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The Journals of Timothy Russell Palmer, Part 4, 1828-1832

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Timothy Russell Palmer - Journal  
1828

*[January 1828 begins in a new book, 6 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches with marbled gray and pink paper cover. The cover is ripped and the spine is worn. There are a few columns of figures on both front and back.*

*Inside front cover is divided into 8 blocks with a name at the top of each. Some blocks have a column of numbers underneath the name. Names are: J. Bunnell & Wife; Luzern Bunnell; Ophana Beers; Jane Beers; Lois Barker; Jerusha Baldwin; Jared Chedsey & Wife; Eliza P. Chedsey.*

*There are two sections enclosed by the cover. The first section has 14 sheets 12 3/8 inches by 7 3/4 inches folded in half making 28 double sided pages. The second section contains 7 folded sheets, the same size, with 14 double sided pages - a total of 70 pages. Neither section appears to have been sewn.*

*The inside of the back cover contains a sketched floor plan of a building. The four words written there are unintelligible and don't seem to have any relationship to the drawing.*

*The paper used for the first several pages in the first section is rather porous and the ink bleeds through to the other side making it difficult to read. Of course the paper does the same on the last pages of the first section.]*

January 1829

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Tues. 1 Jan 1828 -- The commencement of a new year can hardly (*fail to*) [*words blotted out*] produce on the mind a train of serious reflections. It is a time when the reflecting mind cannot avoid a retrospective view of the past. [*line blocked out*] Months and years gone -- improved or misimproved, past forever. It is a time if rightly improved calculated to inspire one with seriousness, to consider the uncertainty of life -- the speedy flight of time, and the certainty that it will soon be gone -- I wonder many times that any can feel disposed to commence a new year in the thoughtless manner which is so common. viz. by dancing & carousing -- it seems unappropriate to do

Solemn an occasion -- I have often thought the Methodist denomination were the most rational as it respects the manner of closing & commencing a year. The time when the last sands of the closing year are running out, & a new year is commencing how rational to be engaged in Prayer and expressions of Devotion -- but it is a time when little else is thought of by many than its pleasures and amusements of the ballroom and carousing -- and (joking") with & thoughtless frivolity, tell the state of ( foolish? ) hearts -- Many who profess religion seem to like delight also, in the circles of the gay & irreligious -- Tis wonderful that man can be so thoughtless -- When lives is on the wing

During the past year a good degree of health has been enjoyed here -- no (preversity?) epidemic has appeared -- 11 Persons have died all except 3 upwards of 50 years -- Much occasion for gratitude to God -- for his protection his ( ?less ) love --

The wether not cold -- some cloudy -- I carry the coffin of Mr Chittendens infant to ( Giles? ) -- Prayer Meeting -- I not attend few there Deac. Russell officiates -- solemnly at funeral -- Thus the year commences --

Wen 2 Jan 1828 Cloudy constantly and much Rain -- Very rainy season --

Ill Yrs J. I much hurried -- Warm Wet.

Fri 4 we have had but little snow a few hours of sleighing

Sat 5. [*blank*]

Sab 6 Cloudy -- Mr Garlin Preaches Morning text in Isaiah 3rd 5th "behold thou hast spoken evil things &c." afternoon text "God requireth that which is (past?) -- designed for a New Years Sermon -- I must confess I was not

well entertained The odd unappropriate maner of the preacher destroyed the solemnity -- his discourse I think insipid -- tho undoubtably a good man --

Mon 7 Wether continues open --

Tue 8 I hurried some --

Wen 9 Jan 1828 [blank]

Thurs 10 [blank]

Fri 11 [blank]

Sat 12 Little occurs worthy of note

Sab 13th Mr Arms Preaches -- ( ?? ?? ) his text Luke 22nd 62nd V. "Peter went out and wept bitterly -- good sermon indeed After noon text Mark 8th 37 V. "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul" good -- fine speaker -- ( gay? ) appearance

Mon 14 Cloudy rainy -- Library meet this Eve. I not go -- muddy & dark rainy

Tues 15 Clears off cool-- The Evening I go to Mrs. Merrick (after book?) -- Call and spend the Evening at Mr Harrison -- Introduced to Miss Hull -- retire at 10 -- Miss Hull appears well --

Wen 16 [blank]

Thurs 17 (often?) unpleasant winter wether

Fri 18 unhealthy -- bad for colds--

Sab 19 Died this Eve. Jacob Bunnell AE 95 yrs. at the house of Joseph Bunnell--

Sab 20 Jan 1828 Pleasant Mr. Arms our preacher to day -- first text in John 3rd Chap 3rd V. "Except a man be born again &c." afternoon text in James 1 st 18th "Of his own will he begat he in &c." -- Excellent sermon -- plain & ( ?? -- I well entertained -- I quite unwell with cold -- almost sick --

Mon 21 Cold--

Tues 22 Severe cold day --

Wen 23 I spend the week at home sick with cold -- do nothing -- Severe cold --

Thurs 24 [blank]

Fri 25 Wether moderates--

Sat 26 I recover of my cold some -- do no work -- Pleasant warm day --

Sab 27 I attend Meet. Cloudy rainy -- Mr Arms Preacher -- Morning text in Luke 14th 18th And they all with one concert began etc after noon text in 1 Kings 18th Chap 21st V. "how long hath ye between two openings--

Smart Discourse discourse -- Continues to rain -- Stormy ( ?? )

Mon 28 Jan 1828 Clear windy weather I work in shop

Tues 29 Pleasant for January -- no snow yet -- Uncommon wether

Wen 30 I making Rocking chair--

Thurs 31 Warm pleasant -- Cloudy -- This Ends January 1828 --

Fri 1 Feb. 1828 Pleasant day -- warm seems like April-- I work in shop --

Sat 2 Cloudy dark wether. I bottom chairs bad paper to write on -- Cloudy

Sab 3d Feb 1828 Cloudy dull day -- muddy indeed -- Mr Arms Preachd -- Morning text Romans 3rd. 22nd "for there is no difference" Afternoon text from Matthew 5th 47th "What do ye more than others" Solemn good discourse-- how the text applies to Christians' how little do they do -- foggy wet -- Dull wether

Mon 4th Beautiful spring day -- uncommon winter, frost about out of the ground I at home reading History of England

Tue 5 Cloudy Rainy muddy -- unhealthy wether - ( favorable? ) for colds & influenser

Wed 6 Cloudy rainy -- dreadful muddy Our club meet. I attend -- A Meeting for the choice of deligates which are to meet at N. Haven to nominate senators, held at I. Russell

Thurs. 7 Continues muddy and rainy -- dull time

Fri 8 Clears off -- Pleasant cool -- I spend my Evenings in reading History of England --

Sat 9 Cloudy yet

Sab 10th Feb. 1828 Cloudy unpleasant -- Mr Arms Preaches Morning text in Luke 46th 31 "If they hear not Moses and &c. after noon text in Ps. 34th 14 V. depart from evil and do good" good. Preaching Muddy walking indeed -- I walk & return

Man 11 th I engaged in shop -- Cloudy -- attend Library Meeting this Evening A tax of 25 cts laid -- I draw books -- a party at Widow (Hanes? Howes?) I stop a moment but retire --

Tues 12th. Pleasant -- This Evening I go to Mr Fords -- a small company of girls there -- I attend Nancy Hull home -- return about half past 1 Oclock -- Cold some --

Wen 13 Cold windy day -- March Wether I work in shop this Evening -- (Candie?) party to D. Butlers I not go -- --

Thur 14 Windy cold -- Cloudy some I turn I some hurried -- dark nights -- no snow--

Fri 15. I at work in shop -- reading &c.

Sat 16 Clear and pleasant day for this season

Sab 17 February 1828 Fine day as ever dawned pleasant spring day -- warm -- Mr Arms preaches -- first text in Provo 3 Chap. 12th Verse "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom" - Afternoon text in Eccl. 12th 1 V. "Remember now thy creator &c." A discourse to the young -- in which he shows the importance of early piety -- excellent discourse -- Elihu Linsley jun. Published -- This Evening I go to Capt. Russells -- return about 8 -- muddy walking -- Sylvia & Lodeemy foot and others at our house -- a prospect of rain -- dark & muddy indeed

Man 18 Cloudy and rains -- South storm



Tues 19 Pleasant beautiful day -- Uncommon time -- equilly warm as April -- No frost in ground -- heavy rain fell last night - ~~This Evening Elihu Linsley Married~~

Wen 20. Pleasant -- I Idle too much Miss N. Hull leaves Branford -- She appears to be an amiable virtuous girl-- but feeling dissatisfied with some of her conduct I do not regret her departure much --

Some cloudy -- This the most singular Winter ever known or rememberd by any now on the stage We have had no snow and but little frost in the ground -- This I spend at I. Russells -- company enough there too frequently is the bar room crowded, too much dissipation

Thur 21. Feb. 1828 -- Rains again -- South wind -- Dancing has become common -- much time is thus foolishly spent -- I cannot look upon this amusement with the least degree of approbation since it is unquestionably attended, by dissipation and habits, pernicious in their effects, to Society, injurious and corrupting to the morals of the young -- Oh when will the vain amusements of this short life cease

*[The entries for Fri 22 to Sab 24 are crossed out from this point to the bottom of the page. A section about one inch wide has been cut from the top of the next page.]*

Thurs 21 continued -- This Evening I go to Josiah Frisbees with chairs -- Singing School in the paved Street school House -- I attend -- very much pleased with the Singing return with the Rose girls -- and go to Thomas Frisbees with Lucy Cooper and Charlotte R. -- Elihu Linsley married this Evening -- after refreshing ourselves with wine &c all returned home about 1 oclock -- pleasant moon light but dreadful wet and muddy -- Lodeemy Monroe taken sick of Typhus Fever at S. Foots -- dangerous some fear--

Fr. 22 Pleasant day -- mud dries some -- This evening I attend the Religious Meeting in Pave street School House -- Mr. Gillet present -- his discourse from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus -- excellent indeed -- enjoy myself well -- Pleasant moon light night -- Cool-- I go to S. Foots to see Lodeemy -- her sick -- return home about 10 -- enjoy myself better then last (night?)

Fri 22 Not so pleasing --

Sab 24th 1828 Cloudy dull -- Mr. Marsh Preacher -- Morning text in Romans 1 Chap 16 Verse. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of &c." After noon text in 2 Cor. 4th C. 3 V. "For if our gospel is hid &c." excellent preaching I'm well entertained indeed -- solemn Oh how important is Religion to every individual -- begins to snow about two Oclock -- Stormy Evening --

Mon 25 Clears off cold -- some snow fell last night -- moderate sleighing the first and best we have had -- Societies Meeting The report of the Committee for seating the Meeting House read and accepted -- I at home this Evening-- cold light--

Tues 26. Warm Sleighing going off Cloudys up towards night rains some goes fast -- I at home this Evening

Wen 27. bad traveling wet footings

Thurs 28th 1828 Feb. I laying chamber floor -- fixing up (Kitchen? ) -- Pleasant day This day William R. draws his shop good luck indeed -- Snow entirely gone

Fri 29th Squally March day -- cold -- This Ends Feb. 1828 Windy wether -- Lodeemy Monroe recovering from sickness

Sat 1. March 1828. Pleasant cool day -- I reading (Bowden's?) letters to Mr. Miller on the ( divine? ) and ( Laity? ) of Episcopay Moon light nights -- Pleasant --

Sab 2nd Cloudy unpleasant morning -- begins to snow about 9 O'clock -- snows lightly Mr. Arms Our Preacher to day -- morning text in James 5 Chap -- 12th Verse. "But above all things my Brethren swear not &c." good sermon but not many present -- after noon text in Ps. 7th 11th V. God is angry with the wicked every day" -- solemn subject quite stormy rainy -- uncomfortable walking -- I spend the Evening at home reading

Man 3rd. March. 1828 Clear squally [*sic*] March wether -- I make a settee for Doct. Lay -- cloudy squally [*sic*]-- Lodeemy recovers --

Tues 4. March wether -- disagreeable Lodeemy Monroe so much recover'd as to come to our House -- after spending two weeks at S Foote and being thrown on to the Town -- a thing which I totally disapproved

Wed 5 Pretty pleasant to day but cold -- I paint chairs &c. Yesterday P. Harrison appointed Taverner -- at a special Meeting This Evening Our Club Meet no business done I fife with William Baldwin -- drum retire after 12 O'clock-- Cool Evening--

-- How important it is that proper restraints should be put upon the conduct of the young How should parents, masters, Guardians, and all whom have the care of youth discountenance habits of Idleness profanity intemperance &c. -- School Masters certainly have it in their power to exert over those placed under them and how important that they should be means of piety -- at least good Morals --

I have been led to serious contemplations on account of the prevalence of card playing among the schoolers of Capt. Linsleys school Instructor of the Center district school-- I can not look upon it with indifference -- that they should be engaged from the youngest to the oldest constantly during the intermission and on every occasion in this employing Themselves and this permitted and thus sanctioned by this teacher is enough to excite ( storm? ) in the breath of all who feel the importance of training up the young in the way they should go -- No more of this

Thur 6th 1828 March Cloudy -- a skim of snow fell last night -- goes off --

Fri 7th I get out Chair seats --

Sat. 8th. Cloudy wether --

Sab 9th. Cloudy morning -- pleasant -- Mr. Nash preacher to day again -- his morning text in Acts 2 Chap from 41 st to 47 Verses inclusive "Then they

that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there &c." Excellent Sermon -- interesting preacher I think I should be satisfied with him as a preacher could he obtain'd -- his after noon text in 1 Peter 1st Chap - 24th Verse "For all flesh is as grass and all the glory of man &c." Solemn discourse -- on the shortness and uncertainty of life -- and the importance of securing an interest in the blest abode of the righteous -- I well entertained -- pleasant Spring day -- Cloudy Rainy Evening -- I at home -- ( ?? )

Man 10th March 1828 Cloudy (lowering?) -- Library Meeting I attend draw Stewarts Journal -- & other books -- Some additions Made in books -- go to (Sam?) Footes Jun -- See Williams kitchen -- return about 10 --

Tues 11 Cloudy rainy day again -- Much wet

Wen 12 unpleasant -- muddy -- Sap time

Thur 13 More pleasant -- Spring Wether

Stewarts Journed [*sic*] to the Sandwich Islands I find deeply interesting as it contains the condition in which the natives were previous to the efforts made by missionaries to civilize them and the present conditions -- How wonderful the Charge -- I find but little time to devote to reading but the pleasure I derive from thus passing my leisure hours is far greater than the enjoyment to be experienced in vain and frivolous conversation -- in

amusements which can neither profit or instruct -- This Evening attend the exhibition of Capt. Linsleys School -- many together -- scholars perform well

Fri 14 Mar 1828. Pleasant day -- Measure the road from New Haven out &c. -- I go too

Sat 15 Snowy wether today melts &c\_ -- Much snow falls. to. day -- but the ground being warm. it melts some -- Windy and drifting bad storm 6 O Clock P.M. continues to snow

Sab 16 \_ Clears off Melts fast soon go -- Mr Whiting from Chesure [*sic*] Preacher --

Morning text in 1 st John 5th 4th "And this is the victory that overcometh the World even Our faith" excellent discourse on the subject of faith -- I well entertained indeed Afternoon subject from Matthew 12th 30th "he that is not with me is against me &c." Mr Witing an interesting preacher his people well united in him -- few attend meet. to day I call in at J Harrisons this Evening a (minuet? moment?) return home retire -- thus passes the day

Mon 17th March 1828 Cool pleasant -- Evening at home -- perusing the life of General Jackson in which I find much to admire Has many things to consider --

Tues 18 March wether tho pleasant

Wen. 19 Generally healthy time --

Thur 20 Pleasant day -- I go to New Haven a thing which I have not done before in 10 months -- get cloths for pantaloons

Fri 21 Pleasant -- This commences spring Mr Whetmore preach Lecture from 18 Ps. 18 V. "Thou has ascended on high.&c,"

Sat 22 March 1828 Pleasant not rained in a week singular -- roads dry some

Sab 23 Mr Gillet preached -- Communion day -- Pleasant beautiful morning but Clouds up towards night -- text for the day in Matthew 22 Chap 3rd Verse "And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding and they would not come" -- Solemn appropriate discourse -- Church this day -- Mr. Garfield preacher -- Marina Barker considered dangerous and nigh her End -- Prayers requested in her behalf -- Thomas Barker sick also -- Evening I at Mr Butlers, pantaloons cut &c. Cloudy and rain this night --

Mon 24 Cloudy -- Gen. Harrison Horse shed put up -- which hides my prospects much -- warm spring wether

Tues 25 March 1828 Pleasant spring morning -- Soon summer comes

Mon 26 Pleasant -- I read the Constitution of (A. Q.?) &c. This Evening being pleasant and moon light I go with Harriet B. to Mr Bunnells where I spend the Evening -- entertained with the ( music?) of the Guitar by Harriett Ford -- This Eve a dance to I. Russells in consequence of a (Spining?) to Mr. Littles -- My paper poor indeed but good enough to record amusements of this kind -- Oh how foolish thus to spend the precious moments of this life -- how little do men consider -- and how thoughtless even on the threshold of Eternity

Thurs 27 March 1828 I painting some Spring wether -- cloudy some -- This Even I call at J. Harrisons -- Abigail H. there with Linsley girls - return home &c. --

Fri 28 uncommonly pleasant day warm spring like wether -- The fore noon I spend at Timothy Russells to hear the trial of (Jane Ames?) -- how unqualified and many who hold the office Justus of Peace to discharge their duty in a proper manner This Evening exceeding pleasant and beautiful-- I call at J. Harrisons walk with Abigail spend a few hours with her and return home -- I find her to be a pleasant prety girl -- pleasant the Evening ---- Something struck

at hearing the death of Nathaniel Frisbee -- how true the scripture the wicked do not live out half their day how great the importance of preparation

Sat 29 Cloudy -- I making this day a Waggon chair &c. -- Cloudy -- the sun obscured -- My shop darkened by Horse Shed --

Sabbath day 30 March. 1828. pleasant How welcome a pleasant Sabbath Morning -- what, more calculated to inspire the mind with solemnity with reverence and love What better calculated to fill the mind with seriousness and devotion --. "Welcome sweet day of rest, that same the Lord arise." -- Mr Arms preacher -- morning text in Luke 23rd 33 V. "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary" -- good discourse -- Clouds up -- After noon text in Acts 16th -30th "What shall I do to be saved" -- Important the enquiry -- good Sermon -- I well entertained -- Mr Arms a smart preacher -- Cloudy rainy Evening I at I. Harrisons return home about 10 -- retire -- Sabbath good

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Cloudy rainy -- grass in consequence of 3 or 4 warm days has become green -- roads settled -- Spring advancing -- I at home this Evening read (Trigigins?) letter This the last day of March -- Oh how time flies -- soon life will have been gone

Tues 1 April 1828 Pleasant day -- I spend the day in painting &c. grass becoming green -- This Evening I go to Pave Street School House attend a Meet. Mr. Gillet present preaches from Acts 10th 33rd V. "Now therefore and we all were present before God, to hear all things &c." Solemn ful meeting. Some excitement exists on the subject of religion in the Church at Old Branford -- how important the (time?) Oh! what a privilege to have a pastor excellent meeting -- pleasant Evening --

Wen 2. fine morning -- at my shop early Considerable work on hand -- This Evening I call at J. H's return soon

Thur 3 Pleasant -- some cloudy. I am making sign for Ebenezer Barker &c.

Fri 4th loudy stormy day -- large flakes of snow fall all day -- turn to wet -- muddy Mr. Arms preach to day -- Morning text in Matthew 6 Chap 6 Verse "But thou

when thou prayest enter into the closet" -- good discourse on the duty of prayer -- Afternoon text in 1 Chapter Isaiah - 16 & 17 V erses. "Wash you make you clean &c." excellent sermon -- I was extremely well entertained -- how feasting to the soul -- Oh what a glorious privilege to live in a Christian town and under a preached gospel -- Storm continues all day -- the green grass almost covered with snow -- The officers of the Sabbath school society are chosen being their annual meeting I walk some this Evening tho unpleasant & wet -- retire early as 9 --

Sat 5th April 1828 Squally wether (rounds?) snow -- unpleasant wether

Sab 6th Cloudy day -- Mr Arms preacher Morning text in Gen 35 Chap 11 V. "And God said unto him I am God Almighty" on the omnipotence of God a good discourse I feel well entertained -- good sermon

Text in afternoon Acts 17th Ch 31 st V. "Because he hath appointed a day &c." Excellent discourse indeed -- preached on account of its being His last he expects preach here -- solemn --- This Evening I at (Jeb?) Harrison spend the Evening with Abigail H. -- return home about 3 Oclock -- This young lady appears very well-- steady and virtuous --

Mon April. 7th 1828 Cold windy day Town Meeting I attend -- Federal Majority Ammi Baldwin & Ralph Linsley to represent this town -- return home tired

Tues 8th Continues cold and blustering Cold frosty nights -- we fear for peach blossoms a buds -- grass green quite

Wen 9th Wether moderates some but cool I at work in shop painting &c. -- I at home

Thur 10 I painting sign for E. Barker to day Died this night Widow Thankful Smith in Poor house AE 71 Yrs. -- lived at Damascus

Dancing this Evening at Byingtons again -- Oh! how different would be the conduct of children should parents exhibit a proper example -- what restraints would be imposed -- but alas how do parents err

Fri 11. April 1828. I paint sign part of the day -- after noon I attend the Funeral she buried at Damascus -- Church service read -- Evening at home &c. --

Sat 12th. some cloudy unpleasant I finish E. Barkers sign -- Gen. Harrisons Horse Shed painted -- it so situated as to obscure my prospect entirely -- I am not pleased at all

Sab 13. Cloudy dry - cold -- East wind -- Mr. Root appears again among us -- I hope to remain -- His health improved -- Morning text in 1 Timothy 1 Chap 15 Verse "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation &c." - After noon text St. Johns Gospel 5th Chap 40 Verse "and ye will not come to me &c." good discourse

The preachers plainness correctness together with his humility commanded the attention of the audience -- Still and attentive he appears to be an excellent man -- I walk some this Evening retire early This day Chloe 15 years old -

Mon 14th April 1828 Cold unpleasant day Thomas Barker considered dangerously ill -- Oh how liable to sickness & death -- This Evening I attend the Library Meeting --

Tues 15 Cold blustering day -- winter -- yesterday I had the pleasure of being introduced to Betsey An & Emeline Frisbie -- they being on a visit to Gen. Harrison -- fine girls

Wen. 16. More pleasant to day -- This Evening I introduced to Mr. Root --

Thurs 17. Fine pleasant day -- warm This Evening I pay a short visit at Mrs Clarks Spend a few minits with Mr. Root -- return

Fri 18 more pleasant -- I make waggon ( ?? ) for Timothy Russell --

Sat 19. April 1828. Pleasant wether but frosty nights -- I fear a backward Spring -- I spend the Evening (??)

Sab 20 Rainy North East Storm -- bad day I attend Meeting tho but a few present Mr. Roots Morning text in 119 Ps 59th V. "I thought on my ways and turned my feet &c." Excellent discourse -- whose heart can be so depraved as to resist the faithful preaching of the Gospel-- After noon text in Hebrew - 2nd Chap 3rd V. "How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation &c." I well paid for my trouble of attending thro unpleasant wether -- continues rainy all day --

Mon 21st Cloudy blustery day -- I paint at Thomas Harrisons &c. uncomfortable time Maria Merrick arrived from Ohio yesterday

Tues 22. More pleasant today but north wind &c. -- Lemuel Harrison quite deranged appears like a crazy person

What is more to be dreaded than the loss of reason or a proper use of the mental powers -- how dreadful to lie in a state of derangement --

Wen 23d April 1828 Pleasant day -- we have been blessed with plenty of rain and vegetation seems to be coming forward I setting up Chairs -- much crowded for (Money?)

Thur 24 Some cloudy to day -- pleasant moon light Evenings --

Fri 25. Vegetables seem to come forward

Sat 26 Cloudy and rainy North east wind &c. Thomas Barker getting better &c.

Sab 27. Cloudy unpleasant day -- Mr. Root preaches from Matthew 16th 26th "For what is a man profited if he give the &c." -- Those words the subject of two discourses dwelt upon all day -- good preaching Capt. L. Rose and others at visit me this Evening -- Rainy stormy squally

Mon 28 April 1828 Pleasant -- growing time I painting Chairs &c. -- play the fife this Evening -- beautifully pleasant time

Tues 29 fine growing season -- I some hurried -- Jonathan Merrick arrives from Ohio -- I contemplate setting up a shoe store -- which I conceive would be profitable -- My present business is such as will never make me rich

Wen 30 - Windy a prospect of a storm How fast time gets away -- Month after month how swift they fly--

Thurs. 1 st. May. 1828 Pleasant day -- I go to Bare Plane to notify those house subscribers for the benefit of school house ( classroom? ) that a meeting will be held this Evening &c. A Church Meeting for the purpose (reconciling?) our difficulties -- full Meet --

A Committee appointed to request Mr Rose to return to duty -- also Miss Sally This Evening a few meet to make arrangements about finishing the Room &c.

Fri 2 May 1828 Some cloudy -- Rain I paint to day - &c. - growing time --

Sat 3 Rainy day -- Stormy day --

Sab 4 Some cloudy -- 1 text in Gen. 1 Chap 1st Verse. In the beginning God &c. good afternoon text in [blank] After meeting Mr. Root goes to New Haven supposed that he is to be married -- This Evening Married Daniel Hubbard to Susan Russell -- I fixing for trooping --

Mon 5th Clear and pleasant warm day -- I go to Hamden do Military duty -- quite a journey I get much tired fine day -- The Company spent the fore

noon on the Canal-- I had the opportunity of seeing the place on which was expended such a vast sight of powder & labor immense -- the rock which (exush? brushed? the men?) in falling said to weigh 800 lbs over -- I much gratified at the sight -- much labour & expense has it already required -- but not finished -- I return home in good season -- Capt. Linsley thrown from his horse while returning & much injured -- Dancing this Evening -- no meeting as usual--

Tues 6 May 1828 Cloudy -- Barn drawing I do no work to day -- warm wether

Wen 7 Fine day -- Election. I attend -- Mr Wheaton preach the sermon -- good -- text Jeremiah 1 Sth Chap from 7th to 10th V. "At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation &c." Music good indeed -- I return home much fatigued --

Thur 8 Pleasant day -- fruit trees blown out. I unwell do nothing in shop fish on pond after noon --

Fri 9 Pleasant I attend prayer meeting this after noon in Meeting House --

Sat 10 May 1828 fine Wether - I spend this week in Idleness - Fish on pond -- &c. Thus goes the week-- feel almost exhausted

Sab 11 Fine pleasant day -- Mr Dodd preach'd -- Communion day -- morning text in Matthew 26 Chap. 29th V. "But I say unto you I will not drink henceforth &c." good appropriate subject -- interesting season. Mr Dodd remarks

solemn -- and my God grant his blessing for Christs sake After noon text in Ps. 139th 23rd 24 Verses "Search me O God and know my heart" &c. I fell myself well entertained--

Mon 12. Spring like day -- I am too Idle--

Tues. 13. Pleasant -- no weekly meeting

Wen 14 Cloudy-rainy day -- growing time indeed -- vegetation comes forward

Thurs 15 Continues cloudy stormy

Fri 16 fine Wether -- I work in school House to day -- laying floor &c. --

Mr Root brings his wife out here for the first time -- This Evening a district meeting respecting removing the (school?) Chimney -- return home about 10 --

Sat 17 May 1828 extremely pleasant morning -- vegetation seems to smile fruit trees in full blossom -- every thing around us seems to conspire to make man happy -- This is my Birth-day -- The beauties of the season -- and the encouraging prospect of a plentiful harvest the adaptations of all things to our wants the wants of man all lend to inspire us with gratitude and love -- favorable is such a season and particularly ones birthday to reflections of a serious nature

Sabbath 18 Some cloudy -- Mr Root preach Morning discourse from Rev. 2nd Chap 4th V. "Nevertheless I have somewhat again the &c." ( Good? ) preaching indeed -- Sabbath School organized scholars classed &c.

The number of scholars much diminished indeed -- almost half -- after noon discourse from Rev. 2nd Chap. Sth Verse "Remember therefore from whenever thouest fallen &c." -- In these two discourses Mr Root deals in the most plain and solemn manner with the church -- he points out plainly where in they have erred & strayed and the way in which they are to return -- It is not my custom to comment much upon discourses from the (clerk? elect?) -- but these certainly ought not to escape notice -- they ought not to fail of (ensuring?) the church to life -- as a body we are we must confess (awfully?) (stupid?) and remiss in duty -- Seldom is it that we have our duty set before us, and enforced in so strong a measure -- and may it be the means of awakening us to duty -- Pleasant Eve

Mon 19 May 1828 fine day -- growing time Every thing in nature seems cheering to the

heart of man -- appearance of a plentiful season -- Much grass for the season

Tues 20 May 1828 Pleasant wether

Wen 21 Rainy. I work at school H. finishing the upper room &c. --

Thurs 22 Continues wet. I work in school house -- Church Meeting 5 O'clock I attend No prospect appears of a settlement of the existing difficulties --

Fri 23 Pleasant day -- I in school H. to work to day -- stairs made &c .

Sat 24 fine pleasant day -- growing I paint &c. -- Religion low indeed --

Sab 25 As pleasant a morning as ever dawned -- Mr. Root text in Ps. 103rd 20 V. "Bless the Lord ye his angels &c. good sermon Sabbath school commences -- Scholars few Afternoon text in St. Luke 11th Chap. 12 V. "If ye thus being evil &c." -- good sermon seems directed to the Church -- much engaged

Clouds up and Rains the Evening--

Mon 26 May 1828 I painting Capt. I. Roses waggon -- a fair prospect of grass --

Tues. 27. warm frequent showers of rain rain in abundance this season -- I work at the School House this day This Evening a Church Prayer Meeting in conference room -- Many attend Mr. Roots remarks solemn and appropriate -- Pleasant evening --

Wen 28. Pleasant Day -- I painting waggon -- Striping &c. --

Thur 29 Clear morning -- Cloudy and rains at night -- Much rain --

Fri 30 Rainy spring day -- I go to Old Branford Number the slips in church days work -- for which I have 1 dollar Setting out for home jump out of my waggon and tum my ankle badly

Sat 31 May 1828 Rainy day -- I unable to move at all -- my foot sore and painful This Ends May 1828 -- Oh time how swift

Sab 1 June 1828 fine day -- I under the necessity of keeping to the House -- not at Meeting -- unpleasant to stay at home -- What a blessing the priviledge of attending on the ordances of Gods House

Mon 2 Pleasant day -- no work done by me -- lame yet -- This Evening attend the monthly concert -- solemn meeting

Tues 3 cloudy and Rainy again -- A world of rain -- I Sell my shop this day for 73 dollars -- to (E?) W. Converse

Wen 4 Some cloudy to day -- Much rain this season -- grass very forward indeed -- Ground constantly wet My foot continues lame very -- Thomas Harrison Bam moved back I at I. Russells this Evening --

Thur 5 June 1828 Continues cloudy & wet Upon overlooking my accounts I find that I have to the amount of 50 odd Dollars Charged -- and that I owe about 45 It appears that my business is too small to yeald me a support -- at home --

Fri 6 excessively hot -- sultry warm Converse digs his cellar &c. healthy I am no quite lame but gain

Sat 7 Pleasant but hot -- I do little in shop -- help Converse about his cellar

Sab 8 Fine pleasant day -- Mr Arms preaches to day -- his first text in 1st John 2nd 15th V. "Love not the world neither the things &c. -- good sermon -- after noon text in John 5 Chap. 42nd "But I know you that ye &c." excellent preaching My foot quite lame yet -- pleasant

Mon 9 fine day -- I go to the mill the Morn

return and find my shop stript for drawing -- unexpected to me -- feel quite disagreeable -- shop drawn after noon I move into Calvin Harrisons House to work -- A special Societies Meeting this day -- I present, a very full meeting indeed -- A tax laid of six cents on the Dollar -- and Mr. Root called to settle among us in the Gospel Ministry with a salery of 400 Dollars annually This seems like (doing something?) -- The number present about 43 nearly all voters -- scattering however, 5 or 6 perhaps -- I feel well satisfied with the doings of this meeting -- union & harmony seem to prevail -- Mr Root has few enemies - and tis hoped by the blessing of God that he will be useful among us

Tues 10 June 1828 pleasant wether --

Wen 11 I do nothing the week --

Thurs 12 Rainy wether -- much wet

great grass -- great com &c.



Fri. 13 June 1828 Cloudy & much rain == Horse shed raised for I. Russell highway day -- Timothy R. Horse Barn raised

Sat. 14. I do little to day -- warm

Sab 15 Pleasant day -- Mr. Beth our preacher to day -- smart man -- his text in Mark 4 Chap. from 5 to 7th V. "And some fell on stony ground &c" excellent after noon text, the 8th Verse "and others fell in good ground &c." in the discourse he points out the evidences of a renewed state -- highly entertaining to me --

Mon. 16. Pleasant warm day &c. Much grass already -- There seems to be an abundance for man & beast -- at Lucius Baldwins & to I. Russells this Evening -- play our musick &c. --

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Thur 19 June 1828 Cloudy mornings and Evenings -- hot noon days --

Fri. 20. Clear and Pleasant -- second Harvesting time -- good com -- Daniel Barker wife (brut?) to bed her first child -- born dead -- We have much occasion for gratitude for the good things by which we are surrounded --

Sat 21 fine morning --- another week soon gone -- How swift the time goes -- The funeral of D. Barkers child --

Sab 22. Pleasant -- Mr Root text in Exodus 20th Chap 2 V. "I am the Lord thy God" -- these words the subject of two discourses -- in which it seem to be his object to impress upon the minds of his hearers the fitness of God to govern -- good preaching -- A meeting the Evening in conference room

Mr. (P.?) Whedon present -- his remarks good -- interesting meeting -- full room --

Mon 23 June 1828 Sultry hot -- My health not very good -- This day the church again assemble -- to if possible settle the difficulties which exist -- but after hearing the report and finding that both Mrs. Rose and Polly remaind obstinate we thought proper to withdraw our Christian watch from the former and suspend the latter for two months -- This is a painful duty -- Thus to cut off a mother in (Treal?) & deprive her of the privileges and blessings of the church is a duty the most ( ?? ) solemn & effecting -- growing time --

Tues 24 hot day - thunder - &c. Farmers commenced mowing &c. -- rains &c. -- This Evening I spend with Sylvia Rose at J. Harrisons -- retire about 2 Oclock The departure of Christians from the rule of duty is followed if not attended with remorse of conscience & with pain

How important it is for Christians to maintain a close walk with God -- to preserve their own peace & to commend the religion of the Gospel--

Wen 25 June 1828 Sultry hot -- A good shower of rain last night -- refreshing & demands the gratitude of man

Thur 26 Much cloudy wether -- My health quite poor -- My spirits quite depressed -- I am something ( ?? ) --

Fri. 27 Sultry hot wether -- muggy & showery -- much grass

Sat 28 Continues unpleasant wether hot and muggy -- I paint Mrs. Merricks carpet

Sab 29 Cloudy morning -- sun shines out hot -- Mr Roots first text in Ps. 8th "for thus hast made &c." after noon text in Romans 2nd Chap 14th "For when the gentiles which have not &c." These two discourses and those of the last Sabbath were connected -- The first was to

show how perfectly qualified God is for a moral governor 2nd that he has given a law by which we are to be governed, the best possible -- The 3rd that mankind are free agents and capable of obeying this law -- The 4th That they are accountable to God, and will be made to endure the penalty for disobedience -- if they persist in its rejection -- good preaching -- A meeting this Evening in Conference room -- Mr Root there -- I walk out after meet -- get cherries &c. hot sultry -- thus goes another Sabbath -

Mon 30 June 1828 Cloudy rainy day -- I paint Mrs Merricks carpet &c. Thus Ends June 1828 --

Tues 1 July 1828 -- much grass indeed

Wen 2 but very (catching?) time much rain and dull wether -- thunder showers

Thur 3 My health poor very indeed --

Fri 4 Pleasant day warm -- I spend Preparatory Lecture Preached by Mr. Root

practicing on the clarinett with I. Russell Richard &c. -- About 4 O'clock the citizens assemble at I. Russells form a procession walk to the conference room where a prayer was offered by Mr. Root and an address made by Capt. J. Linsley -- the procession returned fired a national salute and dispersed -- little noise or ( discrids? discord? ) -- I walk home with Jane (Gillart?) this Evening -- a (hurriing?) time of year --

Sat 5 July 1828 I hoe to day -- warm pleasant -- do little in shop --

~ Communion day -- Mr Noyes preacher of Northford -- his text Matthew 22 Chap 4 & 5 "and again he sent forth other servants &c. -- good preaching solemn -- after noon from the same text -- A third meeting appointed at 5 O'clock -- A Mr. Perry employed by the board of foreign Missions to preach & form Societies Present -- preaches from (??) 12. 4th "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge &c. == appears to be a smart man

Mon 7th July 1828 harvest time -- I help get rie [*sic*] in -- Mr. Perry preaches in conference room about 5 O'clock-- from Nehemiah 2nd Chap. 17 V. "Then said I unto them ye see the distress that we are in &c." -- good sermon -- a society of females was forme'd as auxilliery --

Tues 8. Much rain & thunder --

Wen 9. My health very poor indeed--

Thurs. 10. This summer == Rainy -- thunders much

Fri 11. Died this night Phillip Gould in poor Home -- Hail storm

Sat 12. thunder to day -- pleasant day -- grass heavy -- great crop indeed -- I do next to no work--

Sab 13. Very Rainy day -- I go to Meet -- Mr. Root preach from [*blank*]

after noon text in Duet. 5 Chap 29 V. "O that there were such an heart in the" good Sermons -- unpleasant day

Mon 14th July 1828 Continues stormy -- I (pound? found?) (Hay?) &c. to day --

Tues 15. -- Stormy &c. -- damage done to Hay is great --

Wen 16 uncommon Rain -- flood -- N. East Storm -- Witness a narrow escape -- which shows us how liable we are to accidents & to death -- in attempting to save the flooding timber passing under the Bridge F. Potter was plunged into the water -- his Father being present & anxious to save him followed him -- both went down with the current ( ?? ) under the Bridge their arms round each others neck clinging for life -- This made the situation perilious in the

extrem and I had will nigh given them up for lost -- but it was otherwise determined -- a tree caught them -- & they were saved -- And let their escape be a warning to (strawmekers?) & others for the future--

Thurs 17 July 1828 drowned this morning Samuel Beach jun. of Old Branford. affecting circumstance -- Water high yet --

ErL.1.8. Clouds break away some -- sunny

Sill..J.2 Clear pleasant hay day -- I work at hay &c. hot -- Much Hay ruined --

.sab..2Q warm day -- Mr Root preach from Isaiah 46 Chap. 9 & 10 Vs. "For I am God and there is none else &c." == on the eternal purposes & sovereignty of God -- Excellent discourse -- I well entertained -- After noon subject from Matt. 7th 12th "Therefore all things whatsoever that ye would that men &c." -- An Evening Meet. appointed in Conference room -- I attend -- Mr. Roots remarks on the subject of the afternoon

Mon 21 fine day -- I in the shop --

Tues 22 Cloudy & rains -- I go to Mill heavy Rain -- a flood -- Gods judgements seem to be abroad in the Earth -- to punish or to remind men of his dependence --

It teaches us how frail we are -- but Oh how apt we are to (rummes?) -- at the omniscience hand of providence - - there judgments all for humiliation & repentance --

Wen 23. July 1828 Water goes down some much water indeed on the grass

Thur 24. Hot sultry -- I work out at hay &c. -- frequent showers --

Fri 25 .. uncomfortably hot time--

Sat 26 I help get hay &c. -- much grass --

Sab . 27. hot day -- Mr Roots text in Gen. 50 Chap. 20 V. - which forms the subject of the discourse all day -- "But as for you ye thought evil against me but God meant it unto good" -- The Doctrine of God purposes held forth in a most satisfactory light -- These sermons together with those preached last Sabbath make the doctrine of Election plane as possible == Never was I better satisfied or better entertained -- Excellent preacher -- Worthy man--

A meeting in conference Room -- Mr Roots remarks solemn & entertaining -- Pleasant --

Mon 28 July 1828 fine day -- This Day the Committee visit on Mr. Root for an answer to the call of the Society gave him to become our pastor -- He does not comply with the invitation -- and we are again without the prospect of resettling one (our us?) in the Lord == It fills the hearts of Christians with sorrow -- but God undoubtedly designs it for good -- I walk out this Evening

Tues 29 Good hay wether now I employed out on the farm &c. --

Wen 30 Mr. Roots refusal to settle here causes much agitation among us --

Thurs 31. Thunder all day -- Raining -- Dull wether --1 am much healthier This Ends July -- clears off -- hay wet

Fri 1. Aug. 1828 Pleasant morning -- foggy

Sat 2 fine day -- healthy time now --

Sab 3 Very Pleasant Day -- cool comfortable

Mr. Root preaches -- from 1st John 3. Chap 9 V. "And Every man that hath this hope &c." An excellent sermon calculated to arrest the attention of the Church and awaken them to duty -- After noon text in 2nd Thes. 5 Chap 19 V. "Quench not the spirit." Solemn & entertaining

Mon. 4. Aug 1828. Cloudy dull-- I work in shop &c. -- The Monthly Concert attended in Conference Room Solemn meeting to me --

Tues 5 Continues dull --

Wen 8 Cloudy time I makeing Chairs &c. -- no hay wether -- I ride to R. Blackstones for flags

Thurs 7 I getting flags &c. at Ralph Blackstone -- get fatigued much -- This day the committee wait upon Mr. Root again to consult with him on the expediency of his Settling with us --

The reason of his not complying with the call, at the last interview with the committee appears to have been, the want of a knowledge of the feelings of the Society -- He seems to have been under the impression that the people were not sufficiently united -- their affections were not set upon him & consequently it would be better both for him & the society that he should leave us -- but he having found that contrary feelings exist seem more willing to remain and gives an answer accordingly -- I rejoice at the prospect before us and hope that with the blessing of God he may be the instrument of great good to this place =

Fri 8 August 1828 [blank]

Sat 9 Sultry hot hay time --

Sab. 10th. Aug. 1828. hot Sultry indeed Mr Wetmore preached from [blank] "The carnal mind is (enimity?) &c." After noon text in Heb. 12 Ch. 14 V. "and hoping without which no man shall see the Lord" -- good preaching -- hot day --

Mon 11 Pleasant Society meeting to day for the purpose of hearing the report of the Committee appointed last meeting for the purpose of informing Mr. Root of the proposals made by the Society and an invitation to become our Minister -- his communication listened too with interest and acceptance -- his condition of settlement agreed to and all seem to rejoice in the prospect. An ordination is contemplated by the 1 st of October --

Tues 12 Hot sultry -- not so healthy as has been -- much stagnant water Some excitement on my mind occasioned by the low state of Religion in the Church -- how important that Christians should ( ??) by their lives conversation the reality of what they profess -- how little of the Saviours "Let your light shine &c." -- Oh that Christians would awake from their slumbers

Wen 13. Aui 1828 Wether getting dry

Thur 14. I help get Hay some --

Fri 15 [blank]

Sat 16 People getting hay yet

Sab 17. Mr Root preach to day tho it was not his intention -- The subject of both discourses was from Gen 1st 31st V. "And God saw that all that he had make was very good --" Interesting subject -- in which he shows that God was as good and could do no more to prevent evil than he had already done --

That he could not have been a God of infinite goodness to permit sin to enter this World when it was in his power to prevent it -- Pleasant day &c. --

Mon 18. Aug 1828. Warm &c. -- This day our adjourned Church meet. held == The subject of the difficulties with regard to Polly Rose brought up -- Polly R. presents herself but not to settle or comply with the rules of the Church-- A Special Church Meet held immediately before this adjourned -- The call to Mr. Root continued - & other necessary business done &c. --

Tues 19 Aug 1828. Warm dog days Sickly in some places -- Mr Root and wife leaves Branford not expecting to return till Ordination which is to take place in October

Wen 20 Much want of rain now

Thur 21 I work in shop painting

Fri. 22. Chairs for I. Linley

Sat 23. hot days cool nights

Sab. 24. Sultry hot -- uncomfortable Mr Wright preach'd Morning text in Matthew 6th 19th "Lay not up for yourselves &c." Afternoon discourse from [blank] &c." uncomfortably warm day -- pleasant Evenings &c. --

Mon 25. More sultry if possible

than yesterday -- Uncommonly hot and dry -- vegetables seem to be in perishing need of rain --

Tues 26 Aug 1828 Continues hot --

Wen 27 Com & potatoes are spoiled for want of rain --

Thurs 28 Adjourned Church Meeting -- I attend -- The business with regard to Polly Rose postponed -- because so few present -- Second Meeting opened -- a committee consisting of Dea. Russell & Myself appointed to wait upon Mr. Root with a committee from the Society to confer with him respecting the time of Ordination -- Adjourned

Fri Aug 29th Oh How dependent are we for rain & for plentiful seasons

Sat 30 Corn seems to be ruined Also potatoes injured -- We are full of needs which God alone can supply -- great truth --

Sab 31. Aug 1828 Sultry hot day! Mr. Root present with Mr. North who preaches -- Morning text in John 3rd 3rd Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God -- After noon text in 17th 31 st "Because He hath appointed a day in which he will judge the World &c." good. the preacher a new beginner -- he goes home Mr Root stays --

Mon 1 st Sept 1828 -- Extremely hot & dusty -- Troop meet in N. Branford I do duty a musician -- Miner Fowler chosen Capt. -- Troop dine at P. Harrisons Infantry choose George Rose Capt. -- Too hot to do Military duty -- little done -- This Evening dancing to I. Russells --

Tue 2 Clouds up and Rains -- on the dry and thirsty land -- How great the blessing -- I do little or no work -- Mr Root goes back

Wen 3 continues to Rain -- upon the ( ?? ) and upon the unthankful --

Thur 4 Sept 1828 Continues to Rain -- A flood -- how grateful ought we to be to that being who supplys all our wants in due time -- I making Rocking chair

Fri 5 Clears off pleasant -- cool -- I am something hurried --

Sat 6th fine day -- much occasion for gratitude -- health is preserved --

Sab 7 This is the day the Lord hath made He calls the hours his own -- Pleasant Mr (Alsotruane?) not N. Guilford preaches from St. John 3 Chap. 16 V. "For good so loved the World &c." afternoon text in Matthew 5th 48 V. -- "Be ye perfect &c" Preacher (epper?) young --

Mon. 8. Pleasant -- Timothy R. & wife being absent I keep house till Thursday

Tues 9 Rainy day -- Church & Society Meet Church meeting for the purpose of doing the ordinary business with Mr. Root for settlement -- Adjourned Church Meet. concerning P. Rose adjourned again -- Society Meeting for the purpose of making arrangements for Ordination

Wen 10 good time for fall grass

Thurs 11 Pleasant fall wether

Fri 12 I painting carpet for Capt. Rose

Sat 13 Pleasant -- Mr Merwin preaches Lecture at 5 Oclock P.M. few there

Sab 14. Communion day -- Mr. Merwin preaches from [blank] after noon text [blank]

Mon 15. Sept. 1828. -- Cloudy and rainy -- I paint carpet &c. -- prepare for trooping -- Singing school commences (D.?) Foote teach

Tues 16. fine day -- Troop out at Northford -- I attend -- good Trooping--

Wen 17 Cool pleasant -- Cloudy -- I attend Singing school this Evening--

Thurs 18 Pleasant cool day -- I received a visit from Alonzo Loper -- happy to see him indeed --

Fri 19 Sept 1828 Windy some --

Sat 20 I go to New Haven with R. Clark &c.

Sab 21. Mr Porter preached first text in Mark 2nd Chap 27 V. "The sabbath was made &c." After noon text in [blank] -- I go this Evening with Adeline Stone & A. Harrison to Capt. E. Roses Sing &c. -- return about 10 Oclock -- Moonlight --

Mon 22 Pleasant day -- I work in shop -- Singing School this Evening -- I attend -- I. Russell being absent from home I keep house

Tues 23 Pleasant day -- I tend bar for I. R. Singing School this Evening also I attend -- I visit Abigail Harrison retire about 2 Oclock

Wen 24 Cloudy & some rain -- fall Wether -- few Apples this season -- little fruit --

Thurs 25 Some cloudy &c. pleasant Evening Ammy Wheadon takes supper with me --

Fri 26 Fine pleasant day -- cool --

Sat 27 I paint Waggon & spend the Even. with A. Stone

Sab 28 Cloudy some Rain -- Mr Francis preachd -- Morning text in 1 John? Chap

3rd. V. -- And every man that hath this &C." after noon text in Reb. 3rd Chp. 3rd V. Row shall we escape if we &c." Cloudy rainy -- Thus goes another Sabbath -- Swiftly time flies away --

Mon 29. Sept 1828 Some cloudy & rainy -- I paint waggon -- I attend Singing School wait upon Sylvia Rose home - retire about 4 O'clock -- I have many unpleasant feelings

Tues. 30. Fine pleasant day -- Miner Merrick Luther Butler leave for Ohio -- Singing School again this Evening I attend -- This day Ends Sept. 1828--

Wen 1st October 1828 Cloudy & some rain -- I paint Room at A. Gages -- at Timothy R. this Evening

Thurs 2. Rainy Morning -- I go with Capt. George Rose to Madison to General Training Set out Early Rains incessantly untill we arrive I blow fife &c. -- Clears off about 10 pleasant -- Fine afternoon -- Return home about 9-

Fri 3 Pleasant cool day -- I painting waggon for Richard Linsley --

Sat 4th Oct 1828 Pleasant -- I paint &c.

Sab 5th Cloudy and Rainy at night -- Mr Francis Preach. Morning text in 1 st Tim. 4th 8 V. but Godliness is profited unto all things, &c" After noon Amos 4 Chap. 12th V. prepare to meet thy God" Pretty good preaching -- few at Meeting Rainy Evening -- I at home -- retire

Mon. Q Pleasant day -- Town Meeting I finish painting R. Linsleys waggon Singing School this Evening I attend

Tues 7th Pleasant fall wether -- few apples

Wen 8 Church fast preparatory to Ordination M. Whitmore preachd the first sermon from Philippians 3 Chap 14th "I press toward the mark for the prize &c." Afternoon text in Exodus 3rd Chap 2 Verse "And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame & fire &c." good sermon by Mr. Noyes of Northford --

The subject well adapted and aplys to the Church -- fine day --

Thurs. 9th Oct 1828 Pleasant I much hurried -- bottomed charis &c.

Fri 10. fall wether--

Sab 11 Clouds up Rains &c.

Sab 12. Cloudy -- Mr Hallet Preached Morning text in I John 5 Chap 4th V. "And this is the victory that overcometh the World even our faith" After noon text Mar 8 Chap 36 V. "For what shall it proffit a man &c." - Interesting Preacher -- Well entertained

Mon 13 Windy blustering day -- Singing solemn last Evening also to day at 3 oclock -- Preparation made for ordination -- Singing School this Evening in Meeting House -- cool night --

Tues 14. Cool day windy Consociation meet at Amos Pages Housee for the Ordination of Mr Root Likewise 3 others as evangelists Singing School this Evening also in Meeting House -- Number in to hear -- Cool --

Wen. 15th Oct 1828 Pleasant cool day -- This day Mr. Root Ordained Pastor of the Church in North Branford-- The time has come when the resettlement of the ministry is again to be enjoyed among us -- having been destitute three years and nearly eight months, during which time we have generally been supplied from Sabbath to Sabbath. The number of different candidates for settement which we have had amounts to [blank] Of these not one perhaps would have been so accepted or so unanimously esteemed and beloved as Mr. Root -- We as a church & people have just cause for gratitude, that the great head of the church hath remembered us in our low estate hath preserved the flock from scattering and provided us a pastor --

The Meeting House filled to overflowing at an early hour -- The services commenced by Singing the anthem "I was glad" which we preformed in a state honorable to the choir -- The Introductory Prayer offered by Mr. Dutton - - The tune Old Hundred sing in then Sermon by Mr Merwin from Ephessions

4 Chap. 11th & 12th Verses "And he gave some Apostles and some Prophets and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints &c." Excellent Sermon in which he shows the superior excellences of the Presbyterion or congregational orders to all other denominations -- I well entertained -- Consercrating Prayer by Mr. Smith of Durham Charge by Mr. Noyes of Northford -- and right hand of fellowship by Mr Whiting of Cheshire The part address'd to Mr. Root was truly effecting Concluding Prayers by Mr. Gillet -- (Thence?) (Sing?) Triumph -

The blessing being pronounced the anthem "O Praise God in his holiness" was perform'd to the praise of the leader and choir -- The assembly exceeding numerous and attentive -- House crowded to excess -- the services solemn and edifying -- Cold uncomfortable day -- Singing school this Evening -- few attend --

Thur. 16. Oct. 1828 Continues unpleasant Mr Richard Linsley married 2nd time Mr Roots goods brought from N. Haven he making preparations for moving --

Fri. 17. Oct 1828. blustering wether -- I helping Mr. Root put up his furniture

Sat 18. Mr Root moved into Mr. Fisher House -- I collect Money to pay Mr. Foot for Singing -- Cloudy or smoaky rather disagreeable day --

Sab 19 Mr Roots introductory sermon preached showing the duty of Minister to his People and the duty of a people to their minister -- Morning text in 1 Cor. 9th Chap. 16 V. „\* Preach the Gospel" -- Excellent discourse After noon text in Luke 8th Chap 18 Verse "Take heed therefore how ye hear" Appropriate discourses -- and my they not soon be effaced from our memory -- Mr Foot present in afternoon to sing -- Singing School this Evening -- How great the privileges which we enjoy -- and how unworthy of so good a man as Mr. Root -- may his labours not be in vain -- may he not spend his strength for nought -- \* Or rather "Woe is unto me if! preach &C."

Mon 20th Oct 1828 I paint Mr Roots room Pleasant day &c. -- cool Evening &c.

Tues. 21 I matting Chairs & much hurried -- M. Moody quite sick -- at Timothy Russells --

Wen 22 I getting subscribers for Singing -- matting Chairs &c. --

Thurs. 23. Dry wether -- Smoaky &c.

Fri 24. Cool fall wether--

Sat 25 [blank]

Sab 26 Pleasant day -- Mr Root preaches first from - [blank] Sabbath school closed to day -- Some appropriate remarks from Mr Root -- I feel as ifI had done but little benefit to my class -- tis a responsible station -- Afternoon text [blank] Excellent preacher is Mr Root -- let us conduct as worthy of him --

Mon 27 Cool fall wether -- Society Meet. I at home this Evening -- Moody better --



Tues 28 Oct 1828 Thunder lightning and Rain last night -- Pleasant but windy -- I am at present much hurried in shop --

Wen 29 Little Cider made this year

Thurs 30 Moody sick yet -- generally healthy I collect subscriptions for singing

Fri 31 Pleasant cloudy some -- Lecture Preparatory I attend Mr Roots text in Luke 6th 26 "Why call ye me Lord Lord and do not &c." -- good discourse This Ends Oct. 1828 -- Warm pleasant day

Sat 1 Nov. 1828 Pleasant -- appearance of a storm

Sab 2 Cloudy Rainy day -- Communion day -- Mr Root officiates at the communion table for the first time -- Morning text in 1st Peter 2 Chap 7 Verse "Unto you therefore which believes he is precious" good sermon -- officiates well-- Solemn time -- Afternoon text in the same Verse "but unto them which be disobedient &c" Tis a blessing great to enjoy the preaching of the Word--

Mon 3 Nov 1828 Rainy stormy day Day appointed to choose Electors for President -- also to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution viz. Districting the state for Senators -- I attend -- Much said and great exertions made to secure the Jackson Electors -- but a majority for Adams in our town 5 to 1 -- unpleasant wether -- The Concert of Prayer appointed but not attended

Tues 4 I painting Chairs &c. -- hurried --

~ Much Rainy cloudy Wether

Thurs 6 finishing Chairs for Capt. Linsley

Fri 7 Pleasant--

Sat 8 Rainy Cloudy -- I work in School House

Sab 8 pleasant -- Mr Dutton Preach'd his Morning text 1 Peter 6th 7th & 8th Verses The same text which Mr Root preach'd from last Sabbath -- After noon text Provo 2nd Chapter from 1st to 5 v. good preaching indeed -- but much want of attention to Religion here --

Mon 16th 1828 Cold - Winter coming --

Tues 11 I am much hurried in shop -- Moody recovering from sickness

Wen 12 Mr Roots Wood spell this day he gets a good supply -- furnishes no ardent spirits -- tis truly commendable -- This Evening (Towny? Fremens?) exhibits Musick at W. (Negrohs?) -- very good--

Thur 13 Pleasant day -- get lime for conference room -- Jonathan Barker sick --

Fri 14 Nov. 1828 I spend the day about conference Room &c. -- cloudy--

Sat 15. Cold -- I work at Conference Room

Sabb 16 Cloudy cool day -- Mr Root preach from [blank] "As I live saith the Lord I have no pleasure" after noon text - in Isaiah 5th Chap 20 V. "Wo unto them that call &c." excellent preaching -- This Evening I go round to get people to work in conference Room &c. -- company at our house -- A. Stone ( ?? )

Mon 17 Cold - blustering -- I begin painting rooms at Richard Linsleys -- Meeting this

Evening at Mr Roots I attend -- few present -- Good Mr Roots remarks from John 21 st Chap 15th 16th 17th V s. "Jesus saith unto him &c. Mr Root proposes to deliver Lectures Weekly on the Epistle to James - which I think will be interesting Cold night -- but pleasant Moon light --

Tues 18 Nov. 1828 Cold fall wether -- blustering I at work in shop to -- fall Wether -- Timothy Russell quite sick of the Fever -- This Evening I go to E Roses with Clorenda Strong from Nathan Harrisons -- Severe cold night --

Wen 19. Rainy day -- unpleasant -- I go to R Linsleys painting -- Rainy day --

Thurs 20 Rainy again -- I work at Conference Room -- all hands seem to tum out to day -- with spirit -- 12 to 14 -- Room is lath'd and the masons begin to Plaster -- Warm favorable time -- Work at it the Evening

Fri 21-Dec 1828 ~~December comes again~~ -- ! The years Roll on! I am astonished! -- Oh that I might make a wise improvement of time while it lasts -- Tis going! I work in school House to day -- The Lime put on and the Room about finished -- Pleasant time &c. Singing School commenced

Sat 22 Dec Nov 1828 Cloudy Rainy day I guilt the vane of the Church &c. (black painted?) Work in school &c. -- I spend much time -- T. Russell quite sick of fever -- Mr Foote commence Singing School last night -- At W. Reynolds -- pleasant Evening -- Thus goes the time -- I often feel alarmed when thinking of the approach of Death -- I how fast time passes away & how soon death will come! Oh how awful the hour which awaits me! God prepare me to meet it with joy --I --

Sab 23 Nov 1828 Windy day indeed heavy rain last night -- muddy -- Mr Root Preach'd from 1st John 4th 16th Verse "God is love" these words the subject of both discourses -- good preaching -- Smart man -- his views of Gods goodness very consissant and satisfying to my mind -- he has given us several discourses on this subject -- Proclamation Read -- few at Meeting -- I at Mrs Merricks this Evening -- Pleasant --

Man 24th Nov. 1828. Rainy -- I much hurried

Tues 25 I paint at Richard Linsleys -- Singing Meeting this Evening

Wen 26 Much Rain & Cloudy Wether -- Singing Meeting also in conference Room

Thurs 27 Thanksgiving Day -- Cloudy unpleasant -- Mr Root Preached from Ps 100 4th & 5 Verses -- "Enter into his gates &c." -- good Discourse -- begins to rain after Meeting -- A ball this Evening at W. Reynolds -- It is to be lamented that so many feel disposed to amuse themselves in this way -- The wether however however [sic] unfavorable will scarcely prevent a collection on such an occasion -- Dark & muddy night -- I retire to rest about 9 --

Fri 28 Very Rainy & muddy -- I white wash Conference Room -- Many Idle persons about I much disapprove the manner of spending the Friday after Thanksgiving -- much dissipation is the attendant evil -- company at our house the Evening

Sat. 29 Clears off -- I paint at R. Linsleys -- Timothy Russell very sick of Fever -- also (Miles?) Barker -- Pleasant day -- warm for the season -- The Church painted & completed

Sab 30 Nov 1828 Some cloudy -- I unwell with cold -- Young Man Mr Whitmore Preacher -- Morning in John 17 Chap 17 Verse "Sanctify them through thy truth" -- afternoon text in Provo 14th 12th "There is a way which seemeth right &c." -- just informed of the Death of Aaron Baldwin at Guilford who had been Sick of the Fever for many days -- his earthly career ended last night -- Oh how awful is the hour of Death -- My mind is forceably struck with the solemnity of the change -- the new state of existence upon which he has entered -- how awfully interesting must have been the moment how dreadful to experience the change which ushers mortals into the presence of God himself Oh! it seems that the thought of Death must forever dissipate the pleasures of sin -- Tis solemn to think of dying -- This Ends Nov.--

Mon 1. Dec. 1828 Warm Pleasant Wether Singing School this afternoon also in Evening -- Monthly Concert of Prayer held at Mr Merricks interesting season -- appropriate remarks from Mr. Root--

Tues 2 Dec 1828 Singing Meeting to day also I attend the Evening -- blustering day --

Wen 3 I paint in afternoon at R. Linsleys --

Thurs 4 Pleasant warm time. I at work at Conference Room door &c. -- This Evening Mr Root Commences delivering Lectures from James 1st Chap. - Interesting

Fri 5th I paint at R. Linsleys &c. -- warm

Sat 6 Continues very pleasant -- uncommon for the season -- T. Russell recovering --

Sab 7 Some Cloudy -- Mr Gillet Preaches -- Moring text in Rom. 10th Chap. 14 & 15th Verses -- "How then shall they call on him &c." -- Excellent discourse indeed -- in which he shows the condition of the heathens -- After noon text in Provo 24th 11 & 12 V. "If thou forebear to deliver them that are drawn unto death &c." good preaching --

Mon 8 Warm Singing Meet. I carry Bass Viol-- attend Singing School- &c. --

Tues 9 Warm fine Wether for Dec. --

Company here in Evening -- I go home with Adeline Stone -- good Singing School the Evening

Wen 10 Dec 1828 beautiful day indeed uncommonly pleasant for the Season -- I making Desk for Conference Room -- Then I attend 2nd Lecture by Mr Root -- interesting -- the 2nd Chap of James the privilege under consideration

Thur 11 Yule Wether my health poor

Fri. 12 Time Oh swiftly it flies --

Sat 13 Warm wether for December

Sab 14 Mr Root preach'd from Jer. 2nd Chap 13 V. "For my people have committed here evil &c." An excellent discourse -- he dwells all day on the subject -- to the Church or professors of Religion -- searching indeed -- all must plead quilty --

Mon 15 Pleasant -- I paint &c. -- Singing School the afternoon & Evening --

Tues 16 Ministers assembled to Mr Roots -- Singing School -- a sermon preach'd in

the Evening by Mr Hinsdale of Meriden -- from Luke 8th 18 V "Take heed therefore how ye been" -- good discourse -- Many present Mr Foot sings &c. -- I attend Abigail Harrison home -- retire about 2 oclock -- pleasant Eveng

Wen 17 Dec 1828 holds remarkable pleasant

Thur 18 Colder -- I not well now --

Fri 17 Cold winter wether comes --

Sat 20 Comfortably pleasant to day

Sab 21 a Mr Hawley preaches interesting his text in Heb 12th 14th "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" -- These words the tow [sic] discourses -- I felt myself paid for my attendance -- the sermon contains much to refute the doctrine of universal salvation --

Mon 22 Cold day -- I go to N. Haven with Jared (Burrell? Bunell?) -- uncomfortable trip Singing School this Evening -- I attend

Tues 23 Dec 1828 Pleasant Wether for the season -- Singing School the Evening--

Man 24 very healthy now -- Warm --

Thur. 25 -- Christmas Day -- Pleasant - last Evening Mr Root lectures on the 3rd Chap of St. James -- interesting highly --

Fri 26 I making settee &c. --

Sat 27 Pleasant yet as (summer?) --

Sab 28 Mr Foot present -- and sings -- full Meet. Mr Perkins Preacher -- first text in Titus 3rd Chap. 2 V. "Speak evil of no Man" -- An excellent sermon of the subject of slander -- Afternoon text in Hebrews 4 Chap. 15 V. "for we have not an high priest that &c." -- he appears like a smart man -- Good Singing to day -- Singing Meeting the Evening in Meeting house -- I visit at Mr Merricks with Stone -- Walk home from Singing School with Adeline Stone

Mon. 29. fine day -- Singing School This Evening -- I go to Horace Harrisons -- Amos Gillberts Wife there -- attend s. school also -- Warm

Tues 30th Cold Windy day indeed -- Singing at Capt. Roses this Evening -- I at home -- uncomfortable time

Wen 31 st Dec 1828 More pleasant wether to day -- This day Ends the Year of our Lord 1828 -- I stay at home this Evening -- unpleasant out --

*[The entries for the year of 1828 end near the top of the page. There is a double line and the entries for January 1829 begin immediately and continue on the next two pages ending at the entry for January 20.]*

## Timothy Russell Palmer - Journal 1829

*[The entries in Timothy Palmer's 1829 Journal begin immediately after those for 1828 in a book, 6 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches with marbled gray and pink paper cover. There is a double line 1 1/4" down the page.]*

## January 1829

Thur 1st Cloudy snow & rainy -- Rainy Evening I making a settee for Mr Hodges --&c. -- The Lecture Preparatory held in Conference Room -- Mr Root Preaches from 77 Ps. 7th Verse -- "Will the Lord cast off forever &c." -- good Discourse few present -- Rainy --- This is the commencement of a New Year -- The space of a year is short .- the return of a New Year is frequent --

During the year just closed few have died -- Health generally has prevail'd -- 2 only belonging to this Society have Died -- and 2 belonging to other places total number 4 -- The bill of Mortality has seldom numbered so few in 12 months -- it has been the least the 10 years back -- I at home tonight

Fri. 2nd Stormy snow & blows -- appearance of sleighing -- breaks away at night --

Sat 3 Severe cold day -- uncommonly cold Windy little snow -- no Sleighing --

Sab 4 Jan 1829 Severe cold day -- Communion day -- never colder in the Meeting House -- Mr. Roots Morning text in 1 Cor. lith Chap 23rd 24th 25th Verses -. appropriate text -- good sermon -- but uncomfortable wether Afternoon Meet in Conference room -- The New Years Sermon from the parable of the unjust steward Luke 16th Chap 1 st 2nd 3 rd Verses -- good sermon -- Cloudy severe wether

Mon 5 Wether moderates -- Singing School this Evening I attend --

Tues 6 Wether quite comfortable to day Singing School this Evening also »- I attend

Wen 7 Mr Root Lectures this Evening -- I go with Mr Foot & 1. Monroe to Pave street school House attend a singing school &c. --

Thiur 8 I work in shop -- No snow --

Fri 9th William 35 yrs old --

Sat 10 Comfortable winter wether now --

Sab 11 Pretly cold -- to day too --

Morning text in Gen. 2nd Chap. 15.16.17 verses an excellent sermon showing the (drugary?) of men in sining -- important discourse -- Afternoon text Gen 3 Chap from 1 to 6 Verses -- entertaining preaching to day -- I at home the Evening -. The sentiments advanced in these discourses are similar to what Mr Root has repeatedly advanced before -- That man are moral beings and accountable -- and that God is a benevolent and good being has done all in his power to make man happy -- ----

Mon 12 Jan 1829 -- warm again pleasant -- I go on pond skating -- I attend Library Meeting this Evening -- I appointed Librarian

Tues 13 I assist in removeing the pews in the gallery of Meeting House -- & painting steps Sining [sic] School at Col. P. Harrisons -- I attend with Lucinda & Sylvia Rose -- Rains, many people attend -- dancing after Meeting -- I return home directly -- get wet -- I enjoy myself not well -- Not paid for my trouble -- --

Wen 14 Jan 1829 Continues cloudy & rainy We finish Meeting House -- Singing school held there this Evening-- Sing extremely well -- I quite unwell to day -- head ache -- The Wife of Bn Page ( Sick?) considered dangerous

Thur 15 Stormy day Rainy -- Windy Very Stormy indeed -- breaks away after noon -- Pleasant Evening Singing at J Monroes I go

Fri 16 Pleasant exceedingly warm -- muddy

Sat 17 Continues pleasant uncommonly so for January -- I at work in Shop --

Sab 18 Cloudy and Rainy night rain to day -- Mr Dutton preach'd first text in Romans 3rd Chap. 23rd V. "For all have sinned & come short of the glory &c." excellent discourse -- few at Meet -- Afternoon text in Matt. 5 Chap 13th V. "Ye are the salt of the earth &c." excellent preaching -- Muddy warm wether -- Marina Barker considered nigh her End --

Mon 19 Singing school at Meeting House Even

Tues 20 Pleasant indeed for Winter -- unusual --

*[The entries in this booklet end at this point - at the bottom of the past page.]*

*[Timothy Russell Palmer's Journal continues in a booklet similar to the one used for 1828. It is approximately 6 1/4 inches by 7 1/2 inches and the paper cover has a marbled design of gray and pink. Written on the front is "Timothy Palmer; North Branford; 1829". The cover is torn at top near spine and also at the bottom. There are three folded sections, the first consists of 6 sheets folded in half making 12 double sided pages. The second consists of 4 sheets folded in half making 8 double sided pages. The last section is sewn to the cover and has 11 sheets folded in half making 22 double sided pages.*

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Sing in Meeting House this Evening --

Wen 21 Jan 1829. Pleasant -- Mr Root Lectures on the last Chap of James this Evening -- (Interesting?) Solemn time -- Died about 8 o'clock Marina Barker AE 26 years -- of Dropsical (Consumption?)

Thurs 22 Pleasant -- no snow yet --

Fri 23 Funeral of Marina Barker--

Sat 24 Pleasant etc. -- thus time passes

Sab 25 Mr Deter preaches here again -- from Heb 4th 1 st Let us therefore fear etc." -- I now not note here my feelings when he made his appearance as our preacher in this place -- My former views of the man still suffice -- I say no more -- After noon Mr. Root Preach'd from Heb 13th 14th v. For we how here no contining why etc. Excellent discourse -- proper for the occasion -- Mr Foot present leads the singing -- Singing School this Evening -- pleasant wether --

Men 29th Pleasant day indeed -- Singing the Evening

Tues 30 Cloudy - warm - yesterday four examined for church members

Wen 28 Jan 1829 Cold uncomfortable day go up this Evening to Capt. E. Roses Singing Meeting

Thur 29 I go to N. Haven with H. Bunnell-- attend the funeral of Doct. Smith -- address in the centre Church by Doct Knight -- a loss to society

Fri 30 Cold winter wether I unwell --

Sat 31 [blank]

Sab 1 st Feb 1829 Cold Mr Roots text in Romans 3rd 12 V. "They are gone out of the Way etc." -- discourse on the Doctrine of total Depravity -- Interesting subject -- Afternoon text in Mark 1 Oth 21 st One thing thou teachest go thy way etc." Solemn -- this substantiates the doctrine of the forenoon --

Mon 2nd Clouds up and snows -- Snowy day -- Singing School postponed -- stormy --

Tues 3 quite a snow -- Clears off -- Singing School in Meet H. -- Cold - time --

Wen 4 Pleasant -- Sleighing -- Sing school I attend

Thurs 5 pleasant but cold -- Died child of Eli Baldwin AE 5 Months -- sudden --

Fri 6th Feb 1829 Pleasant good Sleighing -- Eli Baldwin child Interred -- warm --

Sat 7 I send for Great Coat for which I pay 15 1/2 Doll. -- good sleighing -- but melts --

Sab 8 Pleasant morning -- Mr Wetmore preach'd from Rom. 2nd 1 V. "Therefore thou art unexcusable O Man etc." good discourse Afternoon from 2nd Peter 3 Chap. 13 V. "look for a new heaven & a new earth etc." Solemn discourse Mr Foot present to assist us in singing which performed extremely well-- A storm of rain commences after meet which carries off the snow -- disappointed in my expectation to go to Town

Wen 9 Clears off - Singing School this Evening

Tues 10 I making chairs etc. -- windy blustery -- Singing School this Evening --

Wen 11 March wether -- uncomfortable

Thurs 12 Continues unpleasant etc. --

Fri 13 Generally healthy at present --

Sat 14 [blank]

Sab 15 Feb 1829 Mr Roots from Epe. 2nd 3rd "and were by nature the children of wrath etc." These words were the foundation of a discourse by Mr Bates -- and I was not a little astonish'd to find the sentiment of the two so similar - - these words the subject of both discourses -- The impression which I get from these discourses is that insted of coming into the World with a propensity to sin -- We are born free from this inclination--

Mon 16 Cold some -- Singing School etc. --

Tues 17 Also to night -- disagreeable wether

Wen 18 I get something enlightened on the subject of last Sabbaths discourses -- find it more (constant?)

Thurs 19 Spend this Evening at Mr. Roots etc. --

Fri 20 Cloudy snow all day -- Wind rises Windy night indeed -- Drifting --

Sat 21 Very windy snow flies, air filled

Sab 22. Cold Windy Mr Noyes of Northford preach'd Morning text in St John 5th 6 v. "Wilt thou be saved whole" after noon in Job 27th 7 V. "Wherefore do the Wicked live" interesting preaching --

Mon 23 Cold unpleasant time -- Winter Wether Snowy and uncomfortable Windy--

Tues 24th Feb 1829 Continues not very pleasant -- snow which was much drifted makes but poor sleighing -- windy etc. Singing Meet this Evening

Wen 25 More pleasant to day -- Cloudy -- with some snow. Mr Foot singing Lecture to day at 2 O'clock P.M. -- good many present -- Singers perform extremely well -- I well entertained -- Mr Wetmore preaches a sermon on the occasion from an appropriate text -- Snowy evening and rainy -- rainy night -- carousing and frolicking at I. R. -- all night -- I at home

Thurs 26 Comfortable day -- tho windy Mr Foot school now closes -- for which he is to have \$50 -- Singing much improved --

Fri 27 Mr Root preaches preparatory Lecture in conference Room -- from 80 Ps. 14 V. "Return we beseech thee O God" excellent discourse indeed -- I well entertained -- solemn affecting

Sat 28 pashy -- snow melting away --

Sab 29 Communion day -- Mr Root text in Luke 14 Chap from 25th to 34th inclusive --

Taken into the Church this day -- Samuel F. Russell -- Mary Linsley -- Parny? Linley -- and Harriet R. Whedon -- Solemn discourse interesting season at the table of the Lord -- After noon discourse from James 1st Chap -- 13th V. "Let no man say when he is tempted as I am tempted of God etc." Preached in explanation of and preached on a former occasions on the subject of original sin -- his views appear to me much more consistent than they did -- & no doubt are correct -- Smart discourse indeed -- but (unproffiated?) --

Mon 2 March 1829 More pleasant Wether -- concert attended in conference room -- interesting Meet. Solemn time - - excellent man

Tues 3 pleasant snow goes off -- wet indeed This day exhibited at Gen. Harrison's two Egyptian Mummies -- the sight interesting solemn -- calculated to lead the mind to serious contemplation Who can behold the remains of human beings supposed to exist 3000 years ago but with deepest interest--

Wen 4th comfortable day -- muddy some -- Town Meeting concerning a Road etc. -- Much (Fixing?) in consequence of Jackson inauguration as Prest.

Buried this day in Northford Samuel Maltby who died on sabbath last -- of fever -- sudden -- I attend Church Prayer Meet. in C. Room few present but interesting meeting --

Thurs 5th March 1829 My Mother unwell bleeds at nose -- uncomfortable wether much rain now -- muddy --

Fri 6 Cloudy dull -- and dull times -- Mother bleeds at nose -- Doct. called -- she is reduced low -- we much alarmed in consequence of a poor turn or a fit which made us to feel in some degree how brittle is the thread upon which life is suspended -- She however recovers -- but man at his best estate is frail and dying. Oh, the importance of being in constant readiness -- having our work done and well done! --



Sat 7 I rather out of work -- Joseph Bunnell supposed to be near his end -- his reason seems to have left him -- he is insensible of his situation -- Oh how awful is death --

Sab 8 Mr Root preach'd from Acts 26th 9th "I verily thought with myself that I ought

to do many things etc." -- good discourse after noon from 1st Cor. 2 Chap. 14th Verse "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit etc." -- good sermon

Mon 9th March 1829 Pleasant morning -- we pay Mr. Foot 37.25 cts. --light sprinkling of snow --last night goes off -- Mother better

Tues 10 I work in shop -- Religious Meeting this Evening in Conference Room -- Mr. Root present -- the Meeting deeply interesting --

Thurs 12 Rainy and stormy -- thunder shower and hails -- at home the Evening

Fri 13 uncomfortable wether -- March wether -- I unwell -- getting out chair seats

Sat 14 [no entry]

Sab 15th Mr Gillet Preach'd here today -- Morning text from Hosea 4 Chap 8th V. "They eat up the sins of my people etc." good sermon After noon text in St John 15th 12 V. "This is my commandment that ye love one another etc. -- Singing Meet. continued every Sabbath Evening etc.

Mon 16 March 1829 Much stormy Wether

Tues 17. Snowy -- Amos Gilbert moved his Wife Snow & sleighing some etc. --

Wen 18. March Wether -- I get out chair timber & turn etc. -- This Evening I attend an interesting Meeting for the benefit of the young -- good number present -- Mr Root reads extracts from Howes Lectures -- Interesting -- The young men at the present time seem indeed to need an effort to prevent their speedy ruin -- too frequently are they seen at the grog shop wasting their precious time, and acquiring habits the most dangerous and profligate -- Tis affecting to view the rising generation, to witness the progress they make in the paths of vice & intemperance -- Well may it owe the attention of those who feel for the generation which is soon to influence the affairs of Church & State -- The subject demands the attention of all. --

Thurs 19 [no entry]

Fri 20 Snow goes off -- muddy -- I go to Ithiel Russells saw mill etc. Pay Justus Rose

Sat 22 Pleasant warm snow goes etc -- Snows again - so that sleighs move

Sab 22 Mr Root Preach in Conference Room

Snowy fore noon -- Morning text in Luke 19 10 Chap "For the son of man come to seek and and (sic) save that etc." After Luke 9th Chap 26 V s "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me etc." -- A fine Preacher indeed we have -- we are undeserving of such a blessing -- Clears off Pleasant

Mon 23 March 1829 blustering March wether

Tues 24 Much wind -- cold time --

Wen 25 This Evening I attend a Meeting in Conference Room -- full Meet. Mr Root Reads Howes Lectures with remarks -- highly interesting (Meeting?)

Thurs 26. Much said concerning the building a road from pave street across to N. Branford -- I getting out Chair (stuff?)

Sat 28 A very pleasant indeed more so than any we have had this season -- I go to Capt. E. Roses sawmill -- sap works etc. to capt Roses etc etc. ---

Sab 29 beautiful morning indeed -- a little like spring -- Warm day -- I attend Meeting -- Mr Foot assists us in singing

Mr Roots text in Malachi 3 Chap 6 Verse "For I am the Lord and change not etc." -- after noon an agent Mr Perry employed by the sabbath school unions to visit congregations for the purpose of establishing Sabbath Schools present and delivers an address upon the subject -- interesting -- full Meeting, good singing -- I with a number meet at Mr. Roots for the purpose gaining information respecting Sabbath Schools etc -- Singing Meet. in M. H. Mr. Foot present

Mon 30 March 1829 We hope For

Tues 31 pleasant Warm Wether -- This Ends March 1829 --

Wen 1st April 1829 Pleasant warm I getting out Chair timber etc. -- Mr Roots Meeting for young People this Evening I attend -- interesting Meeting -- Wedding to Mr Roots etc. N Pardee--

Thurs 2 April 1829. Spring Wether--

Fri 3 Cloudy & some rain -- muddy

Sat 4 Pleasant -- I tum lumber etc. --

Sab 5th Cloudy -- some rain at night -- Mr Whittlesey preach'd -- Morning text 1 Timothy 3rd Chap. 15 "Which is the church of the living God etc" after noon text Ephe. 5th 14th "Awake thou that sleepest -- good good singing-- Mr Root at North Haven

Mon 6 Windy blustering day -- Electors Meeting I attend -- full Meeting -- Daniel Whedon one of our Representatives -- Voted to hold our Town Meetings in North Branford hereafter -- Stay all day Attend the monthly Concert this Evening -- Interesting -- Call at Mr Roots -- spend the Evening after Meeting--

Tue 7 I get out and tum chair timbers all the week -- Thunder and rainy --

Wen 8 I turn timber etc. -- Rainy cloudy --

Thur 9 muddy etc. -- I expect to get out timber for about 100 chairs --

Fri 10 April 1829 Cloudy and rainy etc .

Sat 11 Rainy etc. -- muddy -- bad traveling

Sat 2... Pleasant spring day -- Mr Root preach'd from Matt. 6 Chap "Thy kingdom come" -- these works the subject of both sermons -- Our duty in regard to Misionary efforts set before us and enforced in a powerful manner-- entertaining -- excellent -- I enjoy myself well- under the preaching of Mr Root -- Pleasant spring day -- grass begins to show itself

Mon 13 I getting out chair Timber

Tues 14 Some plowing and sowing goes on

Mon 4th Unpleasant day -- I do Military duty in Old Guilford -- Attend our monthly concert in Lecture Room -- unpleasant time but a goodly number convene -- Mr. Alden gives us some account of the destitute situation of many towns in the vicinity in which he lives -- and closes with prayer -- solemn meeting

Tues 5th Pleasant -- trees begin to look green This day Dr Converse gives Timothy Russell a mortgage deed of my shop -- and thus I am cheated out of my due == Mr Alden & R. Merrick leave us for Ohio again --

I much troubled at the loss of property --

Wen 6 May 1829 Planting time etc. spring --

Thurs 7 Warm beautiful day -- growing time

Fri 8 Paint carpet some etc. -- Pleasant --

Sat 9 Pleasant

Sab 10 Rainy Stormy time -- growing time few at Meeting to day -- Mr Roots text 119th Ps. 165th V. "Great peace have they which love thy law etc." good discourse on the government of God -- instructive -- Sabbath School Children class'd tho but few present -- After noon text in Matt 29 -26 "Thou blind Pharasee etc."

Mon 11 th Trees just begin to show their blossoms

Tues 12 backward indeed -- frosty nights -- I have it comtemplation to set up a store of goods

Wen 13 I make trunks etc. - warm day--

Thurs 14 Pleasant -- (Funds tract? Friends hold?) Society Meet -- A Meeting for the Sabbath School Teachers -- Mr Root explains the Lesson etc. -- Pleasant --

.EriJ2 Spring day -- I paint etc. -- few blossoms

Sat 16 May 1829 Rainy day indeed -- heavy Rain

Sab 17 clear and pleasant -- cool -- Sabbath School establish'd and commenced -- Mr. Root preaches all day from Proverbs 16 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old etc." -- important subject -- deeply interesting -- entertaining -- I take charge of a class -- I am greeted with the return of another Birth day -- which closes 29 yrs of my life -- Is it possible! -- Oh how fast the sands of life run out --

Mon 18 growing time

Tues 19 [no entry]

Wen 20 I attend the Meeting this Evening

Thurs 21 Warm pleasant -- Albert Harrison House Raise'd I present -- Oh how much ought the temperment to guard against -- The use of ardent spirits, the effects of Rum are seen on all occasions -- how disgraceful -- what confusion it creates -- what disturbance it makes -- let me ever refuse to taste --

Fri 22 May 1829 hot Wether -- dry some--

Sat 23 Cloudy -- blossoms just gone --

Sab 24 Pleasant Mr Metcalf the candidate for settlement in North Bristol preacher -- text from 2nd Cor. 5th 1 tth "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature" -- after noon text the parable of the marriage feast and the excuses made etc. not so well entertained as I have been --

Mon 25 Pleasant -- Religious meeting this Eve ---. few present --

Tues 26 Rainy day -- it seems to do much good -- Promising appearance of plenty --

Wen 27 Cloudy--

Thurs 28 I with I. Munroe & Russell Clark go to New Haven see Mr Hotchkiss -- he agrees to furnish us with goods etc. -- hot day --

Fri 29 Pleasant -- hot wether growing time

Sat 30 I Move my bench and tools to Mr Clarks store chamber -- makes a pleasant shop -- Yesterday we visited with an uncommon

Storm -- The cloud appeared in the North about 2 Oclock P.M. as it approached it seem to inclose Eastward -- it constantly gathered blackness and thundered without cessation -- the whole hemisphere was soon emshouded and the rain descended in torents -- the air seem to be solid with water -- which together with a strong wind blowing first from the east then south, west and north made the appearance dreadful It lasted not long but the damage done in some places was great -- this was favor'd -- Many places much was destroyed by hail-- we had but little -- Oh! how (trifling?) the deviation from the common course of nature to deluge the World -- God hath power

Sat 31 May 1829 Mr Whetmore preached -- from Matthew [blank] On the subject of intemperance and other national sins -- interesting -- I have reason to rejoice that I live in a day when so much is done to suppress vice & immorality

Mon 1 June 1829 Cloudy growing time -- Monthly concert -- interesting --

Tues 2 Cloudy etc. -- hoeing time --

Wen 3rd June 1829 I go to North Bristol -- trade with Rogers etc. -- Rough Country indeed --

Thur 4 I lettering sign for myself etc. --

Fri 5. Rainy day -- I clearing out the Store and making preparations to commence ( ??) This day Mr David Butler & Rufus Butler with families leave Branford for Ohio -- 17 in number

Sab 7 Cloudy and foggy -- Mr [blank] preach'd Ps 119th 130 V. The entrance of thy word [blank area] interesting subject to me -- his object is to form a branch Bible Society -- The wants of our own land & other lands present an affecting sight indeed -- After noon Mr Root preach'd from Luke [blank] "there yet is Room" -- good sermon -- I at home the Even.

Mon 8 Cloudy and foggy -- dull wether and it is feared much damage will be the consequence I go this Evening to Mill Plaine druming -- --

Tues 9th Storm ceases -- I. Monroe & R. Clark go to N. Haven purchase goods etc. --

Wen 10 Comfortable Wether -- I go with R. Clarke to N. Haven bring out our goods -- purchased

to the amount of 433 Dollars and we enter upon business entire new to me -- We exclude ardent spirits entirely -- get fatigued indeed --

Thurs 11th June 1829. Warm day -- We employ'd in pricing goods & putting up etc. -- put up sign

Fri 12 Pleasant day -- we trade some - tho Idle time --

Sat 13 Cloudy some etc. --

Sab 14 Cloudy -- unpleasant -- Mr Roger Harrison Preach'd -- Morning text Gen. [blank] after noon text 2nd Thessalonians [blank] he seems to entertain different sentiments on the Doctrine of Election Much thunder & Rain this Evening -- heavy --

Mon 15th Pleasant warm day -- Thunder showers

Tues 16 [no entry]

Wen 17 [no entry]

Thur 18 [no entry]

Fri 19th I go to N. Haven -- get (calicoes?) & sundries -- Hot wether -- growing time--

Sat 20 [no entry]

Sat.21 Mr Root Preach'd -- his text forgotten This subject the same as that of last Sabbath

A controversy seems to exist between his views and Mr Roots -- tho perhaps aiming at the same point -

Man 22 June 1829 [no entry]

Tues 23 [no entry]

Wen 24 [no entry]

Thur 25 [no entry]

Fri 26 [no entry]

Sat 27 Negligent in filling out my Journal-- this week -- much wet Rainy Wether -- cool -- corn small

Sab 28 Mr Carrington preach'd to day -- Mr Root unwell-- Text Heb. lith 13 V. "There all died in faith etc." these words the subject all day He exhibits the nature of that faith which entitles the subject of it Heaven -- interesting --

Mon 29 cool pleasant -- trade considerable to day -- I painting etc. -- making chairs --

Tues 30 This Ends June -- Much Cloudy Wet Wether -- and cold nights--

Wen 1 st July 1829 Showery -- I paint etc. --

This Evening I attend the Wedding of Giles Baldwin -- Still civil time of it -- retire about 12 O'clock-

Thurs 2 July 1829 seems little like July -- Cold -- chilly nights -- frequent showers of rain -- I visit Albert Harrison House which is shut in -- & go to Cap. E. Roses etc. -- I invited to go with (Cherry? Chessey?) Party -- etc. after Wedding --

Fri 3. Dull Wether yet -- bad time for hay etc. Preparatory Lecture a 4 oclock Mr Whitmore preach'd from Luke 6th Chap 46th V. "And why call ye me Lord and do not the things etc." good Discourse I with I. Russell and others go to Durham arrive about 8 oclock -- put up at (Bentons?) tavern -- Many collect

Sat 4 Cloudy with some rain -- People collect about 11 oclock March to Meeting House -- an oration pronounced by Maj. Chedsey -- good number present -- Vocal music good -- march back take dinner & return home -- about 8 -- Instrumental music very good -- Rainy time coming home -- I take little comfort to day The company which I am with is disgusting -- O how much to be dreaded is the use of ardent spirits -- how should those who are in the (holiness?) are of them be avoided -- --

Sab 5 July 1829 Continues cloudy yet -- much hay down and seems like to spoil -- Corn poor -- Mr Root Preach'd to day -- his health feeble -- Communion day -- Morning text in Gallations - On the subject of atonement -- The exercises of my mind solemn -- After noon text ---- Continuation of the subject of the atonement -- interesting -- the interests of Eternity as I advance in life seem more & more important and I am often astonished that people can live so thoughtless and unconcerned -- The pleasures of this World seem less attractive and the importance of being prepared for death and a happy immortality -- above all seem to demand every moment of life -- O! the solemnity of a dying hour! -- Tho we may avoid a preparation & put off the subject yet we cannot avoid the hour! ----- Thus departs another Sabbath

Man 6th much cloudy wet Wether -- we need

Tue 7 a good harvest and a good time to get it --

Wen 8 harvest time -- I do little in shop --

Thurs 9 Some good drying days about this time

Fri 10 [no entry]

Sat 11 I help get grain etc.

Sab 12 Mr Dutton preach'd to day from 1 st Cor. 13 Chap - from 4th to 8th Verse "Charity suffereth long and is kind etc." These words the subject of both discourses -- excellent preaching -- pleasant

Mon 13th July 1829 fine Hay Wether. Mr Root attend Meeting in Conference Room this evening -- Pleasant-- interesting meeting -- Gen. Harrison & wife sick -- Their property this attach'd and doors closed -- This is unexpected to me -- his row is short --

Tues 14 Fine Wether -- hot

Wen 15 Some rain about these days

Thurs 16th [no entry]

Fril 17 hot wether -- I Idle to day --

Sat 18 Cloudy Rainy etc. We trade little this week--

Sab 19 Cloudy -- hot -- Mr Roots morning text 1 John 2 Chap. 2 Verse "And he is the propiciation of our sins etc. On the subject of the atonement interesting -- H. Bunnell Publish'd -- After noon text in Rev. 5th 12 V. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain etc." -- Prayer offer'd in behalf of P. Harrison and wife being dangerously sick --

Man 20 The family much affected at present --

Tues 21 July 1829 Meeting in Conference Room

Wen 22 Something dry - now -- An excellent harvest

Thur. 23 How changing are the circumstances of life -- *[this entry spread over the following two dates]*

Fri 24 This World is a changing World -- the most flattering prospects are soon changed to present

Sat 25 affliction -- No substantial enjoyment beneath the sun

Sab 26th Warm day -- Mr Roots text *[blank]* -- on the subject of faith -- Afternoon text James 2nd 18th "Yea a man may say Thou hast faults and I have etc." Prayers in behalf of P. Harrison & Wife -- their situation considered dangerous -- I walk some & retire at 7 --

Mon 27 Warm day -- Gen. Harrison considered near his End -- thought to be dying--

Tues 28 Warm day etc. -- cloudy Wether -- little rain

Wen 29 Dry days Wether -- Died about 5 O'clock this Morning Gen. Philo Harrison at 36 years -- Thus his earthly Pilgrimage is closed -- his career ended -- his labours on earth finished -- in the event the providence of God is manifest -- how important the lesson it teaches -- -- The Widow is very poor and her peculiar troubles seem to bear her down -- much fear is entertained with regard to issue of her Sickness -- She needs the consolations of God spirit in this

of her visitations -- Nothing on earth can sustain her under trials so great. how easy can God strip us of all we possess even life itself -- -- -- Married this Evening Hezekiah Bunnell to Abigail Harrison -- I attended -- stand up with Maria Merrick Solemn time -- retire about 9 O'clock -- dark & cloudy --

Thur 31 30 July 1829 -- exceeding hot -- muggy -- The funeral of P. Harrison -- corpse carried into the Meeting house -- a prayer offer'd -- from there to the ground where his body must lie untill the resurrection! -- How solemn the condition of man -- in view of our condition a practitioner for Eternity where is the time for mirth and hilarity -- Oh how proper to be serious --

Fri 31 August 1829 *[dates for the past 5 entries have been corrected]* Hot muggy day -- I setting up chairs etc. -- something harried -- Ends July --

Sat 1 August 1829 hot Wether -- I work at Chairs

Sab 2 Pleasant day -- Mr Root preach'd first text in 1 Epist John 4th 7th "Beloved let us love one another etc." after noon text 2nd Cor 5th 1 Oth "For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ" -- This sermon occasioned by the Death of P. Harrison an excellent Sermon -- It agree'd not with with the sentiments of fatalists --

Mon 3 Aug 1829 Pleasant -- warm Wether Mrs. Harrison recovering slowly --

Tues 4. Meeting for the benefit of the Teachers this Evening -- few attend -- hot -- hurring *[sic]* time

Wen 5 Sultry wether -- Rainy -- wet--

Thu[s] 6 I repairing old waggon -- some hurried

Fri 7 Evening walk with Maria Merrick -- prospect of com & fruit --

Sat 8 *[no entry]*

Sab 9 Muggy sultry day. some wet -- Mr Roots text in John 6th 44 V. "No man can come to me except the Father etc." -- After noon text in James 1 st 18 V. "Of his own will begot he us etc." -- highly interesting sermons -- in which the doctrine of free-agency is fully proved -- not withstanding Gods sovreignty in the testament of the gift of his Holy Spirit -- Much against the Ideas that man is fated & mere machiens -- It truly seems the object of the preacher to do good -- give notice of his intention to discuss the subject of intemperance next Sabbath -- Dog Days Wether--

Mon 10 [no entry]

Tue 11 [no entry]

Wen 12 Aug 1829 Much Rain -- Promising time as it regards better harvest. --

Sab 16 Pleasant day - - - Mr Root upon the subject of intem(j)erence all day-. Morning text in Proverbs 23:29 & 30 -- . he states the evils & ( excesses? ) of intemperance to our country -- Afternoon text 1 Cor 8th Ch. 31 V. He proves the injurious effects of Ardent Spirits -- interesting discourses --

Thur 20 I at work at waggon etc. -- humid I attend the religious meeting last Evening --

Sab.11 fine pleasant day -- Mr [blank] preach -- Morning text the parable of the ten virgins -- after noon text Eccl, 9th 18th "But one sinner destroyeth much good" -- excellent sermons - among others the evils of intemperance mentioned --

Mon 24 I paint chairs etc. -- much Work engaged

Tues 25 This day I attend the Temperance Meeting at Guilford -- Interesting

Wen 26 Some appearance off all -- cool --

Thur 27 [no entry]

Fri 28 Aug 1829 Dry Wether Unc. Jonathan Palmer comes from the country --

Sat 29 Cloudy Rain some -- Jasper M. ( ?? from country?)

Sab..J..Q Pleasant -- Mr Whitmore preach'd -- Morning text in Numbers 23rd 25th "And Belak said unto Balaam etc." Afternoon text in Micah 6th Chap. 2nd "For the Lord hath a controversy etc."

Man 31 This ends Aug 1829

Tues 1 Sept [no entry]

Wen 2nd [no entry]

Thur 3 Lecture Preparatory -- Mr Whiting preaches an excellent Sermon on Christian hope -- after meeting a Gentleman association for foreign missions formed --

Sat 6 Sept. Communion day -- Mr Roots morning text in 2 Epist John 6 Verse after noon Ezekiel 18 Chap 3rd V. "Make you a new heart"

Mon 7 It having rain'd last night makes the time for military parade more agreeable -- Our company do duty at North Haven -- pleasant but windy day -- Jere Gilbert takes the command of Capt this day ----

Tues 8 Sept 1829. fall Wether -- Years how swift they fly -- Choked to Death a colored Child of ----- Strong



Wed 9 Commencement day --

Sab 13th Mr Noyes of Wallingford preachd afternoon text in Haggai 1 Chap --

Mon 14 Many pigeons about this time I go kill some etc. --

Tues 15 I much hurried --

Wen 16 Cloudy and Rainy -- Much needed indeed -- very dry time stream low --

Sab 20 Mr Metcalf Preach'd from Ps 19th 7th V. "The law of the Lord is perfect etc." the subject of both discourses -- good -- but the manner of the preacher not so agreeable as some --

Mon 21 dry time little water for grinding etc. --

Tues 22 I much hurried

Wen 23 [no entry]

Thu [24] This Evening I go home with Fany Harrison

Fri 25 Pleasant Wether

Sat 26 [no entry]

Sab 27 mr Roots text in St John 3rd Chap 3 Vs. "Verily verily I say unto thee except a man be born

again he cannot etc." Afternoon 7 Verse "Marvel not that I said unto you ye must be born again" excellent preaching indeed in which we see the importance of the new birth -- Cold wether --

Mon 28th Sept 1829 Gen Harrisons estate appraized --

Tues 29 I much hurried about this time --

Wen 30 Good many Apples this year -- heavy (frosts?)

Thurs 1 Oct 1829 [no entry]

Fri 2 [no entry]

Sat 3 Mr Alden arrives from Ohio -- Sick --

Sab 4 Cool-- Mr Brewer preachd Having return from his Missionary labours in Palestine -- Morning text 137 Ps 5 V "If! forget the Oservations [sic] etc." good Sermon - his remarks at school interesting -- Intelligence this moment comes of the Death of William Merrick at Wallingford -- he had put himself under the care of Dr. Andros, been absent from home about 10 days -- his health has been feeble of late but his end we anticipated not so speedily -- What an (impeare?) admonition of the providence of God! his age about 21 years -- the event as sudden to me as if nothing had ( ?? ) him

After noon text Acts 1 Oth 38 V. "Who went about doing good" I well entertained -- The funeral of William Merrick attended a 3 o'clock -- many present -- Solemn is life, for in the midst of life we are in death --

Mon 5th Oct 1829 Windy cool day -- Town Meeting held at Old Branford also here -- Northford and North Branford meet appoint their officers this illegal-- much spirit manifested -- Mr Alden sick at Mr Merrick -- of Fever

Tues 6th fall wether -- Married at Mr. Roots this morning Obedience Brockett -- I attend Meet. This Evening -- full meeting in conference Room I set up with Mr Alden -- ( Comjustably? ) sick

Wen 7 Pleasant -- I (unwell?) do little Work -- (??) go to town to pay Collection of Gent (??)

Thur 8 I Attend the Meeting of the Auxilliary Society for F. Missions at North Guilford -- Highly Interesting Meeting addressed by several Able Men Mr Temple the Missionary among the rest--

Fri 9 Pleasant. I go N. Haven after noon etc.

buy paints etc. -- Died this night a child of John Russell -- of Rattles -- AE 3 yrs. --

Sat 10 Oct 1829 I at work at Coan chairs--

Sab 11 Corpse brought up this morning Mr Roots text in Acts 16th 30 "What shall I do to be saved" -- The enquiry answered -- Interesting The funeral attended immediately *after* service -- A solemn address to the grave -- After noon text Luke 15th Chap 17th 18th 19th Vs " --- I will arise and go to my Father etc." Excellent discourse -- Cloudy and Rainy after meet etc.\_

Mon 12. Mr. Alden seems to fail--

Tues 13 [no entry]

Wen 14 I something hurried

Thur 15 Pleasant day -- I attend Special Town Meeting in Old Branford -- full meeting present upwards of 340 voters -- The question where the town meetings shall be held for the future fairly tried. And a large majority in favor of having North Branford the stated place hereafter -- The Contest? severe -- and much

labor exerted to keep order -- much excitement -- Benj Page the Moderator -- pleasant day.

Fri 16 Oct. 1829 I making Chairs for Josiah Coan --

Sab. 18. Cloudy -- Mr Root Preaches -- The subject of Regeneration occupies the day -- morning text -- [blank] -- after noon text 1 John 3rd 9th "Whosoever is born of God hath not committed sin -- He treats the subject in a manner Edifying and interesting -- --

Mon 19 I paint etc. -- days Oh how short -- The Subscribers to Library Company Meet in Conference Room

Tues 20 Cold nights -- Winter is coming --

Wen 21 Mr. Alden considered dangerous -- David Page of N. Guilford sick -- Sell Chairs to J. Coan--

Thurs. 22 I much work on hand ==

Fri 23 Mr. Alden apparently near his End -- Oh tis hard to think of parting with a man so useful & so much beloved == Oh how mysterious are the ways of God --

Sat 24 Mr. Alden some revived to day -- little more hope entertained of his recovery -- Died on Wenesday last Clarissy Apple AE 16 --

~ Warm Pleasant -- Mr Root continued the subject of the last Sabbath -- text I John 3th 14th

"We know that we have passed from death unto life because we loved etc." -- Prayers requested in behalf of Mr. Alden -- no prospect of his recovery but he is considered as on the very brink of Eternity -- Oh how lamentable the event that deprives us of one we love & esteem -- but a consolation remain'd that he is prepared for the Solemn Charge == -- Afternoon text is Ephes. "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling etc. - good discourse -- here he shows the importance of the sinners exertions & also the agency of the spirit in the new birth -- he makes the subject plain and easy to be understood --

Mon. 26. Oct 1829 Died about 10 O'clock last Evening at Mr Merricks Cidney Alden AE 38 Mr. Alden arrived at Mr Merricks on the 3rd inst. -- so unwell as not to be able to leave the House scarcely the room -- but not considered dangerous till three or four days ago -- A new supply of goods he purchased at N York which he sent on -- with an intention to follow them

after making a short visit at his parents His funeral attended at 3 o'clock by a numerous circle of sympathising and afflicted friends -- few die, more generally beloved and esteemed == he was useful to his family useful to the church, and useful to community - but Gods ways are mysterious -- how distressing must be the tidings to his family who little expected such an event -- but amid these afflictions how consoling must it be to learn the composure, submission and ( ?? ) fortitude which he exercise'd while in the possession of his reason -- Yes tis a consolation which comes from the source -- Tis consoling when we part with friends to reflect they are with God in Eternity happy --

Wen 28 Died David Page in North Guilford -- buried this afternoon in Church yard -- The Shafts of Death fly thick around --

Thurs 29 I attend the Lecture Preparatory -- text in 2nd Cor. 5th 17 "Therefore if a

man be in Christ he is a new creature -- interesting sermon -- We get a second crate of crockery etc. -- trade considerably -- Shingling our house front side -- I in the Store this Evening --

Fri 30 Oct 1829 Cloudy -- We Shingle house

Sat 31 Rainy day -- cold -- I do but little

Sab 1 Nov 1829 Cloudy disagreeable day Mr Root text in Hebrews 1 Oth 23 V. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith etc." Communion day -- good discourse -- afternoon text in 1 Samuel 3rd 18th. It is the Lord let him do what seemeth him good -- The subject occasioned by the recent Deaths among us -- He show the importance of submission under trials & afflictions -- good discourse --

Mon 2 I buy a Horse of Dr. Converse for which I allow 80 Dollars -- This the only way to get my pay for the Shop -

Tue 3 Temperance Society Meet at Old Branford -- I attend -- rainy -- I was unexpectedly Call upon to make a report from N. B. much embarrassed -- very interesting Meeting --

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Sab 8 Mr Brewer preach'd -- Morning text in Mat. 25th 42nd (46)

"and these shall go away unto everlasting punishment etc." afternoon Eccl. 12th 1st Remarks etc. --

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Sab 16 Mr Root preach'd -- discourse to the young Sabbath School Ends -- Abigail Merrick sick -- seem to be night her end -- Singing meet the evening -- I at Mr Roots to examine Mr. (Duran?) S. instructor

Mon 17. Town Meet. etc. cold -- ( ?? )

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Sat 22 I do but little the week ----

Sab 23 Mr Root absent [blank] Morn'g text 1 Cor. 1. 23.24. "But we preach Christ etc." Cloudy etc. Abigail M. continues very poor Afternoon text "and they all began to make excuse etc. -- good preacher

Mon 23 Nov 1829 Warm for the season muddy -- Died about 5 O'clock P.M. Abigail Merrick AE 42 yrs. -- This family much afflicted -- Maria now lying sick -- considered dangerous -- Who can stay the progress of disease but God --

Tues 24. Much cloudy wether -- I attend the funeral -- This morning Mr. Root has a son born at N. Harven --

Wen 25. Maria Merricks recovery considered about hopeless -- Seldom are families called to experience severe affliction -- Oh that it might be the chief concern of the living to prepare for death -- M. Davis Ford in a dangerous condition having bled from the mouth -- The living must die -- --

Thurs 26 Thanksgiving day -- Cloudy -- Mr Root absent -- Dull Wether --

Fri 27 Continues fowl wether -- Maria Merrick considered dangerous indeed -- warm muddy some Snow fell which makes it muddy --

Sat 28 Dull Wether -- yet -- George Rose sick -- Davis Ford continues among the living but little hope entertained of his recovery --

Sab 29 Noy 1829 Cloudy unpleasant Wether Mr Root preach from 2nd Thess. 2. 13th Verse -- "But we are bound to give thanks etc." The Doctrine of Election preach'd plainly == The manner in which Mr Root explains the doctrine cannot be satisfactory to all-- it would seem that all must received it as a doctrine of the Bible -- and one fall of consolation -- I well entertained

Mon 30 Continues warm & cloudy -- all sick at Mr. Merricks -- afflicted family indeed Many seem to be complaining -- many sick This Ends November -- days how swift --

Tues 1 Dec, 1829 Cool blustering -- Doct. (Pomary?) Boarding at Widow P. Harrisons--

Wen 2 The whole family of Mrs Merricks confind to their beds with Sickness -- distressd House

Thur 3 Cold - nights -- I hurried some

Fri 4 Mrs Merrick appear dangerous -- Maria seem to be recovering a little -- Stormy --

Sat 5 Pleasant day -- I moved again into Calvins

House after haveing work in the Store Chamber about 6 months == George Rose seems to be better.

Sab 6 Dec. 1829 Cloudy -- warm -- muddy -- Mr Root continues the subject of Gods Sovereignty -- first text in Epe. 1st lith "In whom we also have determined inheritence being predestined etc. " after noon text Rom. 9 .. 20 .. "Nay but o man etc." I well entertained His views seem to be scriptural & satisfactory -- -- How alarming the condition of the impenitent --

Mon 7th Cloudy etc. A Journ'd society meeting at which time the committee directed to warn a General Meeting to take into consideration the propriety of building a Meeting House --

Tue 8 I work in shop etc. Sick folks seem to be recovering --

Wen 9 Pleasant for the Season etc.

Thur 10 Martha McCoy taken with the fever -- Widow Linsley family sick of fever -- Alernon Hall Married this Evening -- Charles goes and is brought home

about home [*sic*] about 2 O'clock with his leg broken below the knee --

Fri 11 Dec. 1829 Capt Russell unwell-- his head disorderd -- deprived of his reason--

Sat 12 Died about 8 O'clock A.M. Capt. Augustus Russell AE 56 after a short illness -- Oh how solemn the admonition to living to stand ready -- for in the midst of life we are in Death -- who is prepared for the coming of the son of man -- who stands ready without a moments warning to go into the presence of his Judge -- Cloudy Windy Misty

Sab 13 Colder -- Mr Root preach text in Mat. "He that is not for is against me" -- Funeral attended at 12 O'clock -- Afternoon text in Ps. "For the redemption of the Soul is precious" Funeral sermon -- Solemn time -- thus we bury one and another out of sight -- how fast the living die --

Mon 14 Pleasant -- I in the store to day --

First drawing of Library Books -- I attend -- Muddy time -- Polly & Charles Linsley sick --

Tues. 15. Dec 1829 Cold -- Lemuel Harrison's return from the insane hospital his condition the same as when he went --

Wen 16 Cold -- I do but little -- Polly dangerously sick ==

Thur 17 Warm Wether for the season

Fri 18 pleasant -- Died this day about 8 O'clock P.M. Polly Linsley AE 24 years -- of the fever -- A more malignant complaint is seldom known to prevail in Country

Sat 19 Cold -- Funeral to day -- Charles Linsley dangerously sick of the same complaint -- Mr Merricks folks [*sic*] continue poor

Sab 20 Mr Whitmore preach'd - "And why stand ye here Idle all the day

Mon 21 Windy day -- I go to N. Haven after Doct Knight to Charles leg -- he comes

and opens it -- muddy time --

Tues 22. Dec 1829 Charles Linley fails

Wen. 23. I work in shop -- Wet Wether --

Thur 24 Died this morning Charles Linsley AE 21 yrs. -- Distressed House -- Jane Baldwin Married Wenesday Eve

Fri 25. Clears off -- Pleasant -- muddy -- warm

Sat 26 [no entry]

Sab. 27. Mr Root on the subject of Prayer text "Pray without ceasing" good Sermon -- After noon address the Morners Widow Linsley and family --

Mon 28 remarkably mild wether -- Mrs Merrick continues sick -- her girls getting better -- Oh the ravages which is made by Death! how solemn our situation -- -- This after noon being mild and exceeding pleasant I mount my horse and ride with others for pleasure etc.

Tues 29 Charles yet confined but getting better -- leg seems to be doing (better?)

Wen 30 [no entry]

Thur 31 Dec 1829 Pleasant muddy wether -- Mrs. Merrick yet remains very weak & feeble

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Timothy Russell Palmer - Journal  
1830

*[The Journal of Timothy Russell Palmer for the year 1830 continues in the same booklet containing most of the year 1829. The entries begin approximately one and one-half inches from the top of the seventh page in the third section or folio. See 1829 for description of booklet.]*

Frj 1 Jan. 1830 pleasant warm Day This the beginning of a New Year 12 have died the past year = Some of which are much missed = quite sickly of late -- Died this Evening the wife of Pitman Beers AE 66 years -- of consumption -- suddenly indeed

Sat 2 pleasant day muddy some -- I in the store to day -- Subscription circulating for the purpose of building a Meeting House --

Sab 3 Communion day -- Morning text in Ps 1 Oth 11 "He hideth his fore &c." after noon in Eccl. 9th 10 V. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might &c." Funeral sermon, the corpse brought into the Meeting House, and inter'd after service -- Solemn sermon -- full meet. New Year sermon -- Mrs Merrick continues poor-- fear entertained of her

Mon 4th Jan 1830 I attend the concert Prayer Meeting -- interesting meeting--

Tues 5 Pleasant wether indeed of the season -- I hurried Making Eliza Chairs

Wen 6 Mrs Merrick continues poor -- ( ?? ) distressd -- her girls getting well -- --

Thur 7 Warm out pleasant wether--

Fri 8 no frost in the ground yet, a circumstance remarkable indeed

Sab 10 rainy day -- I absent from the House of God to day -- How unprofitably must the sabbath be spent by those who seldom attend Meeting -- how dead to spiritual things -- and how unprepared for the day of Death -- Mr Gillet Preach'd few at Meeting

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Mon 11 Clears off -- I much hurried --

Tues 12 Mrs Merrick continues very low &

Wen 13 Weak -- Astonishing Wether for Winter

Thur 14 no snow but warm and muddy

Fri 15 constantly -- no frost in the ground

Sat 16 Subscriptions for Meeting House in circulation I making Chairs for Eliza &c. --

Sab 17 Jan 1830 Cloudy -- muddy -- I attend Meeting &c. Mr Roots text Epe. 6th 18th "Praying always &c." -- a continuation of the subject on Prayer -- After noon discourse on the duty of family prayer -- excellent sermon

Mon 18 No Winter yet

Thurs 21 Mrs Merrick continues low indeed

Sab. 24 Mr Root on the subject of the Saints preserverence -- text Ps. 37 - 23 "The steps &c." after noon text [blank] Interesting discoursing indeed and ful of instruction - Deac. Whedon meets with a sad accident returning from Meeting at the intermission -- his horse took fright and in attempting to escape the danger by remaining in the waggon he jumped out the ground being frozen hard his leg was Broken & sliverd in the most shocking manner -- We fear his leg is spoiled and his life in danger -- Eliza Palmer Publish'd to Luther Chedsey -- Cold Wether -- -- .-

Mon 25 Jan 1830 Cold Wether seems to be coming on -- tho it has held of in a most astonishing manner --

Tues 26 Pleasant for Winter Snow blows & flies Snowy Windy

Wen. 27 Pleasant in the morning but soon Clouds up Wind blows and at night snows Married about 11 Oclock Luther Chedsey to Eliza Palmer -- This is a solemn transaction -- few present -- (still?) times -- this is as it should be - - her things carted & she moves to House keeping -- with fair prospect of happiness -- but the and we know not --

Thur 28 uncomfortable wether -- gloomy

Fri 29 Not good sleighing -- Died this night Billy Tyler AE 88 old man

Sat 30 Uncommonly cold and blustering -- Snow flies -- I remain in house all day to day bottom chairs -- Died about 2 Oclock P. M. Sarah Merrick Aged 63 yrs. -- after a long and severe illness -- Thus the family one

after another is calld from time to eternity -- Whose sorrows are like unto their sorrows -- or whose affiiction like theirs -- he that hath wounded can heal -- alas the mainstay the head is now gone -- and the family seems to be broken up and nearly extined [*sic*] in this place -- But that is the doom of all. The living must soon die --

Sab 31 Jan 1830 Wether moderated but extreemly cold -- Meeting in conference Room -- text in == a review of the subject which he has (spoke? I wrote?) upon after noon text in Job - on the subject of Death -- good preaching --

Mon 1 Feb 1830 Snowy day -- turns to Rain in morning -- Funeral of Mrs Merrick attend at 1 o'clock -- bad travelling indeed -- Society Meeting adjourned -- Clears off cold --

Tues 2 Polly? Monroe appears to be fast declining --

Wen 3 I much hurried indeed -- much talk about the Meeting House many opposed

Thur 4 Feb 1830 Sleighing enough--

Fri 5 Very sharp cold wether

Sat 6 Uncommonly cold day -- I do but little altho much hurried -- I visit school of M Dawson

Sab 7 Cold day -- Meeting in Conference Room -- Mr Winslow preach -- smart preacher -- Third sermon in the Evening --

Mon 8 Snowy night much wind & snow this morning - I go to New Haven Carry Mr Winslow &c. -- Society Meeting on the subject of Meeting House -- About 2000 Doll. subscribed -- 1500 more wanted -- Adjourn ten days--

Tues 9 Good sleighing now -- snow evening

Wen 10 Warm thawing -- pashy time

Thur 11 Windy cold day. Slipery time



Fri 12 A spell of excellent sleighing --

Sat. 13 and a constant going --

Sab 14 Prety cold day -- Mr Root preach from Prov. 12-7 "The dust shall

return to the dust as it was & the ( spirit?) to God who gave it." The subject of both discourses -- excellent -- --

Mon 15 Feb 1830 Continues good Sleighing Amy Palmer take my Horse on trial--

Tues. 16 [no entry]

Wen 17. Society meeting concerning building a house -- Prospect dark -- about 2000 Dol. subscribed -- The required is \$3000 -- conclude to make further attempts

Thur 18 Warm snow melts away --

Fri 19 Thawy wether -- warm - muddy

Sat 20 I go to New H. Carry Doct. Philo S.? muddy--

Sab 21 Mr Root preach'd on the subject of the resurrection of the dead -- interesting indeed 1 Cor. 15th Chap-- After noon text 25 V. "But some men will say how are the dead raised up &c." -- Muddy some like spring --

Mon 22 - I much engaged about work --

Tues 23 greatly hurried at present --

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Wen 24 Feb 1830 Pleasant -- Adjourn'd Societies Meet held at 2 Oclock in Conference room. -- full meeting -- The subject of building Meeting House taken up and after much conversation resolve to build one -- to commence immediately upon the subscription of 2500 Doll. Dimensions to be 50 feet long 36 Wide & 22 feet high with steeple to located at or near the place where the House now stands == different men have different opinions with regard to the construction of the House -- but thus far we have advanced with as little opposition and dissention as could be expected --

Thur 25 Spring like wether -- Snow all goes Mr Ford apparently nigh his end --

Fri 26 Pleasant

Sat 27 I making chairs with (Mary?) night

Sab 28 Pleasant but cool -- muddy

Mr. Dutton preach'd Morning text in James 4th 17th "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good &c." After noon John -- "No man can come unto me except the father knew him" -- He handles the subject in an interesting manner- I feel much edified -- Evenings I spend at home

Mon 1st March 1830 Snowy day -- great snow falls -- but soon will melt --

Tues 2 I at work in shop &c. -- Spring wether

Wen 3 Snow melts away -- Sap Wether Died 9 A.M. Elisha D. Ford AE 62 yr. of consumption --

Thur 4 muddy -- Preparatory Lecture Mr Root text 1 Cor. [blank] Plain -- on the duty of Christians watchfulness -  
- & Motherly admonition -- excellent

Fri 5 I painting Chairs &c. --

Sat 6 Snow about gone -- misty muddy Wether -- disagreeable times -- Sap Wether

Sab 7 March 1830 Misty wet muddy day -- Died a child of John Strong -- M Roots text I Cor 5 Chap 7 V. "Purge  
out therefore the old leaven &c." Communion day -- discourse much adapted to the occasion -- searching and  
powerful -- after noon text -- and there yet is room -- an excellent sermon on the invitation of the gospel & man

Mon 8 I painting chairs for Jane Baldwin

Tue 9 Spring wether -- Polly Wilcoxon seem

Wen. 10 failing -- apparently near the close of life -- wasting away with consumption --

Thur 11 [no entry]

Fri.12 Pleasant day -- People cutting Meeting House timber and making preparations to build

Sat 13 Polly Linsley seem about to leave the World being in a very low state --

Sab 14 Rainy morning -- muddy -- Mr Roots text Rev 20 Chap 11 & 12 Verses "And I saw a great white &c. The  
subject of the resurrection continued -- Solemn & interesting -- P. Linsley ask the Prayers of Church

This Evening I spend at the Miss Merricks --

Mon 15 March 1830 Cool Society Meeting concerning the Meeting House and the appointment of a clerk &c. -- Mr  
Monroe expecting to be absent

Tues 16 Pleasant day -- I hurried much --

Wen 17 Rainy day -- muddy &c. -- Died this Evening Mrs Polly Wilcoxon AE 37 after having been confine'd at  
the House of Amos Page two months -- consumption -- alas how frail is man

Thur 18 Rainy day -- muddy -- I paint some

Fri 19 Cloudy some -- funeral I attend I call to see Deac Whedon --

Sat. 20 Pleasant spring day -- I painting chairs

Sab 21 Cloudy Mr Herrick preaches "but My son give ( ?? ) heart" After noon text Matt. on what will a man give in  
exchange for his soul -- good Preacher -- This Evening I visit at Miss Merricks -- Polly Linsley failing --

Mon 22 [no entry]

Tues 23 [no entry]

Wen 24 March 1830 Timber for Meeting House brought on -- &c. -- --

Thur 25 [no entry]

Fri 26 [no entry]

Sat 27 Mrs. Woolcotts funeral attend'd to day -- buried in Church yard in this place--

Sab 28 Mr Whitmore preach'd The Evening I spend at Widow Harrison --

Mon 29 {no entry}

Tues 30 [no entry]

Wen 31 Mr Root makes his first attempt to form a temperance association--

Thur April 1 st Obtain upwards of 40 names. I subscribe to the Constitution

Fri 2 47 names on the temperance list

Sat 3 [no entry]

Wen 31 Mr Root preach'd - 1 Cor. 1 Chap 23 V. But we preach Christ crucified unto &c. After noon

Matth. 11 Chap from 21 to 24 inclusive "Then began he to upbraid the cities &c" -- pleasant Wether

Mon 5 April 1830 Electors Meeting - I attend 347 Electors present -- pleasant day

Tues 6 I in store to day -- much hurried -- Much excitement on the subject of temperance Many seem to be (mad?)-

Wen 7 Windy -- March Wether -- I work in Red School House -- Jane Baldwin moved

Thur 8 Windy -- I making Chairs &c. --

Fri 9 Fast day -- Mr Root preach lent sermon from Deut. 4th Chap 8 V. "And what nation is there so great &c." excellent discourse -- Many go to East Haven to singing Lecture -- Polly Linsley considered near her End --

Sat 10 Pleasant I stay in store --

Sab 11 Mr ----- stranger preach'd

Mon 12 April 1830 Pleasant -- Societies Meet to open the proposal respecting building the Meeting House but adjourned until! Monday next without opening --

Tues 13 North East Wind continues--

Wen 14 I work in Red School House

Thur 15 [no entry]

Fri 16 Pleasant spring day -- grass begins to look green -- A daughter born to H Bunnell

Sab 17 Spring wether --

Sab 18 Pleasant Mr Root preach to day from Luke 19th - 13th V. "Occupy till I come" Good preaching -- solemn & interesting -- Adjourned Meeting of the Sabbath School Society held annual business done --

Mon 19 Adjourned Meeting of the Society -- respecting Opening [*sic*] proposals for building Meeting House -  
- Society direct that the proposal made by Mr. Pierce be accepted

which is that the House shall be completed after the cellar is dug and the stone and Timber brought and delivered on the ground for 2500 Doll. painting excepted also the steps and Bell -- or that he will buy the lumber and other materials as cheap as possible keeping an account and furnishing the bills -- that he will charge \$1.37 1/2 per day for his work boarding himself & workmen and will have as an extra bill 100\$ provided it does not raise the expence above the sum above named -- that the society shall receive the benefit should it cost less -- that at all events it shall cost no more -- -- Manager of the Sabbath School Society meet transmit their business &c.

Tues 20 April 1830 Pleasant growing times

Wen 21 [*no entry*]

Thur 22 Died this morning Miss Polly Linsley AE 45 of Consumption -- We trust she is Happy

Building Committee contract with Mr Pierce and pay him in advance 500 doll

Fri 23 April 1830 Warm very indeed -- grass & trees turn green -- I go to N. Haven after noon -- Hot wether uncomfortable --

Sat 24 Unpleasant windy cold -- The funeral of Miss Polly L. I attend Mr. Baldwin Preach'd from "Blessed are the dead &c."--

Sab 25 Cloudy unpleasant -- Mr Root absent Morning text Romans 8th 9th "now if any man have not the spirit of Christ &c. after noon Provo 1 Chap--

Mon 26 Rainy morning -- I in shop &c. go up to Capt. E. Roses -- Get Lathe work done -- --

Tues 27 Pleasant -- I in store to day -- Spring comes forward -- fair prospects of grass &c. --

Wen 28 Light House drawn and (falls?)

Thur 29 Lecture Preparatory at 3 O'clock Mr Root text Phil. 3rd 8th "Yea doubtily I count all things &c." -- Meeting House timber comes -- Thunder &c. --

Fri 30 April 1830 Warm wether indeed -- grass green I turn &c. -- So life passes -- soon begone --

Sat 1. May 1830 some Cloudy -- I do but little --

Sab 2 Cloudy morning -- Clears off pleasant -- Mr Root preach -- Communion day -- Morning text in 1 Cor. 1st IOth "that ye speak the same thing &c." Mr Root haveing recently lost his mother requests the prayers of the Church after noon text Isaiah -- on the agency of man -- the connection between the truth of the Bible and a holy life, or its tendency to produce holiness -- tis through the truth that any are converted and made heirs of a heavenly inheritance -- Mr Roots child Baptized -- Taylor -- call at Doct Pomeroy

Mon 3rd Some cloudy -- I do Military duty in Old Branford -- Pleasant but Rains afternoon

Tues 4 Cloudy morning &c. growing time

Wm2 Election at New Haven I attend Cloudy New State House occupied -- not finished --

A Sermon by Mr Boardman preach'd sermon -- (Gineon?) Tomlinson governor --

Thur 6 May 1830 much grass many blossoms

Fri 7 a forward spring -- cool now --

Sat 8 I Setting up chairs for Abigail Russell --

Sab 9, Pleasant -- Mr Root absent -- Morning text "Cussed is he that contineth not in all things written in the law to do them" -- after "It is a fearfull thing to fall into the hands of the living God -- smart man--

Mon 10 Society meet. respecting House

Tues 11 [no entry]

Wen 12 Many blossoms (indeed? )

Thur 13 Fri 14, Sat 15 [no entries]

Sab 16 Mr Goslin Preach -- I not well entertained Mr Root at N. York - &c. -

Mon 17 This day numbers 30 years of my life My days are fast numbering and will soon finish

Rainy -- Stormy -- Mr Pierce commences work at Meeting House -- appearance of a fruitful season --

Tues 18 Cloudy rainy morning -- clears off I attend a Temperance Meeting at Northford meeting addressed by Mr. Root and Judge Daggett -- highly interesting

Wen 19 Pleasant

Thur 20 Fri 21 Sat 22 [no entries]

Sab 23 Mr Root present to day -- morning text grieve not the Holy Spirit -- after noon "But the End of all Things is at hand -- Farewell to the Old Meeting House -- an appropriate sermon interesting -- I walk out this Evening &c.

Mon 24 Society Meeting -- What shall be done with the old House was a question which occupied some time -- Voted at length to

move it after which some dissatisfaction appeared as it would be attended with much labour & expense -- upon taking a second view of the ground and much debate the vote reconsidered and the ground directly Northeast agreed upon with but 3 or 4 dissenting voices -- It will occupy all the space between the spot where the Old House now stands and the burying ground --

Tues 25 May 1830 Pleasant but cool east part of the Meeting House made into a joiners shop -- Seats taken up --

Wen 26 Digging commenced for the Basement Story -- No spirits brought on the ground --

Thur 27 Much Rain this Season -- Much grass

Fri 28 go up with Sylvia R. & F. Harrison stay (??) time &c. -- -- -- sick --

Sat 29 Cloudy -- misty wet Wether--

Sab 30 Dull Wether -- Meet in Meeting House Mr. Roots text Matthew 13. 43 "Then shall

The righteous shine forth as the sun &c." -- discourses upon the employments and enjoyments, the place of their abode and Directions of this happiness of the righteous -- highly interesting & solemn--

Mon 31 June-1830, Tues 1 June, Wen 2 Thurs 3 Fri 4, Sat 5 [no entries]

Sab 6 Cloudy rainy day == Much dull Wether Mr Roots text "And the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal" -- The last Sabbath his subject was with respect to the righteous -- to day this kind of misery, with it damnation of the Wicked -- This the afternoon discourse -- powerful arguements against the Universalists

Forenoon text the prayer of the rich man for a drop of water to cool his tounge -- The nature degree and extent of the future punishment of the impenitent - solemn, alarming, powerful -- an excellent preacher - of which we are unworthy This evening a meeting appointed at Dec. Whedons omitted on account of Rain &c. ---

Mon 7 June 1830 Some rain -- Vendue at Widow P. Harrison Society Meeting -- Concert held in Conference Room -- I unwell

Tues 8 My health quite poor -- for which reasons I take a sweat --&c. Uncle Jonathan Palmer comed down last week & Elias -- ~~Thus we commence an inventory of our goods~~

Wen 9 Taking an inventory today find the property in the Store to amount to \$1050 -- the amount due from us exceeds this perhaps 1 or 200 Doll. We trust however in posting our books we shall find a bottom of 3 or 400 Doll. in our favor -- I flatter myself

at the last (colendation?) I shall realize \$100 profits the last year

Thur 10 June 1830, Sultry hot day -- I continue quite unwell -- To day finish taking an inventory (isted? entered?) of yesterday and find the result as above

Fri 11 Continues hot -- my health poor

Sat 12 Pleasant day clear

Sab 13 Cloudy again and Rains -- Mr Travis of Milford preach'd morning text "Come for all things are ready Afternoon text "he that loveth not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be ( ?? ?? ?? anthema? march? there?)

Mon. 14. Cloudy and rainy yet -- Much wet -- (??)

Tues 15 Muggy hot -- Some cloudy -- My health very poor indeed -- unable to work much

Wend 16 Sultry hot -- I in store today -- unwell -- much grass -- much hot Wether --

Thur 17 -- hot Cloudy &c.

Fri 18 Clear to day -- little (for? fav?) Wether

Sat 19 June 1830 Hot == I in Store to day

~ Cloudy rains -- Mr Shepherd preach'd -- I at Meet but 1/2 day afternoon -- The text 1 Cor. 9th 24 "To own that ye may obtain" excellent sermon William Ford publishd to Sarah Rose--

Mon 21 Continues Rainy -- Society Meet --

Tues 22, Wen 23 [no entries]

Thur 24 Farmers commenced Mowing the grass--

Fri 25 This Eve go to Capt. E. Roses with Mansfield --

Sat 26 This day I sell out my part of the Store to Jasper Monroe for ~ dollars 285 Doll 205 D~~oll~~ Thus I put a business which has been a source of profit to me out of my hands -- should liked to have retained it had it been agreed to all parties -- I stay in store to day -- ---

Sat 27 Mr John Maltby preachd Morning text Isaih [sic] 9th 7th "of the increase of his government there shall be no end &c." = On the perpetuity of the Church &c. Afternoon text Ps [blank]

Mon 28 June 1830 Pleasant -- Thunder & rains -- I swap waggons with Monroe & Clark -- Society Meeting -- This day - Volney Pierce commences Framing the Meeting House -- with six or 7 men -- John Foot foreman in the business -- This Evening I go to Capt. E. Rose return soon Begin to mow -- Much Rain & wet Wether--

Tues 29 Pleasant cool Morning --

Wen 30th Hot wether -- Favorable Wether--

Thur 1 July 1830 Sultry hot -- I paint &c.

Fri 2 extreemly hot -- I go with the music to stony creek -- Sail to Sachemn Head -- pleasant time -- late supper at Hoadleys and spend the night at Alonzo Apples --

Sat 3 I go off fishing &c. -- very hot -- sultry much fixing to day on account of Independence

Sab 4 Preparatory Lecture last Thursday -- Mr Root preach on the subject of Brotheriy love -- This day Communion -- Morning text Ps 96 15 "But thou O Lord art full of Compassion &c." Afternoon the same sermon which was preach'd 3 Sabbaths ago on the natural degree &c.

and duration of the future punishment of the Wicked -- Solemn and interesting -- The reason of its again being presented was the importance of the subject and the few who were present on account of the Rain -- hot uncomfortable day

Man 5 July 1830 Some keeping of Independence I begin to work out at hay &c. --

Tues 6 hot wether good haying time --

Wen 7, Thur 8, Fri 9 Sat 10 [no entries]

Sab 11 Cool-- Mr Dutton preachd Titus 3d 1st "To be ready to every good work" good sermon after noon text "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation-" Interesting preaching

Mon 12 Fine wether for Farmers--

Tue 13 I at work at Hay -- hot Wether &c.

Wen 14 [no entry]

Thur 15 Sultry hot -- almost beyond endurance

Fri 16 [no entry]

Sat 17 July 1830 uncommonly hot day -- I work hard

Sab 18 Uncomfortable time to attend meeting -- Mr Root preach'd text "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" -- the resumed the after noon --

Mon 19 hot day -- Died this after noon Widow Ebenezer Byinton AE 71 yrs -- of consumption

Tues 20 Continues uncommonly hot --

Wen 21 Thur 22, Fri 23 [no entries]

Sat 24 Died Widow John Gates AE 70 --

Sab 25 Mr (He sack?) preach'd -- good sermon on the sin of Christians conforming to the World The funeral of Mrs Gates attended after meeting

Man 26 Cloudy and Rainy day --

Tues 27 Continues to Rain -- Cloudy wether

Wen 28 Thur 29 [no entries]

Fri 30 July 1830 all Farming business suspended the past week nearly on account of dull Wether I work in Shop -- I painting sign for Jesse (B? Linsley?)

Sat 31 Clears off I help get in hay & oats -- Mr Page gets a fall hurts his wrist -- I go after Doct. Fitch -- not at home -- -- warm day

Sab 1 August 1830 Cloudy -- Mr Root Preach on the subject of the Abrahamic Covenant -- continuation of the church &c. good discourse

Mon 2 good Wether for Farmers -- I getting hay

Tues 3 Hot and dry Concert attended in Conference Room

Mon 4 Meeting House sills laid on commence

Thur 5 put it off for want of time till tomorrow

Fri 6 I mowing &c. -- getting hay -- Elizur Merrick down

Sat 7 Work home to day -- in low Meadow--

Sab 8 Mr Matthew Noyes preach'd for us to day After noon text Luke 22nd 61 V. and the Lord turned and looked upon Peter" -- good discourse &c.

Mon 9th Aug. 1830 Fine day -- We get done Haying Hot wether -- I am well work'd down--

Tues 10th Pleasant day -- Society get together &c. Carry Meeting House Timber together for Raising --

Wen 11 Commenced at 8 Oclock to raise our Meeting House after Singing and Prayer by Mr Root -- Service on the foundation commenced with the tune (Station?) Hymn -- Prayer -- Tune - Old Hundred --



Thur 12 Commence again Raising at 1/2 past 7 O'clock -- Provisions made for dining at Widow Harrison's -- Many People present -- Warm day --

Fri 13 Raising again to day -- Pleasant time

Sat. 14. To day finish Raising the Meeting House after having laboured four and half days in succession -- Close business by singing Oh! give thanks &c. Prayer by Mr Root -- Tune Dismission -- Prayer and singing solemn appropriate & effecting -- During these days of danger no accident has happened The business has gone on regular and without noise and tumult -- no ardent spirits brought in or

furnish'd on the occasion -- Much unionimity harmony and good feeling exists at the present time -- perhaps more than at any other time -- Since the commencement --

Sab 15th Aug 1830 Cloudy -- Mr Roots morning text 107 Ps. 8th V. "O that man would praise the Lord for his goodness &c." -- good sermon -- some allusion to the labor of the past week -- the danger to which we have been exposed -- and the goodness of God in our preservation -- After noon text Luke 9th Chap 26 V. "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me &c." excellent sermon -- full Meet. -- Rainy Windy &c. -- I walk out and retire to rest --

Mon 16 Pleasant day -- I commenced work in shop -- Dry dusty time

Tues 17 I play with Richard on clarinett -- go to Capt E. R. &c. --

Wen 18 [no entry]

Thur 19 Tim Russell strikes Amos Page in consequence

of which he leaves the place -- he being so much involved in debt is is thought doubtful when he returns

Oh! the depravity of man --

Sat 21 Augt 1830 Warm dry Wether -- Commence shingling Meeting House -- I paint the cornices--

Sab 22 Cloudy -- no rain -- Mr Whiting of Cheshire preach to day -- text Acts 20th 35th "and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive" This was the after noon text -- and a good sermon followed -- The forenoon text in John 16th 8 & 9th "And when he is come he will reprove the World of sin & of righteousness & of judgement to come &c" "of sin because thee believed not in me" discourse in the sin of unbelief -- interesting preacher I walk out some and retire --

Mon 23 Holds dry yet -- Mary unwell --

Tues 24. Dusty time indeed -- I work in shop

Wen 25 [no entry]

Thur 26 Windy some rain -- heavy winds --

Fri 27 Doct Fitch visits Mary -- appearance of Typhoid Fever -- Clear pleasant --

Sat 28 Aug 1830 Hot muggy wether -- --

Sab 29 M Roots text in Romans 6th Chap 4th V. "Therefore we are buried with him in baptism &c." Sermon commences with this text and finishes with the 41 st Verse of the 2nd Chap of Acts "Then thy that gladly received his work were baptized &c." His object was not to prove that immersion was not baptism, but that it was not the only mode practiced among primitive Christians -- and this he made to appear clear as the sun at noon day -- The attention

of the audience seemd riveted -- excellent discourse -- -- Doct Fitch with Mary to day ~ ~ Mr Root at our home this Eve. I at home

Mon. 30 George Bunnell house Raised --

Tues 31 holds dry wether yet -- Officers meet at Madison -- I work in shop --

Wen 1 Sept Dusty--

Thurs 2 Lecture Preparatory - text in Matthew

"Not every one that saith Lord Lord &c." -- good discourse -- searching -- The annual Meeting of the Gent. Association for Foreign Missions held immediately after the service -- few present--

Fri 3 Sept 1830 Pleasant day -- I paint &c. --

Sat 4 Cloudy and Rainy some -- I paint sign for Widow Harrison -- a settee for Capt. Rose

Sab 5 Pleasant cool -- Communion day returns again \_ Oh with heart searching out I to approach the table of My Sovereign [*sic*] -- Mr [*sic*] text Mark 14-22.25 inclusive "and as they did eat Jesus took bread &" -- After noon text Acts 26th 9th "I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things &c. -- good --

Mon 6 Cloudy warm some -- I do Military duty at East Haven -- much fatigued ---- I chosen serjant in Capt G Roses company

This day the largest Town Meeting ever

known conven'd for the purpose of designating the place of our future meetings --

Thur9

After the Meeting was opened the moderator was chosen which decided the business of the day -- Ben. Page Esq. was chosen Moderator and the Meeting adjourn'd without day -- The number of voters was 425, more than ever meet on Town Meeting (Occasion?) -- Meeting House too small to contain them they formd in two lines on the (grass?) & was counted

Fri 10 Sept 1830 Sat 11 [*no entries*]

Sab 12 Mr Fosdick Harrison preach'd entertaining Mr Root absent to see his friends --

Mon 13 My health poor -- sick -- Harriett Monroe down with her husband and friends

Tues 14 Cool Wether

Wen 15 Thur 16 [*no entries*]

Fri 17 So time Rolls onward without intermission

Sat 18 feel myself fast passing onward to death and eternity -- Oh that the main object of life may be accomplished -- the glory of God & the (happiness of love?)

Sab 19 Sept 1830 preach'd a stranger -- not very well entertained

Mon 20 Meeting House gets along Some -- Dry wether and dusty

Tues 21, Wen 22, ThY[ 23 [no entries]

Fri 24 I go to Wallingford -- Regiment Meeting There I play the fife -- hot dusty--

Sat 25 Sick of Frarning &c. do nothing --

Sab 26 Mr Hubbell from Hamden preach entertaining Morning text [blank] after noon text [blank] Cloudy some -- (Dorrass? Damaris?) Baldwin married at North Haven in Meeting House -- Warm Wether now -- Stream low--

Mon 27 Pleasant

Tues 28 I painting on steeple to day --

Wen 29 [no entry]

Thursday 30 Sept 1830 Ends September -- (Scrape to W?? Pages? -- ??????)

Fri 1 Oct 1830 Sat 2 [no entries]

Sab 3 Root present to day & preaches -- text Holy Holy Holy Lord &c." I attend but half day therefore unable to form any correct idea of the merits of the discourse as it not continued

Mon 4 Annual Town Meeting held in North Branford 380 Voters meet on the Green Northford and North Branford out voted by 15 or 20 --

Tues 5, Wen 6 Thur 7 [no entries]

Fri 8 Pleasant dry time -- Water fail much Many walnuts & chesnuts -- How void are all things here below. How few attachments has this World -- fading scene--

Sat 9 Oct 1830 [no entry]

Sab 10 Root Preach -- Cloudy some -- text Matthew 7th "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do &c" after noon text John 18th 36 -- My Kingdom is not of this World --

Mon 11 fine wether -- indeed --

Tues 12 I paint Meeting House -- All shut in but Windows & door -- Church Prayer Meeting this Evening -- few attend -- Eber Linsley Published --

Wen 13 Rainy morning -- Clears off--

Thur 14 Eber Linsley married to Jerusha Baldwin -- unexpected union--

Fri 15 [no entry]

Sat 16 Meeting House covered & steple about done -- Staging taken down -- -- many Chesnuts this year --

----- Finis -----

*[The last page of entries written on the inside of the booklet cover. The continuation of the 1830 journal is found in a similar size booklet with a similar cover, although the design is horizontal not vertical. This*

*booklet is in better condition than the previous two and consists of one section or folio sewn to cover. The entries begin on the inside of the front cover.]*

Sab 17th Oct 1830 Pleasant Wether full Meet. MRoots morning text Is Cor. 3 .. 6th 7th "I have planted, Apollus watered, &c." -- after noon 1 Cor. 15th 10 V. "But by the grace of God I am what I am" -- Oh how solemn in the condition of impenitent sinners -- dependent on the grace of God for salvation. and still unconcerned, unthoughtful -- Let Christians pray for the agency of the Holy Spirit, that they may be averted and saved from Eternal perdition-

Mon 18 Cloudy unpleasant

Tues 19 Pleasant -- Temperance Meeting at East Haven --

Wen 20 Rainy day -- Scary storm--

Thur 21 [no entry]

Fri 22 Court Timothy Russell tryed for ( ?? ) Justice Norton -- (fruit? fallen?) -- Many courts now as days (much? march?) ( ?? ) (Matters?) (??) &c.

Sat 23 Pleasant Wether for the season &c.

Sab 24 Oct 1830 Pleasant -- M. Dodd preach d -- Gen 18 .. 19 .. "For I know him that he will commeth &c." The story of parent ( ?? ) (faith?) After noon Micah 2 .. 7 .. == entertaining -- last night fall wether --

Mon 25 Pleasant wether

Tues 26 [no entry]

Wen 27 Painters commence painting the Meeting House -- I paint -- my wrist sprained

Thur 28 Cloudy &c.

Fri 29 Pleasant--

Sat 30 [no entry]

Sab 31 M Smith -- stranger preachd Matt 4th 17th "from that time Jesus begin to preach saying repent &c." after noon Prov 28 -14 - "Happy is the man that feareth always" -- Jared Chedsey publish'd to Harriett R. Whedon

Mon 1 Nov 1830 unpleasant fall wether

Tues 2 Nov 1830 [no entry]

Wen 3 Married this Evening Jared G. Chedsey to Harriet R. Whedon -- uncommonly Rainy Evening --

Thur 4 Pleasant day -- Chedsey moves his wife --

Fri 5 Pleasant time warm for the season

Sat 6 This day the New Meeting enclosed -- 'tis about six months since the carpenters commence'd work on the frame ----

Sab 7 Sacrament day -- Mr. Roots text Mat. 12. 16th "But Blessed are your eyes for they see &c. -- excellent discourse -- This day Mr Jonathan Harrison becomes a member of this Church -- afternoon text "He that believeth not is condemn'd already" searching discourse --

Mon 8 Library Meeting -- I chosen Librarian I paint this day to (Albert?) H House &c.

Tue 9 I fix (Cohler?) in Conference Room

Wen 10 Mr. Stebbens goods come out--

Thur 11. Mr. Stebbens commences his school

with 21 scholars -- We hope he will make this his permanent place of residence -- -- School House shingled -- bad time for the painting of the Meeting House -- so much cloudy Wether -- Jonathan Palmer painted --

Fri 12 Nov 1830 Dull Wether indeed--

Sat 13 holds Rainy & dull --

Sab 14 Rainy day -- Mr. Smith from Hamden Preach Meeting held in Conference Room -- first text 1 John 4th 3rd "And every spirit that &c." afternoon text "Thou art my portion On hand" good preaching So time passeth -- Mother troubled again with Bleeding from the nose -- Dark muddy time

Mon 15 [no entry]

Tues 16 Meet. this Eve in Conference Room -- Mr Stebbins make the Prayer -- good meet -- I move the Books of the Library &c. ---

Wen 17 Much dull wether --

Thur 18 I paint (Albert?) Harrison House &c.

Fri 19 Turned in shop --

Sat 20 Warm wether for the Season

Sab 21 Noy 1830 Pleasant day - Mr Root preach from 2nd Cor 5th 20th Now then we are ambassadors for Christ &c. -- P.M. Ezel 18th 31 V. For why will ye die" uncommonly interesting to day -- the preacher much engage -- full Meeting - I spend the Evening at Home. Col. Rose makes me a short call --

Mon 22 Rainy day -- heavy Rain

Tues 23 More pleasant --

Wen 24 Stormy windy -- N. East Storm--

Thur 25 Thanksgiving day -- very Stormy and dark Wether -- North Storm -- I get to Meeting in sermon time in Conference Room -- unpleasant time indeed -- Our family all together to day -- we meet in circumstances of much mercy -- altho Mothers health is feeble -- great occasion have we for Thankfulness -- a few such seasons more at the longest & we shall be departed -- how soon we know not -- Oh that the event might find us prepared

Lodeemy Monroe spends Thanksgiving with --- Mr Roots text I did not hear -- Ball at Thos. Harrisons this Evening -- Rainy time muddy

Fir 26 Nov 1830 Cloudy unpleasant--

Sat 27 Cool Pleasant -- I paint A. Harrison House

Sill2.8. Pleasant -- Mr Kirby Preach Sermon concerning the Israelites worshiping the Golden Calf After noon Acts 3 rd 19th "Repent ye &c." full Meeting -- I visit at Miss Merricks -- Pleasant Moon light --

Mon 29 Stormy time Much Cloudy Wether

Tues 30 This End Nov 1830 -- --

Mon 1 Dec 1830 [no entry]

Tues 2 Commence plastering Meeting House

Fri 3 [no entry]

Sat 4 Very fine day -- I point Meeting House Roof --

Sab 5 Mr Root Preach -- full House -- on the Divinity of the Bible -- text "and be always ready to give an answer &c. after noon Text 2 Thess.3.17 -- "The salutation of Paul with my own hand writing &c." Highly entertaining-- instructive -- fully proves the Divinity of the Bible

Mon 6 Dec 1830 Rainy Day -- Masons finish the first coat of plastering -- Commences snowing

Tues 7 Died the wife of Jairus Bunnell AE [blank] Much snow -- the ground not froze yet --

Wen 8 I in the store to day -- poor sleighing -- Cloudy & rainy -- Ordination at Fair Haven -- Funeral of Mrs. Bunnell-

Thurs 9 Sour Wether -- but little Frost in ground

Fri. 10, Sat 11 [no entries]

Sab 12 Mr Root continues the subject of the Divinity of the Bible -- highly interesting and instructive -- Morning text Rev. [blank] after noon text [blank] full Meeting -- This Evening I call at Widow Harrisons --

Mon 13 Pleasant -- I paint in Little House Library Meeting this Evening at our house --

Tues 14 Dec 1830 Rainy Day -- Some snow on ground -- Meeting House west Plastered

Wen 15 Cloudy -- Cool--

Thur 16 Fri 17 [no entries]

Sat 18 Plastering the Meeting House completed -- finish with Plaister Paris .. which makes a beautiful white smooth wall

Sab 19 We have Mr Hayes to preach for us to day -- Chaplain -- Morning text [blank] -- Afternoon text Acts. "To the unknown God" -- interesting sermon -- a third Meeting commenced at 6 Oclock - conference Room filled -- He relates the condition of Spain Itily &c. with regard to their (merct?) (state?) highly interesting - & entertaining--

Mon 20 Snows to day -- cold -- much snow

Tues 21 Cold indeed -- poor sleighing -- Temperance Meeting at North Guilford--

Wen 22 Cold - time -- Consociation Meet at Old Branford -- to to Settle the ( ?? ) in Church --

Thur 23 Dec 1830 More pleasant to day -- Meeting House floor laid -- completed --

Fri 24 beautiful Pleasant -- snow melts wet -- I help Mr (Steblein? Stetitem?) move to the Jacob Page Place so called -- Snow goes

Sat 25 Rainy day indeed -- but not cold -- Christmas comes again --

Sab 26 Mr Root preach -- continues the subject of the divinity of the Bible -- Morning text in John 3rd 2 "for no man can do theses mircles &c." He proves the divinity of Christ by the miricles he did Afternoon text Acts -- subject continued -- Publish'd for Marriage John Foot to Sylvia Rose! -- -- Pleasant warm day

Mon 27 Much wet this season--

Tues 28 Meeting House goes forward

Wen 29 I go to New Haven hear the organ &c.

Thurs 30 Dec 1830 Preparatory Lecture to day Mr Bert preached a sermon to which our attention was call'd a few week since - "My kingdom is not of this World" -- excellent discourse indeed

Fri 31 This Ends the year 1830 -- gone!! -- So all our years will close --

*[The journal for the year 1830 ends partway down the page and without interruption or any special designation the entries continue for 1831.]*

**The Journal of Timothy Russell Palmer**  
1831

*[The entries for 1831 start approximately down one-third of a right hand page in the booklet that begins with the date 17 October 1830.]*

Sat 1 Jan. 1831 Warm season -- little frost in the ground

Sab 2 full Meeting -- Communion day -- Jared Chedsey received to our church to day -- Mr Roots text 2 Cor. 12.5 "Examine yourselves whether ye be &c." -- interesting -- Afternoon text 90 Ps. 9 V. "We spend our years as (tale?) that is told" New year discourse Mr Root much enjoyed, interesting & affecting -- The number of deaths that have occur'd the past year is 10 Nearly all old person -- some young however -- enough to show that no age is exempt from the destroyer

We as a people have enjoyed good health No malignant Fever has raged among us -- We have much to be thankful for -- God has blest us with health food and raiment -- his mercies are countless

Mon 3 Jan 1831 Warm Pleasant for the season Our monthly Concert attended full Meeting and highly interesting - Conference Room crowded Mr Roots remarks appropriate & well calculated to excite an interest in behalf of Missionary efforts -- fifty dollars expended the year past for the benefit of home missions -- by the families of this place Tis gratifying that such efforts in making & that we have a missionary of our own to support who is located at Vondalia Illinois --

Tues 4 Much rain -- almost constantly --

Wen 5 uncommon time -- but 2 or 3 days of cold wether yet -- much rain --

Thur 6 This Evening John Foot Married to Sylvia Rose --

Fri 7 Much carousing & some dancing --

Sat 8 Jan 1831 fine pleasant day no Rain two or 3 days Back -- I work in Shop == Joiners work at slips in Meeting House

Sab 9 Snows all day but the ground in poor order for it being not froze and wet Met in Conference Room to day -- Mr Whetmore our preacher to day 1 Peter 1 Chap 5 V. "Who are kept by the power of God &c." -- afternoon text Matt. 11.12 V. "The kingdom of Heaven suffereth &c. -- windy & snowy &c.

Mon 10 Snowy time -- this like winter

Tues 11 poor sleighing -- cloudy &c. -- This Evening Our first temperance Meeting held in Conference Room -- Crowded to overflowing -- Mr Root presents us with Mr Stones address interspersed with remarks interesting and powerful -- little or no disturbance made -- much interest taken in the subject & a number on the good fruites of the Meeting immediately enter their names upon the constitution -- Our number increase almost daily --

Wen 12 Jan 1831 Cold -- Sleighing -- This day our organ brought out from New Haven it having been previously purchased at the price of 120 Dol. by a company consisting often individuals who purchased it for 1 year with expectation that the Society will then take it -- R. Clark player -- Mr Ingersold come out to spend vacation &c.

Thur 13 Cold unpleasant wether --

Fri 14 Poor traveling at present



Sat 15 Cloudy -- unpleasant winter--

Sab. 16 A very stormy snowy windy day -- No meeting except 1/2 day -- I not there Much snow but badly drifted -- tedious time -- This is winter indeed --

Man 17 Stormy snowy wether yet --

Tues 18 Continues windy -- much snow and great drifts -- very cold --

When 19, Thu 20 [no entries]

Fri 21 Jan 1831 [no entry]

Sat 22 holds very cold -- poor sleighing

Sab 23. Cold uncomfortable wether -- Meet in conference Room -- text forgot -- Afternoon text Matt "The tree is known by it fruit" the discourse in connection with the series of sermons on the authenticity [sic] of the Bible -- excellent preaching --

Mon 24. Very cold indeed -- I go to N. Haven with Seats -- Suffer some with cold --

Tues 25 [no entry]

Wen 26 Cold yet -- bad sleighing -- but snow enough -- bad wether--

Thur. 27 cold winter wether -- little work  
done at Meeting House about these days

Sat 30 pleasant to day --

Sab 30 cold day -- Conference Room crowded excellent sermons -- close the series of discourses of the Divinity of the Scriptures -- Solemn

Mon 31 Jan 1831 This Ends January 1831 Continues cold yet

Tues 1 Feb Wen 2 Thur 3 [no entries]

Fri 4 Cold day -- excellent sleighing -- Died at the house of George Baldwin Deac. Israel Baldwin AE 75 yrs == he went from Sam. Footh comfortable --

Sat 5 Severe cold wether -- Much snow

Sab. 6 meet in Conference Room -- cold -- Mr Root text Ps. 119. 59 "T though on my ways &c." -- Funeral of De a Baldwin at intermission -- Meet the afternoon in Meeting House Very cold

Mon 7 Severe cold day

Tues 8 Wed 9, Thu 10 [no entries]

Fri. 11 Died Calvin Harrison AE 63 yrs. Dropsy --

Sat 12 Feb 1831 Great Eclipse of the Sun Cold -- Excellent sleighing -- Richard Linsley family sick--

Sab 15 As cold as ever -- Conference Room full indeed -- Funeral of Calvin Harrison during Intermission -- Mr Dutton preach -- Morning text Heb 10.24 "to proveth into love &c"

Mon 14 Cold winter &c. Library Meeting--

Tues 15 Special Meeting of the Authority License Tim Russell Taverner--

Wen 16 Stormy & Rainy Wether -- thaws off the great snow so much as to spoil the sleighing -- pashy indeed --

Thur 17 Pleasant day -- thaws --

Fri 18 [no entry]

Sat 19 Our week Oh how swift they fly

Sab 20 Cold raw day -- Meet in Conference Room Text 2 Peter 5.6-7 Verse -- excellent discourse

Died very suddenly Eleazer Stent -- shocking

Mon 21 Feb 1831 Pleasant -- This day the new Meeting House completed -- Lightning Rod put up -- 9 months since the building began -- Died in consequence offalling into the fire about 10 this Evening -- Dinah Freeman AE 54 yrs ( ?? ) -- admonitory -- let the living prepare

Tues 22 Warm -- Sleighing at length melts muddy -- Funeral to day--

Wen 23 [no entry]

Thur 24 Society Meet. conclude to pull down the Old house on Monday next -- Mr Pierce continues to work at the House

Fri 25 Cold March wether -- some wind

Sat 26 Mr Pierce finishes Meeting House to day Communion Table resting board &c. -- They were considered extra jobs -

Sab 27 Some warmer -- Pleasant to day

Mr Noyes of Northford preach'd -- Proverbs 16 Ch. 32 Verse "he that is slow to anger &c." he preaches all day from this text -- excellent -- This morning Jared H. Burrell publish'd to Mary Palmer -- Meeting in the Old House for the last time -- upper part well fill'd

Mon 28 Feb 1831 Pleasant day -- The Society Meet according to vote to pull down the Meeting House -- Mr. Pierce with his joiners assist -- The inside pull'd out the clapboards stript by noon -- about 2 O'clock P.M. by the help of Mr. Pierces Rigging the House level'd to the ground -- The Timber found to be very Rotten and unfit for use -- but a small part of the boards & Timber fit for any thing but the fire -- After clearing off a stump was found almost perfect after remaining under the floor upwards of a century -- commenced immediately upon selling the boards & &c. -- adjourned --

Tues 1 March 1831 Pleasant spring wether

Wsm...2. Sell out the Old House -- Clearing off amount of stuff sold is 80 Doll --

Thurs 3 I go to New Haven -- buy paints for painting Meeting House -- very muddy but Pleasant

Fri 4 [no entry]

Sat 5 Old stuff about gone -- -- Pleasant week for the business -- This Evening Married Jared H. Burrell to Mary Palmer by Mr. Root ==

Sab 6 Cloudy some Rain &c. -- Mr Root morning text Ps 80th 14 V. "Return we beseech thee" excellent sermon indeed -- Conference Room crowded to overflowing afternoon John 5th 40 V. "And ye will not come &c."

Mon 7 I with Saml F. Russell commence painting inside of the Meeting House

Tues 8 Wen 9, Thur 10 [no entries]

Fri 11 March 1831 Beautiful Wether the past week -- I paint every day

Sab 13 Meet in Basement for the first time -- pretty full -- Mr Wetmore preach == Jer. 15.19 - "Therefore thus said the Lord &c." -- afternoon text 1 Tim. 6 Chap. 7 V. "For we brought nothing into this World &c." -- Solemn discourse - pretty full meeting

Mon 14 [no entry]

Tues 15 -- Pleasant Spring Wether--

When 16 - I at work painting the Meeting House

Thur 17 We about finish the inside --

Fri 18 Mary P. -- Birthday--

Sat 19 Mr Root returns having spent four days at New Haven The four days Meeting commence'd on Tuesday & continued till Friday -- great things are done for (Here?)

God is pouring out his Spirit copiously -- Multitude are converted to God --

Sab 20 March 1831 -- Mr (Curby? Curley?) preach for Mr Root - Heb. 12 .. 25 "Choosing rather to suffer affliction &c. Acts. 24:25 - "Go thy way for &c." after sermon Mr. Root makes some solemn remarks calculated to arouse sinners -- a meeting in Conference Room this Eve. Mr Kirby ( After? ) the proceeding of the Meeting at New Haven and the present (appearance?) the projects &c. Solemn Meeting--

Mon 21 Society Meeting -- appoint a Committee to purchase a Bell not to exceed 700 lbs nor fall beneath 600 -- I help clean the Meeting House -- Raw day - cold.

Tues 22 Ordinating [sic] at Guilford -- Mr Ingersoll come out to move the organ --

Wen 23 March 1831 We move the organ into the Meeting House -- Sing this Evening &c. -- A Committee visits the church to converse upon the subject of Religion -- Some degree of feeling manifest We trust -- I go with Ingersoll this after noon -- a prayer meeting at Mr Roots Solemn indeed --

Thu 24 We trust this is some feeling on the subject of Religion --

Fri 25 Rainy muddy time -- I at work in Meeting House -- A church Prayer Meeting held at 3 O'clock P.M. -- A most interesting meeting that I ever attended -- -- Mr. Ingersoll makes the first Prayer -- follows with some interesting remarks with regard to the state of things here -- and our duty as church == after which Mr Root make some

affecting acknowledgements he confesses his coldness &c. -- Dea. Russell and others confess their indifference in the most solemn & affecting manner -- Died this Morning Sylvia Linsley AE 30 yrs. --

We think the spirit of God is already among us -- The Brethren seem awaked -- & more prayerful-- They confess to each other their Sins and are willing to meet for prayer -- We beleive [*sic*] that God will pour out his Spirit here in answer to the fervent prayers of this house as well as in other places -- The work in New Haven is powerful and astonishes the beholder -- we hope the same spirit is here

Sat 26 March 1831 Pleasant day indeed I attend the funeral of Sylvia Linsley -- Solemn time -- Sylvia is gone but has left the consoling hopes that she was prepared & is happy in the Kingdom above -- Charles P. sick I called about 1 Oclock last night to go after Doctor

Sab 27 Cloudy some -- warm pleasant time Mr Root preaches from Luke 11 .. 11 th "If a son shall ask Bread &c." excellent discourse -- after noon text James I 22 "But be ye doers of the word &c." excellent preaching Solemn time A meet this Evening for those that are anxious

but I attended -- Maria Rose expressed a (prayer? hoped? paper?) -- A prayer meeting of (three? these?) held -- to pray for a bless on the argueing -- Solemn -- Pleasant night --

Mon 28 March 1831 Tues 29 Sinners seem to be impressed with a sense of their sins and led to (enquire in honesty? How astonishing is the goodness of God -- our prayers are answered even before they are offered or while yet speaking -- Stormy

Wen 30 Rainy day -- I about finishing the inside of Meet House -- Thunder--

Thur 31 More pleasant to day -

Fri 1 April 1831 Fast day -- A prayer Meeting held at 10 Oclock AM - in conference Room interesting time-- crowded House -- immediately after the services commence in the Basement -- crowded Room -- Solemn are the countenances of many -- we feel that God is among us -- Oh how Solemn is such a time --

Mr Root text Ps. 10th "God is not in all their thoughts" -- A meeting commences at 7 Ocl a sermon preach'd from "There yet is Room" many seem much affected --

Sat 2 April 1831. Pleasant day -- I attend a private prayer meeting at 1. Chedsey --

Sab 3 Pleasant -- full Meeting indeed -- Mr. Gillet preach -- Duet. 32 Ch. 34.35 V. "Is not this laid up in stone &c. - - after noon John 11.2d - "The master is come and calleth for thee -- Oh how powerful is divine truth -- Solemn & affecting -- What heart is so hard as not to melt an inquiry meeting this Evening at Mr. Roots 24 or 5 attend -- Oh tis a joyful time --

Mon 4 Cloudy & rainy -- The concert of Prayer thirty attended --

Tues 5 Continues to storm -- Died this Evening a infant of 1. D. Littles aged about 6 months

Wen 6 I go to New Haven -- engage a suit of cloths cost 30 Doll.

Died this Evening after returning from Guilford Widow Silence Foot AE 87 years -- Sudden indeed She had no warning untill death was doing its last work = Oh how (??) tis to die = She was calld in the midst of her worldly concerns without a moments time to consider =

Thur 7 April 1831 Pleasant -- two funerals to day -- which seldom occurs -- Mr Baldwin attends them both -- Mr Root attends a 2 days meeting at Guilford -- Samuel Russells wife -- just gone -- apparently death is clearly commissioned to do it work -- consumption --

Fri 8 Died last night about 12 o'clock the wife of Samuel L. Russell AE 43 years She died in the faith and left the world in peace -- We trust she is among the redeem'd shouting praises to God and the lamb == Church Prayer Meeting at 3 o'clock -- not so greatly attended

Sat. 9th Uncommon wind -- high winds -- I paint organ case -- Funeral of Mrs Russell at 3 -- Much damage done Many vessels tost by the Wind --

Sab 10th April 1831 Wind continues to blow Mr Root text Luke 12 Chap. 23 Strive to enter in at the (short?) gate &c. == after Noon "for many I say unto you with seek to enter in and shall not be able" Solemn -- unpleasant Wether -- I attend the Prayer Meeting at Mr Roots -- an inquiry Meeting in the South Room at the same time 14 or 15 attend

Mon 11 Rather dull wether -- but grass and vegetation uncommonly forward -- few fear a frost to destroy it.

Tues 12. Rather unpleasant Wether -- A Religious Meeting held in conference Room -- Mr Root preached a sermon

Wend. 13 Unpleasant -- Society Meeting -- voted to dedicate the new House the last Thursday of April-- also to seat the House --

Thu 14 Pleasant -- we paint south Roof of Meeting House

Fri 15 Continues unpleasant -- Our Prayer Meeting well attended - solemn -- We hope some are inquiring the way to heaven and happiness -- Mr Woolcotts family moved into our place on Tuesday--

Sat 16 April 1831 Rainy day == muddy time

Sab 17 Rainy morning -- Mr Mitchel preach to day -- Jer. 7th Ch. 8.9.10 Ver "Behold ye trust in lying words that cannot profit Wilt ye steal murder &c." Most an excellent discourse in which the free agency of man is made to appear most clearly & distinctly -- Solemn - tho' few at meeting on account of the wether -- After noon text Luke "he that gathereth not with me ( ??) abroad" A prayer meeting at Mr Roots also an anxious meeting -- I attend == the number of 13 or 14 attend as enquirers --

Mon 18 [no entry]

Tues 19 A meeting this Evening in Lecture Room -- Mr Root preaches a sermon -- good meeting &c. -- pleasant --

Wen 20 April wether -- grass amazingly forward

Thur 21 Society turn out and level around the Meeting House -- Mr Hine puts up the corner stone

Fri 22 Prayer meeting to day -- I do not attend --

Sat 23, Meeting House washed out -- Stones cleared off - and preparations made for dedication much Stormy wether -- rainy spring ----

Sab. 24 April 1831 Pleasant full Meeting -- We expect to meet no more in the Basement -- Mr Roots text Ezekiel 18th 4 "the soul that sineth it shall die" -- after noon 2 Peter 3rd 9th "but is long suffering to us would not willing that any should perish &c." -- good -- Meeting this evening as usual That is a Prayer Meeting & an anxious meeting at Mr. Roots

Mon. 25 Tues 26 I busily engaged in preparing Meeting House for dedication -- Pleasant wether

Wen 27 Windy day -- we fear a storm -- I making blinds painting organ case &c. Meeting last evening Mr Gillet preach'd text "how long hast ye between two oppinions &c. good sermon indeed -- Mr Root goes to Old Branford --

Thu 28 A cloudy windy rainy day! Violent storm from the East == Our New Meeting House this day Dedicated to Almighty God == introductory first prayer and sermon by Professor Fitch of Yale College -- from 2nd Chron. 6th 18 Ver "But will God in very deed dwell with with men on &c."

A very excellent discourse -- but few present on account of the storm -- good singing led by D. Foot. -- Another sermon preach'd by Dr. Fitch the after noon [blank] -- He spoke of the refuges to which sinners resort & show'd the fallacy in a striking & powerful manner

Fri 29th 1831 Storm continues -- muddy indeed --

Sat 30 Cloudy yet == unpleasant time -- Our Bell which was bung on Wednesday before Dedication the call an excellent one -- The Building is completed save the steps --

Sab ] May 1831 Rather cloudy -- full House -- Mr Roots first text in the New House is found in Luke 19th 10 V. "For the son of man is come to seek and save that &c." -- Afternoon Mr Hoadley preach'd text "Behold he prayeth" -- pleasant (House?) Communion day == solemn time -- I do not enjoy my mind -- much diverted from outward objects

Mon 2 May 1831 Comfortable day -- I do Military duty as a serjeant in our foot company having been chosen as such == This Evening I go with others to Dea. Whedon for a prayer meeting -- interesting time -- I much fatigued. (I am?) ( ? ) ( ?? )

Tues 3 Pleasant Mr Root preach a sermon This Evening in Conference Room" We must all appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ" == -----

Whend 4... Pleasant -- a prospect of fruit --

Thu 5 Four days Meeting at Fair Haven

Fri 6 Pleasant Litne I go with Sam. Foot jun to Hamden to present my warrant to get clear of the Troop -- pleasant Ride -- Our Stated prayer meet held -- I not present --

Sal 7. Good Wether -- We have have now three profess'd Ductors among us -- but healthy time

Sab 8 Very Rainy Morning -- few at Meeting Mr Roots morning text Malichi 3' C 6 V. "For Some the Lord and' change not -- after noon exe. i(Hfl 31 st "and make you a new heart &c." good--

Mon 9th May 1831 Clear off -- This Evening Mr Frost addresses us on the subject of temperence -- not a full House but very attentive indeed his arguements the most clear and convincing -- I never better entertained -- I trust that some good will follow --

Tues 10 A meeting in conference Room -- this Evening

Wen 11 I mucir hurried

Thar 12 {no entry}

Fri 13 I' attend the prayer meeting -- interesting fun meet == Church express their minds in favor of a five day meeting to commence 011 Wendesday Evening of next week --

Sat 14 Pleasant warm time, growing --

Sab 15 Pleasant -- Mr (Frocin?) of Milford preach Luke 1 Sth 10 "There is joy in the presence of God &c." after noon Acts 24 .. 25 "And as he reasoned of righteousness temperance & judgement to come Felix trembled and said Go thy way for this time &c." -- (then? tells? close?) of the text in particular solemn -- Sabbath School organized to day --

Mon 16 May 1831 Pleasant == The subject of a division of our Town comes up in the Legislature -- a prospect that it will be divided --

Tues 17 Pleasant warm day -- I making boxes for Russell Merrick &c. -- Hot wether -- muggy -- My Birth day again 31 yrs of my life gone --

Wen 18 Continues warm & dry -- Trees in full Blossom -- Pleasant time -- This Evening our Five Days Meeting Commenced A Sermon by Mr Dutton Rom. 3rd 23 ="For all have sinned &c. == good attendance

Thur 19 We commence the business of the day with a prayer meeting at 5 Oclock in the morning -- at the Ringing of the Bell -- Such a meeting we never had before == Solemn & interesting -- Mr Root & Dutton officiated -- Serious commence at half past 10 -- good attendance -- Mr King preach Rom. 6th "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound; God forbid" excellent -- many strangers--

Prayer Meeting commence at 1 Oclock in Conference Room continue till afternoon some -- Mr Train Preaches Provo "He that being oftend reprov'd & hardeneth his neck &c." -- Solemn discourse -- full House -- dead solemnity -- large number remain after Sermon for particular conversation -- and the church retire to conference Room for prayer -- Much encouragement for Christians -- Evening Services at half past 7 -- good attendance Mr Train preach'd again

- text "There yet is room" Every Objection seem removed == Cloudy yet

Fri 20 May 1831 Cloudy some Rain -- but breaks away & becomes pleasant -- Prayer Meeting at 5 solemn -- conducted by Mr Root Mr Train & Mr Dutton -- at half past 10 The Meeting House well fill'd -- Mr Parsons preach'd -- [blank] Prayer meeting during the intermission -- after noon Mr Dodd preach from Isaiah 45th 22 Look unto me and be ye saved all ye &c. " good sermon indeed --

A crowded House -- the interest seems to increase -- A large number remain after Sermon while the church retires for special Prayer -- interesting season -- tis a trying time & we have many fears for these that remain unprov'd & unconvinced [sic] == Oh Solemn is the condition of every impenitent Soul-- -- & much Rain last night & heavy thunder Widow Stents House struck with lightning -- much damaged Evening services commence at half past 7 Oclock Mr Warner preach'd

Sat 21 May 1831 Ringing of the Bell aroused me from my Slumber to attend the 5 Oclock Prayer Meeting -- interesting meeting -- conducted by Mr Root & Dodd -- Services of to day commence as usual at half past 10 -- good attendance -- Pleasant time -- Mr Parsons again addresses us from 2 Cor 5=20 "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ &c." == excellent discourse calculated to arouse us -- The prayer Meeting before afternoon services held in the Basement for want of Room in Conference Room

Conducted by (Woodruff?) - a theological student -- Sermon this afternoon by Mr Michell of Fair Haven -- Text "[blank] No sermon I enjoy better than this -- The number of SO or ( reformands? ) stay to the anxious meeting while Christians retire to pray -- in conference Room -- Solemn time -- This Ends the Meeting -- and we hope that much good has been done --

Sab 22 May 1831 Mr (Seren?) Dwight preach to day -- morning text Acts 7th 51 "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost -- such a sermon I never heard before -- House crowded -- A more solemn and attentive audience I never beheld -- much feeling manifest == Prayer Meeting at One Oclock After noon text - [blank] Such preaching must have effect every excuse done away entirely == A third Meeting commencing at half past 5 for the purpose of explaining to the enquirers the way to Christ == interesting extremely

House crowded to overflowing - and every ones attention fully engaged -- Mr Huff present -- deep solemnity seems to prevade the whoe congregation and many are in agony on account of their sins == A prayer meeting Mr Roots in Evening -- Mr Huff conduct the services ==

Mon 23 May 1831 Pleasant wether -- Mr Root leave Mrs Fishers place for Mr Demie who move in to day == Mr Root moves to Mrs Clarks again ==

Tues 24 Rainy day -- much rain == This evening Mr Root preaches in Conference Room from "Whosoever is ashamed of me &c." == unpleasant time

Wen. 25 Continues wet & cloudy == Four days meeting at North Milford also at Guilford commences this evening-

Thur 26 growing time == Mr. Mitchell preach this Evening in Conference Room - from Ez 39: 11 "As I live saith the Lord I have no pleasure &c." excellent discourse == full Room == crowded --

Fri 27 Warm and pleasant -- I go fishing on pond

Sat 28 Uncomfortably hot == I work in shop ==

Sab 28 Warm day == Mr Dutton preach'd = text Jer.

2nd .. 19th "Know therefore that it is an evil & bitter &c." after noon Acts 17th 32 "We will hear the again of this matter" == good sermons == Third service at 1/2 past 7

Mon 30 May 1831 Sultry hot == I at Capt. Roses. painting on roof -- exceeding hot & painful to one unaccustomed to the sun == never did I undergo more from heat -- but seldom if ever do we have such hot wether this time of year

Tues 31 To day commences a court concerning the laying out of a Road to Guilford -- I attend -- Judges or commissioners Gen Woodruff Eqs Simon & Pierce == (??) (Nathan?) (Smith?) = (Hitchcock?) in opposition &c. (D? Kimbolly?) - & (W.? (??) in behalf of the Petitioners == I spend the day == Evening Mr Root preach'd in Conference Room = ---

Wen 1 Jun 1831 Court continues = I attend Sultry hot == very uncomfortable ==

Thur 3 Court continues yet -- & I attend == (??) (pland?)

Fri 3 June 1831 The commissioners proceed to Layout the road -- A great Tryal and I hope decided == I attend the prayer meeting -- thin meeting ==

Sat 4 Continues warm == road to curve out near the church == I much hurried but do little ==

Sab 5 Mr Root preach to day 1 Cor. 4th 3 & 4 "But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you -- after noon Eze 23 = 11 "Say unto them as I have saith the Lord I have no pleasure in the oath &c." good preaching - - a third service Sermon by Mr Train 2 Cor. 5th 20th "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ &c." == Maria Merrick having been taken violently sick of the sinking ( Sylbus? ) is thought to be better == Doct Beardsley attend

Mon 6 enquiring meetings on Monday after noon & Evening number attend ==

Tues 7 Mr Dutton preach to night in meeting House "We beseech ye be ye (??) (??) few attend == Maria Merrick some better we hope --

Wen 8 hot wether ==



Thurs 9 June 1831 Warm much want of rain

Fri 10.. Hot wether == I attend the prayer Meeting

Sat 11 I making chairs for Lucretia Chedsey --

Sab 12 pleasant morning == Mr Root preach -- Matt 12:41 "the men of Nineveh shall rise in judgement After noon Luke 14=26=27 28 &c. "If any man come to me & hate not his Father &c." excellent discourse & searching ( trying?) to professors == No meeting this Evening - I go to Miss Merricks -- Maria not so well --

Mon 13 Hot wether == Our new town organized Town Meeting held in the Basement story -- after much (difficulty?) we chose Benj. Page Esq clerk ==

Tues 14 Clouds up and rains -- much need of it -- exceedingly dry & dusty -- Oh what cause for gratitude == Meeting thickly attended this Evening == I assist in taking an inventory at House

Wen 15. Continues cloudy &c. much wet now

Thur 16 Cloudy & hot

Fri 17 I go this evening to New H. See the Siamese Twins Meeting at 4 Oclock as usual

Sat 18 June 1831 Very hot wether == Vegetation seems revived = by the rain ==

Sab 19 Hot == M Fosdick Harrison preach == Mr Whetmore present == Text Proverbs "My son give me thine heart" == After noon -- prayer meeting in Basement Mr Ingersoll attend -- After-noon text Acts. "God commands all men every where to repent" == a third meet. remarks from Luke 13=24 to 28 "Strive to enter in at the short gate &c." good attendance--

Mon 20 Pleasant warm == This Evening a Meeting Mr Fosdick Harrison preach'd == the doctrine of Election handled with much plainness perspicuity -- Excellent discourse

Tues 21 I attend a County Temperence Meeting in Branford -- Address by Col. Tomlinson & Mr Boardman

Wen 22 Showery some growing time ==

Thur 23 Rainy day ==

Fri 24 Fields ripe for harvest -- I go Capt E. Roses Raising attend Prayer Meeting ==

Sat 25 [no entry]

Sab 26 ful House -- Mr Root & Mr Bates preach from James 2nd 26th "For as the body without the spirit is dead-- good sermon

Afternoon Mr Root preaches from 4 Matth. 22nd 5th "But they made light of it" I well entertained Maria Merrick & Phebia Page both in a dangerous condition request the Prayers of the Church == Maria considered in a hopless condition =& Phebias condition no less alarming ==

Man 27 June 1831 [no entry]

Tyes 26 Meeting == this Evening--

When 29 Much Rain & extreemly Hot = season --

Thur 30 This ends June == Lecture preach'd in Meeting House Text 1 John 2 .. 6th "he that saith he abideth in him &c."

Fri 1 July 1831 Sat 2 [no entries]

Sab 3 Communion day -- Mr Root preach'd Exodus 32nd 26 = "Who is on the Lords side" == Added this day after to this church Augustus Page & Wife -- Wife of Giles Baldwin & Mrs Linsley == also Justus Palmer by and Wife of Albert Harrison by letter == Solemn == afternoon text Isaiah 5th 20 "Woe unto them that call evil good & good evil" == Exceptionally hot & muggy - unhealthy

Mon 4 July 1831 Hot Independence == James Monroe our President died == a remarkable incident that three presidents should die on this anniversary == I attend the Monthly Concert interesting meet. ==

Tues 5 hot == I paint at Capt. Roses ==

Wen 6 Much wet == muggy -- Maria Merrick considered better some ==

Thur 7 I work at Capt. Roses

Fri 8 I attend the Prayer Meeting at 4 O'clock

Sat 9 much Rain -- hot = &c .

Sab 10 Dr Taylor preach'd to day from John 3rd 17 "For God sent not his son into the World to condemn &c." -- I well entertained == excellent sermon = Afternoon Romans 2nd 4 "Oh despirest thou the riches of his goodness &c." Solemn sermon = Cool comfortable day

Mon 11 I mowing to day == We commence to day ==

Tues 19 I work hard to day == good wether -- I attend Meeting this Evening ==

Wen 13 Rainy Day == I work in shop ==

Thur 14 busy time

Fri 15 Prayer Meeting I not attend == much hurried

Sat 16 July 1831 We get ten loads of hay == I go up to see John Foot who is very low, having bled from the lungs

Sab 17 Mr Root preach from Luke 9th 62 "no man having put his hand to the plough &c." after noon Proverbs 1 st 24th to 31 inclusive == a most solemn discourse -- good sermon indeed == he advances a fear that numbers are left to hardness of heart & blindness of mind, those who have remained stupid & unconcerned

Mon 18 This week I engaged at getting hay --

Tues 19 [no entry]

Sab 14 Mr Shepherd here to day -- 1st text Matt. 22nd 42nd "What think ye of Christ" searching -- After noon Luke 24-19 "But they constrained him" -- serious subject to Christians == Oh that it might be ponderd upon untill it produce its proper effects Do Christians constrain him to tarry here!

Mon 25 We now in Great Meadow (????) &c.

Tue 26 much Rain flood Our Hay badly off --

Wen 27 Continues to storm--

Thur 28 July 1831 Hot Wether -- Edgar? Baldwin sick == Maria Merrick lingers along in a weak state

Fri 29 Meeting -- I not attend --

Frj 30 We cart hay =

Sab 31 Wet Rainy == Thunder Showers afternoon -- Mr Root preach powerfully indeed -- on the duty of sending the gospel to the Heathens = 1 Cor 16.2nd == "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by Him &c" after noon John. 12th 5th "Why was not this ointment sold &c." Plain & pointed = powerful = He consider the several objections commonly brought forward == excellent

Mon 1 Aug 1831 [no entry]

Tues 2 Much rain this week == uncommonly wet

Thurs 4. [no entry]

Fri 5 I attend Meet. == Mr White conduct the meeting

SaLQ [no entry]

Sab 7 Discourses on election by Mr Root preachd on a former occasion == excellent indeed == Must be satisfactory I think ---

Mon 8. Au~ 1831, Tues. 9 [no entries]

Wen 10 dog days hot wether == muggy == sultry ==

Thur 11 Giles Harrison taken this night with cholix ==

Fri 12 I attend prayer meet. ==

S&L.1 - Maria Merrick poorer ==

Sab 14 Died about 1 O'clock this morning == Giles Harrison AE 66 yrs == Sudden Sick only 48 hours == distressing indeed == Mr Root text 1 Job 3.9 "Whosoever in born of God doth not commit sin &c" funeral of Giles Harrison attended == an appropriate sermon from Acts 17 .. 31 "Because he hath appointed a day &c." On the resurrection & accountability of man -- Solemn address to the mourners == Sermon preach'd on a former occasion - - however none the worse for that == The corpse interd after service == family distressed

Mon 15 [no entry]

Tues 16 Temperence Meet. in Northford = I not there

Wen 17 Intensely hot ==

Thur 18 four day Meet. commence in Northford I go Mr Merwin preach == I stay in Evening ==

Fri 17 hot wether == Bishop Browning preach here == in Church -- I attend our Prayer meet ---

*[This is the last entry in this booklet. The last page of entries are written on the inside of the cover. The Journals for the rest of the year 1831 and those for the years 1832, 1833 and 1834 are missing, except for two pages covering briefly June to October 1832.]*

## The Journal of Timothy Russell Palmer 1832

*[The complete journal for 1832 is missing. Only one folded page is available. It is 7 1/4" by 6 1/4", the same size as previous booklets. The first two pages are lightly lined The second page is divided down the middle to allow a second column of entries. The third and fourth pages are blank. The entries begin at the top of the page.]*

June 19 1832 Great Crop of Grass

Sat 23 I am busy making Chairs

Sab 25 Mr Root text Act 4 18 Afternoon Mr Salmon (impounds?) from this.

Mon 25 Marys first Child born 11 oclock. Mr. Salmon preach in Conference Room

Tues 26 I paint Sashes for Capt. Rose

July 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Smith preaches, Mr. Root gone on our agency [*above last two words is written*] for (lady?)

Tues 3. National Guards from New York at New Haven Cholera

Sab 15 Mr Root preach Acts 5 - 9.11 V

Thurs 19 Fast on account of Cholera Mr. Root text Ps. 34.16.

Fri 20 To Day Mr Roots House Raised -- Eveng with P. H .

Sat 21 Harvesting now late

Sab 22 Mr. Noyes - p. Phili. 4.11 -

Thur 26 Spend Eve in company with A. Stone

Sat 28 Walk and fish &c. with -----

Sab 29 Mr Gillette p. Ex 18 23 -- Even Meeting filled -- Cholera

Aug 1 Sultry Hot and Dry -- Pestilence rages in New York

Sat 4 Hot Died at one Mary Little 18 yrs. consumption - sad:

Sab 5 mr Root text "I have a message from God &c." Corpse brought into Church Mr. Roots Sermon appropriate -- Eve I spend with A. Stone -- think Matrimony the proper State

Sab 12 Mr Root Acts 13.39 full attendance - interesting Eve in company with F. H. & A. Stone Walk down to moose Hill get tired -- pleasant

Wen 15 Eve spend with School teach -- Mary Palmer -- walk &c .

Sab 19 Our Minister absent -- young Men from Colege [*sic*] -- attend the Meet. Then spend here home with A.S. --

Tues 7 Aug 1832 Mr. White attend Religious Meeting

Sab 11 Mr Root B. Aets 13.39

Thurs 23 Aug. Walk with A.S. Spend Eve with her About this time Father is taken ill-- rhuematism

Sab. 26 Mr Hikock p. Afternoon Mr. Philce p. on peace Ex. (chap?) 4

Man 27 Road Builders commence on the Guilford Road

Tues 28 I in com with A.S. Eve

Wen 29 Officers meet here -- I do duty Col. G. Rose -- John Foot bleeds

Thurs 30 I in compo with A.S. Mr Root Sick of Typhus Fever (??)

Sat. 1 Sept. Mr. Day preach the Lecture Preparatory

Sab 2 Rest Day fro Communion

Mon 3 Military Training I fife

Wen 5 Eve. with A.S. walk &c. Some conflicting feelings--

Fri. 7 Eve with A.S. return at 10

Sab 9 Prof. Fitch P. Mr. Root better Eve. with A.S. late -- feel attached

Thurs 13 Regiment at Branford Col. there I attend came home tired

Sab 16 Mr Herrick P. [blank] interesting statement of condition of (Thellet?) 27 dollars taken after

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Tues 18 Aug Attend Eve. a Meet. at Dec. Russells with A.S. & F. H.

Thurs 20 Spend Eve. with A.S.

Sab\_21 Prest. Day P. Mat. 23.23 Eve with A. S.

Tues 25 I paint on Mr. Roots House

Sab 30 Mr. Hough P. Eve. with A.

Mon Oct 1st Town Meet.

Thurs 4 Eve go to E. Rose with M. Miner

Fri 5 Eve again with A--

Sab 7 Mr. Morely P.

Thurs 11 Guilford about done

Fri 12 builder paid -- Eve with A-- we feel serious

Sab 14 Mr. Morely P. I with A.S. Eve.

Mon 15 Society Meeting I Collector

Tues 16 Attend County Temperence Meet at Northford, Bacon address

Thurs. 18 Eve with A. Do little Work

Sab 21 Mr. Marcus Harrison P.

Tues 23 I go to N. Haven carry Tayler Rect, Bring out this R.

Sab 28 Mr Harrison P. again -- contributions taken -- 100 dollars ( ?? ) ( ?? ) Tues

30 Eve attend at Meet. at Noah Fowler M. Harrison p.