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M. J. Parrot

Dayton

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“Nil sine magno vita labor dadit mortalibus”

This Book is designed too perpetuate incidents such as shall transpire in my every day experience, worthy of note. And the more especial object of this undertaking is to fill up those gaps & chasms in time, that unavoidably occur and which if improved will furnish not only a habit of constant employment; but like wise the source of great profit in a pecuniary point of view as well as intellectual.

To concludae I shall [illegible] & with Pious Aenas

‘Et hose olina Mesnininisse furabilas

In no vain hope of handing down on scattering abroad entertaining thought or wise reflection is this, the record of passing deeds conceived. When our prophetic kin shall from the future darkness read confusion in this recorded & remembered push it may adjust its judgement for a wiser, clearer view. This also may through follies done advise us to a nobler course which further strength will gather from the brightness of our better ends.

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Attended society & was appointed on a comitte of conference, to abolish anniversary exhibitions in each society. Confered in Pecks room, considered the subject & adjourned till tomorrow evening.

I cannot divest myself of the strange & saddened feelings that death of Jim Cane has thrown about me; at one time I regret that I saw him not at his end; but again I reflect that though we were once so intimate, yet that intimacy was sustained by a mutual disposition for folly & evil. Late years have seperated us much and changed us not a little, he perhaps has turned his thoughts to death and the hereafter, I to an important, honorable life & the eventful hire. Estimating only the change in his situation was calculated to work & I cannot think that my presence, connected as it is with so much of his folly, would have called up reflections of a character to sooth a dying pillow or console a contrite conscience. Upon the other hand my appearance might have started the specters of forgotten follies, to intrude upon or banish that angel that the pious invoke as the guardian of their spirit to the sabbatism of the blessed. “My heart is in the coffin with him” & my spirit accustomed to follow him in the gayities of life now visit him in the gloom of the grave “by which like some last sorrowing angel sits sad memory evermore.”

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“I set my all upon the east and stand the hazard of the die”

Journal Dayton Aug 19th 20th

After several ineffectual attempts, I have at length opened an acct with my-self determined to note the various changes on the thermometer of existence. In taking a retrospective glance I find that the fortunate or happy periods of my life are like springs in the desert, or angels on earth. We have heard there were such things or seen them and therefore we press on for the acquisition - this is Hope – [tis?] all - !!!

This morning I was engaged in shipping corn for N.Y. the afternoon was spent in reading & writing a letter to Josephine in South Carolina, in the evening I rode out - came Home spent the remainder of the eve in the company of my cousins, retired at 10 o'clock -

Aug 21st 1846

Arose at 5 o'clock and after breakfast took a ride on horse-back, morning fine, met Dr. Bashaw asked me to call at his office, thought it strange yet promised to go, though undecided, took a sleep after dinner & read some in the works of the Ben S. Smith. Dr Chambers was at tea with us, went up street got in company with Grace Harris Kennedy & Irwin promised to go with Grace at 4 PM (Thursday) to-morrow to see Harris. Returning I met Martha Holt, bed at 10 - the night was cold remarkably so for the season, rest was bad and [illegible] but slightly refreshing, no dreams, yes I had a dream but it was a bad one much worse than none at all, why is it that the influence of the imagination is stronger in sleep than when awake? I think it is so

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Dayton August 22nd

Arose at 5 o'clock bathed, breakfasted, drove out, returned and dined listened to music till 3 PM eat a water melon fulfilled an engagement. At 6 rode out on buissness. Supped & went to the library drew the "missellaneous Essay" of McKintosh. Returned home early and spent the remainder of the evening reading in Sydney Smith. bed at 10 clock

August 23rd

Up at 5 read some previous to breakfast, Kinsil called and set a few moments. Drove to Franklin with sister, to visit the Schenocks, arrival at 11 o'Clock. [Jim?] & J visited the tombs of his fathers. The stone that marks the resting of his Great Grand Father is yet standing. He was a minister of the Presbyterian denomination & father of the Hon R. G. Schenocks, Sr's S & W Schenock's Parents. We left at 7 o'clock reached home before 9 - 17 miles. Bed at 10 clock

Aug 23

This was the Sabbath. I rode out and attended divine Service at the Episcopalian Church. Preaching was initiated by Parson Allen. Desultory reading consumed the rest of the time. Bed at 10

Aug 25

This morning visited Harris in company with Crane. Drank 2 glasses of ale & smoked a Havana with him. Crane abstained. Fooled the after part of the day away. Teaed with Aunt Peggy. Bed at 10'o clock

Aug 26th

Went to see Houck in company with Crane, Entertained on the flute. He had just finished his imitation of Sam Brown originally by [C Soule?], good Picture. In the Eve, shaved & bathed which being done I went out to the Browns and walked Home with Cousins. Bed at 10 o'clock.

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August 27th 1846

Arose at 5. Went up street a few moments and on returning laid down to sleep from a strange feeling within me. At 1 o'clock met Schenck, went to the circus, after the performance he started for Iowa. In the Eve fell into company with Crane, intoxicated slightly, though a son of Temperance. In connection with this subject he said the "Order of the Sons of Temperance" was a humbug & the the most complete farce ever palmed off on an Enlightened community. I attach some importance to this declaration, for I know it was a truthful assertion derived from experience & not originated in anger. I visited the Library association and obtained the Poetical Work's of Robert Southey, bed at 10 o'clock.

August 28th 1845

Nothing transpired this day that I might wish to recollect. I was engaged during the afternoon in matching a horse. The evening I spent at Home Crane & Irwin in company. Retired & read an hour in the Essays of Prof Wilson. Bed at 11 o'clock.

August 29th (Sunday)

Bathed, dressed and went to C. E. Church discourse by the Rev M Smith. In the afternoon made a futile attempt to hire a horse & buggy in order for a ride to the country. The remnant was occupied in reading Prof Wilson on Poetry. He says "that if Wordsworth had not written the "Excursion" Lord Byron had never conceived or executed the 3rd canto of "Childe Harold" vig. He Stole - likewise - that Paradise Lost is the only great Poem in the English Language, not excepting Shakespeare.

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Monday August 29th

The Female Seminary opened its year this morning and I walked down to the Institution with my cousins, feeling very sad that they should leave me to atnd their duty. For the best part of the day I read in miscellaneous works & also rode out. Bed at 10

Aug 30

Visited about most all the morning. After dinner I took my horse to the Smith had him [Shon?] and hitched to the buggy. I drove to Beavertown and having transacted my buissness at that

place took a cross-road through the woods to intersect the Shakertown road. I missed the direct route and wandered some for 6 miles from the point I wished to strike. went up to the city after tea & on my way met Cousin, walked with her to the seminary. Bed at 10.

Aug 31st

This morning between 12 & 1 o'clock AM I awoke quite unwell and lay in pain until 4 when a vomit relieved me, greatly. however I kept my bed all day and abstained from food. In the evening my Cousins paid me a visit of 15 minutes in my room, on a furlough from school.

Sept 1st

Being convalesced I read Gil Blas & eat to make up for 3 lost meal & c-

Sept 2nd

I read the Twins by Martin Faguahar Supper. visited the library drew the Poetical Works of W. Scolt. Went into company in the evening. Bed at 10

3rd Sept

Bathed & shaved. Spent the morn with my cousins also commenced reading Gibbons Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire - Bed at 10 o'clock

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Sunday Sept 5th 1847

Capt Hooper and Miss McCorkle visit and all went to the Episcopalian Church. Afternoon with Gaker, Crane, Irwin & I am [illegible], also Harries a contraband amusement afforded, night I attended, as a spectator, this scene.

6th Sept

Morning with [Phelbs?] - In the afternoon rode out to [Fryberger's?] & Kisens bought a 1/2 bus peaches - at night read Gibbons.

7th Sept

Was invited to spend the eve at Judge Holts did not go, rode out after dinner & also slept the, latter frost. Walked down to Judge Holts with Miss McCorkle - read the "Say of the Last Minstrel"

9th Sept

Went up and deposited my measure for a dress coat L. M. Lewis architect. Tried on a new pair of pants. Wrote a letter to Miss Antoinette Cowls in Columbus. Read in the works of Scott

Sept 10th 1847

Read & bathed, hair cut, shaved, dined, slept, went up to see Irwin, walked to the Seminary with cousins. Spent the evening with Eaker, Harris, Crane & Irwin – contraband. After retiring, early, I became the subject of some serious reflections, instead of sleep. I very much dislike the temper of thoughts that arise naturally, or rather by sympathy in, the portentous calm of fore-night. This does not proceed from a disrelish of “serious thought” ; but the “solemn stillness” which darkness inspires the imagination with “fear & trembling” and thus robs the judgment of its independence. Such reflections chasten, coarser & more temporal views –

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Sept. 12th 1847

This being the Sabbath I attended divine service at 11 o'clock. At 2 o'clock I rode out with Harris, Crane, Irwin & Eaker visited the Farm and after eating a few pears & apples we started for Home. Our road lay through the Brush Parairie and was good of its kind, but Harris who prides himself on his equestrian skill struck into a small boot-path, difficult of passage by careful riding, owing to the dense growth of the brush. He struck the rowells into his beast and went off at top speed. The spirit of emulation was strong upon us, and we followed with equal ardor. We lay nearly at full length on the horses back. Occasionally raising our heads for reconoitering. Faces, hands & Hats suffered in the sport and Eaker's saddle failed him. We stopped at [Illegible] Brimms and Eats 2 or 3 water melons likewise cantelopes. Then Home in the evening visited “Old School” church Rev Mr Anderson Pastor. Sat in Henry Brown's pew per invitation.

Monday Sept 13th

Arose at 5 and walked an hour on business. Called on Dr. [Soues?] Dentist to examine my teeth, found them in good condition after inserting splurge, a painful operation. Short ride after dinner and preparation for departing this vicinage consumed the afternoon. Went to hear the Hon Robert Cumming [illegible] defend his vote on the Mexican War. He made an elaborate exploration of the position he had assumed, in regard to the truth of which I am incompetent o gauge. Mexico adopted her constitution from that of the U.S. in 1824.

Sept 14th

Miss Cowls arrived from Col. Slept after dinner. Went and shaved. Paid some green, drank with Ombough. Afterwards falling in with Crane & Camp we drank again & then hired a buggy. Rode thru Town all about. Supper, took passage in the eastern stage, got aboard at the montgomery house after drinking with Crane, Dorst & Ombough. Columbus at 6 next morning

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Sept 15 Wednesday 1847

Arrived at Columbus at 6 o'clock AM. Breakfast called on Major Cowles & Dickinson. Obtained an outside seat on the Del coach. Left the American at 9 AM arrived at Del 2 PM. Stopped at Hinton House, permanently consumed the rest of the day in rigging up my room.

Sept 16th 1847

The University opened this morning at 9 AM. No recitations in consequence of arrangements not completed. Purchased books & c

Sept 17th

Arose at 7 breakfast, smoked, attended Chapel; After chapel made arrangements about this room until dinner. Purchased a Chemistry and looked over the introduction. Recitation at 3 o'clock in the above science, many failed, by reason of misunderstanding in regard to the lesson. Chapel & supper. Then went to hear a blind man sing. Smoked & went to bed.

Sept. 18th 1847

Breakfast. Morning spent in conversation. Reading till supper. Went to hear Dyer sing. He sang a few pieces & dismissed for want of an audience. Then went to hear Madame [Ableumowise?] of much renown. She sang well, though after manner of the Opera singers, which greatly pleased me - not - wrote a letter to Dr Lhomson.

Sabbath Sept 19th 1847

Arose late, according to habit, yet succeeded in getting breakfast. Went to church at 11 o'clock. Studied greek after dinner. Chapel at 6 PM. Went to church at night company FB - Come Home studied till 11 o'clock.

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Sept 26th & 27th

Arose early eat breakfast, read some in the eclectic museum, especially a peice concerning Rosseau. He made his debut as a literary man at 38 years of age till then he was a wandering vagabond & a thief. Wrote to Cousins in the eve. Went to hear Dr [Larnson?] preach, fine sermons, the Dr said that the popular breath was so variable that men bet on it as they would on the throw of dice or the shuffle of cards

Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Severe thunder Storm aroused me from sleep also heavy rain fell. Attended a lecture on chemistry at 10 o'clock rest of the day in preparation for recitation on the morrow. Had a splendid disturbance and then went to bed – 11 o'clock.

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Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1847

I have now arrived at the 19th year of my life. The good I have accomplished in the journey to this point might well have been effected in 1/19th of time; the evil is sufficient if scattered through a century to stamp it with profligacy and wickedness. No man had ever better precept & example afforded him or more uniformly disregarded both and purchased for himself, ere he had attained to mans estate, the experience in iniquity that might justly belong to the villain grown hoary in crime.

One friend I shall take from my bosom and hang upon the tree, from the suspicion that else he may play me the same trick in time to come. Lobbacebs then man!!

At this time I think myself familiar with all the vicious excitements know to men. And as men for the most part acquire and practice their vices subsequent to manhood and lay them aside with declining years and preparation for the last, great, change; I on the other hand became addicted to them in infancy and lay them aside with manhood, in regard to time.

P.S. 5ft 6 inches high weigh - 130 lbs

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Sunday Oct 31st 1847

I commenced my log book again which has been discontinued on acct of other duties. This morning arose at 5 oclock , bathed, walked a 1/2 an hour then breakfast. Engaged in reading CaCauleg's Essays. Machiavelli was the article I read first, and which enlightened me vastly both on the state of society in Italy when Mc flourished and also in regard to the personal abilities of the man. Machiavelli lived in the 15th century Italy at this time, although further advanced than any other land in literature, was cowardly, immoral, & licentious in her manners & sentiment. From this fact McC accounts for the fact that the writings of Machiavelli met with no censure in an age when corrupt Sentiment was the staple and ground work of society. He was an ambassador at Rome & court of France. He labored long to establish an efficient military system as a substitute for the mercenary army and by which his country might oppose the inroads of the more warlike barbarian. He lived long enough to see his country established in Tyranny to receive curses for his love and then the great Florentine died like Socrates reviled by his misguided country men! His bone lay undistinguished say McC for 200 years they were their honored by a English noble man -



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Delaware O.W.U

Dec 18th 1847

The last few days brought but 'evil report.' A dissension arose between Prof Thonson and the Freshman class in Greek, (of which I am a member) about the purchase of a Greek grammar. Guy, Merimen, & myself held out in refusing the work and in consequence were suspended. It was afterwards settled by a compromise.

On the first day after resuming my place in the class. Prof Thonson took occasion, without provocation on my part, to insult me through the most cutting and ungenerous sarcasm. When the class had retired I asked an explanation from him, which having heard, I avowed my opinion of his conduct. He ordered me to quit the room and I retired reiterating my sentiments toward him. The Faculty summoned me and having heard our respective statements they drew up a paper, complete with acknowledgments for the past & pledges for the future, which they wished me to subscribe. My answer was immediate and plain, an indignant refusal. In consequence of this the Faculty in their omniscience added an injury to the insult received. And after much equivocation and their mouths at the same time filled with professions of regard, they dismissed me from the University.

Their decision was pronounced on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> just at chapel service. I was not present but it was immediately borne to me by my friend Joseph L. Webb, who volunteered in connection with Mr. Carter to procure the protest of the students –

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generally and a certificate of proper decorum on all occasions, in the class as well as punctuality & excellence in recitation. Of this action it is impossible for language to exaggerate the deep yet apparent malice and the unparalleled iniquity of the procedure.

I am confirmed in my own mind that Professor Thonson was the instigator and supporter of this punishment.

Concerning this man there is a great concurrence of feeling among the students, of all classes irrespective, the veil of Christian humility, which he has put on, hides the most diabolical impiety and thorough depravity which it is possible for man to attain and not fracture the civil law.

To him I have pledged my deathless hostility and should, in after life, the power abide in me I will wish upon him that righteous retribution that shall blast him in time and eternity.

'Not in air shall these my words disperse though I be ashes; a for hour shall wreak the deep prophetic fullness of this verse, And pile on human heads the mountatives of my curse'

The society, with which I was connected, convoked a special meeting on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec the object of the meeting was to take action on my case as being dismissed the University. I exposed myself to a like sentence at their hand by a provision of the constitution. The cause of the dismissal being made known the society resolution was presented by Mr Guy, & passed unanimously. These resolutions declared my conduct blameless both in the University & Society. By vote a copy was presented to me.

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Wednesday Dec 23rd 47

There was word conveyed to me during this day that Elder Power would be glad to see me. I spent the chiefly in packing up my furniture & c. In the evening I called on Elder Power and had a conversation with him, the sum of which was that he would try and adjust the matter if I would consent to remain. This I would not do, and he then promised to exert his influence for a modification of the sentence. He requested me to place in his hands a note containing my views of the transaction I promised to do. Went to church, thence to Bed - slept with Casper.

Thursday Dec 24th 47

Borrowed some money of George, my cousin, being disappointed in my remittance from Home, & took my passage for Col enroute for Home. A short time prior to my departure, in the evening, Dr Thonson handed me a transcript, from the Books of the Faculty, transmitter & mihi padri. This was to inform him of the action I was to suffer and then to herald it. Self defense is a primary law.

De Jou Epistolam infami era illi dedi, sed quod meo saluti habeo. For the last time, I judge, at least in the capacity of a student, I departed Del at 4 o'clock PM. The night was spent on the journey, from Del to Col. Distance 25 miles.

Fryday Dec 24th 1847

Made Col at 3 o'clock AM went to bed, with Spencer, at the American House - slept till 11 o'clock. Left Col for Dayton at 6 PM in an extra. The company consisted of legislators & their speaker & Mr. Hawkins of [Preblesi?] which add Spence & myself. Reached Home at 10 AM.

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Saturday 1st 1848

We have reached another mile stone on the road to eternity. One of the points peculiarly filled for retrospective.

Many and perhaps myself with other frail ones, will enter the year burdened with vows and ere the end be buried beneath their fragments.

The year itself as yet a blank, shall be written on with countless deeds of infamous hue with an occasional virtue, looking like a stranger & intruder amongst this array of evil.

This year will be of vital importance on my prospects, as within its limits I will doubtless fire upon and embrace some profession & policy of action which shall secure my attention & abilities "whilst I tabernacle in the flesh." Henc it may become the arbiter of my destiny and impart to it what complexion God has decreed. Much dissipation pervaded the ranks of the 'Rich & well-borne' during the course of the day. I never saw more. My friend James S. Crane Esquire has been the unfortunate subject of protracted dissipation. I think he is beyond a reasonable hope of recovery, diseased in his moral nature. From my intimacy with him I know the cause or the source of his reckless career - novels!!

"His span of life will soon be over"

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Dickinson College Carlisle Penn

Sunday April 2 East Col. 3rd section no 4

I reached this village on Thursday eve 29<sup>th</sup> [illegible], being a week from home with uninterrupted travel. I made no bones of fact in gaining admission to the university.

After a slight examination I was admitted to the junior class 2/3 is advanced

April 11th

This morning at half past 10 the students formed procession and marched to the church at which time Professor Allen had been advertised to deliver an address on "the life and character of John Q. Adams". In the following language the Prof announced the birth of Mr. Adams in the year 1767 on the 11th day of July a ship left the shores of England for the British colonies in America bearing on board a bill signed 12 days before by Geo the III<sup>d</sup>, imposing a tax on tea; but, said the Prof, she had another item in her bill of lading, the germ of independence.

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Saturday April 21st 1848

Went to chapel at 6.

Immediately after "turned up my little finger" with Dox, in Willards.

Went to declamation at 10. [Cown?] and Creswell spoke well. Creswell is generally considered the most talented & promising of the senior class, my own inclination is in favor of Young. Creswell is aristocratic - death to political ambition. I am filled with a corroding impression of past conduct. Oh! the past, the bitter past!!

The tomb of mouldering hopes is pictured [illegible] with blooming flowers, where man in meditation learns how beauty from decay & ruin from reason 'doth arise.' From the past we find footing to leap forward into the future. Vice plants insidious poison in the bubbling spring and thence its current flows muddily out bearing on its angry bosom the withered plant of hope.

Since recollection in the past must live how pleasing when she wanders like some angel spirit among the fragrant flowers of beneficent deeds and gathers there those sweets which in the present stand for consolation and for the mystic future promise a golden harvest to the gathering hand.

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May 10th 1848 West College 46

Went to recitation at 6 AM. At 10 AM finished Germaniae to Prof McClintock. Moral science at 11. At 2 PM I was initiated into the Belles Letters Society by W.D. Conn of Balt. Poor society, at least on this session. B. F. Larow President. Spent the evening with some ladies. Rained through the night long.

I was troubled about making a choice of Societies. It was my object to join that possessing the least available talent. This would enhance my prospect of obtaining a place on the Exhibition, rendered somewhat doubtful by reason of my recent entrance among them. It shall be my end, not with standing disadvantages clog me, to obtain the anniversary address, the highest honor of the society. I am more ambitious of success in the Society than in the University from my experience finding it to be the most available talent.

There is a vast difference in the nature of talent . One gathers, another produces. In their respective spheres both are invaluable, the latter however has a more broad & sudden fame. My observation convinces me that the standing of a student, is but a poor index to his real capacity.

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June 1st 1848

Very cold, sitting by a fire. Regular duties performed through the day. At evening chapel a conjoint meeting of the faculty & students. Prof McClintock in the chair. Object was stated to be for the purpose of procuring a portrait of Dr Emory late President of the college, now deceased. Truly death is a mysterious, solemn matter. Since the world began have thousands daily fallen and yet look upon it with dread & contemplate its approach with "fear & trembling."

All other things custom renders familiar, not so in this still as men fall in Providence around us our thoughts are invested with hues of cypress shade and chilling forebodings of the tomb. It is an arrangement of god that we should thus be impressed ever deeply and regard with solemn thoughts that bourn from whence no traveler returns. I regard the ancient custom of burning

bodies as far more refined than the deep damp bosom of our mother earth, a fashion of modern time. I gave \$1.00 to the above project.

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June 5th 1848

Weather warm? So day the final examination of the senior class begins. Recently I have held not only strong thoughts but discreet communications with disinterested friends, of the senior class, about the anniversary project of mine. They afford me encouragement and extend me their influence and I consider this 'pleasing hope' that is within the "fixed persuasion of success," It will be a flattering success if succeed it does, as in addition to the ordinary competition arrayed against me innumerable difficulties make a rough path to that child of my ambition.

The attempt is honorable. A failure, though intrinsically passive, will involve me in much prejudice, hence a stronger flight.

The opinion of talent, which I have long held, and which is peculiar consolation to my own mind, is confirmed by an analysis of the present senior class [illegible], that its members acknowledged the most endowed, stand at the antipodes of the class. I am popular here and shall be more so, part of this is the effect of my natural disposition and part assumed, this being the direct route to my cherished aspiration in the society. The faculty of making myself agreeable and free among every condition of students seems a natural one to me. Adulation is the most pleasing cup the world can present to man. The dead regard not on & the living cannot taste a posthumous fame, but to be living idol for popular incense is the [consummation?] of tellurial bliss.

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Note father for \$50.00 making \$1.00 since I have been here, not 3 months. A meeting in chapel at 11 o'clock to announce the demise of Prof Caldwell senr. Professor. Resolutions appropriate were passed, the religious faction leading Marshal in the chair.

Young has me on his ticket for a [seat?] committeeman, a voluntary, though flattering affair. I am yours Charley!

In the afternoon went to the creek with Prettyman, met Rawlings & Greenbrank.

Prettyman propose me for a committeeman, pleasant enough that. What if I do get on? Funny –

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June 8th 1848

A few days past I have occupied my lesiure reading the confessions of Rousseau.

If this be, as it pretends the laying open of his heart, there I can see he had but few faults to conceal. His "debut" was at 30. Later ages have assigned him a high place among minds. His heart was strong as his head, highly sensitive. It appears impossible to me that he write other than good sentiment. [Since?] he wrote but from his generous, high toned, heart's inspiration. Jealousy & feud are concomitants of a lettered society, perhaps men of erudition have more weakness than others and the worst of this description were directed in combination against. How often might he have exclaimed "et tu Brute."

This is a striking remark. "In a nation of blind men, one eye would be king." Last night read remarks on Byron by [Sligh?] Hunt. This work places him in a different light from every other I have seen. I am inclined to believe him.

This is the portrait. He was egotistical, aristocratic, avaricious, irascible, sensual in love, implacable in revenge.

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June 10th

Went to Miss Crane's last night per invite. Was introduced to Miss Campbell, a fine looking girl, went out [home?] with her, a mile from town, got back by 12 o'clock PM. This morn had an invite to a tea party at Judge Lyons. Taken sick this morning. [Illegible] all day -

June 11th 1848

My illness had increased this morning and I sent for Dr Folk. The Dr pronounced it Erysipellas and bled me beside other prescriptions. In the eve I was carried to my boarding house and put to bed. Was visited by Sam Craighead of Dayton and Prof Allen.

June 12th

Worse this morn, of course I could not go Judge Lyons.

June 13th

Young & Prettyman called to inform me of my election on the senior Committee. Well done!! That's Good Disease is at its climax. Pretty bad off.

June 14th

I am convalescent and I have a heart most devoutly and continually thankful to God  
Went to the springs with Prettyman, met Young. Preswell, Dallam, Gates & c. Eat supper with ladies. Numerous coblers of sherry - Home at 9 PM.

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June 24th 1848

Sabbath day morning

Last Tuesday I started for Harpers Ferry to meet my sisters and uncle. They were not there, and after delaying for two days of anxious suspense started home. I reached Carlisle at 12 o'clock on the 24th inst and was informed that my relatives had departed not an hour since. Some inexplicable misunderstanding was the cause of this egregiously disappointing  
Harper's Ferry is a "Lush"!!

July 11th 1848

A meeting in the Hall to form a Belles Letters Felowship. A constitution was drafted & adopted for reception.

Being on Comit of our speaker went down with Dallam & Prof McClintock at the arrival of [Care?] & was introduced by the Prof to the Hon Charles Gibbons

July 12th

At 10 o'clock I waited on Mr. Gibbons to the college campus and assigned him his place in procession. At 11 AM the address was spoken. The subject was Wm Penn, [Mr P. Hosis?] is a quaker, & it was a bold, imaginative effort. At the meeting of Society at 2 o'clock PM I motioned for its publication & the motion having passed, put the request to him but received no positive answer. He was then initiated into the society. Concerning the publication of his speech he promised to confer with me.

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July 13th 48

Commencement came off at 10 o'clock all with great eclat. duties.

I performed the arduous of Senior Comitteman with cheerfullness & pleasure. Salutatory address in English. At a meeting of the students in the eve at 3 o'clock Prof McClintock announced the election of Dr Peck to the presidency & J [illegible] Marshall to the adjunct Professorship of language which appointment was read with applause.

July 16th

Started to Harrisburg at 4 PM. Spent the eve with a party of gents at Coverly Hotel.

July 17th

Visited different places in the city.

After dining took leave of some students at 4 went to Cxxxxxxxx's after tea went home to Carlisle.

Arrived at 10 PM –

Aug 1st

Started in the eve train with Primrose for Dublin Gap a sulphur spring 16 miles from Carlisle in the Blue Ridge Mountains - Arrived there at 9 o'clock PM.

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Aug 7th 48

Arrived in Carlisle at 3 o'clock this morning 6 days out. Spent a very pleant time at the Springs.

Read a long letter from Jim Lewell & one from Edd -

Went to a concert in the eve. pretty good.

Aug 8th 48

Up at 7 & bathed too late for breakfast. At dinner was introduced to Mrs Drent, a very fascinating woman. Wife of a Major in the U.S. Army A heartless Captivating t--- t---

Aug 23 1848

Volunteers from Mexico returned home and were welcomed by their fellow citizens with appropriate kindness, speeches, dinner & c. A wretched, forlorn looking set of d---ls they were bronzed by the sun, wasted by disease, scarred by conflict & ragged by time. Their wretchedness contrasted strangely with the parade, pomp of a celebration. Their greatness went out as it had rose, with the sun, and they separated to mingle with the more congenial scenes of a lower, but comparatively happy existence and to find in the welcome of their kindred a more enduring solace than the transient gratitude of an ostentatious public. Low spirits in the evening & went to bed early, disturbed dreams -

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Dickinson College Sept 10th 1848

Sunday Morn. No 41 West College Hall

I set out this morning; as the christian says; with a fresh resolve' viz : to purralize more regularly & explicitly. My record of last year, this day recured to, furnished some welcome entertainment, very much like that we had experience at meeting an old friend and fighting over old battles. Besides the simplicity of statement, so much like the unstudied words one use when talking to himself, which operation it virtually is, is no trifling acquisition. A journal is a friend – a mirror of the hearts phases & the headaches - a disinterested, silent, confidant, scarcely silent for like a model friend crooked paths and wasted moments make the page speak sincere but keen upbrading and good deeds on the other hand, are a lovely retrospect and speak cheerfully to us in the accents of flattery. Sorrow succeeds joy as darkness does the day - a morn of bitter thoughts & dastardly despair dawns on a night of revelry & glee.

“The nightingale that sings with the deep thorn

As fabled in her breast of wail

Is lighter for of heart and voice than those

Whose headlong passions form their proper woes”

A joyless possession is a disturbed conscience - an incarnate hell - a living d---dnation - a perdition aggravated by its contrast with happiness - the pangs of the d---d unpalliated by a community of suffering. Yesterday after dinner I went to a political meeting (democratic) at Hagerstown, company consisting of Bonham, Capt Todd, Primrose & myself. We raised two large stout poles, by main force and also raised our spirits quite as high but less stout rather than the poles, at least they are decidedly and d---dlby down this morning the poles I presume are yet up. Came home, stoped at Winrots to fuel, caught W in the act of cheating, always supposed him a d---d scoundrel.

Went to Barrons for oysters, likewise got into a fight and Primrose of who's courage I had doubted, acted nobly and after a hard and drunken fight whipped the s-on of a b---t. The crowd pursued us –

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Sept 11th No 41 West Col – 1848



Up at 6 very early for me- bathed & shaved, breakfast. Spent last night in reading Paines Age of Reason, a plausible argument and very forcibly written. Class in some perturbation of spirit, anticipating an expulsion for Sunday speers. Invited to speak at Paper town, dubious of acceptance. A day or two and our labors commenced Under some pecuniary embarrassment.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> No 41 WC 48

Usual routine of washing, eating, sleeping & c.

At night sat up till 1 o'clock AM to witness eclipse of the moon –

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> No 41 48

Called on Prof Allen, to make inquiry about the books I am to read, his reply was, “never mind Mr Parrot, we have a crow to pick with you.” Thus my fears are about to be realized and I am to set afloat once more.

The agony of suspense is terrible & withering upon me and the two days that intervene between the convocation of the tribunal will be sorrowfully sad. Wrote Howe to regulate matters for coming events. The world are vastly more humbugged & cheated by this so called benevolent institution, then avowed systems of oppression - D---d all such institutions.

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> No 41 West College

In looking back at the events of last year I am surprised to find what extensive changes one little year has produced. Fact over comes fiction in strangeness. Inscrutable futurity, thou holdest the destiny of the sons of men in unrelenting silence and thus my joyous bounties are enhanced and excoriating ills mitigated.

“The past is nothing; and at last;

The future will be but the past”

I contemplate more calmly this morning the prospect of dismissal, let them do their worst, I will reciprocate. Weather is raw and gusty, very depressing to ones feelings already blue.

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Laid down in the afternoon to sleep the weather being raw and gusty; the black & villainous phiz of [Shaw?] Bell, my servant, was peering over me when I awoke and his message assured me I had escaped from an unpleasant dream; but to plunge myself into a more disagreeable reality- in short it was the summons to appear before the faculty. I flung on my clothes in a hurry and in a few moment stood confronting that awful tribunal. A catalogue of the OWU was handed me by Dr Peck with a polite request to explain how that star of evil burn me and appended to my name. I entered upon an elaborate explanation or rather defence, on the conclusion of which the Dr told me that I must procure an honorable dismissal and a line to him, this step was ‘sine qua non’ Played cards with Willard till 1oclock AM.

[Faculty minutes state that Mr. Parrot did not inform the college of his previous dismissal from Ohio Wesleyan University from the sophomore class. He was admitted to the Junior class at Dickinson. To substantiate his standing, the college requested he obtain documentation of an honorable dismissal from OWU.]

Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

The old and long silent bell spoke out and started my drowsy slumbers, did not get up. Lost my breakfast and went to Banons for Oysters, eat 2 dozain, one with Conn. Shaved, bathed & c

Sept 22d 1848

Last night I spent with Hunter, Harding, Medairy & Kein, great dissatisfaction touching the administration. Went squibbing with Smith. This morning read note from Miss Crane, a dun - borrowed \$5.00 from Prof Allen & paid, Meaun volunteered his agency and assistance for my election for the Anniversary; prospects cheering.

Met my class this eve in Arnolds room & Prof Allen interrupted us in a good song. Went to Banons for Oysters and a comparaments, Home, In suspense as to my position.

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Sept 29th 1848 No 41 West Col

Press of business has prevented my journalizing. The inconvenient position of the chapel stage, has been long a theme of complaint. It was resolved by my class to remove it clandestinely; Last night at the hour when "grave yards yawn," Eighteen of us met for the achievement of this end. They consisted as I can recollect of Ames, Cox, Graham, Harding, Hunter, Keim, Kennedy, McCord, Medairy, Smith, Smithers, Thomas & myself with some I have forget.

We struck a light in the chapel, tore up the stage and carried it out through the door, broken open. Smith, Smithers & myself were then sent to tie Prof Tiffany in his room till we could get at the bell to ring it and also set the stage afire. We retired about 2 AM by the light of the old stage, and amid some general curiosity to know what was going on. Missed prayers & recitation, too long abed.

Oct 9

Sung on the steps at night. Loud applause!!

Oct 10

Singing at night. Three cheers! were given me

Oct 15

On a straight Fryday night, consequently felt bad yesterday. Went to declamation at 10 oclock. Speeches good, especially Hutchins's, a stolen production however. At night temperance meeting, myself Sec Quarrells made a most classical and happy address. Boquet extremely good- Went to Banons with Coxe & Quarells, "turned up little fingers," Got up this morning Bathed, breakfasted &c -

Down in the mouth about anniversary.

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Oct 19th W.C No 41

Went to Bannons for oysters last night- Bad feeling to day - Had a meeting of the senior class in my room. Jacobs in the chair afterwards Harding - Committee appointed to work on the faculty to request removal of some recitation and the delivery of lectures - committee consisted of

Jacobs, Hediary, Graham, Conway, Smithers, & I. At 8 o'clock waited on the faculty. Hedairy the organ. Faculty promised to consider the request.  
Bed at 12.

Oct 20th W. C. No 41

Breakfasted, bathed, &c- Went to declamation. Speeches not worth a---d---a----. Went to the post office - letter from Edd. Bad news - After dinner commenced a speech for Chapel Stage- Went to [illegible] Banon speak - got oysters & c. Some students got whipped.

(Sunday) Oct 21st

Up at 6 took a walk. Breakfasted &c-

Set to work on my speech - Engaged principally through the day writing a speech. No church

Oct 22

Went to Peck & procured a certificate of good character. Enclosed it to Dr Thouson- went with Conway and got our hair trimmed. Walked with Hedairy in the evening. Went to Barrons for oysters, bed at 1 AM.

Oct 23

Breakfasted, bathed

Oct 29th No 41 WC

Another year has rolled. A year in thought and deed has joined the silent company that have borne me forward to my destiny, another page is written in the volume of my life, a page that perchance deepens in interest and unfolds the "divinity that shapes my end." Not Measurement 5 ft 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches weight 135 lbs I have grown  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches, increase 5 lbs.

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Oct 25th No 41 WC

Bathed & recited. Society at 2- general election important as an exhibition of party strength- Harding elected through extraneous influence - Smithers seems ahead at present - I was made Chairman of the Court of Inquiry - unsolicited honor. My prospect for the anniversary getting sick of late. Better now however-

At night went out to Craigheads to hear Dud Smith speak - Good coach slow horses- Smith done well, considering his position- Reach home 10 o'clock- Oysters & c Bed

Nov 5th Sunday Morn

No 41 West College

Yesterday made my chapel speech - quite an anxiety to hear me - various opinions concerning the affair. One J. has signalized himself by the altruism of his opinion, this personage as he merited so shall he receive my notice in such [concise?] as coincides with his efforts.

I received an honorable dismissal from Dr Thouson - my accts are now to remain in 'status quo'; till I open them with heavy entries. Room filled with drunken students, tolerated in view of promoting my own ends. Slept with [Reina?] - Read, wrote &c -

Nov 7th No 41 West College

To day the Presidential election comes off all the Union over. Faculty excused the classes from recitation. Very little excitement in the College. D---d the parties what boots it who bears the [illegible]. Bought a hat for \$2.00. Meeting of the Belles Lettre society held in the chapel to act on an invitation to attend the funeral rites of Dr Creigh, I was on a committee to draft resolutions and also to invite the U. P. Society -  
In the evening wrote resolutions-

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Nov 8th No 41 West College

President excused me from recitation to finish the resolutions on Dr. Creigh. Bathed after dinner - was appointed marshal of procession at the funeral of Dr. Creigh. Attended the funeral. Came home reported resolutions to society - adopted. Report says Taylor is the President.

‘Till further intelligence is diffused among the mass of the People – with whom the power rests - their decisions and elections will be marked indelibly with the influence of passions & prejudice. With what power is an appeal to reason armed, when addressed to a people who are of seldom ruled by its influence as to suggest doubts both of its exercise and its estimation or eve of the presence of such principle, in any degree developed within them. The victory of Buena vista or Monterey increase their splendor contrasted with the ‘Quintuple Treaty’ by the mass. The elements that enter into a great civil achievement are beyond the Ken of the majority on the other hand those of a military victory – physical valor principally – clearly comprehended and ardently admired, by the lowest condition of men, form the most, indeed the only grounds for popular enthusiasm. This is the weakness of a Democracy, abiding in a people not furnished with a knowledge coincided with their power. Was apointed chairman Committe

Nov 9th & 10th No 41 WC

Assurance is made doubly certain to day that Taylor is the President. Went to a facultizing committee in the evening, after it had proceded to some length I blew out the light, great confusion ensued, in the midst of which Prof Allen entered. Harding - the President - is up this morning before the faculty. Some maneuvers in relation to the anniversary - prospects poor; but looking up - went to lecture at 4 PM - by Baird - A meeting to let the [ardant?] victim of yesternight resign. I was in the chair. Went on a straight with several of my friends, not having money, pawned my watch for some of the aqua vita - to a negro - Came to before I got a bed.

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Saturday Nov 11th No 41 West Col Hall

Notwithstanding my misfortune of last night - was up to prayers - Bathed, breakfasted & walked - went with Kennerly & redeemed my watch at \$1.50 - went to declamation at ten o'clock - Kaufman, Ridgway, Smith & Smithers spoke - good upon the whole. The magic potency of the bowl is gone and from its ruins now spring the potency of pride & conscience; the revelry & glee that held the night, made glad in the “frolic spirit of the flowing bowl,” has changed the wassail to a wail - The goblet has been the Pegasus of many a mourning bard and in clear depths of the

wine cup bright imaginings abound - a word so filled with passionate aspirations, sweet & savory contact and all the fraternity of soul that glitters in the witchery of beautys glance and the daring perils of the Hero's heart, that the sorrowing seek this seclusion and glide onward like the bright spirits of an exiles dream to awake in a bitter & blasting reality. So deck this monster vice with rays of poetry. [Macreous?] lyre threw off the tender odes and the hark of Horace wove its beautiful lyrics and the ambitious soul of the Macedonian mad-man is but one pearl in the coronet of his glory. Thoughts like these arise but now I stop and placing my life in the dust of repentance, I will to bed for a better futur -

Monday Nov 19th

Fryday night [spree?]- Saturday worked, walked declamation. Red Milton in the afternoon- Went to Temperence meeting at night- great Confusion and the scheme of a Temperence Society has met its final abandonment.

It continued not within the elements of stability, a disregard of the fundamental indeed the only law or basis of society was common to the officers & [illegible]. The audience leaving out the Ladies present had a majority of Drunken men in it.

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Much electioneering goes on for the coming Anniversary. Harding and I have Broke. Envious & jealous he first injured and then found a cause from that for hatred. It will be his undoing - Let him look out!

It is a sufficient solace even in defeat to know that a general concurrence of able judges belonging to both parties - ascribe to me superior qualifications for the post. Disappointments will sit easier on [more?] than Myself - as it is an ambition lately conceived and feebly nourished it will be less reluctantly laid down than in those for years have shaped purposes to this end.

A fortnight will decide the event

I abide the issue Calmly -

Nov 23d

This day was set a part by the Gov for thanks - giving & prayers for blessings of the past year. The minister have paid a tribute in behalf of the nation, but for our own hearts thanks as to ourselfs only they are known, so by us alone can due praise be offered to him who is the "Author of every Good & perfect gift." The memory of evil is longer than that of Good; a wound heals not so soon as a joy fades & the cup of affliction brings more of sorrow than the oil of gladness doth rejoicing. A bitter, welcomeless thought now holds me to a watchful course, through which I may avert the stroke that threatens to rival or reenact the tragic times that gloomed Decembers festal days, last year. Dr. Peck "discovered the evidences of dissipation" at the supper table Tuesday eve. I have been playing football through the day. Feel bad tonight.

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Fryday night Nov 24th 1848

Was summoned at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to Dr Pecks - I was duly informed that the faculty in their wisdom had concluded to spare me yet again, assuring me however that a repetition of the offence would prove fatal.

So I believe they are in search of an example & as my experience convinces me that an example is always a victim, it seems but a prudent [part?] for me to beware.

Went to lecture in the eve - not of much importance. Read Shakspeare “till the iron tongue of midnight” struck the knell of our thankoffering day.

Saturday Nov 25th 1848

Declamation this morning poor rather. Kicked football after dinner. Wrote a letter home. At night read in Hagliths Age of Elisabeth & in Shakespears Othello. Bed at 11 PM. Primrose stabbed!!!

Sunday Nov 26th 1848

Prayers & walk. Breakfasted - Came to my room & wrote. Bathed, Talked with Quarrels about matters and things in general. Chances for Anniversary on the decline. There’s room for action yet so cheer on my heart is and if success meet our endeavors, we’ll make a night [illegible]. I have some well rotted prejudices to gratify in the event, let what may come. Bored d--d nably at night.

Monday Nov 27th 1848

Letter from Edd this morning fraught with news of “melancholy kind.” Jim Crane my earliest & best friend has been brought home from his sojourn in the west to rest his bones & repose his spirit beneath “the shade of familiar trees,” another whom not a year gone by was taking the lusty sinews of his intellect for the honors of my class in the OW university - has been borne to the maniacs prision!!!

The tears of sorrow might gush like fountains from their crystal deeps and yet leave a pent up sadness that is but seldom felt & never uttered. Ere long my youth will stand amid the coreses of its friends, a worn & miserable thing of greif - like a soldier in the battle with surrounded slain or a tree that is green above withered branches and yellow leaves.

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I recollect the first death of a school fellow, how strange it seemed that one so young should die, that a form of strength should be cut down in the very sport of its boyhood; it was thing so suddenly strange that it made me think & wonder and so mysterious & striking withal that fifteen years have not dimmed the faintest particular; though others meantime far more dear are not so whole in memory. Cornelius Kline was this boys name. My friend is not yet dead and may heaven avert the blow, may the mercy that will not “break the bruised reed or quench the smoking flax” [illegible] his faltering flame, increase the sum of his vitality & add to the fullness of his years.

I would that he might live, live long and happy, live to lay at rest the worn out spirit of his aged sire; to gather his thin gray hairs with a fond sous hand to their last composure.

The cup we filled in days of yore is broken; the joys we shared are scattered & the golden cord that bound us to a community in love is cruelly severed. Let that pass through it claim an occasional pulse, we now have passed from the sphere of the heart to that of the head, we no more sail, but try to climb; our devotions are no more to [Terpsichord?] but to minerva.

Tuesday Nov 29th 1848

Prayers, recitation, walk & breakfast bathed & c-  
Read in Hazlitts Age of Elisabeth. Went to Prof Allens lecture at 3 PM. The Prof lectured on minor morals, some good hints & sarcasms in it, but nothing novel.

Wedness

Private exhibition today in society. Went to writing school in the evening.

Thursday Nov 29th

Nothing of special remark has occurred during the day; but in the evening I understood Smithers would resign which step would secure my election, I was remarkably elated. About 9 in the evening however I was informed that he had altered his mind. Bad spirit all even. Chenoweth, Quarrells, Conway, Smith & Primrose in my room.

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Saturday Dec 2nd 1848

Recited, breakfasted & bathed. Went to declamation. Conway & Cox did well. Conway comic. Studied Butters analogy- After dinner played football. Went to temperance meeting, made a speech in opposition to Ridgway, carried my point. Boquet received, I predict for it a short lived existence.

Read Hazlitts age of Elisabeth.

Bed early-  
bad sleep

Sunday Dec 3d 1848

Prayer, bathed, walked, breakfasted  
Read Sir Walter Scotts Demonology & witchcraft  
Studied at night. Bad cold - Bright day-

Monday Morn Dec 4d 1848

Unwell

Tuesday Dec 5

Morning recitation. Kicked the football in the campus & bathed, went to the lecture by Prof Allen on the Poet Spencer. Up at night till 1 o'clock A.M. talking concerning the Anniversary, concluded to elect Kennerly. Excited & could not sleep.

Wednesday Dec 6th

In a hell of a way about the Ann. have concluded to elect Smithers. Electioneered after dinner, cursed Harding in the campus. Also had a blow up with John Medairy. Went into the Hall- Election resulted in the choice of Harding, my worst Enemy!!

Gave him a piece of my mind was fined \$2.00 but as I am President of the Court of Inquiry that affair will be settled by me. I am down, down, most d---dly be down in the month. I refused to be a candidate for the exhibition & abused the President, Ames, Matters, Kim, Hutchins, Gough & Quarrells, speakers.

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Fryday Dec 8th

Went to the concert last night.

Missed German this morning.

Football after dinner. Lecture. Walked with Smithers in the evening, he had been cursing John Medairy. M is a villain!! The weather is delightful.

Saturday

Back to declamation Hutchins & Jacobs good speeches- Played football read the afternoon through.

Temperence meeting at night. Peck made an address, very poor, so much that I came away before it was over.

Sunday

Smithers and Harding had a disturbance in the morning. I scared him with a broken pistol. After dinner I penned a challenge for Primrose, which he sent Harding, He has not replied. He is a Coward

Great excitement relative this man, and talk of breaking up the exhibition.

Monday 11th Dec

Usual routine – About 11 o'clock at night Primrose came up with a bottle of whiskey and said that Harding was to fight him in the morning.

Went to bed, but was kept awake with a bad cough also by thoughts that disturbed my rest.

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Tuesday Dec 12th 1848

Went to recitation, bathed, breakfasted & c- After breakfast Primrose was in the campus by appointment. Harding met him questioned about the challenge and struck him [instanthen?], they fought, fought long and hard at length they took Prim off. Prof Ludler assisting! Peck made a speech from the second section steps. No recitation & no talk but of the fight. Went to hear Blumenthal lecture. Discussed fight, loafed, smoked& studied till bed time.

The faculty will retain the belligerent parties in Col.

Wednesday Dec 13 1848

Sick today – Got a paper from home containing the distressing intelligence of Jim Cranes death. He died on Dec 4th Monday morning, aged 21 years, 8 months and a few days - He was my most familiar friend, faithful and just to me

I had rather been present to have participated in the sad solemnities of his funeral pageant, to have shed a sincere truthful tear in the urn that held his ashes, but so it was not ordered. It rather seemed that my condition should contrast with his, so that whilst I strove for honors from the world and baptized myself in a sea of jealousies, my friend was giving back his honors to the world again, was healing wounds, stifling enmities, and preparing his heart for the change that came upon him like the swift shadow of a cloud. The grassy plot on which we played, the green



wood shade through which we roved is withered now; on casts it clay upon the chilly corpse, that days gone by was wont to sport thoughtlessly upon its own, last home – the grave.

“Green be the turf above thee

Friend of my early days

None knew thee; but to love thee

Or named thee but to praise.”

Red Boling broke.

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Dec 16th 1848

Was called to preside over a meeting of the students, after paryeed. Was examined in German, came off well. Played football. Bowman dislocated his arm. Went to the comitte. Attended society, made a speech against the faculty, praised much.

Dec 18th

Passed the day in examinations.

Dec 19th

This morning at 10 AM finished exam - [illegible] free as wind  
[illegible] is the word

Dec 20th 1848

Desultory employment during the day - At night assisted in doing the honors of a ‘half gallon’ in Smiths room. Company consisted of Coxe, Ames, Selmen, Smith, Vangaut, Primrose &c-

Dec 21st 1848

Read in Boswills life of Dr Thouson, also commenced Longinus. Read Joseph Andrews entirely- A quart was produced at night for encouragement of the inner Man - Ames guest.

Dec 22d 1848

Headache this morning, Primrose brought up 2 quarts, from breakfast. This [illegible] through the day - another quart at night with oysters & c-

Dec 23d 1848

Oysters made me sick, disturbed my rest - up at 6 washed, bathed, walked, breakfasted. Went to my Patron got \$1.00, order of a Terence - Went to the Garrison in the afternoon, made arrangements for Christmas night- At night went to Orths per invitation - Keins & Metherell very tight! bed at 11-

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Dec 24th Sunday

Read in Lowginns & Boswells Thouson- Consumed the whole day in reading.

Went to church at night. From thence with Smith of Carlisle adjourned to minroths, Gibson, Stevenson & c made A merry Smith was overcome & put to bed. Oysters & bed at 12-

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas-day

Bad feelings. Read & loafed. All in all a dry day.

The old fashioned manner of spending Christmas is in the main the best, the most comfortable & substantial. There was more hope, more infallible promise in the approach of Christmas, in by-gone days than now. With what cheerful feeling did I use to attach my stocking firmly to the bed post, conspicuous for the annual offerings of Kris-Krikle, starting up at the first pulse of wakefulness, to explore the mysterious gifts: to set down on the cheerful hearth and look over my bookson experiment with toys. After these days of innocence had passed with infancy away; it was still bright & pleasant to make young brothers or sisters merry with presents; to attend the worship of god and to meet the family at the well spread board. All these are gone, the natural mirth of these days has given place to artificial and innocent pleasures in the family circle are now supplied with the carouse & revel of "congenial souls."

Yet after all, spend it how you will christmas is a night old & merry holy-day, a common time for festivity with all; the poor & rich make merry in their own ways, yet each recognize the holy-day and observe very pleasant costumes. Last Christmas spent with Crane and drank him may a turn not one of which he ever lived to enjoy.

Harris & the rest yet rush on & think not of this sorrowful event, another christmas and we may be one less still.

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I spent the day here rather dryly. As did most of us, nothing occurred to remind us of the day save now & then a drunken shout and loud hurrah- There was a good deal of drinking, throughout the college during the day, as in fact there has been for a week past. At night I assisted over some Champaign. Smiths & others.

Dec 26th

Read in the morning- dined with Reim. Played Cards in the afternoon - with [Bicole Whothinell?] & c- Read at night. Had a visit from Conn - Bed at 11 -

Dec 27th

Up at 7. Walked, breakfasted, read- bathed & dined. Read the afternoon & evening.

Dec 28 Thursday

Up at 7, breakfast. Engaged a sleigh with 5 others & went to Newville. Dined at lucks- I played Whist-, Returned Home at 6 in the evenin g- Played Whist at night bed at 1 AM.

Dec 29 Fryday

Up at 7- Finished 1st vol Boswells Thouson - good. Bought a bushel of Apples- Played Whist in the afternoon. Read the 'Henry Wifes of Windsor' & finished 'Longinus on the Sublime' at 12 o'clock went to bed-

Dec 30th Sat

Miscellaneous affairs in the morning, arrangement for a sleigh ride & c, Afternoon read Oliver Twist, a letter from Charley Young. Went to Reims at night to help dispatch a Virginia Ham. Went to bed at 1 o'clock having finished Twist. Reim slept with me.

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Dec 31st Sunday

Last day of 1848

A bright still sunny Sabbath. Slighs are gliding by with their merry music & happy company. Went to the library got Moutaigns works & Alfred Tennysons poems - In the afternoon went to see Culp. Thwarted in getting a sleigh. Kept new years night or rather held our merry vigils about the expiring form of the old year. Went to bed at 2 o'clock.

Jan 1st New Year

First day of January; being the first of the year of grace Eighteen hundred and forty nine. Engaged a sleigh from Hendel (Smith & myself) and having eat a fine dinner started for Newville. Met Dr. Peck on return. Made N at 4 o'clock. Went to lacks for tea; after tea went to hear Ridgway preach. Bascone made a "good fist of it." Returned to Jacks. Met McDowell Sharpe had various punches and other fortifying agents. Left Jacks for Carlisle at 1/2 past 12 - reached C at 2. Met Keim & others on the streets "sheets in the wind." Played Cards with Primrose till 9 o'clock, then to bed. This record of my 1st day of the New Year. Finished a preface that promises beautifully for the page of the year.

Last new-year I believed that the Year 1848 would settle me in some occupation, permanently, expecting to pursue no further a prescribed course of education, I knew it would devolve on me to choose some employment or espouse some profession. My predictions have been strangely and not unpleasantly thwarted, I now occupy a position, that on last new years day the highest range of hope did not even reach, and that I should then preferred before all others as pleasant & profitable, as ministering to my inclinations & strengthening my partiality for a particular form of mental excellence.

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It seems however, indisputably certain that this year will accomplish the defeated prophecies of the last, that it will fix in some definite direction the random-quivering needle of my fate and fortune. As I am to go forth the from these classic shades and put a terminus to my collegiate education it can be done in one of two ways, either to be forced of in sight of the goal with all the dust and heat of the race upon me yet none of its honored wreathes or else to go out armed with the credentials of scholarship and crowned with the laurels of Academic toil. Neither even would surprise me. It ought to be held an eventful period when a person, determined for distinctions is brought to close with a profession, how many err or rather how few are right, look at the miserable majority of all the learned professions, many of whom might have deserved better in another, look at these and be wise, my friend Mr P. to use care & thought before you step, lest you step into the darkness where pride will hold you prisoner. When I consider that in addition to the important interests involved in the choice of a profession, there are others quite as momentous in their character, I almost shrink from such weighty responsibilities. I am to return

into the community to assume a new situation, guided by a purpose and clothed, I trust, with new strengths, I am to pass from minority to majority – from the sphere of the cradle to the [illegible] of the grave. It is not to be mentioned among the small occurrences of this year, that I am to hew out a mental character & not so particular about the moral. Resolution and industry are my sheild & sword believing as I do that a small power judiciously applied is more effective by far than the fitful operations Genius - the uniform motion of the sun is greater than the intermittent fallings of the fiery comet.

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Jan 2nd 1849

Got up and dressed at 12 AM. Loitered the afternoon went down at night with Reim & others for oysters; eat a dozen & 1/2 , at Lowes. Studied zoology bed at 1/2 11 o'clock. Reim slept with me.

Jan 3d 1849

Up to prayers, no recitation. Studied Butler and recited at 10, first measure for boots, got parts from [Skiles?]. Went to society, no quorum, members gone skating. Read in Boswells [Jhonsons?], Oysters with Reim & bed at 12.

Jan 4th 1849

Up to prayers recited to Baird. Studied Butler &c. At night eat a dozen & 1/2 of oysters at Lowes. Reim went to Minrotts after Thalernia. Studied & went to bed at past 12. Reim slept with me.

Jan 5th

Up to prayers, recited in victal philosophy. Went to German but no recitation. Astronomy &c. Read a treaties on 'venereal diseases.' Read Boswell in the afternoon & at night. Met with the Schillen club at 6 oclock. Bed at 11.

Jan 6th Saturday

Up to prayers- no recitation. Breakfast, read till 10 o'clock, new boots. Went to Minrotts for Whiskey punches. Read after dinner till night. At night a party went on to serenade Tiffany- Neglected to call a meeting of the Court of Inquiry as I had promised.

Primrose brought up a quart with him at 11 o'clock, we sat down and enjoyed the blessings till 1 o'clock. Reim slept with me, he was the smallest quantity drunk. Purpose to miss public devotions - private also.

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Jan 7th Sunday 1849

Missed chapel. Got up for breakfast

Read Montaigne till 11 o'clock. Find it very amusing, easy talk, abundantly illustrated with anecdote chiefly from Antiquity- observations on human nature and its passions in general & Montaigne in particular. Fine for desultory readers. Montaignes bestowed on him a superb education, teaching him, Latin first instead of French so that Latin became his vernacular

tongue. He lived in the 16th century. Washed, bathed & put on clean linen- took a short walk, dined. Studied German all the afternoon, being resolved, recently, to learn the language. At night read in John Quincy Adams's Lectures delivered in Harvard University- read in Boswells Johnson & bible.

Jan 8th 1849

Up to chapel. Chiner came back. Went down town & procured sundry whiskey punches. In the afternoon went to licks at Newville, in fine Sleigh & Drive. Hodges sucker. Sundry punches, gorgeous punches & superb supper. Home at 2 o'clock AM.

Jan 9th 1849

Up to chapel, recited. Bad feelings. Afternoon attended a Lecture on the Poetry of the bible. Read at night. Bed at 11. Slept with Jeffry.

Jan 10

Missed prayers & breakfast, recited on Butler. Society in the afternoon nothing done. At night played a whist & assisted over a quart of Brandy. Went down town for oysters & 4 punches. Prim stood. Came Home laughed joked &c. Could not study & went to bed - 1/2 12. Reim slept with me.

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Jan 14th Sunday

Neglected journal several days-

Went to burkes, at church time, for punches, fooled afternoon away. Studied at night.

Jan 17th

Made a speech in the Hall, on the subject of [Cring?] Exhibition. Went to hear the Eady family sing, the same that I went to on the night of my arrival at Carlisle. Went to bed at 12.

Jan 24th

Spirited debate in the Hall & carried my point. Old system of Anniversary restored. "Your most obedient" was elected Anniversarian.

Jan 27th

Slept over prayers. Spoke in the chapel, better than usual. Recd money from father \$30.00. Dined a Flemings. Held a meeting of the Court. Speakers met in my room & [illegible] voted on the exhibition, Ames got the last speech. Got a horse & rode to the garrison with Primrose, to call on Col May. Secured his band for the 22nd. Wrote on the Anniversary at night.

Jan 28th

Employed on the Anniversary.

Feb 1st

Was elected Editor of the Monthly collegian, in conjunction with Ames & Waters.

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Feb 7th

Ames & I visited Col May at garrison talked with him & at parting took some whxxky & water, clever man.

Feb 17th

Red a letter from P. B. & P. J. Collins in relation to our magazine. While sitting in Jacobs room Dr Peck came running in & requested us to run down to his dining room, that Warwick (a student recently from England) had gone "stark mad"!!! Was occupied in taking care of W till midnight. Great Excitement in Col about Dan Smiths dismissal!! Was with Prof Blumsuthal all the afternoon, engaged in correcting my "Anniversary address." Seemed sadly deranged from seeing the madness of Warwick.

Feb, 23d 1847

Last night spoke the "Anniversary Address." Esteemed a high honor, especially for me as I have only been here a few months.

Congratulations were heaped upon me "Olympus high", & what is better, at least more indicative of success, is that my enemies were forced to contribute their mite of praise. "Upward & onward" is my motto"

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Sept 3 1849

Commenced the study of Law with Odlin & Lowe. Odlin good, Lowe 0 - Thus I have embarked on this dark and unknown sea alas now prolific of danger to the young. But I think myself pretty sure of my call.

As to the question of pure ability I feel pretty confident to say that I am Equal.

But of those secondary and very important chances that afford an opening for the juvenile aspirant. I am diffident to speak but hope best luck.

Though a man in legal abilities is generally considered equal to himself yet I think many of our lawyers have succeeded in outlawing themselves. Spent the night at Judge Holts. Very pleasant went home with Miss Fower

Turned up little finger.

Sept 4th 1849

Went to the office. Peter recommended my attendance on court during Crime Trials.

Commenced Blkstone, Went to Greens at night pleasant time enough. Read & bed.

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Sept 5th 1847

Went to court Case Johnson vs State or vice versa - attended court all day. In evening drove Hon Prof Meur home. [Illegible] Jhonson [illegible]. Case seems hard. The actual injury sustained is nothing, she is then to be incarcerated for years in a dayless dungeon for a mere motive- a momentary disturbance of the mind.

Justice yet discriminates in colors. Johnson was a negro woman-

Sept 6th

Went to court Joe Kennedy dined with me, Court [illegible] went to take leave of Lowe went to [illegible] at Voorhies, very pleasant suits for supper. Called on Clara Steel, Bell Hoet there pleant went to [illegible] party. Home at 1 AM-

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Saratoga County N.Y.

Ballston Spa

[Illegible] in this most delightful of the earths delightful spots- For a retreat from the rays of a burning sun, it is par excellent- It is a Paradize in soft- & subduing shades – Majestic Elms bend & interlace their familiar branches, for above, like the tender [intertwinings?] of forsola lover. An Elysium without angels (Except male angels). [Illegible]

July 4th 1850

The glorious fourth & its festivities are past. The shades of our revolutionary ancestry are satisfied & (so are many young orators).

I have neglected to make entries for so long that I can not now go on without making a confessions, in the above manner.

This institution merits little praise. It has no organization, no charter no discipline, & it has an individual at its head who is destitute of those personal qualities, which are capable of sustaining order & identity in an school, where the restraints of settled rule do not exist. The average attainments of students is low; few finish a degree. Their morals are those of Botany Bay, their manners would be courtly in the capital of the Hottentots- no where else. Their minds are not capable of being unified - We had a sample debate upon the Cuba Question. Ladies were in attendance (what an unintellectual curiosity the ladies have) doubtless for the purpose of furnishing inspiration to the potent poleminer. How most their tender

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sensibilities have been shocked. When their kindness had no other effect upon the orators then to make them exceedingly flush with flattery- Flattery is forcible when disguised, but avowed praise is abusive- the ladies were fulsomely praised, they would say abused (so would I) consequently withdrew. The debate ushered in by the pleasant auspices of bright reurious eyes was handed out without a female acquaintance & with nothing let to show such a acquaintance – except their contempt.

Till it not! Ignorance & rudeness are simesse Twins. Old Fowler dismissed one yesterday- verily I am hard run. There was a famous Trot at Saratoga on the fourth of July- Horses- Grey Eagle of Boston & Jack Rossiter of NY, G-E won the race- the best time made was by Rossiter on 20 heat- 2 min 33 sec. the other heats 2- 35-

Good deal of fashion on the ground - Loofers, Ladies, Lackeys, grooms, gentlemen & judges, Barkeepers & blacklys, foreing nobility (exiled) in moustaches, metropolitan Belles in white Kids & faces still whiter, some Indians were there too in their blankets & feathers, old sorts of characters, - except modest ones -

July 8th 1850

Weather wet again. What a blessing to society the weather is - a pleasing topic always talked of- never dry. Read Kent & Blkstone. In letters get - d---d - the luck. Light up by the ragged Jews.

9th

Bill placed with Litch for collection by a nigger!! Read vanity fair- exceedingly good- then in tobacco. Am now exercising self denial & supporting resolutions novel position: but hope it will last. Went in bathing at 5 o'clock PM. Bed at 11 with belly ache.

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July 10th Wednesday 1850

Rose at 6 went bathing. Wrote a letter Home. Unusually good for a Home letter - Read some in Vanity Fair.

Was shocked to hear of the Gen Taylor's death so early in his administration. His stout heart and his strong body were immune to the fatigue & dangers of the camp; the intrigues of the Cabinet fretted his honest spirit, whilst the confinement of the closet sapped the energies of his body. He is victim to the corrupt action of the Whig party. He was honest, brave & sensible, but he had died with far better grace upon the field where his fame was won. Peace be the ashes

July 11

Up at 5 went to Bloods [dine?] & bathed.

Read Vanity Fair in the morning-

After dinner spent a hour in sleep; read Law & took a walk. Rode with Moulton (M is suffering with the syphilis) up to Elliss' spring. The water of which I prefer to the congress spring at Saratoga. Walked with Robinson, smoked (30 cigar in a week) & eat ice cream slept with R - To day is commencement at Alma Mater. One year ago I was sent forth (as others will be to day) armed with a diploma and the hopes which naturally belong to the splendid qualities certified to as mine within that well -attested sheep-skin.

If they knew (I mean those just graduating) of what little practical value that document is among a community of strong minded energetic men, they would feel less delightful, than I did at least-

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July 15th 1850

It rained and I did not bathe-

Read political economy this morning. Drew Cruises' Digest of the Law of Real Estate from the library (clandestinely) - Read it & will read it. I'm determined - Took a walk with Mip Howard in the afternoon & again at night-

July 16th 1850

Read in Cruise. Borrowed a one \$- chair. Hair cut went swimming with Whitaker. Called on the Dentist - Read Cruise in the afternoon. A public meeting at night to express the regret of



Community at the death of their President. A long prayer, some poetry (by a doctor) execrably original, an incoherent & inappropriate oration by J W Fowler. F was tight or thereabouts - Rolled ten pins with Whitaker [illegible]- beat him. Bed at 12- Not in very good spirits at present. Something about trifling away money in the first of the union the which I sadly want for just expenses now. I say something of this kind on my mind to steal its quiet. Moreover the cholera is in the vicarage of my home (if indeed it be not there) & I do not hear frequently so that I am rendered uneasy-

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July 17th 1850

Up at 6. Went bathing. Read on Cruise Real Estate. Read a paper from [D?] contained an obituary notice of Jme. B. Dart. An old intimate of mine, school-boys in youth, associates as students at law. Within the last year or two several of his friends (& mine) have gone to the grave. Crane, Haynes, Davis & last Dart. It makes one feel ripe for death to see so many of his own age & character & feelings fall among him. It proves the painful uncertainty of human life. "Life is but a strife 'tis a bubble tis a dream"

Read Cruise. Went out and spoke - Walked with Ellen at the spring. Political economy 'till Eleven. Bed

July 19th

Got up this morning at 11 o Clock - the bitter remains of a [illegible] night - straight clinging to me. Hair cut, whiskers shave - Went swimming with Whitaker. Was arrested & taken before Justice Maxwell. Composed it by paying \$5.00. It was on Complaint of Lockwood for breaking a window. This is an instance of the base ingratitude of [Rerer?] Sellers. They commit worse crimes than any that are made penal - Rolled ten pins at night - 13 games-

21st July

Sunday went to church in the morning (Episcopal) heard a Eulogy on Taylor (heard 5 or 6 yesterday best one by my chum Willard). Slept in the afternoon strolled at night. Slept with Robinson after a glass of Bdy & a pleasant moonlit walk.

July 22d

Up at 1/2 past 7. Read Cruise diligently 'till 11 Borrowed \$1.00 of [hum?]. Walked with [illegible] till dinner time. Played billiards. Went swimming. After tea took a cherry cobbler. Read Cruise 'till 11 PM Bed very sleepy.

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July 23d 1850

Read Cruise till dinner.

Went to Cowling saloon - Met Goude & Packwod from Union College. Drank with the boys at Mcbergs. Went Saratoga in the Troy train. Went to a Miss Harriet Smiths. Put up at the United Hotel. Played billiards with Gressman. G won some \$30.00 at Fair - G & I had woodcock at 1 AM (24 July) cobbler & bed. Moulton having retired at 11 -

Saratoga July 24th

Up at 7- Went to Congress spring drank much water. Walked some time through the grounds - Eat breakfast at 8 - Played billiards with Gressum - beat him. Hired a buggy & came home. Went back to Saratoga at 4 o'clock.

27th July

Up at 1/2 past 5 Am. Walked up to Ellis sping & back with [illegible] (There & back) The [illegible] is I think more excellent than that of Congress Spring. Cruised upon the legal coast. Went [illegible] in the afternoon. Read on Saturday night. -

29th July 1850

Reading law to day

30th

Arose at 15 minutes to 5. Started with Chum for Ellis Spring - Met Ellen Gore talked with her. Got back at 4 from the spring at [illegible] point 7. Read [illegible]. Went to [illegible] in the afternoon. Visited the United States Hotel (the most for fashionable). Heard [illegible] make discoursed by the band. Saw folly & fashion represented by hundreds of votaries - Variety of Varieties & worst of all [illegible]

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August 1

[Illegible] & Nesbitt have from Ohio went to Saratoga. Spent the eve with them. They were not satisfied with the school. (Who would be). By their advice I shall write to Cincinnati.

August 3d

Went to Saratoga this afternoon with Chumm [(Willisport)?] This Brother on a visit here, also a young Carly in the case. Returned at 7-

August 6th

Went to Saratoga with Moulton, Played Billiards. Returned by the [ridge?]- read but little this day-

August 8th

Went to Saratoga with Burns, drank cherry cobbler, played billiards. At 4 oclock went out to see Jackson then celebrated [illegible], try his speed with Jack Rossiter (also famous for speed) a horse.

The horse ran two miles, the man one & one eight. Purse 250 dollars. The man beat, running the [curt?] miles in 4 min & 42 seconds, the best time on record. The sympathies of the spectators were all with the man, their applause was quite loud and prolonged as it became evident that Jackson would win the second heat (the first went to the horse), his wife was on the ground with some other ladies, she burst into tears as he came in successful on the third heat. Met [Yabey?] Smith (of college memory) on the course at his instance we "nipped" us also with [drought?].

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Sunday 11th 1850

Got up swollen. Read Blkstone. The weather uncomfortably cool. In the afternoon walked to Ellis Spring with Newton. Met an old farmer there who gave us the early history of the springs in this country. Thirty years ago (said the old man) the spring water would operate with the force & rapidity of Epsom Salts. He was a fine old fellow the type of a class of men that I much admire. Simple & hospitable old farmers, living within the sight & sound of gaities & fashionable extravagancies yet preserving their simple hereditary customs with as much fondness as they do the memory of those from whom they have descended. They would as soon think of defiling the one as lying astride the other. And yet much as we may blame them for rejecting many late-discovered benefits, perhaps this is cancelled by their freedom from impositions & humbugs. Fine, healthy contented old fellows, like their own autumnal fields growing richer & heartier as they grow old. May their race be perpetuated & their blessings never grow less. In the evening walked with [Maria?].

Thursday August 15th

To day our Institution closed. This morning recd a note from Jane Schenck at the U. S. Hotel Saratoga. I go over this evening. At 10 o'clock Paul Brown addressed the visitors & students. The address as regards its literary merits – its intrinsic worth - was very good the delivery of it was excellent as fore- [illegible] fame led us to expect. After dinner I rode to Saratoga with Stevens. Saw Jane Schenk at the U.S. A great change produced upon a small mind - like all such changes it makes fully more apparent, I think she did not wish to encourage any acquaintance with [illegible] untitled servant, where it would be noticed by the nobility – the [illegible] of a watering reason, where transience characterizes everything & acquaintances above all –

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Saturday August 17th 1850

Last night my brother (Edd) reached here on his way to Cambridge to the law school. We spent the evening together in unity as brothers should do. It was grateful to me for a small difference had given rise to a coldness & suspension of communications that was unpleasant as well as unchristian like. We renewed our familiar intercourse & had a delightful evening together. Went to Saratoga this morning, played billiards &c. Returned in time to for Edd to take the 12 o'clock train for Boston. Two attachments were out to seize my trunks & attempt was made to stop this under the impression that my things were in it. It proved abortive - however my feelings were grossly & needlessly wounded. I dined at chases & was beastly in the afternoon. This day deserves to be considered as among the most miserable I have ever spent perhaps the most so taken all together. Slept in Cowles Room at Medberrys. God protect me from another such record as this would be could I write it all.

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Sept 19th 1850

Left [illegible] on Monday 26 Aug. Medbery loaned me the money. Arrived in Boston at 12 PM. On the way meet [illegible] at Schenectaday & drank a bottle of champagne. I have been here now three or four weeks & am pleased. Who can ask more?

Went into Boston last night to hear J. L. R. [James?] lecture on the history of civilization. With all the effect which his well established character could add to a subject in itself as interesting (long announced to the public) there were but a score of people there. This too in a city which certainly is the most intellectual city in the U.S.A. display of fire works (gratuitous) was the only competitor, its patronage was over 50,000 people.

The eye & the ear are far more susceptible of pleasure it seems, than the mind. The lecture commenced with a definition of his subject.

Definition – Progress is a fact in the history of a people. Civilization a mode of being –

Civilization has two aspects which must unite to secure its perfection, the social & individual. All the empires of the east which arose fell so rapidly. Had cultivated the individual highly & were eminent of course - in arts, sciences &c. But their institutions were [illegible] & imperfect. This was a defect in the social. [Illegible] was eminent in the social, but deficient in the individual. Hence her wrestlers & bold athletes were in point of fact similar to our individual. Rome was the individual, poets, orators &c.

She was like (says the lecturer) a giant who has brought his strength to the greatest perfection & is suddenly stricken with the apoplexy. Rome had no freedom. A turbulent strife of factions theocratic, democratic & aristocratic. The absorbed all the surrounding world & crumbled by her own weight. The great deficiency in Roman gov was the absence of the representative of system. Her provinces had strict but diverse governments, but could not be brought to representation. I [giving?] Rome left to other times her polity to temper & extend. THE BOUNDARY OF ANCIENT HISTORY Modern History of Civilization commences at the fall of the Roman Empire.

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Rome at her decline was as we have seen like a [giant?] of great physical strength stricken with apoplexy. No longer able to resist, with force or avert by bribes the mercenary hordes she had formerly employed, but in this weakened state torn by civil dissensions she fell an easy prey to the Barbarians. In the great sea of agitation that [earned?] many principles sunk to the bottom, others floated to distant shores & were received by other people. Out of the dust & ashes of her fall other times have reaped a plentiful harvest. The great distinctive feature of ancient & modern civilization is that one was PAGAN the other CHRISTIAN. Christianity tended to [subvert ?] Rome, it is the great cement of our civilization. Were its principles followed up there would be no necessity of municipal government. [Arguments?] no [illegible] would then come.

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Fryday 27th 1850

Yesterday read a letter from [Mack?] informing me of the death of E. L. Moulton – a recent associate & familiar. His character for talent was very high – his moral character correspondingly low.

He died it is said with delirious tremors but I have reason to believe that other causes were instrumental in providing his early death. So many of my associates have died within the last few years, that these impressions are not so strong & yet they set me thinking. Moulton is dead! Dissipation of the [moral?] excessive mature done its work. This is warning to me, to all, avoid women, debt & drink. Each alike. Debt perhaps is more ruinous, in a temporal point of view than either of the other. Debts not only make a mans [illegible] conscience uneasy but harassments & debts show plainly that other consciences are on the alert – People pity a man when he drinks, because he [injures?] himself but let him be in debt & they d--d him for pity is not proof against worldly interest.

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Oct 12 1850

Borrowed \$5.00 of Valentine (steward of the College) & in the even with Edd & McCormick went in to hear Jenny [Find?] sing. It was (the Concert) at the Fitchburgh depot & in consequence of too many tickets having been sold a riot took place in which the singing was all lost. Went to the [illegible] drank whiskey punch cold. Went to [Inn?] street. [illegible] fried oysters. At last went to Bennets at the head of Hannover street, when we get into a row. Edd drew a sword cane on B & Mc drew at a watchman. Both were gathered up in consequence & taken to the “lock up.” Spent Sunday in [illegible] street jail & were bound over in \$300, & 500, to appear at the full term of the municipal court.

Nobody was beat or scarcely scratched. Yet behold the rigor of the law they are held for a mere impulse not escaped from their heart & not unanimously proved to exist even there. Upon the same principles men are for a term of year incarcerated in prison.

The law punishes the intent. Hence its [fine?] discriminations, who then that intent detained with malice or only warm with sudden passion. “Who looketh upon a woman to lust after her already committed adultery in his heart” [illegible] the scriptures & the common law approximates to that in punishing an intention merely.

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Let us see how it would be otherwise. A man assault you with a dangerous weapon, he fails to inflict any material injury, his indictment in the case we suppose is common assault; (it could be from other if intents are abolished) at the same time perhaps another man is arraigned for the same offence. In the first case suppose the assault to have been from accident or momentary passion & in the lust that its perpetrator had often did – and his malice toward you & that the man, the manner & the time of the assault are colored with the hues of deadly hate. Would not that law which punished these cares indiscriminately be worthy the severest censure? Yea [illegible]. In short it is a distinction between frailty & crime – error & guilt.

Oct 31

Came out on the omnibus having slept with [illegible] (at the Pemberton) last night. Went to hear Longfellow lecture. Paulge's (to be here after corrected) was the subject, coming next to Petrarch in the order of Italian Poets. His great work was the “Giant” [Morgants?],” the model of our English Don Juan & from which it seems to have copied much of its profanity. Went with

[Herr?] to Chelsea beach. Drove on the beach, rolled two [illegible] & H got very drunk, came home on the omnibus. Saw Cook (Lawyer) at the [illegible] & made an engagement with him.

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Nov 1 Cambridge 1850

Went into Boston to meet engagement with B. F. Cook relative. [Illegible] & [MB?] difficulty. Went [to see?] Watchman Hill & made an arrangement. Went to debating club in the eve. Made a speech on the election of Judges by the people. Why should they not be so elected. I think they should first because the source as pure is just & the communication & the responsibility more direct. The same means that create Legislators, would in the proposed innovation, create judges. Now if the source be impure whence those who are to make judges came, we can not but expect that in some degree they will act in obedience to the spirit of their success. That they will serve the [illegible] of party. If that be so then what do we gain by this intervention of a third who is not only not more pure but in addition to the ends of party which are to be served, has his own also to secure. Is it not better indeed that we should go to the fountain head than whose communications through channels which never can purify but are always liable to corrupt. It is well known & conceded that the representatives of a party, is exponents, leaders, guides, are far beyond the masses in a devoted, thorough dealing party spirit & hence we must expect that they will communicate their own political hues & shape to the workman ship of their hands. What then becomes of the argument of those who say that judicial purity will stoop to pay a debt of gratitude to individual adherents. For that debt is just as great, that claims just as imperative in one instance as in the other.

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Nov 6th 1850 Cambridge

This evening went to Faneuil Hall to hear Chas Sumner speak. Great crowd. Black women white men mixed together in a motley mass. Officers were elected & after a remark or two by the President resolutions were read by Dr Parks Jr, a young man who entered upon the stage with all the alacrity of an accustomed performer and having performed quite a superfluities of bows quite satisfactory to himself, lead off in a manner which made it quite apparent that he was determined to be eloquent, which the poor audience seemed as determined not to know it as was abundantly proved by their demonstrations. In short the young man made himself extremely foolish (men generally do) in trying the eloquent, affectation, gesticulation & physical contortions are but a poor substitute for the genuine [illegible], but one which seem frequently to be laid hold of by the young.

Chas Sumner then came on & spoke for upwards of an hour with great effect. The speech was characterized by method & clearness of arrangement, great propriety & elegance of diction, with a masterly rhetoric pervading the whole. As a speaker his manner I think lacks energy, but he is prompt, forcible & what is better quality than anything else, very much in earnest.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening. Walked home to Cambridge. I visit their meeting not so much to gain information as to furnish myself with an opportunity of studying masses of men when laboring under any excitement. In fact it is my business as in future I shall be somewhat in this time myself.

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Cambridge Sat Nov 16/50

Went to Faneuil Hall last night to witness the reception of [illegible] Thompson the great English agitator of slavery, who was mobbed in Boston 15 years ago. This meeting was opened by the introduction of Wm Loyd Garrison, who read a short narrative of the public services of Mr. Thompson in order to correct any injurious impressions which might have been created under the slanderous reports of a hostile press – As Garrison drew his remarks to a close, the audience, begun to manifest disorder & he was repeatedly interrupted with cries of “louder” when every one knew he read at the top of his voice. Mr. Wendell Phillips next appeared upon the stand, a man of just celebrity for eloquence. The tide of confusion had now fairly [set?] in & the object of the disturbance revealed in a manner not mistaken or misunderstood. Though Mr P still continued to speak his voice was inaudible, except in the brief pauses of that seditious storm. Cries were made for Thompson, “Lets have no more of you Wendell” “do sit down.” “We dont hear” – Mr Phillips was forced to retire. Mr Thompson then came upon the stand, amidst the most furious applause. He was not destined to be heard & after several ineffectual attempts to be heard he finally sat down upon the platform to wait a cessation of the uproar, which now raged with deepening clamor. Nothing that could serve to annoy, distract, or insult those who had called the meeting, was left undone. Cheers were constantly given for Webster & other Whigs (showing the political complexion of the Rioters), with now & then a complimentary notice of miscellaneous subjects such as [Lenny Lind?] Constitution of U.S. &c

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Nor was the riotous display confined to this species of disorder alone, but it went further & was carried to such an extent as to show that the disorganizers were not only political opponents but also a banned brotherhood of the most depraved & abandoned blackguards. Disorder assumed every variety of form. Rings were formed in different parts of the house, within which the most infamous & forsaken displayed, themselves. Some fought, others sung, others proposed cheers for subjects & men either ridiculous in themselves or antagonistic to the objects of the meeting & yet another class amused themselves by [rolling?] an unfortunate member of the police about the floor, this grand medley was chorused alternately by groans for John Bull & the national air of Yankee Doodle, whistled with surprising accuracy & unanimity. Abby Folsom was descried in the gallery (which was devoted exclusively to Ladies) & was called out, with loud cheers. [She?] replied in a grateful strain with such epithets as “the scum of the East,” “wild beasts.” &c & concluded with the interrogatory of “Wont you hear Mr Thompson?” Which was answered promptly with No.Np.No!!!

At a succeeding stage of the evening. Edmund Quincy, Theodore Parker & Fred Douglass appeared upon the stage; only to increase the confusion. Finally the House was darkened & the police adjourned the meeting & dispersed the mob. This account speaks for itself. Thus was violated in the very house of its birth that liberty, or at least an integral portion of it, of which New England especially has so long & loudly boasted. When the right of free discussion is assailed & overthrown there are few other steps to complete the wretched despotisms in which a tyrannical majority has bound us.

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The signs of the times forces us to believe that they would scarcely hesitate in their insane fury to finish the remnant of our blood-bought inheritance. I may be said that these men were fanatics, agitators, revilers or any other name which shows that they hold to no popular principles in this age & among this people. This fact though it be admitted does not alter the state of the case. It matters not how obnoxious to the resentment of the populace their doctrines may be, whenever their utterance is obstructed a blow is struck at one of the primary principles of genuine, rational freedom. When those sentiments become treasonable & seditious they will be checked in due course of law, whatever checks them before that unlawful state, raises an awful hazard to our first prerogative. Laying aside the awful & shameful injustice of preventing the right of speech, as a matter of policy it was a case of miserable inexpediency. Who will deny that heresy of every degree & description is fostered & enlarged by persecution? Let those who deny it be condemned by the history of persecution from its birth. But convince a man or a sect that the world is determined to put him down & faith will be established even to the extent of martyrdom. No policy however good its merits & intention can excuse this flagrant outrage. Overthrow this principle here & you overthrow it everywhere. Every voice must subscribe into unison with popular clamor, the sentiments of every mind must be in accordance with & brought to the general level. Every form of error if it have but the merit of numbers shall run its "free course" & be glorified, while upon the other hand Truths however salutary & reforms however necessary shall be left to perish in the free & noble bosoms where they engendered.

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Cambridge Mas

This morning being Sunday, went in (walked) to hear T. Parker preach. The Rev Theodore is a little strange in his doctrine, but a man of fresh & active genius. His sermons intellectually are really [capital?]. His sermon on this occasion was from the 8th Psalm as follows, "Thou hast made man a little lower than the angels." It was (he said) a favorite doctrine with the clergy & with Philosophers to preach the depravity of human nature. The Philosopher says history (which is an experimental philosophy) shows it & the Divine thinks Revelation reveals it.

[It?] is not to be trusted. They chain it & wonder tis not free, worry it & wonder that it quarrels, doctor it & wonder that it is sick. Human nature is nothing more now than when Aristides with justice ruled the fierce democracy of Athens & Jesus of Nazareth with his benevolence "went about doing good."

Those who favored depravity would not alter theories of church or state, but the other class who magnified the human soul from which these theories arose looked far better works in the progress of our nature.

The greatness of the human soul was vividly portrayed. We do not always, in admiring & wondering at created things, reelect the creative power. We read with wonder & write & speak with enthusiasm of human works, & wonder of railroads that encircle the Earth - of ships which plough the sea - of Palaces whose domes pierce the sky. Seldom do we keep in sight the creative power.

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Greater than all the handiwork of man in Earth or sea or sky is the imperishable mind that gave them birth. A mysterious thing tis true but, then we are surrounded by mystery. Six thousand have been spent in search & study; yet how little, how less than nothing do we know. Not only has man in all his departments baffled scrutiny, but nature no less.

I say man in his three-fold character is not understood. The Doctors are baffled by diseases of the body, metaphysicians differ in analyzing & classifying the soul whilst the Theologian & [illegible] resort to revolution for our morals. The same may be said of the natural world around us. Absent every day now & progressive steps explode some long cherished theory & confound us with new discoveries. Yet we know nothing. There is room for six thousand years of entire contemplation & study. We can not understand a blade of grass & the earth is covered with foliage, a single star puts our knowledge to shame, yet there is all the glory of the firmament. But relatively man is exalted for he is rational & progressive," thou hast created him a little lower than the angels & crowned him with glory & honor."

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Cambridge Sunday Dec 22 1850

This morning went in to (Boston) to hear the Reve T Parker preach. His text was as follows from Ecclesiastes, "Their bodies are buried in peace but their names live forever." He proposed under this text to notice the Heroism of our New England Fathers. Two hundred & thirty years ago this day there landed at Plymouth 101 Pilgrims. There was no white face between them & the Pacific, the only symbol of civilization was the ship in which they came. Their religion was at first & strong yet uncouth thing. Abolishing the Lords prayer, the attendance of ministers at funerals & marriages, no reading of the bible in the pulpit, every thing used by the old oppressive system was done away with. Every thing was stiff & formal then. The fear of God was piety, the fear of magistracy loyalty, the fear of parents reverence.\* The rod was the symbol of power hung up in every house & the gallows was pointed to as a means of enforcing obedience. Yet they loved the church & set it above all temptations. Notwithstanding some extreme legislation, such as, mens hair & womens' dresses. They held the higher law. They were not [illegible] very tolerant, nothing but a mentality of weakness makes any church so. The Catholic persecuted the protestant, the Protestant the Puritan & he in his urn the Quaker & Baptist. Calvin burnt a heretic. Luther & Cartwright (a leading Puritan) declared a willingness to be so. The Eloquent Divine concluded by hoping that when [150?] years had passed that our track might be marked by a broad trail in which the flowers might be fairer & far more fragrant because

\*that the evils had been pressed by our bret.

They also feared the Devil & witchcraft.

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It has been but 230 years & yet they are filled with the importance of as many centuries. In the 16 & 17 Century Galileo revealed the mechanism of the upper world, Bacon, Newton, Locke & others first formulated a new & sublime Philosophy. Yet if we add all the important events that occurred within those centuries, they can not rival in ultimate importance the simple event (at that time) of the landing at Plymouth Rock. Then & there was laid the foundation of a character hither to unknown. Nations already old in affluence & renown were to reap the fruits of its

“universal Genius.” Later events have proved this assertion; little anticipated at the time. Two hundred years was little time to bring to its present maturity the character of which we speak. Enterprise is its central idea. The courage which before led men to the field; the cunning displayed in the cabinet or the learning confined here to fore in the cloister, were to an available extent employed & controlled by this idea. The result would have astounded the boldest conjecture. The principles of civil progress as taught by preceding generations of other countries forms no rule of measure for this.

We are now the balance of the world & in a measure its school teacher. From the little bands that two hundred years ago stood trembling between an unexplored forest & wide-spread sea thine has been a golden harvest, well might the historian say that “God had [illegible] there Kingdoms for the sea.” Out of the most obvious traits of his character & most popularly known is his ubiquity.

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The Yankee is to be found everywhere. If you could imagine a place where there is nothing to be seen, nothing to be learned, nothing to be made, nothing that in any way interest a human mind a place in short like which there is none, it is possible he might not be there. As there is no such place, every thing coming short of it has now, has had or will have, either stranger or settler a Yankee. Whence comes this innate propensity - it seems no less - to wander everywhere & in every place, in our shrewd Hero). Certainly not from any want of attachment to his native home, no one thinks more or kindlier of that chosen spot, & where the revolving year brings around some New England customs in which, the families call in their absent ones & gather at the familiar fireside or around the festive board, he has thoughts then & [illegible], & [illegible] as soft & affectionate as ever do well in bosoms most refined. Incapable then of forgetting his native land & incapable of recollecting it with anything but a manly warmth of affection. The motive we have suggested can be no adequate course for his presence in other & distant places. Let us look up something better. Love of adventure for instance. That often leads men abroad. But a mere adventurer is generally a tourist or a rogue. Our friend is neither the possession of wealth & faculties of observation naturally excite a desire to travel, which is both pleasing & profitable. Fashion too has made it some what of an accomplishment a scion of noble [illegible] with much wealth & meage wit & [wander?] in a

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whatever of good, may belong to their family name & fortune. Rogues travel from a principle of convenience. They as a class are fond of change & the atmosphere however [illegible] & society however pleasant are though strong inducements not at all sufficient to make them seek the poetical felicity of “a local habitation” – much less, “of a name.” Their intentions being made up mostly on the spur of the moment, they are frequently found to vanish from the most healthful localities with a suddenness & activity which would be very amusing were it not for a melancholy abstraction that always takes place at their departure. The motives of neither of these classes embrace wholly those of the individual before us.

He might be an adventurer perhaps but for the want of means & also the idle & disreputable nature of that character. In other worse he is fond of adventure. But might not profit be a motive to go abroad? Thousands in other parts of the world think that good cause, & is he less to be

moved by such a suggestion than they. We think not. But might he not profit sufficient at home. To be sure there are no gold mines in his evil, but there is wealth in it to the faithful tiller.

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Feb 21st 1851

Last few days have been spent in attending Court at Boston - or rather the trial of the [Gillispi?] Case. A Catholic Priest indicted for an indecent assault. He was defended by [Rufus Choate?] which gave an [extensive?] interest to the case. Choate is the [illegible] ideal of Law Students. It is not solely on account of his legal [illegible] which is undoubtedly great, but his eloquence & tact as an advocate, constitute the chief attraction. His eloquence is of the [illegible] order, not graceful but shod with a headlong zeal & energy of manner. So intensely does he become excited that it is not seldom he whirls entirely around on his heels. The matter of his discourse is generally elaborated & polished with sufficient care. He speaks unusually rapid so much so that few reporters can follow him in [illegible] 163 words per minute! I have never heard the English language spoken with so much eloquence of enunciation. As an advocate Choate is unretchedly unscrupulous & takes advantage of quibbles which a smaller reputation would never survive. A Union of these qualities - a harmonious one - heightened by facial expression make him powerful before a jury & he has gained some of the worst cases that ever stood on our criminal annals - The qualities that have made him so conspicuous at the bar seem not meet with the same success in the political arena: the senate proved a snare to him as the House of Commons did to another celebrated lawyer (Lord Erskine) before him. Like other men of Genius he seems to be improvident & reckless - hence is poor & dissipated though [illegible] accomplishing an amount of daily labor truly extraordinary.

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Feb 22d 1851

This is the anniversary of Washington's birth day. A few sullen guns from Bunker Hill is the only external manifestation of an event certainly worthy to be heartily commemorated. Can it be that this indifference increasing from year to year shall at length become a shameless ignorance: that in time the eye of some curious or careless inquirer shall perchance be arrested as he runs through the annual almanack or glances at a chronological chart; by an event once celebrated with careful piety but now alas "[illegible]" ? The grateful & the patriotic will answer no. Let those who yet cherish the reverend name of the once living & matchless hero answer no. Where ever the [blessing?] of civil & religious freedom prevail; securing to the fruitful labour peace a plenty; wherever thrifty trade has brought opulence & well organized institutions have conferred happiness & quiet. Wherever, in short, there be a mind capable of appreciating liberty & a heart open to gratitude the precious boom, there in that place be if far or near, let awakened homage swell in strains of willing honor the name of Washington first best of men. Why mark with national rites the anniversary of the declaration of independence? We shall be told of a thousand tongues that it was the instrument in the name of which our national emancipation was achieved. [Illegible] it is as such deserving to be affectionately remembered. But if the act was glorious, was not the actor equally so. Those who think that without that acclamation of rights

we might not have breathed as free, should also remember that rights however boldly & justly declared are still unavailing without the courage & ability to make them good.

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All honor to the wise heads & ruling hearts and eloquent tongues too that that first took stand against the wicked devices of an odious tyranny. Great men they were, in a great [illegible] equal to & worthy of t. We may now look upon them as a part of history as a race of men belonging to posthumous fame as such they have no equals. Scattered through the annals of ancient status these are some characters predominant for their attachment to their services in the course of civil liberty as they understand it. Here is a great captain whose invincible valor over [illegible] disparity of numbers routed adverse hosts. There again is a Philosopher working out grave theories in the silence of cloistered shades. An orator perhaps has now & then inflamed the victims of oppression. But what are these scattered widely through the events of many yeas, compared with a race of men thinking & acting in the face of formidable foe. These not lest celebrated for patriotism than philosophy. Unfit for war. Yet defining the warlike- the accustomed to power, yet offering protection to the weal. Unskilled in the administration of state affairs, yet without sufficient model [illegible] a constitution to govern the free. All these obstacles they met & overcame as they did a train of subsequent evils of scarcely less magnitude. Their time was unfitted for the light accomplishments & easy graces of an luxurious age, [illegible] such exhibitions one may look in vain: but the fruits of carefully trained & well matured intellects: the solid & just conclusions drawn by liberal minds from a severe logic- these things [illegible] wants them they understood well & steadfastly adhered to them.

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Wise & judicious parents, schools, academies & colleges are a part of the heritages they have bequeathed to us. Yet with all our additional facilities it may well be doubted whether the era is near at hand in the history of our republic which can vie with that of the [resolution?] for devoted Christians, ripe scholars & profound statesmen. In that school the young should hasten to take their first lessons & the old long for their last. It is true indeed that the extreme perils of the day made them eminently unselfish as well as conferred a unanimosity on their counsels that is not to be looked for in these piping times of peace. A revolution prosecuted like war with a religious fervor, will seldom give scope to the levity of artful demagogues. Promises & pledges- the weapons of pseudo-politicians- belong to the serene sky of tranquil times. The actors in he drama which we review were content to be judged by their fruits. Faith without works sought some eligible offers. The heathen world [illegible]- some patron saint to preside over their destinies. In peace their superstitions worships him in war it invokes his aid. If it wee true, that departed evils still viewed with [illegible] eye the affairs of men how much strange should we be in the memory of these men than with ten thousand deities of a fabulous mythology. Their character deserve & will doubtless have, such some separate page of history. Over them we at least as Americans can view [illegible] to their great worth their purity & virtue, not untried nor tried in vain. These such as we have attempted to describe them were the contemporaries of Washington.

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In some respects he was the mother of them all. There were better scholars & statesman than he et take "him for all in all" none of the this could perhaps compare with them, Such a character may rarely lay claim by its natural nobleness, to some regard especially from those for whom its [illegible] energies were expended with a prodigality of pure motives, & enlisted for great ends is probably the most sublime spectacle that our imperfect nature affords. Such was Washington in the scenes of action & as such, if for no reason of gratitude let us remember at each annual return of his birth day- how much we owe & how little at the best we can discharge.

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Fryday Dec 4th N.Y.

Arrived at Nicholas Hotel last night. [Gov?] Walker, Hon E. O. [Parrin?] & Lt Carr USA dined with me today at 5 PM. All went to [Burton's?]. Met Hale, Burlingame & c.

Washington Saturday Dec 5

Arrived here tonight. At [illegible] hotel.

Sunday 6

Rained all day. Stayed at home & saw no one.

Monday 9th

Congress convened at 12 P.M. Was sworn in as the delegate of Kansas Territory. [illegible] Mr. Speaker.

Met Judge Douglass in the Rotunda. Invited me to dinner at 5 P.M. Went to Douglas's, Met Bocoock, [Caskin?] & Bonham. M.C. called on [illegible] & Burlingame.

Tuesday Dec 8th

Went to the house at 12 PM. Had President's? message. Takes ground against the free state party of Kansas, Douglass dissented from its doctrines in the [senate?] also [Stuart?]. Called on Sumner with Burlingame. S not at home, Drew 2000\$- [Most?] of my mileage- the whole bring 2600\$.

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Wednesday 9th Dec

Went to Senate. Douglass made a masterly speech against the Lecompton Constitution & the position assumed by the President's message. Great applause greeted his effort. This gave offense to Southern gentlemen & Mason of Va moved to clear the galleries.

He withdrew the motion however. Kansas all the talk, & Douglass [coarse?] creates great [illegible].

Thursday 10th

House adjourned over till Monday. This is to give the speaker a chance to appoint the standing Committees &c. Went in the evening to see Douglass.

Fryday 11th

Went to the house wrote letters &c. Saw Judge [Collawerse?] of Vmt. In the evening went with Banks & Burlingame for oysters &c weather fine

Saturday 12th

Beautiful weather. Great exercise. Called on Pugh & went with him on some business to P.O. department. Thence to Coast [illegible].

Not well in the evening too much walking.

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Sunday 13th

Went to hear the new hall of House of Reps dedicated- Rev [Curserings?]- great bore. Lovely day. Wrote letters &c Evening staid at house.

Monday 14th

House & Senate engaged in noticing the death of A. P. Butter U.S. Senator from S.C.

Good speech by Pugh in the senate & Stevens of Ga in the House. Both houses adjourned after customary Resolutions. Took tea at Dr. [Gerleys?] with Campbell.

Called on Gov Walker - sick & could not see him.. Fine weather again.