1859. My birth day is just drawing to its close. And grant that I may be more truly consecrated to His service this year than last. My greatest sin is the love of the praise of men. I am in danger continually of contemplating my own work with complacency - Oh! My infinite helper, what is any effort of mine but air, without Thy assistance. Last Friday was Liggins birth day; it was remembered. She went with me to visit poor John Lyons, who has a wife & one child in one little low room where he is sick. He seemed grateful for our visit, and seemed to enjoy the reading & prayer. We took a short ride below the Falls & then returned. After tea we ^{at 9} went to Prof. Churchs to bid adieu to Mr Blumy who was to leave for Ft Independence Boston the next morning. We are to lose a peaceful cheerful Christian spirit from our circle in St. Blumy. This day I have spent mostly in writing on the subject of "the Angels in Heaven" which Charles thinks is more interesting than my previous lectures on Heaven. Charles & I went on a long walk; just the new West Point Reservoir, up to the road by directly in view of Ft. Putnam. We found the prospect very fine towards the east. and the place ^{itself} remarkably fortified by nature. There is still remaining the old embankment, a few cedars, scraps of stumps used for cabins & a hollow answering to the main ditch to show that our fathers tried to improve upon the

mother. He said she was very quiet and could scarcely speak above a whisper for the last few days of her life. He was back from sea nearly a week. When he came in she would put her arms around his neck & kiss him. & would tell him she was going home. She said she had not left it to the last hours to talk to him, but desired him to follow her teachings. She spoke of the Saviour, and before she died seemed to Perry to be already in the spirit world, calling upon her mother & father as though she was already meeting them. He said she breathed and ran life almost without a struggle. Her death has left a strong impression on Perry. He has an undoubted & unshakable belief in the spiritual life now. Would that I could feel assured that he was wholly a Christian. He returned to Plymouth this morning. The "Goodell" proved a total loss. She has been a bill of expense. I presume there is a purpose & a wisdom in her destruction.

Oct 6th - We have had Wright 7:30 with us, stand with us over a week, left for Oregon a week ago last morning. Had many solemn conversations with him. Shall pray ~~for~~ for his regeneration. Rev Mr Townsend, Epis. stand with us one day & night - an interesting man (see document at the end of the book) - Dr. Mr Wright's command stopped a little with us till the 30 Sept. A good, well-learned Christian. I hope he will be useful in the evening - He went into Capt. Pennington's prayer meeting - 25 cards present.

S. School is increasing - very noisy. I wish Charlie would
come & help me take care of it. Last night - lectured
extemporaneously on the future state - had a prayer - meeting
after the regular meeting - ^(Sept 1st) People spoke a few words.
Bro Skinner, Gummus, said something & made a prayer.

St Johns the school teacher offered a prayer - I hope we
are going to see better days. Mrs Cashman (Sergeant's
wife who has been sick so long with a Cancer) died Sunday.
Has gone to sleep in Jesus. Sunday morning she told me
she understood the Sermon I read her & said she was waiting
patiently. She put her whole trust & confidence in Jesus
she said the Friday before. I have visited her regularly
every Sabbath morning since she has been so very ill &
prayed with her and I think God has made me
the humble instrument in leading her to put her trust in
Jesus. Monday Lizzie & I went to N York - stopped at
Mrs Sappas - went to Children Society Mon eve. & returned
Tuesday & Lizzie Wednesday. We are preparing to move into
our new quarters -

Oct 10th Have worked hard since 11 a. m. morning -
We are now established in our new home. Cottage on
a high rock next south of the Cadets' mess hall & next
north of St. Gables house. Lizzie feels contented almost
though the house is generally in confusion -

work of Nature: ~~had~~ to look at the precipitous heights
& ~~with~~ to creep up to the top of the rock from
below. one would think there was no need of masonry
or Guns to keep off an enemy - Chas. & I agreed that
we would be disposed if we were were there in
charge, to give an enemy who had scaled the heights in
the night, a breakfast, before fighting him.

November 27th 1859 (Sunday)

A shade of Gloom has been cast over Wash Point during
the past week. Lieut. Witzel of the engineers a short time
ago went to Cincinnati, Ohio. & brought back a youthful
bride. Last Wednesday, when he was in the Hotel Office
he heard a scream up stairs & immediately went up
stairs towards his room. He met his wife & others in
the hall, the flames completely enveloping her & some
four feet over her head. As soon as possible the
fire was extinguished but she was so dreadfully
burned that she lingered only ^{to} till the next day till
evening - She was of German extraction, a member of the
Sutherland Church, and seemed in her suffering & death
to have a sense of the presence & power of the Great God.
She was perfectly happy & said she was going to a
"better home". Her husband seems to look upon her
death like a Christian. I hope he may realize the true
end of sorrow, wh. purpose him to meet his wife in Heaven.

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Anagram Quid est veritas? Et vir qui adest;

I am the way & the Truth -
What is God? God is Love;

They will be done; Matt XIII. 15-20.

Whom so ever we bring really into the bonds of the
Gospel - shall never fall away - and any request
two christians shall unite to make; will be suc-
servants to His will; and His will is to be ac-
completed - done unto them of my father - I will
lead them in a way they knew not - But if they
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that gone to his reward - I do not realize

that I shall not return again - How
 Glad he was always to see me or mine
 or to hear about us. She who has braved
 so many storms with him, his dear
 & faithful Christian companion will
 soon follow him to the Grave - The
 Old place will be desolate when
 they are gone - Poor Harriet, a widow
 & an orphan - God will give her strength
 and conduct her through the shadows
 of life - Their hearts must bleed now.

But a short time ago Rosilla
 was called to her final home -
 She too has left a blank - Such
 is life - Day after day a traveler goes
 to the tomb - Oh, Heavenly Parent, keep
 our faith clear & our Redeemer
 near unto our hearts - for without
 thy care & daily Sustenance we shall
 fail - Sunday Christmas ^{25 Dec. 1859} - Stood as witness
 to the baptism of Pat. Mathews (of Oregon) &
 his wife - Has been a member of my
 Bible class.

God for the blessing.
 (written from preceding page)
 Our Father. Grant that I may see thee face to face
 when good & thy glory in our unity. Amen. We were
 a little faint after her husband left her & she had
 intentionally coped the mantle she chose even though
 to the full. Of comfort & prayer she so graciously that see
 she could do but to leave her own & we were for help.
 might have been a small object for
 her parents is for herself - She was an only child &
 our dear's upon. Her mother too was a widow &
 or. The father came yesterday to look upon the
 corpse of his treasure - May he be comforted in

work of Nature: ~~but~~ to look at the precipitous heights
& attempt to creep up to the top of the rock from
below. one would think there was no need of musketry
or guns to keep off an enemy - Chas. & I agreed that
we would be disposed if we met were there in
charge, to give an enemy who had scaled the heights in
the night, a breakfast, before fighting him.

[November 27th 1859 (Sunday)]

A shade of Gloom has been cast over Fort Point during
the past week. Lieut. Witzel of the engineers a short time
ago went to Cincinnati, Ohio, & brought back a youthful
bride. Last Wednesday, when he was in the Hotel Office
he heard a scream upstairs & immediately went up
stairs towards his room. He met his wife & others in
the hall, the flames completely enveloping her & some
four feet over her head. As soon as possible the
fire was extinguished but she was so dreadfully
burned that she lingered only ^{to} the next day till
evening - She was of German extraction, a member of the
Sutherland Church, and seemed in her suffering & death
to have a sense of the presence & power of the Great God.
She was perfectly happy & said she was going to a
"better home". Her husband seems to look upon her
death like a Christian. I hope he may realize the true
end of sorrow, & be prepared soon to meet his wife in Heaven.]

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the two of totally opposite nature followed
each other in quick succession in the course
of life - My last record in this book was the
death of poor Westgel's bride - on the 21st
Past. Miss Cornelia Clark, a former pupil,
& for a long time a teacher in my Sunday
School married St. Sockets. A happy pair,
well matched, married at the Chapel by Mr
French - at 1 P.M. Many leaders, ladies
officers to witness the ceremony - May they
be happy, & Christian in their lives: is my
wish for them.

My Old friend & Great Uncle Barnea Howard
died Wednesday December 14th 1859. Mother
wrote me an account of his funeral &
death. His last words were "See me die
the death of the righteous, let my last end
be like his" Such must have been the
case with the dear, good old man - He
was near 90 years of age and his habit
was to read daily in the Scriptures & kneel
before his God - He was humble in life
but he lived the life of a disciple of Christ
& has gone to his reward - I do not realize

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New York, July 25th, 1859.

DEAR FRIEND:

The buildings, for the use of the Orphans' Home of Industry, near Iowa City, Iowa; for the erection of which your aid, in March last, was solicited, are now completed and occupied—the dwelling by the family of our worthy Superintendent, Mr. Maynard, and the chapel and school-room by a day school of 30 pupils, a Sunday school of 36 boys and girls and 6 teachers, and a congregation averaging 45, and all inmates of and connected with the "Orphans' Home."

All these are fed, clothed, instructed daily, and no one of the number ever eats the bread of idleness. Five years ago we removed the first company of little homeless emigrants from this city to Iowa, and, without endowment, without salary, but with humble confidence in God, we planted in Western soil the mustard-seed of this Institution. By God's blessing upon your contributions and our unremitted labor, it has grown into a tree, in whose branches a little community, Sunday school, church of parentless little ones now securely lodge. Of these, we have conveyed from the streets of this city, to the healthy country, far away, five companies, averaging about 30 each—the youngest 3 months old—and of these death has removed but one—to "a better country, that is, an heavenly." In July, 1854, we had not a footprint of land in Iowa. The Farm of the "Home of Industry" is now paid for, and a portion of it well fenced and under cultivation. The buildings are 8 in number, cheap but comfortable, and measure, in all, about 200 feet by 70, and with their furniture, are all insured. The inventory of the Institution, including houses and furniture, stock, tools, land, and a growing crop, would, probably, at present prices, amount to \$3,500. The aggregate of contributions during the last year, in cash and goods, is \$3,812 39, every dollar of which has been well invested. And now, over and above the annual expenditure in aid of so many, we have to-day, in unencumbered property belonging to the "Home," nearly that amount. All this has been safely entrusted to the hands of a Board of Trustees, of which our Superintendent is one. An Institution contemplating the present rescue and future salvation of homeless orphans—placed by your liberality upon a broad and permanent basis—now asks for your continued patronage, and your effectual, fervent prayers. Does it not deserve them? The nursing of a newly-organized, feeble parish, has become, by God's blessing, so the nurse of the mission, that our missionary work is now sustained by and through this asylum; and, moreover, our Orphan Missionary Society sends, of the earnings of the orphan, to the two Committees of the Church, \$2 per month. We are still building and making room for another, and the largest company. The small sum of \$10 removes one child from this city, and places it amongst our happy number, and within the reach of parental care and Christian privilege. The much smaller sum of \$1 will be thankfully received.

Our plan of enlargement for the current year will require \$5,000: The removal of 50, and the support, for a time, of 100 children; the erection of buildings, on land already contracted for, for the separate accommodation of 25 boys, 3 miles from our present location; for the purchase of wood and timber land at very low prices, and for the general supplies for a large family, during a long and severe Iowa Winter. Provisions, Clothing, &c., &c., will be thankfully received. Entrust to us, dear friend, your share of the above named sum, and, by God's help, we will come next year for our seventh company of "little ones," with a report of its expenditure which shall encourage and gladden your heart.

Rev. F. D. HARRIMAN, at "The Church Book Store," No. 762 Broadway, N. Y., has generously offered for our use a room and desk; and, at this place, we shall be glad to see the friends of humanity and the patrons of our Home; or any who wish to entrust destitute boys and girls to our care, or transact any business, on every day of the week, from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M. Packages may be sent, and letters addressed as above, to "the care of Rev. F. D. HARRIMAN, No. 762 Broadway, N.Y."

We thank you, dear friend, in the name of these dear children, for what you have already done; and our united gratitude is due to God that we are still spared, you to bestow, and the undersigned to appropriate, your offering to God, for this "work and labor of love."

May He bless you as much in giving, as He already has blessed the "little ones" in receiving; and, in "the day when He maketh up His jewels," may many of them—saved by your instrumentality—"rise up and call you blessed."

Truly and gratefully yours,

C. C. TOWNSEND,

Missionary.

Visited on 25th 26th Sept 1859

Sewing Machine purchased 19th the
November 1854 - by Mrs Howard
assisted by J. H. Bacon Esqr - price
80 dollars - It arrived the
28th inst at Wash Point —

The image shows a book cover with a complex marbled paper pattern. The pattern consists of irregular, rounded shapes in shades of grey and black, separated by thin, branching veins of red and dark green. The overall effect is dense and organic, resembling a stone or biological texture. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of light-colored paper with the word 'COLLECTION' printed in large, bold, black capital letters.

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