



I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,
Yrs most obliged
and affec^ted
Erastus

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ERRATA

- Vol. II, p. 132, 1st column, for Wife John Redw^d Jun, read Wife Jonas Redwood.
- p. 227, footnote 4 should read, Rev. Dr. John Eliot (Harvard 1772), of Boston.
- p. 486, line 9, for Crocker, read Lovett.
- p. 505, footnote 2 should read, The reference is to Philip Spencer, father of Ambrose and Philip Spencer, non-graduates.
- Vol. III, p. 404, line 4, for salt, read Sabb. [= sabbath].

LITERARY DIARY

VOLUME III

1782.

January

1. I desire to begin this New Year with imploring the divine Blessing upon myself, my Family, my Newport Chh, the College under my Care, my Country & the World of Mankind; for I am a Brother of the whole human Race. This Aft. I attended at M^r Whitt^{'s} Meetinghouse to attend divine Service at the religious opening of the New Year. The Rev^d M^r Mather preached a pious Sermon from *This year thou shalt die!* The good Lord bless it to us all, & to me particularly. In his applicⁿ he justly observed that some of the Assembly must doubtless die this year. I tho't the whole Assembly would say each one for himself, *not I*: and my corrupt & self deceiv^d Heart was as ready to say, *not I*. Yet my sober Judg^t reflected, that some year or other I must die; & perhaps at the begin^g of that dying year I should as much put off the address from myself as now—& yet I must be deceived. Is it not therefore much better for me to anticipate the Thing now? and at least to make this Improv^t that it is necessary that I live habitually prepared for Death even this year?

Whether the Press ought to be free? Seniors Disput^d.

2. Professor Strong hav^g resigned his Office, I read a public Lecture in the Chapel this afternoon upon Natural Philosophy. I purpose not constantly but frequently to fill the Chair of Math. & Nat. Philosophy.¹

3. I gave my Lect. on Ecc. Hist['] in the Chapel. Very warm. Therm^o 51.—All the Snow gone at N. Haven. I attended M^r Edw^d's Sacramental Lect. before my Eccl. Lect.

4. Attended two Hebrew Classes at separate Recitations; and in the Eveng. held a religious Conference & Meeting with the Communicants of the College Chh: & preached or discoursed on Ephes. iii, 17-19: a blessed Season! I hope the divine Jesus was in the midst of us.

¹ This chair remained vacant nearly thirteen years, until within a few months of Dr. Stiles's death.

6. I preached at Coll. Chapel A.M. Col. i, 27, & administered the Lds Supper to 13 Communicants. P.M. Rom. v, 21. Read^s Van Maestricht Theol.

7. A very dense Fog & warm all day. Th. 45. Frost out of the Ground. Colloquium amicissimum habui. The Rev^d M^r Enoc Huntington & I sat up while midnight conversing on a variety of Subjects.

8. Vacation begins. I dismissed College—187 Undergrad. in T^o of w^c above 170 in Chapel this Morning. . . . Rev: Mess^{rs} Warh. W^m, Goodrich, & Huntington & myself as a Committee of the Corpor^a rode to Milf^d to negotiate M^r Wales's Removal.

9. The first Chh & Society in Milf^d convened in the Meet^hhouse in Consequence of Lett. from the Corpor^a, when we addressed them for their Consent to the Removal of their Pastor to the Professorship of Div^y in the College. But after a long conference they unanimously declined. We requested them to ask the Advice of an Ecclesiastical Council: this they declined. The Pastor M^r Wales then asked them to joyn him in call^s a Council: they declined this also. Then M^r Wales asked them whether they shd object to his ask^s Council by himself: they replied that he had an undoubted Right to do this, and they unanimously declared they shd not object to his calling & advis^s with a Council personally—but said they could do nothing w^o had the least Tendency to his Removal, for they could not consent to this. We then addressed him publickly & requested him to ask Council before he gave us his Answer—and observed to the Chh that altho' the pastoral Relation was sacred, yet it was not held so inviolable, but that a People would think it right to dismiss a Minister when they chose it without his Consent; and by parity such might be the Case that a Minister might think it his duty to resign his pastoral Charge & remove to another service for Gd & the Chhs—and that we wished them to consider this to be the present Duty of their beloved Pastor.

10. The Committee returned. I went over to M^r Birdsyes at Oronoque in Stratford.

11. Employed there in making an Ordin^a Sermon.

12. Rode to N^o Stratf^d to visit Br. Silliman.¹

¹ Hezekiah Silliman, born 1739, who married in 1765, Emilia Hubbard, a sister of Dr. Stiles's deceased wife. He was a brother of Gen. Gold S. Silliman (Yale 1752), mentioned two days later.

Read the acc^o of President Willards Induction at Cambridge in the B^o News of 29th Dec. 1781. Pres^t Willard's Sal^r £300. fr. Assembly—inclusive Perquisites £500.

19. With Rev^d M^r Sherwood I visited the old Bachelor M^r Staples æt. 74, of North Fairfield who has given 300 Acres of Land Value £1500. & Bonds & Notes Value £3000 for a free School in Fairfield, last April, & constituted the Rev^d Mess. Ross, Sherwood & Johnson, Trustees. They were Incorporated by Act of Assembly in May last. Has a Remainder of Estate perhaps £5000 more. I asked of him a Donation to Yale College for Profess. of Div^y or support of 12 poor Scholars at £10. each yearly. He was not displeas'd with the proposal if it could be confin'd to the poor so that the rich shd reap no Benefit of it. He said he would consider it. I have not the least Expectation that he will give us any Thing. He already repents his Donation of last Spring.

20. Ldsdy I preached at Greenfield.

21. Rode to M^r Bartlett's in Reading. Very cold.

22. Dined with Rev^d D^r Rodgers, of the City of N York, a Refugee Minister now ministering in holy Things to the first Chh in Danbury. In Aft. I set out for N Milfd. Snow storm detain'd me next day.

24. at Rev^d M^r Taylors in N Milfd.

25. at M^r Brinsmeads at Judea.¹ He inform'd me that when Pres^t Edwards was elected to the presid^y of Jersey Coll. he sent for a Council of Ministers only, viz, Rev Mess^{rs} *Bellamy, Leavenworth, Ballantine, Hopkins, Brinsmd & Farrand*. Very promiscuously chosen & only by M^r Edwds himself without the Chh of Stockbridge then chiefly Indian. But the Jersey Trustees had negotiat'd with the Commissioners at Boston. D^r Bellamy & a few of this Council met the first time & did nothing. Afterwds met Mess^{rs} Leavenw., Hopkins, Brinsmd & Farrand and these advis'd a Removal—which M^r Edwds took for the Voice of Heaven & accepted. After the Council had determin'd, M^r Ballantine of Westfd came in. But the matter was settled before.

26. Rode to Bethlehem & kept Sabbath & preach'd for D^r Bellamy. We had much Convers^{ns}—I find a Coalition between New & old Div^y impracticable. After all the charitable Professions of the former they are determin'd to coalesce with none that are not

¹ Rev. Daniel Brinsmade (Yale 1745), of what is now the town of Washington, Conn.

in heart New. My Idea is that all Calvinists shd unite. But I find they require besides a Union in their Idea of the divine Moral Character with respect to several of their favorite *evexas* which they hold the Xtian World never knew anything of till since President Edwds' Death. They are determined to pursue with the greatest Vigor the formation of a new Div^y Connexion & sect as distinct from all the N. Engld Chhs.

29. This Eveng Vacation ends & Orders set up at College by the Tutors—all four present.

30. Excessive cold. Therm^o this morn^g 5 below 0. I returned home & found my fam^y well. Deo Grates.

31. Meigs admitted 94th Freshman.

February

1. Rec^d a Lett. from M^r Joshua Lathrop advising that D^r Lathrop his B^r had left a Legacy of £500 to College.

D^a BELLAMYS DIPLOMA 1768.

Universis & singulis quorum interest, Salutem.

Quum mos antiquus et laudabilis semper fuerit, ut qui multo labore studioque assiduo literis operam navaverint insigni aliquo honoris titulo tanquam peracti laboris monumento ornarentur, Nos Gymnasiarcha et Professores Universitatis Marischallanæ Aberdonensis, pro comperto habentes, Virum pium et probum Dom. Josephum Bellamy, de Bethlehem in Nova Anglia, magnos in sacris Literis et in omni scientia utili progressus fecisse, iisque præditum esse moribus qui virum pium et probum ducant ac ornent; Propterea Nos, supradictum Dominum Josephum Bellamy ornare quâ potis est volentes, honoribus nostris summis academicis dignum censuimus, Eumque Sacrosanctæ Theologiæ Doctorem creavimus, sicut per has præsentis Doctoratus Literas vim publici Instrumenti habentes, creamus, renuntiamus et constituimus, omnibus et singulis illius Gradus privilegiis donamus, omni denique Autoritate jure honore frui et uti volumus quibus Sacrosanctæ Theologiæ quivis Doctor frui et uti possit. Quod ut factum Ratum firmemus, Diploma hocce Doctoratus Instrumentum, magni Universitatis Sigilli appensione, nostrisque Chirographis muniendum curavimus. Datum Aberdoniæ nono die Martij millesimo septingentesimo sexagesimo octavo.

GEORGIUS CAMPBELL, Gymnasiarcha.
ALEX. GERRARD SS. T.P.
FRANCISCUS SKENE LL.D. PP.
ALEX. DONALDSON M & LL. O.O.P.
GULIELMUS TRAIL, Math. P.
GULIELMUS KENNEDY L.G.P.
J. BRATTIE Mor. P.P.

D^r Dana's Diploma S.T.D. dated Edinb. Apr. 28, 1768.
 D^r Chauncy's, 1742. President Langdons 1762. Mine 1765.
 These the oldest in New Engld now living 1782.

2. Number of Underg. present 70. Snow Storm. . . . M^r Joshua Lathrop in a Lett. dated Norwich January 26 1782 advised me that his Brother D^r Daniel Lathrop of Norw. died 8th Janry Inst. and in his Will among other Bequests gave "Five hundred pounds to Yale College in New Haven to be paid to the Trustees of said College to be used for the Benefit of s^d College in such manner as the Interest only be annually expended." His Will was dated 1776. He died Dec. 1781 æt. 69. He was educated & graduated at Yale College 1733. Afterwards went to London & studied in the Hospitals there. In his Will he disposed of his Estate thus.

£2000.	to his Widow	
600.	Nabby Wadsworth his Wifes Niece.	
500.	School	
500.	College	
500.	Poor mens & widows Rates in his Society. Interest.	
200.	Daniel Coit	} Nephews
200	Daniel Lothrop's	
25	Ezek. Huntly	
25	L. Howard	
50	Dan ^l Huntington.	

£4600

Residue between his only Brother & Sister.

3. Ldsdy. Rev^d M^r Searle preached in Chapel all day.

4. An ultra Atmospheram datur Vacuum? Merwin Resp. M^r Josiah Meigs one of our Tutors was married last Vacation,¹ but still resides & carries on his Office in College. This is a fourth Instance of a married Tutor continuing in Office.

5. Whether there is a Vacuum beyond the Atmosphere? Senior Sophisters. Madam Prout died last night æt. 91, born Aug 1691. Relict of Jn^o Prout Esq Treasurer of Yale College.²

¹ To Clarissa Benjamin, of Stratford, Conn., on January 21. They lived in the Sherman house on the South side of Chapel street, opposite the eastern end of Vanderbilt Hall.

² A graduate of Yale (1708), and Treasurer from 1717 to 1765.

M^r Averys Ordination at Stamf^d 16 Janry employed about three hours. Thus

- At XI." 15'. The Moderator read the Result of Council
 18 . began first Prayer by Rev M^r Eliot
 35 End D^o Singing
 41 I began Sermon Col. iv. 17. Say unto Archip-
 pus &c
 I. 10 . Ended Sermon 1½ hour long. Then the Ordin^a
 was performed by Laying on of Hands of Rev^d
 Mess^{rs} Mather, Sherwood, Riply, Johnson and
 myself—M^r Mather making the ord^s prayer.
 20 . End of Ordain^s prayer—End of Imposition of
 Hands
 30 End of Charge given by M^r Sherwood.
 37 . End of Right hand of Fellowship by M^r Johnson
 45 Conclud^s prayer by M^r Riply. Then Anthem
 50 M^r Avery gave the Blessing & so the large
 Assembly was dismissed.

6. No Lecture.
 7. No Lect. I being sick.
 8. Masters 1 dismissed in regular stand^s at the Request of his
 Father. Undergrad. present 146.
 10. Ldsdy. M^r Barlow preached all day in Chapel upon Isai.
 i, 18. Read^s Phoenix, v. 2.
 11. An Mundus foret æternus? Noyes Resp. Yesterday the
 Rev^d M^r Edwards led his Chh to pass two votes, after preaching a
 sermon upon Love and Xtian Charity—Whether they would con-
 sent to hold the monthly sacramental Lecture in circulation with
 the other two (Presb.) Chhs in Town? and Whether they would
 consent that he should exchange with & invite the other Ministers
 in T^o to preach in his Pulpit? Both Votes passed in the Affirm^a
 Nem. Con. He has also intimated that he will admit Communi-
 cants of the other Chhs to occasional Communion—while for stated
 Commun. they must renew their Profession of Religion.

Thus there seems to be an Amnesty & burying of a long Contro-
 versy & Alienation, even of *fourty* Years Continuance: for M^r
 Edwds's Chh separated from M^r Whittelseys (then M^r Noyes's) &
 was gathered in the Spring of the year 1742; as M^r Mathers Chh
 separated from M^r Edwds and was gathered about 1770. The first

was founded in the differences between New Light & old in 1741 : the second in M^r Edwards refusal to baptize any but the Children of Communicants & his Chh holding to Relations of Experiences as a Term of Communion. The general Idea for these dozen years past has been that M^r Whitt^y & his Chh were Arminians ; M^r Edwds & Chh New Divinity ; M^r Mather & his Chh old Divinity. Those abroad have endeavored to represent it that M^r Mather was indeed orthodox & evangelical as to preach^s, but any thing & every thing could be admitted to Bapt. & the sacr^t in his & M^r W. Chhs —whereas M^r Edwds besides being orthodox & more than evangelical discouraged sinners from the Use of Means, made Gd the Author of Sin, (tho I never heard him assert these Things) & by his strictness shut out more true saints from his Chh than he admitted. Many esp^y of the young married People left his & joyn M^r Mathers increas^s Society. But I believe the Opinions of one another have mutually meliorated, both as to each others *Divinity*, and *Virtue*, & *Gospel Order*. I wish them all well : may the Gd of Peace which brought again from the Dead our Ld. J. C. shed down balmy Love & sweet Peace into their Hearts, & build them up in Union & Holiness to the heavenly Km.

12. Whether the Will is determined by the greatest apparent Good? Seniors. Yesterday I admitted Tim^o Williams the 95th Freshman. A Meeting of Ministers in T^o for theological Disquisitions. About 6 or 7 are of this Connexion, being part of the Association of this County ; they circulate a monthly Meeting : a very useful & improving Thing.

13. Conversed with M^r Wales, & desired him to defer his Answer respect^s the Professorship a Month.

14. I delivered a public Lect. on Ecc. History.

15. The Juniors finished recit^s Martins Philosophical Grammar, & began the three Volumes of his Natural Philosophy. M^r Meigs their Tutor.

16. Rode with M^r Balwin (olim Tutor) halfway to Milfd & conversed on College Affairs. It was formerly the opinion of the Civilians that the Assembly would found 3 or 4 Professorships, furnish an Apparatus, & build a new College, & in short do great Things even to an ample endowm^t of College— if the Corpor^a would consent to be joyned by a board of Civilians: now this opinion alters. And M^r B— thinks that if College Constitution was completely altered to the minds of the Assembly, yet the lower house

would do no great Things, it being the prevail^s opinion in that House that the poor & those who dont educate their Child. at Coll. (w^o is the body of the Commun^y) ought not to be burdened with rais^s Revenues for the use of the rich—& that the Parents who send Children shd pay for their Education. Yet M^r B— & the other Gentlemen Friends to Science are for an alteration & Junction of Civilians, in order to engage them to concurr in sollicit^s & rais^s *Funds by Subscription*, which he thinks may be done. And in case a new College is built by Civilians in a different part of the State, they dont expect it will be done by the Assembly, as they expected a few years ago. A Distinction is made between the Enemies of College, & Enemies to the present constitution of College. The latter he says are more discouraged as to effect^s an alteration than formerly, since College is at present in a flourish^s state: w^o he is pleased to say is intirely owing to me—& that if I was out of the way, College would sink into nothing, as the Corpor^s are thoro^{ly} hated by Ministers & Civilians thro'out the State. I think he represents these facts too strongly. Others & part^y M^r F— says that the Civilians in the E. & N^o parts of the State are determined that they will build a new Coll. at Hartfd or &c in case they can do noth^s with the Corporation: and that the Assembly can be brought to give it ample Endowments: and that they want to know my mind upon the subject, as they would in that Case put me at the head of it. Thus differently men talk upon the matter. I asked M^r B— whether the present Constit. of Coll. was such that it would prevent any Gent. fr. accept^s the Professorship of Div^y? and part^y whether any Salary (as £ 200.) would induce him if reelected, or M^r Strong of Hartfd, or M^r Buckminster (on supposition of M^r Wales's declining the Choice) would induce them to accept? He answered for himself & for the other 2 fr. his know. of them in the Negative. But those that know M^r B. perhaps better than he does himself have thot otherwise. He said M^r Buck. advised him not to accept at Commencement—but M^r Buck. then told me that he did advise him to accept, & judged he would repent it ever after. Yet I was told that the next week at an Interview at M^r Strongs at Hartfd where the matter of his Non accept^s was canvassed M^r Buck. approved & M^r Strong condemned M^r Baldwin. There are some Misconceptions. I believe M^r Dwight had the most influence on M^r Baldwin.

17. Ldsdy. Mr. Lockwood preached at College.

18. An Peccatum Adami Posteris suis imputetur? Aff. Resp. Robbins.¹

24. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Coll. Chapel. A.M. James iii, 13. P.M. Eccl. xi, 9. Notified the Sac^t next Lordsday. Reading Melchior Adam's Lives.

25. Leges humanæ conscientiam non obligant. Selden 1.

26. No Disputation.

27. A sacramental Union Lecture at M^r Whittelseys Meeting. M^r Edwards preached on Let us keep the feast not with old Leaven &c. Cor. — He has been settled about 13 or 14 years here, & never before preached in M^r Whitt^r's Meet^s before—such has been the Disaffection of the two Churches. Now the three Presbyterian or Congregational Chhs in Town unite for Sacramental Lectures—tho' not yet explicitly for further Communion. The Lecture is to go in Rotation at the three Meetings. I attended. And this Circumst^a prevented my Philosophical Lecture.

28. I exhibited my Lect. on Eccl. History.

March

1. This Even^g I convened the Communicants of the College Church at my House preparatory to the holy Sacrament of the Lds Supper; and discoursed to them from Rev. iii, 20, 21. We prayed & sang together, M^r Tutor Ely making one of the prayers & I perform^g the rest. A delightful Season. I hope & believe we had the presence of Jesus with us.

3. Ldsdy. I preached A.M. at Chapel, Gal. vi, 14, & adm. Sac^t to 15 Commun^{ts}. P.M. exch^a with M^r Whitt^r Acts iii, 15. Noyes 1 of the Senior Class & of Chh Fairfd rec^d to occas. communion.

4. Licitum est pro Patria mori. Wait Resp.

5. Whether female Academies would be beneficial? Finished reading the Aurea Carmina Pythagoreorum.

6. I exhibited a Philosophical Lect. in Chapel.

¹ At this point in the Diary one leaf has been removed. One item can be supplied from another sheet of College memoranda, as follows:—

Feb. 21. I consented that about 75 Scholars shall attend a Dancing M^r in T^o in Even^g & Thursdy afternoons—but not to interrupt any Coll. Exercises. They give 32/ per Quarter for 2 Lessons per Week.

Also, the following from President Stiles's Almanack for 1782:—

Febr. 25. Ruth & Polly & Isaac went to the Dancing School.

7. A great Combustion about the Dancing School. I exhibited my Lect. on Eccl. History. [A great Noise about the Dancing School. Meet^s of Select Men & Civil Auth^y.]

8. Reading Sullys Memoirs. . . . Rec^d the melancholly Tidings of the Death of my worthy Friend David Cheesebrough Esq one of the Pillars of my Chh at Newport. He died at Stoningtown Thursdy Feb. 27th & was buried last Saturday æt. 80. He was born there I think April 1702¹—lived in a Counting House at Boston till of age, & becoming a Merchant settled at Newp^t Rh. Isld, where he lived till the En^y landed there, when he removed to the Family Estate in Stoningtown. He died worth perhaps Ten Thousd pounds Sterl^s. He was a religious, tho' austere Man, a Calvinist & great Friend to the Doctrines of Grace, & the Congregational Chhs in New Engld.

10. Ldsdy. I preached in Coll. Chapel. A.M. Ps. cxiii, 4, 5. P.M. Phil. ii, 15, 16. Reading Epiphanius

11. I rode to Milford & returned with M^r Wales to have a Conference with the Committee of the Corpor^a respect^s the Professorship. He has nearly concluded to call a Council of seven Ministers to advise him. A very stormy snowy day

12. No Disput^a yesterday nor to day, being employed with Mess^{rs} W^ms, Good. & Wales—& in making up the College Quarter Bills. Warm, fair. Great Dissatisfaction about the School of polite manners called the dancing School.

13. Quarterday. Exercises began II. 54' ended IV^h 15'. Lat. Orat. 10', Dialogue 46', Eng Or. 7', & 3 Anthems.

At N^o Killingworth died 5th of Febry past the Rev^d William Seward, æt. 70, Min^y 45.³ At his Funeral the Rev. M^r Todd preached Acts xiii. 36. During his Min^y in that Chh he baptized 1343 Children chiefly & 56 were baptized dur^s the same time by other Ministers. He was a worthy & faithful Minister of J. Christ.

14. Gave my Ecc. Lect. on *Arius*, and the *Sethiani*.

17. Ldsdy. The Rev^d Mr. W^ms of Northford preached in the Coll. Chapel all day: I was so ill that I was obliged to take physic & was not at Meet^s all day. Mr. Ely supplied Mr. W^ms Pulpit.

¹Son of William Chesebrough (born 1662, died 1739/40) and Mary (McDowell) Chesebrough (born 1679, died 1744/5). His only surviving child was Mrs. Abigail Grant. His wife, Margaret Mumford, died on March 27, 1782, aged 62 years.

A graduate of Yale in 1734.

18. Unable to attend Disputation.

19. Whether one should wait till he has an Assurance of his Conversion, before he enters into the Work of the Ministry?

20. I gave a Philosophic Lect. in Chapel. Yesterday died at Newtown the Rev^d Jun^r Beach æt. 85 cir., a Missionary of the Chh. of England. He was born a Presbyterian; graduated at Yale College 1721; settled a Presb. Minister: about 1724 turned to the Chh. of England, received Episc^o Ordination by the Bishop of London—and has spent a litigious Life in disturbing the apostolic Chhs in New Engl, & converting the christian Heathen presbyterians to the Episcopal Form of Worship—a high Chhman & a high Tory in Politics. But not vicious n^or immoral. He printed a Sermon assert^s that the Soul sleeps in Insensibility from death to the Resurrection.

21. I gave a Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. in the Chapel. This day M^r Wales informed me that he had concluded to ask Advice of a Council of Ministers. And we agreed to send for those pitched upon by him & the Committee of the Corpor^s last Week, viz Rev^d D^r *Rodgers*, Mess^{rs} *Farrand*, W^m of *Toll.*, *Trumbull* N^o H, *Ells* of Branford, *Backus* of Somers, *Strong* of Hartfd, & *Hinsdale* of Windsor—to convene 16th of Apr. or if Fast—week follow^s.

22. Seniors finished first Volume of Locke.

23. fly^s Story of Cessation of Hostilities. Toryism.

24. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Meriden, having obtained Mr. Lockwood to supply the Chapel.

25. Dined at Dr Danas & returned home.

26. Received M^r Wales's Letters missive. This Eveng. about 20 or 25 Scholars went into a great Tumult & Riot, in Contempt of a public Judgment & Punishm^t inflicted in the Chapel for Damages done to the Hall & Buttery. Upon which they collected in a body for the Demolition of Old College.

27. At Eveng. Prayers in a very full Chapel three of the Scholars¹ were expelled.

28. Examining &c.

29. At Morning Prayers another Scholar² expelled. And at Eveng. Prayers 12 others rusticated, admonished & otherwise settled the affair for the present. It has been a very distress^s affair to me.

¹ Namely, Pearce and Wolcott, Juniors, and Curtiss, Sophomore.

² Brown, of the Junior Class.

30. College settled—but not quite to my Mind. I think we were not quite severe eno' last Eveng. The minds of Scholars were highly wro't up to Expect^a of great Punish^t. Our great Mildness towards the last I fear has disserved Government. We should have rusticated half a dozen, & this would have given Scholars a Conviction of resolute & firm Discipline. However I hope, by the Blessing of Gd, w^t we have done will establish a Conviction that we dare inflict the highest Punishments.

31. Ldsdy. I preached in the Chapel A.M. Eph. i, 13, 14, P.M. Numb. xiv, 24. And notified the Sacrament.

M^{ra} Chesebro' died 27th Ins^t at Stonington, as her Husband died there the 27th ult. My great friends.

April

1. Dictamina Conscientiæ semper sunt obtemperanda. Smith Resp.

2. Whether there is Evil in the Universe? Seniors.

4. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. The Select Men of the several Towns in Connecticutt have been taking the Number of Inhabitants this Winter & Spring, by Order of the Gen. Assemb^y upon Recomend^a of Congress. Chiefly taken in the months of Jany. & Febry. This is the Numer^a for N H. that is that part contained within the 4 Parishes whose Meet^hhouses are on the Green in the Compact part of the T^o. There are six Parishes^t besides within the Township.

“An Acc^o of the N^o of Inhab. belon^g to the four Societies in New Haven.

Males above æt. 50 . . .	149	Females D ^o or above 50 . . .	162
D ^o between 16 & 50 . . .	613	D ^o æt. 16 to 50 . . .	760
D ^o under 16 æt. . . .	703	D ^o under 16 . . .	730
	Total Males 1465		Tot. Fem ^a . 1652

REFUGEES FROM N YORK

Males above 50 . . .	3	Females . . .	2
D 16 to 50 . . .	7	D ^o . . .	12
D under 16 . . .	8	D ^o . . .	14
	18		28

Negroes 142, Refugees 8, Indians 8. Sum total 3322.” Scholars 225.

¹ East Haven, North Haven, Carmel, Bethany, Woodbridge, West Haven.

I judge 1000 in the preced^s Acc^o live out of Town ; the rest live within the three Bridges, & South of a Line from the S^o Ends of the West & Neck Rocks.

The People of the 4 Meet^s are not divided by parochial Lines, as the six other Parishes are : but are promiscuous.

The Societies are

Rev ^d M ^r Whittelsey's	900
Rev. Mr. Edwards	800
Rev. Mr Mathers	950
Rev M ^r Hubbard	Episc. 250
Besides Yale College	220

5. Read^s M^r Barlows Vision of Columbus in X Books of which he has written eight already. In the 2^d B are these lines

" So the dread Seer, in Patmos Waste who trod,
Led by the Visions of the guiding God,
Saw the dim Vault of Heav'n its Folds unbend,
And Gates & Spires & Streets & Domes descend,
Far down the Skies, with Suns & Rainbows crowned
The new form'd City lights the World around."

This Eveng. I had a Chh Meet^s at my house & preached to them on Heb. x, 19, 23. M^r Tutor Ely presented me with two new silver Cups or Calices in the Name of Nineteen Communicants for the Use of the Sacram^t or Communion in the College Chh forever. They cost nineteen Dollars. Inscribed, *Ecclesie Christi* in Coll. Yal. 1782. The Names of the Donors are

Austin	} Juniors	M ^r Tutor Ely	} Seniors
Goodrich		Sir Atwater	
Fuller		Sir Channing	
Hall		Sir Stebbins	
Holmes		Cornell	
Gridley		King	
Kingsbury		Noyes	
Morse		Selden	
Storrs		Wittar	
Weed			

6. There are two academic Fraternities in College ; the *Linnian*, & that of the *Brothers in Unity* : the one began about 1754, the other about 1767. In both Societies many have had an ardent Desire to act Tragedies & other dramatical Exhibitions at their

Anniversaries. They have carried all Things secret in the Anniversaries hitherto. Yet lately invit^s Gent. & Ladies in T^o their Entertainments & dramatic Exhibitions have become of Notoriety no longer to be concealed. The general Sense of the Members of both has been against carrying dramatical Exhibitions to the greatest Length: others have been zealous for the whole Drama; & a Litigation has arisen in each to the height of vehement personal Reflexion & Abuse. Yesterday Morning I—¹ was excluded on that Account. And I understand that yesterday was formed a third Society consist^s of a Secession from both others, & that last Eveng. they held an annivers⁷ Festivity or rather Commencem^t of the Society, at D^r Northrops^r where they acted a Tragedy. This is secret History com^s to me in a manner that I cannot animadvert upon it at present. However I believe it all for the best—a purification of the 2 first Societies from their gay jovial tumultuous Members, & an aggregation of the wild Characters in College into a Society, in which they will either in the first plan act out themselves so boldly as to necessitate a suppression by Authority, or else be induced to Reform^a & Regularity by Advice & Danger of incurring the Animadversions & Restrictions of the Corpor^a as well as executive authority.

7. Ldsdy. A M M^r Hide preached in Chapel & I admin^d the Lds supper to 16 Communicants—using the new Silver Cups for the first time. P.M. the Rev^d M^r Hitchcock preached.

8. Proxy. Mess^{rs} Dagget (Henry) & Ford Deputies.

9. Whether Females ought to be admitted to public civil Government? Seniors.

10. I gave a Phil. Lect. on the Structure of the Eye and the Theory of Vision.

11. Lect. on Eccl. History. Violent Proceed^{ss} about a dancing Master—to leave T^o to morrow.

12. Observed the solar Eclipse at College, but not very accurately.

13. I collect 3 Numerations of the Dwellinghouses in the compact part of the Town of New Haven, or as we say within the three Bridges, Neck bridge, West Br, & Darby D^o.

¹ The President's son Isaac, of the Junior Class.

² Dr. Joel Northrop (Yale 1776) lived in the house still standing next east of the First Methodist church on Elm street; the east end of the second floor was for many years much used as a ball-room.

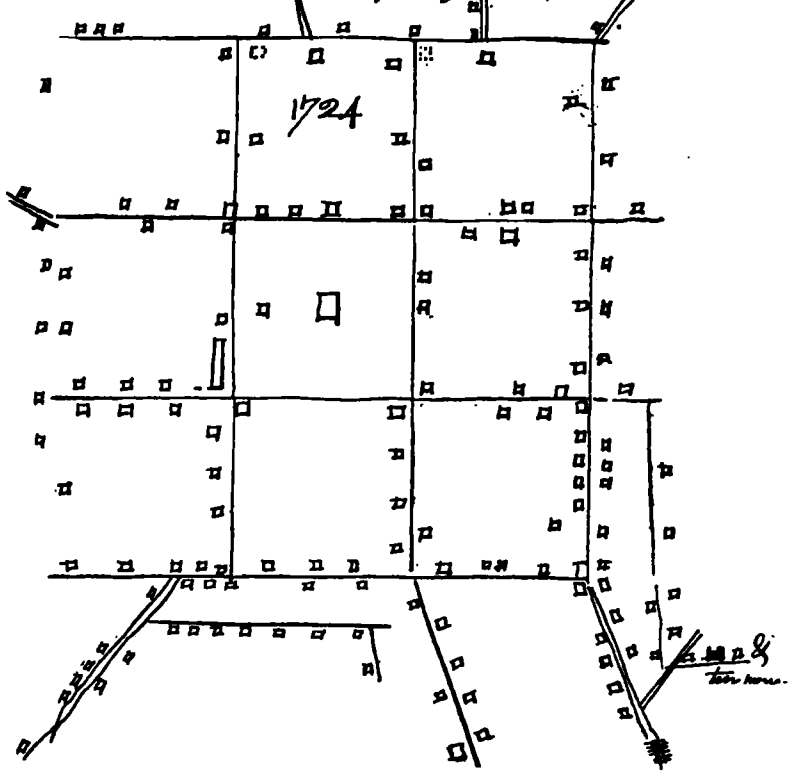
A.D. 1724. 157 Dwell^rhouses
 1742. 165
 1775. 370

Number & Position of the Dwellinghouses in New Haven within the compact part & within the three Bridges as taken by M^r Joseph Browne A.D. 1724, now living æt. 81.

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*Without the square = 84
 Within 73*

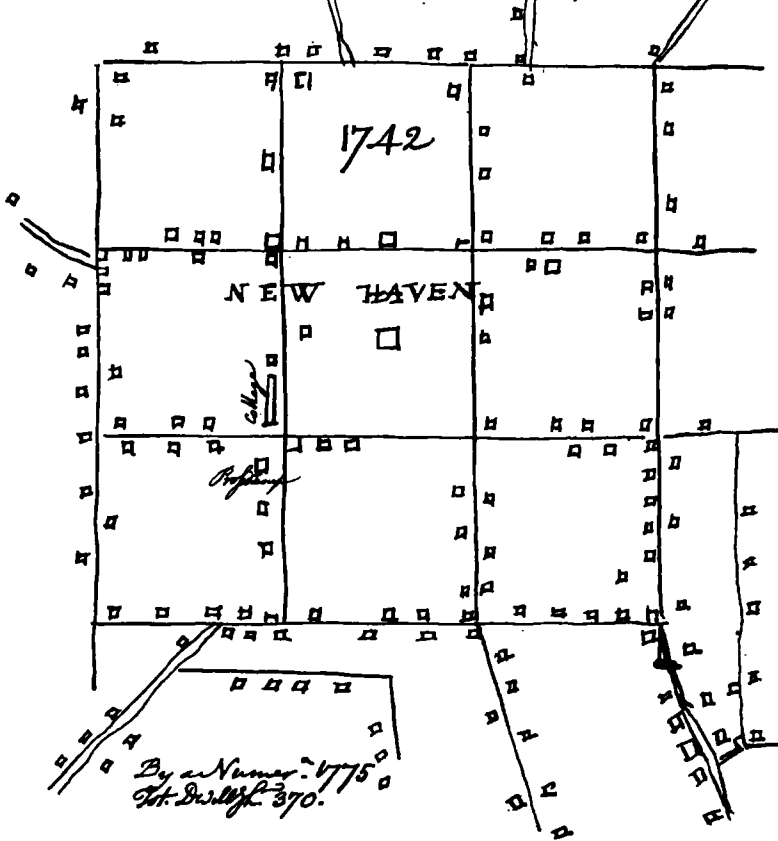
Total 157 Dwellinghouses A.D. 1724.



Without the square	84
Within D ^o	73
Total	157 Dwelling^rh. A.D. 1724.

Dwell^shouses in New Haven compact part, at my first acquaint^e there 1740 & 1742, as I now recollect them.

Dwellhouses in New Haven compact part at my first acquaint^e there 1740 & 1742, as I now recollect them
 Without the square 83
 Within the square 82
 Total 165 Dwell^sh. 1740 & 1742



Without the square 83
 Within the square 82

Total 165 Dwell^sh. 1740 & 1742.

By a Numer^e 1775 Tot. Dwell^sh. 370.

14. Ldsdy. I preached all day in the College Chapel from Ps. cvi, 4, 5. Read^s Medes Works.

16. Whether *Agriculture* or *Commerce* needs the most Encourag^t in the United States at present? I gave my opinion that neither needed greater Encourag^t than they have: the motives were high powerful & sufficient for both. But some Manufactures needed &c—so Rais^g of Silk.

This Aft. I rode over to Milford with a Committee of the Corpor^a & some Ministers convening in Council to advise the Reverend M^r Wales Professor-Elect. The Council formed in the Eveng.—present

Rev^d D^r Rodgers of N York—now supply^g Danbury Chh.
 Rev. Nathan Williams of Tolland
 Rev. Benj^a Trumbull of N^o Haven
 Rev. M^r Elles of N^o Branf^d
 Rev. M^r Backus of Somers.

Mess^{rs} Farrand of Canaan, Hinsdale of Windsor, & Strong of Hartford absent. D^r Rogers Moderator & M^r Trumbull Scribe. Mess^{rs} Warh. W^ms, Goodrich, Huntington & myself present as a Committee of the Corpor^a. Resolved—the Hearing to be public.

It was providentially ordered that the worthy D^r Rodgers should be there. For he had advised by Letter that he was previously engaged on a Journey into Jersey to prepare Things there for Removal of his Family, & actually set out on his Journey. But at North River met advice that the Ministry House & all Things were prepared for his immediate Removal. The necessity of this Journey ceasing, he immed^y turned about & came to this Council.

17. The Council sat in the Meet^g.h. & heard both the Committee of the Corpor^a & the Committee of the Society—which last exhibited a well drawn Representⁿ of their Objections in Writing, intirely refus^g to consent to part with their Minister. The Conference & Hearing held from Eleven to one o'Clock, when we returned to M^r Wales's. This day my Daughter Betseys Birthday.

18. With tender & painful Sollicitude, the Council in a long Result alledging the Reasons, at length gave their unanimous Opinion that it was M^r Wales's Duty to accept the Call to the Professorship.

The Committee of the Corpor^a thereupon entered upon an Examinⁿ of M^r Wales as to his System of Divinity to our satisfaction. But judging it best for M^r Wales to leave no Contingency after Acceptance, we determined to assemble the Corpor^a at Hartf^d at the Gen. Election, that the Corpor^a might then & there go thro'

the necess^y Examin^a in form, & settle some other Matters. This we did. And then wrote an offer of £200. to the Society in Compens^a for a part of M^r Wales's Settlem^t w^o was £300. His Salary £110. without Wood. The Council & Committee broke up & returned. A very tender & affecting Scene!

19. A violent N. E. Storm.

20. Last Tuesday just before I set out I rec^d Letters from Amsterdam from Mr. Austinⁱ & others dated there 20th Oct. 1781.

21. Ldsdy. I preached all day in Chapel A.M. Philip. iii, 18, P.M. Tit. iii, 8. Read the Proclam^a for a Continental Fast next Thursday. Emilia's Birthday.

22. Chartarum pictarum sortilegium illicitum est. King Resp.

23. Whether a particular Providence? Col. Barret brot his son fr. Dartm^o Coll. to enter here Senior. The Classes in Dartm^o College are at present

Seniors	. . . 5	Tutors Rev ^d M ^r Riply
Juniors	. . . 12	Professor Smith £120.
Soph.	. . . 21	
Fresh.	. . . 17	

55 Undergraduates. School 18.

Tuition 24/ per Qu. Study rent 6/ per Qu. Commons 9/7 besides Stewards fees 10/ per Qu. but no Commons this year. Board in Town 10/ 12/ & 15/. Wheat 5/ & 6/.

24. No Lecture, as to morrow is Fast.

25. Continental Fast recommended by Congress and ordered by Gov. Trumbull & Council. I preached in the Coll. Chapel all day. A.M. Jer. xliv, 10. P.M. Jer. xxv, 5. All the Tutors present. Making Election Sermon.

28. Ldsdy. I preached all day in Chapel. A.M. Mat. xi, 14. P.M. Cant. ii, 11-13.

29. Nulla Deceptio est licita. Canfield Resp.

30. Whether Representatives are to act their own Minds or the Minds of their Constituents? Sen.

May

1. Began the Examin^a of the 4 Classes in the Sciences. The Seniors to day. Undergrad. in Town 145.

I wrote a Letter to Professor Williams of Harv. Coll. answer^e his

¹ David Austin, Junior (Yale 1779).

upon M. Gibelins Opinion that the Inscription upon the Rock at Taunton is Punic or Phœnician.¹ I doubt it, hav^s compared it with all the oriental Paleography.

2. Exam. of Jun. Sophisters. Two Orations as yesterday.

3. Two Scholars offered & pressed for Admission into the Freshman Class. Received Letters from Albany with them, the one from Gen. Ten Broeck Mayor of the City ask^s Admission for his Son, another in Latin from the Rev. E. Westerlo a Dutch Minister in that City ask^s the same for his son in law Philip Van Renssalaer. We hesitated whether to receive them, it being late in the academic year, & besides we last week put off a like application.

This Even^g I made the Appointm^{ts} in the Senior Class for July Examⁿ, & for Commencement.

July Exam.

Hooker Cliosophic Orator

[Honeywood] Valed. Orat

Canfield

Smith

Thompson

Warner

} forensic Disput^a

King

Noyes

Wait

} Dialogue

Commencement.

Lovett

Robbins

Salutatory Orat.

Eng. Orat

Bowen

Merwin

Woodruff

} foren. Disput^a

Crocker

Sturgess

Williams

} Dial.

Garnsey

Selden

} Resp.

4. Admitted the 2 Albany Scholars. Examined the Freshm. Class, hear^s 4 Orat. & a Dialogue. This ends the Exam. of the Classes. This Eveng. a great Aur^o Bor. . . .

5. Ldsdy. I preached all day. A.M. Rom. v, 25, and administered the Lds Supper, ten of us present. P.M. Heb. xi, 27. I administered the Communion immediately after Sermon in the presence of all the Students, as I have done ever since D^r Daggett's death. This I expect to be the last time I shall administer this Ordinance in the College, as I hope we shall have a Professor of Div^y before the next Administration.

6. The Day of beginning of Vacation & also of Dean's Examⁿ; but no Candidate offered. The only Instance of omission since the Foundⁿ in 1733.

¹ See below, May 16, 1783.

Returning from my Journey June 1, I enter a few Memoirs from my Itinerary.¹

7. Set out on a Journey with the Rev^d M^r Wales. Lodged at Dr. Dana's in Wallingford. I find him opposed to Mr. W—removal fr. Milf^d & that he intends to prompt Milf^d Chh., & excite obstacles—because the Coll. is not in hands of Civilians.

8. Rode to Hartfd. With Mr. Trumbul of Watert^o waited upon the Governor, who had appointed him to preach the Elect. Sermon—& myself second.

9. At Hartford at the General Election. M^r Trumbull of Westbury preached: but having entered on the Improv^t & before the Addresses, he was seized with a fainting fit & sunk down in the Pulpit—I prayed—& after Singing, he recovered & gave the Blessing. Gov. Trumbull & D. Gov. Griswold re-elected & the Assistants as last year, only all came in by Votes of the Freemen, without confirm^a of Assembly as in case of the Gov. for several years past.

The Corporation of Yale Coll. met at Hartford the Afternoon of Election day for the purpose of exam^g M^r Wales. This & the next day we examined him in the three Learned Languages, in the Sciences part^y Math. & Nat. Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics, antient & modern History—then in natural Religion & the Evidences of Revelation—then in positive Divinity particularly the Doctrines of the Trinity, the Div^y of Christ, Prædestination & Election, the Fall & Recov^y of man or Original Sin & the vicarious Atonem^t of X, Justific^a thro' X^a imputed Righteousness, special Grace in Conversion, & in general the Doctrines of Grace—then in casuistical & polemical Divinity,—then Ecclesiastical History & Chh Polity—& finally in personal & experimental Religion. We unanimously approved him—Voted him a Salary of £ 160 stated in Provisions as mine.

10. Corpor^a adjourned to N H. 2^d Tuesdy of June for Instalm^t of M^r Wales, who is on his Return to Milfd to resign his Min^y there & then accept the Professorship. [I admitted at Hartfd. Field the *hundredth* Freshman, & Mr. Tutor Fitch admitted the 101st Freshman.]

12. Ldsdy At Canterbury & preached all day.

13. At Gov. Greenes in Warwick. Intelligence that latter end Febr^y Parl^t voted not to pursue the American War. I first believed the Report 7th Ins^t at College.

¹ A few additional items are now inserted from the same source.

14. Undergrad. Harv. Coll. at this time Sen. 38, Jun. 27, Soph. 42 Fresh. 42. Total 149.

15. At Providence News of Naval Action in West Ind. between Eng. & French Fleets.

16. At Providence I baptized Eben. Pemberton son of Sam^l Clark & Sarah his Wife, formerly of my Newp^t flock.

17. Dulce Colloquium—Feb. 174⁴/₅. Visiting the *διασπορα* or Dispersion of my dear Newp^t flock. Examining M^r Joseph Browns curious Telescope, with a Helioscope & Dollands Micrometer. Cost £ 55. sterl^s.

18. Arrived at Newport.

19. Ldsdy. I preached all day to my Flock, not in my Meeting-house, which is not cleansed, but in the French General Rochambeau's Assembly Room 40 f. by 47. And notified the Sacram^t of the Lds Supper.

20. Andrew Balfour killed March 12, 1782 in his House at Randolph C^o N^o Car^o not far from Wacovia a Moravian Settlement, where M^r Marshall is senior politicus of the Unitas Fratrum. 82 diff. sorts of Fish at Newp^t.

22. News that Holland recognized our Independ^y on the 28th of March last.

24. It is sd. 430 Build^{gs} pulled down & destroyed by the Enemy in 3 years—prob^y shops & stores included. Acc^o taken by Ed. Thurston.

25. I baptized privately at Newp^t
 Anstis Almy } Daughters of Cap^t James Godfrey & Anstis his
 Nabby Sayer } Wife.
 Peg, Negro serv^t of Mrs. Anstis Sayer W^o of Deacon on her s^d Peg's
 own^s the Covenant.

Mary-Ann } D. of M^r Tho^s Mewse formerly of y^e City of Norwich
 Katharine } in G. Britain & Mary-Ann his Wife Daughter of
 the late Rev^d M^r Vinal of Newport.

Andrew son of the late Col. And^w Balfour and Eliz^a his Widow.

26. Ldsdy. I preached all day in the Assembly room to my Congreg^a and administered the Lds Supper to about 35 Communicants. P.M. I admitted M^{rs} Mary Ann Mewse to own the Cov^t publicly that she might have her Children always baptized in future. I baptized Sarah D. of Job Bissel & his Wife. After Meet^s attended the Funeral of Mr. W^m Tweedy, the Corps carried to Chh and Mr. Bours a Layman read Service & a Sermon.

28. I left Newp¹ on Return to College, crossed the ferries & rode 8 or 9 Miles to M^r Marchants in S^o Kingston about half a mile from the Swamp Fort, w^o I visited. . . .

The swamp Islet is surrounded every way with a hideous Swamp 40 Rds to one Mile wide, & inaccessible but at a SW Entrance & there a deep Brook or Rivulet must be passed. All the Narrag. Indian Tribe with the Indians of M^r Haup or Bristol were assembled there in the Winter of 1675, when they were attacked by our Army of about a thousd men, who rushed over the only narrow passage of Entrance & set fire to the Wigwawms—a great Slaughter!

The burnt Corn remains to this day, & some of the Bones are yet above ground, as I saw at this time. The owner of the Land M^r Clark is now clearing up the Land, has cut down the Timber & Brush, and will plough it up this Summer.

29. This day my Wife has been dead seven years. Septennium solitare!

30. At Rev^d Mr. Hart's at Saybrook.

June

1. Arrived safely at New Haven, & found my Family well. Deo O. M. Grates. Orders were set up at College last Monday Eveng. On the 15th ult. the Rev^d Samuel Wales gave in to his people a Resignation of the Ministry among them—and accepted the Professorship of Divinity in Yale College.

2. Ldsdy. The Rev^d M^r Wales began the Duties of the professorial Office, ætat. 35, and preached all day in the College Chapel, A.M. Eph. iv, 18. P.M. Philip. ii, 12, 13. Seventy Undergraduates present. M^r Tutor Meigs married last winter & still continues in the Tutorship; He has just set up Housekeeping, and to day his Consort sat with my Fam^y in the Pew assigned them in the Chapel. Mess^{rs} Woodhull, Dwight, Lewis, & Meigs have been the only married Tutors in this College.¹

3. An Scientia humani generis fœlicitatem adaugeat? Respond. Root. My son Ezra & Wife^s & child came here.

¹ Richard Woodhull (Yale 1752) was Tutor from 1756 to 1761, married in 1762, and was recalled to office in 1763. Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769) was Tutor from 1771 to 1777, and married six months before his resignation. John Lewis (Yale 1770) was Tutor from 1773 to 1778, and married in 1777.

² Ezra Stiles, Jr., had married, on Jan. 8, 1781, Sybil, eldest daughter of Samuel Avery, of Westminster, Vt., originally a lawyer, of Groton, Conn., and a stockholder, like Dr. Stiles, in some of the townships promoted by Col. Lydius.

4. The University of Philad^a of 21st March held a Commencem^t & graduated about a Dozen Bachelors of Arts, 3 or 4 Bachelors of Medicine, & 2 or 3 A.M. & conferred the Doctorate in Div^y upon the Rev^d M^r White Episc^o Minister in Philad^a the Rev^d Elihu Spencer of Trenton & the Rev. M^r Allison of Baltimore. M^r Provost Ewing being a Commissioner for the Line between Virginia & Pensylv^a it was expected he might be absent at the usual time in July.

5. Admitted Jn^o Fellows¹ into the Junior Class, recomended from Dartm^o Coll. & upon Examination.

7. M^r Professor Wales removed his Family to this Town & I gave him Possession of the Professors House. The Tutors & Graduates with myself rode out 5 Miles to meet them & accompanied M^r Wales & his family into Town.

8. M^r Tutor Fitch returned to College having been detained by the Sickness of his Fathers Fam^y now in Inoculation. Welles 2 an ingenious Scholar, an Orphan, requests a Dismission, his Circumstances as to Estate not permitting his finish^s an academic Education.

On 28th of May died that amiable, benevolent, most hospitable & very respectable Gentleman Mr. *Aaron Lopez* Merchant, who retir^s from Newp^t Rhd. Isld in these Times resided from 1775 to his Death at Leicester in Massachusetts. He was a Jew by Nation, came from Spain or Portugal about 1754 & settled at Rh. Isld. He was a Merchant of the first Eminence; for Honor & Extent of Commerce probably surpassed by no Merch^t in America. He did Business with the greatest Ease & Clearness—always carried about with him a Sweetness of Behav. a calm Urbanity an agreeable & unaffected Politeness of manners. Without a single Enemy & the most universally beloved by an extensive Acquaintance of any man I ever knew. His Beneficence to his Fam^y Connexions, to his Nation, & to all the World is almost without a Parallel. He was my intimate Friend & Acquaintance! Oh! how often have I wished that sincere pious & candid mind could have perceived the Evidences of Xty, perceived the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ, known that JESUS was the MESSIAH predicted by Moses & the Prophets! The amiable & excellent Characters of a *Lopez*, of a *Manasseh Ben Israel*, of a *Socrates*, & a *Gangenelli*, would almost persuade us to hope that their Excellency was infused by Heaven, and that the

¹ Cf. above, June 27, 1780.

virtuous & good of all Nations & religions, notwithstanding their Delusions, may be bro't together in Paradise on the Xtian System, finding Grace with the all benevolent & adorable Emmanuel who with his expiring breath & in his deepest agonies, prayed for those who knew not what they did.

M^r Lopez was journey^s with his Wife & some of his Fam^y on a Visit to Newport, and within five Miles of Providence at Scotts pond as he was Water^s his Horse, the Horse plunged beyond his Depth with the Sulky, when M^r Lopez leaped into the Water; & tho his serv^t attempted to save him he was lost. His Corps was carried to Newport & there interred in the Jew Burying Ground there—the Demonstration of universal Sorrow attended the Funeral.¹

9. Ldsdy. M^r Professor Wales preached in the Coll. Chapel all day on Jer. iii, and gave great Satisfaction. He exhibited the accomplishment of antient prophecy in the former & present State of the Hebrew & Jewish Nation.

10. No disputation. The Committee of the Corporation came into Town.

11. At VII^b this Morn^s a Messenger came into Town with Advice that yesterday Noon died at Longmeadow in Springfield that venerable Man of God the Reverend Stephen Williams D.D. æt. 90 & Min^y 67.

This day my son brought home an Indian Boy from Killingworth bound to me till æt. 21,² by the follow^s Indenture by his Mother.

I Ruth Wankeet an Indian Squaw Widow living at Killingworth do hereby bind & put out unto President Stiles of New Haven his Ex^{ra} Adm^{ra} & Assigns my son Aaron now nine years old, to serve & live with s^d Stiles as a family servant, till the s^d Aaron shall be twenty one years old, or untill the last day of May OneThousd seven hundred & ninety five. And I the s^d Stiles agree to learn the s^d Aaron to read & to give him a Bible, & to give him a freedom suit when he shall have come out of his Time suitable for him.

Witness our Hands & seals this 10th day of June 1782.

	Theophilus Crane	^{her}	RUTH X WAUKET	[L. S.]
Witnesses	Margaret Wilcox		^{mark}	
	Benjamin Gale		EZRA STILES	[L. S.]

¹ When Dr. Stiles next visited Newport, in May, 1783, he was asked to compose the English inscription for the grave of Mr. Lopez; and several drafts are among his papers. The complete inscription is printed in the *Rhode Island Historical Magazine*, vi, 90-91 (Oct., 1835). He was born in Portugal, and came to America about 1746. His wife was Abigail, daughter of Jacob Rodriguez Rivera, of Newport.

² By mutual agreement the boy was given back to his mother in May, 1783.

The Corporation of Yale Coll. convened viz. Rev^d Mess. Eliph^a W^m, Trumbull, Goodrich, Mather, Pitkin, Huntington, Taylor. And agreed to install Professor Wales to morrow. The College Chh. met this Afternoon & gave Mr. Wales a Call to take the pastoral Charge of the College Chh.

12. Professor Wales was inducted & installed in the following Manner. At half after Eleven o'Clock A.M. an academic procession formed by the Bedel moved from the Chapel to my House & there received the Corpor^a & Professor Elect, & a number of Ministers & proceeded thence to the Coll. Chapel. Divine Service was begun by an Anthem: then M^r W^m senior Fellow made a Prayer: then the Jubilee Hymn was sung: then M^r Wales preached a Sermon from . Sermon being ended, I took the Desk, and having declared that M^r Wales had taken the Oath of Fidelity to the State I requested M^r Wales to exhibit his Confession of Faith & assent to the Eccl. Constit. of this State; & thereupon I in a Charge invested him with the Office of a Professor of Divinity in this University, & at the same time declared him Pastor of the College Church. Then Sir Baldwin a Jun. Bachelor made a Latin Oration; after which M^r Pitkin made a conclud^s Prayer. An Anthem finished the Exercises. The Corpor^a & Ministers retired to the Library, & then we had a public Dinner in the Coll. Hall.

13. The Corpor^a plann^s a Dining Hall & Kitchen. This Aft. we conferred the Degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev^d Eliphalet Williams Senior Fellow of this Corporation: and voted to confer the same Degree upon Professor Wales at Commenc^t in academic Form.

14. The Corporation returned home. We have disagreeable news of the Battle or Naval Action in the W. Indies.

16. Ldsdy. Professor Wales preached in Chapel. A.M. 1 Cor. vii, 31. P.M. Rom. i, 19-20 Begin^s a Course of Systematical Div^y on the Being of a God.

17. Ultrò pro patria mori non est licitum. Wait Resp.

18. Whether Brit. Monarchical Gov^t would be preferable to the Repub. Gov^t of the United States?

19. Quarter Day.

20. No Lecture. Appointed Commencem^t Questions.

21. Examined & readmitted Zadock Wheeler into the Freshman Class. Received a Lett. from Dom. Westerlo Dutch Minister in Albany.

This day we received news that Ripley a Junior Sophister¹ died at Pomfret 11th Ins^t of Inoculation for the small pox. Ordered the Junior Sophisters & they elected Edwards to make a funeral Oration.

22. Excessively hot. Fahr. Therm^o 96½ at Two o'Clock P.M. Wind S.W. This Aftern^o I attended a Lect. in the Library with Students in Divinity.

At the Inauguration of Professor Wales present of the Corporation—Ezra Stiles Pres^t, The Rev. Messrs. Eliph^a Williams, Nath^l Taylor, Elizur Goodrich, Jn^o Trumbull, Moses Mather, Tim^o Pitkin, Enoc Huntington, Fellows. M^r Warh. W^ms also present but called away to funeral of his Father.

PROFESSOR WALES'S INSTALLMENT

“On Wedn^r the 12th inst. the Rev^d Samuel Wales A.M. was publickly inducted & installed Professor of Divinity in Yale College. An academic Procession moved from the Coll. Chapel to the Presidents House ; where it received the Rev^d the Corpor^a & the Professor Elect, with the other Gent. convened upon the Occasion. The Procession then returned to the Chapel in the follow^r order.

The 4 Undergrad. Classes about 170 scholars present
 The Bachelors of Arts & Butler
 The Beadel with the Fasces
 The President
 The Rev^d Fellows of the Corporation
 The Professor Elect
 The four Tutors
 The Reverend Ministers
 Residentiary Masters of Arts
 And other respectable Gentlemen.

The Solemnity began with an Anthem, Luke ii. A Prayer was then made by the Rev. Eliphalet Williams, D.D., one of the Fellows ; after which the Jubilee Hymn was sung. The Rev. the Professor-Elect then preached an excellent Sermon from 2 Cor. iv, 5, *For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord.* He then exhibited his Confession of Faith & gave his Assent to the Ecclesiastical Constitution, as required by the Statutes of the College. And thereupon the President gave an inaugural Charge in which he inducted, constituted & declared him PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY in this University, and committed to him the pastoral care of the academic Church, and invested him with all the Power, Authority & Dignity annexed to his Professorial Office. This being finished an ingenious Latin Oration was pronounced by Simeon Baldwin A.B. adapted to the occasion. The Rev^d Mr. Pitkin one of the fellows made the concluding Prayer, after which an Anthem was sung, Ps. civ ; and the Reverend Mr. Professor Wales closed the Solemnity with a Blessing.”—Extract fr. New Haven print of 20th June.

¹ David Ripley, son of the Rev. David (Yale 1749), of Abington Parish.

23. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Carmel.

24. No Disputation. This day Mrs. Edwds. Consort of the Rev^d Jon^a Edw^{ds} of this T^o was drowned, her horse with her alone in a Chaise plunging into a Mill pond two miles from Town. She was taken up an hour after, the Water 15 feet deep. Ætat. 34.¹

25. Whether Congress was politic in refusing to receive Gen. Sir Guy Carltons Messenger?

This Afternoon we attended the Funeral of M^{rs} Edwds. The Corps were Carried to the Meet^shouse, where was a crowded assembly, among others Eleven Ministers seven of whom had lost their Wives. M^r Whittelsey made the first Prayer; the 89th Ps. was sung, Think &c on feeble man: I preached on Philip. i, 21, *For me to live is X^o & to die is Gain*: M^r Street prayed: the funeral Tho't was sung & a bless^d concluded the Solemnity. The Procession then moved fr. the Meet^sh. to the burying Ground—first the Bearers who were Civilians not Ministers—the Corps—the Mourners—the Ministers—the Sisters of the Chh & the Females—the Males. A very large Body. M^r Edwds spake at the Grave.

26. As the Corpor^a agreed & voted at the last Meet^s to build a Din^s Hall & Kitchen 60 foot long & 30 wide & appointed myself Mes^{rs} Goodrich & Huntington a Committee &c. so this day the Committee met, & agreed with M^r Atwater to build it for £ 400.

27. No Lecture. Viewing the College Ld, & placing the Dining Room on SW. Corner of it.

28. If Deacon Ball will sell us 7½ Rd long & 30 feet wide for fifty Dollars, we agree to build there; otherwise as before at S.W. Corner &c.²

29. I attended a theological Exercise with Sir Atwater, Sir Channing, & Sir Stebbins, Students in Div^y. They each read a Dissertation—the Subject was the *Evidences of Revelation*, or the divine Inspiration of the Scriptures. Last Sat'y it was, the Proof of the Existence or *Being of a Gd*. That appointed for next Saturday is the *Doctrine of the Trinity*. But I intend to devolve this upon Professor Wales.

30. Lordsdy. Professor Wales preached at Chapel. A.M. Jno. iv, 24, on Gods Spirit. P.M. on Gods Eternity. . . .

¹ She was Mary, daughter of the Hon. Eleazar Porter, of Hadley, Mass.

² Deacon Stephen Ball finally gave the College a strip of land in the rear of South Middle, in exchange for a strip fronting on Chapel street; the Dining Hall (later used as a Chemical Laboratory) was built on the lot thus acquired.

July

1. *Lex Talionis nonnunquam est licita.* Selden Resp. Wrote & sent Letters to Professor Williams & Mr. Gannet at Cambridge.

2. Whether the Long Isld Trade with the British be justifiable during the present War? Seniors.

Rec^d a Lett. by Alderman Yates from the Mayor & Aldermen of Albany request^s Advice in procuring 2 Preceptors for the Academy founded in that City 1780.

3. Examining Theses & Orations.

4. Independ^y celebrated. Attended a sacram^t Lect. at M^r Edwds' Meet^s. Professor Wales preached. [The Senior Class finished Locke V. 2^d.]

5. Took Leave of Alderman Yates, by whom I wrote Letters to the Mayor & Corporation of the City of Albany. We engaged Sir Baldwin (Simeon) and Lovett a sen. Soph. for the Acad^y in Albany after Examination. They are to be there the begin^s of August. Salary £150. Y. M. Silver per annum. Deduct Board & wash^s 100 Doll. per ann. leaves £110.

6. At XI o'Clock Recit^a I explained Vincents Catechism to the Seniors as usual for near an hour.

At IV P.M. I attended in the Library a theological Exercise with 3 Graduate Students in Divinity for two hours & an half. At Eveng. prayers I expounded the Confession of Faith in the Chapel.

7. Ldsdy. Professor Wales in Chapel preached A.M. on Heb. ix, 24 & administered the Lds Supper to us for the first time—present 15 Communicants. M^r Wales the Professors Wife a member of Milfd 1st Chh, by silential Vote admitted to fixt & stated Communion with the College Church. The assembly dismissed before the Administration of the ordinance; & the most went out. P.M. Gen. xvii, i. upon the *Omnipotence* of God.

8. An Electione Magistratum unicuique Civium jus Suffragandi competit? Garnsy Resp.

9. Whether the manner of English Settlement of America & becom^s possessed of Indian territory be justifiable by the Law of Nature & Nations?

Received a Letter dated July 3^d from a Gentleman near Cambridge an intimate Acquaintance of Professor W^m not however suggesting that what he writes is either with the Professors approbation or even knowledge. Indeed I have no doubt but that it was done without his Knowledge. He says

— "Professor Williams I am morally certain is so well satisfied with the attention paid by you & others to the Morals, Education, & religion of the Youths at your College, that was there an Opening with small Encouragem^t he would be likely to grace New Haven with his Abilities. Could you get by borrowing or buying, or by Donations the necessary Apparatus, with an House to live in, Firewood, a small Salary, this with the Liberty of receiving voluntary pay from the Students that might attend his Experimental Lectures, would go far to make him a Star in the Yale Constellation. He would be a great Acquisition, & help to increase & confirm the Reputation which your College is now in. Would recommend it to you to turn this Business well over in your Thots. In convers^s with the Governor upon it should it be judged advisable, you may tell from whom you have your Information, but accompanied with the request that the Informer is kept secret; or I shall have many &c." ¹

10. Betsy set out on a Journey for B^o & Piscataqua and to be at Cambridge Commencement next Week. I exhibited a Philosophic Lecture in the Chapel.

11. Funeral Orations in English, upon Bristol a Sophimore by Dennison—upon Ripley by Austin 1. Gentlemen & Ladies assembled in Chapel. Bristol ob. May 18. æt. 18.³ Ripley died of Inocul^a for Small pox June æt. 21 cir.

12. Reviewing Theses & Arg^{ts} for Commencement.

13. Seniors finished recit^s Presid^t Claps Ethics.

14. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Carmel.

15. Returned. No Disputation.

16. No Disputation. Inquiry into a Scene of wicked Lewdness & Debauchery in College. On which acco^t I postponed the Examination of the Candidates from to morrow till friday.

17. Phil. Lect. Seniors prepar^s Commenc^t Exercises. Mœrore summo affectus.

18. No Lecture.

19. Public Examin^a and Præsentation of the Candidates for the Degree. The Candidates being seated in the Chapel at the ringing of the Bell, the Professor Tutors & Graduates includ^s the Rev^d M^r Mather who usually attends, went into the Chapel, and send^s M^r Tutor Ely (the youngest Tutor) & Sir Russel (whom for this Occasion I had appointed Vice Bedellus) up into the Library, where I was seated with the Diploma examinerium in my hand;

¹ See also Diary, June 17, 1788.

³ Simeon Bristol, son of Simeop Bristol (Yale 1760), of Hamden, Conn. The Funeral Oration, by Joseph Denison, was printed; as was also that by Samuel Austin on David Ripley, Jr., who died on June 11.

who requested of me Authority to examine the Candidati qui sese in Sacello Jussu me examinandos sistebant. When I with a speech delivered them the Diploma with Author^r &c. They returned into the Chapel & delivered it to Professor Wales, who ordered it to be read by the Vice Bedellus. After w^c the Consessus Examinatorius proceeded & examined the Candidates in the Greek Test^a Horace & Cic. de Oratore. After a Recess of half an hour—they returned & resumed the Exam. in Eng. Grammar, Logic, Geography, Math. Philosophy & Ethics & finally in Hist^r & the belles Lettres.—Then they put each Candidate to vote & approved them for a Present^a to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts. Accord^r the Professor having left the Consessus seated himself in a Chair by me in the Lib^r, the Tutors & Grad. bro't up the Class into the Lib^r; when the Return & Indorsm^t on the Diploma of all the Names & doings signed by the Senior Tutor, was delivered me by the 2^d Tutor M^r Meigs, who in a very elegant Speech or Latin oration presented the Candidates for the Honors of the College at the next Commenc^t. But first the President delivered the Diploma & acta Examinatoria inscripta to the Vice Bedellus & ordered him to read the same. And thereupon the President made a Latin Speech both to the Examinatores & to the Candidates, in which he accepted them & approved the whole Transaction. The Candidates now retiring. the Presid^t & Examinatores drank a Glass of Wine in the Lib^r & were thus prepared for Dinner.

After Dinner in the Hall, at w^c all the residentiary Bachelors of Arts were invited, we returned to the Library—where soon convened a number of Ministers & other Gentlemen. Then we went into the Chapel & attended Exercises there.

There was a full concourse of Ladies & Gentlemen in Chapel—& the Exercises & Entertainment began & proceeded as follows, it being very late before we began.

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| P.M. III. | 52' | Entered the Chapel & seated | |
| | 54 | Anthem | |
| | 58 | Began Ciosophic Oration by Sir Hooker | |
| IV. | 27½ | End | |
| | 29. | Sir Warner began Eng. forensic Disput ^a | |
| | 40½ | Sir Canfield | } Quest. Wheth Rep. Gov ^t or
monarch. preferable? |
| | 54½ | Sir Smith | |
| V. | 10 | Sir Thompson | |
| | | Recess of 15 Minutes. | |

- V. 50 Anthem
 55. Dialogue Sir King, Wait, Ives, Noyes.
 VI. 27. End Dial.
 28 Valedict^y Orat. in Lat. by Sir Honeywd¹
 57. End Oration
 58. Anthem
 VII. 5. End of the Exercise

So whole Exercise 2½ hours or more.

20. The Candidates dismissed while Commenc^t. I advanced & brot forwds the Classes the Juniors to be the Senior Seats &c. reserv^s room for any Candidates till Commenc^t & comitted the Freshmen now Sophomores to the Discipline of the new Seniors. A heavy Drought. This Even^s an extraord^y Aur^o Bor.

21. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Branford. . .

22. Heavy Drought. Season of Prayer for Rain at Mr. Whitt^s Meet^s. This Afternoon I resumed Hebrew with the Freshmen.

23. One half the freshman Class recited Heb. to me at XI o'clock—the other half at V. P.M. This day M^r Simpson a Jew bro't me a Manuscript Hebrew Bible in Quarto & Parchment said to be twelve hundred years old. It belongs to his Father the aged M^r Simpson æt. 85. cir. a Jew of N York now a Refugee at Norwalk. It is written in the Rabbinical Letter, fully pointed with *vowel*, *pausal*, & *music* Points, with the Masora in the Margin. The Points & Masorah are added by a later hand, obvious by different Ink & Letters of the Masora. Between every Book was left a space of about One Inch & half, which had been changed with writ^s now erased—which shews that the M.S. has been mutilated there tho' not in the Body. It is probable that these places might have indicated the Antiquity truly. But I have not found any true date or age inscribed. It is doubtless antient: but the View of the Parch^t & Letter did not seem to me to indicate so great an Antiquity as a thousd Years. It was undoubtedly written before Printing. I examined sundry Texts part^y Isai. ix, 6, where I found the closed or final Mem in לִסְרָנָה. Yet it was, tho' a rabbinical final Mem, yet it was, whether by accident or not plainly open thus ם.

¹ A beautifully written copy of this Oration by St. John Honeywood is preserved among Dr. Stiles's papers: it has as frontispiece an elaborate drawing in india-ink, including a view of the College buildings and portraits of Dr. Stiles and of the author.

The Order of the Books was thus in this MS.

Penteteuch
 Jehoshuah
 Judges
 Sam. 1, & 2, undivided
 Kings 1 & 2 d°
 Isaiah end^s wth יתקן סימן
 Jeremiah
 Ezekiel
 Hosea

24. A Phil. Lect. reading late M^r Tutor Atwater's Theory of
 1. Light as mov^s with different Velocity. 2. Light reflect^s Light
 and solving, 3. The Tail of Comets & 4. Aur^o Bor.

25. I gave a Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y, beginning the Period of the
 Reformation.

26. I hear two hebrew Recitations a day. Γηρασκω δε αιε πολλα
 διδασκωμενος. Senesco multa plurimumque docendo.

28. Ldsdy. Professor Wales preached in Chapel A.M. Ps. 139,
 1-12, on the Divine Omnipresence. P.M. Mat. xviii, 20, and
 notified the Sacrament next Sabbath.

29. . . . Præcibus vespertinis in Sacello academico moestam dedi
 פלוני Admonitionem de morum pravitate.

31. Attended a circular Sacr^t Lecture in Mr. Mathers Meet^s.
 Mr. Edwds preached 1 Jno. We love him because he first loved us.

August

1. Lecture on Eccl. History.

3. Rode to Meriden. My pious friend M^r Ab^m Dennis for many
 years a member of my Newp^t Chh, died at Taunton a fourt'night
 ago æt. 68 cir.

4. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Meriden.

5. Visited D^r Dana & M^r Waterman.

6. Returned home.

7. This morn^s an Express from Stamfd to the Gov. passed thro'
 this Town with Advice of Arrival of a French Fleet of 13 sail of
 the Line at the Hook at New York last Saturday. He bro't N.
 York City prints. I saw one of 3^d Ins^t w^c gave an Acc^o of an
 Action off C. Henry between two British ships & one French about
 29th. The former took the latter but the French fleet of 13 sail heav^s

in sight retook her. London News that the Minister on 10th June made a Motion w^o was seconded to bring in a Bill to enable the King to make peace with Amer. on these Terms viz that Amer. shd have a Legislature of its own independ^t of all other Legislatures on Earth, only subject to the King & his Vice Roy as Ireland. This will be rejected. M^r Adams on Apr. 19 was received in Form as Ambassador or Minister plenipo^y by the States of the United Provinces.

8. This Aft at V^b the Professor for the first time gave us a theological Lecture in the Chapel on Deut. Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one Jehovah—the subject the Unity of God.

This Morn^g M^r David Austin a Candidate for the Ministry returned here from Europe after a years absence. He visited Amsterdam, Leyden, Rotterdam—crossed over to Engld in Nov. last & spent 2 Months in London, where he preached—he then went to Paris where he stayed 3 months.

9. Received the printed Theses & Catalogue of Harv. Coll. with Acc^o of Commencem^t 17th ult. the first at which President Willard moderated.

10. The Brit. General Carlton & Adm. Digby at N York have sent out to Gen. Washington that the King is determined to make Peace and acknowledge our Independency. This is insidious, meaning only an Indp^y similar to that of Ireld.

11. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Amity.

12. Edward Halsey, æt. 18, of S^o Hampton on Long Isld, examined & admitted for the freshman Class next year. Cap^t Wooster tells me he saw & read the Lett. fr. Carleton & Digby to G. Wash. wherein they say, they are authorized by his Majesty to inform his Excell^y that he is determined to make Peace & to acknowledge the Independ^y of the United States; that M^r Laurence is liberated from the Tower, & that he hopes on this Account that Earl Cornwallis will be freed from his Parole: & wishes the Loyalists may be restored & their confiscated Estates returned.

13. I read the above Letter of 2^d Ins^t. The King has ordered his Ambassador at Paris to *propose* the Independ^y of the 13 *Provinces* as a Preliminary of Peace—but whether we are to continue *Provinces* under the King, tho' Independ^t of the Brit. Parl^t as Ireld, or not is cautiously not expressed. However I believe the King will acknow. us 13 Indep^t *States*.

14. News Arrival French Fleet at Boston.

15. Spent five hours incessantly in communicating Instruction to some of the Senior Class in Astronomy, the Calculus & Delineation of a solar Eclipse; calculating the Eclipses of Jupiters Eclipses, the Place of Saturn & the other planets, & the Trajectory & places of Comets both heliocentric & geocentric. By my Direction the Tutors examined a Freshman but found him deficient; so I directed that he should be turned by & not admitted. At V^b PM. I gave a Lecture on Ecc. History—Enumerating the principal Corruptions of the Romish Church.

16. A French Fleet of 13 Ships of the Line, lately off Chesepeak, are arrived at Boston. Hodie memet jejuniis præcibusque contuli, ut a numine summo lumen de בְּרוּךְ זֵנוּי divinum eligendo impetrem, præsertim de בְּרוּךְ מְנִי petenda.

17. Heard two Classes recite. Professor Strong visited me. A Talk of Cessation of Arms for a year. As we are about to build a new dining Hall & kitchen, this day began to pull down the Remnant of old College. The old Coll. Edifice was built 1717 three stories high & 170 feet long. Two Thirds of it was pulled down 6 or 7 years ago—leaving the Hall, Buttery & Kitchen standing. [Finished its Demolition Oct. 1782.]

18. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Whittelsey who supplies Milford. A.M. 2 Pet. i, 10-12. P.M. Eph. iv, 13. Read^s Braunij Doctrina Fœderum, who tho' a sound Divine in general yet denies the Sanctity of the Sabbath.

19. Two Gentlemen from Southboro' in Massach. came to me with a Letter askg direction in find^s & procur^s a candidate for the Ministry. They are M^r Johnson & M^r Unthank.

20. . . Admitted five Freshmen.

22. I gave my Lect. on Ecc. History.

25. Ldsdy. Attended in the College Chapel all day, where Professor Wales preached A.M. Isaiah vi, 3, on the *Holiness* of God. P.M. Heb. xii, 14. Propounded Daughter Sibbel and notified the Sacrament next Ldsdy.

Read in the Book of Martyrs the Lives of Bps. Ridley & Latimer. . .

This day my Daughter Polly is 15 years old. A very hot day, Fahr. Therm^o 92. Reading the Acta Fratrum Unitatis. . .

26. Preparing the Quæstiones Magistrales.

28. Rec^d a Letter from the Rev^d Mr. Hitchcock of Providence dated 16th Inst.

29. A very severe Drought—the cornfields look deplorably—the Indian Corn half cut off—no feed for the Cattle. I have kept my horse & cow on hay for three Weeks—ten acres of pasture does not half feed my Cow. The Drought is extensive from Boston to Hudsons River & beyond. The good Lord prepare us for what is before us.

30. Finished hearing Hebrew Recitations.

31. We have no reason to think the King has offered a real Independ^y to these States—only the Independ^y of a proposed Amer. Parl^t on the British Parl^t as lately granted Ireland.

September

1. Ldsdy. The Professor preached A.M. Jn^o i, 29. After Sermon he admitted my Daughter in Law Sibbill (wife of my son Ezra), into the College Chh, she standing up in the Pew in Chapel while the Profession of the Faith or Cov^t was addressed to her. After the Congreg^a was dismissed M^r Wales administered the Sacram^t of the Lds Supper to about seventeen Communicants. P.M. Ps. cxlv, 7–9 on the Perfection of divine Goodness. After Sermon M^r Wales descended from the Pulpit into the Tutors Seat, and before him I descended & stood forth with my Daughter Sibbil Stiles in the Alley fronting the Pulpit, and I holding up my Grand Child, M^r Wales baptized it by the Name of Elizabeth Hubbard. My Son its father being absent in the State of Vermont.

2. The British Garrison evacuated Savanna on the 12th of July last. The Eny. now possess only New York & Charlestown.

3. The Drought is tremendous. Admitted 2 Freshmen.

4. Received M^r R. Aitken's Subscription Paper dated Philad^a 11 Aug. 1782, for a first Edition of the Bible printed in the United States or America. To be ready for sale the beginning of Oct. next.

This day I wrote & sent off a Letter of great Importance, to 'D' 'D' upon my last Decision after earnestly looking up to the Throne of Grace for the Direction of unerring Wisdom.

This Aft. at III o'clock the people kept a season of prayer in M^r Edwds Meet^s on acc^o of the heavy Drought: five Ministers attended—M^r Mather prayed, M^r Edwards preached & M^r Whitt^v closed with prayer.

A great Contest has arisen between the young Sirs and Collegians on one side and Gentlemen in Town chiefly of academic Educ^a & some Merch^{ts} on the other. It has been customary for those who

graduated at Commenc^t to have a Ball in the State house the Eveng. following & invite their Friends & Relations—this produced a promiscuous assembly. The Gent. of the T^o are desirous of a politer Ball for Gent. of the army & other Strangers, & claimed the Courthouse. Half a dozen Bachelors of Arts resid^s in Town chiefly & not in College, joyned in a separation from their College Brethren, & among the rest Sir — who' spake with less Delicacy than was prudent upon the Candidates & their Company. This excited the Resentm^t of all College. On monday night last the Undergraduates in disguise took him under the College Pump—an high Indignity to any & especially towds a Graduate. He, instead of enter^s a Complaint to the College Auth^y, complained to the Grand Jury & obtained a Presentment; & also brot an Action at common Law for £1000. Damages.

5. We began the public Examin^a of the Classes and the Exhibitions of Orations & Dialogues.

7. Finished Examin^a of the Classes.

8. Ldsdy. M^r Tutor Ely preached in Chapel A.M. Eph. I am crucified with X. M^r Professor Wales preached P.M. a valedictory Sermon to the Candidates from . Sir R——'s affair settled. Peace!

11. Public Commencement. Exercises as follows.

- X.30. Began with Prayer.
- 38. Anthem.
- 44. Salutatory Orat. by Sir Lovett. Latin.
- XI.20. End of Sal^y Orat.
- 21. Forensic Disput^a begin. XII.4' End.
- XII.4½. Syllogistic Disput^a two Resp. & 2 Opp^o each.
- 12. End syll. Disput^a.
- 13. Dialogue. End XII.35.
- 35. Eng. Orat. End XII.51. End Exercises A.M.

AFTERNOON EXERCISES.

- P.M. IV 20' Anthem & Oratio funebris in Obitum D. Doctoris Lothrop. Begin^s IV.27' and End IV.45.
- IV.45' Syllogistic Disput^a. End IV.55.
- V. 4. Forensic Disput^a Eng. End V.49.
- VI.15. End of conferr^s Degrees.
- VI.31. End Valed^y Oration.

¹ Here the words "asperaed and vilified the" have been erased.

I conferred the Degree of Bachelor of Arts upon

Obadiah Bowen 1 G & 1 Doll.	Asher Robbins 4 Doll
Judson Canfield 1 G	Eph ^m Root 1 G
Wait Cornwell	David Selden 1 G & 1½ D
Daniel Crocker 1 G	Zephaniah Hollister Smith
Daniel Dana gratis	Lewis Burr Sturgess 6 Doll
Israel Fuller 1 Guin	W ^m Abdiel Thompson 1 G
Lemuel Garnsey	Ezra Wait 5 Doll
S ^t John Honeywood 0 gratis	Selden Warner
Jn ^o Hooker 1 G. returned gratis	Jn ^o Willard 4 D
Joseph Ives 1 Guin	Nathan W ^m 1 G
Walter King gratis	Sam ^l Woodruff
Jn ^o Lovett 1 G	25 + 1 = 26
Miles Merwin 1 G. Fr.	Seth Sam ^l Smith 3 D
James Noyes 4 D	

and also upon Tim^o Read an approved Candidate of Dartm^o Coll. recommended as such by Pres^t Wheelock but not yet graduated.

I conferred the Deg. of Master of Arts on

David Austin	Jn ^o Noyes
W ^m Baldwin 24/8	Elisha Payne
Jer. Gates Brainerd	Matt. Talcott Russel
Justus Cook 3 Doll	Jer. Townsd
Ozias Ells 4 Doll	W ^m Welles
Zebulon Ely gratis	W ^m Whitman
Stephen Fowler	Sam ^l Whitt ^r
Elizur Goodrich gratis	Ezek. Woodruff 4 Doll
Sam ^l W ^m Johnson	19
Jon ^a Maltby	and also upon Eben Wright 177-

At the same Time I conferred the Deg. of A M on those of other Colleges viz Sam^l Crosby 1777, Seth Payson 1777, Asa Piper 1777, James Man 1776, Jn^o Cosins Ogden 1770 2 Guin Nass. & Walter Lyon Dart.

I also conferred the Doctorate in Divinity More academico upon Professor Wales—and the same Doctorate on Rev^d Rich^d Salter.

The Candidates paid me about 4 Doll. each, one or two short. Among them werę 20 Guineas & a half Joe. I conferred 52 Degrees in the Arts, of which 6 gratis. The remain^s 45 at 4 Doll. would be equal to £54. But I actually received £62. The highest fee was 2 Guineas—The half Joe was 2 fees.

12. The Rev. M^r Goodrich preached a Concio ad Clerum to the Clergy &c present about 50 Ministers in the College Chapel, Eph. iii, 7, 8.

14. Committee settling Accounts. I rec^d about £9. for Rents of the Store on my Lot, ann. Rent £6. of w^c £9. I have 2½ Fr. Guineas left.

We have admitted fifty Freshmen.

STATE OF MY OWN ACCOUNTS.

Receipts on my Salary from June 1, 1781 to Sep. 13, 1782.

1781.		
Aug. 7.	Transferred fr. the Stewards Book . . .	£ 39. 19. 5½
Sep. 10.	D ^o part of £292.16.3.	175. 12. 6½
	Equal my Salary June 1.	£215. 12.

Advanced for Sal^y current year begin^g June 1, 1782.

Sep. 10.	Transferrd fr. Stewds Book the rest of the } £292.16.3.	£117. 3. 8.
	Received on Perkins Note & Munson Acc ^o	12. 19.
	D ^o Hotchkiss D ^o	16. 1. 8.
	Rec ^d on Benhams note (not accounted yet)	11.
14.	Rec ^d Cash returned by Dudley Baldwin.	10. 4.
		167. 8. 4.
	Rec ^d Rent on Professors House April last } £22.18.0. of w ^c p ^d him £6. In my hand }	16. 18.
		£184. 6. 4.

Thus I have received £184 already on my sal^y for the current year, only the first Qu^r become due. The Corpor^s this session added £20 to my Sal^y. So it is now £180. stated in Grain &c. & was last year estimated £215. I have £10.4. in hand just rec^d. But I have exhausted £174.

THESES ACADEMICÆ &C.

I have found it very difficult to recover the *printed Theses, & Catalogues*. However I have succeeded in collecting these which I have deposited with the College Archives.

YALE COLLEGE.		HARV. COLL.	
	Quæst. Magistr ^s .		Quæst. Mag.
Theses.		Theses.	
1722. Rector Cutler		1670 Præs. Chauncy	1712
1726. Rector Andrew		1713. Presid. Leverett	1713

YALE COLLEGE.		HARV. COLL.	
Theses.	Quæst. Magistræ.		Quæst. Mag.
1736. Rector Williams		1719	1717
174 Rector Clap	1742	1745	1719
1745 Catal ^o	1748		
1746. President Clap		1756	1749
1749	1752	1760	
1751		1763	
1752.	1755	1765	1767
1756	1756	1758	
1757		1769	D ^r Winthrop Præs. p. t.
1758	1758	177	Presid. Locke
1759	1759	1777	President Langdon
1760		1778	
	1761	1779	
1762		1781	Professor Wigglesw ^o p. t.
1763	1763	1782	Presid Willard
1764	1764		
1765			
1766			
1767 D ^r Daggett Præs. p. t.			
1768	1768		
1769	1769		
1770	1770		
1772	1772		
1773	1773		
1774	1774		
1775			
1781 P. Stiles	1781		
Catalogue 1778			
1781			
1782	1782		

Commencement was held in the Rev^d M^r Whittelseys Meeting House. The Presid^t & two Fellows sat in the Pulpit ; the rest of the Fellows with the Professor of Div^y sat in Windsor Chairs upon a Platform or Stage 18 feet square before the Pulpit & lying on the Tops of the Seats covered with a Turkey Carpet to which there was an Ascent by steps from the middle alley. The 4 Tutors sat at the 2 Desks covered with green in the side Galleries, two at a Desk ; the Desks for Syllogistic Disputations. The Candidates both Bachelors & Masters sat in the Foreseat of the Galleries.

The manner in which I conferred the Doctorate upon Professor Wales was this:—and also thus were all the Degrees conferred.

In the afternoon the Disputations being ended, I uncovered my head, made a public Præsentation of the Candidates to the Fellows, & addressed them thus :

SOCII REVERENDI :

Hosce Juvenes, ceu Candidatos ad Gradum *Baccalaurealem* in Artibus capessendum idoneos ; et hosce Viros, ceu Candidatos ad Gradum *Magistrale*m in Artibus capessendum idoneos, Vobis publice præsentō. Itaque si vobis placeat, et è vestro Consensu, Candidatos hosce utriusque ordinis ad suos Gradus more academico admittam. Placeatne ?

Then I said "Descendite Candidati." Upon which I descended from the Desk, and took my Seat in a Chair placed upon a square Solium two steps above the floor of the Stage, the Beadle (Col^o Jon^s Fitch) stand^s at my Left hand, holding the *Book & Diplomas* which he handed to me, & received from the Candidates to whom I delivered them in conferr^s Degrees. The Book was the Bible a small Edition in *Hebrew & Greek*. The Candidates then approached 3 at a time, when I conferred the Degree first on the Bachelors, & then on the Masters thus—the Candidates passing off the Stage at my Right Hand.

"Pro autoritate mihi commissa admitto vos ad primum (secundum) Gradum in Artibus, pro more academiæ in Angliâ, cæterarumque Universitatum Europæarum. Vobisque trado hunc Librum unacum Potestate publice prælegendi (to the Masters, et profitendi) quotiescunque & ubicunque ad istoc munus evocati fueritis. Cujus hæc Instrumenta in Membranam scripta Testimonio sint."

Hav^s conferred the Degrees in the Arts, I then proceeded to confer the Doctorate, first præsenting Professor Wales to the Fellows or Senatus academicus as worthy of that Honor.

"Reverende Domine Professor Wales :

Senatus academicus in te decrevit Gradum Doctoralem esse conferendum. Coram igitur astares ad eundem suscipiendum peto."

Upon which he rose, came forward on the Stage & stood near in my presence. I then arose, uncovered my head, and addressed the following Præsentation to the Corporation.

"Socii Reverendi

E Decreto vestro Rev^{dm} Dominus Professor Wales, nunc se Doctoratu decorandum sistit. Virum ideo hunc vere Eruditum, ad

Gradum in sacro-santâ Theologiâ Doctoralem capessendum idoneum, Vobis publice præsentò. Si vobis igitur placeat, hunc Gradum solenniter moreque academico conferam. Placetne?"

The Nodus of Assent being given, I then proceeded sitting to

Confer the DOCTORATE.

"Quoniam Te Virum Eruditum, et ad summos in sacrâ Theologiâ Honores capessendos idoneum esse abunde nobis compertum est: itaque pro Autoritate mihi commissâ, et ex amplissimi Senatûs academici consensu atque Decreto, te Reverendum Samuelem Wales in *SS. Theologiâ Doctorem* creo, constituo palamque renuntio. Tradoque tibi hunc Librum, Eloquia sacra græcè hebraiceque descripta, una cùm Potestate publice prælegendi, Moreque Doctorum profitendi, quotiescunque & ubicunque ad isthoc Munus evocatus fueris. Omnia quinetiam cedo Doctoratûs Insignia jus tibi gerendi, cunctosque Honores, Dignitates, Privilegia, Jura, quæ hic aut usquam gentium ad Doctoratus Apicem evectes concedi solent. Cujus Rei hocce Diploma, seu Instrumentum in Membranam scriptum, Testimonio sit.

Porrigoque tibi hanc dextram, signaculum uti amicitiaë, fidei, atque honoris: collocoque te hac Cathedra doctorali ibique fac sedeas jubeo. Ex istâ Cathedra, tam professoriâ quam doctorali, tuum fuerit, Reverende Doctor, Theologiam verissimam de sacris Scripturis profiteri publiceque docere: nec Rabbinatûs honore superbiaque sufflatus [suffusus], sed pro singulari Modestia tuâ et Humilitate. Tuum erit præterea, coram omnibus eâ Vitæ ratione piissimè incedere, quem admodum et Sanctitate et Literaturâ divinâ, Gradum Doctoralem potius illum tu, quàm te ille, adornes. Ave denique, & salveto, doctissime Doctor; Ecclesiarum Christi et Academiae diu, Columen, Ornamentum, Decus atque Tutamen effloreas."

This is the first Doctorate that ever was conferred in form in America. Doctorates have been conferred here before, but it was only by a simple Declaration that they were created Doctors, as I did with respect to D^r Salter.

After hav^g conferred this Degree on D^r Wales I reascended the Pulpit, and after declaring a Degree to several absent Candidates, I publicly declared,

"Quinetiam Reverendum *Richardum Salter* in Sacro-sancta Theologia Doctorem creo, statuo, publiceque renuntio."

15. Ldsdy. I attended Mr. Whittelseys Meeting. He preached all day on Acts xvii, 27, on the divine omnipresence. An excellent Sermon.

16. Rode to D^r Dana's in Wallingford.¹

17. At Worthington 3/. Weathersfld Ferry &c 9^d. Lodged in E. Hartfd 3/9.

18. Breakfast at Kimballs in Coventry. Dined at Ashford 1/10. Lodged at Col. Grosvenors at Pomfret.

19. Breakfast at Felchers in Killingly 1/4. Dined Wilmot's in Gloucester 1/10. Arrived at Providence. Lodged at Mrs. Checkleys & sponsalitia inivi unà cum D. Mariâ Checkley viduâ Gul. Checkly Armig.

22. Ldsdy. I preached at Providence P.M. Tit. ii, 14.

23. Rode with M^{rs} Checkly to Newport.

25. *ομοθυμαδον* colloquebamur et Consensum petivi obtinuique.

26. I preached M^r Hopkins' Sac^r Lecture; & examined & admitted James Sisson æt. 18 into the freshman class. Isaac came to me from New Haven.

27. Dined at Mr. W^m Ellerys & he & Mr. Channing &c. draughted Mem^o for Engld, Holl^d & France to ask Don^a for repairing my Meet^shouse & fund for min^r.

29. Ldsdy at Newp^t. Preached all day to my dear flock assembled in the Sabb. Baptist Meet^shouse. I notified Sac^r Lect. at M^r Hopk. Meet^sh, he expect^s to be absent & propos^s & desir^s the 2 Chhs shd unite in Communion together.

30. Aur^o Bor. 8^o high under the Pole. Concluded to marry this fall.

October

3. I preached a Sacramental Lecture.

4. Rode to Providence.

5. Returned to Newport having directed that the Banns of Marriage &c shd be published at Providence to morrow & at New Haven next Ldsdy.

6. Ldsdy. I preached all day at M^r Hopk. Meet^s: and administered the Sac^r to both Chhs united for this Occasion & for the first time. In the Eveng. I baptized Augustus the Son of Col. Jn^o Topham & Ann his Wife.

9. I left Newp^t return^s Via Providence.

¹ To the notes of this journey a few additions are made from the Itinerary.

13. Ldsdy. I preached for the Rev^d Sol^o Townsd at Barrington.

15. At an Eveng. Lect. Rev^d M^r Hitchcock at Providence finished our publication.

16. At Provid. I baptized John & David Children of W^m & Susanna Snow—she "Caldwel," of my Newp^t flock. Isaac came.

17. This Eveng. at Providence I was married to M^{rs} Mary Checkley æ. 38, Relict of William Checkly Esq. of Providence.¹ The Rev^d M^r Hitchcock² of Providence made the first Prayer & married us, & the Rev^d M^r Lathrop³ of Boston made a conclud^s Prayer. Five Ministers & 40 Guests present. We had a splendid entertainment.

20. Ldsdy. P M. I preached at Providence.

24. Read M^r Paines Remarks on the Abbe Raynall.

27. Ldsdy. I preached A.M. at Providence, & Professor Wales preached P.M.

28. I sat out on a Journey with my Wife for New Haven. Vacation expired 22^d Ins^t—but the Committee of the Corpor^a extended it 3 Weeks, on account of pulling down the old College Hall about 20th Sept & the new Hall began 17th Sept. last being unfinished. Left Providence at noon, accompanied with Rev. Mr. Hitchcock & Lady & sundry friends in 5 Chaises—dined at Patuxet & parted with them & proceeded to Gov. Greenes.

29. Visited Gov. Green. At East Greenwich saw aged M^r Hamilton æt 86, who told me he was at the funeral of old M^r Whaley about 1716, & gave me sundry anecdotes concern^t this supposed Regicide, who was buried about 3 Miles fr. M^r Hamiltons & perhps ten Miles from the Sea. He had five Daughters & one son. One of his D. had an illegitimate son Whaley. We were hindered from Journeying by Rain.

31. NE Storm detained us at Coventry.

¹ She was the daughter of Benjamin Cranston, of Newport, and had married Mr. Checkley (Harvard Coll. 1756) November 16, 1766. Her first husband was an officer of the Customs at Providence, a friend of Dr. Stiles's (see this Diary, July 10, 1770), and died on July 18, 1780, aged 44 years. After President Stiles's death she returned to Newport, and died there on October 6, 1801.

² Enos Hitchcock (Harvard 1767), pastor in Beverly, Mass., 1771-80; and settled over the Benevolent Church in Providence in October, 1783. Mrs. Checkley was a member of this church; and after her removal to New Haven Mr. Hitchcock rented her house.

³ John Lathrop (Princeton Coll. 1763), settled in Boston in 1768, lived in Providence during the British occupation, 1775-76.

November

1. Rode to Scotland.
3. Ldsdy. Kept Sabb. & preachd all day at Windham.
4. Left Windham. Lodged at Bolton, where we met the first Division of the French Army march^s for Providence. There were counted 170 Waggons of Artillery, filling the Rode fr. the Meeting house to &c. which is one Mile, besides those w^c passed yesterday : there were as supposed above 100, so that the Baggage Wagons & Artillery judged 300. Gen. Rochambeau visited us in Eveng at Rev M^r Coltons.
5. Met & passed the 2^d Div. of French Army, probably 1500 men. The whole sd to be 4000, I judge 3000. We stopt our chaise near half an hour in passing the Troops, & afterwards above half an hour in passing 2 Divisions of Wagons, I judge 200. Some of them sd. they had 500 Waggons for whole Army. Came to Hartfd & lodged at Rev^d M^r Marshs at Weathersfd.
6. Rain. N. E. Storm.
7. Lodged at Mr. Hubbards Meriden. Sent son Isaac forwd to N. H.
8. Left Rev M^r Hubbds, Meriden—Dined at D^r Danas. At North Haven were met by Rev^d Mess^{rs} Whitt^y, Edwds, &c in a dozen Carriages &c at III½^h P M. who accompanied & welcomed us home, where we arrived about sunset—& found my family well. Deo O. M. Grates. Had a very agreeable Assembly at my house to welcome us.
10. Ldsdy. We attended at M^r Whittelsey's Meeting all day ; I sat with my Wife in Father Hubbds Pew.¹
12. The Vacation, protracted 3 W. ended this day : and I set up College Orders by attend^s Eveng. Prayers at Chapel, about 54 Undergraduates present. The Committee of the Corpor^a being in T^o we examined M^r Mathew Talcott Russel, esp^y as to religious principles. The Transit of Mercury this day obs. at Y. C.
13. At Eveng. prayers M^r Russel was qualified & admitted into the Office of the Tutorship. I committed to M^r Tutor Meigs the Care of M^r Elys Division of the Sophomore Class, and to M^r Tutor Russel the Care of the Freshmen. M^r Ely is to be this day ordained Pastor of the first Chh in Lebanon. I admitted Calvin White æt. 20 into the Fresh. Class.

¹ The family pew of Colonel John Hubbard, father of President Stiles's first wife.

14. I admitted W^m Fowler Miller—æt 14½—a Freshman. Present Seniors 18, Jun. 21, Soph. M. 22. G. 20, Fr. 30 = 110

15. Dismissed Edwards a Sen. & Miller a Sophomore. Admitted Holcomb & Hilliard into Fresh. Class.

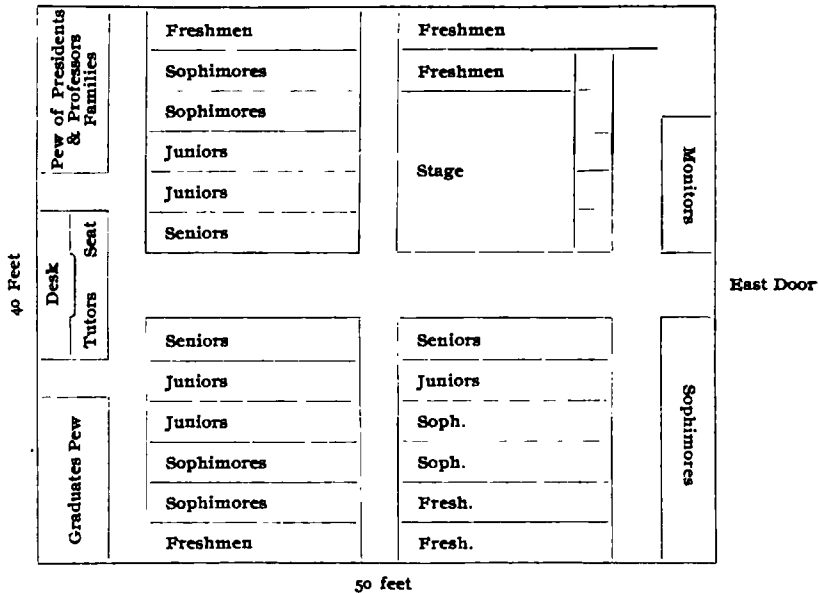
17. Ldsdy. Attended in Chapel. Dr. Wales preached A.M. Ps. 145, 7, 8. P.M. Prov. iii, 17.

18. Miraculum non magis arguit divinam Potentiam quàm naturale Effectum. Austin 1 Resp. Present Undergrad. 164, absent above 80.

20. Bro't in that part of the College Library & Apparatus which was at Northford, in four Cart Loads. Admitted Calvin May æt. 18, Freshman. Snow storm this Eveng. 3 inches. First this fall.

21. No Lecture. Putting up Books in Coll. Library. Dined with my Friend M^r Pelatiah Webster of Philad^a at M^r Perrits¹—conversed on many Things. He is the Literary Character as well as Merchant.

Seating the Chapel anew Nov. 21, 1782
For 250 Undergraduates.



¹ Sophia, daughter of Pelatiah Webster (a classmate of President Stiles at Yale), had married Thaddeus Perit of New Haven in the preceding March.

Officers of Instruction at this Time

The President	Senior Class.
D ^r Wales Professor of Div ^y	
M ^r Tutor Fitch	Junior
M ^r Tutor Meigs }	Sophomore
M ^r Tutor Goodrich }	
M ^r Tutor Russel	Freshmen

22. Locating the Library.

23. Total Students Undergrad. present 194 and four or five Resi-
dentiary Graduates, one only upon Dean Berkleys Foundation. . .

24. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel with my &c first time. Professor
Wales preached all day. A.M. 1 Pet. i, 8. The Joys of Heaven to
be begun in the religious pleasures on Earth. P.M. on the *Veracity*
and Justice of Gd. Proclam^a Thanksg. read. Sacr^t notified.

25. Nullæ dantur Ideæ innatæ. Brainerd Resp.

26. Whether the Immortality of the Soul is evinceable by the
Light of Nature? Seniors forensic Disput^a. About 220 Volumes
brot home to day, being that part of the Coll. Lib^y which 5 or 6
years ago was removed to M^r Goodriches at Durham. Also the
Kings (Geo. I.) Picture by Kneller, and M^r Davenp^{ts} & also the
Human Skeleton commonly called the Anatomy & the residue of
the Apparatus brot home from M^r Williams's. We have about
three Quarters of the Library returned.

27. Admitted Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer of Clavarack æt. 16,
into the Freshmen Class. He is the 67th Freshman.

On the night of thursday 7th Ins^t was a terrible Thunder Gust, which
extended from New Haven to Portsmouth Piscataqua a Tract of
above Two hundred miles, where it struck the Mast of a French 80
Gun ship killed 4 Men & wounded five, & ruined the foremast. I
was at Meriden. It must have been a very extensive sheet of Cloud.

28. Public Continental Thanksgiving. I attended divine Service
in Chapel. D^r Wales preached Judges xi, 30, 31. About 170 under-
graduates present in Chapel—about 30 scholars keep Thanksgiving
at their Fathers Homes in the Towns of the Vicinity. The Chapel
very full & crouded in most of the seats. A clear cold day, no
snow on the Ground here

29. Ordered the Syllogistic Disputations of the Sen. Class should
be only first Mond^y in every M^o instead of weekly.

30. Rain & Storm at night.

¹ These two portraits are still in the possession of the University.

December

1. We attended Chapel all day. The Professor preached all day on John xix, 25, admin^d Sacram^t of the Lds supper—present 14 Communicants. Read a Letter of Recommend^a of my Wife from the 1st Chh in Providence to the College Chh, & she was admitted by manual Vote as a Member of this Chh. A very fine moderate day after Storm. Therm^o 59 at noon.

2. Mens non semper cogitat. Goodrich, Resp.

3. African Slavery—Seniors. Yesterday I began to teach Hebrew at the request of a number of Scholars whom I ranked in three divisions. I heard four Recitations this day. Yesterd⁷ my son Isaac sat out for Vermont. Present Sen. 32 Jun. 47. Soph. 79. Freshmen 60. Total 218 the greatest number ever together at once in an American College. This Eveng. after Prayers the Declamations were exhibited for the first time: they ever hav^e been in the morning from the found^a of the College.

4. Counted the Books already returned into the College Libr⁷ 2270 Volumes. No Snow on the Ground, thick dense Fog—Spring Weather. Therm^o 40 to 50.

5. I exhibited my Lect. in the Chapel on Eccl. History. A remarkably full College. Of 250 Students about 24 only absent & ten of these for sickness & other reasons with Leave.

Yesterday the Rev M^r Searle waited on me with a Letter from the Chh in N^o Stamf^d requesting me to joyn the Consociation next week in Install^s him Pastor: and request^s me to preach the Installm^t Sermon. The meet^s of the Committee of the Corpor^a next Week, Qu^r day &c prevented me.

6. Declamations at Eveng. Prayers.

8. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day, where Dr. Wales preached an excellent Sermon A.M. on the *Wisdom* of God from 1 Tim. i, 17. P.M. Mat. vii, 21. Reading in Quicks Synodicon also Bp. Mortons Reply to the Papists

9. Whether it be just to confiscate the Estates of Traitors & capital Criminals? Seniors.

10. Whether Self Love is the highest Motive &c? Sen. This is my Birth-day. Thro' the wonderful Goodness of God I have been carried thro' another year filled with the experience of Affliction & Mercy.¹

¹ A letter of this date from Mrs. Stiles to the Rev. Enos Hitchcock, of Providence, now in possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society, is in part as follows:—

11. Quarter Day. The Seniors exhibited the usual academic Entertainm^{ts} viz a Latin Oration, an English Dialogue between Gen. Warren, Gov. Hutchinson & Count Polaski all in the Shades. An Eng. Oration.

We dined in the new Dining Hall,¹ which was this day opened for the first time. We invited the Ministers of the Town, besides the Bachelor Graduates. About 140 Persons dined there. Upon this Open^s the Hall we sang 148th psalm after Dinner. The Hall & Kitchen is a Build^s sixty feet long & thirty feet wide—40f. is the Hall. It is of Brick one story. The Found^a was laid the beging. of Oct^r last. It is not finished, but so that we dined comfortably. Commons set up this day & not before since Commencement. 105 in Commons. The Committee of the Corpor^a present.

12. I gave my Lect. the Reform^a in Denmark and Sweden. Very mild—Therm^o 45. No Snow. An acco^t of a melancholly Event at Wethersfield, where yesterday Morn^e M^r Bedell killed his Wife 4 Children & himself.

13. Still moderate Weather.

14. Therm^o about 26.

15. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel. A.M. Mr. Edwards preached Eccles. ix, 10, on Eternity of future misery. P.M. Dr. Wales Job xi, 7, on Gods Incomprehensibility. Clear & cold: at IX in Eveng Th. 16. above Cypher.

16. Therm^o ten above Cypher. Violent N.E. Snow Storm. Whether the Siezure of illicit Trade ought to be supported?

17. Last night Snow Storm Twenty Inches Level. Whether Liberty is Consistent with the Decrees?

18. There are 220 Undergraduates present.

19. D^r Wales gave a Theol. Lect. in the Chapel.

20. Great Thaw.

22. Ldsdy at Chapel. A.M. the Professor pr. 1 Jno. iii, 9.

Will my good friend M^r Hitchcock be so good, so kind & so obliging to acquaint his old friend at what passes in your part of the World. I have wrote 12 Letters to my friends your way but not one Line have I received. Like Martha of old I am busied about many things. Expect Ladies to visit in the Afternoon. To-morrow is Quarter Day. there is to be great Dooings, I must have everything in order

I send you Catalog for the freshmen Class this year. My Good Man joins in affectionate regards to you & your Lady.

¹ This building was removed in 1888, having been used as a Chemical Laboratory since 1819.

P.M. Mr. Mather. Jno. vii, 17. Read^s Quicks Synodicon of the Reformed Gallic Chhs.

23. Whether Polygamy is lawful? Came my former Manservant Newport, who with his Wife & Child left Rh. Isld 15th Inst. I have hired them for seven Years at £20 per Annum.¹ Thaw. Snow $\frac{3}{4}$ gone.

24. Finished yesterday Disput^a on Polygamy. No great Thaw to day, tho' Therm^o 36 part of day.

25. Christmas. I did not go to Chh today. But I cordially joyn with the greatest part of Christendom this day in celebrating the Nativity of a divine Savior; altho' I well know from Ecclesiastical History that this is not the true day of his Nativity

This day I rec^d a Packet from Col. John Chester of Weathersfield contain^s Copies of the Will, Letters & Writings left by the unhappy M^r William Beadle, who on the 11th Ins^t killed his Wife, himself & four children—upon Principle, as a Deist, as he declares in these Writings, containing about Twenty or 25 Pages in folio. They consist of his Will, several Letters to Col. Chester, & M^r Mitchel. They are confided to M^r Whittl^r D^r Dana & me for our Advice as to the Expediency of Publication. They asperse Congress, Assembly, Revelation & the Clergy—they defend Suicide &, shew the deliberate Reasons of his Resolution, on acco^t of reduced Circumstances to end the misery of an amiable Family—they exhibit great Sensibility, Malice, Revenge, Benevolence, Superstition, Self Conceit, Pride of Wisdom, Contempt of all mankind except a few Deistical sublime Souls, very limited Reading, a Passion for the Writings of Thompson, Montaign, & Sir W^m Temple—whimsical & doubtful Notions abot Deity & Immortality—& a Mixture of a temporary Insanity quoad hoc. He entertained his Suicide & deistical principles twenty years ago—he determined the present scene of family Murder three years ago. He was an European, born in Great Britain—was a Merchant—and the mercantile Deist, & gloried in it.

26. Storm of Rain very hard all day. Therm^o 36. Wind S^o. Snow almost gone. Even^s dense heavy fog. No Eccl. Lecture to day.

27. Fair & pleasant. This Week 'the Society of Milford, late Professor Wales's Charge, at a Meet^s voted to institute a Process at Law against D^r Wales for Damages in Leaving them.

¹ The wife, Violet, left Dr. Stiles's service on July 1, 1784, the child (Jacob) remaining.

28. I have this day attended two Hebrew Recitations, one Recit^a of the Senior Class in Vincent's Catechism, and an Exposition on the Savoy Confession of Faith, which I finished this Evening.

This Evening arrived here my Man servant Newport & his Wife & Child, whom I have hired for seven years @ £20 per annum. The Child Jacob two years old last Month and bound to me till æt. 24.

29. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Edwards, he being absent. A.M. Eph. iii, 17-19. P.M. 1 Tim. i, 17. Dr. Wales preached at Chapel Ezek. xviii, 4, and admitted Sir Robinson, Senior Bachelor, a Member in full Commun. in the College Chh : he standing up in the Graduates Pew.

30. Visited the Rev^d Mr. Williston very sick. Snow storm this Aft. & Rain at night.

31. I had no Senior's Disput^a yesterday nor to day. Measured the piece of Scotts Land 181 feet long 21 f. wide at East End & 23 f. West End computed to contain 14½ sq^r Rods at 40/ per Rod or £29.¹ This year I have preached above thirty Sabbaths.

1783.

January

1. A sacramental Lecture & Celebration of New Year at the Brick Meeting. All the Ministers attended & M^r Whittelsey preached Mat Let it alone this y. also that I may dig about it &c. Little Snow on the Ground, not above two Inches.

2. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. My Hebrew Class hav^e finished Ten Psalms, this day began the Hebrew Bible.

3. I appointed for March Quarter

Spencer	. . . . .	Lat. Orat
Marsh	. . . . .	Eng. Orat
Cogswell	}	. . . . .
Mather		
Hart		
		Dialogue

4. Snow this Afternoon. Copy^s Beadles Letters.

5. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel, the Professor preached all day. A.M. Luke xxiii, 43, & administered the Lds Supper to a dozen Communicants, one of w^c was Judge Hopkins. P.M. Jer. xxviii, 16. This y. thou shalt die.

¹ This narrow strip of land was bought of John Scott in 1783, extending the North boundary of the College property westward nearly to what is now High street.

6. Whether the Sabbath commences on Saturday Eveng. ?

7. Whether Space is infinite ?

Appointm^{ts} for May Examin^s.

Seniors		Juniors	
Colton . . .	Lat. Orat	Lord . . .	Lat. Orat
Phelps . . .	Eng. Orat	Munson . . .	Eng. Orat
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Cook 1	} . Dial	Holmes	} . Dial
Fowler		Isaacs	
Masters		Leavenw.	

Sophimores being 90

I st Division		II ^d Div.	
Cook 2 . . .	Lat Orat	Eelles . . .	Lat. Orat
Taylor 2 . . .	Eng Orat	Hinckly 2 . . .	Eng. Orat
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Leavitt	} . Dial	Janes	} . Dial
Butler		Noys	
Perkina		Ives	

Freshmen

Gould 2 . . . Lat. Orat
Kingsbury 2 . . . Eng. Orat

Griswold }
Perkins 4 } . Dial.
Sisson }

The Remainder of the Library brot in, viz. 178 Volumes chiefly folios from Watertown. These added to the 2270 of Dec. 4 make a Total of 2448 Volumes. The former Total was about three thousand.

EXTRACTS FROM MR BEADLES LETTERS.

These Writings consist of a *Will* of five pages folio, a Lett. of ten pages folio to Col. Chester, another to him of six—these without dates—& two others one page each of the tenth of Dec. the Day & Eveng. before the Tragedy. Also another Letter to Stephen Mix Mitchell Esq. dated after Thanksgiv^g w^c was 28th Nov. & another Dated Nov. both consist^g of 4 pages. The whole mak^e twenty six pages in folio. The Will consists only of disconnected memories about his Estate without Date, But in the begin^g he directs a Lett. to be sent to his Wife at fairfield, & at the latter end

he adds at date Nov. 18 & says yesterday his Wife who returned ten days sooner than expected told him her Dream & makes alter^a accordingly. Now she left Weathersfd Nov. 7 when I fell in with her on the Rode to N. Haven. The whole with a Billet or two the morn^g of the Event were written within a month.

FIRST LETT. TO COL. CHESTER.

"The Xtian Rel. is a most benev^o System & would produce grand Effects if it was really believed & universally practised. If it is really true I shall be saved by it. And now I must generously own I have as many doubts about the Truth of that as I have abo't any other scheme of Religion—As to the miraculous parts of it, they appear to me as full of Absurdity & Inconsistency & as unnatural as any of the Whims & frenzys of any Idolaters or of those we pronounce Impostors—&c."

("The antients held a plurality of Gds &c.) That there is some wonderful Power or Powers that make me & all &c—&c—I have no doubt. But whether there is one Being only or *one Million of Beings* no man can judge. The Antients held a plurality of Gds; & we purified Christians, altho we profess to own but one God, take care to split him into three parts, & take greater Care that one of those parts must be a man first turned from God into an Infant, from Inf^s into man, & fr. Man into Gd again." He then ridicules the Cowardice of all that let them embrace w^t faith they will. "They dare not go to that Divinity they worship, but seem to dread Death the Cure of all Evils, more than any Hell that ever fancy formed. If our Gd is really good he can & will take Care of us after Death as well as here, & *if he chuses to frown*, I know by Experience that there is *no want of Hells* in this state of Things." He reprobates the Clergy of all Religions. He then returns to the subject of Murder & Suicide.

"I mean to close the Eyes of six persons thro' perfect Humanity, & the most endearing fondness & Friendship. For never did mortal father feel more of these tender Ties than myself. I really believe that the true Gd supports me! For while I am writing these very words, & meditat^s this intended Deed, no singular Anguish of Mind affects me, & why shd it? for my Intentions are of the purest kind."

FROM THE WILL.

This is a confused mixture of great & *little* Concerns I select a few things, chiefly such as respect moral Ideas. He is greatly incensed with the public for Depreciation.

"There is a parcel of Continental Trash that cost me fr. first to last Twelve hundred Pounds. I desire it may be kept safe for seven years from the day that I die: and if it produces nothing in all that time, that it then be *made a present* of to the first young Devil that may be born that day; perhaps he'll know how to turn it to Advantage, or a least make a fine Coat for himself of it—I dont mean that you should make the present, but please to send the blackest white Man in the State to do it."

He orders a Demand to be made on the Assembly respect^s the Rent of his house &c &c. And speak^s of the Depreciation of £150. Bills before the War, he says :

"I pray Heaven that the temporal Interest of each Man that voted for the Depreciation of that Money or those Notes given for it, may sink in the exact proportion that those have done thro' their Means, unless & I sincerely wish y^t he might have ten years added to his nat. Life to punish him for his Folly."

"I & my family shall go off this stage Martyrs to that Cause y^t I fondly believed to be the Cause of Justice Virtue & freedom. I therefore charge that Assembly"—"to pay into the hands of Col^o Chester—my £150—for the Use of my Wife or her Nearest Relations. And I charge M^r Mitchell & Col^o Chester (as my Executor)"—to apply to the Assembl^y—"and note down the Names of those Members that do not assent to my just Demands & let them & a few more judicious persons observe the End of those men, for if there shd be any hard eno' to object, *this is my earnest prayer in these my last hours, that the Wrath of the Great God may light on them afflict & pursue them, till they die*, but no further. If it is not paid in solid Coin on that day, I desire he will leave the Notes in my favor with the Treasurer and *never apply more.*"—

"As a small Compens^a for the Trouble I give y^o I leave you the 2 Vol. of Montaignes Letters, an Author perhaps y^o never met with but one of establish Reputation altho the greatest Egotist on Earth. In my opinion the whole Town of Weathersfield is not worth the one half the Wisdom contained in that Book. Nor need a man kill himself y^t reads him, for he is a merry old Wag & speaks as much of liv^g as dying."—"To Thaddeus Burr Esq. of Fairfd the 2 Vol. of Sir W^m Temples Miscell^a an author I dearly love. The T^o of Fairfd is not as Dust in the Ball^a compared to his Wisdom. But Men in general read the best of Writers, as Clowns eat a delicate Dish, swallow it quick indeed but never taste it nor think of it more."

"My Wife is returned ten days sooner than I or she expected. Unless the Fates change faster than the wind she is to go with us."

"Nov^r 18. Yesterd^y morn^g she told me her Dream that she thought I had wrote many papers & was earnestly concerned about her, *that these papers were spotted with Blood*. That *she also saw a man wound himself* past recovery &c &c. Poor Woman she little tho't that the greater part of that Dream was to be reallized within three days. But *I am unappalled & think the hand of Heaven is really with us.*"—

"I have prepared a noble supper of Oysters that my flock & I may eat & drink together, thank God & die.

May God protect your family & all the rest of my friends

Farewell

W. BEADLE."

He added 4 or 5 Lines more afterwards.

Mr. Beadle killed himself & Family Dec. 11, 1782. Himself, his Wife, a Son æt. 12, & three Daughters.

8. Mr. Tutor Goodrich sick—heard his Class recite.

9. An excessively cold day. The Therm^o at Sunrise stood at

seven degrees & half below Cypher or 39½ below the freezing point. The highest ascent was 8 above 0.

10. A severe N. E. Snow Storm. Reading Melchior Adams Lives. . .

11. Various Reading. At Eveng. Prayers in Chapel expounded the Confession of Faith as usual.—Snow about a foot & half deep.

12. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Mather. A.M. Tit. iii, 8. P.M. Philip. iii, 18, 19, 20.

13. Infantes Jure divino baptizandi sunt. Smith Resp.

14. Vacation begins. Present 190 Scholars. Last Eveng. I made appointment^s for July Exam. & Commencm^t.

Fuller Clio. Orat.	Kingsb ^r	} Forens. Disp.	Commenc ^t					
Johnson Val. Orat.	Morse		Storrs Sal. Orat.	Latin.				
elected by class	Pitkin		Austin Eng. Orat.					
Gilbert	} Dial.	} Dial.	} Forens.	} Resp.				
Joslyn					Holmes	Diman	} Daggett	
Stiles					Penfd	Goodrich		} Gould
Williston					Smith	White			} Sylo.

15. Cold. Therm^o down to 4.

Received a Letter from London of Aug^t from Mrs. Grant also a Letter from Professor Williams of Cambridge of Nov. 9th inform^s that the European Astronomers had above a year ago discov^d a new star. "And it seems now to be their opinion that it is a *New Planet* belonging to the solar System never before discovered. It cannot be seen but with a Telescope that magnifies 200 times. Its app^a Diam. is not more than five seconds. The greatest dist^a from the sun is about 21, & its least dist^a about 13 times the mean Dist^a of the Earth from the sun. Its periodical Time is about seventy years, & it is supposed that it will be visible for near twenty years to come." The Professor believes it.

18. Thaw. Therm^o 51. Rain Eveng.

19. Ldsdy. I attended M^r Edwds Meet^s & heard him preach all day. . . . He admitted a Woman into full Communion—first address^d her with the Articles or Confession of Faith used in his Chh, & tak^d her Consent, then addressed her with the Coven^t to w^o she also assented, & then by Vote of the Brethren by uplifted hands, he admitted her, subjoyning the Reciprocation of the Cov^t on the Behalf & in the Name of the Chh—at which some but not all the Chh arose & stood. . . .

21. Charlest^o is evacuated by the British, & the Refugees &

Garison sent some to Florida, some to W. Ind. & part are arrived at N. York.

The King of France has sent to Congress a Copy of the Commission of the King of Engld to his Ambassador at Paris impower^d the s^d Eng. Ambassador to negotiate with the ministers plenip^o of the United States & of other States on Terms of Peace.

EVACUATION OF CHARLEST^o, S^o CAR^o.

On the 2^d Ins^t Jany. arrived at N. York the Dutchess of Gordon. She sailed fr. Charlest^o S^o Car^o, Dec. 19th with a fleet of *seventy* sail, of w^o 50 bound to N. York with the foreign & provincial Troops; 20 parted with them off Charlest^o 18th bound for Engld. On 17th upwds of fifty sail with the British Troops & the principal Inhab. of Charlest^o sailed for Jamaica. Immed⁷ on the Embark^a of the Kings Troops at Charlest^o Gen. Wayne with 5000 American Troops took Possession, but did not &c for 3 days, till the fleet sailed. For the whole Evacu^a were abot 300 Transp^{l^a}, for—Augustine—Jamaica—N. York Refugees for S^t Aug.

INDIAN SCALPING.

Last March 7 1782 Cap^t Gerrish gave acc^o of the Expedition ag^t the 6 Nations then lately finished. In the Packs of Peltry & Plunder they found "eight large Packages contain^t Scalps of our unhappy Country men taken in the *three last years* by the *Seneca* Indians from the Inhab. of the frontiers of N York N Jersey Pensylv^a & Virginia," & sent by them to Gov. Haldeman in Quebec to be sent to the Ministry & King of Great Britain, with a letter by James Crawford dated Tioga Janry. 3, 1782.

No. 1.	43	Scalps of Congress Soldiers.
	62	D ^o Farmers killed in their Houses, in the Night.
2.	98	D ^o D ^o D ^o stand ^t on their defence.
3.	97	D ^o Farmers—in the day.
4.	102	D ^o D ^o of which 18 burnt alive. One Minister, & 67 greyheads.
5.	88	D ^o of Women—Mothers.
	17	D ^o D ^o very grey killed with Club.
	507	
No. 6.	193	Boys Scalps.
No. 7.	211	Girls Scalps.
No. 8.	122	D ^o mixt.
	29	Infants D ^o ript from their Mothers Belly.
	1062	Scalps in 3 years. —Extracted fr. the Original Letter.

Irritated with these Cruelties an Expedition into the Indian Country was formed, & Gen. Clarke with 1050 (one Thousd & fifty) Men left the Ohio Nov. 4, 1782, & on 10th surprized & destroyed the principle Shawnese Town, & dispersed the Eny. Gen. Irwine was to attack at Sanduski.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

The School of Kent County in Maryld is under seven Visitors, & is possessed of an Estate estimated at Three Thousd Pounds. D^r Smith, I suppose the late ejected Provost of Philad^a College, has stirred up the Inhab. of the East Shore of Maryld, where he is a Clergyman, to erect this School into a College. In 1780 the Assembly of Maryld, gave a charter, being an Act, conditionally incorporat^s 24 Persons by the Name of the "Visitors & Governors of Washington College in the State of Maryld" "in honorable & perpetual Memory of his Excell^y Gen. Washington."—the conditions, that when 10 Visitors & Gov^{rs} in addition to the 7 Visitors of Kent C^o School shall be found to accept & undertake &c & declare that £5000 within five years are subscribed; then the sd 17 & such other persons as shall chuse to make up & perpetuate the Number of *Twenty four*, become incorporate: that 17 be always Residents on the Eastern Shore & the other 7 elected from elsewhere in the same or other States.

On 15th Oct. 1782, Seventeen Gentlemen certified & declared their Acceptance, & that £5992.14.5 was subscribed to sd College beside the Estate of Kent School. "This Coll. is instituted upon the Found^a of Kent C^o School, the Visitors of s^d School are hon^d with the g^t Trust of carryⁿ the Design into Execution."

In the name of s^d Visitors of s^d School, D^r Smith wrote a Lett. to Gen. Wash. dated Chester Kent C^o Maryld July 8, 1782. To w^c his Excell^y wrote 18 Aug. 1782, & gave fifty Guineas. All these papers laid before the Assembly Nov. 27, 1782 & approved. Lectures in Logic Math. & Nat. Phil. to be opened the first Week in Janry. D^r W^m Smith President.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AS THEY STOOD DEC. 18, 1782.

His Excell ^y Gen. Wash.	. . . . .	£ 87. 10. 0.
Kent C ^o Subscription	. . . . .	1532. 9. 5.
Supposed Value of Kent C ^o free school given as the	}	3000.
found ^a for the College		
Q. Anns C ^o Subscript.	. . . . .	1050.

Talbot C ^o Subscript.		571.	15.
Other pub. funds in Talbot C ^o agreed to be engrafted & consolidated with the funds of the College, & valued at		1200.	
Dorchester C ^o Subscription		1021.	
Somerset C ^o D ^o		628.	
Worcester C ^o D ^o		626.	
Cæcil C ^o		541.	
		<hr/>	
		£10,257.	14. 5.

"The Grammar Schools are carried on as usual. The N^o of Stud^{ts} & Scholars were about 140 at the time of passing the Act." The College to be erected at Chester.

The Visitors & Gov^{rs} of Wash. Coll. at Chester Town in their address to the Gen. Assemb. of Maryld Oct. 15, 1782 declare "there are ten Visitors & Gov^{rs} duly chosen in different Counties of this shore, upon subscriptions of *five hundred pounds* each, in addition to the seven Visitors of Kent C^o School." Signed

Signed Oct. 15 th	}	William Smith President	
		Jos. Nicholson	
		James Anderson	
		John Scott	
		W ^m Bordley	Oct. 22. Thomas Smyth jun.
		Pere Lethrbury	Nov. 8. Sam ^l Keene
		Benj ^a Chambers—Treasurer	Nov. 13. W ^m Paca
		Jn ^o Page	Nov. 19. W ^m Thompson
		Rob ^t Goldsborough	
		W ^m Perry	
Peter Chaille			
James Lloyd			
Joshua Seney			

25. . . . I attended Prayers this Eveng. at the College Chapel, as I occasionally do, altho' it is Vacation, as there are 30 or 40 Scholars in Town, & they constantly keep up Morn^g & Eveng. prayers among themselves, tho' not in Chapel unless one of the Authority attend. Therm^o 45.

26. Ldsdy. I rode to the West side & preached all day for the Rev^d M^r Williston. . . . and admitted Miss Sally Williston¹ into full Communion in that Church.

¹ Daughter of the Rev. Noah Williston, of West Haven. She married Richard Salter Storrs (Yale 1783).

27. Commissioners appointed by Congress, to settle the Dispute & Claims of the Susquehanna Lands &c, on the 30th of Dec. last unanimously decreed them to Pensylv^a against Connecticut.

30. Rode to Wallingford with my Wife. Lodged at D^r Danas.

February.

1. Excessive cold.

2. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Brother Hubbard at Meriden & we partook of the sacram^t with that Chh. It is excessively cold. I find Therm^o 5 in morn^g. 12 at Noon. & at sunset 3 and at X one below cypher.

3. Th. at sunrise thirteen below Cypher.

4. Returned to College & set up Orders, Vac^a being ended. Very great Rain & Thaw at night.

5. Four or 5 Gentlemen have undertaken to write in the Hartfd Paper a series of Numbers called Parnassus, on the subject of the Alteration of the Constitution of Yale College, so as that *Civilians* share in the Government of the College—proposing to erect another College in this State, if such an alteration be not effected.

6. I attended three Recitations this day, M^r Tutor Fitch & Goodrich being absent. The Junior Sophisters began Martin's Philosophical Grammar. Between fifty & 60 undergraduates in Town. I resumed Smoking which I have left off almost five years:—for a Pain in my Breast.

9. Ldsday. Attended all day at Chapel, where the Professor preached on Rev. vii, 9. 70 students present.

10. Tentatio non minuit Crimen. Selden Resp. This day is the Anniversary of my first Marriage 1757, to a very excellent Wife, who died almost eight years ago. And it has pleased Gd to bless me with another in whom I am again very happy.¹

11. Whether Temptation diminishes a Crime? Seniors.

12. Rec^d a Latin Letter from Mr. Westerlo of Albany.

13. Began the third Division of my Ecclesiastical History Lectures, viz.—that of the American Chhs.

14. Died 28th Janry. Rev. Hezekiah Bissel Pastor of the Chh. in Wintonbury æt. 72, Min. 45.

¹ The following is entered on a loose sheet of College memoranda under this date:

Agreed with Gad to sweep College, make beds, sweep Chapel 3 Times a Week, Sat^y, Mond., Thursdys, & clean Back House till next Commencm^t @ 50/ per mo., & College find him 12 Brooms.

16. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached at M. Whittelseys Meet^t Luke xvi, 31. P.M. at Mr. Mathers Ps. 119, 132. Reading Kidder on the Penteteuch & Flemings Christology. . . .

17. Whether God exercises a particular Providence? Sen^r.

18. Whether future Misery will be unceas^t & eternal?

19. Warm, foggy, Snow all gone here. Therm. 50.

20. I delivered a Lect. on Ecc. History.

Kings Speech of 5th Dec. came to Town, in which he acknowledges the Independency of the XIII United States.

23. Ldsdy. I preached at Branf^d A.M. Ps. xcvi, 1, 2. P.M. Heb. vii, 19.

24. M^r Stiles's Birth day Feb. 13, O.S. 1744/5.

25. Writing Letters to Gov. Trumb. & Gen. Greene.

March.

1. Read^t a Packet of London Prints sent to me from Boston. In one of 6 Aug. last thus—"One principal obstacle to the Completion of any propositions fr. G. Carlton to Congress, are the Terms to be given the American *Refugees* of w^o there is not less than 4 or five thousand either in pay as embodied men in America, or pensioned in Engd. G. Carl^t contends that these unhappy pple shd be again admitted into their Country, & get their *confiscated* property; but Congress say—inadmissible." Rem^a 1. Here probably the Truth as to Numbers—which the Tories in Amer. are or have been constantly magnifying the Numbers gone over to the Eny. as if they were twenty or 30 Thousand Men. 2. Should we suppose 5000 Men perhaps 1000 or 1500 with Families, the rest single men: so may be estimated 8 or 9000 souls. But it is most probable with me, 3. That the 4 or 5 Th. includes all the Souls. Lloyds Neck on L. Isld. has been the place of Refugee Head Qu^r & here the largest Collection in America: and yet I never could learn there were above 150 or two hundred Hutts there and seldom above 3 or 400 Refugee Troops. Their numbers never were eno^r considerable in any other part of America to have a *Board of Refugees*, as at New York. 4. I am confirmed in this by inspect^t the Advertis^t in the respective States enumerat^t the Names of those whose Estates are confiscated. I think in Mass. there were about two hundred names. At the Capture of Cornwallis, none were found—the Bonnetta sloop of War might carry off 4 hundred. The Evacuation of Phil^a & Charlest^o might carry off 50 or 60 fam. each. The flight fr. differ-

ent parts of the interior Country, may have been for N. Engl^d perhaps 5 or 6 hundred during the War—from Jersey & the parts adjacent to N. Y. & Philad^a as many more—as for those who joyn'd Ld Cornwallis in his Itinerary Marches thro' the Carolinas & Virginia, the most of them left him as he left them in passing, altho' near half the Carolinas were *not* Whigs, yet neither were they risquing Tories. The whole State of S^o Car^o is but thirty thousd souls Whites. About 30 sail evacuated Charlest^o of Kings Troops & Tories. Rem. 5. Returns of Refugees are duely sent to Engl^d, & it becomes part^y necess^y for the King to know the true N^o of Amer. Loyalists now at settling a Peace. There went last summer about two hundred Fam^{ys} to Florida, & as many to Nova Scotia and there may be two hundred more at N. York & L. Isld, the only place within the XIII States now possessed by the British Troops. There may be one hundred fam. in Engl^d to be provided for. Death has reigned among the Refugees as well as others. Altho' there might be last summer 4000 souls liv^g, yet more have gone to the Eny. However I do not estimate the Total of the Refugees in all the States during this whole eight years War to exceed 15 or *twenty Thousd Souls* out of *three millions*. In Truth I believe they are not twelve thousd, & one third of these have skulked back again.

THE NEW PLANET.

“Nov. 12 (1782) the Royal Society assembled last Week for the purpose of Xtening the new planet, when after various propositions & learned Speeches it was at length unanimously resolved that the new comer shd in hon^r to his Majesty—be known in future by the name of *Georgium Sidus*. This planet was at first from the Rapidity of its Motion mistaken for a Comet: but it was afterwds discov^d thro' an improv'd Telescope that it was a Planet. Its dimensions are now pretty well ascertained, & it is classed in the fourth place as to size. The Society voted their Thanks to the ingenious mathematician at Bath, thro' whose Improv^t of the Telescope it was discov^d that the Georgium Sidus was a planet.” Rem^a 1. The Vienna not the Lond. astronomers have the right of naming the planet. 2. Professor W^m writes me that the Perihelion is beyond the Orbit of Saturn—if so its motion must be slower than that of Saturn & so could not suggest the Idea of a Comet. 3. If this acc^o is written by an Astronomer who understands himself, & it be really true that

its Velocity was great & rapid, it must have been far on this side the orbit even of Jupiter. 4. The most we can make of all this is, that a new celestial Body is discovered in the system, but its Motion, Period, & Elements of its orbit yet undefined.

2. Ldsdy. At Chapel, the Professor preached A.M. Luke xii, 8. Mr. Mather P.M. Jno. vi, 69. Sac^r administered to sixteen Communicants. My Son Ezra came last Eveng. from Keene.

3. Whether there are Witches? Neg. Sen^a disputed orally.

4. Whether Mysteries are to be found in Revel^a? Sen^a

6. Lect. on Ecc. Hist^y.

7. Rode with my son Ezra to North Haven & visited my dying Brother Stiles—then parted with my son who proceeded on his Return to Keene: News that the Belligerent Powers will probably go on with the War; & that the prospect of a peace is at an End.

8. I began again the public Exposition of the Savoy Confession of Faith in the College Chapel.

9. Ldsdy. At Chapel the Rev. Mr. Ball preached 1 Cor. xiii,

13. Dr. Wales P.M. Mat. xi, 3-5. Reading Paul Annets deistical Tracts.

10. Jusjurandum nonnunquam est licitum. W^{ms} Resp.

11. The Committee of the Corporation met here and settled the Price of Commons 10/ a Week.

12. Quarter day. Public Exercises Anthems &c. Yesterday M^r Tutor Fitch informed us that as he was going to Europe he shd resign the Tutorship on Thursdy. Whereupon M^r Tho^s Chester, senior Bachelor of Arts was unanimously elected Tutor of Yale College by the Committee, being Mess^{rs} W^{ms}, Good., Huntington and myself. There was a Ministers Meet^g in this Town for theological Conference & a Lecture yesterday.

13. I rode to Carmel at the desire of the Chh. there, and after a public Lecture which I preached from 1 Tim. iii, 13. I moderated at the Chh Meeting & led them to the Choice of a Deacon in the room of Deacon Peck deceased.¹ There were 31 Brethren present. The votes ran upon five persons, but chiefly upon two viz, Dan^l Bradly son of Deacon Daniel Bradly dec^d the first Deacon of Carmel Chh—and upon Asa Goodyear Brother to the present Deacon Goodyear, the former hav^g 14 & the other 11. The third time decided the Majority 17 for M^r Bradly & 13 for M^r Goodyear 1 for 'Squire Bristol who had been formerly elected twice but

¹ Deacon Amos Peck of Mount Carmel died on January 28, 1783.

declined. Thereupon I declared the Choice to fall on M^r Bradly. He took it into Consideration, & is to give his Answer Ldsdy after next. I likewise baptized Hannah the Daughter of David Beach & his Wife.

14. At Morn^s Prayers I gave or committed the Junior Class to M^r Tutor Meigs now Sen^r Tutor, and M^r Meigs' Division of the Sophomore Class to M^r Tutor Goodrich, until another Tutor be inducted into Office.

Yesterday noon died my Brother Isaac Stiles of North-Haven æt. 54, of which I was informed this Morn^s. We rode up thither and attended the Funeral this Afternoon.

16. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel. Professor Wales preached A.M. Heb. iii, 13. P.M. Philip. iv, 6. Report of Peace. Readg Dr. Dodderidges Life.

17. Whether all Mankd derived from One Man? Sen^{rs}.

18. Writing D^r Price's Diploma.

19. Whether K^{ms} & Communities are rewarded and punished in this World?

20. Professor Wales gave a public Divinity Lecture on the Ministry of Angels under the Mediator.

21. Dr. Price's Diploma 17 Inc. by 26 Inches.

23. Attended at Chapel; the Professor preached A.M. Philip. iv, 6. P.M. Mat. vi, 6, on secret prayer . . .

24. Whether a stand^s Army would be dangerous in America? Seniors—extempore Disput^a.

This Morning M^r Tho^s Chester, Senior Bachelor of Arts, was qualified & inducted into the Tutorship and I committed to him the Tuition of that Division in the Sophomore Class lately under M^r Meigs. M^r Chester was æt. 19 last Janry.

25. Whether God is the Author, & as intentionally efficient in the production, of Sin as Holiness in his Creatures?

Read the provisional Articles signed at Paris the 30th of Nov^r last by the Commissioners of G. Brit. & America to take place at a Peace. In which the Boundary in Amer. is settled thus. Begins at the River S^t Croix east of Penobscot, to run up that River to the Heights of Mount^a &c & so along to the Head of Connect. River, down w^c to 45th deg. Lat. along that deg. thro L. Champlain to the River Cardarouqui, thence thro the middle of Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron, & Superior up to the Lake of the Woods, thence West to Mississippi thence down the Mississippi to the 31st deg. of

Latitude thence across to the Atlantic Ocean—& 20 Leagues in the Ocean—the Fishery free.

27. No Lecture, I being ill.

28. Last Eveng. at X o'Clock the news of Peace came into New Haven. But I doubted. To-day at Noon I received a Handbill printed at Hartford yesterday morning, purport^s that a Packet arrived at Philad^a in thirty days from Europe on Sundy 23^d Ins^t with the News & Articles of Peace signed about 20th of Janry to take place in America 20th March—and that Col^o Wadsworths Express arrived from Philad^a 23^d to Hartfd 26th in the night with the Advice. Yesterdy rejoycings & Discharge of Artillery at Hartford; and this Afternoon the same here.

29. This Eveng. a great Aur^o Borealis.

30. Ldsdy. I was confined at home with a cold. The Professor preached A.M. Math. v, 20. P.M. 1 Jno. v, 7, on the Trinity.

31. Whether in Monarchy, elective or hereditary Succession be preferable? Seniors.

April

1. On Ldsdy 23^d ult. arrived at Philad^a a French Man o' War dispatched from the Commander of the French Navy then at Cadiz, in 32 days fr. Cadiz. The sd Commander Count de Estange says that the *Preliminaries* of Peace (a Copy of the head of w^o he sends) were signed by the Plenipotentiaries of all the belligerent powers at Paris 20 Janry; and that in his Majestys (the K. of France) Name he sends this Ship to meet with as many Vessels as he can in the Way to the W. Ind. or Amer. as he can, & order them to cease Hostilities, & inform them of &c. The Lieutenant who commanded this Ship, shewed his Orders & advice to the Chevalier de La Luzerne at Philad^a Minister plenipotentiary of France & he sd Minister authenticates & publishes it to the World.

2. The Senior Class not disputing yesterday this day disputed Whether there are more Gods than one? This Afternoon Squire Stanly¹ advised me of a new invented Still. And this Eveng. the Inventor M^r Jn^o Atwater visited me & described it. He first discovered & made the Experim^t with it Oct. 1782. He first inserted a Gun Barrel into a Barrel of New Sider, and put the other End into the Fire, & in about an hours time it set the whole Barrel of Cyder boiling which he continued till he had made boiled Sider.

¹ Oliver Stanley (Yale 1768), of Wallingford.

He next made three pipes of sheet Lead, about three feet long & of a Diam. equal to a quart pot, so that the three Tubes held or contained 3 or 4 Gallons. These he inserted into a Hhd of Sider. He took a Bee hive 30 y. old of hollow peperidge tough & firm 18 Inc. high & a foot diam. & rounded it, & inserted it at an orifice or hole at the upper Head of the Hhd; from this head came a pipe w^o was inserted in a worm of 24 feet. Thus equipd he distilled in one Winters Eveng. two Bbs of Sider & got near half a Bb. of burning Spirit. For having inserted the Tubes into the Hhd, the exterior parts were heated by a fire in a small reverberatory furnace, which soon set the Liquor on boiling.

Now this may be applied to heat^s Water in Washing Tubs—to boiling Meat & Sauce in wooden vessels—to Distilleries—to boil^s Sugar in W. Indies—& Salt Works &c &c &c.

3. I exhibited a Lect. on Eccl. History.

4. Mr. West here. He was at Bristol 15 Miles this side Philad. last Sat^r Even^s & saw the Aur^o Bor. there . . .

6. I preached at Carmel I admitted into the Chh there the follow^s Communicants :

Elisha Allen & Abigail his Wife.

Aaron Bradley & Patience his Wife.

Mary the Wife of Basil Munson Esq.

Lucy the Wife of Job Munson.

Damaris Bradley. 8 Persons.

At the same time I baptized Nancy D. of Stephen Atwater & Eunice his Wife.

Cloe the D. of Aaron Bradley & Pat. his Wife.

Ebenezer Beach

Mehitabel

Basil

} Children of Job Munson & Lucy his Wife.

7. Proxy day. Received a Letter from Gov. Trumbull. This day my Wife set out on a Journey to Rhode Island. I rode with her to Wallingford.

8. Duplex portio hæreditatis primogenitis non jure Naturæ debetur. Lyman 1, Respondens.

A considerable Aur^o Bor. last Evening. . . .

9. Whether Trials by Juries ought to be suppressed? Sen^r.

10. The Professor exhibited a Divinity Lecture in the Chapel upon the Trinity particularly the Divinity of holy Ghost on 1 Jn^o v, 7, 8. Three that bear Record in heaven &c. Received a Letter

from M^r Woodward Vice president of Dartmouth College, during the absence of President Wheelock who is gone to Europe. The Letter dated 29th ult recommending four Scholars from that College to this.

11. Examined and admitted into the Jun. Class in this College Jael Edson of Bridgwater in Massach., Jabez Peck of Lebanon in N Hamp. and Geo. Hale of Glassenbury, all late of Dartmouth College and in regular standing there in their Jun. Class.

The King's proclamation for a Cessation of Hostilities arrived here to-day. Dated at S^t James's 14th of Febr'y last. It contains that the *provisional Treaty* [Articles] between Britain and the United States being signed 30th of Nov last; *preliminary Articles* between Engld & France, & between Engld & Spain were signed at Versailles 20th Janry last:—and ratified for France the third of Feb. & for Spain the 9th Febr'y. From w^o Ratifications Hostilities to cease within one m^o in the Chanel & Canary Islds, two Month to the Equator, & 5 m^o in all the World. All this is short of a definitive Treaty. The preliminaries are not settled between Engld & Holdd—and the King of G. B. commands all hostilities to cease ag^t Holdd also.

18. The Town met to consult on a plan of Rejoycing.

13. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Mr. Edwds' Meeting. A. M. 1 Thes. iii, 8. P. M. Eccl. xi, 9. Dr. Wales pr. in Chapel 1 Jno. v, 7, 8, and 1 Cor. x, 31. Read^e Bp. Sherlock's Sermons.

14. Whether American Independ^y will be advantageous to American Commerce? Seniors. I am applied to by a Committee of the Inhabitants to preach a Sermon at the public Rejoycing whenever it is: but I declined it, as I am to preach the Election Sermon.

15. The Liberty of the Press? Seniors. Apr. 1, died at Westerly in Rh. Isld D^r Joshua Babcock aet. 76. He was educated at Yale College, where he graduated 1724. About 1730 he went to London & attended the Hospitals there. At his return he settled in West^y his native place. He practised physic with reputation for 20 or 25 years. Then went into Trade, which he managed with Dexterity and greatly added to a large paternal Estate. He was frequently improved as member of Assembly, an Assist^t, Chief Judge of the Superior Court, and a Brig. General in the Militia. He was a genuine Whig & hearty in his Countrys Cause against the Tyranny of Britain. His first wife was a most excellent Woman, the Law of Kindness was upon her Tongue, her prudence

œconomy & amiableness of manners as well as virtue & love of all the religious rendered the ornam^t of her sex. The Doctor accounted her his glory. She died at Stamford 1778 or 1779. The Doctor was the facetious gentleman, of princely hospitality in his house, but of parsimony abroad. He was a sharp man for business and amassed a large Estate. He loved to be acquainted with all Gentlemen of Note in the religious, political & learned world, & entertained them with a cheerful Joy & pleasure at his house where they were ever welcome. He was educated a Sabbatarian Baptist, and was always a man of strict morals. In London he became acquainted with the Rev^d D^r James Foster a Baptist Minister, who convinced him that the Jewish Sabbath was abolished. His opinion afterwards was for the first day if any, but he rather tho't (as the most of the Baptists do) that no day was instituted—yet that public Worship ought to be upheld weekly & the Usage of Xtians in general being for the first day, it was well, accord^y he attended with the same freedom the Ldsdy Baptists & 7th day Baptists. His Catholicism offended the Sabbatarians at Westerly and there being no first day meet^s there, he & his fam^y for years attended M^r Elles Meet^s (Congregational) at Stonington—tho' as to the mode & subject of Baptism the Doctor continued a Baptist to his death. I think he was baptized by Immersion, but I do not know that he ever communicated with a Chh. For the latter part of Life I believe he has rather more frequently attended the Sabb. Meet^s—but still he has been all along rather a stay-at-home Protestant. I have been intimately acquainted with him these 35 years past. He was no Deist but a firm Believer of Revelation. He was not much read in Theology, but had heard all kinds of Ministers; he admired Foster, Mayhew, & those called the arminian polite Divines, not that he was deeply initiated in their peculiarities. He liked what is called a sensible rational polite Religion. I think these were his Sentiments. The

1. The 3 persons of the Trin^y were separate & distinct Intelligences, the first the self-existent uncreated Gd, the other two made by him & engloried by the highest Communic^a of himself. These three united in Counsel were at the Head of the Universe.

2. That the first created Intelligence assumed a human Body (not soul) & became J. C. the Messiah & Redeemer.

3. That he suffered in the great Cause of Reformation of Mankind w^e he undertook, and so is said to have purchased us with his Blood.

His Character was so meritorious that Gd rewarded it by pardoning man on his account.

4. Original Sin, Election, irresistible Grace, Justific^a by Imput^a of Christs Righteousness, he believed but little about, I think he disbelieved them.

5. He was much for Moral Virtue.

6. He was not an Episcopalian, altho' some of his Children were so & one son was an Episc^o Clergyman. He was really generous & catholic in his Charity & Benev^o towards all Xtian Sects—and never spake of or treated any of them with Acrimony & unkindness: and would occasionally attend all kinds of Worship with not only freedom & Decency, but sincere Devotion.

[Oct. 4, 1790 Died D^r Dudley Woodbridge of Stonington æ. 86. D^r Bab. intimate Friend.]

16. By the way of Boston we have the Declaration of the Cessation of Arms between the K. of G. B. and the United States of America given at Paris Feb. 20, 1783 & signed by M^r Adams, D^r Franklin, & M^r Jay as Ministers plenipotentiary, nearly verbatim as the Kings. But neither of them are come officially to Congress.

17. I gave my Eccl. Lecture in Chapel. This day my Daughter Betsey æt. 25. Admitted Charles Bulkley of the Sophimore Class in Dartm^o College into the same Class in this upon Examination.

19. This day 8 years ago the Battle of Lexington commenced Hostilities. Now we are independent. A very hot day yesterday. Therm^o 88 here. 91 at Hartford yesterday. To day cold.

20. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel. Dr. Wales preached all day Jn^o xiv, 16. Divinity of Holy Ghost.

21. Whether the manner of the English possession & settlem^t of America be justifiable?

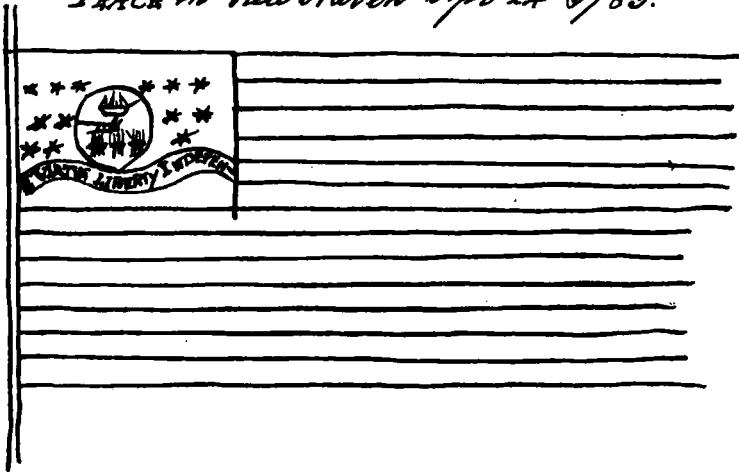
22. Whether Representatives are obliged to act their own Judg^t or that of their Constituents? Seniors. Examined and readmitted Phineas Miller into the Sophimore Class. He was dismissed 15th Nov. last on account of sickness.

This day came to Town the Congress's Proclamation for the Cessation of Hostilities. Preparations for Rejoycing. The present Number of actual Undergraduates in Yale College.

Seniors,	.	.	.	39	} 249
Juniors,	.	.	.	56	
Sophimores,	.	.	.	91	
Freshmen,	.	.	.	63	

24. Public Rejoycing for the PEACE, in New Haven. At Sunrise 13 Canon discharged in the Green, and the Continental Flag displayed—being a grand silk flag presented by the Ladies cost £120 Dollars, the stripes red & white, with an azure field in the upper part charged with 13 stars: on the same field & among the Stars was the Arms of the united States, the field of which contained a Ship, a Plough, and 3 Sheaves of wheat; the Crest an Eagle volant, the supporters 2 white Horses. The arms were put on with paint & gilding. It took yards. When displayed it appeared well.

*Silk Flag displayed at the Rejoycing for
PEACE in New Haven Apr 24th 1783.*



At IX A M. a crowded congreg^a assembled at the Brick Meet^t-house, where M^r Whitt^r read the Proclamation of Congress, then I prayed a Thanksgiving of 40 minutes, & M^r Tutor Goodrich made an Oration in English 30. began & ended with Anthems. Retired for dinner. Contribut. for poor 120 Doll.

At III P.M. Discharge of Canon XIII for the United States.

IV. 21 for France & Spain, or royal Salute.

V. 7 for Holld.

In the Eveng. Skyrockets & fireworks, but no Illumin^a but instead of that, a grand Bonfire lighted up at VIII½ & burnt down by IX, when 3 Cheers finished the whole and all broke up & retired peaceably home. Tho' there was Liquor served to the multi-

tude, yet thro' the great care & discretion used, there was little, very little Excess and in general great Decorum. An almost universal Joy & Congratulation diffused itself among all.

25. Young D^r Haven left Philad^a last Ldsdy & tells me that Congress has had no Rejoycing nor will have till the definitive Treaty.

26. M^r Ab^m Baldwin once elected STP here, last week took the Attorneys Oath at Fairfd Court.

27. Ldsdy. I preached at Branford. A.M. Job xlii, 5, 6. P.M. 2 Pet. i, 10, 11, And baptized a Child.

28. Whether it would be best to establish a general Amnesty, and restore the Refugee Tories to their Estates and Franchises? Seniors.

29. Received a Letter from my Wife at Newport.

30. Began the Examination of the 4 Classes.

May

1. This day I am offered a subscription Paper to invite about 120 Tory Families of the City of New York, of which 40 are Merchants of Property, to come & settle in New Haven, as they cannot tarry in New York. They offer to bring Two Thirds of the Mercantile property of the whole City into this Town. It is said that Gen. Parsons has carried a like subscribed Invitation from the T^o of N London. It is also said that when these applications & offers appear the Assembly of N York will retain them by an Amnesty. I am urged to subscribe—sed timeo Danaos etiam Dona ferentes. Yesterday or last Eveng. the Court House at Hartford was burnt down: it took fire from the Fireworks on occasion of Rejoycing for Peace that day.

2. Mem^o of Isaac Stiles (son of B^r Stiles) his right in Hartford—one fifth of Aunt Kents thirds in Tho^a Hookers Estate belonged to Mother who gave it equally to 2 Grandsons Isaac & Job. Field above State house.

Hooker Mead^o in Hartf. Great d^o 10 Acres

Hart. W. Div. near Col Talcotts

Bolton Lands. Ex ore fratris ante mortem.

3. Took leave of M^r Tutor Fitch, by whom I send the Diploma of a Doctorate in Laws to the Reverend Richard Price D.D. of London.

4. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel; the Professor preached A M on Jn^o xiv, 16, and administered the Lds Supper, present the holy

number of Christs Disciples. P.M. Acts i, 25. Reading Dr. Leland's Review of the Deistical Writers

5. Preparing Election Sermon.

6. Dean's Examination. Four Senior Sophisters Austin, Holmes, Fuller, & White offered themselves & were publicly examined in the Greek *Test^a, Lucian, & Homer*; and in *Horace, Cic. de Orat. & Tusc. Qæst.* They were so nearly equal, that I directed them to decide by Lots—the Lots fell in this Order, Austin, Holmes, Fuller, White. Sundry Declamations for sharing two Scholarships among the 4 Classes. No Chh of Eng. Clergyman present, I was obliged to determine alone. Just before night I sat out on a Journey for Hartfd & Rhode Isld.¹

6. Rode to Wallingford; lodged at D^r Danas.

7. Journeyed to Hartfd & waited on the Governor

8. Election. I preached the Election Sermon from Deut. xxvi, 19. The whole Exercise 2¼ hours, of which 1^h 38' in Sermon, present 80 Ministers. His Excell^y Jon^a Trumbull elected Governor and Hon Matthew Griswold Dep. Gov. [My Father Stiles preached the Election Sermon at Hartford 1742.]

9. A Meet^s of the Committee of the Corporation at Hartfd when we elected Sir W^m or Sir King Butler in the room of Sir Russel resigned. I journey to Andover.

10. There is a quarterly Fast Mess^s Pumroy, Lockwd, Lathrop, Colton, & Huntington (of Marlboro') last wednedey May, Aug, Nov, Feb: only these Ministers, to confer on divine Things and implore the Bless^s of Gd on &c I have asked a constant Remembrance &c for myself & the College.

Also agreed in Concert prayer with M^r Lockwood at sunset every Ldsdy Eveng., as I have with a number of others.

11. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Scotland for M^r Cogswell.

12. arrived at Providence & found my Wife there well, as she had journeyed thither a month agone.

13. Rode over to Rehoboth, lodged at M^r Hide's. In the Eveng an Aur^o Bor. . . . Agreed with Mr. Bosworth to Transport to N. H. Goods 10 Hhds & 10 Hdls. more or less & Betsy for thirty Dollars.

15. Fast in State of Massachusetts, I being at Dighton preached all day. No other Fast in any of the States.

¹ A few items from the MS. Itinerary are inserted in this account.

16. Casing & putting up my Furniture. I baptized Sam¹ Nightingale Son of Sylvester Richmond Esq. and Abigail his Wife. Visited Dighton Rock charged with Inscriptions & Character¹ which M. Gebelin of the Acad^y of Paris says² is Phoenecian or Carthaginian. Returned to Providence and Sat^y rode to Newport.

18. Ldsdy. I preached at Newp^t to my dear flock.

19. M^r Thurstons Baptists held a Meet^s in w^c they voted to build a new Meetingh. 75 feet & 50 to cost 6000 Dollars of w^c 4 Men subscribed 1000. Mr. Brown of Provid. offers the Glass & Nails w^c is one sixth or 1000 more.

21. I preached an Eveng. Lecture to my Chh. They are cleansing the Sanctuary.

24. Hav^s put all my goods & Furniture on board, I & my Wife left Providence, & set off for Newport.

25. Ldsdy. I preached to my Newport flock in my own Meetinghouse cleansed, tho' no pews. 225 present. I adm^d the sacr^t of the Lds supper, present 6 Brethren & inclusive these perhaps 40 Communicants. P.M. Sir Channing preached.

26. a Meet^s of the Society, Voted to repair the Pews, & to subscribe 150 Doll. to by 10 M feet Boards &c. I baptized Mary D. of W^m Chan^s Esq. & Lucy his Wife; and W^m Topham Son of Nathan Luther & Judith his Wife. Rev^d Gardner Thurston Baptist Elder tells me he had 250 Communicants 1775 now 130 or 140.

27. My D. Betsy sailed with my Furniture in Cap^t Bosworth for N Haven. I baptized Miss Sally Chh. and Miss Bathsheba Chh, privately but in presence of 2 of the Chh.

28. I baptized Eliz^a Cary D. of George & Bridget Clark, privately.

29. This day my first dear Wife died 1775. I have viewed her Grave and Stone. We left Newp^t & set out for New Haven. I have encouraged my flock and have left them in a more comfortable & less disheartened state than formerly. Lodged at Champ-lins in Charlestown.

30. Journeying thro' Narragansett.

31. N. Lond. ferry $\frac{3}{8}$. Rope do. $\frac{1}{4}$ Wigwam $\frac{1}{4}$. Sixteen Ind. Families at Nihantic now & only one Wigwam, rest in Houses.

Dinner &c $\frac{4}{6}$. Saybrook Ferry $\frac{2}{1}$.

¹ Dr. Stiles describes elsewhere in his Itinerary two other visits to this Rock, on June 5, 1767, and Oct. 3, 1788.

² In tome 8 of the *Monde primitif* of M. Antoine Court de Gébelin, Paris, 1781.

June

1. Ldsdy. At Saybrook I preached all day for the Rev^d M^r Devotion.

2. Arrived at New Haven & found my family well. Deo Grates. My D. Betsy had arrived there 29th with the Furniture carried home in nine Loads. Orders were set up at College Tuesday 27th and the Students return^d.

LOOSE MEMOIRS.

At Groton Rev. M^r Kenne told me that in the Massacre at Fort Griswold 1781 there were 160 of our men inclosed in the F^t when invested by the British ; of w^o 80 were killed, 40 wounded, & 40 taken prisoners. Of the 80 killed 60 belonged to Groton, of w^o 40 were of M^r Kennes Congregation, & some of his best Men.

The memorable Patriot, the *Hon. James Otis Esq.* died at Andover in Massach. May 23, 1783 instantly being struck with Lightning while standing at a Door & leaning on his Cane. America owes much to that Man ! He was the celebrated Patriot.

May 1783 Died the Rev^d Samuel Sherwood Pastor of the Chh in Norfield in Fairfield C^o æt. 54. He was one of the principal & most influential Ministers in that County, and one of the Trustees of Staples' School.

When at Saybrook June 2^d I examined one of M^r Devotions Scholars *Abraham Nott* of Saybrook æt. 16 and found him so fit as that I admitted him for the Freshman Class of next year.

Rec^d of Dr. Wales 1 Guinea for a Degree A.M. to be given to Mr. Scribner.

3. Attending to College Matters. The Tutors by my order had admitted last week into the Freshman Class Gad Newell of Southington æt. 20.

4. Hunt & Janes desired a Dismission, their parents putting them into Merchants Shops.

5. No Lecture. I began to hear the Senior Class to recite again in Locke.

6. Rev. M^r Colton visited me, and tells me that there are not *ten out of the 180 or 200 Ministers* in this State, who are for a Change of the Constitution of Yale College & putting it into the hands of Civilians :—that the matter was canvassed in Hartfd S^o Association last Week—and that there are but three in Hartfd County for a Change viz, Rev^d Mess^{rs} Marsh, Strong, & Lewis.

Upon the Mem^o for erect^s Plainfield School into an Acad^y, a question aris^s as to the Expediency, it was motioned this Assembly that a Committee should be appointed for taking the State of Literature in Connect. into Consider^a & to see what was consistent with the general Interest of Literature respect^s this & other Academies, & what was best to be done for promoting Learning. Two Motives might co-operate in form^s this Committee—one those of Parnassus¹ for altering the Constit. of Y. C.—the other, that the Assembly might see that little academies multiplied would deprettiate all.

7. Ives 2, examined but found deficient & so not readmitted. He had absented himself till in Apr. last I declared him no longer a Member of College. However upon Importunity of his Father I consented he shd. be readmitted if upon Examin^a found qualified for his Stand^s in the Freshm. Class, into w^o he was admitted last September—but has resided at College but about 3 or 4 Weeks, & absented himself ever since Dec. last, altho' within 12 or 15 Miles of College.

8. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel, Professor Wales preached all day on Mat. v. ult. *Perfection*. Present the Hon. Col^o Dyer² from Congress.

9. Whether the Army, at disband^s, have any just Right to either Half pay for Life, or the Commutation of five years? . . .

10. Whether all shd. be obliged to attend Pub. Worship by Law? Committee of the Corpor^a met on business, viz. Messrs. *Wms, Goodrich & Huntington*. Making up Qu. Bills. Col^o Dyer returned from Congress thro' N York, and was received honorably by Sir Guy Carleton the British Commander in Chief there—who assured him that the British would evacuate N.Y. as soon as possible—that had the States received the Loyalists again he could have departed sooner; that as they did not, the Refugees were thrown back on the King & it would take longer time to provide for & remove them.

11. Quarter day & Exercises as usual, with this only difference—that the Sophimore Class w^o exhibited being divided into two parts under 2 Tutors, we permitted to each Division a Dialogue, so 2 Dialogues instead of one; but then we had but one Oration for each.

¹ See this Diary, Feb. 5, 1783.

² Eliphalet Dyer (Yale 1740).

12. Bradley & Starr dismiss for Trade. No Lecture. A long Conversation with Dr Bellamy.

14. We have 164 Undergraduates present.

15. Ldsdy. I attended at the College Chapel. The Professor preached A.M. Numb. ix, 13. P.M. Eph. i, 11. Election.

Reading MS. Sermons of the Rev^d John Davenport B.D. the first Minister of New Haven written A.D. 1656 while Minister here.¹ He was a very sound & learned Divine. His Criticism upon 1 Tim. iii, 15, taught me that my own name ought frequently to remind me of many Things. *Στυλος* is the *Pen* of a ready Writer, or a *Pillar*. 1. May my pen be employed to the glory of God like that of Ezra the Scribe—and then, 2. My name may be the Transl^a of *Ἐξρα Στυλος*. 3. May I be led to contemplate the House & Chh. of God as the *Pillar* . . . of Truth of Right or rather Orthodoxy. . . . And 4. Accord^s to the Etymology of both names may I become a small *Pillar*, and a small *Helper* in the Chh. of God. . . .

16. No Disputation. T——³ one of the Junior Sophisters under very singular religious Impressions.

Reading the Political Magazine.

17. Whether the Cultiv^a of the Sciences & Literature tend to the Advancem^t of Religion? Seniors. I rec^d a Letter from Gov. Trumbul with a Copy in one Sheet of the religious Experiences of the first Gov. Winthrop A.D. 1636, Æ. 49.³

18. Whether Deists & Roman Catholics ought to be admitted to a participation in Offices of civil Gov^t in the United States? Seniors.

¹ This volume of outlines of sermons from July, 1656, to August, 1658, is in the University Library (312 pp. 12°).

² John Taylor, a cousin of Pres. Stiles. See below, June 29 and July 6. The following entry is extracted from a manuscript Diary of a Senior in College of this date :—

Taylor the Junior on Sunday evening appeared to be under the deepest conviction, sent for Doct. Wales to pray with him—in great distress all night—on Monday more easy.

³ This interesting paper is printed in *Life and Letters of John Winthrop*, by the Hon. R. C. Winthrop, ii, 165-174.

An extract from Gov. Trumbull's letter is worth preserving, as showing the personal relations between him and Dr. Stiles :

I shall (Deo volente) meet the next General Assembly at New Haven—not encumbered with continual applications as during the War, do more readily ask and hope for the favour of entertainment with you—it is very desirable to me, should it be agreeable to you and your good family—shall choose a room and bed to myself—Col^o Williams desires me to ask for him also.

NB. In the 3 States of Maryld, Pensylv^a, & Rh. Isld Romanists are disfranchised by Law.

19. Exhibited my Ecc. His. Lecture.

22. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel: the Professor preached A.M. Eph. i, 3 — Election. P.M. Prov. Read^r Dionysius Areopa. Theol. Mystica: and President Edwards on Virtue. D^r Wales in his Sermon on Election disclaimed Gds being the intentional efficient Author of Sin—and asserted that it was the duty of the Unregenerate to use the Means of Grace in order to obtain Conversion.—I preached an Eveng. Lecture to the Negroes.

23. Whether human nature is totally depraved? Sen. . .

25. Whether monarchical be preferable to democratical Government? Seniors.

26. Gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. The Subject the history of the Synod of 1662. [Sen^rs finished 2^d vol. Lock.]

27. Visited by the Rev^d M^r Kirtland Indian Mission^y to the Oneida Tribe of Indians, who were 410 Souls before the War, of which 120 joynd the Enemy. He first lived in the Seneca Tribe, where he estimates 600 fight^s men. The Indians have Historians who preserve their Traditions. They reckon by Ages, calling the age of an old man 100 years, and so mean^s 100 years by an age. They run back to 6 or 7 ages freely; and some things they trace back seemingly to 1000 years or beyond.

M^r Kirtland was present at a national Sacrifice of a Faun or Deer (they sometimes use a Dog), among the Senecas. It is annually the latter end of Janry or in Febry. In the Center of a great national Circle or concourse of Indians a Fire is kindled with about a quarter of a cord of Wood, the Animal is slain, his head and Entrails laid on the fire & burnt, and at offer^s the Sacrifice the Priest throws in Tobacco leaves into the fire which makes an ascend^s smoke like Incense when the Priest in solemn words addresses the great Spirit that upholds the Skies, all the people are filled with Reverence & awe, as they believe Gd is then nigh, propitious & merciful or good. This Feast is three days—the first is preparat^y—the 2^d the great Sacrifice—the third in ceremony of purify^s or sanctify^s every house with Ashes. The sacrificed Animal is eaten by the Sachems. The best of Venison & great abundance provided for all the pple at this Feast. This is the only evidence wherein I have learned with certainty that the Indians ever really sacrificed. The New Engld Indians, upon the

accession of the English were so soon ashamed of their old religion, or rather find^s it ridiculed by us & considered it idolatrous, that they concealed much from us. Therm° 91. & 93

29. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel. Dr. Wales preached A.M. Prov. viii, 4. P.M. Rev. iv, 11. On Creation. He notified the Sacrament; and propounded seven Undergraduates for Communion—Williston of the Sen. Class—Bliss, Catlin & Taylor of the Jun^{rs}—Nash, a Soph.—and Griswold & Collins Freshmen, Th. 90.¹

[This fr. Ray Greene before I saw Judge Hopkins.]

Anecdotes of Col. Whaley als Goffe.

Judge Samuel Hopkins his Grandson now æt. 76 living 1783 at Exeter [W. Greenwich] in Rh. Isld, gave the following traditions concern^s his Ancestor to Gov. Greenes son last month.—That his Name was Col. Theophilus Whaley—that he . . . served in Cromwells army: pursued as a Regicide from Virginia thro' New Engl^d, and took up his Residence in Narragansett. . . . N. B. I think some Mistakes. . .

July

4. Anniversary of Independence celebrated here chiefly by the Officers of the Army. I had three Scholars under serious Concern who came to converse with me upon divine and spiritual Things.

A number of Troops of the Pensylv^a Line on their Return without pay surrounded the Congress at Philadelphia making mutinous Demands. Upon which Congress applied to M^r Dickinson President of the State of Pensylv^a for assistance to suppress the mutiny. But not receiv^g satisfaction, Congress on the 26th of June adjourned & removed to Princeton in Jersey, and issued a proclamation accordingly.

5. President Witherspoon passed thro' this town on a Journey to the Eastward.

Examined and approved *Pearce*, and concluded to restore him to his Stand^s in the Senior Class. Two more Scholars under deep concern came to converse with me upon Religion. Upon Recollection I find I have been acquainted with 6 Rabbies

R. Moses Malki in 1759.²

¹ Two leaves of the Diary have here been removed.

² This rabbi, born and educated at Saphet (Safed) in the Holy Land, was in Newport in December, 1759; and Dr. Stiles has preserved some notes of information received from him.

- R. Moses Bar David, æt. 52, 1772, Nov.
 R. Haijm I. Karigal, æt. 40, 1773, June.
 R. Tobiah Ben Jehudah, æt. 48, 1773 Nov.
 R. Bosquila 1773 or 1774
 R. Samuel Cohen

6. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel all day, & heard the Professor all day on Mat. v, 4. Blessed—mourn &c excellently adapted to the state of the College. After the forenoon sermon he admitted 8 Communicants viz Payson Williston Sen. Soph; Geo. Bliss, Jacob Catlin, Jn^o Taylor, Jun. Soph; Dan^l Nash Soph; Cook Collins, Stanly Griswold, Freshmen; and also Jabez Peck, Jun. Soph. from the Chh in Dresden.¹ Afterwards the Professor administered the Sacrament to 23 Communicants. About 30 or 40 scholars present at the Ordinance. P. M. On the same text.—An extraord^r addition to the Chh!—I preached an Eveng. Lect. to the Negroes—1 Jn^o ii, 1–3.

7. Dei Perfectio infinita Unitatem ejus demonstrat. Daggett. Wrote a Letter to Judge Huntington at Congress. At Eveng. prayers Pearce made a public Confession and I restored him to his stand^s in the Senior Class, having first accepted his Confession and taken off his Expulsion.

8. Digesting Theses for Commencement.

9. Whether moral Inability destroys free agency?

10. Dismissed W^m Coit of the Soph. Class. Dr. Wales gave a Theological Lecture, on Gods Glory in Creation.

The appointments for Commencm^t stand thus.

Storrs	Salutatory Oration Lat.
Austin.	English Oration
Lyman.	Orat. on Peace

Holmes	} Eng. Dialogue	Daggett	} Forensic Disput ^a upon
Penfield		Goodrich	
Smith		White	

Whether the Lib^r of the Press should be restrained?

Syllogistic Disputation.

In fluiditate nullus est corpusculorum contactus. Gould, Respondens

Tentatio non minuit crimen. Fuller, Resp.

Unicum Universitatis rerum systema tantum est possibile. Morse, Resp.

¹ The name given for a time to the part of Hanover, N. H., in which Dartmouth College was situated. See above, April 11, 1783.

Order of Commencem^t Exercises for the Masters in Arts.

M^r Chester. Eng. Orat.

M^r Barnet. Lat. Valed. Orat.

M ^r Griswold R.	} Whether an Universal Amnesty would be for the safety & Emolum ^t of the United States?
M ^r Mosely	
M ^r Williams	

Corporis Lethum non est sola peccati poena originalis? M^r Nott, Resp.

Dei perfectio infinita Unitatem suam demonstrat. M^r Robinson, Resp.

12. Reading the golden Ass of Apuleius, the platonick Philosopher, of Madaura in Africa, whose vernacular Tongue was Punic. He writes poor foreign Latin, w^o he learned without a preceptor. [Seniors finished read^s Presid^t Claps Ethics.]

13. Ldsdy. The Rev^d M^r Street of East Haven preached all day in Chapel, on Hosea xiii, 9, O Israel thou hast destroyed &c. and Propounded nine Scholars for full Communion, viz., Holt, Lyman 2, Seward, Strong 1, Jun. Soph.—Cook 2, Flint, Hinkly 2, Leavit Sophimores—and Ely 2 Freshman.

14. This day XI o'Clock Recitation of the Senior Class, consisted in the syllogistic Disputations for Commencement—going tho' the 3 Divisions with 3 Respondents & their respective Opponents.

This is my first wife's Birthday. Had she lived she would have been æt. 52, but she died 1775, æt. 44. She was an excellent woman, and God has kindly given me a second excellent wife.

15. This day I bid farewell to the Senior Class, dismissing with my parting Counsel, and Blessing. Wolcott who was last year expelled applied for a Restoration; but we upon mature Deliberation declined it.

16. Public Examination of the Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts next Commencement. The usual Examⁿ and Presentation of 39 Candidates before Dinner. Public Dinner in the Hall, the whole Senior Class to pay 1/ apiece to the Steward for the extraord^y Dinner. I had invited about a dozen gentlemen chiefly Bachelors of Arts & the other Examiners. After dining, the Candidates furnish^s Wine, I published in the Hall that the Classes now assumed their new Titles & Rank, & tak^s a Glass of Wine drank to the Senior Candidate, giving him his Title by the Name of Sir Austin. We sang an Hymn, & Professor Wales gave Thanks.

At or between III & IV we assembled a crowded Chapel, 100 or 120 Ladies & as many Gent. besides the Collegians: when the Exercises were exhibited in the following order.

- III^b 53' An Anthem
 Clisophic Orat. Eng. Sir Fuller 11'
 Forensic Disput*. Whether Monarchy is preferable to a Republic?
 Disputants. Sir Kingsbury
 Sir Pitkin
 Sir Morse.
- IV. 56 Recess for 15 minutes ; when resum^t the Exercises.
- V. 25 Anthem.
- V. 34 English Dialogue. Sir Gilbert
 Sir Josleyn
 Sir Stiles
 Sir Williston 20'
 Valedictory Orat. Latin. Sir Johnson 26'
 Address to the Candidates by M^r Tutor Meigs ; he as all the others
 speak^t on the stage. 16'
- VI. 45' Anthem, closed all.

17. I had no Lecture. I appointed yesterday Lyman 1, Seward, Dennison, Mead Monitors, and ordered the Classes respectively to come forward in the Seats in the Chapel, leaving an half Seat for the young Sirs or Candidates. Yesterday M^r Robinson residentiary Dean Scholar returned to College hav^t been absent ever since 29th or 30th of May last. A Question has arisen & he this day applied for the Determin^a of it, whether he could claim the Bounty if he resided here to Commencement. This led to consider his Absence & the Bps Deed. I find that M^r Robinson came to reside at College 11th Nov. last & resided here till 29th May, except about one Week in winter Vacation : that he was absent 2 months from 11th Sept. to 11th Nov., which added to one month & 18 days from 29th May, make a Total of Absence 3 M^o & 18 days. Now the Dean's Deed says they shall "*reside at least three quarters of each year.*" M^r Robinson deceived himself by supposing that he must reside only *nine lunar months*, & that there was time to finish this space by Commencement, & that this would suffice.

18. Painting our bedroom & papering it. Mr. Robⁿ again pressed me for a decision ; & urged that last year Mr. Ely had the bounty and yet was short as to residence. I find Mr. Ely elected 31st Oct. 1781 when we sent instantly & rec^d an answer of accept^a & immediate com^t dated Nov. 3. I do not find exactly when he came, but he came several days before he was instituted w^c was Nov. 13, 1781.

19. Began the Instruction of the Freshman Class in Hebrew. Rode to Meriden with Kezia.

20. Ldsdy. At Meriden I preached all day for Mr. Hubbard. I read a Treatise on *Moral Philosophy* by Dr. Taylor of Norwich. I have read several modern Pieces on Moral Philosophy all pretend^s to be new & original: but do not think they excel the Compend^s of the middle ages; such as Turnbull's Mor. & Xtian Phil., Hutcheson's do., Edwards' Nature of Virtue, Groves, Taylors.

Two Scholars, viz. Collins & propounded for the Coll. Chh.

21. Returned to College. Received a printed Theses of the Bachelors of Arts Harv. Coll. at the Commencem^t there last Wednesdy.

23. Therm^o 91, very hot.—Hebrew Recitation.

This day my Election sermon went to the Press in Town.

24. I gave my Ecc. Hist. Lecture.

This day Cousin Esther Bradley¹ æt. 21, of North Haven was accidentally drowned there in the river, at going into Water, on account of the excessive Heat. Therm^o 93.

25. I attended her funeral. Heb. Recit^a noon.

26. Heb. Recitation. Brown who was expelled supplicates for a degree.

27. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached at M^r Edwds's Job xliii, 5, 6. P.M. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach from Josh. xxiv, 15, who after sermon admitted nine into full Communion, Holt, Lyman, Seward, Strong of the Sen. Class, Cook, Flint, Hinkly, Leavit of the Juniors, and Ely 2 of the Sophomore Class. An agreeable sight! May God bless these youth, and accept them in their voluntary self-dedication to God.

28. Reading G. Washington's farewell Circular Letter to the States.

29. Two hebrew Recitations this day. In the New York Mercury of 19th Ins^t I find that on Ldsdy Eveng. 13th Instant "departed this Life Madam Elizabeth Ellery² in the Eightieth year of her age, Relict of the late Hon. Gov. Ellery" of Newport. She was my exceed^s good friend and intimate acquaintance during my whole ministry there.

30. A N E Storm. First proof of my Sermon brot by printer.

31. I gave my Lecture on Ecc. Hist⁷. Dr. Wales had a son born this Afternoon.

¹The elder daughter of President Stiles's sister Esther.

²See this Diary, Nov. 4, 1770.

August.

3. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel, the Professor preached all day on Luke xiv, 26. He admitted two Scholars Wolworth of the Sen. Class & Grosvenor of the Jun. Class into full commun. after Sermon. Administered the Lds Supper, present *twenty four* Communicants—more than ever partook at once at the College Chh before. Eighteen have been admitted de novo & one on recommend^a from another Chh. within one month—and all hopefully good & promising characters. Deo Grates. We had a delightful communion. Reading some in the Bible, some in the Apocrypha, & also in Justin Martyr his Dialogue with Trypho. I preached an Even^s Lect^r to the Negroes, Luke xiv—and yet there is Room.

6. Heb. Received the news of the death of my Uncle the Rev. Abel Stiles Pastor of a Chh in Woodstock who died 25th July ult. was buried last Ldsdy fourteenight æt 74 (75). Rec^d a Letter from the Rev^d Mr. Goodrich of Durham dated yesterday with his Observations of the Auroral Arch last frydy Eveng. . .

A singular Gravestone.

“EBENEZER.

Samuel Hubbard aged 10 of May 78 yeres
 Ould Tase Hubbard aged the 27 Sep 79 yeres
 and 7 mons 4 Jen. maryed 51 yeres
 1688 14 Vpsal 4. God have given us 7
 children 4 ded 3 living
 Ruth Burdick 11. 1 ded 10 living
 Rachel Langworthy had 10 children
 3 ded 7 living Bethiah Clark 9 living
 Great Grand children
 Naomi ^B Rogers 1 ded 4 alyfe
 Ruth ^B Phillipess 1 ded 4 alyfe
 Judah ^C Maxson
 Thomas Burd

I took this inscription off a Gravestone in a family burying place on Bp Berkleys White Hall farm on Rh. Isld about A. D. 1763. Collector Robinson bought the Lease about 1765 and demolished the Gravestones & put them into Wall: so that all is lost. From a loose paper which I wrote 1763 I now copy here. This Sam^l Hubb^d was a Baptist Teacher—settled at Newp^t about 1648, and made this Eben. 1688. Intricate as it seems, more is contained on this stone than can be given in others Words in so small a space. I think 1688 must be a year common to 4 dates. I shd suppose

the stone erected Sep. 27, 1688 when the Wife was æt. 79. & 7. m° and M^r Hubb^d was æt. 78. on 10 May that year; and on 4 Jany. that year they had been married 51 years. The 14 Vpsal 4 is 145th Psalm & 4th v, one gener^a shall praise thy works to another. The B and C I think a beautiful way of expressing lineal Descents. Thus Naomi ^B Rogers I take to be Naomi Burdick who married Rogers—so Judah Maxson was the Daughter of Bethiah Clark, & it will be read Judah Clark Maxson.

COMMENCEM^T AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

Wednesday 14th of May last was held the first Commencem^t in Wash. Coll. at Chester in Maryland. At ten in the forenoon a process. was formed—to the Chh—

1. The body of Scholars & Students 2 by 2.
2. Candidates for deg.
3. Faculty of Professors with the Rev. W^m Smith D D. President of the Visitors & Gov^{rs} who acted by appointment as Principal pro Tempore at their head.
4. The Corporation of Visitors & Gov^{rs}, his Excell^y W^m Paca Esq. Gov^r of the State and one of the Visitors & Gov^{rs} at their Head.

Exercises.

1. Latin salutatory Oration. M^r Jn^o Scott.
2. an Oration in french. M^r James Scott.
3. A Latin syllogistic Dispute Num æternitas pœnarum contradicit divinis attributis? Respondent M^r Charles Smith; Opponents Mess^{rs} W^m Barrol & W^m Bordley.
4. An Eng. forensic Dispute Whether the state of nature be a state of War? The speakers were Mess^{rs} Jn^o Scott, W^m Barrol, W^m Bordly & James Scott.
5. The Degrees conferred by the Principal—Mess^{rs} Charles Smith, James Scott, Jn^o Scott, W^m Barrol, W^m Bordly, Bachelor of Arts, M^r Sam^l Kerr honorary Bachelor of Arts; M^r Colin Ferguson Master of Arts, M^r Samuel Armor Master of Arts of the College of Philadelphia admitted ad eundem. The two last gentlemen are senior or chief Professors in the Arts & Sciences, & M^r Ker one of the Masters in the Grammar School.
6. An Eng. Valedict^y Oration by M^r Charles Smith.
7. The Principal closed with an Address or Charge to the Graduates.

In the Even^s D^r Youngs Tragedy of the Brothers. The day following, viz May 15th the Visitors & Gov^r, Masters, Students, Scholars accompanied by a great Number of gentlemen from the neighbor^s Counties went in procession to the hill where the new college is to be built, and after prayer by the Rev. D^r Smith, the Foundation Stone was laid by Gov. Paca. Oration in French by two students—a pastoral dialogue.

What a bluster and parade doth the noisy hypocritical Smith make about his son and half a dozen youth? The exercises closed with a valed^r orat. by his son which ended with some verses composed by D^r Smith 1753, & printed in the utopian College of Mirania; with this Note of self-vanity. "Three Colleges have been founded and carried on nearly upon his plan of Educ^s the verses hav^s been spoken with a few words of occasional liter^a at the Open^s of *two of the Colleges.*" Rem. 1. He means York, Philad^a & Wash. Coll. 2. Spoken at the openings of the two last. 3. A conceited proud assuming vanity! and even false represent^a. For neither of the 3 Colleges are formed on his plan. They are as dissimilar in constitution & mode of Instruction as any three colleges whatever—and as well might the hypocritical D^r Smith assume upon himself the vanity & absurdity of represent^s that Harv. & Yale & Dartm^o Colleges were formed on his fictitious Model of the Coll. of Mirania as that N Y. Phil^a & Chester Colleges are. But this is a specimen of his vain & assum^s Arrogance. He fills his College exercises with puffs on Liberty and would put himself off as a Patriot; while he is a hearty enemy to our Independ. and wishes the dissolution of the amer. Repub. & a reunion with the parent State. He endeavored to get into Congress as Secretary in Order to communicate our secrets to the Ministry. But Congress in 1774 were wise & discern^s eno' to neglect him. In Britain he would be a deistical Bishop, and a Scotch Tory Sycophant to Ld Bute, Mansfield & the ministry; at Rome he would aim at a Cardinate & cabal in the Conclave for the triple Crown; at Constantinople he would become a Mussulman & dethrone the Grand Signor. He is an unprincipled turbulent impudent Priest. And it is surprising he shd take in a number of capital Characters in Maryland. In Philad^a he was contemptible! The College however will be a useful Institution. Smith will make a smattering of Learn^s go a great way in it. It is to be hoped some character, of real literary merit will be obtained in the Institution.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SEPT. EXAM. OF YE CLASSES.

Jun.		Senior.	
Elles } Wms }	Lat. Orators	Lord Munson	Lat Orat. Eng. orat
Elseworth } Hale }	Eng. Or.	Holmes Isaacs Leavenw.	} Dial.
Belden Clap Goodrich 3 }	} Dial	Gold Kingsley.	Soph. Lat Or Eng. Or.
Noyes Olmsted } Payne }	} Dial.	Bird Dewey Sisson	} Dial

[Received from Gov. Trumbull and copied Oct. 28, 1783.¹

The Seal at Arms of his Excellency Jonathan Trumbull Esq. LL. D. Governor of Connecticut from Oct 1769 to 1784. Who was born at Lebanon Oct. 12, 1710, O. S. Graduated at Harvard College June 1727, and A. M. 1730. A Member of the Legislature of Connecticut 51 years from 1733 to 1784. Attended 134 General Assemblies, and hath been in Council with 45 Councillors. Speaker 1738-1739. Elected into the Council 1740 æt. 30. Elected Deputy Governor in May 1766 & constituted Chief Judge of the Superior Court, & continued therein till 1769, when he was elected Governor. Lt. Colonel of the Militia 1739, Colonel 1754, Chief Judge of Windham C^o Court 1744 & continued Chief Judge of the C^o & Sup^r Courts till 1769. Judge of Probate from 1744 to 1766.

Ex ore illius Jany. 23, 1784.]

[Copied Oct. 28, 1783

In Ames's Almanac 1730 at the head of the m^o of March stands this English-Indian Poetry.

“ Cunkeechah Netop? what news you speak to me?
Mussy good news : what? you no stommonee?
By by, come Elwipes, much as me can wish,
Me Tink nuxt week den me shan heb it Bish.
What is Tat prace you speak to me? Me ashk it
Metink some Pokes he cann his Lame Namaskitt.”

Cunkeechah Netop? How do y^o do, Friend?
Elwipes—Elwives]

¹ Here is a wax seal; the characters of which are nearly obliterated.

A LIST OF THE POSTERITY OF M^{RS} MARY BUELL AT HER DECEASE 4TH NOV. A. D. 1768.

NAMES OF ALL HER CHILDREN & ABODE		BIRTHS		SURVIVORS					DECEASED				TOTAL	
				Children	Grand Children	Great Grand Children	Great G. Grand Children	Total Living	Children	Grand Children	Great Grand Children	Great G. Grand Children	Total Deaths	Living & Dead
Mary Hinckley	Lebanon	Dec.	1696	1	12	56	16	85		2	17	2	21	106
John Buell	Lebanon	Febr	1699	1	8	20		29		1	4		5	34
Isaac ———			1700						1				1	1
Isaac ———			1700										1	1
Abigail Strong	Lebanon	March	1702	1	6	46	3	56		5	11	1	17	73
Hannah Walter	New Milford	Dec.	1703		4	6		10	1	3	1		5	15
Lois Strong	Litchfield	March	1706		2	19		21	1	2	1		4	25
Deborah Marsh	Litchfield	Jan ^y	1708	1	10	39		50		2	4		6	56
Peter Buell	Litchfield	May	1710	1	5	11		17		2	1		3	20
Eben. Buell	Litchfield	March	1713	1	7	21		29		4			4	33
Solomon Buell	Litchfield	Aug ^l	1715	1	5	6		12			1		1	13
Jonathan Buell	Goshen	Dec.	1717	1	8	3		12		2	2		4	16
Elisabeth Plumbe	Litchfield	Apr.	1720	1	4	4		9		1			1	10
Rachel Grant or Welch	New Milford	May	1723	1	4	1		6		2			2	8
				10	75	232	19	336	3	26	42	3	74	410

N. B. She was Mary Loomis¹ born in Windsor about the year 1680 & Married John Buell of Lebanon about Jan^y 1696. Removed to Litchfield about 1721 and there died 4th Nov. 1768.

Survived	10	75	232	19	336
Deceased	3	26	42	3	74
Total	13	101	274	22	410

¹ Eldest daughter of Deacon John Loomis.

7. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist^r.
8. Examining proofs of my Sermon
9. Hebrew Recitation, as daily. D^r — one of the chief Physicians in the british Army now at New York, once in comp^a with others in London entered naked a place heated for drying bullocks blood — they carried in with them a vessel of cold water & a thermometer. The heat was 260 or 48 above boiling point & 164 above blood heat. They were in the place *Eight minutes*, without scorching or ill effect as to respiration. The Water boiled. Tho' not within, yet the instant they came out they sweat profusely.
10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr. Edwards preached on Isai. xxviii, 18. P.M. Sir Barnet preached on Eccl. xii, 13. And the Professor propounded Perkins 3 and for full Communion.

This day my son Isaac is æt. 20.

11. Hebrew daily.
12. From VII to IX½ Eveng. a most violent & tremendous Thunder storm incessant flashes lightning & thunder & rain. It struck M^r Beechers house where were 16 or 18 persons Scholars & others, affected two persons with the shock, but providentially no great hurt. About 30 rods from my house.¹
13. Rev^d Jn^o Devotion^r here, forming a charter for a Connecticut academy of sciences.

14. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. History.
16. A convocation of the Episcopal Clergy in Maryld was indicted the first instant, or rather notified in the Maryld Prints, to meet at Annapolis the 13th Aug^t ins^t to confer upon the state of the Church, and obtaining a Bp of the Chh of Engld in America. Mess^{rs} Hubbd & Andrews two Chh ministers, here in Connecticut returned from New York this week. I believe they went delegates from the Connecticut Clergy to consult the 'N York Clergy—as all Chh ministers convened at darby a few weeks since to confer on the subject of a Bishop, and to oppose the Rev^d M^r White an Episcopal Minister at Philad^a & Chaplain to Congress, who thinks a Bp unnecessary & proposes that the Chh of Eng. Clergy here

¹ The house of David Beecher is still standing on the north side of George street, just east of College street. An engraving is given in Vol. I of the Autobiography of his son, Lyman Beecher (born 1775).

² Yale College 1754, pastor of the 3d Parish in Saybrook, now Westbrook, Conn., and first cousin of Pres. Stiles.

should assume the power of Ordination, and yet the Service be accord^d to the Liturgy.¹

17. Ldsdy. A.M. heard Professor at Chapel Ps. ciii, 19, upon divine Providence. P.M. M^r Olcott preached at Chapel 2 Chron. xxx, 26.

18 & 19. Heb. Recit^a as usual. This day M^r Olcott, a Preacher who graduated here 1768, applied to me for information in reading hebrew by the points and in the jewish manner. He had heretofore learned hebrew and can translate & criticise upon it.

20. This day my Daughter Ruth æt. 18. Yesterday I was told a curious Anecdote—that the large folio english Bible belonging to the Collegé Hall & used by President Clap at Morn^e & Eveng. prayers lay immured in the Wall by the Chapel Pulpit. That M^r Silas Marsh when an undergrad. here about 1762 or while the Chapel was build^d, as one of his villanous tricks did, one night when the masons had left their Work, make a hole in the brick work of the wall and there put in the Presidents Bible & covered it up so with brick and mortar that the Masons never perceived it and went on with their work and finished it. That it lies under the pulpit window. He left college while undergraduate: in 1780 he obtained recommend^a & we gave him a Degree. Badger one of the present Jun. Sophisters a serious Man, last year lived and kept school, with permission 2 or 3 m^o in the neighborhood of M^r Marsh, who communicated to him this secret of his former academic wickedness. And so the old Bible remains immured there to this day. It is now whispered as a secret, as he is ashamed of it. But I have it certain, and yet doubt it.²

21. Yesterday we examined Freegrace Raynolds of Somers & admitted him into the next year freshman Class. This is the 2^d already admitted. Attended on Professor Wales's Divinity Lecture in the chapel. This day I delivered Ruth all her share of her mother's things.

22. I was three hours this day in giving Instruction in Hebrew: *γγρασκω αι πολλα διδασκομενος.*

¹ Such a convention as Dr. Stiles here describes had met at Woodbury (not Derby) on March 25, and had selected Mr. Leaming and Mr. Seabury as suitable for consecration as bishops. The Rev. William White's pamphlet had influence in this action.

² When the Chapel, later known as the Athenæum, was taken down in 1893, an attempt was made to prove the truth of this story, but no trace of confirmation was found.

This day I received Gov. Saltonstalls elegant Picture on Canvass, to be deposited in the College Library. It was presented by M^r Rosewell Saltonstall his Grandson.

23. M^r Lewis left Charlest^o S^o Car^o last week on tuesday came to Philad^a by water thence by land. He tells me that M^r Lyman Hall, who was born at Wallingfd in Connecticut, is now Governor of Georgia: that the Assembly have lately incorporated a number of Guinea subscribers ann^y in S^o Car^o by the Name of the Trustees of M^t Sion College in the N W part of S^o Car^o 200 M. N. W. from Charlest^o giv^s power of conferr^s Degrees. There are 400 subscribers liv^s all over the state & in other states. But they have yet no Presid^t nor is there any collection of matriculated youth. It lies or rather is to be built about 70 or 80 M. S W. from Charlotte School, which he says declines.

24. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel & heard the Rev. Mr. Trumbull of North Haven preach there all day. Yesterday a very hot day. Fahr. Therm^o 94½ in N^o shade: & to day 92.

25. Attended Heb. Recitations. Hot day Therm^o 90. This day my daughter Polly æt. 16. Wrote a letter to Mr. Hoël Member of Congress at Princeton.

26. The Sup^r Court sit. This even^s two members of Congress spent with me. Printed to 48 p. of my Sermon. Col. Hubbard¹ taken very ill

28. Hebrew Recit^a. Gave my Eccl. Lect. on the Compilation of the Saybrook Platform 1708. This Afternoon my Wife put out her ankle. Finished Diplomas for two Doctorates.

29. Col. Hubbard recovering. Attended my daily hebrew Recitations. The Bachelors Theses printed

30. Heb. Recit^a. Compiling Theses Magistrales.

31. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel. A.M. the Rev^d Mr. Thatcher of Malden preached 1 Tim^o iv, 14. P.M. the Professor preached Ps. ciii, 19. He then admitted 2 Students into full communion in the Chh viz. Sam^l Perkins and Junior Sophisters. Then D^r Wales & I descended from the Pulpit and he standing with his wife before the Congreg^a in the alley, I took the Tutor's Seat where was a Bowl of water, made a prayer there & baptized his Child, *John*, the Professor himself present^s & holding up his child for Baptism. Then we returned into the pulpit & I took the Desk & prayed after the Baptism. The Doctor

¹ Dr. Leverett Hubbard (Yale 1744), a brother of President Stiles's first wife.

then appointed the Psalm, after which he notified the sacram^t of the Lds supper the next Ldsdy and propounded Sir Crocker for admission into full communion next Sabbath if no objection. We admit sometimes on one weeks, sometimes on a fourt'nights propounding. We have had a happy day!

September

1. Heb. Recit^a. Digesting & arranging the Quæstiones Magistrales for 21 Candidate Masters.

2. Finished with the first division of the hebrew Class. Exceed^s cold for the season. Th. 46. Wind N.

The difference between M^r Sam^l Adams and Gov. Hancock is incurable. M^r Adams exerts his utmost influence to bring M^r Bowdoin into the Governors Chair in Massach., and even is become an advocate for the restoration of M^r Temple soninlaw to M^r Bowdoin. Both M^r Adams & M^r Bowdoin pledge themselves to the public for the Whiggism of Temple. But I myself in 1779 pickt up so much Tory seed which M^r Temple then sowed or dropt here when he then passed thro' N Haven, that I doubt him not to have been a political hypocrite, an active ministerial Tool, employed to personate the Whig that he might get appointed ambassador, & so practicable by the british Ministry at a final settlement.

REV. ABEL STILES'S CHARACTER.

“WOODSTOCK Aug 9, 1783.

“Departed this on the 25th (July) after a long & lingering sickness, in the 75th year of his age, and 46th of his Min^r The Rev. Abel Stiles senior Pastor of the Chh of X in North Woodstock. In him uncommon strength of genius & superior capacity were refined & brightened by a learned education. By application his *Classic* knowledge became extensive, his acquirem^{ts} in *nat. & mor. philosophy* considerable, in *divinity* eminent. Diligent & critical in his researches into the holy scriptures he was thereby furnished for doctrine for reproof for correction for instruction in righteousness, & singularly for prayer, in which he became wiser than all his Teachers. As a preacher his descriptions were clear, his admonitions weighty, his exhortations solemn; and both his prayers & discourses strikingly to unexpected & incidental occasions. He proved himself the scribe well instructed unto the kingdom—apt to teach—instructive in conversation—the sincere steady friend, parent & husband:—and altho' *hasty in his natural temper*, yet sensible of this constitutional defect, and frequently reflect^s on himself with penitence and prayer, shew^s the tender compassionate benevolent, good man. Unhappy for his pple & acquaintance, *his soul for many years* before its departure, waded in *clouds & temptations*, thro' *bodily indisposition*, in which time he generously relinquished his maintenance from his pple, yet we trust it now shines in association with

the sp^{ts} of just men made perfect, as the brightness of the firmam^t, and will shine as the stars forever & ever. Hav^s buried the most of his family young, he left a sorrowful widow and only one daughter & granddaughter to mourn his departure. May divine consol^s be granted them; may the mantle of the deceased prophet rest upon the surviving pastor, that in his ministrations the bereaved flock may yet rejoyce & find everlast^s gain."

Ext. N Lond. Gazette Aug 22, 1783.

I do not know who drew this account, but perhaps it was the Rev^d David Ripley of Pomfret.

3. Finished with the Freshmen in Hebrew, who have gone thro' three Psalms.

4. The Masters Questions printed. This day we held a public examination of the young Senior Class, in Latin, Greek, English Grammar, Geography, Logic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Philosophy & Astronomy. They approved themselves well. The other performances were

A Latin Oration by Lord AM.

a Dialogue by Isaacs, Leavenworth & Holmes P M.

an Eng. Orat. by Munson

I received a Letter from my son Ezra at Westminster in Vermont, by Wells a senior soph. dismissed from Dartm^o College, & asking to be received here as a Candidate for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

5. Examin^s Junior Class. Exercises as yesterday.

6. D^o Soph. Class. D^o Finished Examinations. I admitted Samuel Welles from Dartm^o College, being first examined, into the Class of Candidates for Commencement.

7. Ldsdy. Attended at the Chapel all day the Professor preached A M. Zech. ix, 12, admitted Sir Crocker into full Communion—administered the Sacrament, thirty two of us present at communion, inclusive of a Sister occasionally present from a distat Chh., a delightful Season. P M. Luke xii, 48, he addressed the Candidates who sat in the Gallery. In the Eveng. I preached a Lecture to the Negroes.

8. Admitted ten Freshmen. The Committe of the fellows met. M^r Livingston ¹ here from the manor. He was educated at Peter Hall in Cambridge. Dr. Law Master about 1760.

9. Admitted 41 Freshmen more this day. The corpor^a assembled, all but M^r Johnson. Voted to confer the Degree of Doctor

¹ Robert Livingston, Jr., son of Robert, the 3d Lord of the Manor.

in Div⁷ upon the Rev^d Tim^o Jones of Morristown in New Jersey, & the Rev. Smith Professor of Div⁷ in Nassau Hall. Illumin^a of College, the Chapel & my house.

10. The Exercises of the public Commenc^t of Yale College

After an Anthem & Prayer by the Presid^t
 A Latin Salutatory Oration by Sir Storrs
 Distribution of the printed Theses
 Forensic Disput^a on the Lib^r of the press—
 Messieurs Daggett, Goodrich, & White.
 Syllogistic Disput^a prepared on 3 Questions
 In Fluiditate nullus est corpusculorum contactus. D^a Gould Resp.
 Tentatio non minuit Crimen. D^a Fuller Resp.
 Unicum Universitatis rerum tantum est possibile. D^a Morse Respn.

For want of time the second only was disputed, & this by only two Opponents Mess^{rs} Johnson & Kingsb⁷.

An Eng. Oration on Peace by Sir Lyman.
 A Dialogue on Urbanity of Manners by Sir Holmes, Penfield, Smith.
 An Eng. Orat. on Mutability of Taste in Dress—Sir Austin.

P. M. MASTERS EXERCISES.

Academic procession of all College returned to brick Meet^h.
 Anthem & Eng. Orat: on the rational man of Pleasure, by M^r Tutor Chester
 Distrib. of Quæst. Magistrales
 A Dialogue on Universal Amnesty, Mess. Bostwick & Griswold
 Syllogistic Dispute omitted.

Then the Presid^t made a præsent^a of the Candidates for their respective Degrees to the Senatus academicus, & conferred A. B. on

	Samuel Austin	4 D	Rob. Charles Johnson	1 G. Fr
4 D	John Brainerd	abs	Eben. Kingsbury	1 G
	Dan ^l Brown	abs nihil	Elijah Leonard	4 D
3 D	Matthew Cole		Seth Lewis	1 G. Fr
3 D	Abishai Colton		Lynde Lord	8 D
1 G	Thaddeus Cook		Joseph Lyman	1 G
1 G	David Daggett		Josiah Masters	1 G
1 G	Jn ^o Fellows		Jon ^a Merrick	1 G
	And ^m Fowler		Jedidiah Morse	4 D
1 G	Jon ^a Fuller		Amos Pearce	1 G
4 ½ D	Hez. Gilbert		Sam ^l Penfield	1 G
	Sam ^l Goodrich, gratis		Theodore Pitkin	1 G
1 G	Orchard Gould		Edward Selden	3 D 1 Cr.
4 D ¼	Uriel Gridley		John Smith	4 D & ¼
	Isaac Griggs	4 C	Issac Stiles	gratis
	Abiel Holmes	1 G	Rd. Salter Storrs	1 G Fr
	Sam. Russel Joslin	1 G	Jn ^o Warner	2 C

Stephen Weed	gratis	Payson Williston	1 G
Samuel Welles	4 D. Dart.		
Charles White	1 G	40 all alumni	
Stephen W ^{ms}	gratis		

The Degree of Master of Arts on

2G4/-	{	Isaac Knight	1767	Thomas Lord	4 D
		Amasa Learned	1772	Jon ^s Ogden Mosely	1 G
	1 G	Matthew Scribner	1775	Æneas Munson	
	4 D	Benj ^s Bell	1779.	Sam ^l Nott	1 G
	1 G	John Barnet		Tim ^s Phelps	1 G
	1 G	Sam ^l Bostwick		Erastus Pixley	abs. 1 G
	1 G	Stephen Chester,		Jn ^o Robinson	1 G Fr.
		Tho ^s Chester	gratis	Sam ^l Russel	
	1 G	Daniel Cooke		Lemuel Tyler	4 D
	4 D	Worthington Ely		W ^m Joseph Whit ^s	
	1 G	Matthew Griswold		Joshua Williams	4 D
	1 G	Roger Griswold		W ^m Augustus W ^{ms}	1 G
		Jn ^o Lay	4 D	W ^m Woodbridge	1 G
		Oliver Lewis	1 G clipt		

27 all alumni of this Coll.

Jacob Wood A. M. of Dartm^o Coll was admitted to an ad eundem in this.

After the degrees in the liberal Arts those in the highest branches of Literature succeeded. The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred solenni more academico upon the Rev^d *Samuel Stanhope Smith*, A.M. *Professor of Divin^s and Mor. Phil. or Metaphysics & Ethics* in the Coll. of New Jersey, he being present. Then the Presid^t announced that the same Doctorate in Div^s was also conferred upon the Rev. *Tim^s Jones* of Morristown in N Jersey who was absent. Finally the Deg. of Doctor in Laws was conferred *honoris gratia* upon the illustrious Count *Dal Verme* of Milan, an Italian Nobleman on his Travels through the United States, who did us the honor of his presence: as did the honorable M. *Joseph de Letombe* Consul general of France for the four N Engld States, who having received the jural Honors in Paris, was admitted to an ad eundem Doctorate in Laws in this University.

72 Degrees in all.

11. Signing Diplomas & transacting business with the Corporation who besides my Salary, which this year amounted to £280 voted me £82 for extra Expenses in the Presidency. Mess. Tutors Goodrich & Chester signified their purpose to resign the Tutorship at the end of the vacancy. Admitted more Freshmen. Concio ad Clerum Mr. Nathan W^{ms}.

12. The Corporation elected Mess^{rs} Baldwin, Channing and Perkins Tutors in the University, as there shd be an occasion. Corporation broke up & returned.

13. The Rev^d Mr. Fobes of Raynham visited me.

14. I preached all day for Mr. Williston at West Haven.

15. Returned & gave Letters testimonial & recommendatory to M^r Ab^m Baldwin journey^s to the southward, Maryld Virg. & Carolina. I dismissed Ambrose Hull for Cambridge College. I admitted two Freshmen David Williston & Liberty Kimberly both of W. Haven. We have now 64 in the new freshman Class.

16. Rode with Professor Smith, who was born in Pensylv^a Apr. 1751 & so is æt. 33, educated at Nassau where he graduated 1769. Count Dal Verme was born at Milan, he told me he was æt. 24. Young !¹

19. The day before Commenc^t the Rev. James Pierponts Portrait on Canvass dated 1711 æt. 51, was deposited in the College Library, for the present. And this day the late Professor Strong deposited his Picture there also for the present. Undetermined as to both whether they are to continue there. Doubtful whether the gentleman who had M^r Pierpoint in possession was true owner : but the several branches of the fam^y of Pierpoint have expressed to me their wish that it might be lodged there. We have now Portraits in oyl colors in the Lib^y K. George I, Gov. Saltonstall, Rev. Jn^o Davenport^t first Minr. of New Haven, Rev^d M^r Pierpont one of the Founders of this College, Rev. Prof. Strong, Rabbi Karigal : ² besides Mezzotints of Gov. Yale & Bp Berkley.

20. N.E. storm.

21. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached at Rev^d Mr. Edw^{as}, Jno. iii, 19. P.M. I attended Mr. Whitt^y^s Meet^s & heard the Rev^d Mr. Fobes of Raynham, Luke xv.

22. Preparing for Journey.

¹ Among loose College memoranda is the following entry by the President under this date :

I counted Broken Glass in College—chiefly broken by Town fellows night before Commenc^t.

18	sq ^{ts} on E. side of College
26	D ^o W. side
11	W. end Chapel
5	N. side
5	S. side
9	E. End & Steeple

74 squares.

It should be added that an illumination of the buildings was allowed on the night mentioned.

² The three first are still in possession of the University ; a copy of the Pierpont portrait and another portrait of Professor Strong were given after this date.

23. Writ^s Lett. recommend^s my Son to &c. in Virginia &c.
24. Set out on a Journey for Rh. Isld.¹ Ferry 9^d. Lodged at Branford.
25. Saybrook ferry 9^d. Lodged at Mr. Johnsons in Lyme.
26. Oats & ferry 8^d. N. L. d^o 8^d and 7^d, lodged Stonnington 6/.
27. Rain.
28. Ldsdy. At Stonnington Point A M I attended meeting in a Schoolhouse, where I heard M^r Brown a Baptist Elder preach from Rev. a Lamb as it had been slain.
He administered the Lds supper to a Bapt. Chh. of phps 20 or 25 Communicants very solemnly. First Deacon Niles observed they had invited Elder Brown—they approved his administering. Then one B^r & phps 5 or 6 sisters rose & testified that tho' not present at yesterday preparat^y Chh meet^s yet they adhered to their profession & were in full Charity with all present. Then Elder Brown adm^d the Ordin^a much in the presb. manner. P.M. I preached.
This day I find my son Isaac sailed for N York in order to go to Maryld or Virginia.²
29. Lodged at Mr. Marchants.
30. Arrived at Newport.

October.

1. Rain.
2. Lodged at Cap^t Churchs.
3. Visited Mr. Hopkins, &c.
4. Exam^d & admitted Christ^o Ellery jun^r æt. 15 Freshman.
5. Ldsdy I preached at my Meet^sh A.M. Luke xi, 13. P.M. 2 Cor. v, 14, 15. Present about 230.
6. Visiting.
7. Visited and rode to Bristol 3/4. Barbers 2/ for 3 times.
9. Visiting my Trunk & Pictures at Newp^t.
10. Preached an Even^s Sacr^t Lect. to my Chh. at Sister Chanings.
11. Baptized Jacob Son of Sam^l Young & Esther his Wife.
12. Ldsdy. I preached at my Chh A.M. Rev. v, 9, admitted Sally Church a Communicant, & admind. Lds Supper to my Chh perhps 35 Communicants present. P.M. Philip. II, 15.

¹ A few memoranda from the separate "Itinerary" are inserted.

² He had just graduated from Yale, and proposed to find employment as a private tutor at the South, and ultimately to study law and settle there.

In the Massachusetts Register or Almanak for 1784, is a List of the Chhs & Congregations of the several religious Denomin^s in Massachusetts which I have Counted as follow.

	Ministers	Vacancies	Min E	Vac.	Min B
Suffolk C ^o	39	6	3	2	6
Essex	46	7	2	1	1
Middlesex	36			1	2
Hampshire	40	16			7
Plymouth	25	3		1	3
Barnst ^a	14	1			1
Dukes C ^o & Nant.	4	2			1
Bristol	8	5			17 of w ^o 7 in Rehob ^o
York	15				3
Worcester	37	13			3
Cumberld	11			1	
Lincol	3	24			
Berkshire	13	13	1	1	7
	291	115	6 +	8	51 in 74 Congreg ^s
	115		14		
	406 Congreg ^s				
	14 Episc ^o				
	74 Bapt.				
(Error)	604 Societies				
	8 Quakers				
Total	612 religious Societies in Massach. A D 1784.				

A RETURN of the Number of *Inhabitants* in the State of *Connecticut*, February 1, 1782 ; and also of the Indians and Negroes.

Counties	Towns	Males above 50	Males above 16 and under 50	Males under 16	Females	TOTAL of WHITES	Indians and Negroes
Hartford	21	2914	10,815	13,112	28,806	55,647	1320
New-Haven	9	1450	4776	5940	12,926	25,112	885
New-London	8	1685	5884	7528	16,034	30,831	1920
Fairfield	10	1607	5755	7259	15,101	29,722	1134
Windham	12	1648	5361	6739	14,410	28,158	485
Litchfield	19	1525	6797	8347	16,458	33,127	529
TOTAL	79	10,829	39,088	48,925	103,735	202,597	6273

14. Set out for home. Lodged at M^r Marchants.

18. Arrived at New Haven, where the Assembly are sitting ; found my son Ezra sick.

Rev^d D^r Wales has had a sore fit of sickness; but by Gd Bless^s is recovering.

19. Ldsdy. I waited upon his Excell^y Gov. Trumbull¹ to M^r Edwards Meet^s A M and P M to M^r Mathers.

20. Signed a Petition to the Assembly for incorporat^s New Haven as a City.

21. Vacation ended. I set up orders at College perhaps 30 Scholars present. M^r Goodrich resigned the Tutorship as had M^r Chester before. I sent Letters to Mess^{rs} Baldwin & Chan^s Tutors elect. Admitted Azel Backus Freshman.

22. Began Recitations. Seniors began Locke V. 1. Examin^d & admitted Ely & Bliss Freshmen.

23. I appointed Boge Butlers Waiter. I examined M^r Simeon Baldwin for the Tutorship:² and at prayers this Eveng. I introduced him into the Tutorship administer^s the Oath of fidelity to him: & assigned him for the present the Freshman Class, M^r Meigs the Soph. & M^r Good. the Jun.

24. About 80 Scholars present: W^m S. Judd admitted the 78th Freshman. M^r Good. finished hear^s a Class and now leaves College—M^r Tutor Russel come. I appointed syllogistic Disput^a only once a month & forensic Disput^a weekly. Officers of instruction.

President	Senior Class.
Professor Wales	
M ^r Tutor Meigs	Juniors.
M ^r Tutor Russel	Sophimores.
M ^r Tutor Baldwin	} Freshmen.
[Nov. 4. M ^r Tutor Channing]	

25. Ives readmitted on Examin^a.

26. Ldsdy. I preached all day in the Coll. Chapel.

27. Idea innata non datur. Holt Resp. I rec^d a Letter from Mr. Channing accept^s the Tutorship.

28. Whether are there any innate Ideas? Seniors. Admitted into the Soph. Class Nath^l Terrey fr. Dart. Coll. and re-established Henshaw. We have 265 Undergraduates Sen. 50, Jun. 74, Soph.

¹ The Governor lodged at Dr. Stiles's house.

² The examination of Tutors was in pursuance of the vote of the College Trustees in October, 1722 (just after Rector Cutler's becoming an Episcopalian), requiring that all further rectors and tutors should "give satisfaction to the Trustees of the soundness of their faith in opposition to Arminian and prelati- cal corruptions," etc.

63, Fr. 78. Commons set up. 38 in Commons. I appointed Badger, Ely, Hitchcock Waiters.¹

November

7. Jn^o Whiting Esq. of Scotl^d visited me.

9. Ldsdy. Confined at home by illness. Read^s Justin Martyr in Trypho, Cave's Hist. Lit. Ecc. Writers of the primitive Chh., Whittelsey's Sermon on fut. Misery, & Dr. Wigglesworth's Sermon on the same subject. The Professor still unable to preach. Mr. Tutor Channing preached in Chapel A.M. and the Rev^d Mr. Parsons of Amherst P.M.

11. Whether the Planets are inhabited? Sen'rs.

Set out this Aft. with my Wife for Wethersfd where I left her 13th at M^{rs} Porter who set three bones in her ankle. I returned to College 14th. A great snow storm on 12th. Sybbil came here 12th Inst. with her child.

16. Ldsdy. Tho' ill, I attended at Chapel A.M. the Professor being confined at home: Mr. Whittelsey preached on Jn^o xvi, 4, Fulfilm^t of X^{is} own predictions an evidence of his divine mission. Mr. Channing preached for him. P.M. Mr. Edw^{ds} preached in Chapel. I was confined at home. . .

17. Whether the Immortality of the Soul can be demonstrated by the Light of Nature? Seniors. There are now present 233 Undergraduates, out of 270, the fullest College we ever had.

The Army disbanded by Congress about 20th Oct. except 3 years men. In consequence, Gen. Washington issued on 2^d Nov. his Farewell Benediction to the Army.

18. Whether Deception be lawful? Seniors. This day my Trunk of MSS. & Family Pictures arrived here from Rhode Island.

20. I being unwell had no Lecture.

21. Examining the Act or Charter proposed for the City of New Haven.

22. This day set for Evacuation of New York.

23. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel, where the Rev^d M^r Woodbridge of Amity preached all day from Rev. iii, 2. D^r Wales came to public Worship for the first time since his Sickness, and returned public Thanks to God.

¹ At this point two leaves of the Diary have been cut out.

We know from other sources that on Nov. 4 Mr. Henry Channing was introduced into the Tutorship.

24. Whether any Idea be common to two senses? Seniors.
The Definitive Treaty is arrived at N York.

25. Whether a public be preferable to a private Education?
Seniors. New York Evacuated.

27. Gave my Lecture on Ecc. History. This Eveng. my Son Isaac returned to New Haven from Maryland & Virginia having been absent a little above two Months, and driven off at Sea after leaving the Chesepeak. He was several days on allowance, & got into Newport hav^s frozen both his Feet, after a very dangerous voyage. May his eminent Preserv^a & Deliv. make a lasting impression upon his Mind. Deo O. M. Grates.

29. I gave my public Exposition on the Savoy Confession of Faith, as I always do at Eveng. Prayers every Saturday Evening.¹

Just after I was got into bed, we felt the Shock of an Earthquake; the violent shaking & Concussion might continue 20 seconds, but

¹ Under this date an entry in a separate volume of Dr. Stiles's College Memoranda, gives a view of the studies then prescribed, as follows:—

COURSE OF ACADEMIC RECITATIONS

SENIOR CLASS

Syllogistic Disput^a first Monday in M^o
Forensic all other Mondays & every Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Locke—began Oct.
Saturday, Vincent.

JUN. CLASS

Disput^a the same as Sen^a
Morning—Saturday, Vincent.
XI—Math. & Trig. to Dec. 6, began Martins Phil. Gram. Dec. 6 circa
V began Martins Phil. after March Qu. Day. May 29 begun 2^d Vol.
Thursday P.M. Ecc. Lect. & Speak^s in Chapel.
Saturday XI. Vincent

SOPH.

Three Recit^a per day except Thursday & Saturday.
Morning Recit^a—Lowth's Eng. Gr. Guthrie's Geogr^a in Winter
XI o'clock—Gr. Test & Speak^s & Compos.
V o'clock—Horace & D^o & D^o
Saturday P.M. Speak^s pub. in Chapel.
" XI^a Vincent

FRESHM.

Morning Virgil
XI Gr. Test. } & Speaking
V Tully }

the tremulous Undulations and wavey motion of the bed perhaps a minute or more. By my Clock corrected by the follow^s noon, the Shock was at X^b 45'. Snow on the Ground 3 Inc. Therm^o 27—light breeze NW, or more nearly calm.

30. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel with Professor Wales, and heard Rev^d Enoch Huntington of Middletown preach all day. A.M. Mat. xvi, 26, 27. P.M. James i, 23, 24. Ezra absent at North Haven. Read^s Dr. Priestly's Corruptions &c.

December

1. Dictamina Conscientiæ semper sunt obtemperanda. Dering Respondens. The Committee of the Corporation met here. [Fireworks & Celebration of the Peace by G. Wash. in City of N. York.]

2. Omne quod evenit est optimum. Marsh Resp.

4. No Lecture. I spent this Eveng. with M^r Gay a son of M^r Gay the Poet¹ & friend of M^r Pope. He has travelled in the East Indies, been at Canton in China, at Siam, Bengal, all around the Coromandel & Malabar Coast. Travelled by Land with Ld Clives Lady from Callicutti on the Ganges across to Surat, & so round thro' Guzerat, crossing the River Indus, & thro' Persia over the Euphrates to the head of the Mediterranean sea—to Constantinople by Water—thence by Land thro' &c to Belgrade upon the Danube, thro' Germ^y France &c to Engld. The Population greater across fr. Bengal to the Indus than from thence to the Euphrates & the Mediterranean—about equal to that thro' France & along the Danube. A Widow voluntarily burnt on the funeral pile while he was in Bombay. The Bramins told him she was burnt without pain, as before the fire was set, she drank off a Liquid in a phial, which rendered her insensible. M^r Gay supposes it an opiate. They keep living Snakes or serpents in the Pagodas.

5. New York was evacuated 25th ult. by the Kings or British Troops—and Gen. Washington with the undisbanded part of the American Army, and Gov^r Clinton, entered the City in Triumph. This finishes the Scene of War. Deo O. M. Grates.

Reading the Societys³ Abstract of last Feby. The Bp of Chesters Sermon is entirely on the African Slave Trade, & propos^s to turn their attention to the conversion of the negroes in the West

¹ Gay the poet died unmarried in 1732. This visitor was either a natural son or a fraud.

³ The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.



Indies. The constant annual Import^a of Negroes into America & the W. Indies, is supposed to have been of late years about 60,000. Is it possible to think of this without horror! The slave Trade first began about 1503. The English took it up about 1556. The abbe Raynal states the Total Importation from Africa at *Nine Millions of Slaves*.

6. At XI^h Recit^a I explained Vincents Catechism to the Senior Class—& at Eveng. Prayers I expounded the Savoy Confession of Faith, as is my constant usage in the Chapel on Saturday Evenings.

7, Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Chapel & made the two prayers, and Professor Wales preached Luke xii, 1. This the first time since his Sickness. The Lds Supper not administered in Chapel, though it was in the Chhs in Town. P.M. M^r Edwds preached in Chapel—and I preached for him 1 Pet. i, 12, and propounded Tim^o Jones Esq. for full Communion. Read^s D^r Priestlys Corruptions—the Doctrine of Atonement, he calls a Corruption. Unhappy Divine!

8. Whether the Change of the Sabb. from the last to the first day of the Week, be Jure divino? Sen^{ra}.

9. Pleasant, fair, Therm^o 59. . .

Whether the Witch of Endor really raised Samuel? Seniors. No. Yesterday Ezra & his Wife set out for Groton, leav^s Betsy with us.

10. Brunson a Jun. Soph. dismissed from college his Father request^s it as being unable to support him here.

This day I am 56 years old . . .

11. Public Thanksgiving through the United States. At Chapel the Professor made the first prayer, and I preached 1½ hour on Ps. cxvi, 17-20. No contribution. I rec^d a Letter from D^r Price of London dated Sept. 29th ult. acknowled^s the Receipt of the Diploma I sent him creat^s him a Doctor of Laws.

12. Col^o Hull¹ visited me. He went into N. York with G. Wash. and about six or seven hundred American Troops. Gen. Wash. last Thursday took an affectionate Farewell of the Officers & Army, gave up his Commd as Generalissimo thro' the War, and with his Suit salut^s the Line drawn up down to the ferry, he embarkt at N York—No huzzas—Silence! military Grief! at parting with the General.

13. Rode to West Haven.

¹ William Hull (Yale 1772), General Hull of the War of 1812.

14. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven, M^r Williston preach^d in Chapel. I read Dr. Bellamys Vol. on the Glory of the Gospel; & also examined Dr. Raynolds Prælectiones upon the Apocrypha 1585. I think Dr. Bell^y is but a temporary Divine. At W. H. I baptized Jn^o son of Kimberly & Wife.

15. Whether Congress ought to have more Power & Authority? Sen^{rs}.

16. Whether Lazarus after his Resurrection had a right to his former Estate? Sen.

17. Quarter day. For the first time I admitted a Flute in Chapel with the vocal Music. The Exercises thus—performed by the Senior Class.

Music—Psalm Tune Stratford. Lat. Orat. by Prentice. 5'
Music. Poem by Col. Humphry—Tune, Washington. Dialogue by Cone, Fowler, Hinman, Roe, 33'.

Eng. Orat. by Basset. 9'

Music—Poem by Marsh a Sen. Soph. set to music by a Sen^r.

Begin. III^h 15 PM. End IV^h 31.

18. No Lecture to day. Storm at night. Snow.

19. Last night the Rev. M^r Edwards of this Town was married to Miss Sabin of this Town.

21. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. The Professor preached all day, I making the first Prayer in the forenoon. A.M. Luke xii, 1. P.M. Mat. v, 6, two excellent Sermons, the one on Hypocrisy, the other on spiritual Hungering after moral Good the divine Righteousness. I read the CXIX Psalm in Hebrew with attention, converting it into a prayer for myself. I also read in Twisse de Scientia media, & in Justin Martyr. I preached an Even^s Lect. to the Negroes 1 Pet. i, 17.

22. Whether the present passion for College Educ^a is for the advantage of this State? Sen. I examined Miss Lucinda Foot æt. 12, Daugh. of the Rev^d M^r Foot of Cheshire. She has learned the 4 Orat. ag^t Cataline, the four first Books of the Æneid, & S^t Jn^os Gospel in Greek. I exam'd her not only where she had learned but indifferently elsewhere in Virgil, Tully, & the Greek Testament, & found her well fitted to be admitted into the Freshman Class. She was born May 19, 1772.¹ I gave her the follow^e Certificate or Diploma on Parchment.

¹ She married Thomas T. Cornwall, M.D., of Middletown, Conn., in 1790, and died in 1834.

(L. S.) PRÆSES COLLEGIJ YALENSIS, OMNIBUS S. P. D.

Vobis notum sit quod Dominam

Lucindam Foot Ætat 12. Examine probavi, eamque in Linguis edoctis, Latinâ et Græcâ, laudabilem progressum fecisse; eò ut familiariter et reddidisse & tractâsse reperivi, tum verba tum Sententias, alibi in Æneide Virgillii, in selectis Ciceronis Orationibus, et in Græco Testamento. Testorque omninò illam, nisi Sexûs ratione, idoneam ut in Classem Recentium in Universitate Yalensi Alumna admitteretur. Datum è Bibliotheca Collegij Yalensis, 22 die Decembris, Anno Salutis MDCCLXXXIII.

EZRA STILES, Præses.

23. Whether the Will has a selfdeterm^d Power? Sen^r. This Aft. set out on a Journey to Weathersfield to bring home my wife: and returned 29th Inst. Detained by Storm at Wethrsfld.

28. Ldsdy at Meriden. A.M. Mr. Hubbard preached & P.M. I preached.

29. Returned to College with my Wife, she hav^d been six W. & 1 D. at Mrs. Porters for Cure of her Lameness.

31. This day ends the year. This year I have preached as much as 29 or 30 Sabbaths.

The Rev^d Samuel Cooper D. D. of Boston, died Dec. 29, 1783, æt. 59, Min. 37 or 38. He was of Eminence in the polite & Literary World. He was born in Boston March 28, 1725 the second son of the Rev^d W^ms Cooper. Educated & graduated at Harvard Coll. 1743. His Father died Dec. 13, 1743. He was ordained May 25, 1746 Collegue with D^r Coleman Pastor of the Chh in Brattle street, Boston. In 1767 elected into the Corpor^a of Harv. College. And 1768 or 1769 rec^d a Dectorate in Div^y from the Univ^y of Edinburg.

1784

January

1. New years day. Snow Storm. I attended the sacramental Lecture at M^r Mathers Meet^d and heard him preach an excellent New Years sermon. Yesterday & to-day I have been examining the College Papers in the Chest of Archives brought home lately from Northford, where it has been lodged with part of the Library dur^d the War. All my seven Children dined with me this day & one grand Child.

2. Attended College duties & a hebrew Class.

4. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. the Professor preached 1 Pet. iv, 2, 3, and administered the Sacr^t of the Lds

Supper, 25 Communicants & inclusive of the Professor & myself & our Wives, 29 members present. P.M. Luke xvi, 19-26. Read^s Flemings Christology . . I preached an Even^s Lect. to the Negroes Rev. vii, 9, 10.

5. Duratio foret æterna. Denison Resp. . . .

6. Supplicia Gehennæ forent perpetua. Resp. Huntington of the 2d Division of the Senior Class.

7. Gen. Assembly convening here.

8. M^r Fitch returned from London. He brot me a Letter from D^r Price & a present from M^{rs} Grant of London. I gave a philosophic Lecture on 1. The Thermometer & the present Cold being 1½ below 0. 2. On the Balloons filled with fixt air. 3. On the new or Herschel planet.

9. Gov. Trumbull arrived.

10. Finished the Exposition of the Confession of Faith in Chapel a fourth Time since my Presidency.

11. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M & P.M, Mat. v, 44.

12. Abraham born to Newport & Violet. The Seniors finished Locke vol. first.

Undergrad. present Sen^r 40, Jun. 57, Soph. 44, Fr. 53. Tot. 194. Made appointm^{ts} of Jun. Class for March Qu.

Ives Lat Orat	Field	} Dial.
Meigs Eng. Or.	M ^c Clellan	
	Miller	
	W ^{ms} 2	

13. Vacation. Dismissed College for 3 Weeks.

15. My Son Ezra went away. [N. B. The last time I saw him. He died in N^o Car^o Aug^t 22, 1784.]

17. Very cold Season. Therm^o 2 below 0 at Sunrise.

18. Ldsdy. I accompanied Gov. Trumbull to M^r Whitt^{rs} Meet^s A M. he preached Rom. iii, 20. P.M. at Mr. Edwds Meet^s, where Mr. Trumbull preached on *Love*, Col. iii, 14.¹

19. Rainy Stormy Day, N. E. Therm. 40.

20. Finished reading the 8 Books of *Ptolemy's Geography*, published by Mercator.

¹ Governor Trumbull was boarding at President Stiles's house during the session of the Assembly. The preacher of the same name was the Rev. Benjamin Trumbull (Yale 1759), of North Haven, whose father was a first cousin of the Governor.

This Even^s at VI $\frac{3}{4}$ I saw a Comet.

. This Aft. the Act or Charter for incorporat^s the compact part of N Haven into a City passed the lower house of assembly.

21. At VI^h P M. the Comet visible & found to be between the Tail of the Whale & the Edge of the stream of Aquarius and in Lat. 17 S° in \times 16° 45'.

This Afternoon the Bill or Charter of the City of New Haven passed the Gov. & Council, & compleats the Incorporation of the Mayor, 4 Aldermen, & 20 Common Council. The first Election to be 10 Febry. next. The Mayor to hold his Office during Life or the Pleasure of the Assembly of the State; the Aldermen & Council annually elective. The Limits of the City are nearly the Territory between the East & West Rivers south of a Line by the South End of the two Mountains and the mouth of the Harbour.

22. Cloudy Even^s., Comet invisible.

23. Rain & stormy all day. Memorials & Bills at the Assembly for erecting Hartford, N London, Norwich and Middletown into Cities: passed in the upper house this aft.

24. Writing letters to London. Cloudy Eveng.

25. Ldsdy. A.M. I tarried at home being unwell. Attended with the Governor P M. at M^r Mathers. D^r Wales preached Acts i.—Clear Evening. Comet not much removed.

26. Violent snow storm all day.

28. Gov. Trumbull tells me that his Son Col. Jonathan Trumbull was Secretary to Gen. Washington about four years till Aug^t last, when he left him. He said the Generals Writings had filled up already Thirty two folio Volumes this War.

31. "By a late Calcul^s made by a Gent. perfectly qualified for the Undertak^s Cap^t G. S. it appears there are no fewer than 1247 regular Lodges belonging to the Fraternity of free Masons in Europe; 187 D^o in America; 76 ditto in Asia, and 13 in Africa. These make 1523 Lodges now existing in the World. On estimat^s the above Lodges one with another at 30 members each, the produce will make 45,690 Brethren professing the masonic Art." Ext. from London News of 20th Oct. 1783. Masonry had so declined as that I think there were but four Lodges in the world about 1715 or the begin^s of Geo. I. Reign; when upon its being joynd by the great mechanic philosopher Desaguliers, & getting some of the Scots into it, the fraternity hath spread & multiplied its Lodges. It is well suited to introduce that travell^s nation into all the World. It gives

them a respectable access everywhere. The Masonic Fraternity is now in their Hands; and so is the Royal Society in London—and so was Ireland & America once—and so is great Britain now. When they like the Jesuits begin to make this fraternity to loose its Generality and universal Benev^o in sinister national & illiberal Views, a storm may arise. But at present the fraternity will flourish.

February.

1. Ldsdy. I attended with the Gov. A M. at M^r Whittl^r Meeting he preached 1 Pet. i. We partook at the Sacr^t there. P.M at M^r Edwds' who preached on Luke i, Dayspring fr. on high.

2. This morn^g Gen. Sullivan from Annapolis for N Hamp. passed thro' T^o & brot a Letter to the Gov. from the Delegates dated 14 Jany. advis^g that on that day the Ratific^a of the definitive Treaty was voted in Congress 9 States present: and also voted the Recommend^a to the several Assemblies respect^g the Loyalists & confiscated Estates.

3. This day Ira Allen Esq of Vermont visited me; as also did M^r Ledyard,—M^r Ledyard was in the Voyage with Cap^t Cook to Kámchatka 1778. He tells me they went up thro' the narrow passage of 14 Leagues between Asia & America & round Westwd into 71st deg. of N^o Lat, & found Ice which was aground at 17 fathom water. He says it is frozen across over the streight from America to Asia; and will not believe there is a water Passage around the N^o of Europe. The Vacation ends this day; and I set up Orders at College this Even^g, 40 present.

4. Senior Class began Recit^a in 2^d Vol. of Locke. The Ship sailed from New Haven for Ireld, in which sailed M^r Townsd by whom I sent Letters for London. This Aft. the Charter or Act for incorporating the City of New London passed the Assembly. So there are now two Cities in this State. The Bills for erect^g Hartfd, Norwich, & Middlet^o into Cities referred to next Session in May.

5. Last Even^g we examined & admitted Joshua Hathaway æt. 22½ of Bennington into the Freshman Class. There were particular reasons. This day I declined a similar application for another. This Aft. I took the oath of the Freeman & became a Citizen of N. Haven as well as a Freeman of this State. Present 98 undergraduates.

Roll of the Citizens of New Haven Feb. 5, 1784. At their first Incorporation.

These certify that the following Persons are Quallified according to Law to be made Free of this Corporation viz.

Thomas Atwater	*Jeremiah M ^c Comber	*Elias Beers
Timothy Atwater	*David Mix	*Abel Burritt
Christopher Alling.	*Eneas Munson	*Daniel Bishop
Stephen Alling Jun ^r .	*Joseph Miles	Job Bishop
Jonah Atwater.	*William Miles	*Samuel Bishop
Elijah Austin.	*John Miles	David Beecher
*Archibald Austin	*John Miles 3 ^d	Abraham Bishop
Robert Brown.	*Moses Mansfield	*Hezekiah Beecher
*Samuel Barney	*William Mansfield	*Tylle Blakesly
Buckminster Britnal	Paul Noyes	*Timothy Clark
Stephen Bradley	David Osborn	*John Clarck
Isaac Bishop	Eben ^r Peck	*Amos Doolittle
*Thaddeus Beecher	*Henry Peck	*Pierpoint Edwards
Nath ^l Beecher	*John Peck	*Solomon Fenton
*Michael Baldwin	*Jacob Pinto	*Nathan Fenton
*Elizer Brown	*Jonas Prentice	*Ezra Ford
*Stephen Ball	*David Phips	*Nathaniel Fitch
*Moses Bates	John Robinson	*David Gilbert
*Hannover Barney	*James Price	*Caleb Gilbert
*Israel Bishop	John Scott	*Obadiah Hotchkiss
*Abel Bird	*Nath ^l Spencer	*William Helms
*Sylvanus Bishop	*Michael Todd	*Samuel Helms
Fracis Brown	*Daniel Tuttle	Eben ^r Huggins
*Charles Chauncy	*Hezekiah Tuttle	*Samuel Huggins
Nando Cambridge	Abner Tuttle	*Nathan Hubbard
*William Carter	*Samuel Thatcher	*Leverett Hubbard
*John Clause	*David Trobridge	Stephen Herrick
Samuel Dwight	*Joseph Trowbridge	*James Howell
*Hamlin Dwight	Ruthe ^d Trobridge	*Joseph Howell
*Jonathan Fitch	*Jeremiah Townsend Jun ^r	*Thomas Howell
*Robert Fairchild	*John Austin	Hayes
John Goodrich	Jonathan Austin	William Powell
Stephen Gorham	Stephen Austin	*Ebenezer Lines
*Miles Gorham	*Joel Atwater	*John Mix
*Timothy Gorham	*Jeremiah Atwater Jun ^r	*Joseph Mix
*Jonah Hotchkiss	*Samuel Alling Jun ^r	*David Mulford
*James Hilhouse.	*Jeremiah Atwater	*Samuel Munson
*Stephen Hotchkiss.	*Abraham Bradley	*Israel Munson
Eliakem Hitchcock.	*James Bradley	Silas Merriman
*Jonathan Ingersol	*Hezekiah Beardsly	*Edward Meloy
*Peter Johnson	*Ebenezer Beardsley	*Barnabas Mulford
*William Lyon	*Nathan Beers	*Joel Northrop

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| *John C. Ogden | *John Pease | *Jonah Bradley |
| *Nathan Oaks | Joseph Hull | *Samuel Bird |
| *John Pierpoint | *Timothy Jones | *William Brangter |
| *Solomon Phips | Isaac Jones | *Samuel Chatterton |
| *Martin Parrot | *Nathaniel Jocelin | *Henry Dagget |
| *Moses Pardie | *Simeon Jocelin | *Jacob Dagget |
| *Daniel Punderson | *Nathaniel Kimberly | *Nathan Dummer |
| Hezekiah Parmile | *Daniel Lyman | *Doct' Ezra Stiles |
| *Roger Sherman | *John Lothrop | Chauncy Wittelsy |
| *Hezekiah Sabin | *Major Lines | *Bela Hubbard |
| *Hezekiah Sabin Jun' | *Isaac Doolittle | *Jonathan Edwards |
| *John Sherman Jun' | *Isaac Doolittle Jun' | Samuel Wales |
| *George Smith | Joseph Drake | *Allyn Mather |
| *Joseph Thompson | *Richard Eld | *Samuel Austin Jun' |
| *Isaac Thompson | *Elijah Forbes | *William Cook |
| *Caleb Trobridge | *Thomas Green | *Pember Jocelin |
| *John Trobridge | Leverett Hubbard Jun' | *James Denison |
| *Isaiah Hunniwell | *Stephen Hunniwell | *Phineas Andrus |
| Stephen Trobridge Jun' | *William M'Cracken | Elijah Bradley |
| *John Whiting | *Jared Mansfield | *Eneas Munson Jun' |
| John Wise | *Henry Mansfield | *Henry Dagget Jun' |
| *William Munson | *John Miles Jun' | *Eben Fitch |
| Stephen Munson | *Job Perit | *Joseph Brown |
| *Samuel Howel | William Punchard | *John Mix Jun' |
| *David Austin | *Thaddeus Perit | *Edmond French |
| David Austin Jun' | *Charles Prindle | Jerem ^b Osborn |
| *Samuel Austin | *Anthony Perit | *James Sherman |
| *Elias Stillwell | *Thomas Price | *Adonijah Sherman |
| *Stephen Dummer | *Elias Shipman | Daniel G. Phips |
| *Timothy Dwight | *Benjamin Sanford | *Noah Potter |
| *Bishop Dodd | *Newman Trowbridge | James Prescott |
| Benjamin English | Moses Wells | John Peck |
| *William Greenough | Ambrose Ward | *William Plymut |
| *James Gilbert | *Samuel Nesbitt | *Zacheriah Reed |
| *Joel Gilbert | John Scott | *John Storrer |
| Samuel Griswold | *John Townsend | *Edmund Smith |
| *Amos Gilbert | *Timothy Townsend | John P. Sloan |
| *Eli Hotchkiss | *Ebenezer Townsend | *Jacob Thompson |
| *Hezekiah Hotchkiss | Stephen Trobridge 3 ^d | Jared Thompson |
| *Levi Ives | Jeremiah Townsend | *Andrew Thompson |
| *Mark Leavenworth | *Abraham Thompson | Robert Townsend |
| *Joseph Munson | *Thomas Wooster | Stephen Trobridge |
| David Munson | *Richard Woodhull | *John R. Throop |
| *Samuel Mix | *Eli Leavenworth | *John Warner |
| William Noyes | Jesse Leavenworth | John White |
| *Joseph Peck | *Stephen Atwater | *Timothy White |
| Thomas Punderson | *Abraham Auger | William Punchard |
| *Samuel Punderson | *Hezekiah Auger | *Joseph Bradley |

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| *Abraham Bradley Jun ^r | *Russel Clarck | *Elizur Goodrich |
| *Benjamin Brown | *John Chaudler | *Matthew T. Russel |
| Tim ^r P. Bonticue | *Joseph Hu— | *Henry T. Channing |
| *Thomas Bills | *Kursted Mansfield | *Simeon Baldwin |
| *Isaac Beers Ald. | Richard Trutten | William Hotchkiss |
| *Josiah Burr | *Stephen Osborn | *Gabriel Hotchkiss |
| *Richard Cuttler | *Benjamin Smith | *Hezekiah Gorham |
| Ebenezer Chittendon | Jonathan Sabin | Samuel Nevens |
| *Thomas Davis | *Henry York | *Samuel Green |
| Zina Dennison | David Cook | Prentis Griffing |
| *Samuel Darling | *Benjamin Matthews | *Sylvanus Bishop |
| Joseph Smith | *Solomon Pinto | *Josiah Hawley |
| *Parsons Clarck | *Daniel Crocker | *Samuel Clarck |
| Eben Parmile | *John A Dibble | Thomas Burrill |
| *Jon ^h Mix | Samuel Bird Jun ^r | Thomas Willmot |
| *Lemuel Benham | Jeremiah Townsend 3 ^d | *William Sherman |
| *Christian Hanson | *Samuel Russel | *Asa Hotchkiss |
| *Jesse Upson | *John Barnet | *Joseph Gorham |
| *Samuel Willmot | *Jos. W. Whiting | *Aaron Eliot |
| William Ward | *Josiah Meigs | Tim Talmage |
| *Elihu Lyman | John Mix 3 ^d | *Levi Hubbard |
| Eldad Atwater | *Walter King | *Asa Austin |

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| Abraham Augur | } Select Men |
| James Rice | |
| Abel Burritt | |
| Joseph Bradley | |
| Michael Todd | |
| Jesse Ford | |
| Joseph Howell | |

Feb. 5, 1784.

Total 343 certified by the selectmen ; of w^o 55 of Coll. Educ^d
82 not sworn—& some abroad.

261 sworn

6. Passed the Bill for erecting the two Parishes of Bethany & Amity in the Township of N Haven into a T^o by the Name of Woodbridge. Snow 15 Inc. on Level.

8. Ldsdy. Attended with the Gov. at Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day.

9. Exceed^s cold, at X this Even^g two degrees below Cypher & at Midnight five degrees below 0. [My son Ezra's Daughter Harriot born this day at Groton near N. London.]

10. At Sunrise Therm^o Ten degrees below Cypher. The Total of Citizens certified by the selectmen 343 of which 261 sworn—rest absent &c. Extracted from the Roll of Citizens.

This day was held the first Meeting of the Citizens for the Elec-

tion of the first Mayor, Aldermen &c of this City. The Roll of qualified Citizens contains about 340. The Number of Men in the City I judge 600. Of the Citizens between 250 & 260 were present. But all did not vote. The senior Magistrate or Justice moderated. We assembled in the third Story in the Statehouse, the General Assembly being sitting. The Votes for Mayor

Hon. Roger Sherman Esq.	125.	Elected Mayor.
M ^r Thomas Howel	102	} 124
Tho ^s Darling Esq	22	
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So M^r Sherman was elected & proclaimed Mayor, the first time going round. Two of the 4 Aldermen were also chosen the first time. The Votes as follows

I	M ^r Howel	116		
	Sam ^l Bishop Esq	68	} 84	
	Scatter ^s Votes	16		
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		190		
II	M ^r Bishop	155		
	Scattering	67		
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II	David Austin Esq	89	100	Aeneas Munson Esq. 5
	Isaac Beers	48	59	Dan ^l Lyman Esq. 2
	Tim ^o Jones Esq	24	13	Deacon Ball 1
	M ^r Shipman	16	12	Jos. Howel 1
	Hen. Dagget Esq	21	15	Adonijah Sherman 1
	Jn ^o Whit ^s Esq	9	8	<hr/>
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			No Choice	
III	Ald. David Austin	105		Elected; 3 ^d time
	Isaac Beers	58		
	Scatter ^s	14		
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	Isaac Beers	177		
	Tim ^o Jones	81		
	M ^r Shipman	43	} 85	
	M ^r Dagget	21		
	Scatt ^s votes	11		
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		166		No Choice.
IV	Isaac Beers	96		Elected : 2 ^d time
	Scatt ^s Votes	48		
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		144		

11. The City Meeting for Election continued this day and 12th when we finished the Election & Qualification of the City officers.

20 Common Council Men

M ^r Joseph Bradley	Pierpont Edwards Esq
M ^r Joel Gilbert	M ^r Joseph Howell
M ^r Eben. Townsend	M ^r James Rice
Deacon Ab ^m Augur	M ^r Elias Shipman
M ^r Michael Todd	D ^r Eben. Beardsley
Cap ^t Abel Burrett	Col ^o Joseph Thompson
Tim ^o Jones Esq	Æneas Munson Esq.
Jn ^o Whit ^s Esq	M ^r Jeremiah Atwater
Henry Daggett Esq	Deacon Ball
James Hillhouse Esq	Jonathan Ingersoll Esq
2 Sheriffs	Treasurer
Cap ^t Stilwell	Col. Sabin
M ^r Parsons Clark	

All sworn Feb. 12th except the Mayor absent at Congress at Annapolis.

12. Exhibited my Lect. on Ecc. Hist^y.

The Assembly broke up yesterday, & the Governor left us to day, hav^e kept at my house five Weeks. The Assembly have finished the Revisal of the Laws of this State: and have granted a Premium for raising Silk.

This day the Election of City officers completed. M^r Sherman the Mayor-elect is absent at Congress. M^r Howel is the present Head of the City. We elected thirteen Common Council Men yesterday & 7 to day. There was great Struggle. About 100 Freemen Voters present. Some of the Votes thus, as a Specimen.

Burret	35	Edwds	60	Ball	49
J. Bradly	20	Lyman	18	Ingers.	35
Ch ^s Chauncy Esq	10	Scatt ^s	7	Scatt ^s	17
W ^m Munson	18		—		—
Rob. Brown	2		85		101
Isaac Doolittle	2	a good Whig			
Scatt ^s	3				
	<u>90</u>				

13. The City Politics are founded in an Endeavor silently to bring the Tories into an Equality & Supremacy among the Whigs. The Episcopalians are all Tories but two, & all qualified on this Occasion, tho' dispis^e Congress gov^t before—they may perhaps be

40 Voters. There may be 20 or 30 of M' Whitt's Meet^s added to these. Perhaps one Third of the Citizens may be hearty Tories, one third Whigs, one third Indifferent. Mixing all up together. the Election has come out, Mayor & two Aldermen, Whigs; 2 Ald. Tories.¹ Of the Common Council 5 Whigs, 5 Flexibles but in heart Whigs, 8 Tories. The 2 Sheriffs & Treas' Whigs—the 1st Sheriff firm, other flexible. Comet visible this Eveng.—but obscurely tho' bright starlight.

14. Excessive cold. Therm° yesterday & this morning at seven degrees below cypher at sunrise.

15. Ldsdy. I preached at Northford for M' W^m who went to Durham & preached for M' Good. who is in Inoculation.

16. Conversed with Deacon Cooper (æ. 80 on 1st March, so born March 1, 1704) upon his religious Experiences. He is an eminent Saint: Mem° 1727. Professor Wales moderated at the Disputation of the Senior Class. [Deacon Tho' Cooper died at North Haven 11 March, 1784, æ. 80.]

17. Whether the Flood universal?—Seniors.

18. Rode over to Branford to attend the proposed Ordination of M' Jason Atwater. The Consociation being convened as an ordaining Council, advised to defer the Ordin^a, five or six Persons of the Congreg^a oppos^d his settlem^t—altho' with no accus^a of M' Atwater, whose Abilities, Morals & Orthodoxy were approved even by the Malecontents.

19. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. History. Thaw.

20. Read acco^t that last Dec. at Paris two men ascended in a vehicle elevated by the airostatic Globe, above the tops of the Steeples of the City in the Sight of Multitudes, and were carried by the wind to 31 miles from Paris.

22. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Edwds. A.M. 1 Jno. iv, 13-17. P.M. Rom. vi, 23. Mr. Edwds present in Aft. & admitted a Man & Woman into the Chh—she first assenting to an Ackn° for Fornic^a & then was baptized after admission into full Commun. by the Votes of the Brethren. This Vote shd. have been aft. Baptism.

23. Whether different Climates be the principal Cause of the different Geniuses of Mankind? No. Sen^{rs}. The state of College is thus.

¹ See also a letter from the Rev. Jonathan Edwards on this subject, in Boutell's *Life of Roger Sherman*, 43.

	Total	Present	Absent
Seniors	51	38	13
Juniors	72	57	15
Sophim.	61	50	11
Freshmen	78	62	16
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	262 Tot.	207 Present	55 Absent

24. Sup. Court sitting here. I opened it with Prayer as usual. Whether the different Coloration of Nations is owing to climate? Seniors.

25. Writing Diploma for the Milanese Nobleman Franciscus dal Verme, his Doctorate in Laws. I exhibited a public philosophical Lect. in the Chapel, upon Comets. There are 406 Congreg^a Chhs, 74 Bap. 14 Episc^o. 8 Friends in the State of Massachusetts. The 74 Bap. may be equal to perhaps 30 Congreg^a Churches.

26. Giving Directions respect^s the Planetarium six feet Diam. now construct^s in the College Library by Joseph Badger a Jun. Sophister of a mechanical Genius, and a Joyner. We have been describing the Zodiac & signs & adjusting the Perihelia & Eccentricities & drawing the Ellipses of the orbits of Saturn & Jupiter, and the 3 Comets of known Revolutions. The Planet *Herschel* is put on. The whole is constructed with an internal Wheel Movement to exhibit the Places of the Planets revolving on the face of the Planetarium.

27. Still attend^s to the Solar System.

28. Construct^s the system. Rode out 4 m. to the Plains where I find there are about 60 families who have agreed to set up winter preaching. They began this Winter for the first Time, & hold their Meet^s at Gov. Mathew Gilberts.¹ North of the City Line up to Carmel Line, & from the Mill river to the Top of the West rock or the dividend Line of Amity, being a Tract of about three miles square or 3½ M. long & 3 M. wide—on this Tract we counted 71 families down to M^r Hubbards Stone house, & including all to the S^o End of the Rock & city Line *One hundred Families*.

29. Ldsdy. The coldest day in the year. I preached all day at M^r Gilberts at the Plains 4 M. NW of the College. The 4 Societies in New Haven proper in 1782 were numbered 3322 souls, exclusive of Collegians then 220. This Eveng. we counted 100 fam. N^o of

¹ This was the beginning of the Congregational Church in Whitneyville, organized in 1795.

the City. M^r Mather & myself last week counted 40 fam. at the East Farms from River to River, & 60 from River Thompsons or Darby Bridge round to Allentown inclusive. So 200 fam = 1000 souls without the City; which leaves 2300 souls in the City. But numbers are removed in the last two years esp^d since the Peace. So the Total is probably 2800 or nearer 3000 Souls, especially inclusive of 260 Scholars.

Number of Undergraduates for the Year beginning Sept. 10, 1783.

Senior Class	52
Junior Class	75
Sophimore	63
Freshmen	80
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Total	270 Undergrad. Nov. 1, 1783.

Number of Undergraduates for the Year beginning Sept. 12, 1782.

Senior Class	41
Junior	56
Sophimores	89
Freshmen	66
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Total	252 Nov. 12, 1782.

State of american Colleges 1783.

founded		A D 1783
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1636.	Harvard Coll. Camb.	150 Undergrad.
1692.	W ^m & Mary. Virg.	100
1700	Yale College	251
1746	Nassau Hall. Jersey.	40
1753	Philad ^a	30
1754	Kings Coll. N. Y.	0
1764	Rh. Isl Coll.	8
1766	Queens Coll. Dutch Jers.	
1769	Dartm ^o Coll.	70
1782	Wash. Coll. Maryld.	20
Circa		
1770	Hillsboro' Coll. N ^o Car ^o	None
1774	Charlotte Coll. N ^o Car ^o	
17	M ^t Sion Coll. S ^o Car ^o	

VARIATIONS

By Accessions of some & by others being dismissed

- 1781
- Nov. 22. Seniors 25, Jun. 48, Soph. 60, Fresh. 90. Tot. 223
- Dec. 1. In Sophomore Class 59—all but one present
11. Admitted two new freshmen. So total 92. But some perhaps 5 will not come. The freshman Class are divided to 2 Tutors M^r Goodrich & M^r Ely equally
18. admitted Tousey into Fresh. Class. Tot. 93.
21. Sen. 25, Jun. 48, Soph. 59, Fr. 93. Tot. 225.
- Jany. 1. Sen. 25, Jun. 48, Soph. 59, Fr. 88. Tot. 220. There are 5 Fresh. who not hav^e yet come are dropt.
- Feb. 1. Admitted Meigs 94th Freshman. Present Seniors 8, Jun. 16, Soph. 24, Fr. G. 8 E. 14 = 70.
4. Advised by Lett. the 2 Fr. admitted Dec. 11, dont come till next y.
9. Masters 1, dismissed. 12, Admitted Tim^o W^m 95th freshm. three of w^o have notified that they dont come.
- March 27 & 29 four Scholars expelled.
- July Hall & Hubbard dismissed.
- Aug. 10. Baker dism. at his fathers request.
- May Died Bristol of the Sophomore Class by a fall.
- June Died Ripley of the Jun. Class by Inocul^a for sm. pox.
- May Election. Admitted 101 Freshmen to this time.

Number of Undergraduates present & absent at different times, for the year beginning Oct. 1781.

Senior Class	.	.	.	.	25
Junior	.	.	.	.	49
Sophomore	.	.	.	.	61
Freshmen	.	.	.	.	88

Total . . . 223 Undergrad. belonging to Yale College Oct. 30, 1781.

March

1. Whether a Representative ought to be bound by the Instructions of his Constituents? Seniors.
2. Whether artificial Society is preferable to natural? Seniors. Present Seniors 39, Jun. 64, Soph. 52, Fr. 63. Tot. 218.

4. Ecc. Hist. Lect. The number of persons certified by the select men 10 Feb. as qualified for citizens 343 of which 261 sworn—82 comprehend some absent & some present—N. B. These 82 draughted.

6. Exposition of Savoy Confess. Faith in Chapel as usual. This Eveng. cloudy. A Lunar Eclipse but Clouds prevent an accnrate Observation.

7. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached at Mr. Mathers 2 Cor. ii, 15-17, and finish^s the same time as Mr. Whittelseys Meet^s I called in there & partook of the Lds Supper with his Chh—present 80 Communicants. Dr. Wales preached at Chapel, took in & baptized Fowler of the Senior Class & administered the Lds. Supper in Chapel.

8. Making up Qu' Bills. This day T^o Meet^s Voted to readmit the Tories.

9. Quarter day. Junior Class—Exhibitions.

Ives Lat. Orat.	Miller	} Dial.
Meigs Poem ¹	Field	
	W ^{ms}	

10. Deus non est Autor Peccati. Resp. Huggins. The Rev^d Jason Atwater this day ordained at Branf^t.

11. Committee of Corpor^s present—stated Commons 8/. Scholars presented Petition about &c.² This day my son Ezra æt. 25.

12. Rode to North Haven to attend the Funeral of that eminent Saint Deacon Thom^s Cooper who died yesterday. On the first Ins^t he was Eighty years old. His corps were carried to the Meet^s house. Mr. Trumbull preached Ps. —, mark the pfect man, &c. In my opinion he was one of the best of men.

13. Returned. Rev^d Jn^o Hubbard & wife wounded & Bones broken by being thrown out of a Sley. Thaw. Th. 50.

14. Ldsdy. I pr. all day at Mr. Mathers, A.M. Prov. xiv, 2. P.M. Heb. vii, 11. Newports child baptized Abraham by Mr. Whittelsey. Readg. Aquinas & Dionysius Areop^s, v. 1. Th. 50. Snow nearly gone.

¹ This Poem, by Return J. Meigs, was afterwards published (New Haven, 16 pp. sm. 4^o).

² This was a Memorial from members of all classes in College, requesting that the Corporation publish details of the amounts received from the students & the way in which these sums are expended, so as to silence current criticism: the Petition was by common rumor instigated by the Rev. Timothy Dwight.

15. Mare Liberum & Mare Clausum. Seniors.
16. Whether Self Love be the highest Principle of Action? Sen^{rs}. Dism. Ten Broeck to live wth Lawyer at N. York.
17. Went to Milf^d to Mr. Lockwoods Ordin^a. Mr. Edw^{da} made the first prayer, Mr. Lockw^d of Andover preached, and say unto Archippus &c. Mr. Street made the ord^s prayer, Mr. Whitt^v gave the charge, Mr. Brunson gave the R^t Hand of Fellowship, & Mr. Ely of Ripton made the conclud^s prayer.
18. Returned. No Lect.
19. Reading Dwights Memorial¹ &c.
20. Distributed the Deans Donation £22. 4. 0. in Books for Declamations.²
21. Ldsdy. A.M. I pr. Mr. Whittelseys 1 Jno. iv, 14-17. P.M. I attended at Chapel, where Sir Stebbins preached all day, A.M. 1 Tim. iv, 8, P.M. Jude v. 7. Read^s Justin Martyr & Theophilus to Autolychus.
22. Whether Coper. or Ptolom. System Truth? Sen^{rs}.
23. Whether the Discovery of America has been beneficial to Mank^d?
25. Professor Wales dd. a Divinity Lecture.
26. Gave Answer to Spencer & Hale the two scholars who presented the interrogatory Petition.³
27. Rode to Meriden, after hav^s made Appointm^{ts} for Commenc^t Exercises.
28. Ldsdy. Preached at Meriden. Mr. Hubb^d & Wife being with broken Bones. A.M. 1 Jno. iv, 14. P.M. 2 Cor. ii, 15.
29. Returned to College. Find party vigorous. There was a conference dur^s session Sup^r Court, Judges Dyre & Huntington, Mr. Whitt^v D^r Dana & Mr. Dwight &c.
30. Whether Soul immaterial? Sen^{rs}. Last night Rev^d Mr. Hubbard⁴ seized with a paralytic shock. Seniors object against their own Election of Orator Valed. because one absent sent in Vote by proxy, & pray me to set aside their choice. I refuse.
31. Read^s the Liturgies of Peter, Jn^o, Mark & Ethiopic, the Infantia X^{ti} & Acta Pilati—collected in the Codex of Jo. Alb. Fabricius. . . 1719. Attended Lect. Mr. Edw^{da}.

¹ See below, May 14, 1784.

² Berkeley Premiums, competed for in May, 1783.

³ See above, March 11, 1784.

⁴ Rev. Bela Hubbard (Yale 1758), the Episcopal minister of New Haven.

April

1. Eccl. Hist. Read Pilates Letter.
2. Gurdon Lathrop dism. [for Trade]. Set up Themes for Declam^a at Deans Exam. £11.
3. Mr. Hubb^d better. [Died Rev. Benj^a Lord D.D. æt. Min. 67, the most aged Minister in N. Engld.]¹
4. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M. Mal. iv, 2, Sum of Right. & administered Lds Supper to 30 Communicants. P.M. Rom. iii, 20. Read^e Gospel of Nicodemas. Attended the funeral of Miss Comstock² æt. 21 a pious young pson & made a speech at her Grave. A vast Concourse from the four Congregations & College.
5. Whether Confiscation &c right? Sen^{ra}.
6. Whether Amnesty &c safe & honorable? Seniors.
8. I exhibited a Lect. on Ecc. Hist³.
11. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel. The Professor of Div³ preached A.M. Rom. iii, 20. P.M. v. 16. Last Even^e & to day read & finished Dr. Gibbons Life of Dr. Isaac Watts.
12. Original Sin? Sen^{ra}. Jacob, Newport's Boy was three years old last Nov. Bound to me till æt. 24.
A Lett. from Savanna in Georgia 1 March: Assembly there recently granted fourty Thous^d acres of Land for an University to be erected in Georgia, vested in seven Trustees—no Charter yet. Mr. Abraham Baldwin of Yale Coll. one of Committee to lay out these Lands—Sent to me for the Plan of the College Charter, or to draught a Charter & Constitution.
14. Piece in Newspaper against College.^a
15. Fast in Connect. & Mass. I attended at Chapel all Day. Dr. Wales pr. all day on Ezek. xviii, 20.
18. Ldsdy. I pr. at West Haven, A.M. Isai. v, 4. P.M. 2 Thes. i, 12.
19. Whether the Institut. of the Cincinnati will prove detrimental to the public? Sen^{ra}
20. Whether Criminal Law, or Punishm^t of Crimes be too severe

¹ Dr. Lord was graduated at Yale in 1714, and died in his 90th year. His first wife was a sister of Dr. Stiles's mother.

² Martha Comstock, a niece of Dr. Ebenezer Beardsley of New Haven.

³ The first of a series of spicy criticisms on the College in the *Connecticut Journal*. From internal evidence they appear to have been inspired, in part, by Professor Strong; the Rev. Timothy Dwight probably contributed to them.

& rigorous in the United States for the present Stage of Society?
Sen.

21. Exam^d & admitted (altho' with some difficulty) David Higgins æt. 23, into Jun. Class, being from the Jun. Cl. in Dart. Coll. Present of the Sen. 31, Jun. 51, Soph. 48, Fr. 55.

22. Divinity Lect. by Dr. Wales. Read^s Bp. Berkleys Life.

23. Exam^d Eben. Belknap, æt. 23, Jun. Soph. Dart. Coll. Rejected.¹

24. Expounded as usual Sat^y Even^s Prayers. Had a religious Discourse with &c &c this Even^s.

25. Ldsdy. D^r Wales taken ill last night, I preached in the College Chapel all day, A.M. Col. iii, 1, 2, 3. P.M. 1 Jno. xiv, 14-17.

26. Whether Literature or the Military Art be most subserv^t to the Pub. Welfare? Sen.

27. Whether evil Intentions are equally criminal unexecuted as executed? Sen^{rs}.

28. Rec^d Letters from D^r Price of London with D^r Maskelyn Astronomer Royal his Letter respect^s Meteors & the Acceptableness of Presid. Claps Tract on terrestrial Comets which I presented to the Royal Society, London.

29. Rainy Day: no Lecture.

30. Began Examinations of the four classes—began with the Senior class this day. Present in the Chapel 158 Undergraduates. Only 160 in Town. Heard the Orations & Dialogue.

May

1. I rode to Meriden.

2. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Hubb^d.

3. Returned. Exam^d Jun. Class. The Rev. Samuel Bird æt. 60 died here this day of Inocul^s for the small pox, and was buried at Midnight. He was born at Dorchester March 27, 1724. Was Minister 2 or 3 y. at Dunstable on Merimack River in Massachusetts. Removed to New Haven 1751 and Oct. 13, 1751 was installed pastor of the Congreg^a afterw^{ds} called White Haven. He resigned the Min^y here Dec^r 1767, and has preached occasionally ever since. He was a man of Religion.

4. Exam. Sophomore Class. Two young men offered themselves for Exam. for Admiss. into the Junior Class, hav^s had hitherto a private Education. We declined it.

¹ See below, Sept. 4, 1784.

5. Examin^a of the Freshman Class.
6. Deans Examination. Vacation begins. Isaacs of the Sen. Class the only Candidate which offered, was examined publickly in the Gr. Test. Homer, & Lucian and also in Horace, Cic. de Orat. & Cic Tusc. Quæst. and approved. There were 26 Declam^a presented.
7. At VIII 44' P.M. a small shock of an Earthquake. At IX this Even^e M^{rs} Beers¹ died æt. 30.
8. This Morn^e Mr. Crane died of Inocul^a for sm. pox & buried at Night. Mrs. Beers buried this afternoon.
9. I preached at Mr. Mathers Meet^e A.M. Prov. xiv, 2. P.M. Isai. xl, 6-8, a funeral Sermon for Mr. Bird, Mr. Crane & Mrs. Beers, the three Families attend^e I addressed them separately. A very crouded congregation, one Meet^e in T^o being destitute, their Minister being absent on a Journey.
10. Much Convers^a respect^e the Memorial to the Assembly against College, for Alter^e its Constitution, & joyning Civilians in the Corporation. This day I examined and admitted Reuben Moss, æ. 24, into the Freshman Class.
11. I sat out with my Wife for the Election at Hartford &c.² Lodged at Rev. Mr. Foots in Cheshire. An Eccl. Council convened there last week advised the new Congregation to reunite with the old under Mr. Foots Ministry. No Blooms at N. H. A few in Cheshire.
12. Rode to Wethfd. & next day to Hartfd.
13. General Election at Hartford. I attended & heard Rev. Joseph Huntington D.D. preach the Election Sermon Deut. xxxii, 8. Dined with the Clergy, 75 Ministers present. Gov. Trumbull was present, altho' having resigned he had no Expect^a of being reelected. The Votes for Governor were 2192 for Mr. Grisw^d, 1689 for Mr. Pitkin, 1177 Mr. Huntington, 1053 for Mr. O. Wolcott & 742 scatter^e. Total 6853. So none elected. For L^t Gov^r Mr. Huntington had 2752 & was chosen, the scatt^e Votes being 2708. Three new Councillors came in viz. Mr. Cook, Mr. Mitchel & Mr. W^m in the room of Gov. Trumbull & Gov. Hunting. & of Col. Dyre who was droped. And Col. Dyre hav^e come Deputy from the T^o of Windham was elected Speaker. Trees in bloom.

¹ Mary, daughter of Elisha & Mary (DeForest) Mills, of what is now Huntington, Conn., and wife of Elias Beers, who lived opposite to Dr. Stiles.

² A few items from the MS. Itinerary of this journey are inserted in the text.

14. The Assembly elected or confirmed Mr. Griswold Governor. Much Talk about four Memorials prepared to be presented to the Assembly against or about Yale College signed by numbers in all the Counties—one draughted by Mr. Dwight¹ praying for a Board of Civilians to correct &c otherwise to build a new College; this said to be generally rejected as abound⁶ with Accusations & Aspersions & injurious Reflexions on the College—another by Mr. Ross² of a similar Nature & replete with the like Accus^a & Reflexions—a third by Professor Strong—a fourth by Col. Root³ which is decent & well, except⁶ one sentence; this last has received the most signatures. D^r Wales & I lodged at D^r W^m East Hartf^d.

15. D^r Wales & I pursued our Journey & rode to Rev. Mr. Pitkins in Farmington, where

16. Ldsdy. A.M. Professor Wales preached. P.M. I pr.

17. We Journeyed thro' the Green Woods to Norfolk. Rev. Mr. Robins rec^d us hospitably, till Wednes^d, we being detained by Rain. In rid^g thro' the Green Woods we counted the Rings or Annules of great Trees & found one Pine at the Butt above 200 years old & 1½ foot Diam.—another I counted 352 years exclusive sap, which contained above 50 more, so the Tree about four hundred years old: it was three feet in Diam.—the exterior 150 years not above four Inches—a Butt Cut. I measured one tree fifteen foot round or in Girt at 3 feet from the Ground, so 5 f. Diam. Cherry trees in blossom at Norfolk.

19. Sixteen Thous^d pounds of Maple Sugar made at Norfolk in one year about 1774. This year 1784 about one Third more. Sell at 6^d Ⓕ lb. or 50/ Ⓕ cw^t made by 180 families. Now 230 families in Norfolk. About one hundred fam^r^s made the sugar. Two pail fulls of sap make one pound—one Tree gives a pound a day. Mr. Robbins 2 little sons made two hundred weight of Sugar from one hundred Trees this year. Sugar Works in Goshen have lasted above forty years & still good. A pine Log at Norfolk Saw Mill 3 f. 9 Inc. Diam. I counted 305 Rings or years of w^c 55 in the sap; sound to the heart. Even⁶ Lect. at Mr. Robbins.

20. Viewing the College Farms in Norfolk & Canaan on which the Tenants had this Winter past Eleven Sugar Works & Maple

¹ Rev. Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769), of Greenfield Hill, Conn., whom Dr. Stiles was continually suspecting of plotting to supersede him.

² Rev. Robert Ross (Princeton 1751), pastor in what is now Bridgeport.

³ Col. Jesse Root (Princeton 1756), of Hartford, a distinguished lawyer.

Orchards, 150 to 250 & 300 Trees each. One of seven acres had as I counted about 300 Maple Trees of phps 100 & 150 years old; yielding 2 to 4 lb. sugar each.

21. Lodged at Rev. Mr. Farrands in Canaan¹—where we saw a great Quantity of Marble, a continued Rock or Mount^a of Marble phps 2 miles in length. Conversed with an old Dutchman of Canaan æt. 75 or more. He was born in Claverack & remembers when only four Families in Canaan & none between that & Litchfd. He came to Canaan æt. 12. He told me that when a little Boy he saw the Fisherman draw ashore in a seyne in Hudsons River a large Tooth as big as a large chip, belonging to the Monster—He has often heard the old Indians tell of this Monstrous Indian & of the Length of his Bones, &c, & that he obliged the little Indians to bring him two Deer a day for his daily food, or else he would kill & eat an Indian. And other Stories he rec^d fr. the Indians concern^e him, w^o he says were current at Clavarack when he was a Boy. Rode to Rev. Mr. Lees of Salisbury, dined & went & viewed Collège farm there, & found it in good cultivation.—Rode to Cornwall, viewed my own Farms there and lodged at Rev. Mr. Gold's.

22. Viewed College Farms in Goshen & rode to Litchfield.

23. Ldsdy. A.M. D' Wales preached for Mr. Champion. P.M. I preached. Lodged at Sheriff Lord's.

24. Examined Benj^a Hanks Air Clock. It will go eight days without wind^s up: and has a Ventilator similar that of a smoke Jack, which moves with every breeze of wind; Two hours ordinary breeze will wind up the whole eight days. A Clock of six months going has seldom its weights depressed two Inches, & ordinarily it is closely wound up. Hence I think it is perpetual tho' not equable Motion.

25. Yesterday I parted with D' Wales at Litchf^d who rode tow^{as} N. H. while I tarried and lodged last night at Mr. Pitkins in Farmington, & this day rode into Hartf^d, visited &c talked about College Memorials, & rode to Wethersf^d.

26. I set out with my Wife from Wethersfd & rode to Rev. Mr. Hubbards in Meriden.

27. Returned home & found my family well. Deo O. M. Grates. This Even^s I set up Orders at College—about 30 present. Mr.

¹ The Rev. Daniel Farrand (Princeton 1750) was pastor of the Church in the present town of Canaan, the southern part of the old town of that name.

Tutor Meigs having resigned I examined Mr. Enoch Perkins Tutor-Elect in Theology &c, in conjunction with Professor Wales, as I wish for his assistance in every Thing of a theological Nature.

28. This Even^g I inducted Mr. Perkins into the Tutorship & committed the Tuition of the Jun. Class to him.

29. Began Recitations at College. Was visited by Mr. Joshua Lathrop B^r of D^r Lathrop dec^d who gave £500 to College—Mr. Lathrop gave me the family Memoirs.

D^R DANIEL LATHROP OF NORWICH.

May 1, 1712. Born in Norwich of Mr. Tho^s & Mrs. Lydia Lathrop.

Sept. 1733. Graduated A. B. at Yale College.

1736. Went to England. Absent 15 months. Studied Chyrurgery in St. Thomas's Hospital London.

1743. Went to Engl^d a 2nd Time. Returned Nov. 1744, and kept an Apothecary Shop at Norwich, by which he acquired his Estate.

Dec. 1744. Married Miss Jerusha Talcott Daughter of Gov. Talcott.

1751. June 22 to July 26 lost three children. Childless.

Janry 8, 1782. Died at Norwich æt. 70. Leaving by his Will £500 L. M. to Yale College: £500 to the School in Norwich; £500 to pay poods Rates in the first Chh. & Society in Norwich to w^{ch} he belonged.

D^r Daniel Lathrop son of
Thomas Lathrop, son of
Samuel Lathrop, son of
Samuel Lathrop, son of
Rev^d John Lathrop of Scituate & Barnstable

Massach. who came fr. Engld 1635.

Ex ore fratris sui D. Joshua Lathrop, viventis.

30. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. The Professor preached Present 54 Undergraduates & 25 others—Read^s D^r Witherspoons Sermons & Fabricius' Codex. . .

June

1. Whether the historical parts of the Bible are of divine Inspiration? Senrs.

David Miller of the Soph. Class dismissed last Oct. on acc^t of ill Health, recover^d this Spring, was examined & readmitted into the Sophomore Class.

Last Sat^y the Assembly passed Acts making Hartfd & Middletown Cities.

2. The Seniors resumed Locke V. 2, B. ult., c. xvi.

3. No Eccl. Lect. I attended Sacr^t Lect. at Mr. Edwds's. Mr. Trumbull preached. Mr. Tutor Channing arrived from Newport.

4. Scholars com^e in fast—full of Business. The Assembly have rather declined intermeddling in College affairs.

6. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day & heard the Professor preach. About 140 Undergrad. present. A.M. Mat. v, 3, Humility. P.M. Ps. lxx Covenants. He administered the Sacr^t present 30 Communicants, of which 3 received anew, at this time.

Reviewing the Acc^o of the Passion in Evang. Nicodemi. . . .

7. Whether it would be better for a State to support the Ministry & Religion, or to neglect it & leave it to every Man? Sen^{rs}. The Committ. of Corpor^a meet here.

8. Whether the lower House of Assembly in this State be too numerous? Sen.

His Excellency Gov. Jefferson of Virginia visited me with a Letter from Mr. Sherman¹ at Congress. He is appointed by Congress Ambassador from the United States or Minister plenipotentiary with D^r Franklin & D^r Adams, for settling Treaties of Commerce with G. Britain & other foreign Nations. He is on his way with Col. Humphrys, Sec^y to the Commissioners, to Rh. Isld, B^o & Piscataqua to survey these Eastern States, & take passage at B^o for France. He was educated at and entered W^m & Mary Coll.

¹ This letter, now in possession of Dr. Stiles's great-grandson, the Rev. William C. Gannett, is in part as follows:—

ANNAPOLIS, 11th May, 1784.

SIR,

I take the liberty to introduce to you the Honorable Thomas Jefferson Esq^r. . . . He is a Gentleman of much Philosophical as well as political knowledge—and I doubt not you will be very agreeably entertained with his conversation. You will be pleased to introduce him to such other gentlemen in the City of New Haven as you may think proper.

I am, Sir, with great esteem and respect,

Your humble Servant

ROGER SHERMAN.

1761 where he studied five years & left in 1766. Then became a Lawyer. He was one of the 24 Visitors of W^m & Mary College. He tells me President Maddison's Sal^y & Perquisites are about £400 per ann. The Salaries of the other professors were £80 in Tobacco, now worth £150 or £160 as the Price of Tobacco has doubled. The Professors besides their Sal^y have about £8 in Tobacco, now £12 or £15, from each Scholar per ann for Instruction. There are Eighty Undergraduate Students at present; and they study under such Professor or Professors as they chuse. The Professor of Law is the Att^o Gen. of the State, and he makes more by his Professorship than as Attorney. The Presid^t as Professor of Math. & Phil. has about 20 students at a time under his Tuition. A Majority of the Visitors petitioned the Assembly of Virginia about 1777 to alter the Constitution of the College; & it was proposed to appoint a Chancellor & three of the first Literary Characters at the Supremacy in the Institution. But the other Visitors opposed it, & nothing has been done by the Assembly. The Visitors themselves however then made great Alter^s. They abolished the Professorship of Div^y—Commons—they separated the Bracton Grammar School from the College (and the College consisted of but sixteen Undergrad. Scholars, besides Grammar Scholars), which almost broke up the apparent ostensible College, for these Grammar Scholars lived & dieted in the College House—they made it unnecessary to learn any Latin or Greek in order to admission into the College.

President Maddison was born in Virginia, educated in W^m & Mary College 3 or 4 years after Gov. Jefferson, went to Engl^d & received Episc^a Ordination, and is now æt. 37.

Gov. Jeff. says the Tot. Inhab. in the State of Virginia is nearly 380 Thous^d souls Whites & 250 Th. Blacks, Total about six hundred Thousd:—that property is so diffused thro' the State that five sixths of the Whites possess 100 acres Land & upw^{ds} to large Landholders, & that the plebeian Interest will prevail over the old aristocratical Interest in that State.

The Gov. is a most ingenious Naturalist & Philosopher—a truly scientific & learned Man—& every way excellent. He visited the College Lib^y & our Apparatus. He told us of a new simple apparatus for Electricity left by a British Officer in Philad^a. It consisted of a Plate or Discus of phps. 15 Inc. Diam. & 2 Inc. thro made of an unknown Composition or Cement being an Electric per se, yet

not so hard as Glass, but of more easy Attrition : another plate of Metal. The electric plate must be gently rubbed with a Catskin or Leather—then the metal plate is to be put flat upon it, & instantly taken off & the phial applied, & readily filled. One pson in Philad^a had the secret, & sells the cake or Amber-like plate at Eight Dollars. Gov. Jefferson has seen many of the great Bones dug up on the Ohio. He has a thigh-bone *Three Feet long*—& a Tooth weighing *sixteen Pounds*.—Blacston the Basis of Law Lect. in W^m & Mary Coll. *Philosophy, Medicine & Law* seem to be their Object.

9. Qu. Day. Exercises exhibited by the Sophomore Class. Begun with 145th Psalm, began III.28.

Wolcott Lat. Orat.

Singing Anthem fr. Zephan.

Cunningham

Ellis

Leffingwell

Terry

} Dialogists.

Anthem.

Griswold—Eng. Oration.

Anthem, Branford. End IV.38 P.M.

10. No Lecture. Two Scholars dismissed last April, viz. Parmele & Lathrop, readmitted.¹

13. Attended Chapel all day. The Rev. M^r Eells of Branf^d preached two excellent sermons.

14. Whether Affusion or Immersion is the scriptural Mode of Baptism? Sen^{rs}.

15. Whether the Permission of moral Evil be consistent with the moral Perfections of God? Sen^{rs}.

16. A Memorial or Petition was preferred to the Gen. Assembly at Hartf^d praying for the Alteration in the Constitution of Yale College, by a Junction of Civilians with the Ecclesiastics. It was signed by a number of Gentlemen in the different Counties. It is said there were 4 Memorials prepared—one by Professor Strong—

¹ At this date President Stiles's notes in some separate College memoranda, as follows :

"We have now a very crouded Chapel. Sen^{rs} 51, Jun. 70, Soph. 59, Fr. 77. Tot. 257 actual Students.

"The Seniors recite in the Lib^r, Jun^r Chapel, Soph. Hall, Fr. in Rooms."

The Library was in the upper story of the Chapel (afterwards the Athenæum) ; the Hall was built in 1782 back of South Middle College, and in later generations known as the Chemical Laboratory.

one by Rev^d Mr. Ross—one by Rev^d Mr. Dwight—another by Col^o Root. This last was presented to the Assembly. It was urged by Col. Root & Mr. Edwards :¹ but the Assembly rejected it. It was then proposed that the Assembly shd appoint a Committee to confer with the Corpor^a upon it. This was also negatived. Then it was proposed that the Petition shd lye over to October. This was cooly granted. And here the matter rests at present.

17. No Lect. on Hist.—Visited by D^r Muirson of Long Isld, Inventor of Mercurial Inocul^a. He was born at L. Isld. in the State of N. York ; educated in Medical profession under a French D^r & acquainted with a Scots D^r Johnson of N. York. He tells me he took the Hint from Boerhaave as to Mercury in Inocul^a & inoculated himself A.D. 1731.²

18. Rec^d Letters from Gov. Hall & others in Georgia respecting the Erecting a College there. A Chh. in Savanna & another Chh. in Medway sent to me to send them Ministers—the last offers a Sal^y of £200 p ann. & Parsonage. There is not one ordained Minister in the State of Georgia, except 2 or 3 illiterate Baptist Elders. I began to learn French with M. Martel.

19. Rec^d a Letter from Gov. Jefferson about enormous Bones & Teeth on Ohio, & in Siberia &c. Yesterday the Seniors finished 2^d vol. of Locke on hum. Understand^g. I directed them to procure President Claps Tract on Ethics.

20. Ldsdy. I attended with Professor Wales at Chapel. Mr. Tutor Channing preached all day from Prov. xiv, 6.

21. Whether Suicides are not generally Lunatics or of insane Mind? Seniors.

By a Letter from N. York I find they are reviving the College there. They have, it is sd. formed a Junior Class of about 17, a Soph. of 10 & a Fresh. of 5 or 6—or about 30 in the whole. The Governors were to convene last friday about electing a President.³

22. Whether a Revel^a can be possibly proved by Miracles? Sen^{rs}.

23. The Seniors began reciting President Claps Ethics. And at V^h Recit^a I began with the first Division of the Freshman Class in Hebrew. Also began another Heb. class.

¹ Probably Pierrepont Edwards (Princeton 1768), a lawyer of New Haven, and uncle of Mr. Dwight.

² See below, Aug. 20, 1785, and Feb. 25, 1786.

³ The Hon. Wm. Samuel Johnson was elected President of Kings College, now Columbia University, in May, 1787. A class of eight was graduated in 1786,—the first since 1776.

24. Eccl. Lect. The Assembly in N York have reconstituted the College in the city, much accord^s to its old Constitution, by the Name of *Columbia*.

26. Excessively hot. Therm. 98 abroad in the shade. Renssalaer a Jun. Soph. dismissed.

27. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. The Professor preached A.M. Gen. xix, 15. P.M. Heb. xii, 1. Reading Dionysius the Areop^s his Mystic Theology. Th. 95.

28. Whether all evil Intentions are equally criminal executed or unexecuted? Seniors.

Before the War or A.D. 1775 there were fourty sail of Vessels belonging to the T^o of N Haven. They were reduced by the War to a single sloop of 75 Tons belonging to Capt. Fairchild (& no Coaster left) A.D. 1781. They are so increased that now June 28, 1784 there belong to this City thirty three Sea Vessels using the W. India & foreign Trade, one of which a ship of 300 Tons, 4 squar rigged Vessels or Brigs, the rest Sloops of 60 to 110 Tons. There are 4 Coasters; and seven vessels on the stocks. There were 7 or 8 Shops in the War, three of which traded considerably, & might have six or £800. ster. worth of Goods in each. Now 1784 June they have counted fifty six shops in the City, half a dozen of which have two or three Thous^d ster. worth of goods, and the rest £500 down to £200 & £150. The Collection of the 5 p cent. Impost began last week.—This day Mr. Tutor Channing brought a Piece of Ice seven Miles from North Branford & shewed it to all the Classes at College.

29. Whether Sentence of Death ought to be immediately & instantly executed? Seniors.

July

1. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lecture. Mr. Hanks of Litchf^d¹ brot me a Description & Drawing of his Pnewmatic Clock. He first thot of it in this way—his new House smoked, to relieve this he took a sq^r of Glass out of a window, & partly for Ornament & in Imit^a of a certain kind of wooden Window Blinds he made a little wooden double fan, & puting it at the Hole, found it almost ppetually in Motion. He then tho't of apply^s it to Clocks, he did & it succeeded. This was March 1783. In May 1783 he made his first Clock. The Ventilator is ten Inches Diam. which with com-

¹ See above, May 24, 1784.

mon winds will raise a weight of fifty six pounds. He obtained a patent from the Assembly in Jan'y 1784.

2. Received Blair's Lectures on Rhetoric.

3. Rode out—they have begun to cradle or cut Rye—I stopt at Sabins Mill 2 Miles out of T° & saw new this years Rye grinding.

4. Ldsdy. I attended at Mr. Mathers Chh. A.M. & heard Mr. Tutor Channing preach on Isai. lv, 1. Then I administered the Sac^r of the Lds. Supper to his Chh, he being sick & absent. The Professor preached at College, admitted Everson into full Communion & administered the Sacrament to 32 Communicants. P.M. I attended at Chapel, Dr. Wales preached 1 Tim° ii, 5.¹

14. We are construct^s an Air Baloon with two Quires of paper five feet long & three feet & half Diameter. Examin^s & review^s the Commencem^t Theses.

15. No Lecture. Rode abroad.

16. Visited by the Baron de Hermelin æt. 40, of Stockholm in Sweeden, on the Tour of America. He gave us a good Acco^t of the Polity of the K^m of Sweden. He was educated in the Univ⁷ of Upsal.

18. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel. Dr. Wales preached at N° Haven and Mr. Trumbull preached at Coll. A.M. Rom. ix, 22 an excellent Sermon. P.M. —

19. I published the Prizes of Deans Exam. 6 May last. Sen. Holt & Barns, Jun. Bidwel & Newton, Soph. Halsy. Grisw^d, Wolcott, Perkins, Fr. Perkins, Smedly.

20. At Eleven o'Clock Recitation I bid farewel & took my Leave of my Pupils of the Senior Class. And at III P.M. we began the Examin^a of the Candidates.

I asked Mons. Hermelin last week to introduce me to a literary Correspond. with some of the most eminent Literati in Sweden. He readily consented & offered himself to correspond with me, & wrote me his Address—"Monsieur le Baron de Hermelin à Stockholm." And addressed me also to "Professor Petter Jonas Bergius M.D. Stockholm." The Baron's Name is *Samuel Gustavus Hermelin*.

21. Commencement at Cambridge; & Examin^a here. The Diploma examinatorium was delivered yesterday. About 20 Examiners among whom Rev^d Mr. Edw^{ds}, Rev. Mr. Lockwood, late Tutors Fitch, Meigs & Goodrich &c &c. About noon the

¹At this point one leaf and part of a second have been torn from the Diary.

Examiners retired to the Sen. Tutors Chamber, & Voted by Ballots & approved the whole fifty Candidates. I think 9 for all & 7 for Exceptions. Then the Candidates were presented to me in the Library, by Mr. Tutor Baldwin.

After Dinner, the Exhibitions. At Dinner the Candidates dined with the President & Examiners in the Hall : which so filled it that the two lower Classes were directed not to dine till afterwth. This made Dining late & procrastinated Exercises. At Dinner I drank to Sir Goodrich one of the Candidates, in a Glass of Wine. This was the Punctum saliens for all the Classes to change their Appellations, & to commence the Juniors, Seniors & so on. The Exercises.

- III.50. Anthem.
- IV.3. Ciosophic Orat. Eng. by Sir Barnes IV.26.
- IV.26½. Forensic Disput^a Cone, Basset, Bliss, Spencer. Whether Confisc^a of Estates &c be just? V.18.
- V.32. End Anthem. Recess half an hour.
- V.57. Dialogue Hart, Woodruff, Caldwell I. VII.8.
- VII. 9. Valed^r Orat. Eng.—Sir Welles. VII.28.
- VII.28. Mr. Tutor Russels Address.
- VII.45. End. Present 100 Ladies : & Gentlemen. A crouded Assembly.

22. No Lecture. At Even^g prayers I ordered the Classes to take their new seats, reserv^d sufficient Room for the Young Sirs who may tarry in Town. I committed the care of the Freshmen to the new Seniors ; and appointed four Monitors.

23. I had a hebrew Recitation of the Freshmen. Murray the Universalist is in Town, and this Aft. preached in Mr. Whittelseys Meetinghouse, he being out of Town.

24. Went to East Haven.

25. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Street at E. Haven.

26. Returned. Heb. Recitation. Mons. Martel assures me I have acquired one third of the knowledge of the French Language. Incredible !

Col^o Miranda visited me, with Letters of Recomm. from Gov. Livingston, Judge Hobart & Col. Hull. He is a Spaniard a native of Caraccas in Terra firma S^o America, was educated in a College at the City of Mexico, has travelled to Madrid, Paris, Rome, Naples, Venice, London &c and is mak^g the Tour of these States—a learned Man & a flaming Son of Liberty.¹

¹ For a portrait of General Miranda see Winsor's *Narrative and Critical Hist. of America*, viii, 325. His subsequent career is a part of the history of Venezuela.

27. Col. Miranda tells me has frequently seen the Aur^o Bor. at Caraccas & other parts of S^o America. We permitted Col. Miranda to be present at the Recitations of each of the Classes, the Seniors in *Philosophy*, Tutor Perkins, the Juniors in *Algebra*, Tutor Russel, the Soph. in *Hebrew*, President: besides attending the Declamations & Exercises of the Classes in pub. Speak^r.

28. Col. Miranda has a pfect Acquaint^a with the policy & Hist. of all Spanish America.

He gave me the manner of Educ^a in the Colleges in Mexico & so of all N. Spain. At Mexico the youth are admitted minores at a dozen years of age more or less, and begin with the Latin Grammar (having learned no Latin before) then study the latin Classics for the two first years. Their whole Course is four years. The 3^d year they study Logic & Philosophy, from Aristotle & the old Compend^s, not suffer^s the new philosophy, & doing little at Mathematics. The 4th year they finish Philosophy, & take the Degree of A.B. They admit at all times & rank them in several Classes accord^s to their proficiency. They have printed Lat. Theses in our manner at their pub. Disput^a syllogistic for Degrees. They seldom learn Greek & know noth^r of Hebrew.

The Vice Roy has the supreme Command of all Things. The Abp. the next oversight. But the efficient Head is appointed by Patent from the King for Life by the Title of Rector Magnificus, Sal^y 4000 Doll. per ann. Each College has a Rector. He tho't there were 500 Students at Mexico when he was there. He graduated A.B. at a College in Caraccas 1767; and studied Law a year or more at Mexico.

The Professors read all their Lectures in Latin and all Coll. Exercises are in Latin. He thinks their Learning inferior, trifling & contemptible. They read Justinians Institute, in Civil Law, then Montesquieu's Sp^t of Laws, & the Spanish National Law. He says there are no great Literary Characters in N. Spain—nor can be—for the Geniuses dare not *read* nor *think* nor *speak*, for fear of the Inquisition, w^c keeps out all Books, least it shd effect sedition. There is a close League between Ecclesiastics & Civilians—they mutually support one another. No free Inquiry.

30. Col. de Miranda took Leave of me for Boston, Piscataqua, Nova Scotia & Engld. I believe after 3 y. Travel in Europe he will settle in Engld, as I think he thinks & speaks too freely to settle in Old or New Spain. He told me in N. Spain he was

obliged to give twenty Dollars for Locks 2 Vol. on Underst^s & burnt them as soon as he read them—& that he had been obliged to do so by many Books. When in Old Spain he had made a Collection of a Libr^y of I think 2000 Volumes—, but the Inquisitors came & took them all away from him without Compensation.

August

1. I preached all day for Mr. Trumb. at N^o Haven and returned in the Evening.

2. Hebrew Recitation. Three Classes present 178.

3. I went to Stratford to the Ordination.

4. The Rev. Stephen Williams Stebbins was ordained Pastor of the first Congregational Chh. there. The Rev^d Mr. Ross made the first Prayer, the Rev^d Mr. Street preached from 1 Thess.

the Rev^d Mr. Whittelsey at the Imposition of hands consecrated & ordained the Pastor elect, & then prayed dur^e the Imposition of hands—Mess^{rs} Whitt^y, Ross, Street, W^m, and Wetmore laid on Hands—: the Rev. Mr. Ely gave the Right Hand of Fellowship, & the Rev. Mr. Rexf^d made the conclud^e Prayer. The Rev^d Mr. Eliot, Scribe, introduced the whole Exercise by read^e the Votes of the Council, which consisted of 13 Chhs. by their Pastors & Messengers: and Mr. Whitt^y as Moderator led the Chh. to renew their call publickly by uplifted Hands. They sang 3 times. All was conducted with great Decency & Solemnity in a very large & splendid Assembly. The Chh. had voted to have psons pmitted to own the Cov^t & have their children baptized, altho' they shd not come to the Lds. Table. Mr. Dwight one of the Council did not therefore attend—he came to the Meetgh. in Sermon time. From Respect to their former Pastor the Rev. Mr. Wetmore¹ the Chh. had asked him to be of the ordain^e Council, and by the appointm^t of the Council he assisted in laying on of hands. The Council consisted of Chhs out of three different Consociations designedly, viz. East & West Fairfield & that of N Haven besides some (2) of no Consociation. Mr. Wetmore has not been resettled in the Ministry since his dismissal from Stratford. Therm. 92 at College.

5. Returned to College.

6. . . . Wednsdy 4th Ins^t Aug^t sailed from N. Haven for N.

¹ See above, April 8, 1780.

Providence & Georgia the Rev^d Allyn Mather of this City for Health.

Return^s from Stratford yesterday I visited the Burying Ground at Milford, and took off from Mr. Andrew's Grave stone there the following Inscription :

" Here lyes y^e Body of y^e Reverend & Learned Mr Samuel Andrew Pastor of the Church of Christ in this place for above 50 years formerly *Fellow of Harvard-College* & more lately *Rector of Yale-College* a singular ornament & Blessing in every Capacity & Relation of exemplary Holiness & unwearied Labors, Modest Courteous & Benevolent ; never fond of this World, earnestly pursuing & recommending a better, greatly esteemed in Life & lamented at Death, which was Jan^y 24th 1737/8 lacking five days to compleat 82 years of Life."

" Here lyes Buried the Body of Mrs Abigail Andrew wife to y^e Revnd Mr. Samuel Andrew who dec^d Decem^{br} 5th Anno Domⁱ 1727 in the 60th¹ year of her age."

" Here lyes the Body of Mrs. Abigail Andrew wife to the Rev^d Mr. Samuel Andrew w^o died Sept. y^e 9 1742 in the 77th year of her age."

GOV. TREAT'S EPITAPH.

" Here lyeth interred the Body of Coll^l Robert Treat Esq. who faithfully served this Colony in the Post of Governor y^e space of thirty years and in y^e exchanged this Life for a better July 12 Anno Dom 1710"

GOV. LAWS EPITAPH.

" Viri Literatura Integritate
et Regendi Arte peritissimi
Jonathan Law Armig.

Colonæ Connecticutensis
Gubernatoris

Qui ob. Nov. 6, 1750 ætat 77."

The Rev. Samuel Andrew was Rector *pro temp.* after Rector Pierson's Death 1707 till Rector Cutler who was elected 1719 ; and again from 1723 to 1726 when Rector W^m was elected. He had one Son viz. Samuel And^w liberally educated—& one or more Daughters. His D. Abigail was married to Rector Cutler.

8. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel: the Rev^d Mr. Bray of Cohabit preached all day on Prov. xv, 24.

10. Yesterday my Daughter in Law Sibbil with her Babe Harriot arrived here. Mr. Bezaleel Howard a Tutor of Har-

¹ An error by Dr. Stiles for 68th.

vard College visited us. He says they have admitted 26 Freshmen there. I received a new Lesson in French from M. Martel. By him I rec^d a Letter from Mr. Winthrop informing that the Star Algol (which is in near Perseus & Lat. 40 N.) has lately been observed to vary its bigness *every three days*, from the first to the 4th Magnitude. Has it a diurnal Rotation round an Axis, & one side less illucescent than the other?

12. Correct^s the Catalogue to be printed this year. I gave my Ecc. Lecture.

13. Lond. prints say that the United States are diminishing—that 1775 Census by Congress was 3,137,869; and Jany. 1784 it was 2,389,300. Now Congress did estimate the former—the latter Real Census, & phps true as found 1782 not 1784 by Ord. of Congress by actual Numeration.

15. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel A.M. but left it in divine service being unwell. I gave son Isaac his Gr. father I. S. preach^s Bible.

18. Received a Letter from London.

19. Daughter Sibbil set out for Vermont with her child Emilia Harriot, who was born at Groton in this State the ninth of April last.

20. Declamations of all the classes for Tutorial Prizes. This day my D. Ruth nineteen years old having read her Bible through six times, since her Mother died which was May 29 1775. A good Girl!

22. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached for Mr. Whittelsey, and P.M. Mr. Perry of Carmel preached in Chapel.

24. I prayed with the judges at opening of the Superior Court. Chief Judge L^t Gov. Huntington, Judges Dyer, Pitkin, Sherman & Law.

Mr. Pelatiah Webster of Philad^a here & tells me that the Settlements at Kentucky down the Ohio in Virginia State, are sixty Thousand souls;—that a sensible Gent. lately there assured him he found in the Salt Licks a Tooth weigh^s Eight Pounds, and a Bone supposed a Part of Thigh Bone 3 or 4 feet long broken off, whose *knob* at the End where it entered the socket was as big Diam. as his *Hat Crown*.

25. Polly this day 17 years old. Examined my Hebrew class & adjudged Prizes viz. an 8^{vo} Vol. on Mythology to Griswold, and a second prize Derhams physico-Theo. to Eliot. Polly has read the Bible thro' five times.

26. No Lecture. I began to translate French.
27. Examined Samuel Huntington Jun. Soph. in Dartm^o Coll. æt. 18. and admitted him to the same standing here. Yesterday morn^s died Mr. Jn^o Punderson Seward of the class of Candidates for A.B. this Commencement.
28. Finished print^s Catalogues & Quæst. Magistrales.
29. Ldsdy. I attended all day at Chapel. The Professor preached A.M. Jn^o xiv, 3, on occasion of the Death of Sir Seward last Thursdy, &c.
30. Printing Theses for Commencement.
31. Very hot. Th. 98.

Sept.

1. Began the Examination of the Classes.—I have translated 25 Fables from French.
2. Continu^s Examin^a. Transl^a 30 fables.
4. Exam^d Eben. Belknap of Dartm^o Coll. & admitted him into the Senior Class.
5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. D^r Wales preached A.M. Col. iii, 17, and administered the Lords Supper present 34 Communicants. P.M. Eccl. ix, 10, being a farewell Sermon to the Candidates. The Candidates sat in the Gallery, & wore black Ribbons round their left Arms in Mourning for the Death of *Sir Seward* their Classmate. There was a crouded Chapel, about 100 Ladies—half the undergraduates sat in Galleries—Reading Kennicotts Heb. Bible.
6. Making up Quarter Bills. Transl^a 41 Fables french.
7. Preparing for Commencem^t. College & my House illuminated by the Freshmen this Evening.
8. Public Commencement. The Exercises of the Bachelors A.M.

Prayer

Anthem

Salutatory Orat. by Sir Dennison Lat.

Theses Distributed

Forensic Disputation

Sir Wolworth

Sir Goodrich

Sir Cogswel

Anthem

Dialogue—Sir Greene son of Gov. Greene of Rh Isld.

Sir Huntington

Sir Taylor

Sir Lyman

Sylogistic Disput^a

Sir Holt Resp.

Sir Lord

Sir Thompson } Resp.

P. M. Masters.

Eng. Orat. by Sir Marsh—omitted in forenoon

Anthem

Eng. Orat. Mr. Tutor Baldwin¹

Forensic Disput^a. Omitted.

Quæst. Magist. & Catalogues distributed.

Degrees conferred

Valed^y Orat. Lat. Mr. Tutor Channing.

All the Undergraduates with the 2 classes of Candidates walked in Procession to the Brick Meet^{sb}. Col. Jon^a Fitch preced^e the Presid^t & Corpor^a, Professor & Tutors as Bedellus, with his White Wand. He has been Bedellus fr. 1753.

L^t Gov. Bowen of Providence attended, dined in the Hall & walked with the senior Fellow D^r Williams in the Procession. The Bachelors waited in the Hall at Dinner.

Sir Seward an excellent Scholar & Candidate approved at July Exam. died Aug. His Friends asked the Corpor^a whether he sh^d be considered as graduated; they judged not.

D^r Sergeant is an eminent Physician at Stockbridge, was two years at Jersey College. He received an Honorary Degree for his great Merit.

9. Conferred the honorary Deg. of Master of Arts upon D^r Eben. Beardsley, D^r Lemuel Hopkins. Also the Deg. of A.B. upon Eben. Diman of last year & Th^o Goodsell Wolcott. Tot. 72 Degrees.

Transacting Business with the Corporation. At VIII this morn^e a Concio ad Clerum, preached in the College Chapel by the Rev. Mr. Whitney of Pomfret from I magnify my office.—We have admitted 39 Freshmen.

10. The Corpor^a broke up & returned home. My Wife sailed for Rhode Island.

¹ On the Rise, Progress and Effect of Commerce.

11. Admitted Samuel Platt Broome into the Junior Class, from Jersey College, his Father¹ hav^e removed to settle in this City. Mess^{rs} Tutors Russel & Baldwin set out on a Journey for Newport, Boston & Piscataqua. By them I forwarded two Diplomas for the Doctorates in Law, one to the Consul General M. Letombe at Boston, a Parisian Doctor of Law; the other to the Count Franciscus Dal Verme, a Milanese Nobleman. Both were admitted to the Degree of Doctor in Laws at the Commencement 1783. But the Diplomas were not signed till this Commencement.

12. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended Mr. Whitt⁷'s Meet^s & heard the Rev. Mr. Parsons of Amherst preach 1 Sam. xv, 22. P.M. at Mr. Edwds & heard Mr. Story—on Judgment. Exam^e Texts respecting World, Eternity, &c. . . .

13. Wrote recommendatory Testimonial for Monsieur Michael Martel French Instructor.² I have read fifty French Fables & translated them. Preparing for my Journey.

14. Prepar^e for Journey. Betsy very sick.

15. Betsy better. Very cold last night, as well as all yesterday, when wind high N. & N.W. froze last night very hard for the season.

EXCERPTA FROM ITINERARY.³

15. Sat out on a Journey for Philadelphia, with Professor Wales. Dined at Mr. Lockwoods, Milford.

16. Lodged at Mr. Rosses last night. Dined at Mr. Kents, Cumpo.⁴

17. At Middlesex, Mr. Mather's. N.E. Storm all day.

18. Dined at Havilands in Rye.

¹ Samuel Broome, whose wife was Phebe, daughter of Dr. Zophar Platt, of Huntington, L. I.

² In May, 1792, Dr. Stiles found M. Martel teaching in Hartford, and noted respecting him as follows:

Mr. Martel in 1784 went from New Haven to Philad^a & there fell in with Mr. Middleton of S^o Car^o of £15,000 per ann. who took him home with him to teach his family at 200 Guineas a year. Thence to Beaufort. Thence recommended to be elected Fr. Prof. in W^m & Mary Coll. 1785. He came to Wmsburg—Nothing—Came to Annapolis, & was commended by Mr. Chase. Returned to Beaufort—married—built at Columbia, ruined, travelled—Litchfield 1791, Hartford 1792.

³ A few additional items are inserted from the same source.

⁴ Rev. Robert Ross, of Stratfield Parish, now Bridgeport; and Moss Kent (Y. C. 1752), of Compo, in the present township of Westport.

19. Ldsdy. Kept Sabbath at New Rochelle, where we preached in the Episcopal Chh. A.M. I pr. P.M. Dr. Wales preached. 120 present. Dined at Mr. Bartow's.

20. Rode into N York; hav^s dined at F^t Washington.

21. Visited the College—which has only a Junior Class consisting of nine Undergraduates.

22. Crossed the Ferry at Powles' Hook. Lodged at Dr. McWhorter's.

23. Dined at Elizabetht^o.

26. Ldsdy. At Morristown—I preached there all day for Dr. Johnes¹—as did Dr. Wales at Hanover. A crowded Auditory—three couples owned the Cov^t & had 4 children baptized. Here and at Newark they own Cov^t for Bapt. Children: & any time after come to Lds Table or not as they please without any further pub. profession. In Hanover, Mr Greens Chh, some admitted in full Communion, have their children baptized, but come not to Lds Table. About 200 Communicants in Dr. Johnes's Chh. Dr. Johnes æt. 67, ordained & Chh. formed at Morrist^o Feb. 9, 1742/3, by Rev. Mess. Dickinson, Pierson & Burr. Then only 4 Presb. Minrs. in C^o & West of Elizabt^o Line—now 21 in N. Y. Presb^y in same Limits.

27. Set out fr. Morrist^o with Dr. Johnes for Commencement. Rode 8 or 9 m. to Mr. White's the House at Baskenridge where Gen. Lee was taken. Dined at Annans, 8/9 Jersey, & lodged at Andrew Marshons near the Ruins of Somerset Courthouse in Hillsbor^o where G. Wash. reposed with his Army after the Battle of Princeton.

28. Arrived at Princeton.

29. Nassau Commencement. President Witherspoon lately arrived from Europe. Exercises² agreeable. Twenty-four admit-

¹ Timothy Johnes, Yale 1737.

² President Stiles gives the programme as follows:

EVEN^g BEFORE COMMENCEMENT.

VII to IX Oratorical Exhibitions in Competition for Prizes.

COMMENCEMENT.

X	20'	Procession
X	30	Prayer 3' and Sal. Orat. Lat.
	40	Eng. Or. or Dissert ^a .
	50	D ^o on Legisl ^a &c.

ted to the Degree of A. B.—6 A.M. Several honorary Degrees conferred—and among others that of D.D. upon Professor Wales. They conferred two Degrees on me at the same time, that of D.D. and that of Doctor of Civil & Canon Laws. Dined with the Trustees. Present at Comm^t 25 Ministers.

30. Dined at Presid^t Witherspoons at Tusculum. This Aft. I received Intelligence of the Death of my Son Ezra Stiles Æ 26, who died Aug. 22, after five days Sickness about ten miles distant from Edenton in N^o Car^o or in Chowan C^o. The good Lord sanctify this Bereavement.

Mrs. Susanna Wiggins, consort of Dr. Wiggins,¹ informed me just as we were setting out. Rode 6 miles to Maidenhead & lodged.

October

1. Crossed Trenton ferry—& arrived at Philad^a.
2. Visited the University—50 Undergraduates.
3. Ldsdy. A.M. Dr. Wales preached for D^r Ewing, I for D^r Sprout. P.M. I attended & heard Dr. Davison.

XI	5	Music, Basson, Clarionets, &c.		
	8	Eng. Orat.		
	25	D ^o .		
	47	D ^o .		
	54	Music		
	59	D ^o Eng.		
XII.	9	D ^o on the Dominion & Decline of y ^o Rom. Emp. & American &c.		
	17	Music		
	20	D ^o .		
	27½	Panegyric Orat. on American Heroes already dead—Montgomery, Mercer, Barber		
	47	2 ^d Panegyric Orat.		
I	14	End & Music		
			P. M.	
III	9'	Music	V	3 D ^o D ^o excellent
	13	Orat. Eng. Salutatory		16 Music
	23	Or. Eng.		19 Degrees
	35	D ^o . One in Love		25 Grad. Collatio
	45	Music		30 Val. Orat.
	50	D ^o Eng.		54 Prayer
IV	4	D ^o D ^o .		59 Bless ^g .
	15	Or. Laughing	VI	End.
	37	Or. Eng.		
	48	D ^o D ^o .		

¹ Thomas Wiggins (Yale 1752), a physician in Princeton.

4. Viewed Rittenhouse Orrery, the Musæum of the philosophical Society, the Library 6 or 700 vol., &c. Dined at Professor Davisons.

5. Viewed the Anatomical Wax Works at D^r Chovets æt. 80 in Walnut street, introduced by D^r Shippen. Left Philad^a & rode 11 m. to Springers in Springfield.

6. Arrived at Bethlehem 53 M. fr. Philad^a and visited the Congregation, House & pub. Building of the Unitas Fratrum. Found here 100 Single Bⁿ & 160 single Sisters. Saw two Ministers, one Rev. Andrew Heubner, a Presbyter, & Rev. Jacob Van Vlek, a Deacon of the Unity. Mr. Van Vleck, Sen^r., Mr. Oakley to whom we were recommended by Mr. Bayard of Philad^a, with Mr. Horsfield showed us everything very obligingly. Viewed the Works for elevat^d Water 80 feet to supply the Town, w^o consists of only thirty-three Dwelling-houses. It is in Lat. 40° 37' N°. Quære. Rode 12 M. to Easton.

8. Crossed Delaware at Easton. Journeyed across N. Jersey.

9. Arrived at Rev. Mr. Richards in Raway.

10. Ldsdy. We preached for Mr. Rds.

11. Paid for Horse Hire from Rawy to Phild^a & back 3 Doll. To keep^s my Lame Horse 5/.

12. Arrived in N. York & dined with Rev. D^r Rodgers, with Judge Hobart &c.

13. Left N. York & crossed over to L. Isld, & lodged at Rev. Mr. Ketteltas at Jamaica.

14. Mr. Ketteltas obligingly rode with us to Hempstd Plain--the Plain 14 miles long & 5 M. broad. We reached Huntington 40 M. fr. N. York.

15. Rode 23 M. to Setauket or Brookhaven & lodged at Rev. Mr. Talmadges.

16. Returned to Huntington.

17. Ldsdy. We preached at Huntington in their new Meeting-house, new building in room of one demolished by the Enemy. I preached a Consecration Sermon Haggai ii, 9, and P.M. Dr. Wales preached.

18. Crossed the Sound to Norwalk. At Huntington, we were treated with great Hospitality by Dr. Platt æt. 80, a pious heavenly Man!

19. Reached only to Stratfield. Vacation ended.

20. Arrived home in Safety—& found my family well, but in Tears for the Death of Ezra. I found also Professor Williams of

Camb. & his Lady at my House. We have been treated with great Respect & Honor thro'out our Journey—particularly at N. Y., Princeton & Philadelphia.

21. Locating College.
 23. Resumed my Exposition of the Confession of Faith.
 24. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel. Dr. Wales preached all day.
 25. Whether the pleasures of Vision exceed those of Hearing?
- Seniors. Gave Mr. Perkins the Tuition of the Freshman Class. Admitted Bolles into Soph. Class.
26. Hubb^d of Hatf^d admitted into Freshman Class, now 45.
 28. Ecc. Hist. Lect.
 30. Rode to Meriden.
 31. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached at Merid. P.M. Mr. Maltby preached.

November

1. Dined at Dr. Dana's. Returned to N. H. & found my wife returned from Newpⁱ via N. York.
2. Nullæ dantur Ideæ innatæ? Newton Resp.
6. The Gen. Assembly sitting here, broke up. I prayed with them at their Adjournm^t without day.
7. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached at Rev^d Mr. Mathers Meet^s & administered the Lds. Supper to his Chh. in his Absence. P.M. I attended at Chapel, where the Professor preached Prov.—Path of the just &c.
8. Whether there are innate Ideas? Seniors.
9. Whether in a State of Nat. any are obliged to obey the Law or Will of another? Seniors.¹
11. I gave Eccl. Hist. Lect. Resumed a Hebrew Class.
12. Animal Magnetism discov^d by D^r Meynard.
14. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel. A.M. D^r Wales preached from Mat. xx, 28 on the Atonement. Present 192 Scholars of which 108 on the South side of the Middle Isle, & 84 on North side: besides 12 Gent. in the Graduates Pew, & 8 Females in the Presidents Pew: Total 212 in Chapel—crouded. P.M. Mr. Edwards preached on Benevolence. Mr. Webster of Philad^a spent the Even^s with me.

¹ Under this date, in a sheet of College memoranda, the President writes:

I resigned Morning Prayers to the Tutors, except Saturday Morn^s to call over the Monitors Bills.

15. Wrote a Letter to Rev. Mr. Mather at Savanna. Finished reading a Book of Fables in French, which I began without a Transl^a last August. I have rec^d Instruction in French from M. Martel, my only preceptor, from about middle of June last till Commencement at leisure Hours. He left me 13th Sept. last & I have had no Instruction since. I began Chambaud's select French Fables about three weeks before Commencement.

The Total Undergrad. now present at Coll. 214, abs. 40. So Total of the 4 Classes 254 in Coll. at this Time.

16. Whether the Idea of a God be universal? Sen.

17. Forming a List of the Ministers & Chhs in Connecticut, for a Register to be printed at N. London. Rev. Mr. Tullar¹ installed at Milford this day. He was formerly a Minister in Vermont. Mr. Trumbull preached, Mr. Humphry gave the Charge, & Mr. Lockwood the right hand of Fellowship.

18. Ecc. Hist. Lect.

19. In a London print of 13 Sept. last—"Sunday being a day of Rest, seven hundred & 39 Horses were yesterday engaged on parties of Pleasure." "In fifty Chhs east of Temple Bar, the Congregations amounted on a Average to *Seven* for each Chh. in the Morn^e and five in the Afternoon." Rem. 1. In all London not more than 350 psons or one common Congreg^a attend divine Worship. 2. Yet all would consider themselves Chhmen, or the greater part. 3. The Diminution of the Congreg^a among the Sects (Dissenters say) not imply a shifting Communion, or diminution of the Number of those who account themselves of a sect. I had tho't that the sensible Diminution of the Congregations of Dissenters in Engl^d at this day, did imply their return^e to the Chh. of Engl^d. But this is a Mistake. Indifferentism!

21. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. Mr. Plum² preached all day.

22. Whether the Mind always thinks? Seniors.

23. Whether a Repub. be preferable to Monarchy?

24. The day before yesterday I began to read the french Translation of Robertsons Hist. of America. On Monday I translated 30 pages—yesterday 50—& today 130 pages; of which 76 this Even^e before half after Ten o'Clock.

25. Ecc. Hist. Lecture. Read Robertsons Hist. 70 pages.

26. Finished read^e the first French Vol. of Robertsons History

¹ David Tullar, Yale 1774.

² William Plumbe (Yale 1769), of Middletown.

of America 400 pages. Read this day 120 pages. Finished before ten o'Clock this Even^s; hav^s read 100 pages this Even^s.

28. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel & heard the Professor preach all day on Mat. xx, 28. He read the Proclamation for a pub. Thanksgiv^g in this State; propounded Mr. Tutor Perkins for full Communion; notified the Sac^r of the Lds. Supper next Ldsdy; and published the Banns of Marriage between Mr. Lewis Burr Sturges^s & my Daughter Kezia Taylor Stiles. Reading Dr. Chauncy on Universal Salvation.

29. Whether Commerce or Agriculture needs most Encourag^t in the United States? Sen. Writing Letters to London, to Dr. Price, to Dr. Maskelyne regius Professor of Astron^y, to Mrs. Grant.

30. Whether the Flood was Universal? Sen^{rs}. Yesterd^y I began Telemachus in French.

December

1. I read to the middle of third Book of Telem.

2. Public Thanksgiv^g in Connect. & New Hamp. Professor Wales preached at Chapel where I attended from Gen. viii, 22. In the Even^s were married by D^r Wales at my House Mr. Lewis Burr Sturges to my Daughter Kezia Taylor Stiles.

4. News of the Death of Rev^d Allyn Mather at Savanna, Pastor of a Chh. in this City.³

5. Ldsdy. At Chapel D^r Wales admitted Mr. Tutor Perkins into the Chh. I preached all day at Mr. Whitt^{rs} Meet^s he being sick. A.M. I preached on Heb. iii, 1, and administered the Sacrament of the Lds. Supper to his Chh, my wife partak^s there for the first time. P.M. Acts xv, 18, and baptized Russel Son of Jn^o Hubbard^s & his Wife.

6. Primum Peccatum Adami Posteris suis imputatur. Bidwell, Resp.

7. Tentatio non minuit Crimen. Langdon, Resp. Rev. Mr. Whittelsey dangerously sick. A very great Freshet in Connecticut River.

¹ The eldest son of Judge Jonathan Sturges (Yale 1759), of Fairfield, Conn., and a graduate of Yale in 1782. He was now a merchant in New Haven.

² Born in Windsor, Conn., in 1747, graduated at Yale in 1771, ordained pastor of the Fair Haven Church in New Haven in 1773.

³ Deacon John Hubbard, son of the Rev. John Hubbard (Yale 1744), of Meriden, and nephew of President Stiles's first wife.

8. Quarter Day at College. An Eng. & Lat. Oration delivered by Grosvenor & Fairchild, Sen. Sophisters: No Dialogue. No Ladies present as usual.

9. Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

10. This day I am 57 years old. How unprofitable a Servant of the Most High?

11. First Snow 3 Inc.

12. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Stebins preached on Luke ii, 9, 10. P.M. I preached at Rev. Mr. Mathers Meet^s a funeral Sermon Philip. i, 21, on the Rev^d Allyn Mather, the deceased Pastor of that Flock, who died at Savanna in Georgia Nov. 12, past, æt. 37, Min. 13. I baptized Triphena Daughter of James Gilbert & his Wife. Then attended a Funeral of Mrs. Smith, & made a Speech at the Grave. Gen. Greene of Rhode Isld. visited me.

13. I prayed with the Superior Court—& Afterwards with the Town Meeting. Finished the Vth Book of Telemachus.

14. Whether the Discov^y & European Settlem^t of America has been of Benefit to Mankind? Sen. Mr. Caleb Hotchkiss a Candidate¹ died last night in this city Æ. 42. I have appointed a Disput^a & 2 other Heb. Recit^a to day.

15. Attended Mr. Hotchkiss's Funeral & prayed at the house, Mr. Edw^{ds} spoke at the Grave. Finished VIIth B. of Telemachus. A Thaw. The Therm^o 36.

16. Ecc. Hist. Lect. & 3 Heb. Recitations.

17. Finished VIIIth B. of Telemachus in French. Died at Newport last week Deacon Nath^l Coggeshall Æ. 83.²

18. Finished IXth B. of Telemachus.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M. Heb. ix, 24, on X's Intercession. P.M. Rom. i, 18. Read^s Bp. Bull on the Nicene Creed & Defence of the real Divin^y of the Ld. J. C. . . .

20. Whether the Planets are inhabited? Seniors. Finished the XIth B. of Telemachus.

21. Whether Light is invisible? Seniors. L^t Gov. Huntington last W. told me, Gen. Washington was æt. 60, as he had been

¹ A native of New Haven, and graduate of Yale (1766); he was a candidate for the ministry, but had been debarred by health from settlement.

² Son of Freegift and Elizabeth (Matthews) Coggeshall, of Newport; deacon in Dr. Hopkins's Church. See *R. I. Historical Magazine*, v, 182.

assured by a Gent. who was born & lived near him all his days : and the Gov. supposed the printed acco^{ts} of him were erroneous. But s^d he had not this fr. the General. This Even^e Mr. Whitt^v told me, that he dined here in T^o with Gen. Wash. & his Suite in June 1775 in his Way so take the Comm^d of the Army at Boston ; when observing to him that he must have been young at the Ohio Action in 1753 or 1754, Gen. Wash. then told Mr. Whitt^v that at that Action he was only Twenty two years old. So Mr. Hunt. must have been misinformed.

23. Therm^o just below Cypher at Sunrise, & rose only to 12 above 0 all day. Even^e XI, one Degree below 0. Eccl. Hist. Lect. This day my D. Kezia went to keeping house with Mr. Sturges at the Waterside.

24. Went & set up Family Worship with my Children at their new Abode : recommend^e a constant Observance.

25. The Rev. Peter Thatcher of Malden preached his Farewel Sermon there the begin^e of this month. The Rev^d Jonathan Fuller, middle Bachelor of Arts,¹ was Dec. 8th ordained Pastor of first Chh. in Preston.

26. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Whittelsey, who was at Meet^e in the Aft. & baptized a Child. The Rev. Mr. Warham W^{ms} preached at the Chapel this Aft. & propounded 2 Scholars Undergr. Hitchcock and Hatheway for the Communion. Mr. W^{ms} & Dr. Wales visited me this Even^e. Reading Bp. Hopkins on the Div^y of Christ. . . .

30. Eccl. Hist. Lect. I also attended a Sacr^t Lect. Mr. Edw^{ds} preached. . . .

31. Finished XVth B. of Telemachus. This Even^e we had a Meeting of the Communicants of the College church at Dr. Wales's, 23 present. He discoursed to us on Rev. i, 18. A very edifying & entertaining Meeting preparatory to the Sacrament of the Lds. Supper next Ldsdy.

My occasional Preaching the year past . . . equals 26 Sabbaths or half a year.

Also 42 Expositions on the Confession of Faith in the Coll. Chapel on Saturday Evengs. equal to so many Sermons : besides a weekly Lect. on Eccl. History. All these peculiarly respect Religion. . . .

¹Graduated B.A. in 1783, and so now in the middle of the three years preceding the Master's degree.

1785.

January

1. By a census returned in Nov. last it appears that the number of Inhabitants in the State of New Jersey is, Souls, 138,934 Whites, 10,501 Blacks, and that the Rateable Property in that State is not Two Million Pounds, & indeed only £1,166,624.

2. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Whittelsey—A.M. 1 Pet. i, 8, and administered the Sac^r of the Lds Supper to his Chh., he being absent. P.M. Isai. lxi, 1, & Luke iv, 19, a new years Sermon. A very cold day. The Professor preached in Chapel, admitted Hitchcock & Hatheway into the College Chh & administered the Sacrm^t of the Lds. Supper to 23 Communicants. Last Even^s & this I read above 200 pages in Dr. Chauncys Universal Salvation. Read in Mr. Whitt^r's Congreg^a a Society Vote of 29 ult. to begin & have weekly Contribution every Ldsday at the Conclusion of the Aft. Service—loose Money unmarkt, for the Minister gratis, rest for Sal^r. The two other Presb. chhs. begin this practice at this Time. Never before.

3. Nulla Deceptio est licita. Hinkly, Resp. I dined at Mr. Broom's¹ with D^r Wales & Mr. Edw^d.

4. No Disput^a. I rec^d & ans^w^d Dr. Dana's Letters.

5. The Rev. Peter Thatcher resigned the Min^r at Malden, and Ldsdy 26th Dec. preached his introductory Sermon in the Chh. in Brattle street B^o late D^r Coopers.

Gen. Washington rendered in his Acco^t of Disbursement to Congress last year, amount^s to but Ten Thous^d pounds Sterl^s for Expenditures of Monies rec^d by himself, in secret Services &c for the whole War. Gen. Rochamb. rec^d six Thous^d pounds sterl^s per ann. besides his Table & Secret Expences.

6. Dr. Wales gave us a Divinity Lecture.

7. The Seniors recited Locke to the Chapter on Power. Read another Book of Telemachus this Evening. We have 206 Undergraduates in Town. I have stopt six sleighs to day which came for the Scholars.

8. Read another Book in Telemachus. Mr. Meigs² & myself forming a Device for the Seal of the City of N. Haven.

¹ Samuel Broome (see this Diary, September 11, 1784) lived on the north side of Water street, west of the present Franklin street.

² Josiah Meigs (Yale 1778). He had resigned the Tutorship in May, 1784, and was now City Clerk.

9. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all Day on 1 Cor. vi, 19, 20, excellent Discourses. There were present 160 Undergrad. & 15 or 20 other persons. Review^s Dr. Chauncy on Univ. Salvation.

10. Whether Liberty for all Religions, Pagan & Mahom. as well as Xtian ought to be allowed in the United States? Sen.

11. Vacation begins & the Scholars go home.

12. Finished the XXIVth & last Book of Telemachus. I have read thro' Telemachus in six weeks.

13. Read^s Gelasius Hist. Council Nice, in Harduin's Coll. Conc.

14. Very cold. Th. 8.

16. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Mr. Mathers Meet^s & heard Dr. Wales preach on the Fulfill^t of Prophecy. P.M. at Mr. Whitt^r's & heard him on Heb. xii, 21, 22. . . .

17. Teaching Geography & Use of the Globes & shewing the Planetarium to a number of Students tarrying here in the vacation. Began to read *Racine's* dramatic Writings in French.

20. Daily reading Racine By reviewing a List of Presb. or Cong. Ministers in N. Engld w^o I published 1760, I find that in 24 y. from 1760 to 1784 there have died 218 Pastors out of about 500 or more truely 501 in the 530 chhs. the N^o of Chhs. in the 4 N. Engl^d Gov^{ts} in 1760. There then were 30 Vacancies in the Chhs—now 1785 there are 40 Vacancies in Connecticut only and I judge 120 in all N. Engld.

A.D. 1760—306	Chhs.	284	Pastors, of w ^m	121	dead 1784,	Mass.
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10	"	9	"	"	5	"
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531		501			218	dead in 24 y.

21. Read^s Racine, & Dr. Chauncy.

22. Rode to West Haven.

23. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Williston on 1 Cor. i, 30.

24. Returned. Spent the Even^s at Mr. Edwards¹ & conversed on D^r Chauncy's Piece on Univ. Salvation. Read an act in Racine. Read the Piece in Phoenix V. 1 upon the Etern^y of Hell Torments.

¹ The Rev. Jonathan Edwards, pastor of the White Haven Church, lived on the lot now occupied by the house of Mrs. Winston Trowbridge, on the east side of Church street, between Elm and Wall.

25. In the State of Massachusetts A.D. 1784 were 287 Presb. or Cong. Pastors, of w^c four were Collegues : there were 105 Vacancies besides 14 new Towns settling. So 388 Presb. Congregations. The Baptists say they have in 1784 in Massachusetts 74 Chhs. & 51 Ministers of w^c six had a liberal Education the rest Illiterates. Wherever they find a Bunch of ten or a dozen baptist Families they form a Chh & ordain a Brother an Elder.

26. I sat out on a Journey. Rode to Cheshire.

28. Rode to Rev. Mr. Trumbulls at Watertown.

29. Rode to Southbury & kept Sabbath with Benj^a Stiles Esq.

30. Ldsdy. I preached P.M. for Mr. Wildman.

31. Visited aged Mr. Isaac Stiles æt 95.¹ Conversed with him & rode to Oxford, lodged at upper End of Darby.

February

1. Severe Snow Storm. Rode to Mr. Darlings in Amity. Storm all night.

2. Arrived home & found 3 Tutors, who had set up orders last night, Vac^a being ended, & held Recitations to day.

3. With Mess^{rs} Hillhouse² & Meigs devising a City Seal. I attended College Prayers this Even^g, Yesterdy Even^g above 50 Scholars at prayers

6. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel where Dr. Wales preached all day on Rom. xiii, 9. Read^g Mr. Hopkins on fut. Punishm^t.

7. Arbitrium liberum datur. Beers Resp.

8. Bellum utrinque non est licitum. Hubbard 2 Resp.

10. Eccl. Hist. Læct. Heb. Recitation.

11. Finished the City Seal. The Devise, the Harbour of New Haven, a Ship at the Entrance, and an Ionic Pillar entwined with a Grape Vine. Under the Ship at the Mouth of the Harbor MARE LIBERUM : and round the Seal SIGILL. CIVITAT. NOVI-PORT. IN REPUB. CONNECTICUTTENSI. 1784.

12. Read^g Dupins Ecc. Hist. particularly the Account of Epiphanius & Jerome.

13. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. A.M. Rev^d Mr. Smalley preached Mark iii, 5. P.M. Rev^d Mr. Trumbull preached Mat. xxvi, 39.

14. Whether human Depravity is total? Seniors.

¹ A second cousin of the father of Pres. Stiles. He died in April, 1787.

² James Hillhouse (Yale 1773).

15. Whether Read^s Nouvelles is beneficial? Sen^{rs}.
 17. Ecc. Hist. Lect. In the Even^g Sir King the Butler was married to Miss Austin.¹ I attended Wedd^s. Mr. Edwards married them & Mr. Street made the last prayer.

20. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel and heard Dr. Wales preach all day on Philip. ii, 7, 8. Snow P.M.

21. Whether an unconverted Man ought to enter into the Ministry? Seniors.

22. D^r Wales very ill. Whether Imprisonment for Debt be just & right? Sen^{rs}.

24. Eccl. Hist. Lecture. Snow. Dies Natalitias Uxor. Received a Letter from Rev. Mr. Thatcher of Boston ask^g admission of two Students in Harvard College into this College &c.

25. The Assembly of N York May 1. 1784 granted a Charter to incorporate an *University*, consist^s of and comprehend^s all the future Colleges within the State. The corporate Body consisted of the Gov., Lt Gov., Presid^t of the Senate, Speaker, Mayors of N York & Albany, Att^o Gen., Sec^y of the State, about 24 Gentlemen from the 12 Counties, & one Clergyman. . . . Vacancies among the elective (or non ex officio Regents) to be filled up by the Governor, except the Clergy i. e. all Ministers of all Denominations, to elect one of their Number & keep up the Succession.

This last provision affronted the Clergy. And in Nov. 1784 the Assembly passed an additional act (tho' not at the Instance of the Clergy) adding 34 Regents of which Eight happened to be Ministers: also pmitted in future the Clergy of each Denomin^a to elect one Regent apiece for the time being: and granted £2500 to the Univ^y Treasurer for the Use of Columbia Coll. in the Univ^y to be hereafter refunded from the Revenues of that Coll. w^c may be £3500 p ann. . . .

About middle of Dec. last, a number of settlers on the West part of N^o Carolina, (ceded by that State to Congress) spontaneously erected themselves into and declared themselves an Indep^t State.

26. Reading Bradwardin de Causa Dei. Rode to Meriden.

27. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Rev. Mr. Hubbard of Meriden I baptized Eunice Holt Hough D. of Ambrose Hough & his dec^d W. Eunice.

¹Walter King (Yale 1782) and Sarah, daughter of Deacon David Austin, of the White Haven Church.

28. Returned to College. D^r Wales heard the Dissertation of the Senior Class, Whether Pædobaptism is Jure divino?

March

1. Whether there be any material substance? Sen.

Dewey returned, examined & reaccepted. I draughted a diploma of the Freedom of the City for M. Michael S^t John de Crevecœur, Consul of France for Connect. N York & Jersey.¹

¹ This gentleman, whose correct name was J. Hector St. John de Crevecœur, is best known as the author of the popular *Letters of An American Farmer*. A letter from him is preserved among Dr. Stiles's papers, as follows :

NEW YORK, 8th June, 1785.

M^r PRESIDENT,

A second French Edition of the 2 Vols. of y^e American Farmer's Letters being at the eve of appearing, I am earnestly desired by the editor of that work, which has had the Good Fortune of Pleasing the Publick ; & he would think himself very much obliged to you, if you'd think Proper to communicate to him some Anecdotes of y^e Late War—by Anecdotes the Editor Means, Uncommon Instances of Bravery, Resignation, Patience, Courage, Cruelty on the part of our Ennemys, or any other Characteristics of the Violence of the War & of the brave Resistance of the Americans—they would be not less Interesting were they on some Natural Subject—but such is the high Esteem & Veneration the Editor of that Work has for the President of Yale College, that with Great Pleasure he leaves to you the Nature & Choice of these anecdotes which would appear with your name if not disagreeable to you. I am very sure that was this subject Introduced among your Friends, a Great number of Curious & Interesting Facts wou'd be mentioned which it wou'd be a Great Pity to loose & to see sunk in oblivion. The late revolution is an object so Interesting to humanity in General, that not the least Feature of it ought to be lost—receive therefore kindly this the Request of the Editor above mentioned & deign to contribute to the Greater Perfection of that work by communicating to him whatever may have come to your knowledge or to that of your Friends.

I believe I shall sail from here ere I have Received the Diplomas you have so Generously contributed to Procure—but if they are sent to Col. Burr or to my office N^o 202, Queen Street, they will be forwarded to me in Normandy—depend on my Zeal to Procure for your College such Proofs of these Good & Great People's gratitude as will be adequate to the Favor & Honor conferred on them by the City of New Haven.

Wishing you & the College at the head of which you so worthily Preside every degree of Prosperity I take my leave of you ; Receive kindly this Mark of the high Esteem & unfeigned Respect wherewith I subscribe Myself, Sir,

Your Very Humble Serv^t

S^t JOHN.

The edition referred to was published at Paris in 1787, but did not contain any contribution from Dr. Stiles.

2. A sacramental Lecture at Mr. Whitt^r's Meeting preached by D^r Dana. After Lecture Rev^d Mess^{rs} Dana, Whitt^r, Ross, Wales, & Edw^d visited me.

3. Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

4. This day a Letter is rec^d in T^o advising that on 14th of Nov. last the Rev^d Samuel Seabury D.D. was consecrated [in England] a Bishop for Connecticut, by a non Juring Bishop in England, as the Bps of the Chh. of England declined doing it without an Act of Parliament. He is to reside and officiate as a Clergyman to the Episcopal Chh. in N London. He is the first American Bp. according to the Chh. of Engl^d. Thus the English Bps. have deserted their good Tory Friends of the Chh. of Engld. in America particularly in the N. Engld States, altho' they have most zealously supported the royal Interest in the great Contest with America. D^r Seab^r is at the Head of only ten Clergymen in Connecticut.

6. I preached all day at Mr. Mathers Meeting. A.M. Prov. ii, 3-6. P.M. Micah v, 4.

7. Polygamia non est licita. Flint Resp.

8. Voluntati non competit potestas sese determinandi. Wadsworth Resp. The Committee of the Corpor^a here. We fixed the Price of Commons for this Qu^r 7/9. Making up Quarter Bills.

9. Quarter day Exercises as follows

Anthem began III. 37''
 Lat. Orat. Eliot III. 40-55
 Dialogue
 Renslaer }
 Livingston } III. 57-IV. 30
 Collins }
 Halsey }
 Anthem
 Eng. Orat. IV. 38-46'
 Anthem IV. 47-50'

A full assembly of Scholars, Gent. & Ladies.

10. No Lecture. An Academic Court.

11. Gov. Hancock of B^o sent to me to see if I would admit two Scholars from Harv. Coll. to the same stand^s here. He gives them Education. He is a little disgusted with the Treatm^t of some of

the Overseers, part⁷ D^r Gordon, in closing the Treasury accounts of Harv. College.¹

13. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day and heard D^r Wales preach all day on Jer. xxx, 10. Reading Dionysius Areopag. on the Trinity. The 2nd Inst died the Rev. Andrew Storrs of Northbury æt. 50, Min. 20. A very worthy man.²

14. Whether the Latin & Greek Languages are studied too much in America? Seniors.

15. Whether Sin be an infinite Evil? Sen. Sent a Letter to Gov. Hancock. Isaac set out for Stonington. Review^s Diplomas of City Freedom for M. Crevecoeur and his three children, one of which was his Daughter enfranchised as a female Citizen of New Haven Sept. last.

16. The Senior Class began 2^d Vol. of Locke on human Understanding. I finished read^s a Volume of French Letters of an Envoy travell^s from Holl^d to Lithuania, which I began the first Instant. Yesterday I began a Volume of L^d Bolingbroke in French.

17. Ecc. Hist. Lecture.

20. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. A.M. Mr. Edwards preached on shew^s the Repent^a of the Sinner was not the only End of Punishment. P.M. Professor Wales preached Jn^o iv, 4. After Meet^s D^r Dana & Mr. Noyes³ came to my house—they both preached in T^o to day.

21. Whether Lat. & Greek are studied too much in Y. C.

Examining Dionysius Areop. to estimate the Quantity of his own proper writing contained in the 2 Fol. Volumes

22. At North Branford. Returned. Chose Sir Dagget, Butler.⁴

23. Visited by Rev. Jno. Devotion. Finished reading an 8^{vo} Vol. of Ld. Bolingbroke's deistical Tracts in French entitled

¹ Governor Hancock was chosen Treasurer of Harvard College in 1773 and was superseded in this office in 1777, but did not settle his accounts, although urgently pressed to do so, until February, 1785. The embarrassments of the Corporation in dealing with him form the subject of Chapter 29 in Vol. 2 of Pres. Quincy's *History of Harvard University*.

² A graduate of Yale in 1760. Northbury Society, in Waterbury, is now in the town of Plymouth, Conn.

³ James Noyes (Yale 1782) was assisting the Rev. Dr. James Dana at Wallingford, and a few weeks later was ordained there as colleague pastor. See below, May 4.

⁴ David Daggett (Yale 1783), afterwards a distinguished jurist and Professor of Law in New Haven.

“L’Examen important,” and began the first Vol. of Voltairs
“le Siecle de Louis XIV.”

24. No Eccl. Hist. Lect.—I being unwell.

27. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day preach on Mat. v, — ag^t profane Swearing. Read the 2 first Books of Dionysius de div. nominibus.

28. Lett. fr. Fredericksburge, Virginia, dat. Jany. 4, 1785 :

“I have nothing fr. — since his departure for Kentucky, which was in September.—By a moderate calculation the Western Country has received an accession of *Twenty Thousd* Souls this autumn past. Mr. F——, Brother to him you know, met 4163 (four thousand one hundred and sixty three) Persons in the Wilderness in three Weeks. A greater proportion still have gone by the way of Pittsburgh down to the Ohio.”

Whether Literature is too much cultivated in the State of Connecticut? Sen,

Received Letters from Georgia, Gov. Hall & Mr. Holmes with acc^o of Deaths of Mess^{rs} Mather, Lewis & W^m.¹

29. Whether the Powers of Congress ought to be augmented?

31. No Lect. I being unwell. . .

April

1. An Even^s Meet^s of the Members of the College Chh. at my house, with a religious Exercise. Dr. Wales began with Prayer—we sang—and Mr. Tutor Channing preached on Mat. xii, 49, 50. I prayed & gave the Blessing. A pleasant & delightful Season & Exercise preparatory to the Sacrament . .

2. At Even^s Prayers I expounded the Confession of Faith in the Chapel accord^s to my constant Custom on Sat^v Even^s. In the Even^s I read the Liturgy of S^t James the Apostle . . as I find it in Fabricus. . . . This Liturgy of Formula of Administr^a of the Lds Supper, tho’ interpolated, may yet retain & exhibit the general mode of the Apostolic Administr^a of this holy Ordinance. For the greater part of it, it is a pious Performance.

3. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M. from Heb. xii, 3, and administered the Lds Supper to us—

¹ Lyman Hall (Yale 1747), who had been Governor of Georgia in 1783, was a lawyer in Savannah; and Abiel Holmes (Yale 1783) was preaching in Midway.

The Rev. Allyn Mather (Yale 1771), of New Haven, died of consumption in Savannah on Nov. 12; Oliver Lewis (Yale 1780) had gone South to practice law, and died in Savannah of yellow fever on Oct 12; and Nathan Williams, Jr. (Yale 1782), died in Savannah on Dec. 16.

present 29 Communicants. P.M. Mr. Whittelsey preached 1 Tim. iv, 8.

4. Dictamina Conscientiæ semper sunt obtemperanda. Rosseter Respondens. This Even^s I published the Examinations of the Classes—that of the Senior Class to commence to morrow at IX o'clock.

5. Begun the Examin^a of the Classes—203 Undergrad. in Town of w^c 194 present in Chapel. Examined the Seniors 59 out of 70 present and examined.¹

6. Attended the Examin^a of the Junior Class all day. Stone delivered a Latin Oration. No Dialogues yesterday or to day. This Day my son Isaac æt. 22 was admitted to the Attorneys Oath with Mess^{rs} Whittelsey, Bishop & White.²

7. Exam. Sophimore Class, 56 in Chapel. A.M. Whitt^y Lat. oration—then usual Exam. in Lang. Then at 2^d Trial after half an hours recess a Dial. by Belden, Foot, & Moss. P.M. Began with a 2^d Dial, by Bullard, Dewy, Judson. Eng. Gramm. & Arithmetic. Recess half an hour—then examined in Geography, Logic & Mathematics, & closed with an Eng. Orat. by Kibbe. This Class being in two Divis. & under 2 Tutors, we gave a Dial. to each Division. Total present 156.

8. Examin^a of Freshmen. A.M. Caulkins Lat. Orat. Then examined in Gr. Test. Recess ½ Hour—Virgil & Parsing. P.M. one sitting only—Dialogue, Cowles, Mason, Woodworth,—Tullys Orations, Lat. & Gr. Grammar—Chapin Eng. Oration. Thus finished the Exam. of the 4 Classes.

10. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day & heard Rev. Mr. Street preach. . . .

11. Whether Members of Assemblies & Congress are to speak & act the Minds of their Constituents or act thir own personal Judg^t? Sen^{rs}. Proxy.

¹ Further details of this examination are given by Dr. Stiles as follows in his College Memoranda :

Present at exam. 58. Sick 2. Out of T^o 11. Of these 58, 20 Optimi, 16 2^d Opt., 12 Inferiores (Boni), 10 Pejores.

All examined in Lat. and Greek. Then a Recess of half an hour. Then Gr. Then Dinner. Then Tutor Chann^r exam^d in Eng. and Lat. Grammar and Rhet. Mr. Tutor Bald. in Geogr^a. Recess ½ h. Mr. Tutor Perkins in Logic. Mr. Russel in Math. and Nat. Phil.

² Samuel Whittelsey (Yale 1779), son of the Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey; Abraham Bishop (1778); and Dyer White.

12. Whether the navig^a of the Mississippi River ought to be open & free for all nations? Sen^{rs}. Writ^r Letters to London.

13. I made the Appointments in the Senior Class for

JULY EXAMIN ^A		COMMENCEMENT.	
Beebe Clios. Orat.		Pitkin Sal. Orat.	
Cooke	} Disp. for.	Langdon Eng. Orat.	
Elsworth		Perkins 2. Greek Or.	
Hale		Flynt Heb. Orat.	
Leavitt			
Elles	} Dial.	Bidwel	} Disp. forens.
Ely		Newton	
Noyes		Rosseter	
Taylor		Wadsworth	
		Beers	} Dialogue
		Butler	
		Huntington	
		Perkins 1.	
		Grosvenor	} Syllog. Resp.
		Hinkly	
		Miller	
		McClellan	

14. The Senior Class ordered to elect a Val. Or. July. Reported they had chosen Graves. I approved him. No Lecture to day. Gen. Oliver Wolcott visited me.

16. Received a Letter missive from D' Dana's Chh. in Wallingford, requesting me, not as Pastor of a Chh., but as a Minister of Christ, to assist in the Ordination of Mr. James Noyes as Collegue Pastor 4th next month. This Even^g I finished the Saturday Even^g Exposition of the Savoy Confession of Faith a fifth time since I entered upon the Presidency 1778.

17. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel. Dr. Wales preached A.M. Jn^o. vii, 48. P.M. Ps. xix, 11, between the last prayer & last Singing he published Gov. Griswolds Proclam^a for a General Fast thro' this State next Wednesday. . .

18. Whether the Culture of Silk would be advantageous to this State? Seniors.

Mr. Joel Barlow sent me a copy of his Edition of D' Watts's Psalms 1784, corrected by himself at the Direction of the General

Association of this State of Connecticut. It was necess^r there sh^d have been a few Alterations in passages respect^s the King, Britain & America. But Mr. Barlow has left out & made anew whole Stanzas, and even Psalms. He has subjoyned Hymns, an indiscriminate Mixture of his own & D^r Watts. In the place of the Author in the Title page he has put "By Joel Barlow." D^r Watts stiled his an Imitation of Davids Psalms. Mr. Barlow has *corrected* so much as to assume the *Place* of the Author, as if he was the Author. I think he has corrected too much and unnecessarily mutilated the Book & sometimes hurt the poetry. Again such Reverence is due to the Authent^r of Authors as that the Index expurgatorius should have been inserted by itself, that we might at one view be able to know what is Wattsian & what is Barlowan; for as the matter is now Barlow has mounted up at one Leap to all the Glory of Watts. This is a new way of Elevation of Genius & Acquest of Honor. It is but for an adventurous Muse to play the same Correction (for some or no Reason) on *Milton* as Mr. Ross has done on President Burrs Grammar,¹ and Milton becomes the Property of the new Poet. Let a Philosopher throw out some less useful Paragraphs from Newton's Principia, & insert some of his own and entitle it "Newton's Principia, By Martin."

D^r Watts left out twelve Psalms because then already in his Hymns. Mr. Barlow might have transfered these, & this Composition might be still D^r Watts's. He has greatly altered 21, 60, 67, 75, 124, 147th Psalms.

Mr. Barlow is an excellent Poet; yet he cannot retoutch Watts to advantage.

19. Hail Storm all day. Hail two Inches & an half deep on the Ground on a level. Rain at night. Th. 33.

20. Fast thro' Connecticut. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales foren. & aftern. preach on the whole third Chapter of Jonah. Snow or Hail melt away, the half gone this Aft. Therm^o 42, wind S.W.—Three Sailors drowned last night in this Harbor. Reading *Vitringa*. Rec^d a Lett. from London.

21. I gave a public Lecture on Natural Philosophy instead of History.

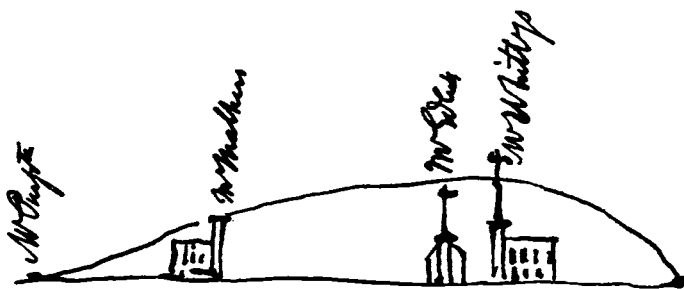
¹ The Rev. Aaron Burr (Yale 1735), President of Princeton College, was originally responsible for *A Complete Introduction to the Latin Tongue*, published in 1752, known in later editions as *The American Grammar*; and the Rev. Robert Ross (Princeton 1751), later of Bridgeport, Conn., was the ostensible editor.

24. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Mr. Trumbull all day . . . Read^s Mr. Edwards on Liberty & Necessity.¹

25. If a Perforation should be made thro' the Earth & the Air exhausted, whether a Body let fall into it would after several Returns rest at the Center, or pass & repass from side to side forever? Seniors.

This day an *Air-Balloon* was let off in this city a little after noon, the Wind due South, a light Air. It was constructed by Mr. Josiah Meigs late senior Tutor of the College, made of Paper, being a Cube of Eight feet Diameter, with a Top of three feet addition being three feet of the Portion of a sphere of the same Diameter. It had an aperture at Bottom of nearly one foot Diameter. Last Even^s it was filled & sent up & judged to ascend about 300 feet.

This day at noon on the Square before the College, preparation was made, at XII.30' or half after Twelve o'Clock at noon, we began to fill the balloon, kindling Shavings & with the heat expanding the air in the Balloon; it was filled or expanded in three Minutes; and was let off at XII.33½ or nearly XII.34'—passed about fifty or sixty rods at an altitude nearly equal the Top of the Brick Steeple & settled on Mr. Pierponts house & rolled off to the Ground at XII.35'. Its passage was lofty & majestic. At College it was viewed thus.²



¹ Probably an early manuscript draft of the *Dissertation concerning Liberty and Necessity*, which the Rev. Jonathan Edwards published twelve years after this.

² The spectator is supposed to be standing on the city green opposite Osborn Hall. The three churches which he sees were: first, the Brick Church on the site of the present Center Church; secondly, the wooden meeting-house on the southeast corner of Church and Elm streets; thirdly, that on the site of the present United Church. Mr. Pierpont's house is still standing, the second house east of the Law School.

26. Whether diff. Genius ow^s to Climate?
 28. No Lecture. D^r Milne¹ of Edinburgh here.
 29. Made Appointments of Orators &c among the Senior Bachelors for Commencement. Th. 82.
 30. Finished the first Vol. of Voltaires Siecle de Louis XIV which I began 23 March.

May

1. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. A.M. Sir Austin² preached 2 Cor. iv, 18, and D^r Wales administered the Sacr^t of the L^d Supper present 26 Communicants. M^r Tutor Perkins carried about the Elements. After Sacrament D^r Wales communicated the Chh. a Letter from D^r Dana & the first Chh. in Wallingford requesting the Pastor and a Delegate to be sent to joyn an Eccl. Council there next Wedn⁷ to assist in the Ordin^a of Mr. James Noyes a Colleague Pastor with D^r Dana. The Pastor informed that he could not go, and asked if the Chh. would send. An objection was made, that that Chh was under Censure of the Consociation.³ After some discourse, it was deferred till Afternoon. P.M. D^r Wales preached Luke xv, 10. The Assembly being dismissed the Chh. resumed &c. Two of the Graduates & one Undergrad. member spoke against sending, & Tutor Perkins & another Graduate spake for it, as had Tutor Chan^s & myself in forenoon. There were 19 present besides D^r Wales. The Vote being put only nine voted, & so the matter dropt.

2. Societas Fœlicitati humanæ inservit. Flint Resp. At III^h P.M. Mr. Meigs threw up another Balloon, eleven feet Diameter being a sphere. It passed just above the Vane of the Brick steeple & lodged beyond Mr. Mansfields. It was thrown up a second time & ascended higher. Being train^s day some of the Militia fired two or 3 Balls thro' it which hastened its Descent. The Rev^d Mr. Hillier of Cambridge here.

3. Rode to Wallingford & formed Ordin^a Council.

4. Ordin^a Council convened at the Call of the 1st Chh. of Wallingford consist^s of the follow^s Pastors & Messengers of Chhs.

¹ George Milne, M.D. See below, Sept. 14, 1785.

² Samuel Austin, Yale 1783.

³The reference is to the so-called Wallingford Controversy of 1759. See Diary, Jan. 1, 1772.

Chhs.	Pastors.	Delegates.
First Chh. New Haven	Rev. Chauncy Whitt ^r	Deacon Ball.
1 st D ^o Wethersf ^d	Jn ^o Marsh	Col. Jn ^o Chester.
1 st D ^o Fairfield	And ^r Eliot	{ Gen. Sellec Silliman.
1 st D ^o Milford		{ Major W ^m Silliman.
1 st D ^o Woodbridge	Eliphalet Ball	Cap ^t Jn ^o Herpin.
Stratfield	Robert Ross	Tho ^s Darling Esq.
Meriden		Deacon Seth Seely.
Stepney	Jn ^o Lewis	Deacon Eben. Cowles.
8 Chhs.	Rev. D ^r Dana.	Deacon Josiah Huntington.
	Rev. Timothy Hylliard of Cambridge, Mass.	
	Ezra Stiles.	

We examined and approved Mr. James Noyes the Pastor Elect yesterday. And this day we ordained him. Mr. Whittelsey was elected Moderator of the Council & Mr. Marsh Scribe. The Committee of the Chh. & Society laid before the Council the Votes of both Chh. & Society giving their unanimous Call to Mr. Noyes. Mr. Noyes exhibited a written acceptance. The Result of the Council was prepared & voted ; & the several parts in the Ordin^a Exercises designated by the Council, the Chh. having voted their Request that I should make the ordaining Prayer during Imposition of Hands, which is considered as the Act of Ordination.

At Eleven o'Clock A.M. the Procession moved from D^r Danas. The Brethren of the Chh about 60 Brethren preceded—then D^r Dana & Mr. Noyes the Pastor elect—then the Mod^r & Ministers of the Council joyned by Rev. Mess^{rs} Birdsey & Street occasionally present—then the Delegates.

Anthem.

- XI^h 15'. Began read^s the Result by the Scribe—the Moder^a lead^s the Chh. by manual Vote to renew their Call publicly w^o Mr. Noyes publicly accepted.
- 25'. An Anthem out of Luke i.
- 28'. Rev. Mr. Hylliard made first Prayer.
- 52'. Prayer ended ; & singing a Psalm.
- Noon. o'. Rev^d Mr. Eliot began Sermon Acts xviii, 21. I. 10' Addresses to &c over ; & began to Chh.
- I. 13'. End of the Sermon I^h 13' long. Then proceeded to the Ordination by Prayer and Laying on of Hands of 6 Ministers, viz. Mess^{rs}. Whittelsey, Ball, Ross, Dana, Eliot, Stiles.
- I. 14'. Consecration & Prayer by Ezra Stiles during the Laying on of the Hands of the Presbytery.
- 27'. End of Prayer & Ordin^a—Hands taken off.

- 28'. Charge given by D^r Dana—Hands not imposed.
 43'. End of Charge.
 48'. End of D^r Dana's Address to his Chh.
 48'. R^t Hand of Fellowship by Mr. Whitt^r.
 57'. End of R^t Hand & Mr. Whitt^r address to the Chh.
 57½'. Mr. Ball concluding prayer.
 II^h6'. End of this Prayer.
 Mr. Noyes read an Anthem.
 Anthem sung.
 II^h18'. Blessing pronounced by Mr. Noyes. End.
 Service 3 hours.

I began the Ordin^a or Consecration in these Words viz. "In the Name of our L^d J. C. we the Ministers of the Gospel by Authority derived from the great Head of the Chh., do now by Prayer and the Laying on of the Hands of the Presbytery, separate, ordain, & consecrate thee, Mr. James Noyes an Elder, a Minister of the blessed Jesus, and a BISHOP in the Chh. of G^d under the great BISHOP and Shepherd of Souls; and at the Request of the venerable Pastor and Chh. here, We commit unto you the pastoral Care & Charge of this Flock of G^d in conjunction with its Reverend Pastor. And we do now unite in imploring the divine Blessing upon you &c."

All was transacted in a very serious & solemn Manner—the Congregation large crowded & silent—I trust we have reason to hope that the divine Jesus was present among us & anointed the whole with his Blessing. This young Timothy æt. 20 is thus ordained Collegue Pastor with the Rev^d D^r Dana only æt. 50, but infirm, who has generously given up all his Salary, yet continues in Office. His charge was solemn, striking, affecting. The Rev^d Mr. Waterman of the other Chh in Town & Rev^d Mr. Eells of Branford were present at Meeting and dined with the Council—when Mr. Street asked a bless^s at Table & Mr. Waterman gave Thanks. Yesterday Mr. Meigs sent up another Balloon, which taking fire ascended 3 times higher than the former & conflagrated & burnt out aloft in the Air.

5. Returned to N. Haven.

6. Deans Exam. & VACATION. Five candidates presented themselves viz. Huntington 2, Perkins, Bidwell, Newton, Cook. All honored themselves but the Prize was adjudged to Huntington. Spent the Even^s with the Rev. Mr. West of Stockbridge who has brot to the Press a Treatise on the Atonem^t.

7. Preparing a Sermon for the Reconsecration of my Meet^s-house at Newport, completely repaired—my Flock request^s me to preach the first time. The En^y in the war demolished the Pews &c.

8. Ldsdy. Attended at Mr. Edwards Meet^s and heard the Rev. Mr. West of Stockbridge preach there all day on Mark ii, 16—Repentance. The Congregation present 290 Persons, a full Congregation.

10. Preparing for a Journey to Hartford & Newport. Tues^y 3^d Ins^t "a spherical air Balloon, eleven feet in Diam. was let off from Chapel Street in this City. It took fire in its ascent, and being converted into a Pyramid of flame at its greatest height, exhibited a grand & pleas^s object to the Spectators, who had only to regret that the same spectacle was not shown in the night. It was decorated with the figure of an Angel flying, in one hand bearing a Trumpet, & with the other displaying the flag of the United States, and the motto Nil Intentatum nostri liquere was affixed to it in seven different Languages"—viz Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldee, Arabic, French & German—and I think in English.

This Afternoon at a City Meeting, the Freedom of this City was unanimously conferred upon ten French Personages at Paris—The Mareschal Prince de Beauveau, the Marchallé Princesse de Beauveau, the Duke de Liancourt, the Duke of la Rochefoucauld, the Comtesse Sophia de Houdetout, the Marquiss de St. Lambert, Augustin Target Esq., the Comté de Jarnac, the Marquiss de Condorset, M. de la Crestelle.

11. I set out with the Mayor of the City Mr. Sherman for Election at Hartf^d: journeyed to Rh. Isld, and returned on June 3.

MEM^o ON JOURNEY.¹

12. ELECTION at Hartf^d. Professor Wales preached the Sermon Deut. one hour & 20 minutes. Gov. Griswold elected Gov. & Mr. Huntington L^t Gov. I dined with about 70 Ministers. After Dinner rode to Bolton.

13. Visited Gov. Trumbull at Lebanon, who informed me that he made a present of all his MSS to be deposited in the Lib^y of Yale College.² He shewed me a Letter from London, informing

¹ A few items are inserted from a separate MS. Itinerary.

² This intention was not carried into effect; after the Governor's death (in August, 1785) his MSS. were presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

that D^r Seabury first applied to the ABp. of Canterb^y to be consecrated a Bishop for America : who consult^d with the Ministry was informed that they refused to carry a Bill thro' Parl^t enabl^e his Majesty to dispense with the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy, & therefore that the Consecr^a could not be pformed in Engl^d. He thereupon proceeded to Scotland and was consecrated by three Non Juring Bps there, who had kept up their Succession from Bp. Sancroft at the Revolution. Lodge at Robbins in Voluntown.

14. Arrived at Newport.

15. Ldsdy. I preached all day on Haggai ii, 9, a Consecr^a Sermon at the open^e of my Meetinghouse since its Reparation & the cleaning of the Sanct^y. The whole Inside intirely & elegantly rebuilt.

16. Visit^d my Flock. They have lately determined to set up an Organ in D^r Chauncys Meet^shouse being the old Brick or first chh. in B^o founded 1629. The Doctor was against it, but Mr. Clark his Collegue & the Congreg^a in general were for it. This Spring the Meet^shouse was repaired & D^r Ch. preached a Consecr^a & farewell Sermon on acc^o of his great age. The pple eager to get an Organ waited on the D^r who told them, that it would not be long before he was in his grave—he knew that before his head was cold there, they would have an Organ—and they might do as they pleased.

An Organ was erected in Nassau Hall, but there is none there now. A small house Organ was set up about 1768 in Mr. Rowlds Cong^t Meet^s in Providence, but it is now gone. These the only ones among the Presbyterians in America.

17. Viewed the Ruins of Redwood Library. Rode to Bristol to meet & renew the Rh. Isld Association or Convention of Cong^t Pastors. We revived it, and I as Scribe delivered up the Convention Records. They voted me a perpetual Member.

18. I preached the Convention Sermon in the new Meetgh. at Bristol Eph. iii, 8. Admitted Rev^d Messrs. Hitchcock of Provid. & Wight of Bristol Members of the Convention. Adjourned next at Providence.

19. Rode to Providence.

20. Returned to Newp^t & preached a Sacr^t Lecture.

22. Ldsdy. I preached at my Meet^s 1 Jn^o iv, 9–11, and admitted Mr^s Rebecca Marchant¹ a Communicant in the Episc^o chh. of Eng^d in Newp^t for many years, a Member of my Chh. I did not

¹ Rebecca Cooke married the Hon. Henry Marchant on January 8, 1765.

admit her de novo, but led the Chh. to vote to receive her a Member of the Chh of Christ. Which was done nem. con. I then administered the Lth Supper to phps. 50 Communicants. P.M. Ps. 87, 2. Also published the Banns of Marriage between M^r Boulier & Sally Newton.¹

27. I counted & found the Residue of the Books in Redwood Library (once 1500 Volumes) 685, of which 185 Folios. N^o Side Lib^y 463. S^o Side 222.

29. Ldsdy. I preached for my Newport flock . . . and baptized Susanna Daughter of Job Bissel in the Meet^hhouse. And afterw^{ds} I baptized Henry, 7 mos old Son of W^m Channing Esq. & Lucy his Wife privately. I pub. Mr. Boulieu twice to day. Present this Afternoon 177 Persons below & 70 in the Galleries besides 30 Negroes Tot. 270—near my usual Congreg^a before the war. The 2 preced^{ed} Sabb. Mr. Hopkins Congreg^a present, so this the first Sabb. of knowing my own Congreg^a after their Regather^s since our ten years Dispersion in 1775. Indeed in Sept. 1783 we met in the Meetgh. a few of us—but before it was cleaned & repaired. This day my Wife has been dead ten years. In Even^g I married Mr. Boulieu & Sally Newton.

31. Left Newport on Journey return^s to College. Lodged at Westerly.

June

1. Leased Mrs. Grant's Chesebro' Estate 243 Acres in S^o Stonington to Jn^o Irish £80. a year he paying Taxes. Lodged at Barbers in Groton.

2. Settling with Mr. Mumf^d, Ex' &c.⁹

3. Arrived at New Haven & found &c—Deo Grates. Mr. Tutor Perkins set up College Orders last friday. On Monday Tut. Channing came in—Thursdy Tutor Russel. Recitations set up.

4. I heard the Senior Class recite Vincent.

¹In his Itinerary Dr. Stiles gives the full description of this couple, as follows :

M. Louis Morice Barrod de Beaulier, of the City of St. John Dangeley in the Province of Santonge in France, Lieutenant de la Compagnie de St. Laurent de la Pree de la Division des Canonniers ; and Sally, daughter of Capt. Simon Newton and Mary his Wife, of Newport.

⁹David Mumford of Stonington appears to have been the executor of the estate of Mrs. Abigail (Chesebrough) Grant's grandmother, Mrs. Mumford, and Dr. Stiles at this time had charge of the American affairs of Mrs. Grant who was living in London.

5. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. The Rev^d Mr. Wiliston preached A.M. Luke xxii, 2. He being unwell I administered the Sac^t of the Lds Supper to the College Chh. P.M. He pr. Gal. i, 3. 170 present in Chapel of which 155 Undergraduate Scholars: a pretty full Chapel. Th. 80.

6. Etsi nulla fuisset Vita futura tamen Virtus esset colenda. Miller Resp.

The Rev^d Tho^s Wilson D.D. Prebend of Westminster has sent to Congress several copies of his Fathers Works in Folio, viz, the Works of D^r Tho. Wilson Bp. of Sodor and Man—and Congress has sent one to Yale College which have now received.

7. Whether it be for the Interest of the United States to encourage British Factors to monopolize our Trade & Commerce? Sen^{rs}. Dr. Wales's Election Sermon printed, I received a Copy. . .

8. A N.E. Storm.

9. I gave a Lect. on Ecc. Hist^y.

10. Resumed the Instruction of a Hebrew Class.

11. I rode over to East Guilford, to preach for the Rev^d Mr. Todd who is sick.

12. Ldsdy. I preached for Mr. Todd.

13. Returned. The Committee of Corpor^s & myself stated the price of Commons 7/9 p week. Rev. Jonathan Leavitt dismissed Apr. 15 from Charlemont. This day died of the small pox by Inocul^a the amicable & ingenious Miss Lucy Green æt. 21. She lived a few doors from us. May her Death be sanctified to the youth of both Sexes. She died at the Hospital 1½ mile distant.¹

14. Whether Prescience necessitates the Event? Sen^{rs}. This Even^g at Ten o'Clock Miss Green was buried in the usual Bury^g-place in the City. A numerous Funeral of such as had had the smallpox.

15. Quarterday. The Exhibitions as follow by the Sophimores.

III ^b . 20' P.M. Anthem.	IV. 45-49. Anthem.
24' Lat. Orat. Everson	50 Dial. Ellery
III. 35-55. Dialogue	V. 22. Gay
Dutton	Langdon
• Cook	Todd
Ely	V. 24-34. Eng. Orat. Lathrop 3.
Hatheway	34-38 Anthem.
Anthem. Recess ½h.	

¹The pest house, at what is now known as City Point. She was the daughter of Thomas Green, the printer and publisher of the Connecticut Journal.

16. I gave an Ecc. Hist. Lecture.

An Ordin^a among the Separates.

Mr. Israel Day was June 1st Inst. ordained Pastor of the Chh. & Cong. in S^o Killingly in Connecticut. Mr. Snow Separate Minister of Providence,¹ began with Prayer. Rev. Eben. Bradf^d of Rowley preached Eph. 3, 8. Rev. Jn^o Cleaveland of Ipswitch^a made the ordaining Prayer & gave the Charge. Mr. Park of Preston prayed after the Charge. Rev. Mr. Bradf^d gave the R¹ hand. Mr. Joshua Spald^e the conclud^e prayer. Mr. Bradf^d & Mr. Cleaveland were ordained by regular Ministers; the others lay-ordination—derived however from Rev. Mr. Dennison.

17. This Even^g D^r Wales returned from the Pool at New Lebanon where he spent three weeks for Health. He went to Bennington, Saratoga & Albany—returned Via Pittsfield, N^o Hampton, Springfld &c; hav^g rode 600 Miles in a month.

18. Yest^r the Steeple & Meetgh. at Stratford was struck with Lightning at V^h P.M. and burnt to Ashes. Mr. Stebbins being absent on a Journey they sent for me to come & preach to them on the melancholy occasion. I rode over to Stratf^d this Aft. with Rev. Mr. Birds^y.

19. Ldsdy. I preached all day on Job xxxvii, 2-5, to Rev^d Mr. Stebbins Congreg^a at Stratf^d in the Episc^o Chh. the Rector^a kindly offering it to the Congregation. The Episc^o Chh. had service from IX¹/₂ to XI. Then the Presb. Chh. fr. XI to I. At I¹/₂ the Episc^o Chh, at III the Presb. Chh.

20. I returned home. D^r Wales heard the Disput^a of the Senior Class. This day Sister Hubb^d wife of Col. Lev¹ Hubb^d carried to the small pox Hospital three miles off.⁴

21. Whether the Soul is immaterial? Sen^{ra}. This day they began to raise the Spire of the Steeple of late Rev. Mr. Mathers Meethouse^a in this city.

22. The Hon. Ab^m Baldwin Esq. of Georgia & late Tutor of Yal. Coll. is here Member of Congress for Georgia. He

¹ For the Rev. Joseph Snow see this Diary, June 25, 1771.

² See this Diary, Feb. 20, 1775.

³ The Rev. Jeremiah Leaming (Yale 1745).

⁴ Dr. Leverett Hubbard (Yale 1744), the eldest brother of Dr. Stiles's first wife, was now living with his second wife, Hester Robinson, who died in 1800. The hospital was in the vicinity of the present Springside Farm.

⁵ On the site of the present United Church.

informs me the Constitution of their College lately founded by the name of the Univ^y of Georgia to comprehend the whole of the Res Literaria in that State. The Corporation consists of thirteen Trustees who perpetuate their own Succession; the Assembly founded it by giving forty Thous^d Acres of Land in 8 five Th. acre Pitches in different parts of the state. They would be Visitors in Law, but they have given up this to the Gov. & Council who are Visitors. They with the Trustees constitute the Senatus academicus. The Trustees have the making of Laws & Election of all officers. But the consent of the Visitors must be had to the Laws & to the Election of a President, but no other Officer.

The Trustees alone give Degrees, elect Professors, erect Edifices, govern the Univ^y thro' the State; hold Estates & Revenues & dispose of them in Salaries &c. By the Constit. of the State there is to be an Academy in each County. The Coll. Trustees have the Appoint^{mt} of the Præceptors to each of these Academies. A Trustee is to associate with him several psons as Curators of an Acad^y & he with these is to rule & order the Academy. Thus the Coll. Trustees have the Controll of all the Academies, w^c are to be so many Grammar Schools, to fit youth for the Univ^y. Already three Acad. are resolved on—at Savanna, Augusta & ——— that at Augusta is formed, where a fund of £5000 is raised and a Master provided, at a Sal^y of £200. p ann. & a house—he has 40 children.

23. I gave an Ecc. Hist. Lecture.

24. "The Rev. Timothy Pitkin of Farmington thro' want of Health earnestly & repeatedly requested of the people under his Ministerial Care a Dissolution of the ministerial or pastoral Relation. They with great Reluctance & induced by his Importunity consented. And June 15th Ins^t by an Ecclesiastical Council convened for the purpose, the past. Rel^a was dissolved to the Grief of an affectionate pple with w^m he had labored in the Evang. Ministry Thirty three years."

25. Rev Mr. Searl of Royalton in Vermont here. He was installed there Nov. 1783, æt. 62.

26. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel. A.M. the Professor preached on 1 Cor. i, 25. Present 176 Undergrad. & 24 others. P.M. Mr. Tutor Channing preached Ps. 107, Prais^s G^d. Col. Leverett Hubb^{ds} Wife & Family publickly prayed for in Coll. Chapel, being under Inocul^a for the small pox. Reading Acta Pilati—& Bp. Bull on Trinity.

27. Whether Women ought to be admitted into the Magistracy & Government of Empires & Republics. Seniors. The Salic Law. Sister Hubb'ds (Col. Leverett) small pox begins to turn. The Rev^d Mr. Searl here. I visited the small pox Hospital.

28. Whether Virtue founded in Opinion & human Law, or in eternal Fitness & immutable natural Law?

29. Visited Hospital—Sister better. Rev^d Jn^o Hubbard of Meriden here. Senior Class finished 2d Vol. of Locke.

30. The Senior Class began to recite President Claps Ethics. I gave a Lect. on Ecc. History. Examin^s the Theses & preparing Questions for Commencement. Reading daily the French Anti-Lucrece of Cardinal Polignac.

The Rev. Samuel Seabury D.D. an American Bishop, arrived from Halifax to Newport 24 June on his way to New London.

July

1. Began with the Freshman Class in Hebrew. Having two other Hebrew Classes. Rev. Jno. Hubb^d here.

3. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Mr. Mather's Meeting. A.M. Isai. xi, 10, & administered the Lds Supper to perhaps 40 Communicants. P.M. Jn^o ix, 39-41.

4. Anniversary of Independence 1776.

In nihilum redactis omnibus Spiritibus creatis, Mundus tamen materialis existeret? Grosvenor Resp.

5. Glans plumbea foramine per terræ centrum & in vacuo (descensa) demissa, vibrationibus perpetuis moveretur. Miller Resp. Freshmen in Hebrew.

This Even^s arrived here my Sister Esther Bradly from S^t John's Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.¹

6. Rain. Reading Moore's Travels. Heb. Recit^a.

7. I gave a philosophic Lecture. . . .

8. Appointed Commenc^t Questions & Respondents. . . .

10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr. Edwds preached Rom. iii, ult. P.M. the Professor on Christ's Exaltation.

11. Whether Infidels & Libertines in Morals ought to be admitted into civil Magistracy? Sen^{ra}.

14. Senior Class finished President Claps Ethics. No Lecture. .

15. Reviewing Theses for Commencement.

¹ See this Diary, Aug. 24, 1779.

LIST OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUTT FOR 1784 MADE UP MAY 1785.

29,162	Polls from æt. 21 to 70—@ £18.
7,822	D° fr. 16 to 21 — @ 9.
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36,984	
33,335	Oxen & Bulls—@ £3.
78,538	Cows & 3 y. old Steers @ £2.
27,510	D° 2 y. old—@ £1.
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139,383	neat Cattle.
35,080	Horses 3 y. old & upw ^d @ £3.
2,459	D° 2 y. old @ £2.
1,745	D° 1 y. old @ £1.
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39,284	
242,365 1/2	acres plowland @ 10/
406,860	D° upland Mowing & Clear pasture @ 8/
7,166	Acres Meadow Land 15/
63,714	D° D° @ 7/6
34,966	D° D° boggy, mown @ 2/
491,587 1/2	D° Bushy Pasture @ 2/
113,998 1/2	D° uninclosed Land @ 2/
255,508	D° D° @ 1/
243,217 1/2	D° D° @ 6 ^d .
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1,859,082 1/2	Acres Land.
6,155 1/2	Tons of Shipping.
15,935	Houses assessed in gross at £34,413.
5	Phaëtons @ £15.
347	Covered Chaises @ £5.
305	Open D° & Sulkies £3
39	Gold Watches—£5.
1,649	Silver D° —30/.
546	Brass & Steel wheel Clocks £3.
647	Wooden Wheel D° @ 20/
24,479	oz. Plate @ 6 per cent. 6/8 per oz.
£29,057.11.6	Money on Int. @ 6 per cent.
£47,366.19.5	Assessments on Faculty.
12,863.10.6	D° Fourfolds.

16. Rode to Woodbridge. On the Hills beyond Sperry's farm fell in comp^a with Cap^t Tim^o Bradly æt. 65, who when a boy lived with Eben. Sperry son of Richard Sperry the first Settler, & often heard s^d Eben. tell the Story of the Regicides, Whaley, Goff, and that the Cave or place of their Residence was about three Miles N.W. of s^d Rd^s House. He shewed me the spot of s^d Rich^ds House and I saw the Ruins of the Cellar & Chimney. I also conversed

with Deacon Peck who tells me the *Lodge* so called is on his Farm about two miles North of Amity Meet^house and the *Fort* a little East of the *Lodge*, & the *Spring* in Mr. Newton's Farm.

17. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Rev^d Mess^{rs} Woodb. & Ball.¹

18. Visited aged Mr. Joseph Sperry æt. 76, & Son, who gave me acco^t of the first accession of the fam^y, the Traditions of the Regicides, Col Whaley, Col. Goff & Mr. Dixwell, and pointed me to their Cave on the West rock half a mile from his house. From all of whom I collect these Memoirs, & among others that the Regicides first resided at Sperrys House, but the Pursuivants follow^d them thither they fled, & resided first at Cave on the West Rock, & lastly at a place about four Miles N.W. from the S^o End of the W. Rock, or about six Miles & an half or 7 M. N.W. from the Town & Harbor of New Haven, on a Summit from whence they could see the Vessels com^e in & going out of the Harbor.

Tradition is that the Lady of Mr. Goodyear brot over with them among others two Servants viz. Richard Sperry & Dennis his Wife ; that she viz. Mrs. Goodyear, freed them, bought the Farm called Sperrys farm a beautiful Mead or Level of a Thous^d Acres between two Mountains, and gave it to Richard Sperry who settled there & was the first & only settler there for many years, until his children grew up when he dispersed & settled them on this Tract.

Richard Sperry the Ancestor—his Issue,

(Rich^d Sperry Sen^r ad^m into Chh. 1689, Dec. 25.)

John Sperry.

Richard Sperry [ob. 1736, Father of Joseph of North H. w^m I knew.]

Nathaniel Sperry [adm. Chh. Aug. 8, 1694.]

Eben Sperry [ob. 1739] with w^m Tim^o Bradly lived [b. 1721]

Thomas Sperry [admitted into Chh. 1689, May 15]

Daniel Sperry ob. 1751, æt. 86. Father of Joseph Sperry now liv^g in his House æt. 76, A. D. 1785.

Joseph Sperry died in youth and three Daughters.

The two Regicides fled from town first to the House of Rich^d Sperry the Elder, then settled in a Thicket of Woods and Wilder-

¹ Rev. Benjamin Woodbridge (Yale 1740) was settled over Amity Parish in Nov., 1742, and the Rev. Eliphalet Ball (Yale 1748) was installed as his colleague in December, 1783. The parish became the town of Woodbridge in 1784.

ness behind the Mountain. He entertained them at his house, until as they now say, one day or night some persons appeared riding up to the House, who were immediately taken to be Enemies; upon which the Guests absconded into the Woods of the adjoining Hill, & when they came & inquired the family said they knew not where they were. Alarmed by this the Sages or Sperry for them sought a new Retreat, unless perhaps they might have fixed their ordinary Retreat before, & were now only occasionally at Mr. Sperrys House, for the family Tradition is not sufficiently discriminative. It seems certain that they resided some time at what is now called the *Cow & Calves* or clumps of Rocks on the plain upon the Top of the W. Rock; and as certain that they also resided at the *Lodge and fort* four miles distant northwest. The general & immemorial Tradition has been that the Cave was on the west side of West Rock; but I find it directly on the Top or rather where the Declivity bends Eastward—so that had it been ascended on the East side, the cave would have been described on East side. No wonder however, it is spoken of otherwise, because in 1662, the rock was ascended especially for feeding those excellent Men only on the side next Sperrys viz. West side.

After the Restoration of Charles II. 1660 these holy Pilgrims came first to Boston. But being hunted there they fled to New Haven and were for some time lodged in the Ministers house the Rev. Mr. Davenport. But King Charles sent his Pursuivants all over America, & hunted them from Mr. Davenports. Their 2^d Station after they left Mr. Davenports was at Mr. Sperrys & on the adjacent Mountain called the West Rock. Here Mr. Sperry used to bring them Provisions. Tradition that once being in their cave in the night a Panther or Wild Cat came to the mouth his Eyes blazed so as to frighten them, & one of them took to his heels & fled down the Mount. & returned to Sperrys in the fright. (Told me by aged Joseph Sperry.)

Hunted here they retired 3 or 4 M. back & made their third Pitch at the Lodge & Fort. From this fort they could see the Harbor as plainly as in Town. It being still dangerous here, they removed to & resided near a Rivulet in Meriden 20 M. fr. N Haven at a place known to this day by the name of *Pilgrims Harbor*.

Finally they removed to the then very new & frontier Settlement at Hadley 80 [100] Miles N^o of New Haven up Connecticut River about 1663 or 1664 & lived privately & concealed in the House

of the Minister Rev. Mr. Russel. About 1674 Col. Whaley died & was buried there in Mr. Russels cellar. Randolph hunted them & Col. Goffe left alone fled to Virginia. But hunted from thence he (Mr. Goffe) absconded & buried himself in the Forests of Narragansett in Rhode Island, taking the name of Theophilus Whaley [mistake], which I much wonder at. His Wife died in London (the D. of Col. Whaley) he married at Virginia & settling with his Wife at Petaquamscutt one Mile & half North west from Narraganset ferry Rh. Isld, had by her three Daughters & no sons. One Daughter married a Spencer & died very aged about two years ago. Another m. Hopkins; another had a fatherless Child which was called Theophilus Whaley after his Mother living to this day. I am personally acquainted with him. He will not believe his Father was Goffe; but he does believe he was the Regicide Whaley. I have great Reason to believe he was Goffe. [Mistake.] Col. Willet who died about 1776 aged pphs 83 years, wrote his will about pphs. 1715 as Whaley—upon Gov. Hutchinson's publish^e his Hist^y 1764, Col. Willet became convinced that Whaley died at Hadly & so believed the Narrag. Whaley was Goffe.

Thus the 3 Regicides which were at N. Haven, holy men of G^d of w^c the World was not worthy died, Whaly at Hadly, Goffe at N^o Kingston or Exeter in Rh. Isld, and Dixwell at New Haven where his Gravestone remains to this day. [Error.]

19. Bid farewell to the Senior Class at Noon. At II^b P.M. we began the public Examin^a of the Candidates. D^r Wales presided. The Coetus examin^atorius sent two of their Number to wait upon me in the Library where I delivered to them the Diploma examin^atorium direct^e & empowering them to examine the candidates, & present such as they found qualified for the academic Honors. They examined them in the Latin & Greek Classics.

I received a Letter from Mrs. Macaulay Graham dated at New York 14th Inst. She sailed for Europe last Ldsdy.

20. PUBLIC EXAMINATION. At IX this foren. the Examin^a resumed—in Geogr^a, Logic, Math. & Nat. Philosophy & Ethics, History &c. The Examiners approved all but four for Presenta^ation. At I^b P.M. 66 of the 70 present being approved were presented to me in the Library. The Rev^d Mess^{rs} Wales, Ely, Ball and Edw^{ds} sitting with me in the Library. The ceremony being finished we had a public Dinner in the Hall. Afterw^{ds} were the follow^g Exhibitions in the Chapel.

Anthem.	Dialogue Sir Eells, Ely,
IV ^h Acta Exam. read by Vice Bedellus.	Noyes, Taylor.
Clios. Orat. Sir Bebee.	Anth.
Disput ^a for. Sir Elsworth & Hale.	Val. Orat. Sir Graves.
Anthem.	Tutor Perkins. Address & farewell
Recess 15'.	to the Candidates.
	End VII. 17'.

Mrs. Kath. Macaulays Travels in America 1785 about 600 miles. . . She landed at Boston July 15, 1784. Travelled to Piscataqua, spent the Winter at Boston. In May passed thro' Newport to N. York; thence to Philad^a & so on to G. Washingtons Seat at M^t Vernon in Virginia. Returned to N. York and embarkt there July 17, 1785 for Port L'Orient in France. . . .

Gov. Stephen Hopkins died at Providence 13th Ins^t July æt. 79. He was interred 15th. "The fun. Procession was composed of the Court of Common Pleas, the President, Corpor^a & Students of the College, a large N^o of distinguished characters from different parts of the State, a prodigious Concourse of Citizens.—The superior Talents and exalted Virtues of this great Man are so generally known & admired that &c.

- *Religion he contemplated as a divine System formed by the Universal Parent, connecting rational Beings in a common Interest, & conducting them to unbounded Felicity. Hence an universal Benevolence adorned his Virtues, and a full Persuasion of the unbounded Goodness of the Deity brightened the Prospects of his future Happiness. In Life he rose sup. to the follies, & in Death to the fears of an ignorant, licentious World. He expected with Patience, & met with philosophic & pious Intrepidity, the fatal Messenger Death, & with rapturous Extasy embraced the Glories of Immortality."*

Extr^a Provid. Gazette July 16, 1785.

I well knew Gov. Hopkins. He was a man of a penetrating astutious Genius, full of Subtelty, deep Cunning, intriguing & enterprizing. He read much esp^y in History & Government; & by Read^e, Convers^a & Observ^a acquired a great Fund of political Knowledge. He was rather a Quaker, hav^e a seat in the Meeting, but it has been said these thirty years by his most intimate Acquaint^a that he was a Deist, and of this I made no doubt from my own frequent Convers^a with him. He was a Man of a Noble fortitude & Resolution. He was a glorious Patriot!—[but Jesus will say unto him *I know you not.*]

21. No Lecture. Attend^r the Applic^a of the four rejected Candidates.

22. The General Association of Connect. at their annual Session last month, Voted, to recommend to all the Associations to adopt & use the Appellation or Scripture Title of BISHOP in the Addresses & Letters among Ministers. D^r Seabury assum^r the Title of Bp of Connecticut gives offence. He is pphs. Bishop of the 20 Episcopal chhs in Commun. with the Chh. of Engl^d i. e, if the Non juring Bps had power over the Episc^o Chhs. in Connect. w^c they had not, or if these Chhs should submit to be under him, w^c they will. But his assumed Title implies there are no other Bps. in Connect. whereas there are 160 Bps. already in this State of the Congreg^a or Conso- ciated Denomination.

23. In 1768 I had a Conversation with the Rev^d Noah Hobart in Fairfield, who about 1730 was sent by the Boston Convention of Pastors to preach as a Candidate to a Presb. chh. in Philad^a where he resided & preached some time. While in those parts he became acquainted with the Presb. Ministers at Trenton, Burlington &c in Jerseys. From him in my Itin^y Sept. 1768 I minuted thus

“Rev. Mr. *Talbot*, Missionary at Burlington, died there about 1725. He was a BISHOP of the NON JURORS. Rev. Mr. Vaughan of Elizabeth Town told Mr. Dickinson of Norwalk that he found his Letters of Consecration among Mr. Talbots Papers.”

“Another Episcopal Minister the Rev^d Mr. *Welton* at Philadelphia was also ordained a NON JURING BISHOP. He was sent for home as such, but he escaped & died in Portugal, declaring himself a *Non Juror*, about 1730.”¹

I find in Humphreys Hist. of the Societys Missions printed 1730, that in 1702 the Society had two itinerant Missionaries in Jerseys the Rev. Mr. Keith & Rev. Mr. Talbot—that Mr. Talbot settled at Burlington in 1703. . . .

I dont't find any acco^t of any Mr. Welton in Humphreys History; but I find the Society “in 1718 appointed the Rev^d Mr. Wayman their Missionary at Oxford & Radnor” near Philad^a and that in

¹ The Rev. John Talbot was consecrated by two Non-jurors in 1722, and died in 1727. The Rev. Dr. Richard Welton, one of Talbot's consecrators, followed him to America, but died in Lisbon, when on his way to England, in 1726. The fullest account of these matters may be found in Hill's *History of the Church in Burlington*.

1728 he still continued Miss^y there. I suppose this Wayman is Mr. Hobarts Welton.

24. Ldsday. The Professor exchanged with Mr. Trumbull of N^o H. who preached in Chapel where I attended. A.M. 2 Thess. ii, on Sanctification. P.M. 1 Chron. xxviii, 9, & addressed the Scholars. He propounded Mr. Tutor Russel for Admission into full Commun. in the College Church. Present in forenoon 127 Undergrad. out of 146 in T^o and aftern^o 118. Grad. &c included 162 present.

25. Three Heb. Recitations this day.

27. Died in Edinburgh 27th May last Rev^d Myles Cooper LL.D. olim President of Kings Coll. N. York.¹ This Epitaph composed by himself shews him the jocund & jovial Priest :

Here lies a Priest of English Blood,
Who living liked whate'er was good ;
Good company, good wine, good name,
Yet never hunted after fame ;
But as the first he still preferr'd,
So here he chose to be interr'd :
And unobserved from crowds withdrew,
To rest among a chosen few,
In humble Hopes the Sovereign Love
Will raise him to the bless'd above.

On the first of June Mr. John Adams was by the Marquis of Carmarthen introduced to the King of G. Britain as Ambassador Extraord^y from the United States of America to the Court of London. "He was very graciously received, delivered his Credentials, & was most affably treated by all the principal Personages about the Throne." How different a Treatm^t would he have received in the year 1775?

The Rev. Francis Alison Vice Provost of Philad^a College died 1779 æt. 74. He was born in Ireland, educated in the University of Glasgow, came over to America in 1735 æt. 30, was Minister to a Chh. in the Delaware Counties till about 1751 when he was elected Rector of the Acad^y at Philad^a & afterw^{ds} Vice P. of the Coll. in 1755. He was assistant Minister in the first Presb. Chh. in Philadelphia. A Man of Learning, a good classic Scholar, especially in Greek.—Ex ore Rev. Mr. Ross ex ore M^{rs} Alison. . . .

28. No Lecture, I being unwell. Last Week an Organ arrived here from London for the Episc^o Chh. in New Haven.

29. Still instruct^s the Freshmen in Hebrew. . . .

¹ See this Diary, May 24, 1779.

30. Two Heb. Recit^a. Went to Chh. to hear the new Organ now setting up. Mr. Hubbard the Episc^o Minister with me; he told me D^r Seabury was consecrated by three Non-juring Bishops in Aberdeen in Scotland, & that he had his Consecration Sermon printed by anonymous—that D^r Seab^r had brot over with him a List of the Succession of Non-juring Bps. from ABp. Sancroft & D^r Hicks at the Revolution 1680 to the present time—that it was said there were Bps for every See in Engld, upon my asking how many Nonjuring Bps there were now in being:—that Mr. Talbot of Burlington was a nonjuring Bp.

31. Ldsdy. I attended all day at Chapel. A.M. Rev^d Mr. Ball preached Job x, —. Hypocrisy. P.M. Rev. Mr. Robinson of Southgton preach'd Ps. x, 13.

To day arrived here from London Via N. York & thence by water Mrs. Grant & Daughter.

August.

1. Heb. & exam^s May Declamations.
2. Published the prizes for Declamation about £5 to each of the 4 classes.
3. Two Heb. Recit^a. Waited on Mrs. Grant & a N^o Ladies into the Library—& then into the Chapel at Prayers. I bo't M^r Dwights Conquest of Canaan just printed. 8/. It has been in writing from 1776 to 1785. Nonum prematur in annum. Hor.
4. Philosophical Lecture in Chapel.
5. At my Request Mrs. Grant procured from the Heraldry office London my Coat of Arms blazoned.¹ I had indeed the same in 1751 but I doubted my Right to it. But inform^r M^{rs} G. that my Ancestors came from Milbrook in Bedfordshire 1635, she got a Friend to trace it at the Heraldry Office to this Coat of Arms: & gave assurance that I need not think myself deceived, for they had ascertained my Title to it. She had committed the matter to an inquisitive friend who carried my Letter to the Heraldry office, & there had the matter clearly determined. . . .
6. I had Heb. Recit^a Freshmen all this Week.
7. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day on Rom. x, 17. He admitted Mr. Tutor Russel into the Chh, Mr. Russel stand^s up in the Graduates Pew, where the Tutors

¹ This is now in the possession of Dr. Stiles's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Foote.

sometimes sit. Usually psons admitted stand in the Alley. The Professor then administered the Lds Supper—24 Commun^{ts} present. One admitted from a Chh. abroad.

Reading Charles Peters learned Dissert^a on Job.

8. Yesterday Mrs. Grant & D. with my Son sailed for New London. Last Week (4th Ins^t) Bp. Seabury and Rev. Mr. Moor of N. York & other Chh. Clergy [about 15 in all] convened at Middlet^o in this State, & there ordain Deacons viz. Mr. Shelton & Mr. Vandyke, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Ashbel Baldwin, &c. They are to be ordained Presbyters at our Commencement.

9. Heb. Recit^a daily. Received Catalogues & Theses from President Willard.

10. Mr. Russel Hubbard of Norwich died there last Friday. He was a Nephew of Father Hubbard, and one of my first Pupils when Tutor of Yale College. *Γλυκός ονειρός περι της γυναίκος μου Ελισάβετ εν εσχάτη νυκτι.* This day my son Isaac æt. 22.

11. Ecc. Hist. Lecture. Meet^g of the Silk Company in order to procure Mulberry Seeds.

13. This day the Freshmen finished the first Psalm in Hebrew: I hav^e attended them daily ever since July Examination. They have studied well.—Mr. Trumbull¹ of Hartford here: conversed with him much on Literature & College Affairs.

14. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Bray preach A.M. Cant. ii, 3-4. P.M. Jn^o xvii, 21. The Professor preached at Cohabit.

15. I measured the Brick Meetgh. 72½ f. long & 50 wide, so equal to an Area of 3600 feet:—I measured Mr. Edw^{ds} D^o 60 feet sq^r = 3600 sq. feet area:—Mr. Mathers said to be same dimensions as Mr. Whitt^l. So all three nearly equal.

16. Hon. Ædanus Burke one of the Justices of Sup^r Court S^o Car^o in Lett. to Gov. Guerard 14 Dec. 1784, gives acc^o of the Vengeance &c. One Love, had been of Cunninghams massacreing party 1781 perpetr^g Cruelties highly exasperat^g. Love return^g was indicted before the Supreme Court. Judge Burk acquitted as free from punish^t tho' guilty of the Crime. After Judg^t the Friends of the slain took him quietly & stilly & hanged him on a Tree at Ninety Six. A Warning to some Tories!

18. The Students at V^h P.M. being collected together in the Coll. Chapel, & I seated in the Professor's Chair a violent Thunder Storm

¹ John Trumbull, the poet (Yale 1767).

came up very suddenly which threw us into some Consternation. We sat while the Severity of it was over. When I laid aside my usual Lecture, and gave an extemporaneous philosophical Lecture on these three points 1. The philosophy of Rarefaction, the Elev^a of Vapor into Clouds & their Descent in Rain. 2. The Theory of Thunder & Lightning accord^e to the principles of Electricity. And, 3. D^r Franklin's pointed Metallic Rods for the Defence of Buildings & Ships.

19. This day young Mr. Adams' Son of the Ambassador D^r Jn^o Adams, visited me & bro't Letters from Paris one from D^r Adams² & another from Col. Humphreys Sec^y to the commercial Embassy dated in May last. Mr. Adams has travelled from Holl^d thro' Bremen to Berlin where he saw the King of Prussia; thence to Dantzick, Petersburg, Stockholm, London & Paris & in the last Packet came over to N. York, & thence hither on his Return to Boston after an Absence of seven years. He left his Father the Ambassador at the Court of London.

This day sent the Theses to the Press. . . .

20. This day I had a long Conference with the aged D^r Muirson of Brookhaven on L. Isld. now resid^e in this city, respecting his being the first Practitioner in the World of Mercurial Inoculation. He owns he received the first Hint from Boerhaave. He served his time with D^r Dupee³ of New York. Soon after he came out of his time, he inoculated himself in 1731 preparing himself by low diet near a Month before inoculation, in which time he took about forty Grains of Calomel in four doses of 10 Gr. each, which he purged off with a Cathartic of 35 Gr. of which 10 Gr. Antimony, 10 Gr. of Cremor tart. & the rest sulphur of Brimstone. He took none after Inocul^a nor was let Blood, altho' in the fever he in vain requested D^r Dupee to let him blood, but in vain. He had it pretty smartly, 190 pustules in his face. A cotemporary young physician D^r Smith settled at Jamaica on L. Isl^d, & was desirous of being inoculated, but the pple at Jamaica opposed it. D^r Muirson wrote him a Letter describ^e the mercurial process. This Letter D^r Smith read publickly to the Inhabitants of Jamaica, & determined to be inoculated on the day in which he found he had taken it the natural

¹ John Quincy Adams, the eldest son of John Adams, was now 18 years old, and on his way to Harvard College, where he was graduated in 1787.

² Now in possession of Dr. Stiles's great-grandson, Rev. W. C. Gannett.

³ Jean DuPuy, a Huguenot refugee, born 1679, died 1744.

Way. This was a few months after D^r Muirson recovered of the small pox. D^r Smith died of it. All the pple there & at N. York were afraid to try the Experiment. So that for three or four years he had no Opp^o to try it. At length about 1735 a family on the S^o side of Jamaica ventured, & D^r Muirson inoculated them there—& was successful, all the fam^y were carried thro' it well & none died. This began an Encouragement, & the D^r inoculated sundry others with like success. This was the first Inoculation in America except at Boston 1721. The D^r made no secret of his using Mercury & Antimony—but kept the prepar^a to himself. For 14 or 15 y. he went on inoculat^s at times with success. Dur^t this time & till after 1750 no other D^r inoculated esp^y with Mercury:—except a D^r Burleigh of Jamaica, who did a little at it—but with no great Eclat. D^r Muirson's Reput^a now increased: and he settling early in Life at Brookhaven where he married, drew numerous patients thither, & was in full practice of Inocul^a with success, no other Physician adventuring—not so much because the method was secreted, but they were afraid to handle it. Whenever the small pox was rife at N York D^r Muirson was sent for to inoculate in the City. At length he was sent for to Families abroad, & particul^y to Lawyer Ogdens Family in Newark. Here he inoculated about 40 persons in 1757, & was inoculat^s there when Gov. Belcher died which was 1757 whose Funeral he attended & heard President Burr preach his last Sermon, w^c was at the Governors funeral. One of his Patients at Newark was a Brother of D^r Barnard¹ of that Town. D^r Barnard asked D^r Muirson's pmission to visit & inspect his patients particularly with reference to the case of his Brother who did not break out till the eleventh day. Here D^r Barnard saw the Doctors practice & knew his process. A Family near Philad^a at this time sollicitd D^r M. to come & inoculate them as he had done Mr. Ogdens. But the Doctor's Business not pmitting him to go, D^r Barnard gave out that he had been instructed by D^r Muirson in his now famed method, & thereupon this fam^y beyond Philad^a employed him. He succeeded. This gave D^r Barnard fame—& he being an enterpriz^s Man & bold Practitioner soon went into full practice of Inocul^a in the Jerseys. He was the first after D^r M. except D^r Burleigh who adventured. This was an important æra, & in 1757. D^r McKean² of Brunswick & other young bold

¹ Dr. William Barnet, of Elizabethtown, born 1723, died 1790.

² Rev. Robert McKean, later of Perth Amboy, born 1732, died 1767.

Practitioners took up the practice with such success as established the mercurial Mode. The Crowd of Patients & Success, necessitated these new physicians to inoculate without much preparation & at length with none at all. The Thing spread, and immed^r D^r Stevenson a Physician in Baltimore in Maryl^d set it up there with Success: & published a pompous acco^t of the safety & Success of the new Method, & claimed to be the Author of the Invention & Practice printing it in the public Papers. Hereupon D^r Muirson published his account in Weymans N. York Gazette, shew^s himself the first Author of it in 1731. A copy of this I have before me from the D^r's own hands. The D^r was chagrined that the young Physicians practiced so boldly, & differed from him espec^r in neglect^s Preparation & in inoculating phps too promiscuously almost all Patients that offered. And indeed there was some wild Practice & some died of Inoculation. D^r Muirson does not seem to have had any friendly Communic^a with D^r Barnard afterw^{ds} or any of the new Inoculators. I asked him if he communicated it to any of his Pupils? he said no. And I think he never yet had any Students in physic liv^e with him. In 1760 & onwards the Jersey Inocul^a were famous—at length it about that time was set up by the physicians in N. York, Philad^a, Boston and Piscataqua in the mercurial Way. And so it got abroad everywhere into numerous hands. About 1760 D^r Jackson¹ of Portsm^o N. Hamp. went to Jerseys & was inoculated by D^r McKean, who gave him the mercurial Receipt, w^o he shewed me at Newport on his Return. About this time also it was carried over to London, & Sutton an unexperienced Man set it up there with great Success. Thus at length it was fully abroad in the World. All which was a Derivation from D^r Muirson the first mercurial Inoculator in the World. He tells me he supposes he had inoculated one hundred within the first ten years, and above Three Thous^d Patients in all. He usually gave about fourty or 30 Gr. of Calomel highly levigated to an impalpable Powder, at four Doses: & these before Inoculation. He bled freely esp^y in the eruptive fever. Gave no Physic dur^e the Disorder, until it turned. I asked why, as he did not conceal it, & as D^r Smith so early as 1731 read his Letter publicly, the other Physicians did not adopt it? he said that neither they nor the People believed it—they were all afraid of it, until his long success had proved its Safety. D^r Barnard seems to have been the

¹ Hall Jackson. See above, May 10, 1778.

first after D^r M. who went fully into the practice ; when it came into Repute—& the public believed & found that any of the Physicians might inoculate with success.

Thus we see that the first mercurial Inocul^a was in 1731. That it continued with him principally, & together with him & D^r Burleigh intirely till 1757 ; when by means of D^r Barnard it then came into public & since into general Use both in America & Europe. D^r Muirson was born on Long Island Son of the Rev^d Mr. Muirson an Episcopal Missionary at Rye in West Chester. He was born about the year 1709, & is now æt. 74. His mental powers remain good. A Gentleman of good Abilities & of good medical knowledge. [Ex ore ejus. He died here at New Haven Feb. 20, 1786, ætat. 77.]

21. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Mr. Mathers Meet^s. A.M. Cant. v, 7, 8. P.M. 1 Jno. iii, 2, 3. Reading Christie against Christ or X Sermons published 1784 on Jno. xvii, 3, by William Christie, jun., Merchant in Montrose in Scotland, an open, bold, but ingenious and learned Unitarian. Explodes the Trinity, & asserts Christ to be a Creature.

22. Last Wednesday a Mr. Hotchkiss¹ was ordained Pastor of a Chh in Guilf^d formerly D^r Sprouts. He was a common Man, not of College Educ^a, but of virtue & piety, & lately took up Preaching. The Chh sent for an ordaining Council consist^s of 3 regular Ministers & two Separates. The regular Min^{rs} refus^d to sit with the others, declined going. The Chh. hear^s of this sent again to them & offered to have him ordained by the stand^s Ministers only. Accordingly it was pformed by Rev. Mr. Edw^{ds} of New Haven, Rev. Mr. Trumbull of N^o Haven & Rev. Mr. Fowler of Guilford & Rev. Mr. Bray of Cohabit.

24. Wedn^y 17th Ins^t died at Lebanon His Excellency Governor Trumbull, æt. 75, a venerable Character !

25. Rode out with Mr. Webster of Philad^a 5 Miles to Mr. Darlings. Last Ldsdy Mr. Woodb. pr. his farewell Sermon expecting soon to die of a Cancer. My D. Polly's Birthday æt. 18.

26. At Mr. Darlings in Amity with Mr. Webster. We went together & visited one of the places in which Tradition says the Regicides dwelt, about half a mile north of Mr. Darlings House on

¹ Beriah Hotchkin had a long and useful career in the ministry, especially as a home missionary in western New York after leaving Guilford. Yale gave him an honorary M.A. in 1794, and he died in 1829.

the bank of a River only two rods wide running at the foot of the West side of the West Rock : the spot just five miles & an half from Yale College. I took a Drawing of it. The ground is all the way ascend^d fr. the Rivulet to the Top of the Rock : and it is judged fr. River to the Top of the Rock is half a Mile ; of which the first 80 R. is a gentle ascent nearly a plain, fenced & under Cultivation, the other 80 R^{ds} a very steep ascent. The perpendicular Height of the Mountⁿ Nineteen R^{ds} lately measured by Mr. Darling. The Upland on the W. side is twenty feet above the water. Descending a steep bank 16 feet perpend. we came to a Bottom or Level forty feet wide & 4 or 5 f. above the Water in the Rivulet which River I measured thirty & 34 feet wide at that place. This Bottom extended along the bank or Edge of the River 40 R^{ds} or as I walked the whole length paces, under the brow of the Hill, being 2 & 3 Rds wide. It was a beautiful shady pleasant Ambulacrum.

28. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel A.M. Mr. Holmes preached Eph. v, 15. P.M. I preached for Mr. Whitt^y he being sick : Mr. Holmes is a Sen. Bachelor of Arts ; has been preach^d at the Southward, & received a Call to settle in the Congregational Church at Medway in Georgia late the pastoral charge of Mr. Osgood deceased. He is on a Visit into New Engl. to his Friends, & to obtain Ordination.

29. My Wife sailed for Newport Rh. Isld.

30. Yest^y & to day, Hebrew Recitations. Rode with Sir Holmes & lodged at M^r W^m at Northford. Mr. W^m advised that Mr. Holmes's Ordinⁿ should be performed by the Corpor^s as Ministers in the Coll. Chapel the day after Commencement.

31. Returned to College. Called to visit & pray with a sick Person in the Even^g, as I frequently am.

September

1. No Lecture. All day with Tutors examining the four Candidates, referred to a 2^d Examination in July last, viz. Bulkly, Forgue, Hull & Tomlinson. We examined them in the Languages & all the Sciences.

2. Resolved, none of them qualified for a Degree : yet consider^d all the circumstances, that they be recommended to the Corpor^s for a Degree of Bachelor of Arts, not pro Meritis, but *speciali Gratia*, the Day after Commencement.

3. The Theses printed for Commencement. Sir Taylor¹ of Westfield came here this Even^g. . . .

In the Worcester Gazette 25 Aug. 1785.

"D^r Stiles's celebrated Election Sermon.

"To the Literati and Sentimentalists

"As the Sermon above mentioned is not to be purchased, even for Rubies, and several Gentlemen have expressed a desire that this historical, sentimental & truly elegant Book (notwithstand^g it bears the old fashioned name of a Sermon) be reprinted, Isaiah Thomas proposes to republish it by Subscription. As only a few Copies will be printed those who wish to be possessed of this very valuable Work, are requested to send in their Names, with the N^o of Copies they would have, without Loss of Time. The Work will be well executed, on a beautiful new Type & good paper, & will make nearly 20 pages, price 3/ stitched in Marble."

Let^t. from James Winthrop Esq. Librarian of Harvard College & Son of the learned Professor the late Hon. Jn^o Winthrop LL.D. Esq. In his Letter dated Janry. 4, 1784.

"Accept my Thanks for the learned Election Sermon you were pleased to send to me. The many excellent Sentiments it contains, the vast Reading & the comprehensive Abilities required for its composition, cannot fail to recommend it." "But besides the general concern I have in common with the rest of Mankind in all attempts to promote piety & useful Knowledge, I confess a more particular attachm^t to this Work from the honorable Mention you have been pleased to make of my Ancestors."

Mrs. Catharine Macaulay Graham's Let^t.

NEW YORK July 14 1785.

"Tho' I have had the Misfortune to loose the satisfaction of a personal Interview with you, I hope you will still preserve me in the Bosom of your Friendship and you may be assured dear sir that the very obliging Testimony you have given in your learned Discourse of your Regard for the female Historian will ever preserve in her Mind Sentiments of affection & Gratitude."

4. Ldsdy. I attended Coll. Chapel all day. The Professor preached A.M. Jno. vi, 66, an excellent Sermon shewing how far we may go in Religion & turn back or apostatize. After Sermon 3 Senior Sophisters made profession & were admitted into Chh. Fellowship

¹ John Taylor (Yale 1784), a son of Dr. Eldad Taylor, and a first cousin of President Stiles. He was settled in the ministry in Deerfield, Mass., in 1787, and Dr. Stiles's daughter Emilia spent some time in his family, after her father's death and before her own marriage.

viz. Clinton, Sage & ¹stan^{ds} in their seats. Lds Supper administered 23 Communicants present. P.M. Mat. xiv, 23, on private Devotion or secret prayers.

5. Heb. Recit^a.

6. Heb. Recit^a. Preparing Quæstiones Magistrales for the Press.

This Aft. I rec^d a Letter from that aged & learned Divine the Rev^d Jn^o Erskine, D.D. one of the Ministers of Edinburgh dated 29th Jan^r last with a Present of 20 Volumes of Books for our Coll. Library, & others for myself. The Books came safe.

7. Exam^d & admitted Elisha Payn Freshman.

8. Begun Examin^a of the Classes. No Orations. Rev. Mr. Anan of Boston² here. Formerly he was a Minister near Windsor & about 10 M. W. of Hudsons River, whence he removed to B^o 1783. While at &c. W. of Hudson, he cleared up a Swamp 1780 where he found in digging a Ditch a Skeleton—four Teeth very large 6 or 7 Inch. long, & a Bone, whose spherical protuberance at the End was measured one foot Diam, & the Bone itself about six inches Diameter. Upon digging & uncover^s the Earth, there appeared a large Quantity of Matter which had the appearance of fresh Dung as in the Paunch of an Animal—this lay in a space of five or six feet in length. Several bones of the Vertebrae were discovered, & part of the Jaw in which were the Teeth.

10. Finished Examin^a of the Classes. Yesterday I admitted Gay & King³ into the Freshman Class. This Even^s I received the news that Sir Nichols⁴ a Candidate died last week.

11. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Leavitt⁵ of Charlemont preached A.M. Hosea xiv, ult. D^r Wales appeared for the first time in a Clergyman's Gown, as now do sundry other ministers among the Congregationalists & Presbyterians in America. It is but a little different from mine. P.M. D^r Wales preached a Farewell Sermon to the Candidates Luke xix, 26, to a

¹ The persons admitted were Isaac Clinton and Gad Newell, of the Senior Class, and Sylvester Sage, of the Junior Class.

² Robert Annan, minister of the Presbyterian Church in Long Lane or Federal street. He published an account of this discovery, in the *Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences*, vol. 2, part 1, Boston, 1793.

³ William Gay and Apollos King, both of Suffield, Conn.; the latter did not graduate.

⁴ William Nicoll, a member of the graduating class, died on Sept. 2. He was born on April 13, 1766, the son of Francis and Margaret Nicoll, of Albany.

⁵ Jonathan Leavitt (Yale 1758): a son was just graduating.

crowded Audience of Gentlemen, Ladies, & Collegians. The Ladies filled my Pew & the fore seats & more. The Candidates about 60 present in the Galleries, with others. Sung the dying Xtian to his Soul—Chapter of Job—& Revel^a Anthem.

12. Preparing for Commencm^t.

13. Corpor^a convened—as Ministers formed into an Eccl. Council for Ordin^a of Mr. Abiel Holmes for Georgia. After Illumin^a of College, attended Examin^a of S^r Holmes. Two hours & half. Approved him. All the Corpor^a present except Mr. Lockwood dangerously sick.

14.

PUBLIC COMMENCEMENT.

Printed Account.

“ On Wedn^r the 14th inst. was celebrated the anniv^r Commenc^t of the University in this city. At ten o'clock A.M. the academic Procession moved from the College to the Brick Meet^ahouse where the pub. Exhib. & Transact. of the day were performed in the follow^r order.

After a Prayer by the President, an Anthem was sung. Then Mr. Pitkin began the Bachelors Exercises by a Latin salutatory Oration. Next followed a Greek Oration by Mr. S. Perkins; w^o was succeeded by a forensic Disput^a on this Quest. *Whether the Moral Dispositions of Nations are essentially affected by Difference of Climate?* discussed by Mr. Newton & Mr. Rosseter on the Affirmative, & Mr. Bidwell & Mr. Wadsworth on the Negative.

Mr. Flint then delivered an Hebrew Oration. The next in Order were the syllogistic Disputations on the follow^r Theses.

Glans plumbea foramine per centrum terræ et in vacuo demissa, Vibrationibus ppetuis moveretur. Mr. Miller Resp. & Mr. Bager Opponent.

Creatio æterna contradictionem implicat. Mr. McClellen Resp. Mess^{rs} Wright & Goodrich Opponents.

Absque Revelatione supernaturali Homines Deum esse nunquam cognoverant. Mr. Hinkly Resp. Mr. Nash Opp.

In nihilum redactis omnibus Spiritibus creatis, Mundus tamen materialis existeret. Mr. Grosvenor Resp. Mess^{rs} And^{rs} & Higgins Opp.

An Anthem.

Mr. Langdon then pronounced an English Oration on Eloquence. Handels Waterpiece pformed on a Flute closed the forenoon Exhibitions.

P. M.

After a pub. Dinner in the Coll. Hall the procession returned, & the Exercises of the Bachelors being yet unfinished were resumed.

A Dialogue by Mess^{rs} Beers, Butler, E. Huntington & B. Perkins: together with a *Carmen Elegiacum* by Mr. Meigs upon M^r Nicoll one of the Candidates who died the first Instant, closed the Exhibitions of the Bachelors.

An Anthem introduced the Masters Exercises, and a forensic Disput^a on this Question, Whether Infidels & Deists may be admitted into pub. office without endangering the civil Welfare of a Christian State? was pformed by Mr. Merwin & Mr. King.

The Degrees were then conferred; that of Bachelor of Arts upon the following Young Gentlemen. 65, all Alumni of this College, and on Joseph Huntington of Dartm^o College. The Degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon the follow^g Gentlemen 17, Alumni of this College. And likewise upon the following Gentlemen educated at other Colleges: the Rev. Henry Wight A.M. Harvard 1782. The Rev. Matthias Burnet A.M. & the Rev. Ju^o Davenp^t A.M. Neo. Cæs. 1769. William Patten A.M. Dart. 1780.

The honorary Degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon the Rev. James Wilson of N. York educated in the Univ^y of Edinburgh; & upon Daniel Everett Esq.

The Deg. of D^r in Physic was conferred upon D^r George Miln a graduated Medicinæ Doctor in the Marischal University of Aberdeen.

The Degree of Doctor in Div^y was conferred upon the Rev. George Duffield A.M. of Philadelphia.

The Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the Rev^d John Witherspoon D.D. President of New Jersey College.

The Performances of the Candidates in general did them great Honor with the Literati, & gave universal Satisfaction to a most respectable & splendid Assembly, which was graced with the Presence of very learned Characters & Gentlemen of the first Distinction and particularly with the presence of the Hon. the L^t Governor and several of the Hon. Councillors of this State."

N. B. Two days after Commenc^t the Corporation conferred the Deg. of A.B. *Speciali Gratia* upon Bulkley, Hull & Tomlinson. Thus 66 + 4 = 70 Bach. and + 23 Mast. = 93 in the Arts & 3 Doctorates = 96 Total of Graduates this Commencement.

Mr. Devotions son John¹ was y. ago dismissed fr. College, seized as was supposed with an incurable Disorder but recover^e to a g^t degree, & it being certified that tho' unable to walk, yet he had assiduously applied to Read^e & study & made laudable Proficiency, we compassionated him & gave him a degree.

MR. HOLMES' ORDINATION.

"On the day after the Commencement the Rev. Mr. Hart of Preston preached the *Concio ad Clerum* from Gal. i, 10, after which the Rev^d Abiel Holmes was ordained a Gospel Minister with a special View of his exercis^e the pastoral office in the Congregational Chh. & Society in *Midway* in the State of Georgia, which have given him an unanimous Call to the Work of the Min⁷ among them. The Rev^d Mr. President Stiles made the consecrat^e or ordaining Prayer during the Laying on of the Hands of the Presbytery; the Rev. D^r Williams gave the Charge; the Rev^d Warh. W^{ms} gave the Rt. Hand of Fellowship: & the Rev. Mr. Pitkin made the concluding Prayer; and these Gentlemen together with the Rev. D^r Goodrich laid on Hands in the Consecration. The whole was transacted by a Council of Ministers to whom Mr. Holmes addressed himself to pform the Work agreeable to the Request & Application of the Chh. in Midway."

Extr. fr. New Haven Gazette 22 Sep. 1785.

COPY OF RESULT.

"At a Council of Ministers convened at New Haven on the 13th of September A.D. 1785.

Present the Reverend Messieurs

John Trumbull Pastor of the 1st Chh in Watertown
 Moses Mather Pastor of the Chh in Middlesex
 Eliphalet W^{ms} D.D. Pastor of the Chh in East Hartf^d
 Stephen Johnson Pastor of the first Chh in Lyme
 Warham W^{ms} Pastor of the Chh. in Northford.
 Nathanael Taylor Pastor of the first Chh in New Milf^d
 Ezra Stiles D.D. President of Yale Coll. in New Haven
 Timothy Pitkin of Farmington
 Elizur Goodrich D.D. Pastor of the Chh in Durham

¹ Son of Judge Ebenezer Devotion (Yale 1759), of Scotlaud Parish in Windham, Conn.

Enoch Huntington Pastor of the first Chh in Middletown
 Samuel Wales D.D. Professor of Div^y & Pastor of the Chh in
 Yale College.

All of the State of Connecticut.

The Reverend D^r Stiles was chosen Moderator and Elizur Goodrich Scribe.

This Council was convened at the Request of Mr. Abiel Holmes, in Consequence of the Call & Invit^a of the Chh. & Congreg^a in Midway in the State of Georgia, given to him to settle with them in the Gospel Min^y, and their Desire that he would obtain regular Ordination to the Office of a Gospel Minister before his Return to them. All which has been duly certified to this Council by the papers & Letters laid before them.

The Council hav^e considered Mr. Holmes's application to them for Ordin^a judge it advisable & expedient to proceed therein, as there are no Congregational or Presbyterian Ministers in the State of Georgia to perform the same.

And therefore hav^e been certified of Mr. Holmes's being a member in full communion & regular Stand^e in the Chh. of X in Yale College, proceeded to examine him as to his Qualifications for the Gospel Ministry, & found them to their entire Satisfaction.

Whereupon Voted, That this Council will proceed to separate & ordain Mr. Abiel Holmes to the Office & Work of a Gospel Minister: it being his purpose & determin^a by div. pmission to return to the pple of Midway, & wait the Open^{es} of Providence respecting his settling among them in the great Work, unto which they have called him; and that the Ordinat^a be pformed on the 15th Ins^t in the Chapel of Yale Coll. in the following manner, that is, after the Sermon or Concio ad Clerum, previously appointed & to be preached by the Rev^d Levi Hart of Preston, the Rev^d D^r Stiles is appointed to make the Consecration & ordain^e Prayer; then the Rev^d D^r W^{ms} to give the charge; after w^c the Rev. Warham W^{ms} to give the right Hand of Fellowship, & the Rev^d Mr. Pitkin to conclude the solemnity with Prayer.

15. Accord^e to the Appointm^t of the Council, the Reverend Abiel Holmes, was consecrated & ordained to the sacred Office and Work of the Gospel Ministry by Prayer & the laying on of the Hands of the Rev. D^r Stiles, the Rev. D^r W^{ms}, the Rev. Warham W^{ms}, the Rev. Mr. Pitkin & the Rev. D^r Goodrich.

The Council sincerely rejoice in the opening Prospect of Mr. Holmes's Usefulness in the State of Georgia, commend him to the Grace of G^d, & most heartily wish him success in the great Work, unto w^{ch} he is consecrated. They recommend him to public Improv^t in the Xtian Min^y wherever he shall be regularly called, & partic^{ly} in the Chh & Congreg^a of Midway; earnestly praying the great Head of the Chh. to make him a Blessing to them, & extensively useful in the Churches.

EZRA STILES Moderator

Attest ELIZUR GOODRICH Scribe "

A Duplicate of this written on Parchment was delivered to Mr. Holmes.

After the Imposition of Hands & previous to the ordaining Prayer I addressed the Candidate in the following written words.

"In the name of our L^d J. C. and by Authority derived from him the great Head of the Chh, We as Ministers of the Gospel, do separate thee, Abiel Holmes, to the Work of the Ministry, and by Prayer & the Laying on of the Hands of the Presbytery, do consecrate and ordain thee a Bishop in the Church of God: hereby giving & conferring Office upon you, & giving you Power & Authority, to *preach* the Gospel accord^d to the sacred Oracles; to administer sealing Ordinances, *Baptism* & the *L^d Supper*, to such as accord^d to the Scriptures are the proper Subjects of them; to dispense the Discipline of the Chh.; to *ordain Elders in every City*; & to do & pform the whole Work of the evangelical Ministry, *wherever* the Providence of God shall call for your Labors; and particularly in the Congregational Chh. & Society in Midway in Georgia, which have given you an unanimous Call to take the pastoral Charge & Oversight of them in the Lord. (This Min^y w^{ch} you now receive you are to attend & discharge, not in your own strength; be thou therefore, my son, strong in the Grace of our L^d. J. C. To this End) according to the divine Institution, and in Imitation of apostolic Example, we will now unite in imploring the Descent of the holy Ghost upon you, beseeching the divine Majesty thoro'ly to furnish you to this good Work, & anoint you & your Labors with his divine Grace and Blessing." Let us pray. . . .

Four important Transactions in this City this Week: the Commencement, a Meeting of the Consociation of the C^o of New Haven in order to divide themselves into two Consociations, the Ordin^a of Mr. Holmes—& lastly a Meet^g of the few Episc^o Clergy with D^r

Seabury their Bp. for Ordin^a of Deacons & Presbyters accord^s to the Chh. of Engl^d. The Consociation concluded not to divide: they held their Meet^s in the Coll. Chapel the day of Ordination there. The day follow^s viz. friday 16th Sept. the Ordinations were pformed at Chh. of Engl^d by the Imposition of Hands of Bp. Seab^y, Mr. Leaming, & Mr. Mansfield.

About 24 Freshmen admitted.

16. The Corpor^a still transacting Coll. Business. Generously voted me an additional Grant of £100. for the past year which with my stated salary £237.10.0 makes £337.10. My fees for 95 Degrees amounted to £100. more. All this about clears me of Debt.

Of the 4 Candidates found deficient at July Exam. & reexamined 1st Ins^t & recommended for a Deg. speciali Gratia only 3 appeared & requested. They importuned. The Corpor^a hesitated, because we had pronounced them unqualified, & it would seem to be a Dishonor to the Corpor^a themselves in particular as well as to College, & besides would be a seeming counteract^f us who were undoubtedly the proper Judges without sufficient Reason for controlling us. They tho't also that I was against granting. I told them that I thought we might safely do it, & tho' I was ag^t grant^s on Commenc['] day & ag^t pmitt^s them honor of Walking in the Procession, yet I was now not against it: & that as I felt with them, they might be assured I was not disposed to bring dishonor on a Body of w^o I myself was a Member. We thereupon granted the Degree to the three present. The Corpor^a broke up & returned this day, having first directed me to call a Meet^s of the Corpor^a on 25 Oct^r next if I rec^d the Notification which the Assembly ordered in May last.

18. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended Mr. Edw^{ds} Meet^s & heard the Rev^d Mr. Wilson preach there. P.M. at Mr. Whittelseys & heard Mr. Patten who has been preach^s to my Newp^t Flock.

19. On Wednesdy 14th inst. his Excellency Dr. Benjamin Franklin æt. 80 the Ambassador arrived at Philadelphia from Europe.

20. Set out & rode to Newport.¹ Lodged at N^o Haven.

21. Rum at N^o H. 8^d. Read^s Mr. Leaming's Sermon & Dr. Seabury's Charge to his Clergy at Middlet^o Aug. 3, 1785, when he performed his first ordinations. Rode to Middlet^o & lodged Rockwells.

¹ Several items are inserted in the account of this journey from the MS. Itinerary.

22. Rockwell 3/8. Colchester 1/6 Dinner. Lodged Norwich.
23. Lathrops 2/4. Rode 16 m. to Robbins in Volunt^o. dined 1/4. 6 m. to Mims. 6 m. to Nicols in W. Greenwich. Boy 1/4.
24. Nichols 3/8. At Hopkins 11^d. Visited Mr. Sam^l Hopkins æt. 81 in W. Green. in whose Orchard old Mr. Whaley æt. 103 was buried about 1722. A N.E. Storm severe & heavy. I rode from Mr. Hopk. 7 1/2 m. to Gov. Greens in Warwick 1/2 m. fr. E. Greenw. Land^s or Court House. Dined Weavers 2/.
25. Ldsdy. I preached at E. Greenw. all day. At XII to I 1/2 I attended Elder Gorton's Bapt. Meet^s & heard him declaim piously.
26. Inquiry after the Mr. Whaley of Narraganset. Left Gov. Greenes & arrived at Newport & found my Wife well there.
28. I attended D^r Moyes's last Lecture in the Statehouse. He was born in N^o of Scotl^d, educated 4 y. in Univers^y of Glasgow & 3 y. in the Univ^y of Edinburgh & had rec^d Degree of M.D. He has been blind from Eighteen Month old : now æt. 30 to 40.

October

1. I baptized Polly D. of Geo. Clark & Bridget his Wife. Visited. Spent 1 1/2 h. with D^r Moyes. He is sensible, considerably not extensively learned, has Self Confidence in his own Originality. Optics & Chemistry, the philos. of Fire & medical Matters are his Objects—he affects to overset several Newtonian Principia, to account for Heat, Evapor^s, the Tails of Commets, Aur^o Bor. & sundry other Phænom. in a way different from Franklin, Newton & all the Philosophers. While he has great Ingenuity he is fond & tenacious of his own new imaginary & fugitive Theories.
2. I preached all day in my Meet^shouse—propounded Eliz^a Stevens & notified Sacrament.
4. Went with my Wife in a Packet to Providence in Two hours fifty eight minutes being 30 Miles by Water. Attended Association Lecture in Eveng. at Mr. Hitchcock's Meet^shouse, Rev. Mr. Belknap of Dover preached an excellent Sermon, Acts—Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. Present ten Ministers of which 5 of the Rh. Isl^d Association.
6. Visiting Roger Williams Grave.
7. Returned to Newport by Packet in 7 hours.
8. M^r Tutor Channing arrived at Newport having journeyed fr. N. Haven to Dartm^o Coll.—then to Portsm^o Piscataqua—thence to B^o & Cambridge—so on to Rh. Isl^d.

9. Ldsdy. I preached all day to my Newport Flock, admitted Miss Eliz^a Stevens into the Chh. to full Communion, and administered the Sacrament.

10. Last Week at an Overseers Meet^g Mr. Pearson Preceptor of the Acad^y at Andover was elected Professor of Hebrew & other Oriental Languages in the Univ^y of Cambridge, in the Room of Professor Sewall debilitated by Infirmities. They allow Mr. Sewall £30.

12. Gov^r Greene made a Present to Yale Coll. Musæum of a Leopard or Tiger Cat's Skin stuffed by the Indians hav^g no Incision but the Mouth & Eyes. It had been presented him by a Merch^t who bro't it from Barbytius in South America. Length 3 f. 8 Inc. Exclusive of Tail 8 Inc. more, Girt 3 f. 1½ Inc.

14. We sailed from Newport in a Pacquet. Passage 2 Guineas & 1 Doll.

16. Ldsdy Even^g, after a tedious Passage arrived safe home at N. H. & found my family well. Deo Grates.

MEMOIRS.

Col. Francis Willet of S^o Kingston died there Feb. 7, 1776, æt. 82 circa.

Gen. Gurdon Saltonstall of N. London died at Norwich Sept. 1785 æt. 78, Son of Gov. Saltonstal.

Rev. Mr. Throop of Norwich died Sep. 16, 1785, Æ. 73.

Rev. Jon^a Ellis of Little Compton died Sep. 7, 1785, Æ. 69.

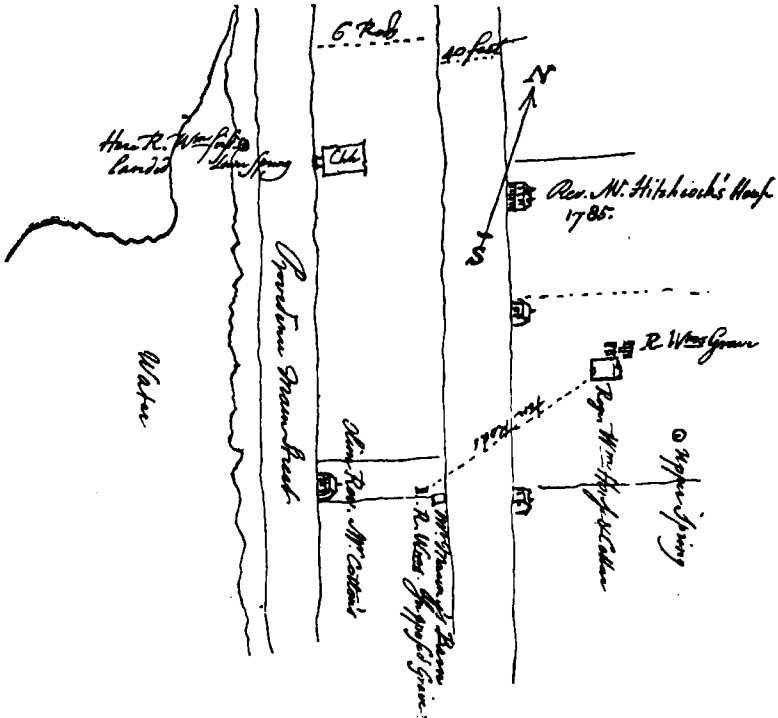
Rev. Peter Thatcher of Attleboro' died Sep. 13, 1785, Æ. 70.

Mrs. Mary Ellis of Newbern N^o Car^o died Dec. 1784.

D^r Franklin arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 14, 1785, after nine years Absence as Ambassador in France.

At Provid. Oct. 6, I visited the Place of Roger Williams Land^g, House, Spring, & Grave. There is some uncertainty as to the last, altho' the grave may be ascertained within *ten* Rods. Ten or a doz. y. ago the T^o of Prov. voted to erect a Monum^t upon his Grave and appointed a Committee Gov. Hopkins, D. Gov. Sessions, M^r Moses Brown & present L^t Gov. Bowen, who examin^d the two places, Traditions & Evidences. I now conversed with Gov. Bowen & Mr. Brown. All Tradition agrees that he was buried on his own Home Lot & near his own Dwell^g house, whose Cellar I saw. Gov. Hopkins was of opinion it was the Grave at the North corner of the House within two paces : the others rather doubtful

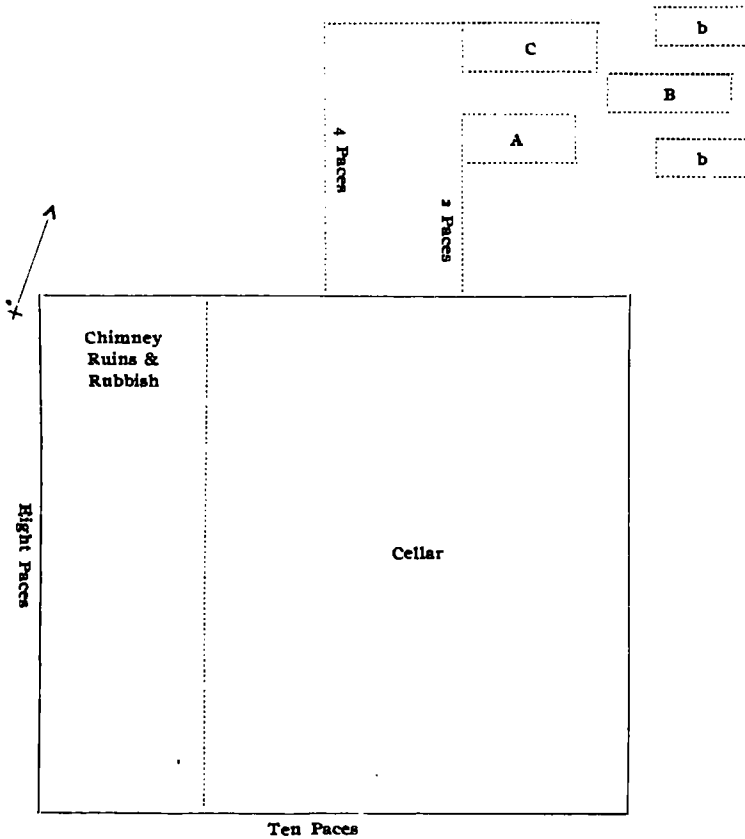
whether it was not ten R^ds. S. E. on a Lot afterw^ds Rev. Mr. Cottons. The Amo^t of the Evidence thus. It has been the general Idea that it was by the Cellar, & Strangers & I myself years ago have been shewn these Graves and one as for Roger W^m; on the contrary an aged Mr. Brown liv^e out of Provid. said to the Committee he well remembered R. W^m Death & Funeral & that he was buried under Arms; & that altho' he s^d Brown was not present at the Funeral yet he knew well that the Grave was in that part of the Lot which is ten Rds. S.E. fr. Dwell^e House on Lot afterw^ds Mr. Cottons & afterwards D^r Bowens. Old D^r Bowen that lived on



the spot positively asserted the Grave on his Lot. He died phps ten years ago æt. 80 circa. Roger W^m must have died about 1685 or 1686 [1682]. Moses Brown, a very sensible man, told me that the only Evid. of Time of his Death was, that by an Entry in y^e Records one year he was alive, and within a year after he is spoken of in the Records as deceased. Oliver Whipple Esq. formerly lived at Provid. & tells me (Oct. 4) that D^r Bowen & others had often shewn him the place of the Grave on s^d D^rs Lot. I viewed

the spot—there in no Appearance of a Grave. A Niece of R. W^m is buried by the House.

Ruins of R. Williams Dwell^s House and Cellar grown over with Barbary Bushes in 1785. With five Graves near N. W. Corner, one of which only has Stones inscribed, viz. Patience Ashton's



- A. Real Grave & supposed to be that of Roger Williams only two Paces from his House ; without Grave Stones.
- B, b, b. Real Graves also without Stones.
- C. A Grave with a Head & foot Stone inscribed Patience Ashton Wife of Philip Ashton who died as the Stone says 1739 aged 63.¹

¹ Daughter of Daniel Williams, and granddaughter of Roger Williams.

In 1860 the ground here described was carefully explored, and the supposed grave of Roger Williams uncovered. Details of the investigation were given in a printed *Memorial of Roger Williams*, by Zachariah Allen.

NEW YORK Oct. 12, 1785.

"Last Week, Delegates from the *Synod of N. York & Phila. the Dutch Reformed Synod* of New York & New Jersey, and the *Associate Reformed Synod*, met in this city, for the purpose of opening & establish^s such an Intercourse between these three Bodies, as shall enable them to unite their Efforts with the greater Ease & Efficacy for promot^s Truth, Piety & good Morals among the numerous Chhs. under their Care, & for counteracting the baleful Influence of Infidelity & Profaneness so sadly prevalent in our Land."

This Fall also was held an Episcopal Convention of about twenty Gent. Clergy & Laymen at Philad^a, which altered the Liturgy, reduced the 39 Art. to 20 & agreed to petition the English Bps. to consecrate Bps. for the States South of New Engl. They mean to reject Bp. Seab⁷. Another Conven. was held at Boston the same time & altered the Liturgy.

17. Find the Gen. Assembly sitting at New Haven.
Another Minister not of academic Education was last Aug^t ordained by the Consociation of Fairf^d C^o Pastor of the Chh. at Horsneck or Greenwich one Mr. ¹ born & brot up in N. York. His parents came from Irel^d, the Father a rigid Chhman his Mother a Roman Catholic. He living & being brot up with a Baptist at N. York became one. And being hopefully a subject of divine Grace became engaged in religious Exercises, & in a word was ordained a Teacher of a Baptist Chh. in Greenw. & the confines of Rye. But upon read^s he resumed Infant Baptism & was turned out of his Min⁷ & the Bapt. Chh. During the late war, when that part of the Country was deprived of its Ministers a few pious pple assembled in private houses on Ldsdys, & carried on among themselves. He was improved in them but not to preach, only to pray & read religious Books. His Abilities & Piety & Talents became thus so well known that last year this long destitute Flock meditated his Call to them. but not without Ordin^a & as he was not a learned Man, they would do nothin^s without the Association of the County. This they convened. The Assoc. took Knowledge of the Matter, examined him gave him a Text to write a Sermon, adjourned & notified the Baptists wish^s that they would inform any Thing they might think wrong in Mr. Rogers. They again met & licensed Mr. Rogers to preach in that Congreg^a only for one year. He preached his year to Accept^a of the Chh. &

¹ Dr. Stiles seems to be referring to the Rev. Robert Morris, of the 1st Church in Greenwich.

Cong. which gave him a Call to settle regularly in the Min^r with them. And the Consoci^a accord^r convened in Aug^t last & ordained him.

18. Rec^d sundry Letters. I lately rec^d one from Gov. Jefferson Ambassador dated Paris in which he informs me he has sent me Connoissance de Temps 4 V. 8^{vo} & Bibliotheque Œconomique & philosophique 4 V. 12. also that a Parisian has made a new Invention to sail a Vessel by a spiral Sail on an Axis which screws the Vessel along.

22. Visited Mr. Williston & admitted 3 Freshmen viz. Morris, Osborn & Reynolds.

23. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Williston.

25. Vacation ended & I set up orders at College. Mr. Tutor Baldwin here.

26. Began Recitations. Seniors began Locke. I took 2 Classes & Mr. Baldwin two.

27. Mr. Tutor Perkins came in hav^e admitted three Freshmen abroad. Committed the Tuition of the freshman Class to Mr. Tutor Russel who came in to day.

28. Commons set up, about 40.

30. Ldsdy. I attended at Mr. Whittelseys Meet^s all day.

31. Whether the belles Lettres & polite Arts ought to be pursued in an acad. Educ^a rather than Math., Phil. & the substantial Literature? Seniors.

November

1. Sister Esthers cause heard before the Assembly. Exam^d & admitted two Freshmen. Tot. 36. N^o Undergrad. Sen. 55, Jun. 68, Soph. 41, Fr. 36. Tot. 200.

3. No Lect. Eccl. Sister Bradley's Petition granted and her House at N^o Haven restored to her Possession.

This Even^g in Convers^a with Sec^r Wyllys, he told me that Adrian Scroupe one of K. Charles' Judges was in Hartford—that in the Colony Records he finds an Instrument there signed by his own original Autograph^y; which he has compared with the copperplate Print of the Warrant signed by all the Regicides, & finds it evidently the same hand as Scropes. [Not so].¹ Besides that there is an Order of the Colony after the Restor^a 1660 to furnish s^d Scroupe

¹ Cf. Stiles's *Hist. of the Three Judges*, pp. 352-53, for a fuller statement of these facts. The identity of this Hartford person is still a mystery.

with monies to return to Engld. where he went & died. D^r Wales returned. [Scrope the Rêgicide was executed 1660.]

5. The Gen. Assembly finished the Session. Rev^d Mess^{rs} Whitt^r & Edw^{ds} are the daily chaplains; but at the open^r & clos^e the Assembly, the Governor asked me to pray. I prayed with them this day.

6. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. D^r Wales preached a funeral Sermon A.M. on the Death of *Parsons* from Prov. xxvii, 1. P.M. 1 Thess. v, 6. Reading Mr. Simon Browns Sermons . . . Also read Euseb. Ecc. Hist. & some in Theoderit.

7. Nullæ dantur Ideæ innatæ. Bird Resp. Ordered the Junior Class to elect an Orator to make a funeral Oration on the death of *Parsons*.¹

8. Mens non semper cogitat. Perkins, Resp.

10. Ecc. Hist. Lect. This Aft. Rev. Mr. Sherman preached a Lect. at Mr. Mathers Meetinghouse.

13. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day, Jno. i, 13, Regeneration. Read a Treatise on Prayer by Rev. Tho^s Cobbet Pastor at Lynn last Century.

14. Whether the Discov^r of America by Europeans has been of Benefit to Mankind? Sen^{rs}.

15. In Monarchies, whether hereditary or elective be preferable? Seniors.

16. The 3^d Inst. Nov. Major Gen. Sullivan died of an apoplectic Fit at Concord, New Hampshire.

. . . . Mr. Murray the Universalist brot an Action for Recov^r of Monies or Ministers Taxes collected of some of his Congreg^a by the first Parish in Gloucester Cape Ann. It was heard 2^d Nov. before Sup. Court of Mass. at Salem, when Jury could not agree, & the Decision of the Cause referred to next Term.

The Meet^r of about 20 Clergymen & Laymen at Philad^a of the Episc^o Chhs. in N. York & so to Carol. inclusive, last M^o expunged the *Nicene & Athanasian* Credes from the Liturgy: and wrote a Letter to the Bps. in Engld praying that obstacles may be removed & American Clergymen elected by themselves may be consecrated by English regular Bps.

Rev. D^r Goodrich visited me to day & informs that the Consocia- tion of this C^o met yesterday at North Haven at Squire Daytons 22

¹ Leonard Chester Parsons, born 1764, the youngest son of the Rev. David Parsons (Harvard 1729), of Amherst, Mass., died Oct. 30, 1785.

in Number being 10. Min. & 12 Messengers. They dined at Mr. Daytons, & found that he about ten o'Clock in the foren. was seized violently with vomiting & purging. After Dinner the Council adjourned to the Meetinghouse to meet the Chh. & continued there till sunset when they adjourned, till VIII o'Clock this Morn^g. Soon after they broke up Rev. Mr. Leavenworth & 3 Delegates were taken violently in the same way. And in the course of the Night 16 out of the 22 of the Council & 8 psons of Mr. D. fam⁷ were seized & violently affected in the same way, viz. of the Ministers,

Rev. Mr. Leavenw.

Rev. Warh. W^{ms}.

Rev. Mr. Williston

Rev. Mr. Foot

Rev. Mr. Street

Rev. Mr. Bray

of the Delegates Deacon Maltby

Deacon Morris

Deacon Ross

Deacon Hall

Rev. Mr. Elles

Rev. Mr. Atwater

Rev. Mr. Waterman

Deacon Russel

Cap^t Hand

Deacon Goodyear

16

Not much affected

Rev. Dr Goodrich

Col. Baldwin

Major Atwater

Deacon Smith

Deacon Hopson

Deacon Wheeler

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Two Physicians were consulted. It was judged to be Poyson. This Morng. the Council unable to do Business adjourned to 7th Dec. & broke up & went home.

Mr. Jones fr. G. Brit. this Even^g began a course of Lectures in Chemistry. I attended.

17. I rode to N^o H. with my Sister Bradly who took possession of her House & Lot there.

18. Attended Mr. Jones's Chemical Lecture.

19. Read^g Burnet's Hist. Reform^a.

20. Ldsdy. D^r Wales being sick desired me this Morn^g to supply the Chapel all day. Accord^y A.M. I preached in Chapel Ps. xix, 7. P.M. D^r Edwards pr. in Chapel & I preached at his Meetgh. Ps. cxxxiii, 1, where I also baptized Rebecca an Infant Child of Mix & his Wife. I also published the Banns of Marriage between Mr. Eben. Townsend & Mrs.

Mather, Relict of the late Allyn Mather both of this City. Read^s Ostervalds Lectures on the Ministry.

21. A twofold Quest. disputed by the Senior Class this day— Whether there be any Idea common to two or more senses? and whether any Idea common to both Sens^a & Reflexion? No. This Even^s I attended the Chemical Lect. of Mr. Jn^o Totty Jones. Among other Things he exhibited the Process for Mak^s Æther.

22. Whether any Modific^a of Matter can render it cogitative? Sen^{ra}.

24. Public THANKSGIVING thro' the States of Connecticut & N. Hampshire. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach from Col. iii, 13. First Snow.

25. I visited & prayed with Mr. Robert Walker a Scots Merch^t lately from S^t Croix. He was son of a Presby. Min^r in Scotl^d æt. pps. 45, for some years lived a free life in the W. Indies—in low & declining Health he comes here & is in the last stage of a Consumption. Appears greatly penitent, has had all the Presb^y Min^{ra} in this City to visit him. A few days past the Rev^d Mr. Whitt^y, accompanied with Capt. Peck an aged Memb^r of his Chh, administered the Sacr^t of the Lds Supper to Mr. Walker privately. This I believe is the second Instance, Mr. Whitt^y giv^s the sacr^t privately to one Mr. Dorman pps a dozen years ago. I know of no Presb. Minister but him, who has ever administered private Communion in New Engl^d from its first settlement to this day.

26. Col. Godfrey Malbone æt. 61 lately died at Pomfret. Yesterday I rec^d a Letter dated 19 June past with a Packet of Books from Rev. Dr. Jn^o Erskine of Edinburg.

27. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard A.M. Dr. Wales Tit. iii, 14. P.M. Rev. David Parsons of Amherst, Ps. xxxix, 4.

28. Whether any external material World exists? Seniors.

At III^b P.M. Granger a junior Sophister delivered a funeral Oration in the Coll. Chapel on the Death of his Classmate Parsons. The Rev^d Mr. Parsons' his Brother present. The Orator addressed him as he sat in the Graduates pew.

Aged Mr. Caleb Ball of this City & born here, died last Week Æt. Ninety years.

29. Whether Laws prohibiting emigration are for the general Interest of Nations? Sen^{ra}.

¹ David Parsons, Jr. (Harvard 1771), had succeeded his father as the pastor of the Church in Amherst.

30. I attended a Sacram^t Lect. at Mr. Whittelseys Meet^s where Sir Austin preached on Love.

December

1. Ecc. Hist. Lect. on Marcellus's Acc^o of the Martyrdom of Peter & Paul . . . Besides the usual Recit^a of the Senior Class in Locke, I heard a Class in Hebrew. In Even^g I attended Mr. Jones's chemical Lecture. He says within a year or two it has been discovered that Sp^t of sea salt drawn over the Semi Metal becomes a Solvent of Gold, Silver & all other Metals. He made me a Quantity of Vitriolic Æther.

2. In the Even^g I attended a sacramental Lecture with the Communicants of the College Chh. at Dr. Wales's House. He discoursed on Jno. 1, Behold the Lamb of God. Last Tuesd^y we examined & admitted — Peters into the Freshman Class—37 now in the class of w^o 35 present.

3. D^r Wales had 5 fits to day.¹

4. Ldsdy. D^r Wales being unwell, M^r Tutor Chann^s preached in Chapel all day, where I attended. A.M. Isai. lv, 1. After Sermon I read the Chh. Cov^t & admitted W^m Stone sen. Soph. into full Commun. & two Fresh. to occasional Commun. in Coll. Chh. Then I administered the Lds. Supper ; present about 20 Communicants. P.M. Mr. Chann^s preached Mark viii, 28. . . .

LONDON, Aug. 22, 1785.

"The flame w^o was kindled in N^o Amer. as was foreseen has made its Way into the Amer. Dominions of Spain. *That Jealousy, w^o confined the Appointment^a of Government in Spanish Amer. to native Spaniards* and other Distinctions between these & their Descendants on the other Side of the Atlantic, has been a two edged Sword, & cut two ways. If it has hitherto preserved the Sovereignty of Spain in those parts, it has sown the seeds of a deep Resentm^t among the pple. Conferences are held, combinations are formed in secret among a Race of Men whom we shall distinguish by the Appell^a of *Spanish Provincials*. The Example of N^o Amer. is a great Subject of Discourse, & the *Grand Object of Imitation*. In London we are well assured, there is this moment a *Spanish American* of great Consequence, & possessed of the Confidence of his Fellow-Citizens, who aspires to the Glory of being the Deliverer of his Country. He is a *Man of sublime Views & penetrating Understand^t, skilled in the antient & modern Languages, conversant in Books, & acquainted with the World.* He has devoted many years to the

¹This is the first mention of the form of illness from which Dr. Wales had suffered for some two years. The nervous affection referred to developed gradually into an incurable epilepsy.

Study of general Politics; the Origin, Progress, & Termin^a of the different species of Governments; the Circumstances that combine & retain Multitudes of Mank^d in political Societies; & the Causes by w^c these Societies are dissolved & swallowed up by others. This Gentleman hav^s visited every Province in North America, came to England, which he regards as the Mother Country of Liberty, & the School for political Knowledge. As Friends to Freedom we forbear to be more particular concerning this distinguished Character. He is a conspicuous Proof & Example of the Fact w^c it is our Object to illustrate. We admire his Talents, esteem his Virtues, & heartily wish Prosperity to the noblest Pursuit that can occupy the Powers of a Mortal, that of bestowing the Blessings of Freedom on Millions of his fellowmen."—Extr. from the English Prints.

The New Haven Printer Nov. 3, 1785 adds. "This Description very exactly answers the Character of Col. Don Francisco de Miranda, who spent several days in this City in Aug. 1784."

[N. B. Nov. 4, 1793, Col. de Miranda is now a General in the Republican Army in France.]

5. Præscientiæ divini Certitudo non tollit Libertatem moralem. Gould Resp. This day Mess^{rs} Good. & W^m Committee of the Corpor^a met. We settled all Coll. Accounts & found due to the Coll. Treas^r from the Tenants of the Coll. Farms about £400.—from the Stew^d on Qu. Bills above £900, besides 3 years Int. on the Fund of £1260 in Continental Treas^r full Value, about £210. All this Amo^t of £1500 due last Commencement.

6. Diluvium Noachi fuit universale. Bird Resp. Committee stated commons 4/9 p Week. This day the Consociation to convene at North Haven.

7. This Even^g I attended the Chemical Lect. & saw Turpeth, Min. & red precip. made by combin^g sp^t Nit. & sp^t Vitri. with Mercury. Tho't of first imbib^g æther, then decant^d it off, then affus^d it to sp^t Nitr. & then &c. [Rev. Mr. R^d Salter Storrs ord. this day at Long Meadow.]

8. Eccl. Lect. & Heb. Recit^a.

10. Congress have elected Jn^o Hancock Esq. President. This day I am 58 years old.

Ten Chhs. convened at N^o H. Wedn^y last viz. Guilf^d, E. Guilf^d, E. Haven, Branf^d, Cohabit, W. Haven, Cheshire, Carmel, Durham, Wallingf^d, Mr. Watermans. Rev. Mess^{rs} W^m, Elles, & Waterman did not sit as they had been advised with as a Council before. So left 7 Pastors & ten Delegates or Chhs. as Mr. Watermans Delegate being new sat in Consociation. Their Result on the 3 Articles as the former Council. 1. No Evid. of Fornic^a. 2. The Inter-

marriage not adulterous, and 3. a Confession for unchristian Language. But Mr. Trumbull & the Chhs. at N^o H. will not acquiesce in the Result.¹

11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Sir Morse preach all day. A.M. Gen. iii, 9. P.M. 1 Tim. i, 15. Professor Wales made the Aft. concluding Prayer. Examining Texts in the Original Hebrew. Last Even^s & to day read Eusebius Ecc. Hist. thro' the apostolic Age. I have often read it before. This a cursory Review, with particular Examin^a of some more material Events.

12. Whether the Mosaic Hist. of the Creation respected the formation of this Earth only? Seniors.

13. This Morn^s I found the Æther which imbibed a solution of Gold Ins^t and the next day commixt with the Aq. regia, was again separated, & held the Gold distinctly separated & separated from the Regia. Reading Macquer's Chemistry. He says "a Cubic Foot of Gold weighs 1326 pounds" V 1. p. 307. This is worth 60 Th. pounds Sterl^s. If sp^t of Sea salt or the Muriatic Acid be drawn over the Semi Metal called Manganese, it becomes a Solvent of Gold. This is a recent Discovery within this half year in Europe.

14. Quarter day at College. Exercises.

Music vocal & instrumental III^b 30' p. m.

Lat. Oration.—Perkins 1. 15 min.

Anthem.

Dialogue { Griswold, Smith 1,
 { Hitchcock, Miller.

Music instrumental behind the Curtains.

Eng. Oration. Bird. 9 min.

Anthem. End IV.36.

This day I received a Letter from Mr. Isaiah Thomas, Printer, dated Worcester, Dec. 6, 1785, with a Copy of 2^d Edit. of my Election Sermon, which he says was printed in *fourteen days*.

¹The reference is to a case of discipline in the North Haven Congregational Church, which led to the publication (in 1788) of a pamphlet by the pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, entitled *An Appeal to the Public with respect to the Unlawfulness of Divorces*.

The following entry is under this date in Dr. Stiles's sheets of College memoranda :—

Gave Leave to Benjamin, a Soph., to be abs. ffrom Chapel on Sabb. & go to Episc^o Chh. till end Feb. next & play on the Organ there while Mr. Bates is learn^s to play. But no longer.

15. No Ecc. Hist. Lect. to day. In Even^s I attended Mr. Jones's Chemical Lecture at the State House.¹

16. Began Exam. of the Senior Class. In Even^s I attended the Chemical Lecture.

17. Dined with the Tutors at Mr. Broome's.

18. Ldsdy. D^r Wales hav^e been repeatedly affected with nervous complaints and spasmodic Fits or ill turns, esp^y yesterd^y & friday Night, it was judged advisable that he shd. not preach to day. Accordingly A. M. Mr. Sam^l Goodrich a Candidate preached in Chapel Eccles. xii, 13, & I preached for him at Mr. Mathers Meet^s. P.M. Mr. Tut. Chann^e exchanged with Rev. Mr. Whitt^y who preached in Chapel Heb. i, 1. D^r Wales comfortable & attended Chapel all day.

The Rev. Benj^a Thurston was ord. Nov. 2, 1785, Pastor of the Chh. of Northampton in New Hampshire.

Wedn^y Nov. 9, at Granville the Rev. Lemuel Haynes was ordained by Rev. Joshua Knap of Winchester, Rev. Daniel Farrand of Canaan who preached 2 Sam. vii, 18, Rev^d Amos Thompson of N^o Canaan Charge, Rev. Jeremiah Hallock of West Symsbury made conclud^s Prayer.

"In a Church Yard in Wrexham, the Capital of Denbighshire, in North Wales I met with a monument on which was the following inscription.

E—lh— Yale
deceased June 22^d, 1721.

Born in America, in Europe bred,
In Afric travelled & in Asia wed
long did he live & thrive in Loudon dead
Much good some ill he did, so hope alls even,
And that his soul through mercy's gone to Heav'n.
You who survive & read this tale take care
For this most certain exit to prepare
When all the Actions of the good & just
Smell sweet & ripen in the silent Dust.

The Christian name was partly obliterated the stone being of a loose & tender quality & it did not appear that either the Date of his Birth or that his Age had been inscribed. On enquiring I found that the Yale family was an Ancient & respectable one in that part of Wales. But leaving the town the next day after meeting with the Epitaph I had no Opportunity of making any enquiries respecting the History of the Man, to whose memory the monument

¹ The State House (and Court House) was built in 1763 on the City Green between the site of the present Trinity Church and Center Church.

had been erected. The Gentleman at whose House I lodged told me, that he had heard that he had been a very extensive Traveller, & that he brought with him a wife from the E. Indies to England & shewed me a House in which they had lived near to the City of Wrexham. I presume this Mr. Yale must have been the founder of Yale College.

August 1st 1785.

S. DEAN."

Rec^d Oct. 18, 1785 in a Lett. from Mr. Joshua Chandler dated London July 30, 1785. The Inscription was taken off by the famous Silas Dean Esq. formerly educated in Yale College and the first American Ambassador from the United States to France. Apostate !¹

This was indeed Gov. Yale after whom Yale College was named 1718. He was born at North Haven 1648, became Governor of F^t S^t George in the E. Indies returned to London & became Gov. of E. Ind. Company there. He died 1721 æt. 73 cir.

In a Letter from the Rev^d Charles Backus of Somers dated Nov. 9, 1785, he says. "It is the sincere wish of all the Friends of Yale, that the whole of your future Life may be spent in the Presidents chair. Obscure as my Situation is, I dare speak with Confidence on this head." Some have an Idea that I have not relinquished all Thoughts of returning to Newport. Should I continue some time in the Presidency some expect that they may get in a new Divinity Man my Successor: which would be at present doubtful, if the Chair should soon be vacant.

Mr. Josiah Blackeley Merch^t in Baltimore writes me in a Lett. Dec. 10, 1785, "about three Months ago I counted the Houses in this Town *nineteen hundred & fifty-five.*"

19. Whether the Revolution & Independency of the United States will be of greater Advantage than they would have reaped from being under the Gov^t of Great Britain? Sen^{rs}.

On 3^d Inst. Dec. died at Provid. Hon. Joseph Brown, Esq. æt. 52, Professor of Experim. Philosophy in Rhode Isld College: & formerly a Councillor of the State of Rh. Isld. I attended the Chemical Lecture this Even^g. Mild Weather—no Snow.

20. Whether the United States shall hire or loan Monies of for-

¹This copy of Gov. Yale's epitaph is incorrect in several particulars, the explanation being that it was not written down until Mr. Deane returned to London. A postscript which was originally attached to the account quoted in the text, but which has since been cut off, stated this fact.

Joshua Chandler (Yale 1747) was a Tory refugee; and Dr. Stiles evidently means to imply that Deane was in sympathy with his sentiments.

eign States, to subsidize the Algerines? Attended the Chem. Lecture.

Arrived at Hispanola in 1784—at C. Francois 38 Ships from Africa with 13,342 Negroes, of whom 2466 died on the Passage :— at Port au Prince 24 Ships 9488 Negroes shipped, 1112 of whom died on the Passage. Total 19,252 Negroes. A most iniquitous Trade in the Souls of Men !

21. Attended chemical Lecture.

22. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Attended Chemical Lecture.

23. Attended Mr. Jones's Chem. Lecture. No Snow.

24. Therm° 31. Snow all day gently, Wind N. by E.

25. The Professor absent, having gone to exchange with Mr. Dwight of Greenfd. A.M. I preached for Dr. Edwards, who preached in Chapel, 2 Cor vii, 1. P.M. I attended in Chapel where Mr. Channing preached Luke ii, 14, Xtnas sermon. Rev. Benj. Woodbridge of Amity died VII^h last evening.

26. No Disputation. I rode to Amity & attended the Funeral of Rev. Mr. Woodbridge who died the 24th Ins^t æt. 75. The Rev. Mess^{rs} Whitt^y, Williston, Hawley, Edw^d, Lockw^d & myself were present, besides Rev. Mr. Ball surviv^r Pastor of the chh. Mr. Whitt^y preached Heb. I made first & Mr. Williston the last Prayer. Mr. Ball spoke at the Grave. A very cold Day, Therm° 20. Snow 4 Inch. deep, Mr. Greenleaf in the Stage tells me no snow at Portsm° & that last Sat^y they were plowing in Massach. between Palmer & Hartf^d.

28. Confined by a Cold. Read^r Dr. Waal's Christian Orator. And writing a Letter to Dr. Gordon of Roxbury. This morning my Daughter Kezia taken in Travel. Very ill all day & Night.

29. A mournful distressing Day ! This Morning between I & II o'Clock I was notified that my Daughter was very dangerous, & before I was dressed a second Message informed that she was dead. My dear daughter Kezia Taylor Sturgess, Wife of Mr. Lewis Burr Sturgess Merchant in New Haven died in child-bed at or nearly 1.40' this Morn^g before she could be delivered being æt. 25 years & 3 months. The Mother & Child both went into Eternity at the same time. The good Lord sanctify this tender Bereavement to us all. She was named after my Mother, who died when I was but four days old Dec. 4, 1727, æt. 25 years & 7 m°.

30. A day of Sorrow and Mourning.

31. We attended the Funeral of my dear Daughter deceased.

Mr. Whittelsey made a prayer at the House. Eight Bearers preceded & carried the Corps viz. Mess^rs Henry Dagget jun., Meigs, Austin, Goodrich, Crocker, Ives, Whiting & Mr. Sturgess followed as chief mourner, next myself & wife, Mr. Sturgess' Br. & my Children, Col. Hubb^d & Wife & other Relatives & Mourners—then succeeded the Women—then the Tutors & Graduates & 4 Classes of Undergraduates. A large funeral Procession. D^r Wales spake at the Grave. And the funeral Solemnity ended. Thus the melancholly close of this year. May the God of all Grace & Consolation sanctify this Bereavement to us & all our Connexions. The momentary Remnant of our days may we consecrate devoutly to God.

1786.

January

1. Ldsdy. We commence this New Year in Sorrow and deep Mourning. Our House & Family is not so with God as in years past. This holy Sabbath is filled with variety of Duties call^d for our whole Attention. It is a new year's day, it is a Sacram^t day, it is a day for me & my mournful family to present ourselves in the house of God with Humiliation & Acknowledgm^t of silent submission to Gods holy hand, & to seek of him a sanctified Improv^t of this Providence so speak^r to me, my bereaved son in Law, & my surviving Family.

Just at X^h A.M. D^r Wales while putting on his band for meet^r, was suddenly seized again with a violent convulsion fit, by which he was disabled from the work of the Sanctuary this day. The Chapel must be taken care of with instant attention. I received the news as the last Bells were ringing, & immed^y went to the Professors—He came to his Senses & recovered of his Spasms & Convulsions in half an hour. We went to Chapel where Mr. Tutor Chan^r preached all day. A.M. upon Luke xiii, 8, 9. Then I administered the Sacrament. P.M. Ps. 88, 48. My Family all present!—Mournful!

2. Whether all Religions should be tolerated? Seniors. Still are we in melancholly Destress. . . .

3. On the Præexistence of human Souls? Seniors. . .

4. Present 178 Undergraduates.

5. Eccl. Hist. Lect. on Ventriloquism. Received a Letter from D^r Erskine of Edinburg dated Aug. ult. with a Pacquet of

Pamphlets—one an inaugural Oration by M. Krom, Prof. of Ecc. Hist. in the Univ^y of Zeland in Holland 1775.

6. Reading Professor Krom's Oration on Ecc. History.
7. Expounded the Confession of Faith at Eveng. prayers. . . .
8. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Titus iii, 8. P.M. Ps. xxxix, 9. I was dumb &c. Hon. Mr. Sturges¹ & Lady attended at Chapel & dined with me.
9. Finished examin^a of the Senior Class.
10. Vacation Begins. Writing Letters to Dr. Westerlo, Gen. Ten Broeck & Gen. Renslear Albany. Tho the most of the Students are gone I prayed in Chapel at Evening Prayers. Present about 20.
11. Finished reading the Christian Orator a Volume in 8^{vo} published 1778 by Thos. Weales D.D.
12. A certain Mr. Allen of Marthas Vineyard has lately discovered a method of mak^e fresh water of Sea Water. He took the hint from being near a Waterspout in a Whal^s Voyage, whch he pceived the ascend^e & descend^e Water fresh. Whence he see the possibility & conjectured his method.²
14. I rode out to Mr. Darl^{er} at Woodbridge.
15. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached for Mr. Ball. P.M. He preached.
17. Very cold. Therm. this Even^e below Cypher.
18. At Mr. Darl^{er} Sun half an hour high Therm^o 9 below 0. And my Therm^o at home at VII^h this Morn^e 4 below Cypher.
20. Attended three Recitations of the Scholars tarrying in Town the Vacation.
22. Ldsdy. I attended at Mr. Whitt^{er}'s meet^e A.M. & Mr. Mathers P.M. & heard Rev. Isaiah Potter of Lebanon N. Hamp. preach all day, Ezek. xviii, 20, Gen. xlv, 3.
25. Read Dr. Edwds 3 Sermons on the Atonem^t & Sovereignty of Grace.
26. Dismissed Pumroy.³ The Weather has been intensely cold. Rev. Mr. Strong obs. at Hartford by a Fahr. Therm^o whose freezing & boiling points had been verified—& found the Mercury

¹ Jonathan Sturges (Yale 1759), of Fairfield, Connecticut, the father-in-law of Dr. Stiles's lately deceased daughter.

² Under this date Dr. Stiles says in his MS. Thermometrical Record, Fog so dense at 10 A.M. that College is invisible at my house—nor any other Build^e except one shop.

³ Thaddens Pomeroy, of the Senior Class, from Northampton, Mass., was graduated at Harvard in 1786.

Jan. Tuesday 17.	Sunrise	14 below 0 at Hartf ^d
	Noon—	10 above 0
	IX—	7 below 0
Wednesday 18.	Sunrise	20 below 0
	2 p. m.	6 above 0
	9 p.m.	8 below
	11 p.m.	14 below
Thursday. 19.	Sunrise	24 below 0
	9 a.m.	18 below
	XII—	at cypher
	2 p. m.	3 above 0
	Sunset	on cypher
	9 p.m.	12 below
	11 p.m.	14 below
Frid ^y 20 th	Sunrise	17 below
	10 a.m.	5 below
	2 p.m.	18 above.

In the severe Winter of 1780 the Mercury once fell to 22 below 0 at Hartford. In the Winter 1784 to 21 below 0. Thursd^y Morn^s 2 deg. colder than ever obs. in Hartford.

28. Thaw. Snow much gone. Therm^o 42. . .

29. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven.

30. Stormy day. Thaw. Snow nearly gone.

31. Vacation ended. I set up Orders. 50 Scholars present. Mr. Tutor Perkins present.

February

1. I heard the two Senior Classes recite ; & Mr. Perkins heard the two Junior Classes. This Aft. I attended a sacramental Lecture at Mr. Whitt^r's meet^s, & heard D^r Dana preach on Christ's Transfiguration. As we came out of Meeting, we saw at III. 48', a splendid Halo accompanying the Sun in S.W. three solar Images with pyramidal Radiations on Portions of Arcs abot 20 deg. from the Sun, & an inverted prismatic Arc or Rainbow above the whole, or between the upper solar Image & the Zenith or Vertex. This Even^s Mr. Tutor Channing arrived & brot me a Latin Letter dated Albany 18 Jan^y from Dr. Westerlo.

3. At Salem Mass. 17th ult. Fahr. Therm^o at Eleven deg. below Cypher, the Exp^t was made of fixing Mercury by artificial Cold,

which happily & for the first time in the United States succeeded. This Exp^t was pformed by the Professor Brannius at Petersburg many years ago phps about 1760—& also at Hudson's Bay a few years since when the natural cold was 110 below 0, the Temp. external Air 25 or 30 below Cypher.

4. Rec^d Letter from Rev^d Mr. Backus of Somers.

Mr. Williston tells me that Rev. D^r Edw^{ds} kept Sabbath with Rev. Mr. Hopkins of Hadley on Communion or Sacr^t day; but staid at home in Forenoon because he would not communicate with Hadley Chh, which looked upon as Stoddardean and antichristian. Mr. Edw^{ds} went to Meet^s & preached for Mr. Hopkins in the afternoon. So Mr. West of Stockbridge once preached for Mr. Williams at Tolland in his Absence, but refused to baptize a child of that Chh because it was antichristian.

5. Ldsdy. Omitted divine Service at Chapel, altho' D^r Wales was tolerably well, fearing it might bring on his Fits. I attended A.M. at Mr. Whitt^{rs} & heard him preach Ps. 39, 3, & partook of the Sacr^t with his Chh. as did 3 of the College Chh. P.M. heard Mr. Elles at Mr. Mather's meet^s 1 Tim, i, 15.

6. Nulla Deceptio est licita. Ellis Resp.

7. Polygamia non est licita. Terry Resp. My son Isaac went for Hartf^d & Tolland.

9. I gave a public Philosophical Lecture in Chapel upon fixation of Mercury at Salem by artificial Cold. [Coppers coined in New Haven by Order of Assembly¹ first issued.]

10. His Excellency Meshech Wear Esq. late President of the State of New Hampshire died Jan. 15, 1786, Æ 73. A very worthy man. He was educated at Harvard Coll. 1735.

11. Last night & this morning D^r Wales had 4 Fits or Epileptic Turns. D^r Muirson æt. 78 Inventor of Mercurial Inocul^a lies dangerously sick in this city.

12. Ldsdy. D^r Wales had 2 ill turns last night—yet he preached all day. I attended at Chapel & heard him. A.M. Heb. ii, 14. P.M. Ps. 95, 1, 2. Examining places in the Syriac Testament.

13. Whether the event of Sin will occasion an augment^a of the Felicity of the Universe? Seniors. This day dismissed Colt &

¹ These were the Connecticut cents still familiar to collectors, with a head and the legend "Auctori. Connec:" on one side, and "Inde et Lib:" on the other.

Porter¹ for Harv. College. The Junior class began Philosophy with their two Tutors.

14. Whether distilled spiritous Liquors have been of more Service or Injury to mankind? Sen.

16. Lect. Ecc. Hist.

17. Read^s Gregory Nyssen's Life of the pious Virgin Macrina. . .

Mr. Willard, Pastor-Elect at Meriden, preached at New Lebanon near Pittsfield the most of last year. He tells me he has been conversant with the Shakers the Disciples of the Elect Lady who died at Nesquiuna;—that a Mr. — of Pittsfield, told him that after adhering to the Shakers four years he left them—& assured Mr. Willard that while with them, he often saw Angels in visible and beautiful Forms, & heard them sing most melodiously—he asserts it bona fide—and added that by touching a person he could make him turn round like a Top. He now accounts it all a Delusion of the Devil, but psists in these assertions. Mr. Willard says he has often seen the Shakers in their Dances turn round phaps 5 or six hundred times & walk off strait without Dizziness, which he s^d no person but a Shaker could do. After a few months the Angels left Mr. — after he had forsaken the Shakers. Rem. 1. Satan has heretofore transformed himself into an Angel of Light—was he pmitted now to do it, & psonat^s holy Angels, deceive. 2. If it was fact, need we wonder that the Shakers were for a time deceived even to believe all the blasphemous Reveries of the Elect Lady. But 3. Strong Imaginations & Enthusiasms are not to be taken for real Things. 4. Try the Spirits.

19. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard the Professor preach all day. A.M. Rom. i, 19, on the Existence of Gd—(vid. July 1782), wherein he begins anew his course in Divinity. P.M. Jn^o iv, 24 on the Spirituality of God.—Read Gregory Nyssen. . . .

20. Last night the Snow nearly gone. This forenoon the Snow fell near half a foot deep. Stormy. No Disputation.

21. Whether Imprisonment for Debt ought to be abolished in all civilized States? Yes. Seniors.

22. Ruth & Polly went to Hartfd.

23. I gave Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y.

¹ Daniel Colt and Jonathan Edwards Porter, both of Hadley, Mass., were graduated at Harvard this year. The latter was a grandson of Jonathan Edwards, and the father of Dr. T. Dwight Porter (Yale 1816), a distinguished benefactor of Yale.

24. My Wife's Birth-day.

25. D^r George Muirson died here 20th Ins^t Æ. 78. He was born at Rye at West Chester N. York, the son of an Episc^o Missionary there: afterw^{ds} settled at Brookhaven on L. Isld. He was the Inventor of mercurial Inoculation.¹ I attended his Funeral here this Afternoon.²

26. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. A.M. Dr. Wales preached Ps. 90, 2. On the Eternity of God. P.M. Dr. Edw^{ds} preached 1 Cor. 1, ult. Read^r Dionys. Areop^a.

27. Whether personal Happiness or the Glory of God ought to be the ultimate end of Action? Sen. . .

28. Whether a public or Univ^r Educ^a be preferable to a private one? Sen.

March

1. Attended & heard Mr. Sherman of Goshen preach a Sacramental Lect. at Dr. Edwards's Meeting.

2. Stormy & no Lect. on Ecc. Hist^y.³

4. Received from President Witherspoon Dr. Robertsons Heb. Grammar, & his Clavis Pentateuchi. . . . Son Isaac returned from Fairfield whither he went to confer with Mr. Sturges on settling in the Law at Fairfield or Tolland.

5. Ldsdy. Stormy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. 1 Pet. i, 8. Sacrm^t 22 communicants present. Admitted two from other Chhs, declared also members of the College

¹ See above, Aug. 20, 1785. His daughter Anne married Benjamin Woolsey (Yale 1744), and became the grandmother of President Theodore D. Woolsey.

² An entry in Dr. Stiles's College memoranda of this date is:

Fin'd about 20 Scholars for going to see a play acted at the Assembly Room in T^o 1/ each.

³ Another extract from the President's College memoranda of March 3 is this: Gad done sweeping.

Agreed with Zadoc to sweep Coll. till next Commenc^t, to sweep Coll. Rooms & Entries & stairs, & make Beds—sweep Chapel every other day—wash Chapel & Lib^r Windows once a year or oftener—wash & sand Chapel & Lib^r—wash & keep the Backhouse clean once a week or oftener—keep the Steeple stairs swept & clean—go of Errands for the Presid^t & Tutors & do other small Jobs for College as they shall order—& treat all the Officers of College with Respect & Submission. College to find him half a doz. Brooms a year. Wages 50/ per month of 30 & 31 days. To begin next Mondy. Pulpit Floor &c washed & sanded constantly. Sand Tutors Floors when ordered. Dust the Pulpit & Chapel Seats.

Chh. during Residence at College, if no objection—& there was none. The first Time the Professor received in this manner. P.M. Gen. xvii, 1, on the *Omnipotence of God*.

6. Omne quod evenit est Optimum. Eliot Resp. Finished read^r History of Aly Bey an 8^{vo} vol. Also read 200 pages in Lindseys Hist. View of the Unitarian Authors 8^{vo}.

7. Bellum utrinque non est licitum. Wolcott Resp. The Committee of the Corpor^a met & settled Commons at 7/6 p week. Mr. Tutor Russel signified his Resignation at May Vac^a or June Quarter. Agreed I shd. write to Mr. Hooker at Springfl^d to know if his Engag^{ts} would interfere with his Acceptance if elected. . . .

8. Quarter Day. Exercises :

Music III. 24'			Music	
Orat. Lat. Stirling		II ^d Dialogue	Backus	} IV. 18
III. 29-38.			Bloodgood	
Music			Camp	} IV. 47.
Dial. Ely	} III. 46.		Sage	
Granger		Eng. Orat.	Nott	IV. 48-56
Lothrop			Anthem	IV. 57—V. 2.
Stiles		} IV. 13.		

9. I gave a Lect. on Eccl. History. Read Johnsons Life of Milton & also of Butler.

11. Seniors finished reciting first Vol. of Locke on human Understanding.

12. Ldsdy. Being unwell, I did not attend public Worship this Foren. P.M. I attended at Chapel & Dr. Wales preached on Ps. xv—Detraction.—Examining Texts in the Greek & Syriac Testaments respecting the Div^y & Human^y of Christ. Reading Lindseys Tracts. . . .

13. . . . This Aft. my Son Isaac Stiles set out for Tolland a County T^o of the new County in this State, to settle there in the Law. May he ever be under the divine Influence, Guidance & Blessing. I leave him with God.

14. Whether Juries are a real Benefit to the States? Seniors. . . . To day I have been reading in the Works of that great Politician, Civilian and Patriot the learned and excellent Machiavel, and am particularly well pleased with his Letter Apr. 1, 1537 at the Beginning of the Reformation. He appears to be a true Christian and a hearty Friend to the civil & religious Liberties & Rights, not of Florence and Italy only, but of all Mankind. Our Members

of Congress have been much conversant in his Writings, and imbibed much Light & Wisdom from them.

15. Senior Class began 2^d Vol. of Locke.

16. . . Read Machiavells *Prince* & sundry Chapters on the Decads of Livy. Ecc. Hist. Lecture.

17. Rec^d a Letter from Mr. Patten of 7th Inst. informing that on 6th Ins^t my Congreg^a at Newport had given him a Call to settle with them in the Work of the Ministry.

19. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales preach on the Unity of God Deut. vi, 4. P.M. 1 Tim. iii, 1.

20. Whether Depreciation ought in Justice to be paid by the States on the public Securities? Sen.

21. Whether the Stage or Drama advant^a to United States?

23. Ecc. Hist. Lecture. Reading Quintus Curtius. Atien's supposed Discov^y of freshening Sea Water, Nothing.

24. I received a Letter from Mr. Marchant of Newp^t dated 20th Inst. written in the name of the Committee of my Chh. & Congreg^a inform^e their choice of Mr. Patten as my Successor in Min^y there,¹ asking my Approbation, & my Assistance in his Ordin^a if he should accept their Call.

25. I rode over to Darby Great Hill.

26. Ldsdy. I preached all day there.

28. Wrote Letters to Mr. Marchant & Mr. Patten at Newport. .

29. . I attended a Sacramental Lect. at Mr. Whitt^r's Meeting & heard Sir Morse preach.

30. I gave a Lect. upon Astronomy. No Snow on the Ground.

April

1. A terrible Snow Storm all day & night.

2. Ldsdy. Snow six Inches deep on Level. I attended Chapel all day & heard Sir Morse preach all day in Absence of the Professor. A M. Tit. ii, 6. I administered the sacrament to 25 Communicants.

¹ William Patten (Dartmouth Coll. 1780), a grandson of President Eleazar Wheelock, had been admitted to the *ad eundem* degree of Master of Arts at Yale in 1785. Mr. Marchant wrote :—

Of all the Females of the Church, who were by my Desire personally visited upon this Occasion, Mrs. Newton I think reported but Three who were rather averse. Of the Males of the Church and Congregation, there was but one Hand held up against the Call, viz., Ben Pitman. There were three or four who remained silent, and some were absent.

P.M. Eccles. i, 18. Reading Selden's Uxor Hebræa especially on Divorces, as Mr. Trumbul is writ^s on that Subject.

4. Whether Christianity permits Divorces in any cases but Fornication or Adultery? Seniors.

6. The Committee of the Corpor^a Mess^{rs} W^{ms}, Goodrich & myself met at Northrd & elected Mr. Daggett sen. Bachelor of Arts,¹ Tutor, in Mr. Russels Room, he purposing to leave College June Qu. Day.

8. Mr. Patten, Pastor Elect of my Newp^t Chh. arrived here this Even^g. He is ætat. 23.

9. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr. Patten preach all day. A.M. Jn^o ix, 4. P.M. Jn^o ix, 12.

10. Proxy. Mr. Whittelsey preached Exod. No disput^a.

11. Comparison of antient & modern Learn^g? Seniors.

I rode to Branrd with Mr. Patten, who determines to accept the Call of my Congreg^a at Newport to settle with them in the Min^y on a Sal^y of £120, L. M. p annum. He asked me to preach the Ordin^a Sermon, which I declined. I find he is a covert New Div^y man.

13. I gave a Lect. on the Oriental Languages. This day I was visited by a young Miss Kennedy of New York æt. 17, in search after her Brother who was Member of Jersey Coll. when dispersed by the British Army, when he came here to enter Yale College. But did not & has never been heard of since. Her Father Col. Kennedy in the British Service, took part with the Americans & removed from N. Y. to Schohary, where the Indians beset his Family. He was killed, & the Children captivated & all killed but this Daughter, who was three years with the Mohawk Indians, being seven years old when captived. Sir Jn^o Johnson redeemed her & put her to School in Montreal & Quebec—whence in Janry. 1785 she got to N York, where is a large Family Estate. She has no Relations in America. Her Mother a Dutch Woman from Holland is dead, and has left no Relations in America. [An Impostor.]

Last Saturday died at Wethersfield Elizur Belden a Sen. Soph. in this College. I directed the Senior Class & they elected Hitchcock to make a funeral Oration upon his Classmate Belden.

14. Good Friday observed at Chh.

15. Read 120 of the Epistles of Phalaris. . .

¹ David Daggett (Yale 1783), afterwards Professor of Law and Chief Justice.

16. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales preach A.M. Ps. cxxxix, 1-11, on the divine omniscience. P.M. Ps. 146, 4, on Mortality. The whole Senior Class in Mourning for Belden their Classmate. A black Ribband round the left Arm. They with Mr. Russel formerly their Tutor asked Prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Whittelsey was taken last Wednesday very sick of a Peripneumony—dangerous.

17. Whether the Passion for Literature is too great in the United States & part^y in N. Engl^d? Seniors.

This Betsy's Birthday.

Numeration delivered in by Gov. Bowdoin to Mass^a Gen. Assembly last Winter Sessions, the Number of Inhabitants in Mass. State returned to the Secretarys Office & taken A. D. 1785 was 352,171 Whites & 4371 Blacks: Total 356,742 Souls. Total Debts 94¼ Thous^d Dollars. Mass^a Centinel 8 Apr. 1786.

In Town 179 Undergrad. Scholars.

18. We began the public Examinations of the Classes. Exam^d the Senior Class. Finished reading Phalaris's Epistles which I judge genuine. . . . Rev. Mr. Whitt^y dangerously sick.

19. Public Fast by Authority thro' Connecticut. I preached at Woodbridge. A.M. Deut. v, 29. P.M. Isai. lix, 1, 2.

20. Resumed the Examinations. Jun. Class.

21. Examined the Sophomore Class. Mr. Whitt^y's Hiccoughs left him, so that this day he has not had above half a dozen. They have lasted him 6 or 7 days. He had them last Sat^y if not friday Read^e Stanlys Lives of the Philosophers.

22. Finished with the Freshmen the Examina^a of the four Classes.

23. Ldsdy. I preached for Mr. Whitt^y. A.M. Ps. xxv, 4, 5. P.M. Rom. xiv, 11, 12, 13. He being dangerously sick.

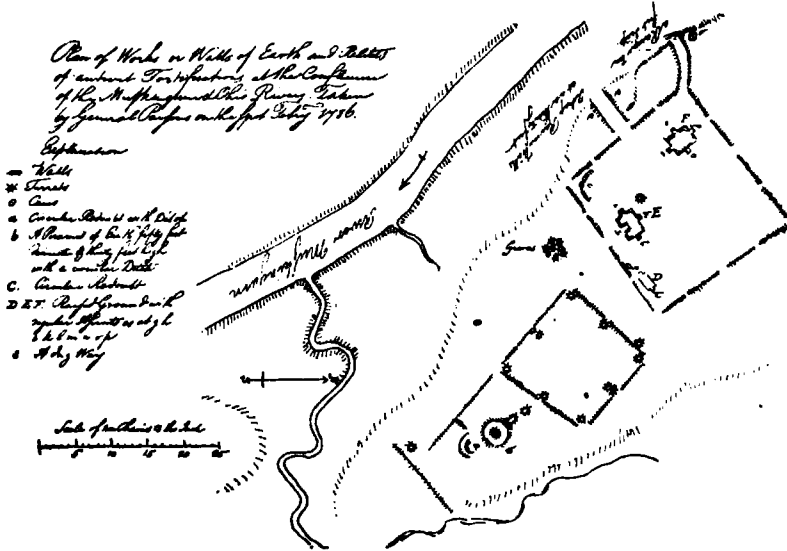
24. Copying into my Chh. Records. No Disput^a.

25. Whether Monarchy or Republicanism most friendly to the Sciences & Literature? Sen. Professor Wales this day concludes on a Voyage to Europe for Health.

26. Gen. Parsons visited me, having with him two Elephants Teeth which he bro't lately from Kentucky on the Ohio, one of which he presented to the Musæum of Yale & the other to Harv. College. One weighed Eighty two ounces (5^{1b} 2^{oz} Averd) & was *nineteen Inches* in Girt; the other weighed seventy-eight ounces (4^{1b} & 14^{oz} Averd.) & was *twenty Inches girt*. They were Grinder Teeth with I think six protuberances atop each; the Fangs or

Roots much broken off, yet the Tooth was above six Inches high. I saw them weighed; and afterwards sent them to an Apothecary's shop to be weighed.

These Teeth are black with Lying in the Salt Licks—the Enamel of one that was broken was above one Tenth of an Inch thick. They were the Teeth of a carnivorous Animal: The Lacunæ & Protuberances on the Summit of the Teeth were such as I think could not be suited for eating Grass. The General spent half a day with his servants in digging up Bones &c. & brought



about four hundred pounds weight from Muskingham & Kentucky as far as Pittsburg, but there left the most of them. He says they took up one Bone, judged a Thigh bone, which at the End was about half a foot more or less broad or in Diam. & forty Nine Inches or 4 f. 1^{1/2} in Length. He saw Elephants Tusks one broken, but remained a portion longer than a long Pipe I was then smoking, which was Inches. He presented me with a petrified Worm, and another Petrification which seems to be vegetable. He went as far as Louisville at the Falls on Ohio.

The General also showed me a Drawing, which I copied on the preced^d pages, of certain Aggeres or Works of Earth, one of w^c half a mile square the bigness of New Haven, furnished with twelve Gates. The forest Trees grow on & over these Earthen Walls indis-

criminally as in the Wilderness in general—he saw an Oak Tree growing in these Works *four feet* Diam., & which seemed to have grown out of a Stump in the same place. But the Elevations of Earth are unquestionable & the Work of Mans Arts, of whatever Antiquity. He had the Drawing made for himself, having himself visited & examined the Works. He was told that Pieces of *Brick*, & broken earthen Ware were frequently dug up in Kentucky & in the parts adjacent on both sides of the Ohio. A Person, an intelligent Gentleman of Veracity told Gen. Parsons (& Gen. P. believed it) that he had seen an intire Brick dug up in Kentucky, of antient Original. The General leaves the Inferences & Inductions to the Literati—but is himself convinced that the Region thereabouts has once been inhabited by a civilized People different from the present Indian Inhabitants in this country. Thus lost Greenland was once inhabited by civilized People settled among them—destroyed & obliterated by the aboriginals. So the Indians in 1633 to 1642 the time of the Amphyctionic Confederacy in N. Engld & afterw^{ds} 1675 in King Philips War—resolved to extirpate the English settlem^{ts} in N. Eng^l: and was it now in the Power of the united Force of all the American Indians to extirpate the Europeans, it would be accomplished instantly. The settlem^t of Madoc in the pleasant Paradise of Kentucky in the Eleventh Cent^y might have at length alarmed surround^g Indians & been attended with an Extirpation, which left only a Remnant which escaped to a dist^a up the Missouri, where it is s^d there is a Tribe that speak Welch to this day & have a Writing rolled up in Skins. Gen. Parsons however goes into none of these Ideas, but believes there have been civilized People at Muskingham in former & very distant past ages.

27. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist. College in considerable Perturb^a on acc^o of Examination.

28. Attended College Matters.

29. Dismissed Capt. Judds son.¹

30. Ldsdy. I preached for Mr. Whitt^y still unrecovered. A.M. Prov. iii, 4. P.M. Ps. cvi, 3. Mr. Whitt^y himself present & baptized a child—yet infirm. This day the Professor Dr Wales preached at Chapel A.M. Rom. xii, 18. P.M. Numb. ix, 13, and

¹ Willam Samuel Judd, of the Junior Class, son of Major William Judd (Yale 1763), of Farmington, Conn., subsequently went to Harvard, and was graduated there in 1787.

admitted my Daughter Emilia into full Communion in the College church. May she have grace given her to live answerable to her holy Profession.

May

1. Attend^s & exam^s College Tumults. Omitted Disputation of the Classes & Recitations at Noon. The Tutors held Recitations Morn^s & Afternoon as usual.

2. Baptisma Infantum est Institutio divina. Brunson Resp.

5. Seniors recited to c. vii of B. in 2^d Vol. Locke.

6. Vacation begins. This day Deans Examination. Five Candidates of the Senior Class presented themselves—I adjudged the Preference in this Order, Hitchcock first Scholar of the House, & Gould, Eliot, Griswold, & Stone Scholars of the House. This has been a very troublesome & distressing Week on acco^t of the Disturbances and Tumults at College.¹

Extracts of Letters from the Miami & Musk. to Gen. Parsons.

Communicated to me by the General July 1786.

“MIAMI Apr. 4. 1786.

“A few days after your Departure I made an assault on the Mound or Grave cross the Ravine, & within nine Inches of the Surface, break into a Deposit of human Bones. They are carefully piled in separate Parcels, filled in with sand & covered with flat Stones. The Mound is about two hundred yards in circumference & fifteen feet above the Surface. Several Trees near the summit two feet over.”

“MUSKINGUM Apr. 24. 1786.

“On further Search in these supposed Graves, we find Charcoal, burnt Stones, mouldering Bones burnt to a pure White intermixed, to the Depth of four feet. No other Discoveries, yet.”

7. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Mr. Whitt^s Meeting & heard Rev. Mr. Mansfield of Killingw. preach fr. Ezek. xviii, 31. Mr.

¹ President Stiles's College memoranda give the following additional entries:

Apr. 27. Seniors presented Petition &c. Withdraw.

28. Took back & left first Petit. presented preced^s day.

30. Tumults, Disturb^s & Riot at Coll.

May 1. College Court.

4. Applied to Civil Authority &c.

5. Grand Jurors &c. adjourned to June 2.

From other sources it appears that on Saturday night, Apr. 29, the Tutors' windows were broken, and on the next night Tutor Channing's door was assaulted.

Whitt^y adm'd the Sacr^t & I partook. Also my Daughter Emilia, who last Ldsdy was admitted into the College Chh., partook with us for the first Time. P.M. I attended at Dr. Edw^{da} Meet^c & heard him preach fr. Hosea iv, 17. Sister Esther Bradley sailed this Even^e for New Brunswick.

8. Writing Letters to France, Engl^d & Scotland viz. Ambassador Jefferson and Sec^y Humphreys at Paris, Ambassador Adams, D^r Price, D^r Berkly & Heirs of Gov. Yale in London, & D^r Erskine in Edinburgh. All sent by Professor Wales, who at at V^h this Aft. sailed for N. York from thence to embark this week in the French Packet for Port L'Orient in France—to experiment the Ocean Air & a long Voyage for the Recov^y of his Health.

9. Rec'd Letters from Presid^t Willard, Mr. Pike, &c. I set out from N. H. on Journey to Rh. Isld.¹ Rode to North Haven & lodged at Sisters.

10. At Stone house Oats &c 9^d. Fruit Trees in Blossom all along fr. N. Haven. Dined at Worthington 1,8. Arrived at Hartford VI^h.

11. Election at Hartford. Rev. Mr. Hart of Preston preached. The Ministers 70 or 80 & 8 or 10 Candidates dined together at the Expense of the public as usual. After Dinner we made a Contribution of 26 Doll. for Mr. Stuart^s sick at Rh. Isld., committed to me to carry to him. I gave 1 Doll.

Gov. Griswold had 2160 Votes for Governor, L^t Gov. Huntington 1701, Gen. O. Wolcott 1049 also for Governor. Tot. for Gov. 5604, so Gov. Grisw^d not chosen. Tot. Votes for L^t G. 4473 of w^c Mr. Hunt^s 2258 so he was chosen & sworn & took the Chair.

Next morn^e the Assembly proceeded to a Choice & for the first time neglected him who had the plurality of Votes, viz. Gov. Gris^d & elected L^t G. Hunt. Governor; the Votes of the Lower house thus for Governor

Gov Hunt ^s	.	.	.	94
Oliver Wolcott	.	.	.	39
Gov. Grisw ^d	.	.	.	10
Col. Dyer	.	.	.	1
D ^r Johnson	.	.	.	2

¹ As usual, a few memoranda from the President's Itinerary are inserted.

² The Rev. Joseph Steward (Dartmouth Coll. 1780), much of whose life was spent in Hartford.

The upper house concurred. Then Gen. O. Wolcott was elected L^d Gov. & both took the Oaths.

The Committee of the Corpor^a at Hartf^d elected Mr. Morse, Tutor.

12. Rode to Tolland with Mr. Tutor Chann^e & visited my son.

14. Ldsdy at Plainfield A.M. I preached for Rev^d Mr. Benedict. P.M. Mr. Chann^e preached.

15. Lodged at Mr. Helms on Tower hill. I visited aged Rev. Mr. Torrey.

16. Arrived at Newport.

18. Chh. Meet^s of the Remnant of my chh, of which there are about 35 Sisters & 6 Brethren within the State of Rh. Isld, besides the Dispersion out of the State. Present 6 Brethren—Voted to concur with the former Vote of the Congreg^a 1780 in accepting my Resign^a of the Ministry, & declared my pastoral Relation dissolved by mutual Consent. Hitherto I had continued Pastor of the chh. Then Voted to concur with the Congreg^a in the Call of Mr. William Patten to accept the pastoral charge.

21. Ldsdy. I preached all day to my dear Flock. A.M Eph. i, 6, 7, & administered the Sacrament for the last time to 36 Communicants present. P.M. Ps. xxv, 4, 5 & baptized 3 children, viz. D. of W^m Channing Esq. & Lucy his Wife, Esther D. of Young & Esther his W. and son of Zingo. Present below 190, Galleries 65. Tot. 255 Whites, besides 25 Negroes. Tot. 280 psons in the Congregation; mostly our own Flock—nearly equal to the number I was ordained over in 1755.

22. Visiting my Flock. Dined with Mrs. Grant going for London & Mr. Jones & Lady Mrs. G. Daughter: also with Mr. Barrè^t of B^c late from Paris.

24. Ordination of the Rev^d William Patten A.M. æt. 23 cir. to the pastoral charge of the second Cong. chh. in the City of Newport, of which I have been Pastor 31 years, above 21 years constantly, for 10 y. past occasionally, but with a continued Superintendency & pastoral Care. The Rev^d M^r Wight of Bristol began the solemnity with Prayer, Rev. Mr. Hart of Preston preached 1 Cor. xv, 14, Rev. Mr. Hopkins of Newp^t prayed at the Imposition of Hands, which was continued while I gave the Charge; Rev. Mess^{rs} Hopk., Hart, Hitchcock, Strong of Norwich & myself laid on Hands. Mr. Hitchcock gave the R^t Hand of Fellowship, & Mr. Strong made the conclud^e Prayer. Began at XI, finished at I. Fair day 750 Per-

sons present in the Congregation. The whole conducted with Sol-
emnity & to the general Satisfaction. Council dined in the State
House.

25. Exam^d W^m Brown of Tiverton æt. 17 & admitted him Fresh-
man into College.

26. After visit^s & bidd^s farewell to my Flock & Newport
Acquaintance, I left Newport & set out for New Haven. Dined
at Mr. Helms Towerhill. Arrived at VIII^h at Brands at Paucatuck
Bridge 28 miles.

27. Bad weather—got no farther than my old Friend D^r Woodb.¹
of Groton æt. 81, where put up for the Sabbath.

28. Ldsdy. I preached P.M. for the Rev^d Mr. Eelles² æt. 76, at
Stonington point. I prayed with this aged Saint & venerable Min-
ister, being dangerously sick. Spent the Even^s at Mr. Browns
with Col. Henry Babcock,³ he conversed much & soberly.

30. Dined Saybrook 2/. Lodged Rev. Mr. Fowlers in Guilford.

31. At noon arrived at N. H. & found my Family well. Deo
Gratis.

Orders set up at College 27th Inst. by Mess^{rs} Tutors Russel &
Baldwin—present 30 Scholars. Recitations with all the Classes
began May 29.

June

1. Yesterday exam^d & admitted Giles Hooker Cowls of Far-
mington æt. 20 into Freshman class. And this day exam^d &
admitted into the same class David Smith æt. 28 of S^o Hadly.

Also admitted Backus Jun. Soph. at Princeton into our
Junior class on Examination. Also exam^d & readmitted Collins
into the Senior Class. He had left College last fall. We admitted
him on Condition of his studying the Sciences all Summer, & not
offering himself at July Exam., but deferr^s his Examin^a for a Degree
till the week before Commencement. I gave a Lect. on Eccl.
History in the Chapel.

2. Students present 105. Col. Humphrey passed thro' Town
to Hartford.

¹ Dudley Woodbridge (Harvard 1724), son of the Rev. Ephraim Woodbridge,
of Groton.

² Nathaniel Eells (Harvard 1728) died four days later.

³ Col. Babcock (Yale 1752) had been for the last ten years living in retire-
ment, his mind having become unbalanced. See this Diary, April 19, 1776.

4. Ldsdy. I supplied College Chapel all day & preached there A.M. Gen. xlv, ult. & P.M. Ps. cxxxii, 1. The Rev. Professor Wales sailed in the French Packet from New York for Port l'Orient in France 3 Weeks ago, or 14th May.

Read this day an 8^{vo} Vol. of Prayers of the Biographer & Writer Samuel Johnson LL.D., who was born at Litchfield in Engld. Sept. 18, 1709, received part of his Educ^a at Pembroke Coll. Oxford and died in London Dec. 13, 1784, æt. 76. These Prayers and Meditations were chiefly on Anniversaries of his Birth, New Year, Easter, & Death of Wife 1752: only five antecede this date. In reading them I remark

1. That he was an open Revelationist, and was not ashamed of Christianity. 2. His Prayers are pious but not copious, nor indicate any thing more than a general Knowledge of the Doctrines of the Gospel. 3. He wholly relies on the Merits and Propitiation of Christ for Pardon & Accept^a with God, and had too strong a sense of his Sins & Imperfections in Obedience to have any confidence in his own moral Character. 4. He fasted & partook of the Sacram^t duely every Easter & sometimes oftener, & this with great Contrition & Devotion. 5. Constant in repeating Resolutions for Amendm^t of Life, & as constantly declaring afterwards even to his Death that he never kept them: he constantly laments & mourns his Failure, re-resolves & dies the same. Some of his Resolutions appear trifling. 6. He generally sat up late while after Midnight, & lay till noon & Two o'Clock P.M. next day; he laments this as sloth, resolves to rise at Eight in the morning but seldom effected his purpose. 7. He complains much of his Passions & Appetites overcoming his Resolutions. 8. He frequently prayed for his deceased Wife Tetty or Elizabeth, & other departed Friends—with however a preface or asking Permission of G^d to do it. He had an Idea that his Wife & friends in Heaven also prayed for him. He seems to have been a strange good man! Some parts of the Bible he had never read till after he was about æt. 60, when he undertook to read it thro' in Course. He never read the Apocripha.

5. Whether Lawyers & Pleadings at the Bar tend to promote public Justice? Seniors. At Even^s Prayers I made the July & Commencement Appointments. Spent the Even^s at Mr. Whitt^s with D^r Dana just returned from the Ordination of the Rev^d John Noyes Pastor the chh. of Norfield, who was ord. there last Wednesd^y, by the Consociation, who invited D^r Dana & Rev. James Noyes to

assist. D^r Dana made the ord^s Prayer. This contrasts Meriden affair.'

8. Whether Paper Money is a Benefit? Sen.

A funeral Oration upon Belden delivered this Day in Chapel by Hitchcock. His father & mother present. From the Mothers mouth I wrote the follow^s account of her Son.

Sept. 7, 1763 Born at Wethersf^d Elizur Belden son of Col. Jn^o Belden & Rebecca his Wife. Æt. 3, or Dec. 1765 or Dec. after he was two years old, he fell on the Ice, but there was no immediate ill Effect, nor does the mother think this the cause of his Illness. Some little time after this he had a pain in his right leg, which at length seemed to perish, notwithstanding all the Practice and Skill of D^r Porter, D^{rs} Jepson^s &c. And here it became a Question, what bro't on & was the cause of all this, & whether he had met with any Casualty or Hurt: upon w^{ch} he recollected that phps a month or so before the complaint in the Leg, he had a Fall on the Ice. The mother does not believe this Fall had any Effect, to cause this disorder in the Leg—but that the Child being weakly the Disorder fell into the Leg, & became obstinate. Not only his Leg was affected, but his Eyes, which were greatly inflamed very painful & discharged a hot eating matter or Ichor—so that the child lying down on the back of his hands over his Eyes, this Ichor blistered inflamed burn'd them raw. He gradually lost his Sight. The next Summer following, which must have been 1766 his father carried him to the Pool at New Lebanon but without Effect. In the fall of the same year he went in a Vessel with his Father a voyage to Boston, sight decreasing but not yet pfectly lost—but returning by Land, his Vision or sight evidently almost gone. His Mother says his Blindness was nearly a year coming on. He became totally blind at three years old, or about his Entr^s on his fourth year. Thus he continued blind, & otherwise sickly, part^y his Belly increased to great Bigness. His right Leg perished & his Thigh bone at the Hip dislocated, he became so lame, that being both blind & lame he only crawled about the room.

This was State for 2½ or 3 years. About æt. 7, or rather after

¹ John Noyes (Yale 1779) was a brother of James Noyes (Yale 1782), the Rev. Dr. Dana's colleague in Wallingford. Norfield was a parish in Fairfield, Conn., now the town of Weston. This courtesy on the part of the Consociation is contrasted with the difficulties of Dr. Dana's ordination.

² Dr. Ezekiel Porter, of Wethersfield, and Dr. William Jepson, of Hartford.

he was six years old, & in his 7th for his Mother did not remember this exactly, D' Calcott, a German Doctor from Hamburg p^hs æt. 30, came thro' Wethersf^d, & by a neighbor was bro't to M^{rs} Beldens, Col^o Belden himself being absent. Several neighbors were present. The Doctor said he could p^hform the Cure, but not in his own strength. They had had thirteen different Doctors to the Child before this. In about the beginning of June or latter End of May, D' Calcott now first saw him, & at this first visit said he could cure him. Mrs. Belden holding the Child in his Lap, D' Calcott asked her, *whether she had Faith to believe, that God could give more to one Man than to another?*—she replied yes. The Doctor kneeling, & having hold of Mrs. Beldens Hand, he prayed a short but solemn Prayer—then licked the Eyes, first putting his Tongue into one Eye & then into the other Eye of the Child—it was soon done,—and instantly the Child saw, & ever after continued to see well. When done he said, one Eye was p^hfectly cured, the other not so—accord^y he always saw best with one Eye. Afterw^{ds} at different times for several Weeks the D' repeated the application of his Tongue to the Childs Eyes three different times or 4 times in all first & last—(Col. Belden tho't 7—but his wife s^d she believed his Mind impressed with the N^o 7—for she remembered it was but half the Number of the 7th Son.) She was confident it was but 3 or 4 in the whole. But the Cure was effected the first time : and neither the D' nor Mother were sensible of any Benefit by the Repetitions afterw^{ds}.

D' Calcott was the seventh son of a seventh son. The oper^a had an Effect on the D' himself & made him very sick. At the first time the D' told M^{rs} Belden that her son was cured of his Blindness ; but that he had a Fever, w^o he had had with him ever since he was born, which was occasioned by Worms—of which he could cure him, tho' he could not cure him of his Lameness. The next day after the Vision was restored, Col. Belden & Wife took this Son in a Carriage & carried him from Wethersf^d to D' Wolcotts in Windsor, about a dozen or 14 miles. D' Calcott the German gave M^{rs} Belden three Doses of a Powder (w^o she s^d looked liked rotten wood). She gave the first Dose to the Child at D' Wolcotts' at Windsor and it had an Effect on the Child the same day before their Return. It bro't away a double handfull of black headed tape worms an Inch in length. They returned the next day to

¹ Alexander Wolcott (Yale 1731).

Wethersf^d; the 2^d Dose given the 3^d day after & so the last Dose—the Discharges enormous—the Belly reduced—and in 8 or 10 days came away a long Tape Worm, & large portion of one, of which they counted 148 Joynts about an Inch each, or about ten feet long. Then he got well.

The Doctor appeared to be decently dressed. But the Faculty dispised him as a German Quack. And tho' sober in the Forenoon, being constantly drunk in the Afternoon, he was dispised & left to himself. He was admonished of this Vice by M^r Belden—he took it kindly—wept—said it grieved him that his Appetite was so strong that he could not govern it. He advertised himself in Hartford Paper to be at set Times & receiv^e Patients at Hartf^d, Wethsf^d, Middlet^o & Norwich. At Norwich he wro't a Cure. At Middlet^o he disguised himself so much with liquor that he was found drunk in the street—the Boys tarred & feathered him—& next day he evanished & has never been heard of since. So the great Paracelsus who performed very wonderful Cures by Mercurials, was a Sot, & killed himself with drinking in the midst & strength of Life.

I asked M^r Belden, whether the Doctor put any Thing on his Tongue before he put it on or into her Sons Eye? She said, no—he was by her all the while—she see no such Thing—she don't believe he put any powder or anything else on it—had he made any motion of that kind she thinks she don't doubt she sh^d have seen it. The boy complain^d & was unwilling when his mother went to take him up in her Lap, & asked him whether he had not a mind the D^r sh^d try to cure him; the boy was reluctant & afraid it would hurt & pain him as the Doctors did at Boston by putt^e powder or &c into the Eye. In short nothing was now put into the Eye, unless by the means of the D^r Tongue. And the mother did not believe this. I asked whether the Lad complained of the Eyes smarting or being pained upon D^r Calcotts·licking with his Tongue. The Mother s^d no—he complained of no smarting or hurt at all—but he was wild with Joy at hav^e sight instantly restored to him; and crawled away all over the room with joyous Gladness, for the poor youth could not go a step for Lameness. And tho' it might be tho't the Eye was tender, & that it would have proved dangerous to go immed^y into full Light, yet their Ride abroad the next day to Windsor had no bad effect upon his Eyes. Corrosives applied from the Doctor's Tongue, or supposed to be applied, if

operating quickly or instantly must prove painful & inflammatory, if mildly & slowly the Vision had not been instantly restored. A Film or mucous Adherence sufficient to produce Blindness could not be licked away with the Tongue in less than a quarter of a minute or half a minute, for he did not seem to be longer in doing the Cure. In every view the Quickness & Durability of the Cure has someth^e wonderful in it. His mother says that he got well as to vision, & worms & bodily health except Lameness; he went with a staff: and that he did not learn to read his Letters till Eight years old or a little more: and that he always saw better with his right Eye, than with his left Eye—that the D^r s^d he would always be near sighted, & he was a little so. He was of rather a weakly Constitution & Habit all his Life. So that he was necessitated to be frequently absent from College. In March 1786 he was siezed with a Bleed^e from his Breast which alarmed him. He went home to Wethsf^d immed^y & there languished & died Apr. 8, 1786, æt. 23. This is the substance of the Acc^o which I now write from the Mouths of his Parents now at my House, & esp^y the Mother, for the Father was away from home on the day of the Cure—or rather, the Mother send^e to call the Father from abroad to consult the German D^r at their house, he would believe noth^e in Quacks & so did not come home, till the Cure was done. But for the rest the Father was knowing. The Child dur^e Blindness was often kept in a darkened Room, but not after the Cure. There are a few Varieties in the acc^o first rec^d from his father in a cursory manner by blending Things at improper places.

Reverend Nathaniel Eells of Stonington died 1st Inst. June æt. 76 cir.

10. I Rode to Amity. And

11. Ldsdy. I preached there all day for Rev^d Mr. Ball.

12. Whether Thinking exceeds the Powers of Matter? Sen. The Committee of the Corpor^a met as usual to settle the Price of Commons.

Last night I lodged at Squire Darlings in Woodbridge. He is just from the Pool at New Lebanon. He was present at a Sabbath Meeting of the Shakers who have built a Meet^h. two Miles off the Pool, about 50 f. × 36 f. The Congreg^a of Shakers present he judged 100 Women & 130 Men. They have another at Nesquiuna in the Sprouts of Mohawk River. These are two consider^a Congregations. They have a few little Handfuls elsewhere. Mr.

Darl^s judges that after a revelation or two more to lop off some impracticable Usages among them, they will settle down into a Sect of some Continuance.

13. Whether national Prejudices are prejudicial to Society, or injurious to the general Welfare of Mankind? Seniors. We readmitted Collins into the Senior Class.

14. Quarter Day. Exercises as usual—one hour. White applies for Readmission into the Senior Class, and Kellogg for Readmission into the Junior Class. Kellogg was dismissed last March, deceived by a Promise of D^r Huntington, whom, tho' a junior Sophister in Yale, he admitted Senior Sophister in Dartmouth. He being a Trustee was empowered to admit Scholars. Kellogg went to Dartm^o Coll. a Fourtⁿight ago, and was rejected. He now applies here.¹ This Afternoon Ruthy & Polly my Daughters returned from Hartfd where they have been for 3 months past on a Visit.

18. Ldsdy. Rev. D^r Bellamy preached at Chapel all day. A.M. Mat. xvi, 26. P.M. Prov. x, 1. I attended a Lecture at V^h P.M. by D^r Bellamy at D^r Edwards.

19. Whether private Vices are public Benefits? Seniors.

Attended Mr. Websters Even^s Lecture at the State House upon the English Language. Rec^d a Letter from Mr. Librarian Winthrop at Harv. Coll. inform^s that Mr. Herschel had conjectured the Arrangement of the fixt Stars and their Systems in infinite Space was in Stria, & that our System fell in the Arrang^t of the Milky Way.

20. Whether the Babel Confession & subsequent Variety of Languages has obstructed the Progress of Literature in the World? Seniors.

Tuesday last Week (June 13) "the Convention of the Episc^o Chh., met at S^t Paul's, when they elected the Rev. Samuel Provost A.M. Rector of the Chh. of Engl^d in this City (New York) to proceed for London with their Recomend^a, addressed to the Arch-Bishops & Bps, & request^e their consecration of him to the See of New York. The Rev. Mr. Griffiths has also been lately chosen, by the Episcopal Convention of Virginia to embark for the s^d City, & there be consecrated Bishop of that State." N. York Print of 19 June, 1786. N. B. These Episcopal Conventions comprehend Lay Gentlemen, as well as Clergy. I know Mr. Provost—not Mr.

¹ He was finally graduated at Harvard in 1787.

Griffiths. Mr. Webster is personally acquainted with Mr. Griffiths—he is a pretty worthy Character, not a great but tolerable Scholar & of good Morals. . . .

21. The profane Butler expelled College¹.

22. Yesterday died Jn^o Whiting Esq. of this City.² He was formerly a Tutor of Yale College. For many years a Clerk of the C^o Court & Court of Probates, Judge of Probates & an Alderman. A virtuous and worthy Character.

¹ The fuller entry for this day in Dr. Stiles's College memoranda is :

Published in Chapel Judgm^t of the Presid^t & Tutors on the Rioters—Clark & McCordy pardoned : Griswold 2 rusticated till 1st Sept. next : Lothrop (Dan¹) half a year ; Goodrich 2 one year ; Butler expelled. The profane Butler damned the Author⁷ & left the Chapel.

Elsewhere Dr. Stiles thus summarizes the discipline of this half-year :

The Dread of Examin^s & Fear of hav^g a Degree depend on Merit has produced a Commotion and Convulsion in Coll. & the follow^g Martyrdoms to the cause of poor Scholarship.

Left College and Dismissed

Seniors

Pumroy	}	Harvard Coll.
Colt		
Porter		
Mills 1	}	rejected at Harv. Coll.
Sherwood		

Juniors

Judd 1
 Judd 2
 Phelps Harv. Coll.
 Gurd. Lothrop
 Burr
 Kellogg

Soph.

Butler expelled—poor & proud
 Chenevard 1 Dismembered

Rusticated

Lothrop 4 . . .	½ y.	} good Scholars
Goodrich . . .	1 y.	
Griswold 2 . . .	3 m ^o	

14 lost & of these only one good Scholar, viz., Porter : all the rest below par, and the most of them poverty itself.

Happy Purgation !

² A graduate of Yale in 1740. His homestead, which afterwards became the Eagle Hotel, and is in part still standing, was at the southwest corner of State and George streets, next door north of the home-lot of his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Whittelsey.

23. Funeral of Mr. Whiting, Corps carried to the Meetinghouse where had been 30 years Deacon: a Prayer made, & then attended to the Grave. In the Even^s I attended Mr. Websters learned Lectures on English Language.

24. The Rev. Jn^o Willard was ordained at Meriden on Wednesday last. I was sent to by the Chh. to assist in the ordaining Council but did not go.



["A Front View of Yale-College and the College Chapel." From a print published at New Haven, June 26, 1786.]

25. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev. Mr. Pitkin of Farmington preach excellently all day on 1 Tim. i, 15. Reading Epiphanius.

26. This day Mr. Tutor Russel resigned the Tutorship, bid farewell to his Class, & left College in the fourth year of his Tutorship, in w^h he has done worthily. Tutor Chann^s & myself rode

out & accompanied him 5 miles. Returning I introduced Mr. Morse, who was elected Tutor at Hartf^d on Election Day, and gave him the Tuition of the Freshmen.

27. Whether all descended fr. Noah & his fam^y? Sen.

28. Died at Southington 21st Inst. Rev^d Benj^a Chapman ætat. 61. He had been 18 years Pastor of that Chh. & dismissed 12 y. ago. I attended Mr. Websters Lecture. Charlestown Bridge 13 months in building was with great Pomp & Festivity finished & opened on 17th Inst. June, the memorable Anniv^y of Bunker Hill Battle. Eight hundred Gentlemen dined together on Bunker Hill at Tables 320 feet in length. The Bridge 1470 feet long & 42 feet wide within the Paling.

29. I gave my Ecc. Hist. Lecture in the Chapel.

The Spirit for *Raising Silk Worms* is great in this Town, in Northford, Worthington, Mansf^d, Windham, Norwalk & some other Places in Connecticut. Mr. Aspinwal has it is judged one hundred thous^d Worms. I visited them yesterday. They are in full pfection—and are already cocooning & phaps. one half are in Cocoons. This Even^s I attended Mr. Websters Lecture at the State House. Present 80 or 90. The Senior Class this day finished Locke.

30. The Sen. Class began reciting Presid^t Clap's Ethics. I visited Mr. Aspinwals Silk worms which are fast winding up or cocooning. They are in a Loft 60 f. long & 30 wide. They lie or overspread 1022 square feet of Boards. I measured off & counted several separate square Feet of Worms, & found one 190 Worms; another 130, another 140, & another 1 f. wide & 1½ f. long 216. So perhaps Truth about 140 nearly. But as the boards not covered with Worms all over equably, so allow^s only 100 to a foot, the Total of Worms must be *one hundred Thousd* & more probably 130 Thousd.

Gentlemen ministers, who agree to supply the College Chapel this Summer, during Professor Wales's Absence on his Voyage to Europe for Recovery of Health. The Sabbaths against each one's name. The subscription begun at Election at Hartf^d, & continued at the General Association at Durham June 21, 1786.

The President	1 st Sabb. in June.
D ^r Goodrich	2 nd
D ^r Bellamy	3 ^d
Mr. Pitkin	4 th

D ^r Eliph ^a W ^{ms}	. . . . .	1 D ^o in July. [failed]
Mr. Warh. W ^{ms}	. . . . .	2
Mr. Bray	. . . . .	3
Mr. Devotion	. . . . .	4
Mr. Perkins	. . . . .	5
Mr. Robinson	. . . . .	1 D ^o in August.
Mr. Enoch Huntington	. . . . .	2
Mr. Merwin	. . . . .	3
Mr. Ross	. . . . .	4

July

1. Last Even^e I attended Mr. Websters 6th & last Lecture. He took his Leave of me this Morning. He was of the first Class of Pupils whom I instructed at my Accession the Presidency 1778. From him I learn

Virginia

650 Thous^d Souls Whites & Blacks : Ratio
10 to 11, i.e. ten Blacks to 11 Whites.

Maryl^d

90 Thous^d Taxables,
150 Thous^d Souls Bl.
200 Th. Souls Whites.

Jersey

139,500 or 140 Th. Souls W. & 10 Th. B.

A very great Aur^o Bor. & Aust. this Even^e.

2. Ldsdy. Rev. D^r Williams of Hartf^d failing, Mr. Tutor Channing preached at Chapel all day. A.M. Cant. I administered the Sacrament about 25 Communicants. P.M. Luke xxiii, 31. The Universalist Murray of Cape Ann preached an Even^e Lect. in Town.

3. Whether the Event of Moral Evil has augmented the glory of God & the Happiness of the Universe? Seniors. This day Sammy Hills left us to go to an Apprenticeship having lived with us a year & half. Edward Burk here.

4. Independency to be celebrated at New York. Whether the Order of Priesthood be of Advantage to the State? Seniors.

About 150 Rds. N^o of College begins an Eminence or Height of Land lying between the 2 Mountains: it is 200 Rds. broad & above

two miles long. I rode the length of it very slowly in 24 minutes by my watch. I think it not 2 miles.¹

6. No Lecture. Sister Silliman² here.

7. Rev. Nathan W^m of Tolland visited me. I wrote a Letter to President Willard recommending Mr. W^m Little for an ad eundem Masters Degree at Cambridge. I gave him one here 1780.

Gen. Parsons visited me & gave me copies of Letters from Ohio.

8. Writing Letters to Newport, & copying my Charge at Mr. Patten's Ordin^a for the Press. The German or Wheat Insects have got into & destroyed Sq^r Smith's Harvest of Rye & Wheat at West Haven, & that of several of his Neighbors: but are not general there. These Animalcules, which fix in the Joynts of Wheat & if no Wheat in Rye, have come from the Westward & got into Litch^{fd} & New Haven Counties.

9. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev^d Warham W^m preach all day, two excellent Sermons on 1 Jn^o iii, 2. Reading Seldeni Syntagma.

10. Whether Civilians ought to be joyned with Ecclesiastics in the Corpor^a of Yale College? Seniors. My Daughter Emilia sailed for Newport with Mr. Sturges. I distributed Dean Berkleys Don^a in Books as Præmiums among the 4 Classes. £11.15.0. L. M.

11. Whether 4 years Residence at Coll. entitles to a Degree without Scholarship—Sen.

12. Chenevard 1 dismembered from College publickly for being concerned in the Riots 30 Apr.¹ & Absence.

13. I gave a Philosophical Lecture. News of Gen. Greene's Death in Georgia on 19th of June. This Even^g I finished reading Mr. Boswels 8^{vo} Vol. on his Tour with D^r Johnson to the Hebrides. Nationality! Trifling.

Charles River Bridge . . . cost about fifteen Thous^d Dollars. Perhaps it may produce £3000 per ann. Say 900 Doll. or £270 per ann. Interest and £2000 per ann. to sink the Debt. So the

¹ This refers to the rising ground beginning at Sachem street and extending to the further side of Mill Rock.

² Emilia Hubbard, a younger sister of Dr. Stiles's first wife, married Hezekiah Silliman.

³ A copy of the letter sent by President Stiles to the father, Captain John Chenevard of Hartford, specifies the main offence: "He was one of those who in Disguise attempted to force open a Tutors Chamber with the express purpose of treating his person with a dishonorable Violence."

whole Bridge be paid for in 3 or 4 years, besides keeping it in repair . .

14. I finished Lecturing to Senior Class upon Moral Phil. out of President Clap's Ethics. And began Hebrew with the Freshmen.

16. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Bray preached A.M. 1 Cor. xv, 19. P.M. Jno. v.

Mr. Bray says in 1763 when he was Sophomore here, there was a Coll. Rebellion respect^s Examination. The whole Senior Class refused to be examined by the Tutors. Then the Presid^t ordered the Class into the Libr^y & put it to one i, e. ord. him to turn to such a place & be examined, he refused; another—refused; 3 or 4—refused. He then dismissed them. Judg^t read off in the Hall that these 3 or 4 be admonish^d—when Phin Lyman¹ put on his Hat & walked out call^s out, follow on my brave Boys. About half the Scholars followed & went out, leav^s the President & Tutors & rest of the Scholars in the Hall. They immed^y drew up a Remonstr^a & signed in a circle about sixty scholars & sent it to the Presid^t. A College court was called—College in confusion some weeks. At length several were sick of it & offered to confess publicly—this broke the Combination—the Ring leaders were detected—Rustications, Fines, & Expulsions settled all in Quietness.

17. & 18. Exhibiting Commenc^t. Syllogistic Disputations.

18. Bid farewell to the Senior Class. At II½^h P.M. They by order presented themselves as Candidates for Examination in Chapel. I delivered the Diploma Examinatorium to Mr. Tutor Morse to be Nomine meo presented to Mr. Senior Tutor Baldwin Moderator of the Consessus Examinatorij: & appointed Sir Daggett Vice Bedellus. The Examin^a began this Aft. in the Languages.

19. EXAMINATION of the Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts: when about one o'Clock 47 Candidates were presented for a Degree. In the Afternoon were exhibited the follow^s Exercises.

Anthem began III. 44. P.M.

Clio. Orat.—Sir Brunson IV^h to IV. 19'

Forens. Disp. upon the Utility of the Drama

Sir Hillier

Sir Clinton IV. 21-53'

Recess half an Hour

¹ The eldest son of Gen. Phineas Lyman (Y. C. 1738).

- Anthem V. 17-27
 Dialogue Sir Ellis, Sir Catlin
 Sir Leffingwell, Sir Marsh, V. 28-56
 Valed. Orat. Lat. Sir Griffin V. 56½ VI. 6.
 Mr. Tutor Baldwin Address VI. 7½-23
 Anthem VI, 24'-28'. End.

A few days ago I rec^d Letters from Gov. Hall of Georgia. Gen. Greene died of a Coup du Soleil, Stroke of the Sun. He walked about freely in his Rice-Grounds in the heat of the Sun, to over-see his Negroes of which had about 130.

20. No Lecture. Received a Letter from the Moravian Minister at Newport with a Present of 2 Volumes of Books to the College Library, from the Unitas Fratrum at Bethlehem.

Last week I rec^d from D^r Rogers of N. York the Acts of the last Synod, in May—containing an Alteration of their Chh. Polity: resolving the two united Synods into four separate Synods, & erecting a General Assembly accord^d the Mode in Scotland, consisting of Delegates from each Presbytery, 1 Min. & 1 Elder to a Presb^y of 6 Ministers. About A.D. 1715 or 1720 there were two or 3 Presbyteries, which might begin about 1700. A Synod was erected phps before 1730—it was rent in twain about 1741, & became the Synods of N. York & Philad^a. After quarreling till 1758 they were reunited—& continue to this day. Now 1786 they make themselves 4 Synods.

I. Synod of N. York & N. Jersey	4 Presbyteries.
II. D ^o of Philad ^a	5 D ^o
III. D ^o of Virginia	4
IV. D ^o of the Carolinas	3
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D^r Rodgers also sent me printed Proposals for a Concert of Prayer among all pious Persons VII or VIII o'Clock Ldsdy Morn^g.
 1. For Effusion of G^ds Sp^h & Revival of Religion in this Land. 2. For Continuance & Protection of our Civil Liberties, and 3. For propag^a Gospel among the Heathen.

21. Hebrew Recitation.
 22. D^o In company with Mr. Devotion.
 23. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel and heard Rev^d Jno. Devotion preach all day . . .

26. Heb. Recit^a of the Freshman Class, as on Monday.
27. Eccl. Hist. Lecture. Heb. Recitation. College seems to be very still, studious & quiet. God grant it may continue so.
28. Heb. Recitation. Exam^s Bachelors Theses for the Press. Received Camb. Commenc^t Theses.
30. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. The Rev^d Mr. Perkins. of Hartf^d preached A.M. Mat. xxvii, 3-5. P.M. Prov. viii, 17. . .

August

1. I went to visit Rev. Mr. Hubb^d at Meriden who is in a very low & declin^e state. [The last time I saw him. He died Nov. 18, 1786 Æ 60].

4. Returned from Meriden.

6. Ldsdy. Rev. Mr. Robinson preached at Chapel all day. I attended at Mr. Mather's Meeting all day, & heard Sir Holt preach Jn^o iii, 18. I there A.M. administered the Sacr^t of the Lds. Supper to p^hps 60 or 70 Communicants. P.M. I baptized seven Children in that Chh. Mr. Stiles of Kinderhook visited me & attended at Chapel all day.

Mr. ——— is continually aiming at a Degree of Eminence which he will never attain.

7. Heb. Recit^a of Freshman Class. In the Philad^a Paper of 29th July "We hear that a very polite & friendly Letter has lately been received from the Bishops in England by the Episcopal Clergy of this City;—in which they discover a Disposition to consecrate Bishops for the American States, provided Persons of sufficient Learn^e & regular & sober Lives are recommended to them."

Mr. Freeman, an adventurous semi-church Convert has been for a year or two reading Service at the Episc^o Chapel in Boston, accord^e to a new reformed Liturgy compiled by the Merchants of that Congreg^a; and also preach^e Sermons of his own Composition. This offended Trinity Chh. & Mr. Parker the Incumbent. The Chapel Congreg^a endeavored to get the Congregational Pastors in Boston to ordain Mr. Freeman, & it was last year tho't they would accomplish it. Whether because the Liturgy of Mr. Freeman were too deistical, hav^e expunged & dropt all in Christianity but natural Religion—or for whatever Reason—the presbyterian Ordin^a of Mr. Freeman is dropt. And he made Applic^a to Bp. Seab^v at an Ordin^a lately at Stratford; but D^r Seab^v refused to ordain him, unless he would subscribe the 39 Articles & use the Old Liturgy.

The Episcopalians in Connecticut adhere tenaciously to the old Liturgy & refuse to alter or reform it—and are highly offended with the Alterations of the Southern Episcopalians as well as the new Merchants Liturgy at Boston. D^r Chandler an Emeritus Clergyman at Elizabethtown is also totally averse to Alterations in the Liturgy. The real *Divinity & Satisfaction* of Christ, & Justific^a by his Righteousness, with *Original Sin*, Predestin^a & Decrees, & the Doctrines of Grace, are all left out of these altered Liturgies in America. In short they are at best *Socinian*, & phps might be conscientiously used by *Deists*, who are ready to honor Jesus as they would Plato or Socrates.

Four Chh. Clergymen have this Spring left Connecticut & gone to settle in Nova Scotia, leaving here only ten others, two of which refuse to acknowledge the Scotch-made nonjuring Bp. Seabury. They are

Rev. Mr. Jarvis	Rev. Mr. Dibble	} refuse Bp. Seab ^r .
Tyler—universalist	Newton	
Shelton	Mansfield—worthy good man	
Baldwin	Learning—rigidly against Alter ^a .	
Vandyke	Hubbard. ¹	

None of them above Mediocrity. Set ag^t Alter^a not because they are peculiarly fond of the orthodox principles, but least giv^s up one Thing after another they sh^d at length give up all that distinguishes Episcop^r, loose their Cause, & become Presbyterians.

11. Rev. M^r Clarke of Boston visited us. I received a Letter & Packet of Books from the Rev. Dr. Erskine of Edinburgh.

13. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev. Enoc Huntington preach.

18. Writing or Composing D^r Milne's Diploma. Visited Hon. Mr. McKennon of the Kings Council in Antigua & conferred on sundry Learned Subjects. Yesterday I received from Mr. Hanks of Litch^{fd} a Model of the Cart he Invented 1782 to go by & in the Eye of the Wind. It is an Applicat^a of the Boys Wind mill thus

19. Last Even^s I spent with President Witherspoon who is on a Journey to Ryegate in Vermont. He says he has about 90 Under-

¹ Of this list all but one were Yale graduates, viz.:

Ebenezer Dibble (1734), Christopher Newton (1740), Richard Mansfield (1741), Jeremiah Leaming (1745), Bela Hubbard (1758), Abraham Jarvis (1761), John Tyler (1765), Philo Shelton (1775), Ashbel Baldwin (1776).

graduates in Jersey College, & about 40 Scholars in the Grammar School at Princeton, where Board is two Dollars a Week, & the Expences of the Undergraduates about £46. a year, Dollars at 7/6.

This Afternoon the Tutors & I rode up to the Top of the West Rock and from the southern Summit had a most grand & beautiful Prospect of the Plains, Mountains, Harbor & Ocean.

20. Ldsdy. The Rev^d Mr. Merwin of Judea preached at Chapel. I attended & heard him preach A.M. Luke xiii, 5, upon Repentance, P.M. Isai. lxiii, 1.

21. Heb. Recitation.

22. Heb. Recitation. This day I dined with the Judges & opened the Superior Court with Prayer. Writing Dr. Milne's Diploma for the Degree of M.D. conferred last year. . . .

23. Attended in Even^s the pform^a of the Musical Society in Chapel.

24. Heb. Recit^a. I gave a Lecture on Oriental Languages.

25. Heb. Recit^a. Writing Diploma of LL.D. for President Witherspoon.¹

26. Heb. Recit^a. Finished read^s Horn on Infidelity.

27. Ldsdy. Being ill I was confined at home this Forenoon. Rev^d Mr. Ross preached at Chapel all day. P. M. Job xix, 25. I was at Chapel in Afternoon; & propounded two Junior Sophisters for admission into the Coll. Chh., viz, Whitfield Cowles, and Lynde Huntington.

28. Heb. Recit^a. Wrote Letters to London, to Mr. Adams our Ambassador, to Dr. Price & Dr. Wales.

29. This day I was visited by the ingenious young Count Castiglioni an Italian Nobleman from Milan, on his Travels thro' the United States. He was educated in the University of Pavia 20 Miles from Milan: & has travelled from Georgia to beyond Boston, & up North River into Vermont.²

Number of Houses in the several *Cities & Towns* mentioned below taken from actual Enumeration.

¹ Under this date is the following entry in Dr. Stiles's College memoranda:

I had ordered Payn (Butler's Waiter) to collect 1/6 of each of the Freshman Class for the Clock. He has collected 58/6. I allow him 50/ for winding up the Clock this year: & he is to pay 8/6 for the use of the Freshman Class who are obliged to find Bell Ropes.

² Signor Luigi Castiglioni published at Milan in 1790 his *Viaggio negli Stati Uniti dell' America Settentrionale*, in two volumes; his notice of New Haven is in vol. 2, pp. 78-82.

Philad ^a	4600	Hartford	300
N York	3500	Wilmington, Delaware	400
Boston	2100	Annapolis	260
Baltimore	1900	Frederick Town, Maryl ^d	400
Charlest ^o S ^o Car ^o	1540	Alexand. Virg.	300
Albany	550	Richmond	280
New Haven	400	Petersburg	290
		Williamsburg	230

Boston by an accurate Calcul^a lately made has been found to contain 14,640 Inhab. exclusive of Strangers. This Numb. gives seven psons to a house. If the same proportion holds in the other T^o in Amer. it will be easy to determine the N^o of fixt Inhab. in Philad^a &c. Multiplying the N^o of Houses by 7, there must be exclusive of Strangers, in

Philad ^a	32,205
N York	24,500
Baltimore	13,300
Charlest ^o	10,780

The N^o of Strangers in either of these Towns cannot readily be ascertained. Allow^s however Eight to a House includ^s Strangers, there are in

Philad ^a	36,800
N. Y.	28,000 &c.

Extr. N. Y. Journal Aug. 24, 1786.

30. Heb. Recit^a. The Soph. began 2nd Psalm. Reading Josipus Ben Gorion.

31. Eccl. Hist^y Lect. on the Causes & Motives of the Reform^a. No news yet of Dr. Wales, tho' a Packet arrived at N. York from France last Saturday.

September

1. Finished Heb. Recitations.

2. I preached last Even^s to the Communicants convened at my House from 1 Cor.—Let a Man examine himself & so let him eat &c.

3. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel, Mr. Tutor Channing preached A.M. on Gen. xxiv, 63. Then I admitted into the College Chh. two Junior Sophisters, viz. Whitfield Cowles, and Lynde Huntington; and also communicated Testimonial of Jon^a Osgood a Sophimore fr. Rev. Mr. Foster that he was a Member of the Chh. in Littleton, ask^s stated Communion with us. Then I administered

the Lds. Supper to about 18 Communicants. D^r Edw^{da} P. M. Luke xi, 13.

5. By a Letter from N York of 3^d Ins^t we learn that D^r Wales is safely arrived at Port l'Orient in France. The Packet in which he went sailed from thence back again abot the 15th July & arrived at N. York about 26 ult. Deo Grates. . . .

7. Began the half yearly Examin^a of the Classes—examined the Senior Class this Day. Yesterday & to day I myself with several Students went round the Squares & counted the Houses in the City of New Haven.

10. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel A.M. Mr. Austin preached Ps. cxlix, 2. P.M. I preached a Valediction Sermon to the Candidates for the first Honors of the University, from Acts vii, 22. And Moses was learned &c.

11. Preparing for Commencement.

12. In the Even^g College & Chapel & my House were illuminated by the Freshman Class.

13. Public Commencement. Procession to the Brick Meeting-house. Exercises.

A.M.

Salutatory Oration in Latin, by Sir Wolcott.

Greek D^o Sir Gold.

Forensic Disput^a. Are National Prejudices beneficial to Mankind?
Sir Bird, Sir Eliot, Sir Terry.

Syllogistic Latin Disput^a. Jesum a Deo devenisse Miracula sua demonstrant?
Sir Miller Resp. Sir Clinton & Sir Riply Opponents.

.Equalis Rerum seu Hæreditatum Partitio Libertatis Defensionis inservit.
Sir Mosely, Resp. Sir Catlin, Sir Todd, Opponents.

Dialogue. Sir Bruce, Sir Hitchcock, Sir Livingston.

P.M.

English Oration by Sir Perkins, of the Bachelors.

Forensic Dispute on Sumptuary Laws. Mr. Morse, Mr. Daggett. Degrees Conferred.

Lat. Val. Orat. by Mr. Austin.

I conferred the Degree of Bachelor of Arts upon 49
Alumni of Yale Coll. and also upon Levi Hackley of the last year

Class—but hav^e by Illness been long absent—an hon^y Deg. A.B. and also upon Jn^o Basset A.B. of Columbia College.

I conferred the Deg. of A. M. upon 21 Alumni of this Coll. Also an hon^y Deg. A.M. upon Adonijah Strong Esq., Andrew Law of Rh. Isld. Coll.

Also the Deg. of Doctor in Laws upon his Excell^y Tho' Jefferson¹ Esq. Gov. of Virginia & Ambassador at Paris: and upon Rev. Professor Williams of Cambridge present: and also upon Hon. W^m Mackennen of the Council in Antigoa.

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50 or 51 My Salary this year £300.

14. Messieurs Tutors Baldwin, Channing & Perkins resigned the Tutorship. Mr. Fitch formerly Tutor was elected Senior Tutor of the College. At seven o'clock in the Morn^g Rev. Mr. Ross preached the Concio ad Clerum in the College Chapel.

15. Mr. Denison was elected Tutor. The Corpor^a broke up & returned home.

16. Mess^{rs} Channing & Perkins took Leave of us and went out of Town—Mr. Chann^s to preach at Lyme for Rev. Mr. Johnson in a Decline—& Mr. Perkins to settle in the Law at Hartford.² All the Corpor^a of Yale College were present at Commencem^t except Mr. Johnson.

17. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached for M^r Whitt^y 2 Cor. iii, ult. P.M. M^r Wh^y preached. . . .

18. Preparing for Journey. Have 158 Doll. left.

¹ Jefferson's letter in acknowledgment of this degree, dated at Paris, Dec. 24, 1786, is in possession of the President's greatgrandson, Rev. W. C. Gannett.

² Jeremiah Mason (Yale 1788) in his Autobiography pays a hearty tribute to the success of Enoch Perkins as a Tutor; "He was a good scholar and rigid disciplinarian, and kept us diligently at work."

19. Writing Letters to Gov. Jefferson at Paris and the Arabian Count Cagliostro.

20. I sat out on my Journey.¹ Rode to Amity & lodged at Rev. Mr. Balls 7 m.

21. Dined at Bulls Woodbury 1/4. Lodged at Averils in Washington 1/8.

22. Lodged Rev. Mr. Smiths in Sharon.

23. Arrived at Rhinbeck on Hudson River & kept Sabbath. Wind too high to pass ferry.

24. Lodged at Winens on North R. Confined by Illness. P.M. I preached in Mr. Winens House.

25. Crossed the River & dined at Esopus—recrossed the River. Rode 13 m. to Hermans in Redhook thro' fine wheat Grounds.

26. Visited Hon. Robert Livingston Esq. æt. 80³ at his fam^r Seat in Livingston Manor. He told me of the Great Bones dug up at Clavarack, that his Father sent a Tooth weigh^s 3 or four pounds & a Thigh Bone three feet long to the Royal Society London, when he was a young man. Rode to the City of Hudson founded 1784 when 3 Dutch Houses there. The N Engld, Rh. Isld pple built their first house there June 1784, now 1786 are 390 Build^s of w^o above 170 Dwelling Houses: 20 Shops & Stores of Merchants.

27. Dined at Mr. Renslaers æt. 80. Rode to Clavarack & lodged at Mr. Stiles's in Kinderhook. Next day visited Rev. D^r Ritzma æt. 79 a venerable Dutch Divine; viewed his learned Library of I judge 1000 or 1200 Volumes. He was educated at Franequer in West Friesld under a Disciple of the great Vitringa who died 1722 æt. 64 circa. I saw Vitringas Picture. Visited by Judge Sylvester, Dr. Wells³ &c. At XI^h A.M. left Mr. Stiles's accompanied by young Mr. Sylvester. Dined at Miller's in Scho-dack, in Renslaers patent. At Mr. Woodworths 6 m. below Albany VI¹/₄.

29. Visited Mr. Henry Cuyler at Greenbush. Crossed the ferry and at I o'clock arrived at Albany & put up with the hospitable Major Sill at the City Tavern.

30. Rode 8 m. to Bethlem. Visited Mr. Nicoll.⁴

¹ As in previous journeys, a few items are supplied from the Itinerary.

² Third Lord of Livingston Manor, born 1708, died 1790. Four of his younger brothers had been graduated at Yale.

³ Benjamin Welles (Y. C. 1779). For Judge Silvester, see above, Dec. 11, 1781.

⁴ Father of William Nicoll, who died while a member of College, Sept., 1785.

October

1. Ldsdy. I preached A.M. in Rev. D^r Westerlo's Dutch Chh. in Alb^y, he was absent. Present 408 persons. P.M. I preached for Rev. Mr. M^cDonald¹ in the Presb. chh. : present 400 below & perhaps 150 in Galleries.

2. Examined the Block of an Incision on a Pitch Pine Tree eleven M. fr. Albany & 6 M. fr. Schenactady, the Cut made with an Iron Edged Tool—I counted 185 Rings—the Tree found 1775 so Incision made A.D. 1590 Eighteen years before Hudson sailed up the River. Probably by a Hatchet which the Mohawks got from the southern Mexican Indians & they from the Spaniards. I visited the Cahoes.²

3. Dined at Alderman Yates in Comp^a with Mr. Beekman, Mayor of the City & 2 Judges of the Court ; one of w^m told me of Ruins of Walls of Earth 1 1/2 m. fr. the Mouth of Katskil Creek w^c empties into N^o R. 6 m. below Hudson. Mr. Yates shewed me his fine Law Library perhaps 500 Vol. I looked into Bracton, Britton, & Fleta—& the Year Book from A.D. 1330 to this day.

4. Left Albany accompanied by Rev. Mr. M^cDonald, visited Schenactady, the Acad^y there, crossed Mohawk River, and lodged in Balls Town, at Gregorys half m. fr. the Meetinghouse.

5. Visited Balls T^o Medical Springs & plunged my Pocket Therm^o w^c stood at 53 & 54. Rode to Saratoga Springs, drank the Waters of both—Th. immersed stood 54. Afterw^{ds} in Hudson River 54 & 55.

6. Viewed the Ground of the Burgoyne—at Saratoga—dined & parted with Mr. M^cDonald at G. Schuyler's. I reached Sherwoods at Ft. Edward. A heavy Rain & N E storm.

7. Hudsons R. rose high : & carried off mills &c.

8. Ldsdy. Confined & surrounded by water, which came to its Height about 1^h this Morning hav^e risen 24 feet ppendicular. The People of the Vicinity notified, but unable to convene because of the waters w^c surround Sq^r Sherwood's house. Preached a Lect. here. Mr. Honeywood took the Picture of the Grasshopper, Sachem of the Oneyda Nation ; who solemnly & publicly adopted Mr. Honeywood into the Oneida & Tuscarora Nations by the Name

¹ John McDonald, a student at Edinburgh and Aberdeen Universities, came to America in 1784 with the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon.

² Among Dr. Stiles's papers are drawings of the falls at Cohoes by James Fairlie, which he obtained at this time.

of Yohowaunha—a great Rode—by which Indians might travel into Immortality, by Painting.

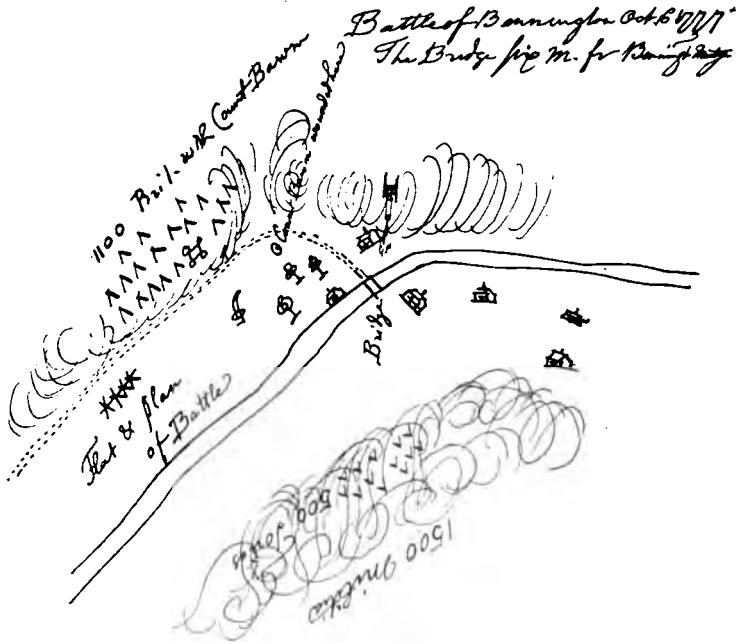
9. I rode 14 m. & visited Lake George. Dined with Col. Hay & returned to F^t Edw^d.

10. Rode thro' the Scotch Patent a dreary Wild. 18 m. to Morgans in White Creek or Salem & visited Mr. Honeywood.¹

11. Spent the day with Mr. Honeywood at Mr. Savages in Salem.

12. Left White Creek, where I pr. a Lecture yest^r—and accomp. with Mr. Honeywood rode to Cambridge.

13. Visited the Place of Bennington Battle Oct. 16 1777 above 150 or 200 R. West fr. N.W. Corner of Bennington & saw the



Grave of Count Bawm in the S.W. corner of Shaftsbury near the House where we dined. Rode 5 m. to Bennington.

14. Parted with Mr. Honeyw^d, & rode 32 m. to New Lebanon & drank of the Pool. Gen. Ethan Allen & Col. Th^o Fitch then drink^s the waters.

15. Ldsdy. I plunged into the Pool in the morn^g, went to the

¹ St. John Honeywood (Yale 1782). His recollections of this journey are given in Holmes's *Life of Stiles*, pp. 296-301.

meet^s of the Shakers 2 miles off in the Forenoon. P.M. I preached for Mr. Benedict. The Shakers have a Meet^shouse at Nesquiuna about 2 m. from the Cahoes on Mohawk River, another at N. Lebanon, a third in build^s 5 or 6 m. below. That here is about 40x50 feet. I entered it X^b 30' A.M. & found them singing & dancing with all their strength, which continued till XI when they ceased Dancing, & retired standing in a Semi-Circle—then sang in a mixture of words & unknown sounds as of words, in a pretty solemn & melodious Tone for five Minutes: then two men preached or spoke for about a Quarter of an hour each on the increas^s Dispensations of Light & c: then sang five min. & dismissed the Congreg^a just before Noon. There were about 80 or 90 Males Men & Boys & near as many Females. I pitied their Delusion.

I find these Shakers are almost to a man Converts fr. the Rh. Isld. & Narraganset Baptists called there New Lights & Separates—accustomed in their Narrag. Meetings to work themselves up to high Enthusiasm, so as in Worship all the Congregation to get to speak^s, pray^s & singing all at the same time.

16. I plunged my Therm^c in the Spring or Pool & found it stand at seventy one degrees: so 18 deg. warmer than Saratoga Springs. Mr. Benedict & Mr. Mudge told me there was an Indian Sam Adams, æt. 50. now living in New Lebanon, who had been growing *White* for now about two years. It began on his Breast & the Skinning and *Whiteness* has spread all over his Body, except the Extremities—& there is increasing. About half the Hands & Feet are yet black, & the Face is pied. Mr. Mudge often employs him to work. Of three psons comparing with him, he was the whitest, clear skin, fair red & white. I rode to Pittsfield, 7 m.

17. Dined at the Rev. M^r Allens in Pittsfd^a, a sensible man. Rode to Stockbridge & visited Rev. Mr. West & lodged with my old friend Madam Dwight¹ æt. 66, at Dr. Seargents. Conversed till midnight.

18. Dined at Mr. Wests in Comp^a with Rev. Mr. Sanf^d & Rev. Mr. Alexander. Rode to Sheff^d & put up at Boss's.

19. Rode 6 m. to Col. Burrils in Canaan. Lodged at Rev. Mr. Golds in Cornwal.

¹ Abigail Williams, widow of Gen. Joseph Dwight, of Great Barrington. Her first husband was the Rev. John Sergeant (Yale 1729), Missionary to the Stockbridge Indians, who died in 1749. Dr. Stiles was invited to be Mr. Sergeant's successor, and many of Mrs. Sergeant's letters are preserved among his correspondence.

20. Mr. Heaton's Goshen where I tarried & preached for Mr. Sherman on Ldsdy.

23. Accomp. by Mess. Heaton æt. 78¹ & Sherman I rode to Litchfield & reached Waterbury. Lodged Mr. Badgers.

24. Dined at Bethany. I arrived home at New Haven & found my Fam^y in Health. Deo Grates. Orders set up at College by the Tutors this Even^e, Vacation expiring. To my great Joy I found the Rev^d Professor Wales at College, returned from Europe—he arrived at New Haven on Saturd^y 21st Instant: better in Health than when he sailed for Europe last May, but not intirely recovered of his nervous Disorders.

25. Committee of the Corpor^a here Mess^{rs} W^{ms} & Goodrich. Mr. Tutor Morse desiring to be absent while Spring in order to make the Tour of the States to Georgia for pfecting a new Edition of his Geography, we elected the Rev^d Abiel Holmes Tutor. This Even^e I inducted Mr. Tutor Fitch & gave him the Tuition of the Junior Class. As he had taken the Oath of Fidelity to the State & given his Assent to the religious Constit. of these Chhs when formerly a Tutor, I did not renew this—but only asked him pub^y whether he continued his former religious Principles—& then declared him in Office. The Assembly sitting.

26. No Lect. Began Recitations. Exam^s Freshmen. [This day I was elected Member of the Acad^y of Sciences founded in Connecticut last May.]

27. Mr. Joseph Dennison inducted & qualified into the Office of the Tutorship as usual. I gave him the Tuition of the Freshman Class, now 36.

28. I Resumed the Exposition of the Confession of Faith at Sat^y Even^e Prayers.

29. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Eph. iv, 18. P.M. 1 Tim. i, 17, on the Wisdom of God. About 70 or 80 Undergraduates present & a large number of the General Assembly.

30. Storm. I am unwell. Omitted Recitation.

31. Whether any innate Ideas? Sen. Exam^d & admitted Joseph Strong into Jun. Class.²

¹ Rev. Stephen Heaton (Yale 1733) was pastor in Goshen from 1740 to 1753, and resided there until his death.

² Under this date, in Dr. Stiles's College memoranda, is this note: Abolished Custom of Freshmen rising to Tutors in Prayer Time.

November

1. Confined to my House by Illness. Examined and admitted Reuben Wilcox æt. 22 into the Freshman Class.

2. No Lecture. I just got abroad to Chapel & introduced the Rev^d Abiel Holmes into the Tutorship. He publicly assented to the Confession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity to the State as usual; and I gave him the Tuition of the Sophomore Class during Mr. Tutor Morse's Absence on his Travels into the Southern States. The Tutors rank thus, Mess. Fitch, Morse, Holmes, Denison. Yesterday the first Snow, 3 Inch. deep.

3. Snow gone. Myson Isaac came home from Tolland.

4. Gen. Assembly dismissed. I prayed with them. I rec^d a Letter Missive from the Chh. of Whitehaven ask^s me to assist in Ordin^a of Mr. Austin.¹

5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr. Tutor Morse preached Rev. iv—Then Professor Wales administered the Sacram^t—present 15 communicants. P.M. Dr. Wales pr.

6. No Disputation.

7. Whether the Mind always thinks? Seniors. A Fast in late Mr. Mathers Chh. in this City for seek^s the div. Bless^s on their Resettlem^t with the Ministry, & on the Ordination of Samuel Austin A.M. their Pastor-Elect. Mr. Whitt^y preached A.M. I attended P.M. and heard Mr. Ely of Ripton preach on Acts xiii, 26.

This Even^s at the Desire & Request of Mr. Gosuinus Erkelens I gave my Name to a little English restored Captive æt. 10½ circa given him by the Mayor of Albany about fifteen months ago. The Lad was taken by the Seneca Indians at Susquehanna, when he was as the Indians judged two years & half old; He remembers to have seen his Father shot down by the Indians in the Stoop of his Door, & his Mother after being carried half a mile he saw killed, & some Children's Brains dashed out—but the Lad knows not the Name of his Father or Fam^y nor his own Name. The Indians kept him seven years. After the Peace the Indians of the VI Nations gave Hostages to our Commissioners at a Treaty at Schenactady to

¹ A separate memorandum by Dr. Stiles, in his *Itinerary*, is :

"Oct. 28. Mr. Austin gave his Answer to Mr. Mathers Chh. declin^s their Call, that he might make a Tour thro the Southern States with Tutor Morse. A new Southern College for himself & Mr. D.

"Nov. 3. He accepted the Call & concluded to settle in New Haven."

The "Mr. D." referred to is undoubtedly the Rev. Timothy Dwight, afterwards President.

return all captives. Among a number returned about 1½ years ago were sundry Children who knew not their Parents or Families—whom benevolent Persons were persuaded to take. Col. Hay at Lake George has one whom I saw there. Mr. Erkelens, a Bachelor being at Albany at the Time of their Return from the Indian Country & Distribution, Mr. Beekman the Mayor psuaded him to take one of the Boys & chose this for him. The Indians had named him 'Tony, doubtless of good significance in Indian. But the Lad put to school in New York was ridiculed for this Negro name, & the poor boy & his Master were tired of it. Being here at N. Haven, Mr. Erkelens desired me to give him another name—I mentioned Sylvanus, Peregrine, Cosmopolites, Jn^o, James, Joseph. They did not suit either Mr. Erkelens or the Boy, who had a notion to be named after somebody or with a Name the Boys would not laugh at. Mr. Erkelens wished me to give him my own name. Finally I named him Ezra Stiles. And if ever he should find and recover his true Family Name, to superadd it.

8. This Afternoon assembled here an Eccl. Council called by the Chh. of Fair Haven, late Mr. Mathers, for the Ordination of Mr. Samuel Austin jun. Pastor-Elect to the min^y among them. The Chhs. convened were, the first Chh. in New Haven, the Chhs. at White Haven, & West Haven, East Haven, Milf^d 1st & 2nd, Carmel, Darby, North Haven, Ripton, Woodbridge, & Bethany, & Y. College. The Ministers of these Chhs. were present except Darby & N^o Haven. Fourteen Ministers includ^d Mr. Pitkin not of Council, & 15 Delegates; Rev^d Mr. Tutor Holmes & myself as Ministers, but not as Pastors were called. After open^d the Council, Mr. Tutor Morse asked Ordin^a also with a View to his Travels thro' the southern States. We examined the Candidates. Mr. Whitt^y moderator.

9. Ordin^a attended at Fairhaven Meetinghouse—present about 800 persons. Anthem. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ely of Ripton. D^r Edw^{ds} Preached 1¼^h from Acts xx, 26—pure from the Blood of all men. Mr. Austins Ordin^a first attended—Prayer by Rev. Mr. Street, Imposition of Hands by Mess^{rs} Wales, Edw^{ds}, Ely & myself—I gave the Charge—D^r Wales the Right Hand. Then Mr. Morse was ordained—Prayer by Mr. Williston, Imposition of Hands by Mess^{rs} Whitt^y, Williston, Edw^{ds}, Street, & myself: Mr. Whitt^y gave the Charge. Then Mr. Holmes came up into the Pulpit & gave the Rt. Hand of Fellowship, M^r Lockwood made

the conclud^s Prayer, & Mr. Austin gave the psalm & Blessing. Three Hours Exercise.

10. My son Isaac went away return^s for Tolland. Mr. Tutor Morse took his Leave & set out on his Tour to the Westward.

11. President Wheelock visited me on his way to Jerseys.

12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales—A.M. on the Attribute of the div. *Goodness*, Ps. 145, 7, 8. P.M. Exod. 34, 6, on the Attributes of *Truth & Justice*.

13. Whether any Idea common to two Senses? Sen.¹

14. Whether the Discovery of America of Benefit, &c.? Sen.^{1a}. Last week died at Newp^t my worthy Friend Mr. Benj^a King æt. 82.

15. I began Examin^a of the Sen. Class in Greek. This day I rec^d a Box of Books Volumes a Present to the College Library from D^r Gordon late of Roxb^y now of London.² Last week Nov. 8 died the Rev^d Stephen Johnson of Lyme one of the Corpor^s of Yale College, æt. 64.

16. I gave my Ecc. Hist. Lecture in the Chapel.

A Consociation sets this week at Cheshire 1. To settle some Difficulties in the Chh there. 2. To divide the Association of New Haven County. The River is the proposed Line. All the Ministers on the West side (except one) are New Div^y Men & want to be disengaged from the rest in order to set up a pure Association of pure Chh. Discipline & pure Divinity. It is remark^a that altho' 12 or 13 chhs. in the West Division have New Div^y Pastors, yet are they so generally Old Div^y that prob^y not so much as two or 3 persons or Individuals can be found to a Parish who are in the New Theology. They know noth^s about it. But can find no other Ministers.

17. Mr. Dwight is enlarging his School to comprehend the Ladies, whom he by pub. Advertism^t invites to come to him, promis^s to carry them thro' a Course of belles Lettres, Geography, Philosophy, & Astronomy. The Spirit for Academy making is vigorous. In this State are already erected Academies. The Method is this, a House 40 feet long, 20 wide & one story high is built by Subscription for one sometimes two Preceptors, who unite

¹ The following note is from Dr. Stiles's College Memoranda under this date: Abolished and prohibited classical Challenges to Snowballing.

² This gift consisted of seventeen volumes—all theological except two, Price on Reversionary Payments, and Greenwood's English Grammar.

in teaching a *Latin & English School*—subjoyning Rehearsals, Dialogues, & Maps : a few may learn a little Geometry.

ACADEMIES IN CONNECT. 1786.

Erected.	Preceptors in 1786.
1780. Plainfield	Rev. Mr. Benedict.
175 . Lebanon	Master Tisdale.
1782. Pomfret	Master Denison.
1782. Lebanon Crank.	
1783. Greenfield, both Sexes	Rev. Mr. Dwight.
1783. Stratfield extinct 1786.	
1783. Norwich	Sir Griswold.
1783. D ^o extinct 1786.	
1784. Windham	Vacant.
1785. Waterbury, both Sexes	Sir Kingsbury.
1786. Northbury } 1786. Derby } 1786. Sharon }	Vacant.

“To the Reverend Ezra Stiles D.D., the Chh. of Christ in the Society of Fair Haven in New Haven sendeth Greet^s.

REVEREND & BELOVED SIR.

As God in his Provid. hath disposed us to invite Mr. Sam^l Austin to take the past. Charge of this Chh. & inclined him to accept our Invit^s we have appointed Thursdy the 9th inst. for his Ordination. This is to desire y^r presence Rev^d Sir on s^d day to unite in Council with the Pastors & Delegates of neighboring Chhs. for the purpose of the solemn induction of Mr. Austin into the sacred Office of a Gospel Minister among us. Wish^s you Rev^d sir the div. Bless^s & presence and ask^s a Remembr^s of us in y^r Address to the Throne of Grace we subscribe your Brethren in our common Lord.

“The Council are requested
to meet on the 8th Ins^t at 4 o'clock
P.M. at the House of
Henry Daggett Esq.”

HENRY DAGGETT
LEVI IVES
JOSEPH PECK
ABRAHAM AUGUR
JAMES GILBERT.”

ORDIN^A EXERCISES.

- XI.^h15' A.M. Anthem & Reading Result.
30. first Prayer by Mr. Ely begun.
45 Sermon D^r Edw^ds Acts, xx, 19. At XII.30 Addresses begun.
XII.47 End Sermon being 1^h3' long.
50 Imp^o Hands & Prayer Mr. Street.
I gave the Charge. End of Mr. Austins Ordin^a I 23' circa.
Mr. Morses Ord.
I.25' Imp^o of Hands on Mr. Morse, Prayer by Rev Mr. Williston.
Charge by Rev. Mr. Whittelsey.
II. 0. Rev. Mr. Lockwood conclud^s Prayer ended.
Mr. Austin gave Ps. & Anthem.
II.15. Bless^s by Mr. Austin.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day on Job xi, 7, on the *Unsearchableness of God*. At Noon a Messenger arrived from Meriden with the News that at VII^h last Even^s died there the Rev^d Jn^o Hubbard A.M. æt. 60. A very worthy Character.

20. & 21. I was unwell & unable to attend at College. I requested Professor Wales & he moderated the forensic Dispute of the Senior Class. . . .

22. Great are the Tumults still in Massachusetts. Cap^t Shays of Pelham, an enterprizing Man it is said, has formed a military force of 1700 men in diff. towns in C^o of Hampshire to defend ag^t apprehend^s the Heads of the Rioters: as the Assembly are firm. An Amnesty however is pub. to all that take the Oath of Fidelity by 1st of Jan^y. The Qu^r Sess. Courts & Common Pleas have been violently stopt this fall in Counties of Berkshire, Hampshire, Worcester, Bristol & I think Essex. But the Superior Court lately sat at Taunton, sustained by Gen. Cobb & the Militia, w^e dispersed about 200 Insurgents.

23. Thanksgiving by Order of Auth^y in Connect. & New Hampshire. I being ill was absent from Chapel. Dr. Wales preached there Ps. 98, i. Snow 3 Inc.

24. Sir Isaacs' lately killed D^r Ladd in a Duel at Charlest^o, S^o Carolina. Unhappy Youth!

25. Not hav^e been abroad all this Week I heard the Senior Class recite Locke on hum. Und. at my house. Th. 19.

26. Ldsdy. I was confined at home all day by Illness. At Chapel A.M. Rev^d Mr. Tutor Holmes preached. P.M. Rev^d Mr. Austin preached the Professor exchang^s with him. Therm^o 19.

27. Dr. Wales presided at the Disput^a of the Sen^r. Class.

28. Therm^o 9. Very cold. Snow yet on the Ground. Th. 10—highest Alt. of the day. Last Even^s Mr. Webster began his philological Lect. at the State house. Ezra the Orphan^s æt. 10 or 11 began to go to school to Sir Hitchcock, to learn to read—he just knows Letters & a little Spell^s.

29. Very cold. Th. at Midnight 5. This morn^s at VIII it stood at 4, by X ascended to 10. Senior Class recited at my House. I attended Prayers at College this Even^s first time since 19th Inst.

30. I attended Sen^r Recitation in Chapel. . . .

¹ Ralph Isaacs, Jr. (Yale 1785).

² The namesake of Dr. Stiles mentioned under the 7th of this month.

December

1. Tot. Undergraduates present 146 out of 170.
3. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D' Wales all day A.M. 1 Jn^o iii, 8. He admin^d Sac^t Lds. Supper 16 present of w^c 8 only Undergraduates. P.M. Gen. vii, 23, The Flood. . . .
4. Datur Vacuum. Resp. Ely 1.
5. Violent Snow Storm. Read^s Chattelux's Travels.
7. Mr. Obadiah Munson æt. 56 fr. Waterton, formerly of Wyoming, Lackowa on Susquehanna, was here. There is some Reason to think that the Lad, with Mr. Erkelins, is his son.¹ The King of Prussia Frederick, died Aug^l last æt. 75.
8. Mr. Sturges my son in law left us & removed this day to Fairfield. He married my D. Kezia deceased.
9. A severe Snow Storm, w^c continued all night.
10. Ldsdy. Last night Professor Wales was seized twice with his nervous Disorders or Fits. Mr. Tutor Holmes preached at Chapel all day. The Weather is severe. I attended only in the Afternoon. Read^s Dionysius de div. Nom. and Eusebius Ecc. Hist. This day I am 59 years old. . . .
11. Therm^o this morn^s 5½ above 0. Snow two feet deep. Whether Universal Liberty for all Religions ought to be established in the United States? Sen^{ra}.
12. Nulla si esset materies, nullum esset Spatium. Resp. Nott. Last Week I finished reading Marq. Chattelux's 2 vol. Amer. Travels in French.
13. Snow two feet deep. Rain at Night.
14. Thaw. Snow half gone. . .
15. Visited Professor Wales greatly dejected & discouraged.
16. This Morn^s President Wheelock & his Lady breakfasted with me. He lately married near Morrist^o in Jersey & is return^s to Dartm^o College.² That College has last fall petitioned the Gen. Assembly of Vermont to appropriate the Lond. Episc^o Society Right escheated, in each Township in the Hamp. Grants to Dartm^o College, offer^s to educate all their Children sent to that College free of Tuition Money.

¹Mr. Munson's youngest son, Benoni, had been lost at the time of the Wyoming Massacre, but this identification proved incorrect. See the *Munson Family Record*, i, 485-87.

²President John Wheelock married on Nov. 29, 1786, Maria, daughter of Christian Suhm, Governor of the Island of St. Thomas, W. Indies.

Rev. D^r Bellamy about five weeks since was seized with a paralytic Shock ; his Life dispaired of, but now rather recovering. He is about æt. 70.

17. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach there all day. A.M. Ezek. xviii, 4. P.M. Mat. v, 48. He pformed well, but is sensibly weakened by his Fits. Read^s Josephus. . . .

18. Examined the Senior Class in Philosophy.

19. Whether the Drama advantageous to America? Seniors. Snow four feet deep at Boston last week.

20. Quarter Day, Exercises accord^s to Appointments.

21. I exhibited my Eccl. Lect. Yesterday the Φ . B. K. Society Records & Papers were stolen & lost. . . .

22. I rec^d 20th Ins^t a Lett. from Rev. Mr. Bracken dated W^m & Mary Coll. Dec. 1 Ins^t requesting an assistant Preceptor &c. This day I addressed it to Sir Newton offer^s 70 Guineas Salary of w^c about 100 Doll. for Board.

23. Terrible Snow Storm. Read^s Origen contra Celsum.

24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. D^r Wales preached A.M. Mat. v, 48, on Xtian perfection. P.M. 1 Cor. i, 20.

25. Whether if there were no future State, Virtue would be eligible? Sen^{rs}.

26. Whether the Planets are inhabited? Sen.

27. Wrote Certificate Mr. Bps. Degrees.¹

28. I gave my Lect. upon Astronomy. Rec^d Letters fr. D^r W^m & Mr. Taylor—ask^s me to preach his Ordin^a sermon at Deerfield next Month.

29. The melancholly Day of Death of my D. Kezia last year.

31. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. A.M. 2 Pet. i, 21. On the Inspir^a of the Scriptures. P.M. Eph. v, 15, 16. Exam^s Texts in Targum & Aben Ezra . .

1787

January

1. Cogitatio superat Vires Materiæ. Dutton Resp. Thaw. Therm^o 45.

2. Dictamina Conscientiæ semper sunt sequenda. Stirling Resp. Committee of the Corpor^a met.

3. I attended Mr. Whitt^{'s} Sacr^l Lecture. Total Lunar Eclipse VII^h this Evening. Sir Basset here Preceptor of the Acad^y at

¹ Abraham Bishop (Yale 1778), of New Haven, was about going to Europe.

Schenactady. I sent by Mr. Parrot D^r Milne's Diploma to the Care of D^r Rodgers of New York. In N York Print of 30th ult. is a "Statement of the Population of New York (State) at 3 several Periods

The Whites in 1756	. . .	were 83,233
in 1771	. . .	148,124
in 1786	. . .	219,996

From hence it appears that in thirty years, notwithstanding the Waste of the War, the Inhabitants of this State have increased in a Ratio of 5 to 2. Much of this is owing to Migration." The present Numbers stand thus.

MALES		FEMALES	
above 60 æt.	. . . 4,731	above 16	. . . 55,765
Between 60 & 16	. . . 52,927	Under 16	. . . 51,766
Under 16	. . . 54,807		
Total males	. . . 112,465	Tot. Fem.	. . . 107,531
			<u>112,465</u>

Tot. Whites Males & Females, . . . 219,996

The Slaves in 1757 were	. . .	13,542
1771	. . .	19,883
1786	. . .	18,889

At present the male Slaves are . . . 9,521
the female D^o . . . 9,368

That those unfortunate Exotics have decreased in number during the last 15 years is prob^{ly} ow^d to their being carried away during the war with the British.

In the whole State there are but twelve Indians, who pay Taxes.

The follow^s is the whole Numb. of Souls of every Description included in the Statement of the year 1786.

Whites	. . . . .	219,996
Slaves	. . . . .	18,889
Indians	. . . . .	12

238,897

Extr^a fr. N. Y. Indepen^t Chron., Dec. 30, 1786.

The Indians of the VI Nations not included.

5. Agreed with Sir Wadsworth to go to Williamsburg to take a School at 70 Guineas p annum.

7. Ldsdy. I attended at the College Chapel all day. A.M. Dr. Wales preached on Eph. v, 15, 16, and administered the Sacra^t to perhaps 17 Communicants. P.M. Mr. Whitt^y preached Ps. xvi, 10, an excellent Sermon. Reading Reland's Excerpta Rabbinorum de Messia. This Even^s I rec^d a Lett. from Jn^o Livingston Esq. with Petrefactions from Pougkeepsy.

8. Are there Witches? Senior Class.

9. VACATION begins at College. Snow storm violent. D^r Wales ill Turns 4. Severe.

10. I wrote a Lett. to Dr. Westerlo in Albany. Dr. Wales another.

11. Dr. W. another, light. Read^s Magnalia.

13. Rec^d Lett. fr. Sir Wadsw^o declin^s Virginia Invit^a.

14. Ldsdy. I attended Mr. Whitt^{ys} Meet^s & heard him preach Mat. xi—Come to me, &c. P.M. Mr. Austins Meet^s & heard him—Km. Right. & Peace.

15. Wrote & sent off Letters to Virginia.

16. Counted a Walnut Log at Mr. Beers's 20 Inc. Diam., 232 Annules i, e, years old. Set out on Journey or vacation Excursion. Lodge at Mr. Streets in East Haven.

18. Visited the Rev^d & venerable Mr. Todd at E. Guilf^d & spent two days with him. A very learned man; born at New Haven 1713. Therm^o 8. Cold.

19. Rode to Cohabit—visited Mr. Bray.

20. Snow storm, rode to N^o Branf^d & kept Sabb. Mr. Eeles.

21. Ldsdy. I heard Mr. Eeles preach all day.

22. Mr. Eeles set out for Ordin^a of his Brother at Barkhemstead. I lodged at Mr. W^{ms} in Northf^d, where I met D^r Wales.

25. At D^r Goodrich's in Durham I saw & examined a Connect. Statute Law Book printed 1672¹ & found there twenty four Towns in the Colony. Lodged at D^r Dana's.

26. Rode to Meriden. Heard that Gen. Lincoln marched last Ldsdy from Boston with three Thous^d Men for Worcester & the Western Counties to suppress the Insurrections there.

27. I heard that Gen. Shepherd in defend^s the Continental Stores at Springfield 10 Thousd Stand of Arms &c fired upon the Insurgents headed by Cap^t Shays & killed three men & wounded 7 one of whom died immediately. This was Thursdy last about IV^b P.M. Arrived home at College.

¹ The first edition of the Colony Laws, now excessively rare. A reprint (150 copies) was issued in 1865.

28. Ldsdy. I attended & heard Mr. Whitt^y all day. Spent the Even^s at his House with his Committee. He offers to give up half his Sal^y for a Collegue.

News that the Court at Worcester sat there 23^d Ins^t—3000 Gov^t Troops there—a few phps. 150 Insurg^{ts} at a dist^a but did not approach nor prevent the sitt^s of the Court as they had done repeatedly before. Gen. Lincoln lodged within 9 M. of Springfd last friday night. Shays men dispersed in 3 Divisions or rather two—Shays himself & one div. at Checopee 4 M. above Springf^d, & Day with another Div. 7 or 800 at West Springf^d. When Shays approached the Stores he had phps. 1000 or 1200 men; and Gen. Shepherd 900 when the Action happened 24th Inst.

29. Gen. Lincoln's Army crossed the River at Springfd. on Sat^y last & routed Day & his Division.

30. Vacation ends: I set up Orders at College at Even^s Prayers; present 40 Scholars. The Tutors tarried at College thro' the Vacation. Only rode out to Farmington & attended Mr. Olcotts Ordination the 17th Instant.

31. I attended sacr^t Lect at D^r Edw^{ds} & heard Mr. Ball. Recitations began at College

February

1. I gave my Lect. on Ecc. Hist^y.

2. The Senior Class finished Locke V. 1.

3. Read^s Cosmas's Indicopleustes. Emilia went to Hartfd. with Col^o Humphreys.

4. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day on Humility & Pride Rom. xii, 4. Read^s Cosmas who flourished in IVth Century.

5. Nulla datur Actus contra Volunt^a agentis. Evertson Resp. Gen. Lincoln proceeded from W. Springfield to Hadly with 3000 last Week—& Shays retreated from Checopee to Amherst where he was joynd by Days Party from Springfd; thence to Pelham—phps. 2000 Insurgents—dispers^s.

6. Rev^d Mr. Atwater left Westf^d yesterday Morn^g—gave best acc^o of affairs at Springf^d & Northw^d. Last Sat^y Wheeler came Flag from Shays, proposing Terms, which Lincoln rejected.

7. Seniors began 2^d Vol. Locke on Understanding. I rec^d Lett. from Mr. Chan^s & Mr. Patten from Newp^t of 20th ult. with a Packet & Box of Fossils, Minerals & precious Stones from Professor Laurenz Spengler Superintendent of the Royal Museum at Copen-

hagen—presented to the Museum of Yale College. Asking american Stones Fossils & Curiosities in Return.

8. Snow storm. No Lecture. I wrote a Letter upon our Springf^d & Northern Affairs to Gen. Washington.

Gen. Lincoln arrived at Springf^d Jany. 27 mane with 4 Reg^{ts} Suffolk, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester—and five Companies at Noon. At VIII^h Even^s two Reg^{ts} more arrived viz. Middlesex, Worcester & one Comp^s Artill^y. At III^h P.M. of same Saturday 27 Jany the General with his Corps crossed Connect. River over to West Springf^d—Day & his Corps fled before him without action & fled for S^o Hadly & Northampton. The same Night Shays & his Division left Checkopee & passed S^o Hadley to Amherst. Sunday 28th Day left Northampton & joyned Shays at Amherst with 250 men, the rest hav^e dispersed. Lincoln left Springf^d 29th but find^e Shays had left Amherst for Pelham he turned into Hadly, where he lay till Feb. 3. On Feby. 3, P.M. Shays left Pelham for Peter-sham. At sunset G. Lincoln put his Army in March from Hadly, marched all Sat^y Night, the latter part in a severe snow storm, 30 miles without stopping—and Ldsdy. Morn^s IX^h overtook & surprized Shays—took a Number—and put Shays to flight who with a part of his Army took northw^d towards Hampshire State Line. He crossed over the Line into Hamp. & Vermont. His Army were dispersed for the present. G. Lincoln returned to Hadly & from thence proceeded to Berkshire, Pitts^d, Stockb. & Barrington.

Snow Storm. [Sibbell set out for Hadly, 9th.]

10. Hebrew Class two ordained Ministers & 3 Graduates.

11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel. D^r Wales pr. Mat. xi, 2. Miracles.

12. Whether the Scriptures of div. Inspiration? Sen.

Writ^e a Letter to Rev. Mr. Backus, on Ventriloquism.

13. Whether all Religions ought to be tolerated? Sen.

14. . . . Isaac came home on a Visit fr. Toll^d.

15. I exhibited a Lect. on Eccl. Hist. News of D^r Chauncys Death, who died at Boston 10th Ins^t æt. 83, Min. 61. He was born Jany. 1705, and completed 82 last Month. A Learned Character with some Singularities in Theology, esp^y respect^e Universal Salvation.¹

¹ Dr. Chauncy's views in respect to the final salvation of all men were distinctly unorthodox; and in his doctrine of the person of Christ he approached the view of the Unitarians of the next generation.

16. Mr. Tutor Chan^s has a Call to settle in the Min^y at New London, Salary £140.

17. I rec^d Lett. from Mr. Tutor Morse. He arrived at Georgia in Nine Weeks from Yale College. Also rec^d Lett. from Gov. Hall of Savanna.

18. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard A.M. Mr. Trumbull Eph. v, 15. P.M. Josh. xxiv, 15. Dr. Wales preached at N^o H.

19. Whether God the author of Sin? Senrs. Visited by M. ——— born at Venice, educated at Geneva, for 20 y. resident at Hispanola, & of considerable Knowledge.

20. Whether the Insurrection in the Massachusetts be justifiable? Sen^{rs}. I prayed at opening of the Superior Court.

21. I read M^cFingal.¹ In the 4 Societies in New Haven are 652 Names in List, of w^o 90 Episcopalians. This for year 1785.

22. Lect. Ecc. Hist. Mr. Lewis Burr Sturges b. March 15, 1763.

24. Began again Exp^o Conf. of Faith in Chapel.

25. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day on Fulfilm¹ Prophecy fr. 2 Pet. i, 31.

26. Whether the Cultiv^a of the fine arts & polished manners to an high degree would be for the moral and political Interest of the United States? Sen.

27. Can Immort^y of Soul be proved from Light Nat.? Sen.

28. Attended sacr¹ Lect. at Mr. Austins Meet^s. Mr. Chann^s came here to advise on his Call to settle at New London.

March

1. I gave a philosophic Lecture upon the Structure of the Eye & the nature & Laws of Vision.

2. Wrote & sent Lett to Mr. Morse in Georgia: and another to Rev. Mr. Hideck at Charlest^o S^o Car^o lately converted from Judaism—from Europe.

3. Snow Storm—six Inches.

4. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel A.M. Dr. W. pr. Luke xxiii, 43 and administered Sacr¹ to 16 Commun^{ts}. P.M. Mr. Chan^s preached Prov. xv, 21.

5. Annihilatio Peccatorum div. perfect. repugnat. Ely 2 Resp.

6. Iracundus Furor Libertate Voluntatem privat. Sage Resp. News of the Battle at S.W. part of Barrington last Tuesday be-

¹ The complete poem with this title, by John Trumbull (Yale 1767), first appeared in 1782.

tween 130 Insurgents & 120 of the Gov^t Party; in which three persons were killed, one of the Insurg^{ts}, one of the Gov^t Party, & one of the 25 Prisoners taken at Stockbridge by the Insurgents. The Insurgents formed at New Lebanon & marched from New Canaan Monday Even^g for Pittsf^d to take a Field piece there; but hear^t it was removed that day, turned & marched into Stockbridge Tuesd^y Morn^g plundered the T^o & siez^d 25 Prisoners, took the Rode to Barrington—but find^t a Body formed at Sheff^l^d turned off below the Chh. to S.W. where they were met by Col. Ashly & 100 or 120. An Action took place—three killed—about 60 Insurg^{ts} taken & the rest dispersed. Committee of the Corpor^a fixed Commons 7 / p week.

8. Lect. Ecc. Hist^y. .Of the Puritans. Snow Storm.
9. Heb. Recit^a. Exam^t Texts in Hebrew.
10. Heb. Recit^a. Another Heb. Exercise with the Tutors.
11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. 2 Pet. i, 21. P.M. Heb. iii, 12. Read^t Origen against Celsus. . . .
12. Whether Deists ought to be admitted into Magistracy? Sen. The Assembly of N York refuse Asylum to the Massachusetts Insurgents: & Sat^y before last sent off Gov. Clinton & Suite to the County of Albany to raise the Militia to subdue & repel them in the Northern parts of that State. Vermont Assembly the same, by majority of one Vote only. Capt. Shays & 6 or 7 more were lately seen at Grand Isle in L. Champ. on their Way to Canada.
14. Quarter Day Exercises. After public Dinner in the Hall the Exercises in Chapel were by the Jun. Class.

Anthem 5'.
 Mason¹ Lat. Orat. III 24'—31'. Benedict
 Hyde } Disput^a 20', Music 3'. Chapin 2
 Chapin 2 } Hubbard
 Lothrop 3
 Woodworth Eng. Orat. 11' } Dialogue 40'

Anthem 5'. End IV^h 52' P.M.

¹ Jeremiah Mason, afterwards a distinguished lawyer. His autobiography, printed in his Life, says:—

“President Stiles had excellent talents for government; was both loved and respected, and maintained a sound discipline; a boy that would not study had an uncomfortable time of it.”

And again:—

“President Stiles's chief value consisted in his admirable powers of government. His time must have been so taken up with other duties that he could have had little for the instruction of his class.”

15. Visited to day by Gen. Tupper, a brave military Man. He assisted Gen. Shep^d in the Affair at Springf^d, & accompanied G. Lincoln in his Pursuit of Shays & Dispersion of the Insurg^{ts} at Petersh. & in the western Counties of Massachusetts. Shays & his Party arrived at the British Post of Isle aux Noix in Canada : & two hours after his Pursuivants sent by Lincoln arrived at the same Post. The command^s off. would neither protect Shays nor deliver him up. It is s^d Shays was last week 70 m. above Bennington.

16. Expounded the Confess. of Faith as usual. In Even^g I read several of Mr. Howes Sermons on the Death of Dr. Bates & others.

18. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day & heard Dr. Wales all day on 1 Jno. v, 7, the Doct. of the Trinity. Reviewing the Travels of the Israelites—& read^s Origen ag^t Celsus.

19. Whether it would be a good Policy to exchange our capital Convicts for our Captives with the Algerines? Sen. Received a Letter of 12 Ins^t from Mr. Chann^s inform^s that he had accepted a call to settle in the Min^y in the City of New London, & request^s me to preach his Ordin^a Sermon.

20. Whether the disqualifying act disfranchising the Insurg^{ts} or Rebels in Massachusetts is founded in wise Policy? Sen.

21. Heb. Recit^a.

22. Ecc. Hist. Lect. On the Puritans.

25. Ldsdy. I attended all day at Chapel A.M. Dr. Wales preached on 1 Jno. v, 7. Trinity. P.M. Dr. Edw^{ds} preached on 1 Jno. ii, 12.

Reading Nectarius the learned & pious Patriarch of Jerus^a the middle of the last century.

26. Whether two unelastic Bodies meeting, & proceed^s in the direction of the largest, the smaller Body ever stopt a moment in its Motion? No. Seniors.

27. Whether an Emmission of Paper Money would be advant^a to the State of Connecticut? Sen^{rs}.

29. Mr. Josiah Meigs A.M. formerly a Tutor of this College this day for the first time delivered a public Lecture in the College Chapel upon natural Philosophy.¹ I introduced him by first reading the following Votes, and then placing him in the Professors Chair—

¹ His subject was, The Properties of Air and the Altitude of the Atmosphere.

"At a Meet^s of the Pres^s & Fellows of Yale College in N. H. at the pub. Commenc^t Sept. 13, 1786.

Voted. "The Committee of the Corpor^s are empowered to employ such Gentlemen of Literature as they shall think best, to read Lectures on Nat. Phil. publickly in the College Chapel, the year ensuing, & to give a proper compensation for the same."

"YALE COLLEGE, March 7, 1787

"Agreeable to the Vote of the Corpor^s of the College at the last Commencem^t, We, as the Committee of the Corpor^s request and appoint Mr. Josiah Meigs to read public Lectures upon Nat. Phil. in the College Chapel, occasionally as may suit his Convenience, until next Commencement. For which he shall be paid thirty shillings a Lecture for as many Lectures as he shall exhibit within the Term aforesaid.

EZRA STILES	} Committee	
WARHAM WMS		of the
ELIZUR GOODRICH		Corpor ^s ."

April

1. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day on Philip. iii, 3. He administered the Lds. Supper—present 22 Communicants, of w^c two new ones. Reading the Patriarch Nectarius. My son Isaac came home from Toll^d last Even^g.

2. Bellum utrinque non est licitum. Gay Resp.

3. Omnes Gentes ab Adamo descenderunt. Whittelsey Resp.

5. No Lecture I being unwell. . . . Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Ball of Amity told me that in 1757 at Setauket South on L. Isld. he saw an Indian Man grown white in spots or pyed all over. He stript off his Shirt & shewed Mr. Ball his Body. The Indian had been in Health, & Sickness was not the Cause of it. But he never heard whether the Indian became white all over or not.

8. Ldsdy. Being unwell I was confined at home in the foren^o. I attended Chapel P.M. & heard Mr. Austin Ps. ciii, 19, on Gods Government: a good Sermon. Read^s Nectarius & Dionysius div. nom. . . .

9. Proxy Meeting. Read^s Commentaries of Peru.

10. Whether Deputies or Represent^s are subject to the Instructions of their Constituents? Sen^{rs}. Received M^r Barlows Vision of Columbus just printed.

11. Public Fast thro' this State. I attended at Chapel and heard D^r Wales A.M. Isai. i, 11-15. P.M. Job xxi, 15. Mr. Tutor Holmes made the first prayer this Aft. as the Dr. was let blood in the Morning, & the Orifice opened in the forenoon Exercise & discharged much Blood.

12. I exhibited my Lect. in the Chapel, being a Synopsis on Encyclopædia of Literature. Dr. Wales had another ill Turn to-day. . . .

14. Rec^d a Letter from Gov. Jefferson Ambassador dated Paris 24 Dec. ult. . . . Cap^t Leverett Hubbard, jun. died this morn^g æt. 38.

15. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day and heard Mr. Tutor Holmes on Philip. iv, 11—Contentment, all day. The Professor having had about twenty ill Turns or temporary nervous Affections since last Thursday, it was tho't advisable that he should not preach to day; altho' he attended in Chapel this Afternoon. Read^g Dionysius the Areopagite.

16. Whether it would be for the Interest of this College if civilians were joyned in the Corporation? Sen^r. Capt. Leverett Hubbards Funeral this Afternoon. D^r Wales had an ill turn to-day—rather gloomy—but at VI^h P.M. suddenly broke forth into extatic Joy & Rapture, upon Sir Perkins read^g to him D^r Grosvenor on the tender Compassion of Christ to his Crucifiers, inserted as a marginal Note in President Davies Sermon on X^s Love to Sinners.

17. Whether a Diminution of Representatives in our Assembly would be beneficial? Sen^r. D^r Wales slept none last night. His lucid & joyous State continues. Betsys Birthday.

18. On Sunday fourth of Feb^y "the Rev. Samuel Prevost D.D. Rector of Trinity Chh. in N. York and one of the Chaplains of Congress, and the Rev^d W^m White D.D. Rector of Christs Chh. & S^t Peters in Philad^a were consecrated; the former Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Chh. in the State of N. York, the latter Bishop of the Protestant Episc^o Chh. in the State of Pensylvania. The Solemnity was pformed at Lambeth Palace by the Most Reverend D^r Moore Lord ABp. of Canterbury, Primate of all England, assisted by the most Reverend D^r Markham, L^d ABp. of York, Primate of England & L^d high Almoner to the King, and by the Right Reverend D^r Moss L^d Bp. of Bath & Welles, and the R^t Rev^d D^r Hinchliffe, L^d Bp. of Peterborough."

Lett. fr. Lond. dat. Feb. 6. 1787.

They arrived at New York Apr. 8, 1787.

This begins (not the protestant) but Chh. of England Episcopacy in the United States. For the protestant Moravians have had protestant Bps. here these 30 years. About 1718 or 1724. there were two Non Juring Bps. of the Chh. of Engl. in Jersey & Pen-

sylv^a but neither of them ever exercised their Function here. Bp. Seabury was consecrated by Non Juror Bps. Now D^r White & D^r Prevost are of English Derivation from those allowed to be regular Bps. in the Chh. in Engld. Henceforward I suppose all consecrations will proceed from them. Perhaps they may associate & legitimate D^r Seabury. . . .

19. Yesterday I received from Edinburg two Letters & four Packages of Books, one for Col. W^{ms}, one for D^r Bell^r & 2 for College Library. Mr. Meigs delivered another philosophical Lecture—the Philosophy of Winds. D^r Wales was at Lecture.

20. Dr. W. had no ill Turns yesterday nor to day.

22. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day on Jno. xiv, 16, on the Trinity, part^y the Divinity & Influences of the third Person in the Godhead. Reading a French Author, "Conjectures sur les Memoires originaux dont il paroît que Moÿse s'est servi pour composer le Livre de la Genese."

23. Whether the public Securities ought to be paid at their nominal value? Seniors.

24. Whether without an original Revelation Mankind would probably have investigated the Being of God? Sen^{rs}. Died Mr. Michael Baldwin of this city æt. 68.

25. Writing Ordin^a Sermon.

26. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lect. and attended Mr. Bs. Funeral . .

27. Rode over to Mr. Willistons for Leisure to write sermon.

29. Ldsdy. At West Haven I preached all day for Mr. Williston.

30. Whether an unregenerate Man may go into the Min^y? Sen.

May

1. Whether Hypotheses tend to the Advancement of Literature, or the Improv^t of the Mind in Knowledge? Sen. Finished reading the Rev^d Henry Mayo, LL.D. of London in Answer to Rev^d Mr. Newton's Reproaches of the dissent^r Interest. A sensible & learned Performance. Col. Humphry this day left this City for the General Meeting of the Cincinnati at Philadelphia next week. This day Elijah Battiss agreed to live with me a year for £16 as a Servant.

2. Begun the Examin^a of the Classes this day. The Rev^d Dr. Salter of Mansf^d died there the 14th Inst. æt. 65. Mr. Herschel has lately discovered two Satellites around his new discovered Planet.

3. Continued Exam. Jun. Class. Read^s Gov. Jeffersons Notes on Virginia.

4. Exam. Soph. Class. Orchards in Bloom. I received a Letter from Mr. Morse dated Midway in Georgia 30 March, wherein he resigns the Tutorship, having rec^d three calls to settle in the Min^y in the Southern States. He informs me that the Rev. Heidek, a lately converted Jew Rabbi, is gone from Charlest^o S^o Car^o to convert the Cherokees to Christianity; hav^s a Belief that the Amer. Indians are the Ten Tribes of the Hebrews.

5. Finished the Examin^a of all the Classes. This Afternoon Mr. Salter Brother of the late D^r Salter, delivered me a Deed in which the D^r in 1781 made a Donation to Yale College of a House & 200 Acres Land, worth 5 to £700. for a Hebrew Professor.

6. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. D^r Wales preached all day on Luke xiv, 22, & yet there is Room. Mr. Tutor Fitch & Mr. Tutor Denison were publickly admitted into the College Chh. & sat down at the Lds. Table with us, the Sacrament being now administered—Commun^{t^s} present 23. D^r W. communicated the Letter missive from the Chh. at New London ask^s assist^a in the Ordin^a of Mr. Channing on the 17th Ins^t the 'Rev^d Mr. Tutor Holmes was chosen the Delegate.

7. Vacation begins. This day Deans Examination when Roswel Judson Sen. Soph. was publickly exam^d 2 hours A.M. & 2^h P.M. in Greek & Lat. viz. Greek Test., Homers Iliad., Xenophons Cyropæd., Horace, Cic. de Orat. & Tusc. Quæst.—and approved & elected.

This day I rec^d from Paris a Letter & Packet from the Marquis de Chastellux dated 30 Mar. with a copy of the 2^d Edit. of his American Travels. General Chastellux, while the French Army was in winter Quarters travelled several parts of N^o America from Virginia to New Hampshire in 1780, 1781, 1782. He printed his Travels in 2 Volumes in 1786. I received the Volumes of Col^o Humphry & read them last Winter. . . .

8. I set out on a Journey for Hartf^d¹ in company with D^r Wales. Lodged at Mr. Huntingtons in Middletown.

10. ELECTION at Hartford. D^r Goodrich preached Ps. . . .

Gov. Huntington chosen Gov. L^t Gov. Wolcott had not a Majority of Votes, but was confirmed by the Assembly next day. The rest of the Council as last year.

11. At V^h P.M. I attended a Meet^s of the Connect. Society of

¹ A few notes from the Itinerary of this journey are inserted in the text.

Arts & Sciences instituted in May last year. L^t Governor Wolcott President. I was elected one of the four Correspond^s Secretaries. About 20 Members present. There belong to about 47 Residing Members within this State & perhaps 30 honorary & foreign members.

13. Ldsdy. At Windsor I preached all day for Mr. Hinsdale.

14. Visited Judge Elsworth. Conversed with Lieut. Bissel just from Ohio. Dined Rev. Mr. M^cCluers E. Windsor. Cloudy & showery.

15. Glassenbury at Hollisters VIII^b, Th. 56. Colchester noon 67. At Allens in Mont Ville formerly N. Lond. N^o Society at X, Aur^o Bor.

16. VIII^b Th. 54. Fair as yest^y but still Wind NE and as Orchards in full Blossom, fear least Fruit endangered in setting or Impregn^a of male & female parts of the Blossoms. Rode into N. Lond. accompanied with eight Gent. who came out 3 miles to meet & conduct me into Town, an unthought of Honor. Dined at Mr. Shaws & there found Messrs. Channings fr. Rh. Isl^d. An Eccl. Council met and examined & approved Mr. Channing.

17. Attended & preached at the Ordination of the Rev. Henry Channing late Tutor of Yal. Coll. Mr. Parsons of E. Haddam began with Prayer, Mr. Hart made the ord^s prayer, Mr. Wales the Charge, Mr. Strong of Norw. the R^t Hand, Mr. Patten the conclud^s Prayer. Bp. Seabury was invited to dine with the Council & in Town but refused to be present.

18. I left N. London in comp^s with Mr. Patten for Norwich. At Mohegan 5 miles off of Norw. we called on the Rev^d Sampson Occam, who tells me there are but thirty families of Indians of the Mohegan Tribe now liv^s there upon their 4000 Acres Land, & perhaps half dozen scattered elsewhere.

20. Ldsdy. At Andover I preached all day for Mr. Lockw^d & partook of the Sacram^t with his Chh. Perhaps 80 Communicants.

21. Mr. Lockw^d accompanied me to Mansfield, by Direction of the Committee & Majority of the Corpor^a of Y. C. present at Election, to view the Farm lately given by Rev. D^r Salter for endow^s a Hebrew Professorship in Yale College. We found it 200 Acres, of w^o 150 cleared—House, Barn, & Orch^d æt. 20. It lies two miles east fr. Dr. Salter's meet^s House.

22. We waited on Madam Salter yesterday on first coming into Town and pd. our Condolence to her. Lodged with Squire Salter last night. He was very respectful & obliging. Mr. Lockwood

parted. I dined in Coventry. Left care of Farm with Mr. Salter. Rode to Tolland & saw my son. Rev. Nathan W^m & I formed a Char. for D^r Salter for Prints. Dined at Hunts in N^o Bolton. Visited Dr. W^m at E. Hartf^d.

23. Rode into Hartf^d, call^s on D^r Eliph^a W^m. Hear that the 4 Convicts in Mass^a are respited one month.

25. Detained at Hartf^d in a Storm. We have made up M^r Lockwoods Subscript. for a Phil. Apparatus at College to within £25 of £300.

27. Ldsdy. At Cheshire I preached all day for Rev^d Mr. Foot. A large Congregation.

28. Returned to New Haven. This Even^s I set up College Orders.

29. Whether Amer. was peopled from Asia? Sen. Rev^d Mr. Lockwood of Andover at my house.

30. Seniors resumed Locke. Last Thursday were three Ordinations—Mr. King at Chelsea, Norwich—Mr. Willard at Wilbraham—Mr. Smith at Darby great Hill.¹

31. I gave my Lect. on Ecc. Hist^y, viz. beginning the American Churches. The Hon. Ab^m Baldwin Delegate of Congress for Georgia visited me—& also Mr. Erkelens who shewed me the Process for reducing Cobalt to Smalt, so that one Ton of Cobalt, with pulverized Flints & Potash will produce Eighteen Tons of Smalt, worth 2/ ster p pound. The Mountain, called Gov. Winthrops Ring, abounds with it, & Mr. Erkelins owns it, about 1800 acres. He is going to carry Twenty Tons to China.

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened at New London by Letters missive from the Congregational Church & Society in said Town for the Purpose of Ordaining Mr. Henry Channing to the Pastoral Office & committing to him the Charge of s^d Chh. & Society, May 16, 1787.

Elders	Present	Delegates
Rev ^d D ^r Ezra Stiles Presid. of Yale Coll.		Rev. Abiel Holmes
Rev ^d D ^r Sam ^l Wales S. T. P. at the Coll.		Gen ^l Jn ^o Tyler
Rev. Mess ^{rs} Levi Hart		Deacon Simon Huntington
Aaron Kinné		Mr. Israel Champion
Elijah Parsons		Mr. Sam ^l Edgcombe
Achilles Mansfield		Deacon Jos. Chester
Joseph Strong		Mr. Job. Bissel
Rozel Cook		
William Patten		

¹ These ministers were, Walter King (Yale 1782), Joseph Willard (Harvard 1784), and Abner Smith (Harvard 1770).

The Rev. D^r Stiles was chosen Moderator & Elijah Parsons, Scribe.

Prayer to the Father of Lights was first of all attended and offered by the Moderator.

The Invit^a both of the Chh.¹ & Society desiring Mr. Channing to settle with them in the Work of the Min⁷ was read together with Mr. Chan^s Answer declar^s his Acceptance.

After full Examin^a had of Mr. Chan^s concern^s his Knowledge Faith & Experience in Christianity, the Question was put, Whether this Council approve of him as a Person well qualified for the Office of a Gospel Minister, and will accordingly proceed to Ordain him to morrow at eleven o'clock? Voted in the Affirmative unanimously.

The Rev^d President being previously engaged to preach the Sermon, it was Voted that the Assignment of the other parts of religious & public Exercises be in the following Order.

Mr. Mansf^d to make the introductory Prayer

Mr. Hart . . . the ordaining Prayer

D^r Wales to give the Charge

Mr. Strong the R¹ Hand of Fellowship

Mr. Patten to offer the Concluding Prayer.

Voted to adjourn till to morrow Morn^s at IX o'clock. May 17th the Council met accord^s to adjournment and proceeded to consecrate Mr. Channing to the Work of the Gospel Ministry by Solemn Prayer, and by Laying on of the Hands of the Rev. Mess^{rs} Stiles, Wales, Hart, Parsons and Strong, committing to his Charge the pastoral Care of s^d Chh & Society.

EZRA STILES Moderator.

Attest ELIJAH PARSONS Scribe

Copied from the Original.

The Exercises in this ordain^s Solemnity

XI^h 15, A.M. Result read by the Scribe.

An Anthem.

XI. 22 . . . Prayer by Mr. Mansf^d—ended XI. 35'
Singing 132^d Ps. 1, 2, & 4. Tate & Brady.

XI. 47 . . . Sermon Acts xx, 24 begun by E. S.

I. 36 . . . End Sermon

I. 38 . . . Imposition of Hands, & ordain^s Prayer by Mr. Hart.

II. 2 . . . End of Charge by D^r Wales.

. . . R¹ Hand by Mr. Strong.

II. 15 . . . End Prayer by M^r Patten
an Anthem }

II. 17 . . . Blessing } by Bp. Channing

Three Hours & two Minutes.

On 30th May 1787 New Haven County Association met and examined five Candidates for the Ministry, viz. Mess^{rs} Perkins, Hale,

¹ By a note of Dr. Stiles it appears that the church then consisted of "ten males and about forty sisters."

Clinton, Collins & Stone.¹ There has been a great want of Candidates heretofore; but a greater Supply of late—not eno' however to supply half the Vacancies in the Chhs.

By a Numeration of the City of Hartford A. D. 1786, there were found 250 Dwelling houses in the Bounds of the City.

N ^o side Bridge	190
S ^o D ^o & scatter ^s	60

June

1. Writing Letters. Began the Transcript of my Sermon. Received a Letter from Richard Jackson Esq. LL.D. of London formerly Agent for Connecticut.² Mr. Erkelens visited me, full of his Cobalt Mine & China Voyage. He some years ago bought the *Governors Ring*, as it is called, or a Mountain in the N.W. corner of East Haddam, comprehend^s about 800 acres or above a sq. mile area. Here he finds plenty of Cobalt, which he manufactures into *Smalt*, with w^e is made the beautiful Blue on china Ware. One Ton of Ore is manufact. into eighteen, viz. 1 part Ore 3 p^{ts} Flints & 3 p^{ts} potash—and repeat^s this on the Regulus. The Smalt is worth 2/ ster. p pound, in Holland brot from China. But at 1/ it will become £100 p Ton. So 1 Ton Ore become £ 1800. sterl^s.

Gov^r Trumbull has often told me that this was the Place to which Gov. Winthrop of N. Lond. used to resort with his Servant; and after spend^s three Weeks in the Woods of this Mountain in roast^s Ores & assaying Metals & casting gold Rings, he used to return home to N. Lond. with plenty of Gold. Hence this is called the Gov. Winthrop's Ring to this day. Gov. Winthrop was an Adept, in intimate Correspond. with Sir Knelm Digby and first chemical & philosophical Characters of the last Century—as may be seen in the Dedic^a of 40th Vol. Phil. Transactions 1740.

Mr. Erkelens about 1775 being a Projector, erected a Distillery in Had. 6 m. fr. Middlet^o, on a Stream descend^s from this Mountain

¹ All these were recent graduates of Yale :—David Hale and Samuel Perkins in 1785, Isaac Clinton, Aaron C. Collins, and William Stone in 1786.

² Dr. Stiles was introduced to Mr. Jackson as a correspondent in 1761 by the Rev. Jared Eliot of Killingworth. Jackson was originally a dissenter, and about 1753 or 1754 bought through Mr. Eliot a farm in Kent, Conn. This was one additional cause of his being appointed Agent for the Colony in 1760, on the recommendation of Dr. Franklin and Jared Ingersoll. He died in London on May 6, 1787.

—he also purchased the Cobalt Mine there. He has been at £2000. ster. Expence to no Profit. He is going on a Voyage to China, carrying with him 20 Tons Cobalt Ore.

2. I rode to Northford, Mr. W^m's labor^s of the Calculus.

3. Ldsdy. I preached all day for the Rev. Warham W^m's.

4. Decreta divina non tollunt Literatam Creaturæ. Resp. Bishop.

5. Jus Regum non est jure divino hæreditarium. Resp. Rayn^{da}.

6. On friday 25th May 7 States being present in Phil^a the Convention formed & elected his Excell^y G. Washington President, & W^m Jackson Secr^y. This federal Convention embosoms some of the most sensible & great Characters in America; all of them excellent. Five Governors, Langdon, Frank., Dick., Randolph, Lawrence—of whom Frank. & Randolph now in Office.

7. Ecc. Hist. Lecture in the Chapel.

10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M. on Rev. i, 18, and administered the Sacram^t—present 25. P.M. Ephes. i, 11, Decrees.

11. Whether any Thing contradictory to Reason is to be found in the Scriptures? Seniors.

12. Whether it would be good Policy to pardon the Massachusetts Convicts? Sen^{rs}. Dr. W— ill turn.

13. Quarter day Exhibitions.

14. No Lect.

15. The Seniors finished 2^d Vol. Locke this day.

16. Rode to Amity. Lodged at Squire Darlings.

17. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Amity.

18. Still absent at Mr. Darling's transcrib^s Ord. Sermon. Professor Wales moderated at Seniors Disputation.

19. Whether the States acted wisely in send^g Delegates to the Gen. Convention now sitting at Philadelphia? Sen^{rs}.

On 23^d ult. was held a Commenc^t at Wash. Coll. in Maryl^d when the Deg. of A.B. was conferred on 13, & A.M. on 3.

One of the Quest. was that of Quintilian, Utrum Pueri utilius domi an in Scholis erudiantur?

20. Senior Class begun to recite President Claps Ethics.

21. Mr. Meigs read a philosophic Lect. in Chapel upon Fluids, Hydraulics & Hydrostatics . . .

22. This day I began to instruct the Freshman Class in Hebrew. Yesterday was the fatal day appointed for the Execution of the

State Criminals in Massachusetts, viz 2 in Berkshire, 2 in Hamp. & 1 in Worcester Counties. But last Friday the 2 Convicts in Berk. escaped Gaol. It is doubtful whether the other will be pardoned by Gov. Hancock. Should none be executed, Government is not established & the matter will be all to be disputed over again by the Sword; but if only one sh^d be executed, the point is settled.

24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Dr. Wales preached on Rev. iv, 11. P. M. Mr. Austin preached Prov. xvii, 4. I propounded Sam^l Sturges Sen^r Soph. & Giles Hooker Cowles Sophomore, for admission into full Communion; & notified the Sacrament next Ldsdy.

25. Whether personal Happiness is the highest Principle of moral Action? Seniors. The Criminals at Northampton last Thursday were reprieved at the Gallows till 2 Aug.

26. Whether the late numerous Divisions of Towns in this State be good Policy? Sen^r. Sent my Sermon to the Press.

27. Read^s Mons. J. P. Brissot de Warville his Examen of Chastellux's Travels in America. . . This Aft. I attended the sacramental Lect. at Mr. Austins Chh, & heard him preach. Present 5 Ministers.

28. D^r Wales was to have exhibited a theological Lecture this Afternoon; but being taken unwell of one of his ill Turns, I gave my Lecture on Eccl. History. My son Isaac returned to Tolland to day.

July

1. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. D^r Wales preached admitted 2 Students, Sturges, Sen. Soph. & Cowles Jun. Soph. into full Communion; & administered the sacram^t of the Lds Supper—present 21 Communicants. P.M. Rev. Mr. Tutor Holmes preached Jn^o i, 5.

2. The Rev^d Manasseh Cutler of Ipswitch visited us. He is a great Botanist, & is travell^s on to Philad^a to inspect all Vegetables & Plants in their State of Flowering, with the View of pfecting his Publication upon Indigenous American Plants ranged into Classes, Genera, & Species according to the sexual or Linnæan System.¹

¹ Dr. Cutler's Diary, published in his Life, gives an entertaining account (vol. 1, pp. 216-21) of this visit. The real object of his journey was the purchase of lands for the Ohio Company, and in this connection he secured the passage of the great organic law for the government of the Northwest Territory.

3. Duellum non est licitum. Kibbe, Resp.

4. Annivers^y of INDEPENDENCE celebrated in New Haven. Between XI & XII a Procession was formed from the Court House (by Desire of the Committee for Celebration) by the Scholars preceded by the two City Sheriffs, then the Citizens, Common Council Men, Aldermen (Mayor abs. at Philad^a Convention) & the Clergy viz. Mess^{rs} Whitt^y, Street, Wales, Edw^{ds}, Holmes, Austin & myself. Being seated in the Meetinghouse, I being desired by the Committee presided, gave XVIIIth Ps. Watts: then I made a Prayer of Thanksgiv^e 20'; then sang Ps. 73. Then hav^e been previously desired to do so covered my head with my Hat, and called up the Orator viz. David Daggett Esq. who made an excellent Anniversary Oration¹ of fourty Minutes. Closed with an Anthem. Dined with about 100 Gent. in the State House.

5. Mr. Meigs delivered a phil. Lect. in the Chapel upon Optics.

7. I rode over to Branford.

8. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Atwater, he preaching at Northford for Mr. Williams ill of a Calculus.

9. Rode to North Haven. Returned home.

10. Whether a public Education is to be preferred to a private one? Sen^{rs}. Review^s Commenc^t Theses.² Read^e Milne's Botanical Dict^y & study^e Botany.

12. Rode out 18 Chaises on a Party to Oyster River & met an agreeable Comp^s from Milford. 'Fête Champetre.'

13. Seniors finished recit^e President Claps Ethics.

Mr. Meigs gave a pub. Lect. on Astronomy. In the Even^e a great Aur^o Bor.

14. Great Aur^o Bor. again this Even^e. Between XI & XII my Daughter Betsy in open air heard a whizzing Sound attend^e the Flashings of the Auroral Streams.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day A.M. Gen. i, 26, 27. P.M. from 1 Cor. x, 31. Present 120 or 130 Undergraduates and a Number of others, as D^r Edw^{ds} is at Walling^{fd} & his Meet^es destitute.

16. Whether more Happiness or Misery in human Life? Sen^{rs}. In Afternoon attended a Rehearsal of the Syllogistic Disput^a for Commencm^t. 4 Respond^{ts} & their Opponents.

¹ This was afterwards published.

² In his College Memoranda under this date, Dr. Stiles says: I agreed with the Printer for 1000 Theses at £7, and the Catalogues (1500) at £23.

17. Whether we ought to prefer the Happiness of others to the final Happiness of ourselves? or whether we ought to love another better than ourselves? Sen^r. After Disput^a I bid Farewell to the Senior Class, after directing them to present themselves in the Chapel this Afternoon as Candidates to be examined by the Professor, Tutors & Graduates in order to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

18. EXAMINATION. Yesterday Aft. the Candidates were examined in Greek & Latin, in English Grammar, Rhetoric, and Geography;—This forenoon in Logic, Math., as Algebra &c, Nat. Phil. & Astron^y, Metaphysics, Ethics, & History. All the Class present being 55 in Number. The Examiners retired & voted by themselves, & indorsed the Approved Candidates upon the Diploma Examinatorium. At Noon was the public Presentation of 55 Candidates in the Library. After Dinner in the Hall the follow^g Exercises were exhibited in the Chapel crouded with a brilliant Assembly of Gentlemen & Ladies.

Anthem III^h 36'-43.

Diploma Exam. & Acta, read by the Vice Bedellus.

Cliosopic Oration by Sir Moss III, 51—IV^h 12'

Dialogue IV^h 13'-35', by Sir Beardsly,

Sir Sheldon, Sir Kibbe, Sir Sherman, Sir Cook.

Anthem 124 Ps. IV, 37-41

Valedict^y Orat. Lat. Stiles IV. 41'-V^h 4'

Mr. Tutor Fitch's Address 27'

Anthem & End V^h 35'.

11 Ministers present

19. No Lecture. Writing Letters to Europe.

20. Visited Rev. Mr. Whitt^y in a low & dangerous State. Writing Letters &c. Heb. Recit^a of Freshmen.

List of Books sent to D^r Jn^o Erskine of Edinburgh.

D^r Goodrichs Elect. Serm.

D^o Ordin^a Mr. Newton

D^o Ord. his son

D^o Install^a Mr. Boardman

Patten's Thanks^r Sermon

D^r Seabury Charge 1786

Harts Ord. Serm.—Mr. Holmes

Belknaps Sermon

Sherman—God not Author of Sin

Devotions Sermon fun. Mr. Hart.

D^r Dana's Elect Serm.

Marsh's Thanksg. D^o.

Harts Ord. Sermon, Mr. Patten

Channings D^o

Smally D^o on Salvation by Grace

West on Atonement

21. Sent the above Pacquet to the Care of M^r Jn^o Tomson Merch^t N York, & notified D^r Erskine to send Letters & Parcels to him or Mr. Coffin Jones¹ at Boston. I dined at Mr. Platts in Comp^a with College Officers; visited Mr. Whitt^y in a low state. Rode to Northf^d.

22. Ldsdy. I preached at Northford for Mr. Williams who labours of the Stone or Gravel. Heavy Thunder Storm at night.

23. Returned to College. Heb. Recit^a Freshman Class. Visited & prayed with Mr. Whitt^y given over by his Physicians.

24. This Foren. I prayed again with the Rev^d Mr. Chauncy Whittelsey, who deceased at X^b 19' A.M. æt. 70, Min. 30. He was born at Wallingford Oct. 1717 O S. the 2^d Son of the Rev^d Sam^l Whittelsey: was educated at Yale College where he graduated 1738. In 1739 elected Tutor at the Accession of President Clap, & continued in the Tutorship to great Acceptance as an universal Scholar till 1745. He began to preach in 1740. In 1745 he went into Trade, preach^s occasionally, till March 1758 when he was ordained Collegue Pastor with the Rev. Mr. Noyes in this City. Here he has labored in the Min^y about thirty years. He was a good classic Scholar, and a Gentleman of extensive Learning, of Urbanity & social Manners, of Virtue, Piety & every way an excellent Character. I saw him die.

25. I am preparing a funeral Sermon.

26. Funeral of the Reverend Mr. Whittelsey. I directed & ordered the Students to attend & walk together, as Mr. W— had been 6 years Tutor. At II^h P.M. the three Bells in T rang, the Brick, D^r Edw^{da} & College. At III. we repaired to the House of Mourning. At III½ the Procession moved: consisting of the College the freshman Class lead^s, succeeded by the rest of the Undergraduates, by the Graduates & Tutors Fitch, Holmes & Denison. Then followed 14 Ministers, viz. Rev. Mess^{rs} Birdsy & Stiles, Street, Ball, Hubbard E, Williston, Trumbull, Wales, Edwards, Lockwood, Noyes of Norfield, Noyes of Wallingf^d, Tutor Holmes, Austin. Then the Church Members of the first Chh. Then the Bearers, the most respectable Gent. of the City, as the Hon. Judge Sherman, the Justices, the Deacons of the 3 Chhs in T^o with the Corps—succeeded by the Chief Mourner the Widow Relict supported by Mr. Chauncy Whitt^y son of the deceased & the other seven Children, a Brother Mr. Elisha Whitt^y & a Sister the Lady

¹ John Coffin Jones was a leading merchant of Boston.

of the Rev^d D^r Dana, with the rest of the Mourners—then the Men & Women closed the Procession. The whole City was Assembled. The Procession reach the Brick Meet^h. tow^{ds} IV^h, & the Corps was deposited in the Alley before the Pulpit. The Assembly being composed the solemnity began with singing the Funeral Thought performed by the Singers of all the Congregations in T^o collected in the foreseat of the three Galleries. Precisely at IV^h the Rev^d Mr. Ball began Prayer which was 17'. I then gave forth the 89th Ps. as 113th Watts. At IV.25', I delivered a funeral Sermon on Matt. xxv, 20, 21. Ended V.25' so an Hour precisely. I added a Prayer 2'—an Anthem out of the Revelations was sung—and V.32' the Blessing. Then the Procession moved & the Corps carried and deposited (amid a numerous Concourse) in a Grave on the Ground behind the Pulpit. We accompanied the Mourners home. The Ministers engaged to supply the Pulpit each his Sabbath for the Benefit of the Widow. D^r Wales had three light Fits to day. He was otherwise to have prayed at the Funeral.

27. Betsy went to Hartfd. I visited Madam Whittelsey. Mr. Tutor Denison heard the Fresh. Class in Hebrew.

29. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. A.M. D^r Edwards preached Heb. xii, 14. P.M. Sir Perkins middle Bachelor of Arts preached Mat. v, 7. This Even^g the Reverend Mr. Cutler visited me return^g from Philad^a. He brought me a Letter from D^r Franklin, in which he enumerates the Academies of Sciences in Europe to which our Connect. Society may address themselves. He inclosed a Copy or Duplicate of it as a Specimen of Copying Letters with facility & Dispatch by tak^g them off in a Rolling Press within 24 hours of their being written.¹ D^r Franklin also sent me the 2^d Vol. of the Transactions of the Philad^a Society just published. D^r Dana preached in Town to day a funeral Sermon for Mr. Whittelsey.

30. Concluded to send for Enfields Nat. Philosophy just printed for the Junior Class to recite next year instead of Martin.

31. Heb. Recitation. Finished read^g Dr. S. Stanhope Smiths Tract on the different Colors &c. of Nations. . . .

August

1. Attended Sacr^t Lect. at Dr. Edw^{ds} Meet^g. He preached.
2. I delivered my Eccl. Hist. Lecture in the Chapel.

¹ Dr. Cutler's account of this visit is printed in his Life, vol. 1, pp. 312-13. On an earlier page (269) is his account of Franklin's copying-press.

3. Heb. Recitation, Freshman Class.
5. Ldsdy. I attended & heard D^r Wales at Chapel all day. A.M. He preached on Mal. iv, 2, & admin^d the Sacraments, present 17 Communicants, of which 3 Tutors, & only 6 Undergraduates. P.M. Ps. cvii. Providence.
6. Heb. Recit^a. The Committe^e of Mr. Whitt^r's Congreg^a waited upon me for a Copy of my fun. Sermon for the press.
7. Prepar^e the College Catalogue & Theses for the Press. Sent off both to the Press. And set on an Excursion to Harwinton. Lodged at Squire Darlings in Amity.
8. Rode to Northbury, visited Rev^d Mr. Waterman¹ Pastor-Elect, Col. Smith & Major Wright.
9. Rode to Col. Wilsons in Harwinton. Viewed my Farm, & returned to Northbury, spent Even^s with Mr. Waterman & lodged at Col. Smiths. His Shop trades £2000. p ann.
10. Col. Smith rode with me 4 M. tow^{ds} Farmingb^y, where I dined & visited Rev. Mr. Gillet who was ordained Dec. 29, 1773, his Chh. gathered Nov. 18, 1773—20 Brethren & 17 Sisters.²

Rev. Mess^{rs} Hopkins, West, Amzi Lewis, Fowler & some few other New Div^y Gent. are begin^s to hold that the Faith of Parents in the act of baptismal Dedication ensures Grace & real Holiness to baptized Children. Rev^d Mess. Sanf^d, B^r in law of Mr. Hopk., Emmons, Smally & some others are begin^s to concur with Mr. Bacon in deny^s a real vicarious Suffering in Christs Atonement.³ They hold Atonem^t but deny it in the Orthodox & Calvinistic Sense. Mess. Hopkins & West &c differ from them & hold the Atonem^t in the just Scriptural Sense. The New Div^y Gent. are getting into Confusion & run^s into different sentiments. They are generally giving up the Doctrine of *Imputation* both in *Original Sin* & *Justification*. They are dropping & leaving off the Diction of

¹ Simon Waterman (Yale 1759), who was installed in Northbury Society (now Plymouth) three weeks later.

² Alexander Gillet (Yale 1770), was pastor in Farmingbury, now Wolcott.

³ Most of these here named were Yale graduates, viz., Samuel Hopkins (1741), David Sanford and Stephen West (1755), John Smalley (1756), Nathanael Emmons (1767), Amzi Lewis (1768), Abraham Fowler (1775); John Bacon was graduated at Princeton in 1765.

The information in these paragraphs was obtained (as appears by Dr. Stiles's notes in his Itinerary) in conversations with the Rev. Abraham Fowler, of Salem, now Naugatuck, and the Rev. Amos Chase (Dartmouth Coll. 1780), of Litchfield South Farms, now Morris.

“Love to Being in general” as describ^s the Nat. of Holiness; & some of them reced^s from disinterested Benev^o are going into the Idea that all holy Motive operates as terminating in personal Happiness, while others are still willing to be damned for the Glory of G^d & the good of the Universe. I hope their further Reflexions and Disquisitions, will more & more correct some of the singular Heureka^s of w^c they have been so fond. Several of them begin to think, that notwithstand^s a supposed Increase of Guilt under Light & convictions of Common Grace, it is however more desirable that their Families & Flocks shd be under Concern & Awaken^{ed} & in the Use of means, rather than careless, unconcerned & abandoned to Sin. They begin to say that, like some Plans in Politics, the new div^y scheme looks well indeed on Paper, but does not succeed so well as to Practice or when they come to act upon it. They perceive some of the Pillars are removed & others shaken or falling; Presid^t Edw^{ds} has been dead 29 y. or a generation; D^r Bell^y is broken down both body & mind with a paralytic Shock, & can dictate & domineer no more; Mr. Hopk. still continues, but past his Force, hav^e been somewhat affected by a Fit & nervous Debilitation; Mr. West is declin^e in Health, & besides was never felt so strong Rods as the others. It has been the Ton to direct Students in div^y these 30 y. past or a Gener^a to read the Bible, Presid^t Edw^{ds}, D^r Bell^y & Mr. Hopkins Writings—& this was a pretty good Sufficiency of Read^e. Now the younger Class, but yet in full vigor suppose they see further than these Oracles, & are disposed to become Oracles themselves & wish to write Theology & have their own Books come into Vogue. The very New Div^y Gent. say they pceive a Disposition among several of their Brethren to struggle for Preheminence—part^y D^r Edw^{ds}, Mr. Trumbul, Mr. Judson, Mr. Smally, Mr. Spring, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Strong of Hartford, Mr. Dwight, Mr. Emmons, &c.¹ They all want to be Luthers. But they will none of them be equal to those strong Reasoners Presid^t Edw^{ds} & Mr. Hopkins. If Health permit D^r Wales or Mr. Backus, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Chann^e, & pphs others

¹ Dr. Jonathan Edwards (Princeton 1765), of New Haven; Benjamin Trumbull (Yale 1759), of North Haven; Ephraim Judson (Yale 1763), of Taunton, Mass.; John Smalley (Yale 1756), of New Britain; Samuel Spring (Princeton 1771), of Newburyport, Mass.; William Robinson (Yale 1773), of Southington; Nathan Strong (Yale 1769); Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769), of Greenfield Hill; Nathanael Emmons (Yale 1767), of Franklin, Mass.

not yet born may bear away the Palm. When Mr. Whitfield died 1770 about a doz. or 20 set out to be his successors & struggled for his Eminence, but proved dying & extinguished Lights. None could ever equal him in that wherein he excelled & exceeded all Men. Geniuses never imitate. Imitation may rise to someth^s above laudable & very useful Mediocrity, but can never reach Originality. How many Philosophers have imitated Newton, but none of his numerous Followers & Imitators could ever write his Principia. What Epic Poet has reached Homer or Milton? Presid^t Edw^{ds} valuable Writings in another Gener^a will pass into as transient Notice perhaps scarce above Oblivion, as Willard or Twiss, or Norton; and when Posterity occasionally comes across them in the Rubbish of Libraries, the rare Characters who may read & be pleased with them, will be looked upon as singular & whimsical, as in these days an Admirer of Suarez, Aquinas or Dionysius Areopagita.

12. Ldsdy. I attended at the Coll. Chapel all day and heard the Rev^d Mr. Stebbins of Stratf^d, A.M. 1 Kings xiv, 13, P.M. Luke xvi, 31. The Professor exchanged with him. Read^s Mr. Sergeants Life, & Justin Martyrs Tripho.

13. Heb. Recit^a Freshmen. In N. York Morn^s Post 9 Aug^t is a Specimen of Virulence against my funeral Sermon for Mr. Whitelsey.

“Extract of a Lett. from a *foreigner* in New Haven to his Friend in this City dated Aug. 1.—The follow^s Paragraph from one of the Papers in this City, may Serve as a specimen of the hyperbolic marvellous of the Puritans of the East. On thursday last the Remains of the Rev^d Chauncy Whitt^v who died on Tuesd^y the 24th ult. in the 70th y. of his age & 30th of his Min^y were interred &c^t—(with an Extract from D^r Dana’s Char. of Mr. Whitt^v in the Prints)—and then follows what is pointed at me.—“I attended this Funeral, & at the Brick Meet^shouse, the place of Interrment, a fulsome Farrago of Nonsense, called here a funeral Sermon, was belched forth by one of the crop-eared Brethren, generally designated among the *Devout* by the Name of pious Ezra: This curious Eulogium consisted of the most personal adulation to the deceased, bordering even on impiety, the whole well larded with texts of scripture, which were haled in by the head & shoulders at every other sentence, whether applicable or not.” Licet et ab Hoste doceri.

15. Heb. Recitations. Mr. Meigs’s Lectures are very agreeable, but they interfere with his Business¹ & he declines proceed^s in them.

¹ He was a practicing lawyer and Clerk of the City of New Haven, as well as editor of the *New Haven Gazette*.

16. Eccl. Hist. Lecture. This Morn^s Dr. Wales had a Turn. Rec^d from Mr. Chan^s of N. London a Copy of my Ord. Sermon just printed.

17. Heb. Recitation. The 10th Ins^t I rec^d Letters from London & Paris, Gov. Jefferson & Col. Trumbull the Painter. Gov. Jefferson sent me 2 Volumes of the *Bibliothèque Oeconomique*. He informs that Abbe has made a Speculum of a Telescope with Platina, whose reflect^s Power is nearly or quite equal to the common metallic specula of Telescopes, with this Advant^a that the Platina Speculum will not tarnish or receive Rust more than Gold:—that an Artist at Paris presented him a polished Copper Plate, on which the Gov. wrote a Sentence, and in three Quarters of an hour the Artist bro't him a hundred Copies so well executed, that if he had written his Name it might have been applied to a Number of Bonds, and he shd have acknowledged & owned the signature:—that Pictures are now taken off from others copy^s exactly not only the Outlines but the Colors without damaging the Originals: which appeared to him so like Creation that he shd not have believed it had he not seen it. He says Col. Trumbull bro't to Paris 2 Pictures or Paintings admired by the Connaisseurs, & that he is excellent in this Art. The Gov. supposes Asia peopled from America.

18. Thursday last Cap^t Todd presented me with four Specimens of Negro Writing in Arabic, written by four Negro Slaves in Trinidad in the West Indies, who were brought from the Foulie Nation in Africa, five days from the Sea Coast. I find I can read it, it being written in fair Arabic Characters. . . Two of them are Mahometans & two Pagans, but all educated to write the Arabic.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. A.M. Rev^d Tutor Holmes preached an excellent Sermon Prov. xvi, 25. P.M. Sir Perkins preached 1 Cor. xiii, 5. D^r Wales gave a Sabbath to Madam Whittelsey.

20. Heb. Recitation. This my D. Ruthy's Birthday Æ. 22. She has read thro her Bible eight times & again to Proverbs, & in N. T. to Corinth.

21. Received a List of the Connecticut Society of Arts & Sciences from Mr. Sec^r Goodrich of Hartford. The Gentlemen there concur in S. A. S. to designate the Members in the College Catalogue now printing. Last night Dr. Wales had another of his light Turns, & this morn^s another. Rev^d Mr. Tutor Morse returned here fr. Georgia.

22. Heb. Recitation. Filled my fourth Volume of regular thermometrical Observations from 1762 to 1787 with Fahrenheits Thermometer. On Wednesd^y 15th Inst. there happened a most tremendous Hurricane at Wethersfield, which began in the Parish of New Britain about two o'Clock P.M. and traversed thro' Glassenbury, Bolton, Coventry, Mansf^d &c. One Branch passed thro' Windsor. And about six o'clock it reached Malden near Boston. The Rev. Jn^o Lewis of Stepney has given an Acco^t of it as it was at Wethersf^d, where it was a black Column of thirty Rods Diameter.

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. I spent an Aft. in perus^s a pious MS of the Lady of

Gov. Jones of New Haven from 1661 to beyond 1685. She was the Daughter of Gov. Eaton.

"Oct. 2 —74 "our *Teacher* was dying." "Resigned our dear Teacher to his Ld. & blessed Sovereign, rejoicing in the Will of Gd that he was taken away fr. all sin & sorrow & filled with Joy & Glory."

This Teacher was Rev. Nic^o Street, who died the preced^d April. This was a Review & Recollection of her Exper. in Oct. of a consider^a Space phps year preced^d. Her Entries were not daily, but occasionally, & esp^y at Seasons of her private Fasts. In this Entry Oct. 2 1674 she laments after the Death of Mr. Street, that there was no Chh. Officer left but only one Deacon¹ and he disabled by Infirmity. After this there succeeded a Vacancy of 11 y. in the Chh. of N. H. Then 26, 3 m^o 1685, she speaks of "thy servant Parepont" as settled in the Min^y with them. Before this

"Oct. 18, 1681, Seven Times have passed over me since I was justly bereaved of my dear Teacher & 6 months yea twice seven sence I was bereaved of my dear Pastor."

M^r Street the Teacher of the Chh. in N. Haven died Apr. 22, 1674. Mr. Davenport¹ Pastor of this Chh. received a Call from the first Chh. in Boston in Sept. & accepted it Oct^r 8, 1667 and left New Haven & settled in Boston 1668.

23. Heb. Recit^a. Professor Wales delivered a theological Lecture in the Chapel. This the first he has delivered this year. The Printers begun upon my Sermon.²

24. Received a Letter from Mr. Chan^s, with a Gratuity of 50 Copies of my Sermon at his Ordination sent me by Mr. Shaw in the name of the Congregation. This day Mr. Vaughan of Philad^a visited me. He is a philosophic Genius: was up Kennebec River on Wednesd^y last Week when the Tornadoes and Hurricanes passed through New Engld. It blew with violence there so that they could scarcely carry Sail, but not a Hurricane. It was very violent in Thompson, Gloucester, above & below Worcester, &c.

25. Heb. Recit^a. I dined with the Judges of the Superior Court at the Coffee House, hav^s prayed with Court. I always take Turns with the Ministers in Town in open^s the Sup^r & Inferior Courts daily with Prayer, & we dine with the Judges of Course. Polly this day æt. 20. She has read thro' her Bible seven times & again

¹ William Peck, born 1601, Deacon from 1659 to his death in 1694.

² The printers were Thomas and Samuel Green of New Haven.

to Chronicles. The hottest day this year, the Therm° up to Ninety & above.

26. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day A.M. Ps. ciii, 19. On Providence. P.M. 2 Cor. iv, 3, 4. Nat. Blindness. Read^s Boylean Lectures 2^d v. fol.

27. Heb. Recit^a—finished the first Psalm. Judge Elsworth a Member of the foederal Convention just returned fr. Philad^a visited me, & tells me the Convent. will not rise under three Weeks. He there saw a steam Engine for rowing Boats against the Stream— invented by Mr. Fitch of Windsor in Connecticut. He was on board the Boat & saw the Exp^t succeed.

Distributed my Sermons to Rev. Thos. Bray; Rev. Warham W^ms; To my five Children each a Copy; To Newport; Rev. Mr. Ball; Rev. Mr. Williston; Mrs. Bennet; Wife & Sally; Rev. Mr. Champion; Rev. Mr. Hopkins, Hadley; Rev. Mr. John Taylor; Rev. Mr. Sol^o W^ms; Rev. Dr. Clark, N. York; Rev. M^r White; Rev. M^r Whitney; Rev. M^r Cogswell; M^{rs} Hannah Adams, Boston; Col. Worthington; Rev. Jos. Lothrop; Col. Hamlin; Rev. Enoc Huntington; Mrs. Taylor; Madam Chester; Rev. Mr. Todd; Rev. Mr. Devotion; Madam Hart; Dr. Gale; Madam Dwight; Rev. Mr. Mansf^d.

28. Rainy Day. Mr. Tutor Morse returned here from Georgia, yesterday.

29. I attended a Sacramental Lect. at Mr. Austins Meet^s. Mr. Morse preached Ps. xix, 12. D^r Edw^{ds} yesterday received a Letter from Elder Ogden invit^s him to remove from his Charge here, & take the Charge of the Presbyterian Chh & Congregation at Elizabeth Town New Jersey.¹

30. Heb. Recit^a. I gave an Ecc. Hist. Lect. in Chapel. Viewing Proof Sheets of my Sermon & the College Catalogue.

31. I bought Ganganelli's Letters 4 Vol. 12^{mo} 18/. D^r W. had an ill Turn in the Desk in Chapel moderating the Speaking for Tutors Præmiums.

September

1. Heb. Recit^a.

2. Ldsdy. I preached all day at the Brick Meeting & administered the Sacr^t to the late Mr. Whitt^{rs} Chh. A.M. Eph. iii,

¹ This invitation was declined, and David Austin (Yale 1779), one of Dr. Edwards's flock, was installed there in September, 1788

17-19. P.M. Jno. vi, 66-69. The Rev^d & very venerable Mr. Daniel Humphry¹ of Darby died this Morning, Æt. 81. D^r Wales preached at Chapel & administered the Sacr^t—present 12 Communicants inclusive of himself—but 6 Undergraduates.

4. Rode over to Darby & attended the Funeral of the Rev^d Daniel Humphreys. The Corps was carried into the Meet^shouse the service begun by Prayer by D^r Edw^{ds}. Then the 71st Ps. Watts was sung. The Rev^d Mr. Leavenworth preached on 2 Tim. iv, 6-8 an hour & 5'. After Prayer an Anthem from 7th Chapter of Job. One hour & three Qu^{rs} in Exercise. Procession to the Grave. After Interment, I made a Speech at the desire of Col Humphreys & the Family. Returned home.—Twelve Ministers attended the Funeral & a numerous Concourse.

5. Attend^s to Quæstiones Magistrales, & correcting the Proofs of my Sermon at the Press.

6. Began Examin^a of Senior Class.

7. Do. Jun. Class.

8. Soph. Do. My Sermon finished Printing this day. This day the Numer^a of the Houses & Inhab. of the City finished. It was made by the following Gentlemen

Mr. Isaac Jones

Mr. David Dagget

Mr. Meigs

Mr. Helme

Mr. Russel

Mr Augur.

Mr.

9. Ldsdy. Yesterday Morn^s D^r Wales had an ill Turn somewhat severe; and another this Morn^s equally strong. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. the Rev. Mr. Morse preached Gen. v, 27. I wrote a valedict^y Sermon between Meetings, fearing least the Professor might be taken in the Pulpit, and carried to Meet^s with me in the Afternoon, but the Doctor went well thro' the Service, preach^s a farewell Sermon to the Candidates for Commencement from Ephes. v, 15, a very crouded Audience of Gentlemen & Ladies—and a very solemn Sermon! May God superadd his Blessing. Last Even^s my son Isaac came here from Tolland.

11. Examined & admitted 27 Freshmen. Corporation met, all except Rev. Warham Williams sick with the Calculus.

12. Public Commencement. Present of the Corpor^a

¹ Daniel Humphreys (Yale 1732), father of Col. David Humphreys.

Rev^d Mess^{rs} Eliphalet W^m D.D.
 Jn^o Trumbull
 Nath^l Taylor
 Elizur Goodrich D.D.
 Moses Mather
 Ezra Stiles
 Tim^o Pitkin
 Sam^l Lockw^d
 Enoch Huntington.

His Excell^y Gov. Huntington honored us with his presence. The public Exercises thus at the Brick Meet^ghouse

A.M. Anthem. XI. 9'-14'

A Prayer by the Presid^t ended XI. 20'

Sir Evertson, Orat. Salut. XI. 20'-46'

Sir Judson—Orat. Heb. XI. 47'-52'

Theses dispersed

Sir Dutton

Sir Gay

Sir Sterl^s

Sir Ellery

Sir Whittelsey

} Forensic Disput^a Eng. Whether

} Greek Dial. XII. 37½-48

Syllogistic Disput^a

Sir Wadsworth Resp.—Opp. Sir Sage & Sir Rayn^{ld}

Sir Ely 2 Resp. Opp. Sir Hunt.

Sir Ely Sir Burghardt } Dialogue. Eng.
 Sir Lathrop Sh^r Nott }

P. M.

Sir Backus—Eng. Orat. IV^a 32'-47

Masters

Quæst. Magistr. dispers.

Mr Lyman.

Mr. Marsh

} Forens. Disp. IV. 48'-V. 15.

Graduations

Mr. Tutor Denison Val. Or. V. 38.

Prayer ended VI^a . . .

The Hon. Deg. A.M. conferred upon the Hon. Richard Morris Esq. Chief Justice of the State of New York, formerly an Alumnus of this College: and upon Ephraim Kirby Esq. Collector of Reports.

The Degree of M.D. upon D^r Lewis Dunham of New Brunswick in the Jerseys.

The Deg. of LL.D. upon Hon. Judge Dyer.

The Deg. of LL.D. upon His Excell^y Gov Huntington.

I conferred 94 Degrees.

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13. The Concio ad Clerum preached in the Coll. Chapel present 70 Ministers. Preached by the Rev^d Mr. Smally Ps. xix, 7.

15. The Corpor^a broke up, hav^g elected the Rev^d Josiah Whitney of Brooklin Fellow in the Room of Mr. Johnson dec^d. . . .

16. Ldsdy. I attended at the Brick & heard the Rev. Mr. Lockwood of Milf^d Tit. ii, 11, 12. P.M. I attended at Mr. Austin's Meet^g & heard Mr. Crane Ps. lxxiii, 25.

17. Preparing to set out on a Journey to Vermont.¹

18. Proxy at N Haven. Set out for Westminster in Vermont. And travelled thro' Farmington, West^d, Northampton to Deer^d. At Hatfield visited Col. Israel W^{ms}, æt. 80 circa & examin^d & admitted his Grandson Statham Williams æt. 14, into the Freshman Class.

23. Ldsdy. Preached all day for Rev. Mr. Taylor of Deerfield. Eat peaches here.

24. Digging up & examining broken Pieces of Earthern Cups on Deerfield River—flowered, not glazed, differ^g from European or asiatic Earthern. Called Indian Pots. Rode 3 m. to the Rev. Mr. Newtons in Greenfield where I lodged.

27. Visited D. Sibbel at Brattlebor^o in Vermont. Rode 5 m. to Capt. Heatons in S.W. part of Westminster & agreed & paid 1 g. 28/ to keep Harriot my Grand Daughter fr. Oct. 1 to Janry 15 being about 2/ per w.

28. At Charlest^o or N^o IV. where the Gen. Assembly of New Hampshire are sitting. Visited President Sullivan &c. Rode over to Springfield, Vermont.

¹ A few additional memoranda from the Itinerary are incorporated in this account.

29. At Windsor, Verm^t. Arrived at Dartm^o Coll.¹ Waited on Pres^t Wheelock & viewed the Coll. Library about 150 folios & 8 or 900 Books, 4^o 8^o & 12^o. Total 1000 vol.

30. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Dartm^o Coll. Presid^t Wheelock tho' not ordained nor a Preacher made first prayer P.M.

October

1. Viewed the Coll. Apparatus at Professor Woodw^{ds}. Rode fr. Yal. Coll. to Dartm^o Coll. 197 miles—200 as I rode. This Aft. I set off for Portsm^o 100 miles, accompanied with Prof. Woodwards son Billy æt. 13.

2. At Boscawen met the News of the new foederal Constitution pub. by the Convent at Philad^a.

3. Rode thro' Concord & crossed Merimack R. to Pembroke.

4. Arrived by Newmarket to Portsm^o 100 Miles.

5. Visit^s Portsm^o Friends.

6. Rode to Hampton—bound for Boston & Newp^t.

7. Ldsdy P.M. I preached for Rev. Mr. Thayer of Hampton. After Sunset rode 3½ to D^r Langdons.

8. Arrived at Putnams in Danvers. Deacon Putnam tells me his son's Educ^a at Harv. Coll. cost a thous^d Doll. or £300. He graduated A.B. this year.²

9. Arrived at Cambridge. Visited Presid^t Willard & attended College Prayers with him in the Chapel, present 100 Students.³ He asked a Blessing, read a Chapter & prayed. After prayer 2 Declam^a. They have 2 Decl^a every Even^s except Sat^r & Sabb. Even^s. I sat in the Desk with the Pres^t. He asked me to pray but I declined. He never asks any Minister to pray when he is present.

Supped at the Presid^{ts} elegantly (tho' I eat noth^s) in Comp^a with Prof. W^{ms}, Prof. Pearson, the four Tutors, Rev. Mess. Hillier & Smith &c. Very agreeable Convers^a. Presid^t Willard æt. 49 next Jan^{ry} and his Wife æt. 35. Lodged at Presidents.

10. Viewed the Coll. Library 13 Th. Vol. & closely examined & took acc^o of the Philos. Apparatus—both excellent. At V^h P.M.

¹ Dr. Stiles gives the number of students at this date, in his Itinerary, as follows: Senior Class, 20; Junior, 30; Sophimores, 30; Freshmen, 28.

² This was Samuel Putnam, son of Gideon Putnam, and afterwards a distinguished Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

³ Dr. Stiles gives the total number of Students as follows: Seniors, 28; Juniors, 53; Sophimores, 42; Freshmen, 24.

left Cambr. crossed Charlest^o Bridge 4^d—a grand Work! Arrived in Boston. Lodged at Rev. Mr. Clarks,¹ spend^s Even^s in a Society of 12, viz. 3 Min^{rs}, 3 Lawyers, 3 Phys. & 3 Merch^{rs}. It was in Turn at Mr. Clarks. Mr. Dawes of Travels into Ohio & E. Indies, & young Cha^s Bulfinch just returned fr. his Travels into Italy.² Professors Warren & Dexter were present.

11. Visited Boston Ministers. Attended & heard M^r Porter preach the Thursday Lect. Dined at Dr. Lathrops. Rode to Roxb^y.

12. At Attlebor^o V^hP.M. rec^d News my Wife & Daug. Betsy dangerously sick. Altered my Course for N. Haven. Rode to Patucket & lodged at Judge Starkweathers³ within 4 M. of Providence full of concern.

13. Rode thro' Providence to Scituate, & Plainfield.

14. Ldsdy. Dined at Scotland. Obtained Permission of Sqr. Gordon to travel on Ldsdy. Reached Rev^d Mr. Elys in Lebanon & lodged there.

16. Arrived home, & found my Wife & Daughter tho' very sick, yet hopefully a little better. Deo Grates.

17. Mess^{rs} Good. & Huntgⁿ as Committee Corpor^a met me at N. H. & we prepared a Memorial &c.

18. Mr. Hunt. & myself presented to the Gen. Assembly now sitting in N. H. a Mem^o in the Name of the Presid^t & Fellows of Yale College request^s a Grant of £150 or £160 to pay the Milford Arrears for Professor Wales.

19. The Upper House granted, Lower negatived o^r Petition. The Hon^d W^m Sam. Johnson L.L.D. accepted the Presid^y of Columbia College a few weeks since.

20. My fam^y still very sick.

21. Ldsdy. I attended Mr. Austins Meet^g A.M. and P.M. D^r Edwards Meeting.

22. Mr. Tutor Holmes resigned the Tutorship 17th Inst. to go to his Congreg^a at Georgia: and 18th the Committee of the Corpor^a elected Barna. Bidwell⁴ A.B. Tutor. Examined & admitted 2 Fr. & 1 Jun. Sophister.

¹ John Clarke (Harvard 1774), pastor of the First Church.

² This was the famous Wednesday Evening Club, still existing. Thomas Dawes was a noted lawyer, and Charles Bulfinch the distinguished architect.

³ Ephraim Starkweather (Yale Coll. 1755).

⁴ Barnabas Bidwell (Yale 1785) was the son of a first cousin of Dr. Stiles, Jemima Devotion, who married the Rev. Adonijah Bidwell (Yale 1740).

23. Set up Ord. at Coll. and introduced M^r Bidwell into the Tutorship. In Even^g attended a Meet^s of the Acad^y of Sciences.

24. We have admitted 36 Freshmen.

25. A first Commencement was held at Dickinson College in Carlisle on 26 Sept. last, D^r Nesbit principal, when nine Bachelors were graduated. The same day at Jersey Coll. Connec^t, the Rev^d Tim^o Dwight was admitted to the Degree of Doctor in Divinity. And yet Divinity is not his favorite Study.

26. My wife rode out.

27. Wife & Betsy rode abroad.

28. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel. D^r Wales preached all day upon Mat. vi, 33. Present 60 Students & 50 others. Read Fabricius on the Heb. Scriptures &c.

29. Whether there are innate Ideas? Seniors.

30. Whether Eloquence beneficial to a Republic? Seniors. Dismissed Jesse Cowles for deficient Scholarship.

31. Attended Sacr^t Lect. at Mr. Austins. Mr. Holmes preached. Spent Even^g with Mr. Marsh who informs that a Methodist College is just erect^s about 12 M. N^o of Baltimore in Maryl^d: they have a Charter fr. the State of Maryl^d to a Number of Trustees Methodist Clergy only, with Visitors Civilians. They find their Methodist Westleian Interest in America is Thirty seven Thous^d Souls from N. York to Georgia inclusive. Have subscribed £4000. Chosen Rev^d Mr. Heath of Univ^y Oxford President—have 2 Instructors of which his Brother Marsh A.B. one at £100 p ann. & Board. To open College in Dec. next with 60 Scholars.

Nov.

1. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. I prayed with the Assembly, whose Session ended at Sunset. D^r Johnson took Leave of his Seat at the Council Board, & tells me he goes immed^y to New York to take upon him the Presidency of Columbia College.

“On Sund^y the 7th (Oct.) the Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, D^r of Div^y, & senior Minister of the German Lutheran Congreg^a of Philadelphia departed this Life in the 77th year of his Age” This D^r Muhlenberg may be considered as the Patriarch of the Lutheran Chhs in America. I have heard his fame all along in Life. He must have come over to Philad^a about 1742, æt. 31. The Import^a of Germans into Pensylv^a began a little before; but as to religion they were in a chaot^c State, until D^r Muhlenb. came

& formed them into Regularity & Order. He was doubtless an excellent Character; and a Proof that Lutherans, tho' Deniers of Election & Predestination in the Calvinistic Sense, & holding Consubstantiation, and some other Peculiarities differ^r from us, yet at the same time being sound in the Doctrines of the Trinity, Regeneration, & Justific^a by X's imputed Righteousness, and living a holy Life, may arrive at the Realms of Bliss. And yet I suppose Mr. West, D' Edw^{da}, D' Bellamy, Mr. Smally, Mr. Dwight, Mr. Judson, Mr. Niles, Mr. Tullars, Mr. Trumb. N^o H., Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Emmons, Mr. Austin, Mr. Robinson &c would refuse to receive Communion in a Lutheran Chh, or admit a holy and a regenerated Lutheran to Commun. in the Congreg^a Chhs, without lead^r them first to make profession of the Faith de novo & as if coming from Gentilism. But I renounce this limited Charity, which shuts out of our Chh. more subjects of the celestial K^m than it admits. D' Edw^{da} lately refused to receive a Communicant from the Rev. Mr. Streets Chh. in East Haven altho' recommended to him & his Chh. as a Member in full Communion & regular stand^r in the Chh. at E. H. Mr. Street is a pious & worthy Minister æt. 60 circa. and his Chh. a regular well ordered Chh. Yet D' Edw^{da} treated a Member of it as a Heathen & Publican, and required a new profession of Religion as he would of a newly converted Heathen. Mr. West of Stock. on a Visit to Tolland the place of his Nativity, preached there indeed in the Absence of its venerable Pastor the Rev^d Mr. W^m but refused to pform Baptisms there (tho' asked) because it was an impure Chh., or as he called it a Stoddardean Chh. & baptized on own^r the Cov^t the Infants of those who did not come to the L^{da} Supper. M^r Dwight being asked why he did not communicate with the Chh. of Northampton, said he had as lieve communicate with all the Devils in Hell as with that corrupt Chh. And yet it is said that the Members of that Chh. are sound in the faith, regular & as exemplary in Lives as the Chhs. in general. Mr. Hopkins refused to admit a Member from another Chh. without a profession de novo.

4. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at the Brick, Rev^d Mr. Morse preached, & I administered the Sacrament. After the Distribution of the Bread, I desired Mr. Morse to give the Eucharistia & deliver the Cup. P.M. I attended Chapel, the Rev. Mr. Holmes preached.

5. Nullæ dantur Ideæ innatæ. Chapin 1 Resp.

6. At VIII A.M. the Rev^d Abiel Holmes bid us farewell and

set out for Georgia. In the Aft. President Wheelock passed thro' Town, visiting me as he passed. Mens semper cogitat. Waldo Resp. My son Isaac returned hither from Newport.

7. On the 24th Oct. ult. were two Ordinations. One of Rev. Joseph Badger, A.B. at Blanford. The other the Rev. Henry Ware at Hingham . .

8. Yesterday rec^d Lett. fr. D^r Erskine of Edinb. with Books for the Coll. Library. I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

9. On Tuesdy 23^d Oct. "arrived at Philad^a from Engl^d the Rev. L. Heath, who is appointed President of Cokesbury College at Abingdon, in the State of Maryland." ¹—Pensylv^a Gazette.

Last Even^s the Professor had a nervous Paroxysm, as he had about ten days ago. About 100 Students present.

10. Mr. Tutor Fitch confined by Sickness—better. I expounded the Confession of Faith in Chapel.

11. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales preach all day. A.M. Luke xiv, 26. P.M. Gen. ii, 17. Reading Chauncy on the Benevolence of God—and Nectarius.

12. & 13. Unwell & confined to my House, & did not hear the Disput^a of the Sen^r Class.

12. This day Election thro' this State of Members for a State Convention at Hartf^d in Jan^y next to consider the new Constitution of the United States formed by the Convention at Philad^a last Summer and by Congress transmitted to the several States for their Ratification or Rejection in State Conventions expressly assembled for that purpose. For New Haven Mess^{rs} Sherman & Edw^{ds} chosen.

14. I got out & heard the Sen. Class recite.

15. Anniv^y Thanksgiv^s thro' Connecticut. I attended at Chapel, & as Dr. Wales had a fit last night & another this morn^s, I read the Proclam^a & made the first Prayer—he preached Rom. xi ult. Warm Day, Therm^o 63 at Noon.

17. Rec^d a Letter from Newport inform^s that my Congreg^a had procured a Bell from Denmark which came lately and was last week put up in the Steeple of my Chh, from whence the British Army took my Bell in 1776 and carried it off. Our new Bell weighs 10. 1. 0 or *Ten Hundred* & a Qu^r and is inscribed—"This Bell is ordered by Capt. Ben. Pierce, through Henry Greg Mer-

¹ For an account of this College (which became practically extinct in 1795), see Steiner's *Higher Education in Maryland*, 229-45.

chant in Gottenburg. Second Congregational Church in the City of Newport. Gottenburg July A. D. 1786. Me fudit Jonas Wetterholtz. Gloria Deo soli in Excelsis."

18. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Gen. ii. P.M. Gen. iii —

19. We hear that of the Elect. last Monday 103 out of about 130 Members are foederal or will probably vote for the Constitution.

20. Mrs. Mix left us—7 W.@8/ My Wife & Betsy almost got well. Deo Grates. They were taken sick about 28 & 29th September last.

22. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Seniors bro't in stereographic Projection of the Sphere.

In the N. H. or Connect. Magazine Sept. 20 1787 was published the following Numeration of the City of New Haven, taken Sept. 8 1787 by Mess^{rs} Meigs, Russel, Jones, Daggett &c.

Age.	No. Souls.	Age.	No. Souls.	Age.	No. Souls.
1	173	31	45	61	11
2	113	32	42	62	8
3	100	33	38	63	9
4	119	34	33	64	10
5	107	35	49	65	13
6	100	36	50	66	8
7	87	37	31	67	3
8	96	38	31	68	5
9	89	39	36	69	3
10	85	40	52	70	6
11	70	41	29	71	1
12	80	42	33	72	2
13	86	43	29	73	2
14	95	44	18	74	2
15	71	45	28	75	3
16	109	46	22	76	1
17	62	47	34	77	5
18	84	48	9	78	2
19	62	49	12	79	3
20	74	50	35	80	4
21	77	51	17	81	
22	57	52	14	82	
23	58	53	16	83	1
24	55	54	12	84	1
25	66	55	17	85	
26	51	56	18	86	1
27	55	57	10	87	1
28	50	58	11	88	
29	40	59	7	89	
30	66	60	28	90	1.

The numbers on each side }
ætat. 17 are equal. }

Number of Souls of the City Inhab.	3364	
D° Students in the Univ.	176	
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Tot. Souls within City Limits	3540	
N° Males	1657	} 3364
N° Females	1707	
N° Families	614	
N° Dwell ^s Houses	466	} Tot. N° Buildings
N° Stores	103	
N° Barns & Shops	324	
		893

A large and elegant State House, and four Houses for pub. Wor-ship. The College Edifice & Chapel.

In the year 1724 there were 163 Buildings of all Kinds . . N. B. Inquire of aged Mr. Brown.

The Number of Deaths annually is now about fifty, which is to the whole N° of Souls as 1 to 70. The common Mortality in Europe is 1 to 30 annually.

25. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day and heard D^r Wales A.M. Philip. iii, 12, 13. P.M. Rom. v, 19. This Aft. my Wife went to the Chapel, the first Time since her Sickness or 23^d Sept. last. We rendered publick Thanks. Betsy not yet able to go to the Sanctuary. Reading Dionysius de div. nom and Waterlands Trinity.

At IV^h P.M. Mrs. Jemima Wilkinson held a religious Meet^s at the Courthouse. I attended. There might be 300 Persons present. I never saw her before. She has 3 or 4 Men & 3 or 4 Women her Companions. They with her were seated in Chairs upon the upper broad stair. Here with them she kneel^d & prayed, then stood & preached or discoursed in the grave, tonic & unconnected Manner of the Friends or Quakers. She desisted after phps. near an hours Dis-course in w^o she said many pious good Things & Exhort^s to Virtue, with many Texts repeated without Connexion. Then sat down & Mr. Avery her Companion then spake 3 or 4 Minutes. She arose & spake again—& again—then kneeld & prayed & then wished a Blessing. I spake to her after the whole was concluded,

In the Even^s my D. Emilia & Ruth visited her at Mr. Shipmans where she drank Tea. She invited her to breakfast with us.

26. Whether it is expedient for the States to adopt the new Con-stitution? Sen^{rs}.

This Morn^s Emilia sent a Billet to the Universal Friend invit^s her & her Companions to Breakfast. She excused, as soon to

sett off for Philad^a but on her Return would comply with her Request.¹

She is about æt. 30, strait, well made, light Complexion, black Eyes, round face, chesnut dark Hair. Wears light cloth Cloke with a Cape like a Man's—Purple Gown, long sleeves to Wristbands—Mans shirt down to the Hands with Neckband—purple handkerchief or Neckcloth tied round the neck like a man's—No Cap—Hair combed turned over & not long—wears a Watch—Man's Hat.—Voluble Tongue—decent & graceful & grave.²

27. Whether the World eternal? Sen^{rs}.

28. I attended a Sacram^t Lect. at Dr. Edw^{ds}. Mr. Austin preached Luke—Behold! I bring you Glad Tid^{gs} of g^t Joy to all People. Read^s Wraxalls Travels . .

29. Eccl. Hist. Lect. . .

December

1. Yesterday a flurry of Hail a few minutes. Otherwise no snow at New Haven this fall. A fine mild pleasant day this day. Th. 35 Morn^s, 52 P.M. and 35 at IX at night. Dr. Wales 3 Turns in 2 days.

2. Ldsdy, a fine mild day, Wind S.W. VIII. Th. 41. at noon 52, IV. 55. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Dr. Wales preached 2 Tim. i, 10, & adm. Sacram^t of the Lds Supper, 17 Commun^{ts} present. P.M. Rev. Mr. Moss preached 2 Cor. v, 10. Read^s some of Professor Daggetts MS. Sermons, & also Dionys. Areop^a.

3. Bruta ratiocinantur? Mason Resp. Th. 52.

4. The Anniversary of my Admission into full Communion in the Chh. of North Haven Nov. 23 O. S. 1746. Thus 41 y. have

¹ Dr. Stiles has preserved the reply sent to his daughter's invitation. It is as follows:—

FRIEND STILES,

I except thy favour but as we are on so long a journey and our brekfast is now prepar'd think it most expediant to go on as fast as is possible. But when I return in the Spring if it's then thy desire & request I see nothing but it may be so. My love to thee & family.

New haven the 26th of the 11th 1787.

THE UNIVERSAL FRIEND.

Dr. Stiles notes that she "returned through New Haven in November, 1788, but did not call on Emilia nor let her know she passed thro' Town."

² See also this Diary, Oct. 20, 1779, and Feb. 14, 1781. A portrait of the Universal Friend is copied in Cleveland's *History of Yates County, N. Y.*

I had a stand^s in the Vineyard & within the Court y^{da} of God ; but alas ! with how little fruit ? The Committee of the Corpor^a met here & we stated Commons at 6/9 p week. Dictamina Conscientiæ non semper sunt sequenda. Huntington Resp. About XI A.M. a small flight of Snow & Hail, soon over. Mild weather.

5. & 6. Exceed^s mild & pleasant Weather.

6. Eccl. Hist. Lect.

7. Small snow ; soon vanished. Young Mr. Stephen Elliott arrived here from Beaufort, S^o Car^o & bro't me a Lett. dated Nov. 2, from his Brother Mr. W^m Elliott a rich Planter—for Admission into College. I examined him in 9 Latin Books & one French—Virgil, Tully, Horace, Justin, Corn. Nepos, Florus, Q. Curt., Caes. Comm^v—and the French Translation of Cardinal Polignac's Anti-Lucretius. I found him well in Latin & French. But he had studied little Greek. So put him to board at D^r Wales @ 11/ p W. & to study Greek 3 m^o with late Mr. Tutor Baldwin @ 5/ p week. He is æt. 16.

8. A fine mild Day. Th. 44 highest, 35 lowest. . .

9. Ldsdy. Mild & pleasant clear weather. . . I attended & Heard the Rev. Mr. Morse preach at Chapel all day. A.M. Luke xiii, 7-9. P.M. 1 Tim. iv, 10. Two ingenious & excellent Sermons. Mr. Morse resides in T^o, lives at D^r Wales's, pfect^s a new Edition of his Geography, & in a few months to go & preach at Elizabethtown, in Jersey. . . This day Betsy went to Meet^s for the first time since her Sickness . . . and returned public Thanks to God in the Chapel. The Hon. Ab^m Baldwin a Delegate from Georgia to Congress, & to the Convention which lately sat at Phil^a for the Revision of the fœderal Constitution, visited & spent the Even^s with me, and gave me a full Acc^o of the Transact. of the Convention. He was formerly a Tutor of Yale College, & is a Patriot, an enlightened, sensible, learned man.

10. Whether the Liberty of the Press ought to be restrained by Imprimatur^s? Seniors. This day I am æt. 60, I have few Grey Hairs in my Head—& but four Teeth left—my Eyes & Hear^s as good as ætat 29 or 30. Ps. 71, 18.

11. On Tolera. of all Religions? Sen. Class.

Attended Lecture at Mr. Austins, & heard Rev. Mr. Tomson of Canaan preach. Half a dozen or more Ministers meet circuitously for Disput^a &c once a Month, & have a Lecture.

12. Quarter Exercises. Begun with Anthem III^h P.M.

SENIOR CLASS

Stanton Lat. Orat. . .	III.5-13.	Violin.
Steel & Strong . . .	forens. Disput ^a III.14-33'.	Anthem.
Chenevard	}	. . . Dialogue III.38 to IV.4.
Clark		
Stebbins		
Tomlinson		
Shelton	Eng. Orat. IV.6 to 15'.	Anthem.

Professor W. taken in the Pulpit with a nervous Affection in singing the last Anthem. No Snow, fine serene Weather. Sir Hatheway from Bennington says little or no Snow there this year. Last Week I finished read^e Gov. Jeffersons Notes on Virginia. He says that at Indep^r 1776 Two Thirds Inhab. Virginia were Dissenters. This a greater proport. than I judged. If so I presume this proport. & more holds for all the States S^o of 40th deg. of Lat. or Maryland to Georgia inclusive. To the Northw^d Pensylv^a & N. Engl^d inclusive to 45^o Lat. the Episcopalians of the Anglican Chh. not a Twentieth Part of the Inhab. Of ½ Mill. Whites or say 700 Th. on Southern Territory one Third Episc^o—of 1½ Mill. Whites Northw^d say one in Twenty Episcopalians includ^e Westleians.

13. Eccl. Hist. Lect. This day I heard that the Rev^d Jn^o Trumbull of Watert^o died yesterday Ætat 73, Min. 48. He has been 15 y. a Fellow of Yale College.

14. The Congreg^a of the Episcopal Chapel in Boston about 18th Nov. ordained by delegated Brethren or by the Vestry & Chh. Wardens, a young Candidate Mr. Freeman, giving him Power to baptize & administer the Sacrament. They have revised & altered the Liturgy. Bp. Seabury, & Bp. White refused to ordain him or to own that Chh., unless they would renounce their new Liturgy & Socinianism. When I was at Boston last fall, it was proposed to apply to the Presb. or Congreg^a Ministers to do it, & I tho't they would have done it. But I suppose tho' the Boston Ministers are very friendly with Mr. Freeman, yet they doubted to ordain an open & avowed Socinian deny^e the Div^y of Christ in almost every Sense—as it is s^d Mr. Freeman does—tho' otherwise a Man of Merit as to Morals & Learning.

15. Cold weather. Therm^o 19 this Morn^e. No Snow. Sunk the Curb & Bottom of our new well 3 f. 7 Inc. below the surface of the Water.

16. Ldsdy. I attended & heard D^r Wales at Chapel all day. A.M. 2 Tim. i, 10. P.M. Rom. v, 19. Read^e Peters on Job.

17. Whether Souls præexisted &c.? Sen^{rs}.

19. Whether the Deluge was universal? Sen^{rs}.

20. Professor Wales delivered a Div^y Lect. upon Original Sin. I spent the Even^s with Hon. Abraham Baldwin, And narrated the Anecdotes concerning the Rev^d Lewis Barnet a Clergyman of N^o Car^o.¹ Fine weather. Th. 42. Yester^d the first Snow & this about one Inch deep; nearly gone off to day.

21. Mr. Baldwin was one of the Continental Convention at Philad^a last Summer. He gave me an Acc^t of the whole Progress in Convention. It appeared that they were pretty unanimous in the follow^s Ideas, viz. 1. In a firm fœderal Government. 2. That this sh^d be very popular or stand on the People at large. 3. That their Object sh^d comprehend all Things of common fœderal Concern & w^c individual States could not determine or enforce. 4. That the Jurisdictions & Gov^t of each State sh^d be left intire & preserved as inviolate as possible consistent with the coercive Subordin^a for preserv^s the Union with Firmness. 5. That the present federal Gov^t was inadequate to this End. 6. That a certain Portion or Deg. of Dominion as to *Laws* and *Revenue*, as well as to *Treaties* with foreign Nations, War & Armies, was necess^y to be ceded by individual States to the Author^y of the National Council. 7. That the National Council sh^d consist of two Branches viz, a Senate, & Representatives. That the last sh^d be a local Represent^a apportioned to the Property & Number of Inhabitants, as far as practicable. That this sh^d be the govern^s Idea. And yet that the Distinction of States sh^d be preserved in the House of Represent^a as well as in the Senate. 8. That the Senate stand on the Election & Distinction of States as at present in Congress, and tho' like the Represent^a be in some measure proportioned to the N^o of Inhab. yet that besides this the Vote in Senate shd be by States, tho' in the House of Represent^a the Vote shd be by Plurality of Members present indeed but not by States as States. Hereby two Things are secured, one, that the People at large shall be efficaciously represented, the other that the States as separate States be as also efficaciously represented. 9. That these two Branches combined

¹ Lewis Barnet, alias Barnet Lewis, was an adventurer with whom Dr. Stiles had come in contact in 1759-61. He came to New England from England, by way of Jamaica, late in 1759, and about a year after that settled in Newport as a schoolmaster. He soon left there, and Dr. Stiles heard of him in 1766 as having received an Episcopal living in North Carolina as a reward for giving information against smuggling merchants in New York.

into one Republican Body be the supreme Legislature & become vested with the Sovereignty of the Confederacy ; & have powers of Gov^t & Revenue adequate to these Ends. 10. As to a President, it appeared to be the Opin. of Convention, that he sh^d be a Character respectable by the Nations as well as by the fœderal Empire. To this End that as much Power sh^d be given him as could be consistently with guard^s against all possibility of his ascending in a Tract of years or Ages to Despotism & absolute Monarchy :—of which all were cautious. Nor did it appear that any Members in Convention had the least Idea of insidiously lay^s the Found^a of a future Monarchy like the European or Asiatic Monarchies either antient or modern. But were unanimously guarded & firm against every Thing of this ultimate Tendency. Accordingly they meant to give considerable Weight as Supreme Executive, but fixt him dependent on the States at large, and at all times impeachable. 10. They vested Congress thus modified with the Power of an adequate Revenue, by Customs on Trade, Excise and direct Taxation by Author^y of Congress ; as well as with the Army, Navy, & mak^s War & Peace. These were delicate Things, on which all felt sollicitous & yet all were unanimously convinced that they were necessary. 11. They were unanimous also in the Exped^y & Necess^y of a supreme judiciary Tribunal of universal Jurisdiction—in Controversies of a legal Nature between States—Revenue—& appellate Causes between subjects of foreign or different States. 12. The Power of appointing Judges & Officers of the supreme Judiciary to be in the Senate.

These & other general & command^s Ideas the Members found themselves almost unanimous in. The Represent^a would feel for the Interests of their respective local Representations : and the Senate must feel, not for particular local Districts but a Majority of the States or the universal Interest.

After some Discourses, it was proposed that any & all the Members sh^d. draught their Ideas. These were all bro't in & exam^d & as approved, entered, until all were satisfied they had gone through. Then they reduced these to one Sheet (written) of Articles or Members of the Constitution. These they considered afresh, sometimes in Committee of the Whole, & sometimes in Convention, with subjoyned Alterations & Additions until August ; when they adjourned a few Weeks leav^s all to be digested by a Committee of 5 Mess^{rs} Sherman, Elsworth,

On the Return of Adjourn^t the whole Digest was printed and every Member entered his Remarks, Alter^a & Corrections. These again were committed to a Committee of one Member of each State of w^c Mr. Baldwin one. This matured the whole. Finally a Committee of 5 viz. Mess. D^r Johnson, Gouverneur Morris, Wilson,

These reduced it to the form in which it was published. Mess^{rs} Morris & Wilson had the chief hand in the last Arrang^t & Composition. This was completed in September. By this Time several Members were absent part^y Judge Yates of Albany, Mr. Wyth of Virginia, Judge Sherman & Elsworth. About 42 signed it. Mess^{rs} Mason of Virg. & Gerry of Boston & Gov. Randolph refused. D^r Franklin s^d he did not intirely approve it but, tho't it a good one, did not know but he shd. hereafter think it the best, on the whole was ready to sign it & wished all would sign it, & that it shd be adopted by all the States.

D^r Franklins Idea that the American Policy, be one Branch only or Representative Senate of one Order, proportioned to Number of Inhab. & Property—often elected—, with a President assisted with an executive Council : but this last have noth^s to do in Legislation & Senatorial Government. Teste Mr. Baldwin.

22. The new Constitution makes much Noise. The States of Jersey, Delaware, & Pensylv^a have approved it. Read^s the Life of Pythagoras in Stanley's Lives of the Philosophers.

The Poor unhappy States of Holl^d have been obliged by the K. of Prussias Troops to submit to the Tyranny & growing Power of the Stadtholder. It is the real wish of all Monarchs to see the Heads of Republics increas^s in Auth^y till they become irresistible & grow up into Monarchs of absolute Dominion. France ought by Treaty to have sent 10 M to Assist^a of Holl^d but she made Delays, & left Holland to fall a Prey to a Stadhold., tho' I daresay France would not suffer Holl^d to be broken up as a State & annexed to the Dominions of either the K. of Prussia or the Emperor of Germany. This is a Lookingglass for America. France, Engl^d & all the transatlantic Monarchical Powers will at heart be will^s to assist the Presid^t or Head of the Amer. Repub. of the United States to become absolutely a Monarch elevated to absolute Power.

23. Ldsdy. I preached at the Brick, late Mr. Whittelseys all day. A.M. Ps. 119, 57, on Love of God. P.M. Ps. 133, 1, on Benev^o & Love of Man. This Forenoon at Chapel the Professor was taken with his nervous Affection in the midst of first Prayer.

Rev^d Mr. Morse stept up into the Pulpit & preached, Dr. Wales present to the End of the Exercise. P.M. Mr. Morse preached again Chapel. . . .

24. Whether national Prejudices are prejudicial? Sen^r. Snow fell yesterday about four Inches. Thaw to day.

Hon. Ab^m Baldwin of Augusta in Georgia, spent the Even^g with me. In May, 1785 he was elected President of the Univ^r in Georgia, then æt. 31. Two Academies are already established in that State subject to the Trustees of the University. One at Augusta another at . . . The Coll. to be built at Louisville 50 M. West of Augusta on Ogeechee River. In the two Academies about 15 youth are already advanced in Latin & Greek to read Virgil, Horace & Homer & Atkinsons Navigation, & are already fit to be admitted into College. But the Classes are not yet formed in the College, but will soon be, & will be formed very much upon the N. Engld. mode of College Education.

We conversed on the new Constitution formed by the Convention. On w^o I have formed this as my Opinion. 1. That it is not the most pfect Constitution yet 2. That it is a very good one, & that it is advisable to adopt it. However 3. That tho' much of it will be pmanent & lasting, yet much of it will be hereafter altered by future Revisions. And 4. That the best one remains yet to be investigated.

When the Convention was proposed I doubted its Expediency. 1. Because I doubted whether our wisest Men had yet attained Light eno' to see & discern the best, & what ought finally to prevail. 2. Neither did I think the People were ripe for the Reception of the best one if it could be investigated. And yet 3. I did not doubt but Time & future Experience would teach, open & lead us to the best one. And tho' we have got a much better one than I expected, & a very good one, yet my Judg^t still remains as before. I think there is not Power enough yet given to Congress for firm Government. Neither can I see how far it is safe to surrender the powers of the States to the Imperial Body, without 1. prostrat^s the Sovereignty of the particular States. 2. Without laying the Found^s of the Presidents growing up into an uncontrollable & absolute Monarch. And yet I think the last as well guarded as possible: and I know not whether it is possible to vest Congress with Laws, Revenues, & Army & Navy, without endangering the Ruin of the interior Powers & Liberties of the States.

25. Christmas. Whether Literature increases Happ.? Sen. D^r Wales & myself attended Chh. of Engld. & heard the Rev^d Mr. Hubbard preach. I tarried & saw the Communion administered to about 55 Communicants. Mild Weather Th. 40. Snow 3 Inches deep.

26. Died Dec. 4 at Lititz in Lancaster C^o Pensylv^a the Rev. Matthew Hale (als Hehl) Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum. Born in the Dutchy of Wurtemberg and educated in the Univ^y of Tubingen. In 1751 consecrated Bp. of the Brethren & the same year came over to America. Ob. ætat. 82.

27. Being unwell with a Cold I did not attend Recitation or Lecture today. Linonian Anniv^y.

28. This day the Juniors began Martins Philosophy. We had determined to Introduce *Entics* Phil^o this year & sent to Europe for the Books, & have waited to this time and they are not come. Mild weather Th. 36. . . .

Mr. Freeman's Ordination Episc^o Chh. Boston.

The first & only Instance of Lay-Ordination among the Episcopal Chhs in America.

"On Sunday the 18th instant (Nov. 1787) was exhibited at the House formerly called the Kings Chapel, an Instance of the public Exercise of a long dormant Right, which every Society, civil & religious, has to elect and *ordain* their own Officers. It is to be observed that Applic^a had been made to one or more of the *lawmed* Successors of the humble Apostles, for Ordin^a in the Episcopal Mode; but it was withheld on account of the unpliable Integrity of the Candidate, in scrupling Subscription to Articles of Faith of human Composure: and tho' the Bible, the Work of Prophets, Evangelists & Apostles was acknowledged as the Standard of Faith, yet this Acknowledg^t was insufficient. When priestly Usurpation is carried to a certain Pitch, the pple can & will find out rights & know how to exercise them.

Invested by this Right by the G^d of Nature—secured in the Exercise of it by the civil Constitution, & encouraged by the Approb^a of all the consistent friends of Order & Liberty, the INDEPENDENT Congregation, by their *Representatives*, publicly invested with the ministerial Office a sensible honest Man; who publicly accepted the Bible, as the only Standard of his Faith, and Directory of his Preach^s & Ministrations.

Thus without any mysterious & unintelligible Ceremonies—without any assumption of apostolic powers—without any pretended Superiority of Office—without any affected Communication of sacerdotal Effluviæ, was a servant of J. Christ introduced to his Office, in a style simple, decent, primitive & constitutional.

Then was cut the aspiring Comb of prelatie Pride;—then was undermined the pompous Fabric of hierarchical Usurpation;—then was prickt the puffed Bladder of uninterrupted Succession &c."

Extracted from the Prints.

This Congreg^a was first formed in Sir Edmond Andross' Time 1687 or 1688; and was the first in New Engl^d formed upon the model of the Chh of Engl^d. Continued Episcopal for the first Century, & is now become anti-Episcopal. I can by no means approve Mr. Freemans Lay Ordination.

30. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales preach on Original Sin. A.M. Rom. v, 19. P.M. Ps. li. Reading Lee's Joy of Faith: and the Book of Daniel.

31. Whether the English were justifiable in possessing themselves of American Territory? . . . Dr. Wales was taken with his nervous Disorder to day at Dinner; and another Turn at my house this Even^g. There is scarcely Snow eno' on the Ground for Sleighing.

1788.

January

1. I now begin a new year. As every other year of my Life this must be a very sinful & unhappy year to me. G^d grant that some Comforts may be mixed up in the Cup of Sorrows & Afflictions of Life. It is cold; Fahr. Therm^o 11 this Morning. About 2 or 3 Inches of snow on the Ground.—Whether Genius is affected by Climate? disputed by the Senior Class. This day the western Members of Convention passed thro' Town for Hartf^d, where they are to sit on Thursd^y for consid^g the New Constitution.

2. A Sacr^t Lect. I was prevented attending.

3. Eccl. Hist. Lect. The Convention sitting at Hartf^d, the grandest Assemblage of sensible & worthy Characters that ever met together in this State. It so happens that the present Gov^r & L^t Gov., the late Gov. Griswold, three Members of the Continental Convent. at Philad^a, Judge Sherman, D^r Johnson now Presid^t of Columbia College & Judge Elsworth, all the Judges of the Sup^r Court, the most of the Council, the Speaker of the Lower House, &c—There are twelve among them who have been Members of Congress—there are 2 or 3 Ministers. There are a number determined inferior Members. There is a great Conflux of Gentlemen from all parts of the State to attend & hear the Deliberations.

4. In the final Vote of the Pensylv^a Convention upon the Constitution 12th ult, the Members stood 46 for & 23 ag^t receiv^g it. The Minor^y offered their Protest or Dissent and published the

Reasons—They say “ on examin^e the Numbers of Votes given for Members of the present State Convention, we find that of *upwards of seventy Thous^d Freemen* who are entitled to vote in Pensylv^a, the whole Convention has been elected by about thirteen Thous^d Voters, and tho’ two thirds of the Members of the Convention have thought proper to ratify the proposed Constitution, yet those two Thirds were elected by the Votes of only six Thous^d & Eight Hundred Freemen.”

5. Yesterday D^r W. nervous Affection operated the way of religious Joy, not as Fit, Received news of the Death of Mrs. Mary Searing¹ at Newport last Sat^r Æ. 72. She was my good Friend the Relict of the Rev. James Searing my Predecessor there who died Jany. 6. 1755.

6. Ldsdy. A very cold morn^g. Th. 1½ at VIII mane. I attended at Chapel all day. Dr. W. preached A.M. on Rom. v, 19, Original Sin ; & administered the Sac^r of the Lds. Supper, present 17 Communicants. P.M. Ps. xxxix, 4, 5. After Meet^e I visited & prayed with two aged Saints Mr. Jer. Towns^d & Wife æt. 77 & 67. dangerously sick. Rev^d D^r Goodrich preached at the Brick. The Congreg^a of the Brick have voted to continue Mr. Whitt^r Sal^y fr. July to next March or end of his year for Benefit of his Widow & fam^r—the neigh^{br}s Ministers voluntarily give the Preaching.

7. Whether the Break^e up of the Roman Empire by the Goths & Vandals was prejudicial to the Progress of Literature? Seniors. This Even^e I gave Permission to the Freshman Class to wear their Hats in the College yard after the ensuing Vacation. Formerly they kept off their Hats the whole Freshman year. About 1775 they were pmitted to wear them after May Vacation. We now permit them after Jany. Vacation.

Mr. Jn^o Murray the Universalist Lay-Preacher at C. Ann sailed last Month for Engl^d. Hav^e been in America 15 or 16 years.

8. Vacation begins for 3 Weeks. Present 100 Scholars. A snowy day in the Forenoon—Snow 3 or 4 Inches. P.M. Rain- & sleet. Eveng. starlight. Learn that about two Thirds of the Con-

¹ She was a sister of Deputy Governor William Ellery, of Newport.

² Jeremiah Townsend’s wife died nine days later, or January 15 ; while he survived until January 6, 1803. He was the ancestor of the New Haven family of that name, and lived on Elm street, at the northeast corner of College, on the site now occupied by the First Methodist Church.

vention now sitting at Hartf^d are for the new Constitution & one third against it. Reading in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian published A.D. 533.

9. At V^h 30' P.M. The Convention at Hartford accepted & ratified the new federal Constitution; 128 yeas & 39 Nays Tot. 167 + 6 absent = 183¹ Tot. Members of Convention. A Carrier set off from Hartford at VI, rode 14 Miles in one hour & six minutes and reached the City of N. Haven before XI^h at Night.

10. At XII. 25' this Morn^s the four Bells in the City began & continued to ring above an hour & ceased at I^h 40' during which thirteen Canon were discharged. Very cold Th. 11. and at III^½ Th. 8^½ serene Manè. Presid^t Baldwin visited me & we conversed on the federal Constitution.

13. Ldsdy. I preached A.M. at Mr. Austins 1 Tim. iii, 16. P.M. at the Brick, Rom. vi, 23,

14. Very cold. Fahr. Th. about Cypher this Morn^s—At IX^h the mercury stood at one above Cypher. Read^s Zimmerman's Political Survey of Europe

15. Mr. Chatterton² labours of Insanity taking a religious Turn. He was seized with it last Dec. a Twelvemonth. He has attempted to preach repeatedly & disturbed several Congregations. He is possessed of a Notion that it is his Duty to sell all and give to the poor—to sacrifice his son æt. 6 or 8 years but was prevented in the attempt—& to fast 40 days. On Dec. 31 being Monday he at IX^h A.M. eat a little Bread & Water & began his 40 days fast. He neither eat nor drank for 13^½ days. He was greatly weakened & Life endangered. His friends by Coercion forced him to take a little Bread Water mixt with Wine last Ldsdy VI^h in Even^s viz. 13^h Jan⁷ Instant. But for 13 days he had took no kind of Sustenance. He was chained the first nine days; then let loose he was strong eno' to walk 5 Miles out & home which he actually did. Friday last he walked one Mile. Ldsdy 13 he walked down the Long Wharf. He has worn his Beard some time, but lately his friends forced him to be shaved. He 6 m^o past at N. York gave 100 Doll. or £30 to the poor; & on his Return sent £80 more, of w^c £40 has been returned.

Ex ore Matris & Uxoris illius.

¹ Error for 173.

² Samuel Chatterton, who died in New Haven on Oct. 16, 1789.

EXCOMMUNICATION.

“Whereas a certain Congregation in Boston, calling themselves the first Episcopal Church in s^d Town, have, in an irregular & unconstitutional manner, introduced a Liturgy essentially differing from any used in the Episcopal Chhs. in this Commonwealth, & in the United States, not to mention the Protestant Episcopal Church in general; and have also assumed to themselves a Power, unprecedented in s^d Chh, of separating to the Work of the Ministry Mr. James Freeman, who has for some time past been their Reader, and of themselves have authorized, or pretendedly authorized him, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism & the Lords Supper; and at the same time most inconsistently & absurdly take to themselves the name & Style of an Episcopal Church:

We the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, whose Names are underwritten, do hereby declare the Proceed^s of s^d Congreg^t, usually meeting at the Stone Chapel in Boston, to be irregular, unconstitutional, diametrically opposite to every Principle adopted in *any* Episcopal Chh.; subversive of all Order & Regularity & pregnant with Consequences fatal to the Interests of Religion. And we do hereby in this public manner, protest against the afores^d Proceed^s, to the End that all those of our Communion, wherever dispersed, may be cautioned against receiving s^d Reader or Preacher Mr. James Freeman as a Clergyman of our Church, or *holding any Communion with him as such*, and may be induced to look upon this Congregation in the Light, in which it ought to be looked upon, by all true Episcopalians.

EDWARD BASS of S^t Pauls Chh. Newbury Port
 NATHANIEL FISHER S^t Peters Chh, Salem
 SAMUEL PARKER Trinity Chh. Boston
 THOS. FITCH OLIVER S^t Michaels Chh. Marblehead
 WILLIAM MONTAGUE Christs Chh. Boston
 JOHN C. OGDEN Queens Chapel Portsmouth”

Dec. 1787”

20. Ldsdy. I attended A.M. at Dr. Edwds. Meeting: he preached Ps. xxxvii, ult. P.M. at the Brick. Mr. Noyes of Norfield preached Jer. xvii, 6, 7. Read^s Lees Joy of Faith.

21. Visited Mr. Chatterton & rec^d the Acc^o of his Fast^s from his Mother & Wife.

23. Georgia has adopted the new Constitution. Rec^d a Letter from Rev^d Mr. Holmes of Midway in Georgia. The Convention sitting at Boston. Doubtful

24. Convers^s with Mr. Morse upon his Geography. He tells me that D^r Ramsay of Charlest^o and others at the Southw^d & part^y in the Carolinas & Georgia consider the State of Connecticut & Yale Coll. as being most fruitful in Science & Literary Compositions of any Parts of the States—they call Yale College the Athens of America.

25. Read^s the B^o Gazette 21st Inst. I doubt the Issue of the Convention sitting there. They have by a small Majority voted the Hon. Elbridge Gerry to sit in Convention, tho' not elected by any Town. He was a Member of Convent. at Philad^a & refused to sign the new Constitution. This I suspect indicates an Equality of the House. There are 358 Members, of whom 51 are Hon. i. e. are or have been in the Council & Upper House, & 17 Ministers, & six Majors, six Colonels, 63 Militia Captains, a Militia B. Gen., about a doz. Physicians, few Lawyers. Gov. Hancock Presid^t & L. Gov. Cush^s Vice Presid^t. Great Characters as Gov. Bowdoin, Hon Sam^l Adams, Gen Lincoln, & Mr. King & others are of the Convention.

Mass. Convent. began to sit in Boston 10th Jan^y and on 14th began to discuss the new federal Constitution.

[In the final Vote Feb. 6 1788, 355, Nineteen Majority for receiv^s the Constitution.

MINISTERS IN CONVENTION

Boston	Rev ^d Sam ^l Stilman B.	Bridgewater	Rev W ^m Shaw
Milton	Rev. Nath ^l Robbins	Middleboro	Rev. Isaac Backus B.
Hingham	Rev. Dan ^l Shute	Abington	Rev Sam ^l Niles
Brantree	Rev. Ant ^o Wibird	Welfleet	Rev. Levi Whitman
Brookline	Rev. Jos. Jackson	New Bedford	Rev. Sam ^l West
Dedham	Rev. Tho ^l Thatcher	Wells	Rev. Moses Hemmenway D.D.
Bellingham	*Rev. Noah Alden	Waterboro	*Rev. Pelatiah Tingley B.
Chelsea	Rev. Philips Payson	Holden	*Rev. Jos. Davis
Scituate	Rev. & Hon Charles Turner	Gray	Rev ^d Sam ^l Perley.

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* Ministers voted in Negative.]

26. Hon. Judge Elsworth in his memorable Speech before the Connect. Convent. in Hartf^d 4th Inst says Connect. pple pay annually into the Treasy of N. York more than *fifty Thous^d Dollars*. Again, Our being tributaries to our Sister States is a Consequence of the Want of a federal System. The State of New York raises £60 to £80,000 a year by Impost. Connect. consumes about *one Third* of the Goods upon w^c this Impost is laid, & consequently pays one Third of this Sum to N. York. Again, one of our common River Sloops pays in the W. Ind. a portage bill of £60. This is a Tax Foreigners lay upon us & we pay it. All Nations have seen the Necess^y & Propriety of an indirect Taxation by Duties upon Articles of Consumption. France raises a Revenue of 24 Million sterl^s p ann. & it is chiefly this way. Fifty Millions of

Livres they raise upon the single Article of salt. The Swiss Cantons raise almost the whole of their Revenue upon Salt.—In Engld. the whole pub. Revenue is about twelve Millions Sterl^s. The Land Tax amounts to about two Millions, the Window & some other Taxes to about 2 M. more. The other 8 M. is raised upon Articles of Consumption. The whole stand^s army of G. Britain could not enforce the Collection of this vast sum by direct Taxation. In Holl^d their prodigious Taxes amount^s to fourty shill^s for each Inhabitant are levied chiefly upon Articles of Consumption.

—The Imports into the United States amo^t to a very large sum. They never will be less, but will continue to increase for ages & Centuries to come. As the Popul^a of this Country increases the Imposts will necessarily increase.—I find by Calcul^a that a gen. Impost of 5 p. cent. would raise the Sum of £245,000 p ann. deduct^s 8 p cent for the Charges of Collection. A further Sum might be deducted for smuggling, a Business w^c is underst^d too well among us, & w^c is looked upon in too favorable a Light. But this Loss in the public Revenue will be overballanced by the Increase of Import^a. A further Sum may be reckoned upon in some Articles w^c will bear a higher Duty than the one recommended by Congress. Rum instead of 4^d p Gall. may be set higher without any Detrim^t to o^r Health or Morals. In Engld it pays a Duty of 4/6 p Gallon.

Now let us compare this Source of Revenue with our National Wants. The Interest of the foreign Debt is £130,000. L. M. p ann. The Expense of the civil List is £37,000. There are likewise further Expences for maintain^s the frontier Posts, for the Support of those who have been disabled in Service of the Continent, & some other Contingencies amount^s together with the civil List to £130,000. This sum added to the Int. of the foreign Debt will be £260,000. The Avails of the Impost will pay the Int. of the whole foreign Debt & nearly satisfy these current national Expences.

But p^hs it will be s^d that these paper Calcul^a are overdone & that the real avails will fall short. Let me point out what has actually been done. In only 3 of the States, Massach. N York & Pensylv^a, £160 to £180,000 p ann. have been raised by Impost. From this Fact we may certainly conclude that if a general Impost sh^d be laid, it would raise a greater Sum than I have calculated.

A Hundred large Ships are every year loaded with Rice & Indigo fr. the single Port of Charleston. The rich Returns of these Car-

goes of immense Value will all be subject to the Impost.—From Virginia the Exports are valued at a Million sterl^s p ann., the single Article of Tobacco amount^s to 7 or £800,000.—In Maryland their Exports are as great in proportion as in Virginia.—The Imp^{ts} & Exp^{ts} of the Southern States are as great in proportion as those of the Northern. Where then exists this Partiality, w^c has been objected? it exists nowhere but in the uninformed Mind.

—This Constitution does not pretend to coerce sovereign Bodies, States in their political Capacity. No Coercion is applicable to such Bodies, but that of an armed Force. If we sh^d attempt to execute the Laws of the Union by send^g an armed force ag^t the delinquent State, it would involve the good & the bad the innocent & guilty in the same Calamity. But this legal Coercion singles out the guilty Individual, & punishes him for break^g the Laws of the Union.

—How have the Morals of the pple been depraved for Want of an efficient Gov^t w^c might establish Justice & Righteousness.—We must establish a national Gov^t to be enforced by the equal Decision of Law & the peaceable Arm of the Magistrate.” Mr. Elsw^o Speech.

27. Ldsdy. Very cold. I attended A.M. at Mr. Edwards & P.M. at Mr. Austins & heard Mr. Morse.

28. High Contentions at the Boston Convention.

29. Vacation ends at College. This Even^g I set up Orders. Mr. Roswel Saltonstall of Brandford died last Thursdy or fryday æt. cir. 56. Madam Claps Son—He was born 1732—& Grandson of Gov. Saltonstall. He was a singular Character.¹

30. Dr. Wales had a Fit at Mr. W^ms at Northford in Even^g Saturday, & Sunday another in his first prayer in the Congreg^a at Northf^d so that he could not go thro’ with the Forenoon Service. He preached in the Afternoon & returned well on Mondy.

31. Yesterday we began Recitations at College. Tutors Denison & Bidwell present. I heard the Jun. Class in Mr. Tutor Fitch’s Absence. This day I gave a Lecture upon the Fortifications at Muskingum &c.

February

2. I rode to Northford to preach for Mr. Williams who is languishing with severe Paroxisms of what has been conceived the Stone. Thaw.

¹ He was graduated at Yale in 1751, but early showed signs of a disordered intellect, and passed his life in retirement and under guardianship.

3. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Northford. Dr. Wales preached in the College Chapel. Storm of Rain in Night.

4. I returned. High Gale Wind in Night.

5. Grew cold tow^{ds} Morn^s so that Fahr. Th. was 4 below Cypher at VIII Mane—descended to 6 below 0 by XI A.M. then rose only to 2 above 0 the highest altitude of the Day. Severe Cold. I heard two Disputations—Planetæ habitantur. Resp. Gale. Sen^r Class. Whether the Flood was universal? Jun. Class. I attended the Aft. Recit^a of the Juniors. Receiv^d a Letter from Mr. Tutor Fitch whose Sister lies dangerously Sick—this detains him.

6. Therm^o 4 below 0 at sunrise, severe cold. I heard the two Classes recite—Locke—& Martins Phil^o.

7. Being unwell I had no Lecture.

8. Heard the 2 Sen. Classes two Recit^a to day.

9. This Even^s rec^d the News that last Tuesdy the Mass^a Convention adopted & ratified the new fœderal Constitution, by a Majority of Nineteen. Mr. Jon^a Stiles jun. here from Morristown in Jersey.¹

10. Ldsdy. I preached all day. A.M. at D^r Edwards Meet^s Jn^o iii, 3. P.M. at Mr. Austins Meet^s Mat. xxiv, 12, 13. Read^s Jus div. Ministerii Anglicani printed 1654. . .

11. Præscientia divina Necessitatem implicat. Strong Resp. At V^h P.M. Mr. Rufus King arrived here from Boston on his way to Congress. Informs that last Wednesdy V^h P.M. the final Vote passed the Mass. Convent. ratifying the new federal Constitution. The Bells ringing in this City & Canon discharged on the Occasion. Admitted Elliott, Freshman.

12. I heard the Sen. Class dispute on African Slavery ; & then the Junior Class. The Committee of the Corpor^a met here. We settled the price of Commons 6/9 p week, and called a Corpor^a Meeting to be held in the Coll. Library first Tuesday next month.

13. I heard 2 Classes, & a Heb. Class Fitch & Ives. Wrote Dr. Dunhams Diploma M.D. . .

14. I gave my Ecc. Hist. Lect. this Afternoon. The Rev^d Isaac Clinton³ ordained 30th Jan^r last Pastor of the Chh. in Southwick.

15. Snow—nine Inches.

17. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. The Professor preached A.M. Rom. iii, 20. P.M. Eph. iii, 18. Examin^s Passages in Job in Heb. Targ., Aben Ezra, R. Levi Ben Gerson & Jarcli. . .

¹ A second cousin of President Stiles's father.

³ Yale 1786.

18. Whether the Scriptures are divinely inspired? Sen^{ra}.
19. I prayed with the Supreme Court at opening their Sessions in this City to day. I received from D^r Jn^o Adams Ambassador at London a Present of his two Volumes in 8^{vo} on the Defence of the American Constitutions. Hebrew Recitations daily.
20. Received part of my Rent from Cornwall Farm £8.10.0. Rec^d from Mr. Noah Webster at N. York Roberts Collections of Discoveries of Florida.
21. I gave a Lect. in Eccl. Hist^y. I rec^d from the Rev. D^r Jn^o Erskine of Edinb. a Packet of Books for the College Library.
22. Mrs. Hubb^d of Meriden & Miss Nabby Hammond here.¹
24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day. The Doctor's Recollection is a little affected by his nervous Disorders; for he preached the same Sermon in the forenoon, which he preached in Chapel but the Sabb. before last.
25. On Resurrection of the same Body? Seniors.
26. On Pædobaptism? Sen^{ra}. Read^s Mr. Thos. Hutchins, Geographer to the United States his topographical Description of Virg., Maryl^d, Pensylv^a, and N^o Carolina.
28. Wrote to D^r Adams, Ambassador at London by D^r And^w Craige in N. York. I gave my Lecture on Eccl. History. Have had a Hebrew Recitation daily for some time.² This Even^s I learn that N. Hampshire Convention have rejected the new Constitution by a Majority of three—but adjourned to 3^d Week in June by a Majority of one.
29. Heb. Recit^a daily. Spent the Even^s with Hon. Mr. Ab^m Baldwin. He informs me that Mr. Brown of Kentucky, Member of Congress for Virginia, advises two Fortific^a one at Elkhorn

¹ These were both old friends of Newport days.

Under this date Dr. Stiles notes in his College memoranda :

Rec^d of Mr. Meigs the new Impression 430 Copies of the College Laws, £9. We delivered them @ 1/ apiece.

² The Hon. Jeremiah Mason, who was now a Senior, writes thus in his Autobiography :

During our Senior year the President insisted that the whole class should undertake the study of Hebrew. We learned the alphabet, and worried through two or three Psalms, after a fashion; with the most of us it was mere pretense. The President had the reputation of being very learned in Hebrew, as well as several other Eastern dialects. For the Hebrew he possessed a high veneration. He said one of the Psalms he tried to teach us would be the first we should hear sung in heaven, and that he should be ashamed that any of his pupils should be entirely ignorant of that holy language.

Creek w^e empties into Kentucky River, & 15 M. fr. Mouth of the Creek,¹ a fort contain^s about thirty acres, not square—Walls & large Trenches. Half a mile dist. is Mound Earth 30 to 40 feet high—supposed Graves. He saw it. He says that Hunters inform Mr. Brown of another Fort below Mouth of Rock Castle Creek,² where Rocks are set up charged with Inscriptions. Mr. Br. did not see this : but believes it.

March

1. Read the most sensible & excellent Letter on the African Slave Trade by the Rev^d Robert Bucher Nicholls Dean of Middleham in England in Yorkshire dated Oct. 19, 1787, addressed to the Society erected in London for effect^s the abolition of the Slave Trade. He was born in the West Indies, & extensively acquainted there & in N^o America, a masterly Production.—D^r Tho^s Eyers of Newport lately died there. He was educated at Yale College—a Physician of Eminence.

2. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel. A.M. D^r Wales preached Col. iii, 17, admitted Bliss & Judson into the Chh, & administered the Sacrament 23 present. Hav^e forgot the written Cov^t he admitted them orally—first ask^d them if they believed the sacred Scriptures to be of div. Inspiration? without particularizing Doctrines. Then he addressed them with a short Cov^t, import^s most briefly that they dedicated themselves to the Trinity, covenant^s to walk in all divine Ordinances & Duties, & with this Church. No vote of the Brethren. They stood propounded only one Week. The Professor being not well tho' present the Rev. Mr. Morse preached P.M. an excellent Sermon Jn^o viii, 36. Reading the Scriptures and Bochart. . . .

Number of Inhab. as accurately as could be collected by the federal Convention in 1787.

	Inhab.	Deleg ^s in Congress.
New Hamp.	102 Thous ^d	3
Mass.	360	8
Rh. Isld.	58	1
Connect.	202	5
N. York	238	6
N. Jersey	138	4
Pensylv ^a	360	8
Delaware	37	1

¹ Near Frankfort.

² In Pulaski County, in the southern part of the State.

		Negroes	
Maryl ^d	218 includ ^e 3-5 th of	80 Th.	6
Virginia	420	280	10
N ^o Caro.	200	60	5
S ^o Car ^o	150	80	5
Georgia	90	20	3
	<u>2,573,000</u>	<u>520 Th.</u>	<u>65</u>
	208,000, being 2-5 th of 520,000 Negroes.		
	<u>2,781,000 Tot. Inhab. Unit. States.</u>		

Vermont—omitted unless comprehended in N. York.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Mass.	355 Members	168 Nays
Pensylv ^a	69	23
Delaware	22	
Jersey	39	
Connect.	168	40
Georgia	33	
	<u>686</u>	<u>231</u>

Thus $\frac{2}{3}$ of 6 States which contain 1,187,000 Inhab. have adopted the federal Constitution.

A statement of the liquidated & Loan Office Debts of the United States, on w^{ch} the Requisition for Interest was founded for the year 1787.

	Dollars
Credits of sundries in the Treasury Books by Virtue of Special Acts of Congress	204,778.99
Loan off. Certif. of Specie Value issued in 1781	134,811.22
Specie Certif. issued by the Register of the Treas ^{ry}	1,510,766.11
Drafts of Gen. Lincoln & Gen. Moultrie for the Support of the Southern Arms	37,987.08
Certif. issued by Jos. Penuel Commissioner for the Marine Departm ^t	45,351.20
D ^o W ^m Deming Commis. Qu. M ^r Departm ^t	33,386.44
D ^o Jon ^s Burrell Commissioner Commis ^y Dep ^t	412,341.65
D ^o Jos. Bindon Cloth ^g Depart.	22,917.72
D ^o Edward Fox Hospital Departm ^t	52,546.77
D ^o Benj ^s Walker, Marine, Clothing & Hosp. Dep ^t	66,339.59
D ^o Stephen Gorham New Hamp.	6,912.20
D ^o Imlay & Flint Mass.	220,930.25
D ^o Edw ^d Chinn Rh. Isld.	87,750.80
D ^o W ^m Thompson Connect.	26,618.72
D ^o W ^m Barber New York	1,179,940.77
D ^o W ^m Thompson N. Jersey	894,163.85
D ^o Benj ^s Steele & Jn ^o Story Pensylv ^a	881,201.80
D ^o W ^m Winder Delaware	44,230.57
D ^o Morse & White Maryl ^d	61,034.21

Certif. Turner & Dunscomb	Virginia	. . . . .	158,573.19
D° James Hindman	N° Car°	. . . . .	8,695.76
D° Artsen	S° Car°	. . . . .	65 —
D° Jn° Pierce, Army Accounts		. . . . .	9,864,437.47
Loan Off. Certificates		. . . . .	11,427,359.03
Certificates given to foreign Offices the Interest payable in Paris			186,427.69

FOREIGN LOANS

To the King of France, the Interest of which is payable the first of Jany. every year till extinguished—Livres

D° Int. pay ^a 5 th Nov.	. . . . .	10,000,000
D° Int. pay ^a 3 Sept.	. . . . .	18 ———
		<u>34,000,000</u>

DUTCH LOANS

Int. pay ^a 1 st June on florins	. . . . .	5,000,000
D° — 1 st Feb. on d°	. . . . .	2,000,000
D° late Loan 1 June on d°	. . . . .	1,000,000
		<u>8,000,000 — 3,200,000</u>

To the King of Spain	. . . . .	174,000
Said to be due to the Farmers General of France—Livres—	846,710	<u>169,342</u>

37,912,917.27

Rec^d from Hon. Ab^m Baldwin.

3. Polygamia non est licita. Goodrich Resp.

4. Blasphemia in Deum a Magistratu est punienda. Johnson Resp. The Convent. of N. Hampshire adjourned to 3^d Wednesday in June—on Quest. for adjourn^e 56, against 51. No vote on the Constitution—but probably a Majority against adopting it.

On 26 ult. died the Rev^d Joshua Payn of Charleston Mass. æt. 25. A promising & excellent young Minister. He was ord. 10 Jany. 1787.¹

This Aft. the Corpor^a of the Coll. met in the Library, Present 7 viz. Mess^{rs} Taylor, Good., Pitkin, Lockw^d, Hunt., Whitney & myself. We formed, and descended into the Chapel under us at Even^e Prayers. After Prayers I qualified & publicly declared Mr. Whitney a Fellow of this College.

5. The Fellows doing Business. The Rev^d David Ely of Rip-ton was elected a Fellow in the Room of the Rev. Mr. Jn° Trumbull deceased. Voted to prefer a Memorial to the Gen. Assembly in May for Repairs of the Presidents House. This day invited

¹ Graduated at Harvard in 1784.

Hon. Ab^m Baldwin¹ President of the University in Georgia, with Professor Wales and the 3 Tutors to dine with the Corporation.

6. Conferred the Deg. of Doctor of Div^y upon the Rev. Jn^o Erskine D.D. of Edinburg as a Testimony of Respect.

8. Visited by the Rev^d Mr. Stanford a Baptist Minister fr. London, who is going to be Pastor of the Baptist Chh. in Providence. He was educated in a Bapt. Acad^y in Surrey about 12 m. fr. London. Then, 4 or 5 y. an ordained Minister in a Bapt. Chh. in London, where he kept an Acad^y. He came to Amer. phps a year ago & opened a School or Acad^y in N. York. But has now accepted a Call to settle in Providence: He was at the same time addressed with a Call to the Bapt. Chh. in N York late Mr. Gano's, as Mr. Gano has concluded to remove & settle at Kentucky.

9. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel. A.M. D^r Wales preached 1 Tim. ii, 5. P.M. Mr. Stanf^d [Turned out a Villain.] preached Prov. xviii, 24. Read the 2 & 3^d Books of Euseb. Eccl. History.

10. Whether the President of Congress ought to be visited with an independ^t Power of Command^r the American Army? Sen^{ra}.

11. Whether Christianity has proved of Advantage to civil Govern^t? Sen^{ra}. I attended a Lect. at D^r Edw^{ds} Mr. Atwater^{*} preached: it being a Meet^s of half a dozen Ministers in the Vicinity for theological Disputations. I communicated to them a Letter wherein I was addressed for a Minister for Sheffield in the Province of Brunswick about 60 m. above S^t Johns in S^t Jn^{os} River, for Advice.

12. Quarter Day. Exercises by Jun^r Class.

Anthem III. 18-23'

Lat. Orat. by Edw^{ds} III. 24-31'

Disput^a Cowles & Bradley III. 31-53'

Anthem

Dialogue, Gay, Cone, Osgood, Bradly 2. III. 59. to IV. 36.

Eng. Orat. by Elliott IV. 37-51.

Anthem IV. 53-V^h P.M.

13, I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

14. Received another Vol. of Letters fr. D^r Adams our Ambassador in London. Snow gone.

¹ Mr. Baldwin's family resided in New Haven, on George street, opposite College street, and his father had recently died there. (See this Diary, April 24, 1787.)

² Jason Atwater (Yale 1781), minister at Branford.

16. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Rev^d Mr. Austin preached Mat. xvi, 26, D^r Wales changing. P.M. Rev. Mr. Morse 1 Cor. iii, 29, a farewell Sermon he going to N York next week on an Invitation to preach as Colleague with D^r Rogers, his Colleague Mr. Wilson lately removed to Charlest^o S^o Carolina. Read^s Cotelarius Edition of the Epistles of Ignatius.

17. Whether good Policy is ever inconsistent with Justice? Sen^{rs}. Rec^d Letter from Rev^d Mr. Holmes of Georgia dated 22^d ult. request^s a Tutor for the Acad^y in Sunbury, Salary £100.

18. Whether all Mank^d descended from Adam? Seniors. Writ^s letters to N. York & Georgia by the Rev^d Mr. Morse who this day bids Farewell to New Haven, & goes to New York to preach.

19. Rec^d the Musæum from Philad^a¹—ask^s my Communic^a. Also rec^d from London, Mathers Magnalia, & Milnes Botany.

20. Rev^d Mr. Morse sailed to-day for N. York. Dr. Wales gave a Theol. Lecture.

21. About 12 Inst died Hon. Ab^m Redwood Esq. of Newp^r æt. 79. Founder of the Redwood Library at Newport. I rec^d £35. 6. 8. Rent & Int. Rh. Isld. Deans Farm for year end^d March 25 1787. Distributed it.

22. Much Talk about Mr. Bowdens³ Animadversion on two Passages on my Ordin^a Sermon at N. London last year, wherein I assert the Validity of Presb. Ordination. He sent me a Copy 5th Inst. The Chh. of Engl^d are determined to commence a Warm Controversy. . . .

23. Ldsdy. At Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M. Deut. xviii, 18. P.M. 1 Thess. ii, 19, 20. Reading Perins Hist. Waldensian Chhs & Pastors—and Ignatius' Epistles.

24. Whether good Policy in the old States to encourage Emigration into Kentucky, Ohio & the New States? Sen^{rs}.¹

¹ *The American Museum*, a Philadelphia magazine published by Mathew Carey, now in its fourth year.

² The Rev. John Bowden, an Englishman and a graduate of Kings College now Columbia University, in 1772, was the Episcopal minister in Norwalk.

³ Under this date Dr. Stiles has the following in his College Memoranda:—

Ordered that Speaking Thursday Afternoons be discontinued—and all Students obliged to be at their Rooms till Lecture. Between Lect. & Prayers, Playtime. The Speak^s transferred to Sat^r P.M. at the Ringing Bell at III o'clock. Playtime for all Coll. after Playbell tolls after Speak^s or about an hour before Prayers. All the 3 Jun^r Classes to assemble at the same time & speak together.

25. Whether the oldest son ought to have a Double Portion? Seniors.

26. I saw a Moose Calf 9 months old lately bro't into this Town from Onion River in Vermont. I measured & found its Length from the Rump to the End of its Nose 5 feet 9 Inches—its Legs two feet & Eight Inches—Its Neck 19 Inches. A Female. It was taken as soon as calved.

27. Eccl. Hist. Lect. and 2 Hebrew Recitations. The 25th Inst Mr. Tutor Fitch began Enfields Philosophy with the Junior Class. This is the first Introduction of it instead of Martin's Philosophy, now laid aside; it hav^e been used about 28 years in this College. At the same Time we have substituted and introduced Pike's Arithmetic & Math. instead of Ward. It is just published by Mr. Pike of Newbury Port.

28. I have heard 5 Recitations to-day, one of the Sen^r, 2 of Jun. Class & 2 Hebrew.

29. Yesterday visited by Hon. Mr. Thatcher a Member of Congress from Massachusetts.

30. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel, where Rev. Mr. Trumbull preached all day. . . .

At XII $\frac{1}{2}$ or a little after Noon, we were alarmed by my House tak^e fire on the Roof. Wind West high. A number of pple soon collected & were very active by knock^s off about a third of the Roof on East side, the Fire was subdued & providentially extinguished—a great Preservation. Deo O. M. Grates.

31. Whether Jurisprudence ought to make a part in the quadrennial course of College Education? Seniors. I heard also the Disput^a of the Jun. Class, & two Hebrew Recitations. My House repairing. Spent the Even^e with Gen Parsons & Gen. Varnum, two Judges of the Supreme Court at Muskinghum on Ohio set out for that Country. The Rev. Manasseh Cutler of Ipswich is to go with them as a Minister and Head and Superintend^t of a School, & to be President of the future University in those Parts.

April

1. Whether Medical Studies ought to make part of Collegiate Education? Senrs.

Whether the public Securities ought to be paid off to the present Possessors at the nominal Value. Jun^{rs}.

I dined with the Judges of the County Court, hav^e pray^d at the

open^s of the Court this Day. Read^s Bp. Beveridge on the Apostolical Canons.

3. I gave an Ecc. Hist. Lect. Read^s Eusebius.

4. This day about Noon or between XII & I o'Clock died at Northford the Rev. Warham Williams Æt. 62. Min. 38. He was 4 y. Tutor of Yale College & 19 years Fellow of the Corporation. A worthy Man.

5. I attended the Funeral of the Rev. Mr. Williams. There were eleven Ministers present. At about II½ P.M. the funeral Procession moved from the House of Mourning to the Meet^shouse. The Brethren of the Chh preceded the Corps, the Ministers walking as Pall Bearers on each side of the Corps; which was followed by the Mourners, and the whole Congregation two & two.

The Corps being deposited before the Pulpit, Mr. *Street* made the Prayer—a Psalm—D^r Goodrich preached an excellent Sermon 2 Pet. iii, 14. I prayed & gave the Blessing. From the Meet^s-house the Procession moved in the same Order, the Corps carried by the two Deacons & all the Brethren of the Chh., to the Grave. Mr. Trumbull spoke at the Grave. We finished at V½ P.M. and I returned to College.

The Ministers present were, the Rev. Mess^{rs} Street, Foot, Bray, Elles, Edwards, Wales, Trumbull, Atwater, Austin, & myself, & D^r Goodrich. Mess^{rs} Foot & Atwater Mourners.

For more than a year past Mr. W^m has been most severely exercised with a painful & excruciat^s Disorder in the Bladder. It was for sometime judged to be a Calculus & the Chirurgeons & Physicians once assembled for the Section; but upon introduc^s the Catheter none could be felt. The Body was this day opened and the bladder taken out—I inspected it. A fungous Matter had grown within on the Inside, & grown to such magnitude as filled the Bladder so far not to leave room for Urine the Bigness of an Egg. It was ulcerated—& plainly incurable from the beginning. There was neither Calculus nor Gravel.

Mr. W^m was a son of the Rev^d D^r Stephen W^m of Longmeadow, where he was born Feby. 1725/6. He was educated at Yale Coll. & graduated 1745. He was a Tutor there 4 years, & part of the time I was fellow Tutor with him. In June 1750 he left College & was ordained the first Pastor of the Chh. of Northf^d, the Chh. being gathered at the same Time. He has faithfully labored in Word & Doctrine & was in the Min^y there 38 years. He was a

good Classic Scholar, & well studied in Div^y, & was a solid judicious Divine; a great Friend to Order & Regularity in Chh & State. A steady, upright, firm man. In 1769 was elected Fellow of the College, & constantly one of the stand^s Committee of the Corporation; a very judicious & faithful Member of the Board. He was naturally rather fixed & rigid, esp^y in the former part of Life. But Experience benefited him, & he became mild & condescend^s but always steady & uniform. He has on the whole exhibited a good & worthy Example, & appeared among the superior & most weighty Characters in the Ministry. He was doubtful & had great Fears about his spiritual State. He had Hopes thro' Grace, but went into Eternity with Trembling; altho' he had lived a virtuous, pious & holy Life. I have met with a great Loss in his Death! Three of the Fellows have died in a short time. Mess^{rs} Johnson, Trumbul & W^m—add also D^r Salter. May I be quickened to live for Eternity.

6. Ldsdy. I attended & heard D^r Wales at Chapel all day. Jno. xix, 25. He admin^d the Sacram^t, about 20 present.

7. Proles illegitima Patrum Hæreditate potiri non debent. Steel. —Proxy this day. D^r Edw^{ds} preached. Freeman 160 present.

8. Continue two hebrew Recitations a day.

9. At Even^g prayers in Chapel the Reverend David Ely of Rip-ton was qualified publicly as a Fellow of the College by giving his Assent to the Confession of Faith & Ecclesiastical Constitution —as he had taken the Oath of Fidelity to the State, it was not repeated. Nine or 10 Scholars went into Inoculation.

10. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Read^s Hist. Xtians S^t Thomas E. Ind.

11. The Freshmen began Hebrew. Mr. Henry Livingston here.

13. Ldsdy. Dr. Wales being unwell Dr. Edw^{ds} preached in the Chapel A.M. & I preached for him 2 Pet. i, 10-11. P.M. I attended Chapel, Dr. Wales preached Heb. vii, 17, on the Priesthood of Christ.

14. African Slavery? Seniors.

15. When Alex^r conquered the Thebans, & obtained the written Contract in which the Thessalians were bound to pay Talents to Thebes — Quære — Had Alex. a right to demand Paym^t of the Thessalians? Sen^{rs}.

17. Fast thro' Connecticut. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. W. preach all day on Rev. ii, 4, 5. He had a nervous Fit this Morning.

20. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales. A.M. Acts vii, 38. P.M. Mat. v, 18. Read^s Pearson on the Creed . .

. A great Tumult at New York last Monday on acc^t of Digging up Corps & anatomizing them at the Surgeons Hall. The Militia call in & 4 Men Killed by the firing of the Militia.

21. Whether pub. or private Educⁿ preferable? Sen^rs.

22. Whether God is the efficient Cause of Sin? Sen^rs. This day my Wife finished Read^g translating & parsing the first Psalm in Hebrew. It is about 3 Weeks since she first took the Hebrew Alphabet & Grammar in hand. And she has accurately parsed & resolved every word, looking out each Radix & declining it.

23. One of my Hebrew Classes finished the first Psalm; the other at the 19th Psalm. I have spent four hours to day in Instruction of different kinds. Called to pray with two sick & dying Persons.

24. Three hours in giving Instruction—spent 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ h. with, counselled, prayed with a dying person, saw her die, & hope I profited myself at the House of Mourning. Omitted my Lecture. At III^h P.M. visited the two small pox Hospitals with D^r Wales & my Son Isaac. There about thirty of the College Students in Inoculation, turning & doing well. As we were riding to the Hospitals D^r Wales was seized with two pretty severe nervous Fits on the Road. We dismounted. The last fit continued 15 Minutes by my Watch, & I judge the first was longer as it was the severest. On our Return we attended the funeral of Mrs. Wolcott¹ with whom I prayed & who died yest^r afternoon.

25. Had 4 Recitations. Attended & prayed at the funeral of Mrs. Peck² æt. 22.

27. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard the Professor preach all day. A.M. Mat. v, 18, excellent. P.M. Mat. xx, 28. Read^g Stripes Life of Abp. Parker . .

28. Whether foreign Trade beneficial? Sen^rs.

29. Whether Navigⁿ of the Mississippi shd be free? Sen^rs.

30. Sen^rs recited to XVIIth C. of last Book in Locke. . .

May

1. Began Examinⁿ of the Classes. This day I bought of Caleb Cook Esq. of Wallingford an antique silver Snuff Box of the East India Governor Yale. The Turtle shell was neatly & elegantly

¹ Widow Phebe Wolcott, whose daughter Phebe (born 1755) married Hanover Barney, of New Haven.

² Rebecca (Atwater), wife of Capt. John Peck.

charged with the Governors Head in alto Relievo, and his Coat of Arms. I gave fourty shill^{rs} for it; and do now deposit it in the archives of Yale as a Memorial of its principal Benefactor. Gov. Elihu Yale was born in New Haven Apr. 5, 1648. At æt. 10, he went to Engl^d—æt. 30 to the E. Indies, where lived 20 y. & was made Gov. of F^t S^t George—& after his Return to London became Gov. of the Lond. E. Ind. Comp^y. He died July 8, 1721, æt. 73, and is buried on the family Estate at Wrexham or Plas yn Yale in Wales.¹ In 1755 Major Elihu Hall of Wallgrd bro't from Engld this Snuff Box presented by some of the Governors family to Mr. Yale of Wallingfrd

2. Continued the Examin^a of the Classes: Therm° 83°.

4. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day & heard Mr. Flint one of our senior Bachelors, & a Tutor in Provid. College. A.M. Mat. xix, 16. P. M. Gen. xvi, 13. D^r Wales being present administered Sac^r Lds. Supper, present 15 Communicants. Read the two Epistles of St. Clement to the Corinthians, in the original Greek. .

5. Finished the Examin^a of the four Classes. Approved all but two, adjudged to private monition. Train^g Day. I dined with Capt. Punderson & the Officers of his Military Company.

6. Vacation begins. Deans Examin^a. Adjudged Woodworth Sen. Soph. first Dean, & Tomlinson 2^d Dean Scholar. Rev. Mr. Hubb^d present.² This Afternoon set out with D^r Wales & M^r Birdsy³ for Election.

Rode to D^r Dana's in Wallingford, & lodged.

7. Rode to Middlet^o & dined with M^r Huntington & proceeded to Hartf^d.

8. ELECTION. Rev. Josiah Whitney preached. Gov. Huntington elected Gov. & Gov. Wolcott D. Governor. About 70 Ministers & Candidates dined together.

¹ These details regarding Governor Yale are somewhat inaccurate. He was born in or near Boston, several years after the family had left New Haven. He was taken to England in 1652, and went to India in 1672, returning in 1699. He held no public office afterwards. He is buried in the parish churchyard in Wrexham.

² By the terms of Dean Berkeley's gift the "Senior Episcopal Missionary" in Connecticut was one of the electors; and as such the Rev. Bela Hubbard of New Haven was occasionally present.

³ Rev. Nathan Birdseye (Yale 1736), of Stratford, an intimate friend of Dr. Stiles. A few additional memoranda respecting this journey are inserted from the Itinerary.

9. Visiting. Stormy day.
10. Rode over to East Hartfd & Kept Sabbath with D^r Williams.
11. Ldsdy. I preached for Dr. Williams.
12. Rode to Windsor—Visited Rev. Mr. M^cClure & Rev. Mr. Potwine—crossed over to Br. Ashbel Stiles at W. Windsor.
13. Visited Judge Elsworth & Rev^d Mr. Hinsdale, and rode to Hartfd, and waited on Gov. Huntⁿ.
14. Presented 2 Mem^o to Gen. Ass. for College, one for Repairing my House, the other for the Preemption of the Indian Scaticook Lands in Kent.

. Capt. Pratt of Hartfd. just returned from Ohio, presented the Museum of Yale College with a pr Indian Garters made of Buffeloes Wool or Hair & Wampum—also an Earthen Cup or Vase contain^s half a pint dug up by the Skeleton of an Indian at Muskingham in 1786—and also a Belt of blue & white Beugles taken by Capt. Pratt from the Senecas in the Expedition of Gen. Sullivan last War into the Seneca Indian Country.

The Petition for Scaticook negatived. I attended a Meet^s of the Philos. Society.

15. Dined at Rev. Mr. Strongs in Comp^a with Gov. Huntington, Mess^r Hart, &c Members of Assembly & Mr. Raynolds of S^o Car^o who has bro't 4 or 5 Lads from thence for School^s & New Engld & to receive an Educ^a at Yale College.

16. Dined at West Hartfd^d. Visited Rev. Mr. Perkins who is highly incensed at the 2 last Elections of Fellows of Yale College. M^r Strong thinks we have one overbear^s Member in the Corpor^a.—Mr. L. says S. had rather choose an Arminian than a new Div^y man. New Div^y—Hinc illæ Lacrimæ! Mr. L. wondered why not choose Dr. Edwth? Dr. W. replied why not at once choose Dr. B— Pres^t., Mr. H— Prof. Div^y, &c.

Rode to Farmington. Lodged at Rev. Mr. Pitkins.

17. Mr. Pitkin rode with me 7 M. to Mr. Newells at Cambridge. I proceeded to Waterbury. Lost a Tooth. Have 2 left.

18. Ldsdy. Kept Sabb. & preached for Rev^d Mr. Leavenworth.¹ Mr. L. is a Wattsonian as to the Preexistence of Xts human Soul & denies that Paul or any other Man ought to be willing to be damned.

19. Rode to Bethlem & visited Rev. D^r Bellamy æt. 70—a broken

¹ Mark Leavenworth (Yale 1737), the old "New Light" minister of the First Society in Waterbury.

paralytic Vessel. Spent $\frac{3}{4}$ hour with the Dr. in Ruins, yet rational to a degree. Proceeded to Woodb^y & lodged Rev^d Mr. Benedicts.

20. Rode thro' Southbury. Lodged at Mr. Balls, Amity.

21. Arrived home & found my family well. Deo Grates.¹

On the 7th May the Episcopalians had a Convention at Wallingford. Agreed to confirm a Grant of Peter Pence to Bp. Seabury for 2 years made last Winter at a Convention at Waterbury, & to extend it during Life. It is a Tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound on the List in this State. They also now agreed to erect an Episcopal Academy.²

June

11. Quarter Day. Exercises as usual.

Anthem . . . III. 22 to 27' 97th Ps.

Lat. Orat. . . Bliss III. 28-40

Dialogue . . . III. 41-IV. 13. Griffin, Haskel, Mumf^d 2, Norton

Anthem . . . IV. 14-24'

Eng. Orat. . . Mumfd 1, IV.—24'-35'

Anthem . . . IV.—35-40'

12. Seniors finished Locke V. 2^d. I gave a Philosophical Lecture in Chapel.

13. The Seniors began to recite President Claps Ethics. . .

15. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. . . . A.M. Dr. Wales preached Mat. xxv, 28. Atonement. P.M. he exchanged with Mr. Austin who preached Gen. i, 26, 27. . . .

17. Whether Brutus was justifiable in killg Cæsar? Sen^{rs}. This day I received a Letter from Professor Williams dated Cambridge June 10, 1788. He writes confidentially: and among other Things says—"My Situation here is become very uncomfortable. I have for some time felt the effects of Envy & Unkindness, w^{ch} I have endeav^d to guard against, but in vain. Of late I have met with much Trouble &c. And I am so aversed to Contention that I really wish to quit this place. Philosophy is my Delight, and I have been thinking of the Professorship with you. When your Apparatus shall arrive, with what I could supply myself, I think I shd. be able to open two Courses of Lectures on Philosophy & Astronomy, with some degree of Reputation & Applause. Nor shd. I be discouraged on account of the State of your Finances. I am psuaded a Professor who shd. open the Business in such a manner as to give

¹ At this point one leaf has been torn from the Diary.

² This Academy was finally erected at Cheshire in 1795.

the young Gentlemen a proper Taste for these Sciences would be able to make the Professorship support itself & with their Consent & earnest Concurrence & Desires.—I wish, D' Sir, you would favor me with your Sentiments upon this Subject. If you think it practicable, I would immediately resign my office here." Ans^d 24th.¹

18. Being unwell I did not hear the Senior Class recite to day.

19. D' Wales heard the Senior Class recite to day. This Afternoon a funeral Oration was delivered in the Chapel by Lewis Sen. Soph. upon his Classmate Eli Kelsey who died Apr. 26, 1788, Æ. 25.² The Exercise—

Sung funeral Tho't at Entering Chapel
Sung 3^d Hymn 2^d B. end III. 33'
III 34-57. fun. Orat. by Lewis
III 57-IV. 2' Anthem out of Revelation.

I attended, altho' ill with a violent Cold.

20. I rode to North Haven. The Conventions of Virginia and N York [& New Hampshire] are now sitting. The latter will reject the new Constitution; Virginia will probably adopt it. . . .

21. D' Dana informed me the Difficulty with Professor Williams at Cambridge. Before the War a Draught of p^hps £1500 p ann. from Connecticut Treasury was employed in Schooling in the several Towns. This was absorbed & discontinued dur^s the war. But the Assembly at Hartf^d last May Sessions reestablished the Grant. A very happy Thing for the popular Education of the Youth in the several Towns. It will afford three Months school^s p ann. for the Children thro' the whole State: and will educate all in Read^s the Bible, in Writing & Arithmetic.

22. Ldsdy. Last Even^s the Professor had a Turn; & at IV^h this Morn^s another—severe. He did not come out this forenoon. He sent to me & I preached A.M. at Dr. Edw.^{de} & Sir Hitchcock pr. in Chapel. Dr. Wales preached in Chapel P.M. 1 Cor. vii, 31.

23. Whether the Estates of Convicts shd. be confiscated? Sen^{rs}.

24. Whether having no Estate ought to exclude from Suffrages or Eligibility to public Offices in the State? Sen^{rs}.

25. Yesterday I resumed Hebrew with the whole Freshman Class,

¹ See also above, July 9, 1782. According to President Quincy (*Hist. of Harvard University*, ii, 264) Professor Williams had at this time become pecuniarily embarrassed, and resigned his office a few days after the date of this letter on some question arising as to his conduct in relation to his affairs.

² This was afterwards published.

besides a daily separate Hebrew Class of five who are reciting the 30th Psalm.

This day at 1½^h P.M. arrived in this City the News of the Adoption of the new foederal Constitution by the State of New Hampshire (sitt^s at Concord) on Saturday last or 21st Ins^t. Yeas 57, Nays 46. Majority 11. This is the ixth State; So now the Constitution is ratified i. e. literally—but if N. York, Virg. & N^o Car^o should not accede, it will yet be some time before the Ratification may be considered as completely established. The Swiss Cantons & the Belgic Provinces were several years in acced^s one after another to their respective foederal Systems, but at length they came in. So I hope & expect that Virg. &c. will. If Virg. does N^o Car^o will. N York will at present be most probably negative. Rh. Isld will come to her Senses again after recover^s from the Frenzy of Paper Money.

As soon as the News arrived the four Bells in the City were set a Ringing, & the foederal Flag displayed and foederal Discharges of Canon—& Rejoycing.

26. Dr. Wales gave a Theological Lecture. Rev^d Dr. Williams of Hartf^d came here.

29. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales on Xs Intercession. P.M. I preached at Mr. Austins Mark x, 28–31. . .

30. Whether Wars beneficial to Mankind? Sen^r. Last Thursdy I rode to Capt Foots &c in Northf^d to view the Silk worms. The spirit for Rais^s Mulberry Trees & Silk is vigorous in Northfd—phps 30 families have Mulb^y Trees set out in that Parish. Mr. Williams has 5 or 6000 Silk Worms skin^s the 3^d time—Mr. Rogers 8 or 10 Thous^d skin^s the last time—Capt. Foot has 85,000 in the last stage at home & 10,000 abroad. He has 420 sq^f feet of Silk Worms on 4 Shelves round the Chamber Walls & 108 sq^f feet on Board Shelves in the Middle of the Room. I counted two or 3 sq^f feet, by the foot, & found 150 & 160 Worms on a single square foot—so that he had 85 Thous^d Worms. These with 10,000 more were fed from 150 Mulb^y Trees, set out at a year old five years ago, or now æt. 6 y. very thrifty. Mrs. Foot made of the silk raised 1786 twelve yards of Lutestring, three Qu^r^s of a yard wide: and of the Silk she raised 1787 she has made Eight yards of black Sattin, three Qu^r^s yard wide. In 1787 they raised five Bushels of Cocoons or Balls, from which they reeled off five Pounds of Raw Silk. This was raised from the 160 or rather 150 Trees set out A.D. 1782.

July

1. Whether the Magician Miracles in Egypt were real Miracles? Sen^{rs}. Heb. Recitation.

3. Early this Morning at break o'day we were awaked with the Ringing of Bells announcing the Accession of Virginia the Xth State to the new foederal Constitution. The Express from Congress for Boston left N York yesterdy Morning at VII^h and arrived here a little after Midnight and left N Haven for Hartf^d at IV^h 15' mane. I saw him. He shewed me Letters from Congress. . . The news arrived in N. York July 2^d at II^h Mane. Congress dispatched instantly to the Convention at Poukeepsy. Mr. Peas the Express this Way intends to reach Boston to morrow by Two o'Clock P.M. to elevate the Rejoycings at the Annivers^y of Independence. We shall rejoyce to morrow. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lect. on Chronol^y. Begin^s a new Course.

4. Anniversary celebrated in New Haven. A Procession formed at the Long wharf of a Commixture of all Descriptions, accord^s to the Idea conceived at Boston at their Rejoycing last Winter. A Sower headed the Procession succeeded by 3 pair of Oxen & one hold^s a Plow; then Reapers, Rakers, Shoemakers, Sadlers, Cabinet Makers, Blacksmiths, Goldsmiths &c. then a Whale Boat manned & row^s a federal Ship, Cap^t & Sailors, Citizens, Merch^{ts}, Scholars of the several Schools, Masters, Tutors of the Colledge, 7 Ministers, City Sheriffs, High Sheriff, Common Council Men, Aldermen, Mayor Mr. Sherman, the Committee of the Day & Orator. The Procession moved at Eleven o'Clock & march thro' State street up as high as Elm street, thro' that to street then round thro' Chapel street, by the Colledge into the Green—the Head reached round the Green to the Brick Meetinghouse Door when the other End was at the Colledge, or a Length of about an hundred or 120 Rods. The whole March was near one Mile & three Quarters. Entered the Meet^gh. at Noon or XI.59. Exercises.

XI^h59.A.M. Entered—Anthem singing.

XII. 2. Salute by discharge of XIII Canon in a Park around Liberty Pole, the foederal Flag flying.

XII. 9. Declaration of Independ. 1776. Read by Mr. Meigs.

20. Hymn 67th Watts sung.

XII.26. to XII.54' Prayer by D^r Wales.

55. Singing 21 Psalm.

I. 6. to I.39. Oration by Mr. Baldwin.
Contribution for the poor.

- I.47. Federal Hymn composed by Tutor Bidwell.
 I.56. Blessing by myself. Thus the Exercises continued about two Hours in the Meet^house.

We then broke up & went to the State House, where about 150 Gentlemen dined together & drank 13 Toasts under the Discharge of Canon. At the fourth Toast which was Gen. Washington, the Ministers retired and smoked a pipe in the Council Chamber.¹ Reverend Mess^{rs} Street, Dana, Trumbull, Edw^{ds}, Wales, Austin, & myself were present. Afterw^{ds} the Ministers walked & drank Tea at my House.

6. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. A.M. 2 Cor. ix, 15. He adm^d the Sacrm^t, 19 present. P.M. Mat. vii, 25. When about two thirds thro' Sermon, he was taken with a fit in the Desk. I made a Prayer, sang & dismissed with a Blessing. The Doctor recovered so as to come out with us. It was a light Turn.

7. Whether the Polity of Engl^d tends more to Despotism than Republicanism? Sen^{rs}.

8. Whether it had been better to refer the new Constitution to the Ratificⁿ by Town Meetings or a Plurality of the personal Votes of all the Freemen of the United States than to State Conventions? Sen^r. A heavy Thunder Storm this Even^g.

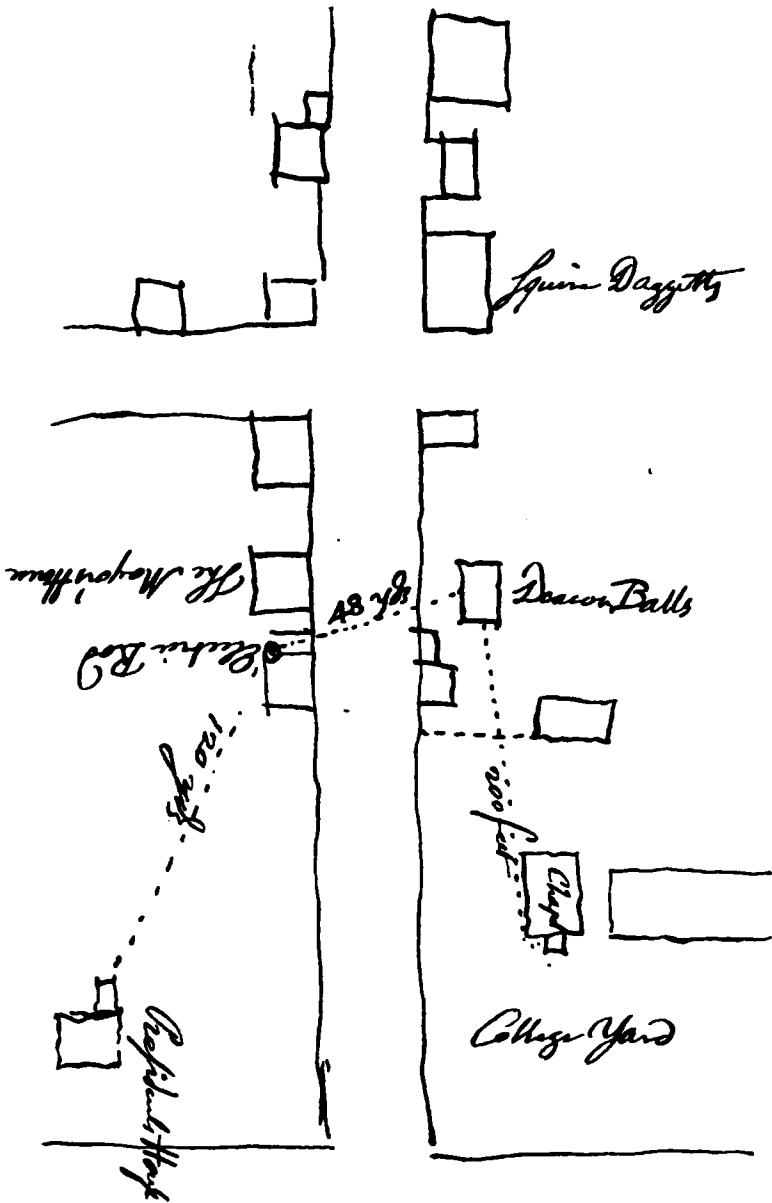
9. Last Even^g at IX^o a thunder Clap struck Deacon Balls House, & killed a young Woman æt. 19. It was within 48 yds. of an Electrical Rod; & within 200 feet of the College Steeple; & 168 yds from my House. The Deacons old house was lower than six of the surrounding Houses, as well as much lower than the Chapel Steeple & the College. It was a wonderful Providence, that the College & other Buildings escaped. Deo Grates. There is no Lightning Rod to the Steeple or College. Half a dozen or more psons in the Deacons House were unhurt. It melted the Pewter & otherwise affected the Utensils &c & burst the upper part of the Chimney. I attended the funeral this Even^g & prayed at the House, Mr. Hubbard read the funeral Service at the Grave.

10. I delivered an Eccl. Hist. Lect. in Chapel.²

¹The State House (built in 1763) was just south of the meeting-house, on Temple street, between the present Center and Trinity Churches. The Council Chamber was one of the rooms on the second floor.

²Under this date is the following entry in Dr. Stiles's College Memoranda:

Yesterday the Juniors elected six singers to lead the Music of the Chapel next year.



[Sketch by Dr. Stiles of the neighborhood of his house, July 9, 1788.]

12. D^r Spalding¹ æt. 45, of this City at my House. I examined his Face & Head. His Beard, Eyebrows & Lashes & Hair of his Head is intirely come off. He first perceived it com^e off in Feb. last, & in May was the last time of his Shaving. He had been in tolerable Health—has had no fit of Sickness. He was in Captivity two years 1780 & 1781 in Barbadoes in W. Ind. where he had a fit of sickness. He suspects that might lay the foundation of this Loss of Hair. His Head & Face pfectly free from Hair. He never read nor heard of a similar Instance till I told him of one in Cap^t Lawton in Newport who 1774 lost his Beard & all the Hair of his Head & Body at Sea in pfect Health. . . . Mr. Sumner tells me he knows a Negro Boy now æt. 14, at Midway in Georgia with Blue Eyes, deaf & dumb—of pure negro Blood ; he knows the negro Parents.

13. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. A.M. Mat. vii, 21. P.M. Ps. ii, 6. On the kingly Office of Christ. Read^e the apostolical Constitutions.

14. Whether Theatres ought to be encouraged? Sen^r. . . .

15. Whether it be safe to grant the proposed Charter for the medical Societies in Connect.? Sen^r.

17. No Lecture. I rode out on a party of Pleasure to Oyster R. the Dividend Line between Milf^d & N. Haven & met a party from Milf^d, dined sociably & returned—above 20 ph. 23 Carriages viz. 1 Coach, a few Chairs & the most of the Chaises.

18. I have collected one Quart & half a pint of well cleaned White Mulberry seeds, or 360 Thous^d seeds. The Quart weighed Sixteen Ounces Averdupoise & counted 200 Thous^d seeds. So I have 360 Thous^d. A cubic Inch of seed weighs about 10^{dwt} Troy & I counted 8377 seeds. In 1764, I counted a Cubic Inch of Black Mulberry seeds in two parcels weigh^e 7^{dwt} 3 Gr. Troy, & found 6230 seeds & 6^{dwt} 2 Gr. 4620 seeds—Total 10,850 seeds to a Cubic Inch weigh^e 13^{dwt} 5 Gr. So about 16 Th. seeds to a cubic Inch. The Senior Class finished Presid^t Claps Ethics.

19. The Seniors finished reciting Vincents Catechism.

20. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Ps. ii, 6. P.M. Mal. xvi, 26. Something of a religious awakening in College. Read^e Selden de Diis Syris.

¹ For a fuller account see Dr. Bronson's article in the *New Haven Colony Historical Society's Papers*, ii, 278-82.

21. Whether the Sins of a Creature in a finite Time can merit infinite Punishm^t? Sen^r.

22. Whether Acts of Insolvency are just? Sen. I bid farewell to the Senior Class; & ordered them to present themselves in Chapel at II^a P.M. for pub. Exam. as Candidates. At II I delivered the Diploma examinatorium, constitut^s Sir Leavitt Vice Bedellus. And the Exam. began.

23. Examin^a proceeded, & finished at II½ P.M. Nine only of the Examiners Voted, 5 approv^s all, in the 4 others 3 were excepted. But the Majority passed the Whole. Whereupon the Present^a of 33 Candidates for the Degree of A.B. was made to me in the Library about III. Then we dined publickly in the Hall. At VI exam^d & approved Sir Cook.¹ . . .

24. The Candidates return^s home. No Lecture. . . . Begun Painting the Chapel. New York Convention sitting at Poughkeepsy are Two Thirds against the new federal Government, & will vote it out. Grand foederal Rejoycing at Philad^a. . . Read Life of Tamerlane.

27. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Dr. Wales pr. 1 Cor. vi, 20. P.M. Rev^d Mr. Noyes pr. Micha vi, 8.

28. News this Morning that N. York Convent. had adopted the new Constitution, 6 Majority.

29. Yest^r & to day I heard the Freshman Class in Geometry. Tutor Denison sick, & removed out of College. Finished read^s Life of Tamerlane.

30. Geometry Recitation. I bo't me a Cow æt. 7 last spring, for £5. Mr. Tutor Denison taken sick last Sabbath. Now Dangerous.

31. No Lecture. Rev^d President Willard of Cambridge visited me, with Dr. Dana & Rev. Mr. Marsh.

August

1. Mr. Denison yet dangerous. Dr. Willard went away.

2. Mr. Denison rather less affected.

3. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. D^r Wales preached Rev. ii, 1, & adm^d the Sacram^t 13 present. P.M. Mr. Austin preached Rev. xv, 2, 3, 4. Reading D^r Price's Sermons. In the Even^s I preached in a private House to a Meet^s of Negroes.

4. Mr. Denison better. I hear the Soph. Class in Ceometry, twice a day—the Tutors in Algebra in Morn^s.

¹ He had been sick, and arrived late.

7. I gave a Lecture in the Coll. Dining Hall, where we now have Prayers; as the Chapel is painting. This day my Son returned from Vermont.

10. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven for Mr. Williston.

11. Geometry Recitations.

13. Ministers Meeting at Dr. Wales. Disputation.

14. I gave Ecc. His. Lecture.

15. Read^s D^r Dwights Triumph of Infidelity. It contains some fine Poetry & beautiful Satyre. But I have two Objections against it 1. He brings in the Roman Catholics & a number of protestant erroneous Divines as subserving the Cause of Deism. This spoils the whole: he should have confined himself to Deists. Romanists think all Protestants subserve the cause of Infidelity: and the Protestants think the Romanists do the same. Calvinists think Arminians & Arians & Socinians subserve Deism. Arians & Socinians think Calvinists, Presid^t Ed^wd^s, & New Divinity all subserve Deism. The Chh. of Engl^d think Dissenters, & Dissenters the Chh. of Engl^d. &c. This is not candid nor fair Satyre. Origen, when he wrote against Celsus, was a Revelationist, tho' erroneous as to the Div^y of J. C. and the Etern^y of Hell Torments. Aquinas when he defended Xty against Gentilism was an advocate for Revelation, altho mistaken in his other metaphysical Writings. D^r Chauncy, & D^r Price, & Bp. Newton, were certainly no Deists, altho' they disbelieved the Athanasian Div^y of J. C. & the Perpetuity of future Misery. I am not pleased 2. With D^r Dwights vilifying the Chinese & represent^s their Literati, & Sovereigns, their Policy & Wisdom, as less than the least of all the World. This shews he knew only some ignorant second hand accounts of the Chinese History. He is profoundly ignorant in the Chinese Literature. He ought not to have suffered himself to speak so freely & boldly on a subject with which he was so little acquainted. 3. His Poem is filled with a Degree of ill Nature, Acrimony & Malevolence, which ought never to enter into the mind of a Christian, and especially of a Xtian Minister. Candor, Fairness & Honor ought to have shone thro' so good a Piece of poetical Composition. He has overshot the Mark, & hurt the Cause which he meant to defend.

16. Received an anonymous Tract from Worcester wrote by a Gent. in Boston on American Politics. Also read a Piece of the famous *Emanuel Swedenburg* the learned Visionary, who was born

at Stockholm 1689, travelled from 1710 & onwards Engld., Holld., France &c. In 1716 created Assessor of the Metallic College by K. Charles XII. K. of Sweden. In 1719 enobled. Became Member of the Academy of Sciences Upsal. In 1738 visited Rome & Venice a year. In high Estimation with the King, Royal Fam^y, Nobles & Literati of Sweeden & in general the learned thro' Europe, for his great Attainm^{ts} in natural Knowledge & belles Lettres. And this even after his Visions & to his Death.—These worldly Honors, says he, "I hold but as matters of low Estimⁿ when compared to the hon. of that holy Office to w^o the Lord himself hath called me, who was graciously pleased to manifest himself to me his unworthy serv^t in a *personal Appearance* in the year 1743, to open in me a Sight of the spiritual World, & to enable me *to converse with Spirits & angels*: and this privilege has continued with me to this day." He lived to ætat. 85 and died March 29 1774. He had a Species of Insanity quòad hoc, tho' otherwise pious, sensible & learned.

17. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. D^r Dana preached Rom. x, 11. P.M. D^r Wales pr. Rom. iii, 19. Read^s the Pastor of Hermas. In the Even^g I preached a Lecture to a religious Meet^s of Negroes.

A Report that N^o Car^o have rejected the fœd. Constitution.

[19. A terrible Hurricane—extensive from Albany thro' N. Engld.]

20. Closely employed in Recitations &c. Yesterday I received a Letter from D^r Erskine of Edinburg advis^g that the Society would give £100. for the African Mission.¹ Ruthy's Birthday.

21. I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales preach all day on Philip. ii, 6-8, on Christs Humiliation. Read^s Walchii Hist. Eccl. recentioris Compendium.

25. Polly's Birthday, æt. 21. Col. Blodget shewed me his elegant Ms. Map of Vermont.²

27. Tutor Denison went home. I have the care of his Class.

28. Dr. Wales gave us a Div^y Lect.

¹ The Mission projected by Mr. Stiles and Dr. Hopkins at Newport in 1773-74. The death of Quaumino, one of the proposed missionaries, in 1779, the interruption caused by the Revolutionary War, and the breaking up of the slave-trade to America, had suspended this enterprise.

² Col. Wm. Blodget was now in New Haven, superintending the engraving of this map by Amos Doolittle.

30. I dispatched a large Packet of Books to Edinburg—part^r three Copies of the Memoirs of the N Haven Medical Society—being their Primitiæ.¹

31. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Philip. ii, 9. P.M. 1 Thess. v, 6. Notified the Sacrament. Reading Conseils sur les Etudes necessaires—a l'étude de la Theologie, by M. Chavannes Prof of Divinity in Lausanne.

September

1. Hebrew with the Freshmen, last Time.

3. Finished Geography with the Sophimores or Jun.

4. Began Examin^a. Sen. Class.

5. Examined Jun Class.

6. D^o Soph. Class.

7. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr. Perkins preached Ps. 97, 1. D^r Wales administered the Lds. Supper, present 17 Communicants. P.M. D^r Wales preached Luke xii, 48, a farewell Sermon to the Candidates.

8. Preparing Commenc^t Exercises.

9. Corporation came in, present Rev^d Messrs. Dr. Williams, Taylor, Goodrich, Mather, Lockwood, Pitkin, Huntington, Whitney, Ely, 9, besides myself. In the Even^g College & President's House illuminated, a vast Concourse of pple. Waited upon Gov. Huntington.

10. A fine Commencement Day. Exercises.

Academic Procession to the Brick
Prayer by the President X^b 30'—37'

Anthem, X. 37—48 Columbia

Salut^r Orat. Latin Sir Woodworth X. 48—XI. 5

Disput ^a forens. Sir Chapin 1	}	XI. 6—XII.
D ^r 2		
Mason 3		
Waldo		

¹ *Cases and Observations by the Medical Society of New Haven County* (86 pp., octavo) had just been printed in New Haven.

² Jeremiah Mason in his Autobiography says:—

At the Commencement, when I was graduated, in the public exercises a part in the forensic disputation was assigned to me. My classmate, the Rev. Dr. Chapin, was my opponent. Our question was, whether capital punishment was, in any case, lawful. I held the negative. I stole the most of my argument from the treatise of the Marquis Beccaria, then little known in this country. It was new, and consequently well received by the audience; indeed, its novelty excited considerable notice. I was flattered and much gratified by being old that my performance was the best of the day.

Theses distributed

Syllogistic Disput^a omitted

Eng. Orat. Sir Lewis on Ambition XII. 9—20

Anthem XII. 20—26.

Dialogue—Sir Cook, Johnson, Lanman, Salter XII. 26—I

Eng. Orat. Sir Caulkins I—I. 18'

P. M.

Disput^a for. Mr. Miller & Mr. Wadsw^o III. 53—IV. 14

English Poem. Mr. Tutor Bidwell IV. 19—44 and Dispensing Quæst.

Magistrales.

Graduation ended V^h 4'

Val. Orat. Lat. Mr. Perkins V. 4—21

Anthem V. 21—30

Prayer & Bless^s ended V^h 34'

Procession returned.

His Excellcy. Gov. Hunting. & D^r Johnson Presid^t of Columbia College walked with me in the Procession. . . .

Rob^t Rogers A.M. Rhod. Coll. & Sylvester Gilbert A.M. Dart. Coll. were admitted ad eundem. Rev. Jer. Hallock & D^r Eldad Lewis rec^d the hon^y Deg. A.M.

The Doct. in Laws conferred upon Presid^t Johnson, Ambassador Adams, & Gov. Livingston. 64 Deg. of w^c 51 fees.

11. Signing Diplomas & full of Business.

12. On Commenc^t Morn^s we elected the Rev. Nathan W^m a Fellow & took his place at the Board & sat on the Stage with the Fellows. Yesterday Morn^s a Concio ad Clerum preached by Rev. Mr. Backus, Philip. i, 8, present 50 Ministers. After the Bless^s Mr. Williams was qualified by giving his Assent &c. This day the Corpor^s broke up. A full Body—but D^r Goodrich was called away Commencem^t Morn^s by news of the Death of his Daug^{hter}.

14. Ldsdy. I attended at the Brick & heard D^r Dana preach all day. A.M. Heb. ix, 14. P.M. Acts ii, 4. At V^h attended a third Meet^s at D^r Edw^d where Rev^d Mr. Hotchkiss of Saybrook preached a second time the Sermon he preached there this forenoon, on Charity & Christian Benevolence; at the Request of sundry.

15. Setting out on a Journey¹ to Newport with my Wife.

We journeyed to Weathersfd, crossed Connect. River & proceeded thro' Bolton to Norwich.

¹ A few items are inserted from the MS. Itinerary.

18. Reached Norwich Landing at Noon. Dined. Rode to Jewets in Preston. Mr. Jewet, æt. perhaps 66, was first a Congregationalist, then a Separate, a Baptist, a Sep. Bapt., a Quaker, lastly & now an Universalist. A mutable, good, honest, rich man.

19. Bated at Burdick's, 1½ m. East of Connect. Line in upper part of Hopkinton. At II 5 set out & reached Little Rest by VI½.

20. Rode 6 m. to Narragansett Ferry. Detained by high winds.

21. Ldsdy. Still detained. Rode 5 m. to the Chh. of Engld & at XI½ divine Service began. The Rev. Mr. Smith late fr. Scotld.,¹ a non Juror, has been about 1 y. inducted here by Dr. Seabury. He preached on Eccl. — all Vanity. An excellent Sermon. I returned to the Ferry by Rev^d Dr. Torreys æt. 81, unable to preach — No Meet^e held at his Meet^ehouse,² else I had preached there.

22. Crossed over to Newport. Visited my Flock and preached for Mr. Patten all day Sunday, 28th. On 29th rode with Mr. Patten 30 m. to Acushnet or N. Bedfd³ and visited my good old learned Friend the Rev^d Sam^l West; Hav^e stopt one day to take off Incriptions on the Rocks at Fogld Ferry.

October

3. At Assonet employed in taking off the Inscription on Dighton Rock, which I formerly copied in 1766.

5. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Tiverton, & lodged at D^r Whitteridge's. He was born at Rochester 1748.⁴

6. Returned to Newport with D^r Witteridge. Visit^e & Copying the Inscript. on 4 Rocks on the shore of Mr. Job Almys farm 6 Miles fr. Newp^t on Rh. Isld.

7. Rh. Isld. Association or Convention of Congreg^a Pastors met at Newport; I sat with them as one of the Body.

8. The Association exam^d & licensed as a Candidate for the

¹ William Smith, D.D., afterwards of Connecticut and New York.

² The 1st Congregational Church at Kingston is the present representative of Dr. Torrey's Church. On this visit Dr. Torrey gave Dr. Stiles a MS. Treatise on the Millennium, by his great-grandfather, William Torrey, of Weymouth, Mass., which is still preserved.

³ Dr. Stiles notes in his Itinerary that there were then between 50 and 60 Dwelling houses in New Bedford, about a dozen having been burned by the Enemy in 1778, besides Stores. About a third more families than houses.

⁴ He studied his profession under Dr. Samuel Perry, of Dartmouth, now New Bedford, and settled in Tiverton in 1770.

Min^r Mr. Edmund Freeman A.B. of Provid. College. Rev^d Mr. Smith preached the Lect. in Mr. Pattens or my Meetinghouse.

12. I preached A.M. at my Meet^s. P.M. at Mr. Hopkins.

17. Left Newport on Return home.

19. I preached all Day for Rev. Mr. Hart of Preston.

21. Lodged at D^r Williams in E. Hartford.

23. Arrived home & found my fam^y comfortable. Deo O. M. Grates. The Tutors had set up Orders at College last Tuesdy Even^s. D^r Wales has had several ill Turns.

24. We have admitted 39 Scholars this year or since Commencem^t, of w^c 2 in Soph. Class, rest Freshmen. Locating the Students.

25. Mr. Tutor Newton this day inducted into office.

26. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. Present 60 Students. Tutor Denison arrived.

27. Whether any Innate Ideas? Sen^rs.

28. Whether Mind always thinks? Do.

29. Rev^d Mr. Austin bro't home his Wife, Daughter of Rev. Mr. Hopkins of Hadly. The Ministers in T^o invited to a Parish Dinner on his Arrival.

30. Lect. on Comets. On Monday Even^s last I attended Mr. Bishops Lecture on a Stage in the Brick Meet^s upon the Evidences of Xtian Religion. A great Concourse—clapped him. He lately gave a Lecture on Politics. Mr. Bp. lately returned from Travels in Europe full of Improvm^t & Vanity.¹ Admitted Hopkins into the Sophimore Class. Spent the Even^s with Hon. Ab^m Baldwin. Therm^o 20 this Morn^s.

31. Therm^o 19 this Morn^s—exceed^s cold. Collecting Accounts of the Meteor w^c at VI½ P.M. Friday 17th Inst. passed thro' N Engld; Seen at Webbs 12 m. fr. Narrag. ferry, at Charlem^t above Deerfd 130 off of Y. C., at Hartfd, New Haven, Stratfd, Darby, Poughkeepsy, N York & Long Isld.

November

1. Cold weather, no Snow. Rain. At Even^s Prayers in Chapel I began the Exposition of the Savoy Confession of Faith the 7th time since I came into the Presidency.

2. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day . . .

3. Whether Period fr. Death to Resurrection a state of sleep? Sen.

¹ Abraham Bishop (Yale 1778).

4. Whether Script. div. Inspiration? Sen.

This day I admitted into the Sen. Class Peter Schuyler Livingston A.B. in Columbia & Jersey Colleges æt. 16, at his Fathers Request. Mr. Berkenhoudt here &c.

5. Exam^d & admitted Lloyd into the Soph. Class.

6. Mr. Meigs gave an extra Phil. Lect. upon Meteors & esp^y on the Meteor w^c appeared 17th ult. at VI^h 30' P.M.

7. Exam'd & admitted Jn^o Sherman 39th Freshman.

9. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day . . . Read^s Apocrypha 2^d Esdras . . . I preached an Even^s Lect. to the Negroes . . .

· CHH. WETHERSFD.

There is great obscurity. No Records. Controversy there 1659. About 1660 the Pastor Rev^d Jn^o Russel & all the Chh. Members but 5 under Censure, & one who was silent voted a Removal—& Pastor & Chh. actually removed to Hadly leav^s the five Brethren under Censure. By Letter dated Norwoo: April 29 1661 written by Mr. Russel & W^m Goodwin in the name of the Chh., to the Chhs of Boston, Roxby, Dorchester & Cambridge, they ask Council whether the Chh. of Hadly may be silent & let the 5 Brethren procede? For the five Brethren after Mr. Russels Removal & two more declared themselves a Chh. & admitted Members. And the Weathersfd. Affairs were before the Assembly. Thus I suppose Weathfd Chh. was regathered 1660.

vid. Mr. Russels Lett. among Mather MSS.

10. This day Election thro' this State of Representatives in Congress i. e. of 12 Nomination out of w^c 5 to be chosen 25 next month.

11. Whether all descended from Adam? Seniors. Inferior Court sitting at N. Haven.

12. Eccl. Hist. Lect.¹

14. Finished read^s Dr. Perfect on Insanity.

15. Rev. Mr. Morse here from Charlest^o near Boston where he has been preach^s, & will probably settle.

16. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. the Rev. Mr. Morse, Job xxviii, 28. P.M. Dr. Edwards with whom Dr.

¹ Under Nov. 13 is this entry in Dr. Stiles's College Memoranda:—

I exam'd all the College Chambers and ordered Repairs—perhaps 5 Days Work.

Wales exchanged, Gen. ii, 17. Reading Rowlands *Mona antiqua restaurata*.

17. Whether Representatives are to be governed by the Instructions of their Constituents? Sen^{rs}.¹

18. Whether the Flood was universal? Sen^{rs}. This day I rec^d the follow^g Letter from his Excellency D^r Jn^o Adams, on conferring upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws.

BRAINTREE NOV. 4, 1788.

SIR

Last night I recd. the Lett. you did me the Honour to write me on the 13th of Sept. inform^s me of the Honour that has been done me by the University over which you so worthily preside.

If this honorary Degree is, as you inform me, to be considered as a Token of Affection & Esteem, I shall certainly hold it among the most precious of Things: since nothing can ever be more pleasing to me, or more satisfactory to my highest Ambition than the Approb^a of an University, which has distinguished itself in Litterature among the foremost in America, and which is the Light of a Commonwealth that I esteem the purest Portion of Mankind.

With great Respect & sincere Esteem, I have the Honour to be Sir
your most obedient and most humble Servant,

The Reverend D^r Stiles.

JOHN ADAMS.

On Sunday the 2^d Ins^t (Nov. 1788) the Roman Catholic Chapel in School street was opened & consecrated. . . .

N. B. At the Revoc^a of the Edict of Nantz an hundred years ago; a number of French Protestants fled from France to America. A Body of them settled in the City of N. York, at New Rochelle, at Frenchtown near Greenwich in Rh. Isld. and in Boston. Those in Boston built themselves a Brick Meet^ghouse in School street; their last Minister Rev^d M. Le Mercier died about say 1748, when the French Chh. was dissolved. The Rev. Mr. Crosswel collected a Congreg^a Chh. & improved that Build^g from about 1748 to say 1775. Ever since it has been unoccupied: until the French Roman Catholics chiefly of the Navy & a few transient Settlers, have now lately obtained a Romish Priest & I suppose bought the House & turned it into a Romish Chapel. The first Romish Chh. in N. Engld. 168 years from its first Plantation at Plymouth.

20. Eccl. Lect. . . .

¹ A fragment of a Diary of Dr. Mason F. Cogswell (Yale 1780), covering a visit to New Haven on this and the preceding day, was published with notes by the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon, in the *New Englander* for January, 1882 (vol. 41, pp. 5-9).

22. Miss Jemima Wilkinson passed thro' this Town return^d from Philad^a to Rhode Isld. Sir Isaacs saw her at the Coffe house & conversed with her. Ask^d her of her Age—she said, if thou askest of the spiritual part of me, I am that I am, I have been from Eternity : but if thou askest of the Body of Flesh &c. — She said she shd. go to the Jenisee Country after next Wheat Harvest, where her Friends had purchased a large Tract of Land to settle together. She went to Philad^a last Nov. & has been there about a year.

23. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales preach all day on Jn^o xiv, 16.

26. Rode to North Branford. Snow storm.

27. Public Thanksgiv^g by Authority in Vermont, Hampshire, Mass^a, Connecticut. I preached on Ps. cxlv, 10, 11, for Rev. Mr. Eells absent up Mohawk River, New Durham & other new settlem^{ts} about the Oneida Lake—sent to itinerate & preach there among the new settlers, by the New Haven East Associat. of Chhs. . . .

30. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Rev. Mr. Austin Luke xviii, 10-14, Pharisee & Publican. P.M. Dr. Wales Jno i, 13, Regeneration. He notified the Sacram^t next Ldsdy.

Dec.

1. Nulla Deceptio est licita. Woodward 2 Resp.

2. Decreta divina non tollunt Libertatem hum. Cowles Resp. .

4. Dr. Wales gave a Theol. Lect. I received a Letter from Dr. Price of London.

6. . . Read^d the Life of Dr. Sam^l Johnson by Sir Jn^o Hawkins, 8^{vo}.

7. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached . .

8. Whether our Ancestors justifiable in their Manner of becom^g possessed of Indian Lands in N. Engld? Sen^{rs}.

9. Whether Polygamy lawful? Sen^{rs}. The Committee of Corpor^a here. Making up Qu^r Bills.

This day the Meet^g of the Chh. & Congreg^a late Mr. Whitt^{rs} & voted £115 Saly & a Call to D^r Dana to minister to them—remov^d his Fam^y here—as long as he or they shall please, i. e. he to leave them when he pleases, and they to seek out & get another Minister as soon as they please :—only in the Interim the D^r to officiate & pform all parts of the pastoral Office, & as long as he shall serve them to receive £115 L. M. p annum. This day I finished read^d the Life of Sam^l Johnson LL.D. Author of the Dictionary. .

10. Quarter Day. No Exercises or Exhibitions.¹ The 8th Inst. Mr. Tutor Denison sailed for Georgia for the Recovery of his Health, being in a Hectic. This day I am sixty-one years old. . .

11. I gave a Lect. on the Oriental Languages.

12. Mr. Sam^l Mix at North Haven saw the Meteor of 17th Oct. & judged it to fall a little West of his house. He has seen four or 3 others heretofore; one of which he stopt & caught in a Net as he was fishing at Dragon on the East River 2½ M. fr. Y. College; this was a Mucilage or Gelly: another on the Rode fr. N. Haven to N^o Haven, near Balls about five miles out of Town, it fell down in the Path near him, he examined it & found it a gelatinous Substance: another elsewhere which he kept till it froze & he cut it with his Knife. These were little irregularly formed Bunches of Gelly. Col. Lev^t Hubb^d tells me, he was one Eveng. returning to Town & near the Neck Bridge he saw a Light w^c he first took to belong to the Houses in Town a mile off—but it came forw^d in the Course of the Neck Lane, until it struck upon his Breast & dissipated in luminous Gelly. His cloaths were all over besmeared with it till after he arrived home to his own house in Town. Hence the Meteors in the inferior part of the Atmosphere, called Jack o'Lanterns, or gelatinous Congelations (concretions) of the phosphorus kind, which being subtile & very much attenuated float in Air & are carried along by gentle streams of air, till they strike objects or fall to the Ground. Mr. Chapman of Tolland once followed one that fell & found it near half a Bushel of Gelly on the Ground. It is luminous by the phosphoral attraction of fire out of Air.

14. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Jn^o i, 13, on Regener^a by the Sp^t. I made the first prayer. P.M. Philipp. iii, 12, 13, Work^s out Salv^a. He expressly said that regenerat^s Grace had been granted to the seekings of the Unregenerate while unregenerate; & that there were but 3 or 4 Instances in all the Bible, where it was or had been granted but to such unregenerate Seekings. In the Even^s I preached to the Negroes.

15. My son Isaac went to Cornwall. . . Examin^s Col. Blodgets Map of Vermont & putting on a Scale of Lat. & Longitude. Yesterday Morn^s Isaac Wales had a dangerous Fall from a Horse.

¹ The appointments for an exhibition by the Senior Class on Quarter Day were announced as usual on Nov. 7; and on the 19th Dr. Stiles notes in his College Memoranda: Those appointed for Qu^r declined—Accepted.

16. I prayed at Open^r adj^d C^o Court. Whether Pædobaptism be jure divino? Sen^{rs}. P.M. attended Lecture at Mr. Austins—(where they have lately built a new Dutch Pulpit)—& then joyned the Ministers at their Monthly Meeting here, where we discussed the Quest. whether the Neglect or Omission of Fam^r Prayer was a Sin which required Excommunication? Eight Ministers present.

Last week I had brot home from the Book Binders Eight Volumes of MSS. bound, of which one folio & rest Quartos, 3 of which Letters received. I have now thirty four Volumes MSS bound, 3 of w^e others Letters, the rest my own Writing.

17. First Snow Storm this winter. 2 Inches.

18. Therm^o 4 at Sunrise. I gave a Lecture on Oriental Languages.

19. Very cold.

21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. . . . The Meet^{rs} in T^o agree to begin Morn^r Service at X½, Afternoon Service at I½. Very cold. Th. this morn^s 5.

22. Whether diocesan Episcopacy Jure divino? Sen^{rs}. This day the Elect. of fœderal Representatives thro' the State. Rec^d Pacquet of July 24 ult. fr. Dr. Erskine. . .

23. Snow last night an Inch. Whether the Observ^a of the Sabb. ought to be enforced by penal Laws? Sen.

25. Christmas—very cold. Therm^o 6 below 0 this Morn^r. Snow perhaps 2 Inc. on a Level. Mr. Story¹ a Candidate from Boston, on his Way to Muskingum bro't Letters to me from Mess^{rs} Cutler & Forbes. I gave my Lect. on Ecc. History. Mr. Bishop began his Lect. on-Moral Philosophy in his Theatre or Play House.

28. Ldsdy. Stormy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day on Ezek. xviii, 30—Repentance. He stayed the College Chh. & communicated a Letter missive from the Chh. of Westboro' Mass. ask^r our Assistance in Council in ordain^r Mr. Jn^o Robinson to the Pastoral Charge of that Chh. 14th Jan^y next. The Chh voted to send Mr. Tutor Fitch & Woodward 1² a Sen. Soph. Delegates.

30. This Even^s I and the Tutors examined a List or Invoice of the philosophical apparatus £300. which we are send^r for to London.

¹ Daniel Story, or Storey, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1780, said to have been the first gospel minister in Ohio.

² Aaron Woodward, of Coventry, Conn., was now 28 years old, having been a Revolutionary soldier before his preparation for College.

31. Drawing before the Senior Class the Trajectory of the Comet of 1661 now again expected.

In the Afternoon I attended the sacramental Lecture at D^r Edwards Meet^s, which Mr. Austin preached. At this Meeting—only 41 persons present in the whole Congregation—altho' a mild pleasant Day, the Therm^o 48, & all the Snow gone off the Ground.

The General Assembly convening. This Afternoon the Governor came to this Town escorted by fifty Gentlemen.

I have been reading Homer lately, & this day finished the last Book of the Iliad.

A melancholly Event this Even^s. M^{rs} Jarvis æt. 27, just about sunset died suddenly of an Apoplectic Fit. She was Daughter of Mr. Sam^l Broome Merch^t of this Town, who was to have embarkt with her & her Husband & another Daughter for London next Week.

Thus closes another year !

1789.

Jany.

1. This new years day taken up in visiting & praying with the mournful Family of Mr. Sam^l Broome, whose oldest Daughter the Wife of Mr. Jarvis died suddenly yesterday in the 24th y. of her age. I omitted my Lecture partly on this Account, & partly on account of an anniversary or quarterly Exhibition among the Students themselves. There are two Library Companies in College, which used to hold their quarterly Exhibitions separately ; but this year they joynd in these Exercises. No Snow on the ground.

2. At the House of Mourning. Mr. Jarvis & young Mr. Broome left N York at III^h this Morn^s & arrived here at sunset, hav^s rode about 90 Miles in 13½ hours. I was present at Mr. Broomes at their mournful Arrival. It was a House of Sorrow & Lamentation.

3. Attended at Mrs. Jarvis' Funeral. I prayed at the House, & D^r Dana spake at the Grave. A Snow Storm. The Snow 5 Inches deep. Yet a large Funeral. . . .

4. Ldsdy. I preached all day for D^r Edw^{ds} absent at a Council in Stockbridge. A.M. Heb. xiii, 20, 21, & administered the Sacrament ; a number of the Gen. Assembly, Communicants of other Chhs. present—without naming them, at the Desire of the Deacons, I notified that they might partake—first tak^s a silential Vote of the Chh. P.M. Eccl. vii, 2. Mr. Broome's fam^y present.

5. Whether the Dictates of Conscience followed? Sen.
6. Whether Instit. of medical Societies useful? Sen^{rs}.
8. Bliss delivered a funeral Oration publicly in the Chapel on Wilcox Jun. Soph. deceased. A number of the Gen. Assembly attended.

Tuesdy a Committee of both Houses counted the Returns from the several Towns of the Election of foederal Representatives in Congress & found elected Mess^{rs} Sturgis, Sherman, Trumbull (son of late Gov.) and yesterday the Assembly voted Electors of the Presid^t & Vice Presid^t viz. Gov. Hunt., L^t Gov. Wolcott, Gov. Griswold, Mr. B. Huntington, Burr.

The upper House concurred. Read^s Rev^d Nathan W^m on baptismal Controversy.

9. Bill of Mortality within the City of New London for the year 1788.

Males 12, Fem. 17.	Tot. Deaths	29
Males 80, Fem. 58.	Tot. Births	138
		109
	Increase	109

10. At Even^s Prayers I read a chapter in the Bible as usual—having lent the Confession of Faith to a Member of Assembly, on w^c I usually & constantly expound on Saturdy Even^s.

11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales preach. A.M. Gal. ii, 20. P.M. Heb. iii, 12. The Governor & 30 Members of Assembly present.

12. Whether Universal Salvation? Seniors. I am beginn^s to learn Italian; with no Expectation however of going far in it.

13. I moderated the Disput^a of the Sen. Class, Whether the Doct. of Univ. Salv^a scriptural? Afternoon I moderated D^o Jun. Class Whether Christianity has been an Obstruction to Literature.

14. VACATION. Col Sam^l Wyllys visited me, he is one of the Auditors appointed by Assembly at last session to audit Treas^r Lawrences public Acco^{ts} of the State Treasury—which are found not in the best State. The Treas^r has not been audited since 1778. Treas^r Lawrence this day sent in his Resignation to the Assembly.

In the last Ten years from Dec. 1778 to Jan^y 1789, the Amo^t of Paym^{ts} of Taxes into the Treasury has been fifteen Million of Dollars in Continental Money; and near Two Million Pounds L. M. of which it is estimated about one hundred Thous^d pounds more or less in hard Cash, the rest in public Securities of this State from

say one third to two thirds Depreciation—they now sell^s for 10/ p pound. So that the 2 M. may have been really worth One Million pounds Cash. Say fifty M. Doll. paper worth 6 M. of it one Mill. Cash, rest nothing. Hence the pple of this State raised & actually p^d Equivalent to near a Million & half pounds sterl^s in Ten years. But at least shews them able to pay 60 or 80 Th. Tax a year; whereas for 3 y. last past the State at 6^d on 20/ on Grand List less than 1½ Mill have p^d but . It exhausts near half the Taxes in Expences of Collection. This a great Abuse!

15. In the Even^s I attended Mr. Bishops political Lecture against the new Constitution: as I did Mr. Hilhouses Defence of the Const. last Monday Even^s. Col Blodget has published his Map of Vermont in this City neatly engraven in Copper plate by Mr. Amos Doolittle of New Haven.¹

16. Attended the Assembly.

18. Ldsdy. I attended A.M. at Mr. Austins Meet^s & heard the Rev^d Mr. Lyman of Haddam preach Deut. xxxii, 47. P.M. at the Brick & heard Dr. Dana Gen. xlvii, 8, 9. Last friday died aged Mr. Jer. Osborn of this City æt. 91. His Corps were bro't into the Brick Meet^shouse, & buried after Service.—D^r Dana spoke at the Grave. Last Tuesdy 14th Inst. died at E. Haddam Hon. Gen. Joseph Spencer æt. 75 one of the Councillors of this State.'

19. Reading Italian: wrote a Letter to the Indian Chief of the Mohawks Capt. Joseph Brandt, return^s him Thanks for the Mohawk Liturgy.

20. Set out on a Journey to Saybrook. . . .

29. I returned from Saybrook. In my Excursion I visited the aged & venerable Mr. Todd at E. Guilf^d where I spent two days with that learned Man. I kept Sabb. at Killingw^o & preached all day for Mr. Mansfield. On Monday he rode with me to Pachauge & visited my kinsman Rev. Mr. Devotion.

At E. Guilford 28th I visited an Indian Stone God which lay in a Fence about half a Mile East of Mr. Todds Meet^shouse. . . .

Mr. Phineas Meigs died about 1781, æt. 73 cir. He told Rev. Jon^s Todd (born 1713) that he removed this stone God from the Bottom of the Hill at the Edge of the Swamp, and put it into the fence. It was removed about twenty Rods. I judge it a Ton & half weight.

¹This map, entitled "A Topographical Map of the State of Vermont from actual Survey," by William Blodget, measures 38¼ by 29¾ inches.

Mr. Benj^a Teal gave me an acc^o of a Fort or Inclosure by Earthern Walls about 2½ M. N.W. from this Image, 30 or 40 Rds. long, two Rds. wide Trench, Wall ten feet high Inside next a Swamp & five feet next the Hill, being on a Declivity. . . .

ORDIN^A AMER. BPS.

“Sunday Feb. 4 (1787) the Rev. D^r Prevost of N. York and the Rev. D^r White of Philad^a were consecrated Bishops in the Chapel of Lambeth-House by his Grace the ABp. of Canterbury, assisted by the ABp. of York and the Bishops of Bath & Welles, & of Peterborough”

From these two Bps. & D^r Seabury all the future Episcopal Ordinations accord^s to the Chh. of Engl^d will probably derive within the United States. There are Moravian Bishops here, who have for fourty years past ordained among the Unitas Fratrum. In Nova Scotia the Rev. Mr. Inglis is a Bp. there accord^s to the Chh. of Engl^d.

D^r Seabury & Comp^a have opened a Subscription last Week for an Episc^c Acad^y in Connecticut of w^c he is to be the first President.

Feb.

1. Ldsdy. I attended all day at the Brick with D^r Wales & heard D^r Dana preach A.M. 2 Chron. xxx, 18, 19. He administered the Lds. Supper to p^hps 70 Communicants & I partook with them. P.M. 1 Cor. i, 30. He baptized Deacon Darlings Infant. A very severe cold clear day, the Therm^o 5 above 0 in the Morn^e. Snow half a foot deep, fell chiefly last friday night.

2. At Sunrise Fahr. Th. 12 deg. below Cypher at Y. C. [and 28 below 0 at Hartford].

3. Orders set up at College, Vacation ended. News from London of middle Nov. last that his Majesty King George III was siezed with *Insanity*.

4. Admitted Rudd a Freshman. Chauncy recessit.

5. Admitted Brewer a 42^d Freshman. Yesterday the great day of federal Election of a President and Vice President of the new federal Congress, throughout these States, i. e. ten States—for N Car^o, R^h Isl^d & N York take no vote. Eccl. Hist. Lect.

6. At Sunrise Th. 8 below 0. This Aft. Mr. Tutor Fitch returned to College from Worcester where he has been preaching.

Received £100. in Gold from Rev^d Samuel Lockwood his Donⁿ tow^{ds} the Coll. Apparatus.

The Electors of Hartf^d last Wednesday gave in seven Votes for Gen. Washington, 5 for Gov. Huntington & 2 for D^r Jn^o Adams, as federal Presidents.

7. I finished read^r Marmontel's Life of Belisarius.

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day—present 80 scholars. A.M. Dr. Wales preached Mat. v, 45. P.M. Dr. Dana preached Luke xvi, 31.

9. Is Light a Fluid? Sen^r.

10. Whether a Rotation in the public Offices of Governm^t would be good Policy in the United States? Sen^r.

12. Lecture on the Oriental Languages.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day, & heard D^r Wales Last Lordsday D^r Dana gave in his Resign^a of the Ministry at Wallingford: and his Chh. there accepted it under the Lead^s of his College Pastor Rev. Mr. Noyes. And this day D^r Dana accepted the Call of the first Chh. in New Haven, which was given him by their Vote, i. e. Vote of the Cong. & the Vote of the Chh in Dec. last.

17. Monarchy or Republicanism preferable? Senrs. I opened the Superior Court with Prayer, the five Judges, Law, Dyer, Sherman, Pitkin & Elsworth present. Sherman & Elsworth abdicate next Week as Members of the federal Congress next Month.

19. Eccl. Hist. Lect. on Julian the Apostate.

20. The follow^g Accounts will show the proportion of the Cities of N. York & Philad^a—and also of the different religious Sects in Philad^a 1788.

“There arrived at N York of Sea Vessels in 1788 110 Ships, 98 Brigs, 9 Snows, 184 Schooners, 451 Sloops. Total 952.

There arrived at Philad^a in 1788, 102 Ships, 243 Brigs, 6 Snows, 167 Schooners, 375 Sloops. Total 893.”

From 1 Jany. 1788 to 1 Jany 1789 Clearances at Baltimore, 52 Ships, 7 Snows, 126 Brigs, 276 Schooners, 154 Sloops=615. Belonging there 24 Ships, 129 Brigs, 28 Schooners & Sloops.

Births & Burials in the City of Philadelphia from Dec. 25, 1787 to Dec. 25, 1788

	Christenings--Burials		
United Churches of Christ & S ^t Peters	174	128	} 152
St Pauls	51	24	
Swedes	9	15	

First Presbyterian	40	36	} 101
Second D ^o	43	26	
Third D ^o	15	33	
Scotch D ^o	12	6	
Moravians	6	6	
German Lutherans	421	157	} 229
German Reformed	180	172	
Roman Catholics	225	145	
Jews	5	2	
Quaker		136	} 148.
Free Quakers		12	
Baptists		14	
Christen ^s this year 1190—Burials 1036.			
Strangers Burying Ground Whites 62. Blacks 163.			

Remark 1. Say Totals of Deaths in the year 1161 or 1200, and this 30th part, then the Number of Inhab. in the City may be estimated 35 Thousand Souls. Rem. 2. As 1200 : 35 or 36000 :: 100 : 3000 Souls. At which rate the Sects stand thus

Germans	229	+ Swedes 15 = 244
Eng. Episc ^o	152	
Quakers	148	
Romanists	145	
Presbyterians	101	but 173 incl. Germ. Calv.
Baptists	4	
Sweeds	15	
Jews	2	
Moravians	6	

22. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day . . . Read^r Epist. to Hebrews, Justin Martyr, & examining Texts in Zech. in the Targum & Jewish Commentaries in Hebrew.

23. Whether a Man may marry his Wife's Sister? Sen. This Even^s his Excell^y Presid^t Langdon of Portsmouth & the Rev^d Payn Wingate of Stratham two of the Senators in Congress fr. N. Hampshire visited me, in their Way to the new federal Congress at N York.

24. Whether Juries beneficial? Read^s Justin Martyr, & Smith's Republica Anglorum.—Cold. Th. 13.

25. Attended sacr^t Lect. at D^r Edw^{ds} & heard^d Mr. Crocker preach Mat. v, 3, Humility. Find the Election decided for Gen. Wash. Presd^t & D^r Adams Vice Presid^t Congress. The whole N^o of Electors in the 10 States about 73—for N. York, N^o Car^o, & Rh. Isl^d have no Electors. The Votes thus, two of Virg. absent thro' Sickness. All for Wash.; 37 A., 20 scatt^r.

	Wash. Adams.			
New Hamp.	5	5		
Mass.	10	10		
Connect.	7	5	2	Gov. Huntington
Jersey	6	2	4	Gov. Livingston
Pensylv ^a	10	10		
Delaw.	3	0	3	Jay
Maryl ^d	6	0	6	Ch. Just Harrison
Virg.	10	5	1	Jay, 1 Hancock, 3 Clinton
	<u>57</u>	<u>37</u>		

26. The Rev. Mr. Ely here, one of the Fellows. Great Searchings of Heart in the Chhs. Two Chhs. in this City tired or wearied out with their Pastors & wish for their Dismission. Meum & Tuum Matters are alledged ostensibly, but at bottom 1. New Div^y Doctrines, 2. Rigidity as to Chh. Membership, Baptisms & Discipline. Rev^d Mr. Austin settled here two years ago at £150 Sal^y. Last Dec. Meet^s taxed themselves 6^d on the pound, w^c would raise £90 only of the £150. Between a third & half his Congregation have left him for the two Reasons above. They were discouraged & voted they could not maintain him & appointed a Committee to represent Difficulties to him. It was intended this sh^d have produced his Resignation. But he has consented to £120 of w^c £40 to be made up by Subscription for present year : & so let matters rest for the present. They have been disappointed as some of the principal Gent. of the Chh. & Congreg^a have told me 1. In his Popularity, which they ensured themselves would both preserve the Plains¹ & collect from all other Societies eno['] to make theirs the largest & at all Events able to pay with Ease the large Salary. 2. In his severity & rigid Discipline : for altho' he fairly & honestly notified them of it before his Ordin^a & they acquiesced in it ; yet upon Trial & Refusals of Baptisms for Children they find they cannot feel so easy under it as they hoped & flattered themselves they could have done. In short all but 4 or 5 heartily wish he would ask a Dismission. I am told by some of them that there are but two psons of his Sentiments in the whole Congregations.

D^r Edw^{ds} Congreg^a are disgusted with his publicly in a Chh. Meet^s impeach^s D^r Beardsly^s of universal Salv^a before he had taken

¹ To preserve the Plains, i. e., to retain the attendants from the country north of the city.

² Dr. Ebenezer Beardsley, an eminent physician of New Haven, died 1791.

the previous steps of a Xtian Brother. This is pretext. In truth his incessant Preach^e of New Div^y & Rigidity in Chh. administrations have disgusted them. Perhaps there is not one of his Chh & Congreg^a of his New Div^y Sentiments. He refused to admit a Communicant into Chh. Membership recommended from the Chh. of East Haven, because Rev. Mr. Street its Pastor practised baptis^e Infants upon Parents own^s the Covenant, & because a corrupt Chh. In 1742 D^r Edw^{ds} Chh. separated & have had no Commun. with the first Chh. Now the Members of D^r Edw^{ds} Chh. wish to bury the Hatchet, & after almost 50 years quarrell^s to be at peace & in Harmony with the first Chh., esp^y as D^r Dana has accepted their Call, and this a good Opp^o of commencing Harmony. But this very Circumstance is a Reason with D^r Edw^{ds} for continuing the Breach, as he looks upon D^r Dana a Heretick. Several Chh. Meet^s held, & one last Monday for two Purposes. 1. To alter the Chh. Cov^t. 2. To vote Commun. with the first Chh. To both these D^r Edw^{ds} is vigorously opposed. The Minds of a large Majority of their little Chh. was apparent on both these Heads. The object of the last Mond^y Meet^s was principally the last as to vot^e Commun. with the first Chh. The Chh. of D^r Edw^{ds} consists of nineteen Male Members of w^c about a dozen were present. Of these 3 or 4 adhered to the Pastor, the rest were ready to have voted. But they adjourned. Of the 18 or 19 four at least are superanuated. Next Day D^r Edw^{ds} took a Journey to Stockbridge. He is firm & resolute and cannot conscientiously have Commun. with D^r Dana who with his Wallingford Chh was excommunicated by the Conso- ciation about 1758, for not submitting to their Jurisdiction. It is uncertain what will be the Issue.

The N. Div^y Gent. are labor^s at Innovations. Rev. Mr. Sanford of Medfield has driven off a number of his Chh. & Congreg^a by conscientiously inserting in his Chh. Cov^t as a Term of Admission, that we profess we are will^g to be damned for the Glory of Gd & Good of the Universe. Rev^d Mr. Smith of Newtown in Connect. has been reform^s & new modell^d his Chh. and after several Manouvres of Discipline & omission of the Sacrm^t of the Lds Supper (so that it has been administered but once in a Twelvemonth) he lately administered it to those who assented to his Reform, & in the Administr^a publickly refused to deliver the sacramental Elements to Seventeen Members of his Chh. in full Communion & under no Censure.

27. Last Even^e came into T^o Mess^{rs} Gerry &c Members of Congress, & this Morn^e proceeded for New York. On the 10th Inst. died Rev. Sam^l Newell Pastor of Cambridge in Southington, æt. 75, Min. 41. And 13th Ins^t died in Vermont the profane & impious Deist Gen Ethan Allen, Author of the *Oracles of Reason*, a Book replete with scurrilous Reflexions on Revelation.—“And in Hell he lift up his Eyes being in Torments.” The Marquiss de Chastellux lately died at Paris; the Cincinnati Society of New York go in Mourn^e for him 20 or 30 days. He was one of our Fraternity.¹

28. Other Members of Congress arrived in Town.

March

1. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales A.M. Heb. iv, 16, & administered the Sacr^t. 13 of us Communicants present. P.M. Eph. v, 30. In his Improvem^t he was taken with a nervous Affection & desisted. I made the last prayer. The Doctor gave the Psalm & Blessing. Last Even^e & to day I have been read^e Justin Martyr's Dialogue with Trypho the Jew.

2. Whether it would be good Policy to reduce the Number of Representatives in Gen Assemblies? Sen^{rs}. This Aft. D^r ——² visited me to discourse on Chemistry and inquiring concern^e the hermetic Philosophy.

3. Whether a Man may go into the Ministry know^e himself to be irregenerate & unconverted? Sen^{rs}. This Aft. visited by the Rev^d Mr. Evans late Chaplain in the Army—now settling at Concord in N Hampshire.

D^r —— visited me again to-day, to converse about the Transmut^a of Metals, which he says D^r Koon pformed at Wallingford last December. He is infatuated with the Notion that I know something about it. I told him that I knew nothing but what was in the Books, that I had never possessed the Secret if there was any, that I never saw nor conversed with any one that I thought had it; that I had never made nor seen the Preparation, if the Thing was possible; that I had never performed Transmutation nor seen it pformed; and that I held the whole to be a vain & delusory Pursuit.

¹ Dr. Stiles was admitted as an honorary member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati in July, 1784.

² The late Dr. Henry Bronson, whose knowledge of the New Haven physicians of this date was unrivalled, concluded that Dr. Eneas Munson, Sr., was here referred to. See *N. H. Colony Hist. Society's Papers*, ii, 269.

4. Mr. Evans here. Congress to meet at N. York.
5. Eccl. Hist. Lect. on Justin Martyr & Origen.
6. The Seniors finished reciting Locke V. 2^d. Last Wednesday we expected Congress to proclaim the Presid^t & Vice Presid^t but only the New Engld. Members & one fr. S^o Car^o are yet assembled at N. York. Hon Christ^o Ellery Esq. died at Newport 24th ult. æt. 53. An intimate Acquaintance of mine. An Universalist.
7. Very cold, tho' rained violently last Night & the Snow nearly gone.
8. Lords day. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. D^r Wales Titus iii, 8, on Good Works & the Inutility of them—not a good Sermon. P.M. Mr. Austin 1 Cor. xv, 55, an excellent Sermon. Read^s Justin's Trypho and Fabricius' Codex Apocryphus. . .
9. Should any Crime be punished with Death? Sen^{ra}.
10. Ought the eldest Son to have a double Portion? Sen^{ra}.
11. Quarter Day. Exercises

Anthem III. 25	Fenn	} Dial. IV. 9-39
Lat. Orat. Townsd III. 29-36	Root	
For. Disp. Judson	Steel	
Kirtland 2	Wooster	
Anthem	Stoddard—Eng. Orat. IV. 40-53	
		Anthem.

The Committee of the Corpor^a met yesterday. We have collected about £260 L. M. of the £320 subscription for the phil. Apparatus. Directed the Treas^r to invest it in a sterl^e Bill of Exch^a on London: we draughted an Invoice of the Apparatus to Value of £260. Concluded that I shd. write to D^r Price of Lond., inclos^e the Bill of Exch^a & Invoice & ask his kind Offices in direct^e Laying it out in an Apparatus.

12. This day I introduced for the first Time Montesquieux' Spirit of Laws as a Classical Book into Yale College. The Senior Class began to recite the first Vol. this day. It never was used here before. But it has been recited in Jersey Coll. ph. 3 or 4 years. I gave Eccl. Hist. Lect.

Rev. D^r Peters,¹ the Refugee fr. Hebron in Connect. now in London, in a Lett. Nov. 7 1788 to Rev^d Benj^a Trumbull of North Haven, states a number of Questions, among others these viz.

¹ Samuel Peters (Yale 1757) fled to England on account of his Toryism in 1774, and returned to America in 1805.

"Q. Shd Episcopacy be found of human Institution, will it not follow that Presbyters are the same in Origin ?

Q. Shd. Presbytery be of divine Institution, will it not follow that Bps. are the same, in case their Origin was from Presbytery ?

"D^r Styles says, Kashisha means Presbytery—not Bishops. The D^r is right in the last, but not in the first. It means Sacerdotes in Egypt, & comprehends the whole Order of Priesthood, in the Jewish & Xtian Chhs, Ergo, it is not to the point. See Selden, Harris, & any learned Jew, Greek, or Orientalist.—In short it means the Clergy. Ergo D^r Styles risked his Character in his Election Sermon on a Staff of Egypt w^c will pierce his Hands. The English Presbyterians depend on a better Staff than an obsolete Egyptian borrowed word from Arabia. Lucubrations, no better understood than Wata-gouise."

Thus D^r Peters. Kashish is an Elder, not the Clergy or Sacerdotium : Kashishata is the Eldership, Presbytery, Clergy or Sacerdotium, Priesthood. It is not an Arabian, nor Egyptian nor Coptic but Syriac Word. As the primary Meaning of *πρεσβυτερος* is Senex, senior, old ; and its ecclesiastical or official sense is Elder or Presbyter : So the primary Mean^s of Kashisha is senex, senior, old ; & its eccl. & official sense is Elder or Presbyter. As Senatus is the abstract of Senex—& *πρεσβυτεριον* of Presbyter—So Kashishata is the abstract of Kashish. The Copti Presbyters in the Chh. called to this day Cashies.

In a Letter w^c I received last fall from the Rev^d George Gilmore, Pastor of a Chh. at Windsor in Nova Scotia, he says "I beg leave to make a Remark on the word Koshisha. I observe you in y^r Elect. Serm. have appropriated it to signify Presbyteros, w^c makes it a technique Word, and Selden has done the same. I fear the Adversary (if capable) will take an Advantage of your Definition from the present Use of that Word in Egypt, viz. Sacerdotes, Clerici, Ecclesiasticos, and may support themselves by Paul to Philip. i, 1. To all the Saints—with the Bps. & Deacons, that is "Kashisha" vel Ecclesiasticos. Your Argum^t however remains good, provided Kashisha is not restricted to the Word Presbyteros."

13. Read in Fabricius, the History of St. Thomas. . . . Dr. Wales' Birthday 1748.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. A.M. Tit. iii, 8. Good Works depreciated. P.M. Ps. i, 2, on the Law of God. An excellent Sermon. Read^s Fabricius. . .

16. Whether the Patricians in the Roman Senate were hereditary? Seniors.

This Aft. Mr. Ogden æt. 21, finished Life by Suicide. He was a Student in Law & was to have been called to the Bar & qualified by the Att^o Oath at the County Court this Week. For several Months past he has neglected his Studies, gone into Gambling at Billiards & got into libertine Notions about Morals & Religion. He wrote 10 or a doz. Lett. to his Friends indicatory of libertine & deistical principles, & after dinner pistoled himself.

Mr. Isaacs now a Student in Law in this Town while in Georgia or Car^o last year, went out on a party ag^t the Indians. They pacificated & gave Hostages. One of the Sachems left his son an Hostage. But the son not enduring the Hostage state hung himself. The Indians resented it. The English alledged Suicide. The Indians on Examin^a said they could not find that ever an Indian committed Suicide, & therefore believed the English killed the Indian Youth Hostage: and thereupon declared Revenge & Hostilities. N.B. Tho' Suicide frequent among the English, never among Indians.

17. The Jury bro't in Insanity in Mr. Ogdens Case: tho' without Reason. Whether future Retribution can be proved by natural Reason? Sen^{rs}. No. Dr. Wales had a severe fit this day.

19. Being unwell I did not attend Lecture: but Dr. Wales gave a Div^y Lecture in Chapel.

This day Mr. Woodruff visited me & shewed me a sample of כסף תהורה¹ made about middle of Dec. last, by D^r Eben. Cahoon æt. 25. He also told me of a subterraneous Excavation in a Rock in Meriden made in the year 1727 & closed 31 years ago. It was opened last Nov. by Capt. Shailor. He went into it with Capt. Shalor & found five Bats suspended by their Claws in a torpid State, but alive, hav^e been shut up there at least 31 years. He visited it again in Feb^y last, & brot off one of them, which, being bro't into a warm Room, soon flew about the Room. He says a Meriden Man told him he once cut a Tree. This Tree had been cut in a little way some years before & the Cavity closed by a subsequent Growth of the Tree. In cutting he fell upon the old Cavity & there found inclosed a living Toad. He counted fifteen annules or year's Growth from the outside to the old Cavity. So this Toad must have been immured there 15 years without food & yet now found alive.

¹ These Hebrew characters seem to denote some alchemistic formula for silver.

22. Ldsdy. I have been so affected with a cold that I have not been over to College the week past, altho' I heard the Senior Class recite daily at my House. I did not attend public Worship to day. Review^s the Lives of the twelve Apostles written by Abdias. . .

23. Whether the Augment^a of the Quantity of Money i. e. Silver & Gold, augments the real Value in a Kingdom or Community? Sen^{ra}. Last Friday I received a Letter & Packet of Books for the Coll. Library from the Rev^d Dr. Erskine of Edinburgh.

24. Whether Climate influences Genius? Sen^{ra}.

25. I am still confined by my Cold. Yet I prayed in Chapel.

26. I got out to College to Recit^a at XI o'Clock: but not to Lecture, so no Lecture this Afternoon.

27. I rode abroad. Read^s Magazines. . . .

29. Ldsdy. I attended pub. Worship at Chapel P.M. & heard D^r Edwds preach Mark xvi, 15. Reviewing the Lives of the Apostles by Abdias.

30. Whether the Judges of K. Charles I. were justifiable in condemning the King? Sen^{ra}. The Rev. Jed. Morse visited me in his way from Eliz^a T^o to his pastoral charge of the Chh. of Charlestown. He left N. York yesterday. Congress not yet formed. All the States have unanimously elected Gen. Wash. President. D^r Adams is also elected Vice President. Neither yet proclaimed.

31. Whether Commutation by Money or Fines ought to be allowed for Corporal Punishment? Sen^{ra}. I made the Appointments in the Sophomore Class for June Qu. Took Leave of Mr. Morse, & wrote Letters to Mrs. Moore &c. Mrs. Hannah Bennet of my Newp^t Chh. lately died æt. 84.

April

1. Yesterday the Earth clear of Snow. This Morn^g a heavy Snow two Inches deep or more. The Assembly of Pensylv^a turned out Provost Smith for Toryism & new modelled Philad^a College in 1779, [Nov. 27] mak^s Additions to the Trustees & enlarging the Powers erected it into an University & made large Donations to it as such. Upon w^c the new Trustees elected D^r Ewing Provost of the University. Last year D^r Smith & the old Trustees petitioned the Assembly and this Winter (Febry) the Assembly restored D^r Smith & the old Constitution of the Acad^y & Coll. & Charity School in Philad^a. Upon which Provost Ewing procedes to set up & hold the Univ^y distinct in Masons Hall, &

is to surrender the old Coll. Edifice to D^r Smith: who 14th ult. addresses that he shall open & continue the College in them. There in the City of Philadelphia is a College endowed with p^{rs}. £20,000 sterl^{is} & an University endowed say half as much. & the Episc^{al} Acad^{em}. & 2 or 3 more Academies:—producing Literary Confusion. D^r Smith is a haughty, self-opinionated, half-learned Character.

2. Dr. Wales gave a Theol. Lect. I was not present.

3. Rec^d Letters fr. Presid^t Johnson &c. of Columbia Coll. N. York, recommend^d Sam^l Jones a Jun. Soph. of that College. We examined & admitted him to the same stand^d with us. The Congress House of Representatives are formed & elected Mr. Muhlenburg Speaker. The Senate not yet formed.

4. Heb. Recit^a as almost daily. Writ^t Letters to N York & Philad^a. and prepar^t Lett. for London respect^s our Apparatus. Rec^d 2 Bills of Exch^t from N. York for £200. sterl^{is} on London. to be invested in the College Apparatus.

5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales. A.M. 1 Cor. xvi. 22. He adm^t the Sacram^t—present 15. P.M. Mat.—Love of our Neighbor. Read^s the Sacramental Liturgies of Peter, James, Juⁿ, Matthew, Mark, &c. They are mutilated with insertions subsequent to the apostolic age. . . .

6. Whether Imprisonm^t for Debt &c? Sen.

7. Whether all Men sprang from Adam? Sen^r.

8. Prepar^t Letters for London.

9. Eccl. Hist. Lect. on the Heresy of the Basilidians. This day we learn that the Senate of Congress formed in N. York Tuesday 7th Inst. declared the Election of Gen. Wash. Pres^t & D^r Adams Vice Presid^t United States. And sent off Gen. Webb a Messenger to G. Wash. & another Via Newpt. & Provid. to D^r Adams.

9. I am sending abroad about three Pints of Mulberry Seeds weighing twenty Ounces, or eno^r for about 400 Thous^d Trees. A penny w^t contains near 20 Th. seeds. I send four dw^t of about 4 Th. or 4100 to a Person—divid^s about one ounce to 4 psons. I send out to 80 Ministers in this State. Desir^s them by themselves or such psons as they may employ in their Parishes to sow each a Nursery in a parish of 4000 Trees, on these Conditions viz., that at the End of 3 y. three Qu^{rs} of the Trees belong to the Planters, & one Qu^r to be distributed gratis by the Ministers each to about 30 families 20 or 30 Trees each in each of the 80 Parishes. There

may be about 170 Ministers in the State. I propose to collect more Seed this season, & continue the Dissemin^a for plant^s Nurseries, until the State may be furnished with 4 or five Million Trees; which in 8 or 10 years may yield a Produce of Silk worth 100 Th. pounds sterl^s p ann. to the State. Mr. Aspinwal went off yesterday for N York & Pensylv^a with about seven Quarts of Mulb^r seeds to plant Nurseries in those States, phps. eno' for four Million Trees. He has already raised 150 Thous^d Trees & set up & sold them in this State.

This day I have introduced by Mr. Tutor Bidwel Morses Geography to be recited by the Soph. Class. I am visited by a 2d acrimonious printed Lett. on Episcopacy by Mr. Bowden.¹

12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. D^r Wales preached Rom. xiii, 9. P.M. D^r Dana preached Isai. liii, 3. Reading the Gospel of Nicodemus . . . Also exam^s all the Chapters of Isaiah, which the English Translators ascribe to Christ & his Kingdom . . .

13. On Witchcraft? Sen^{rs}. This day is Proxy thro' this State. Mess^{rs} Edw^{ds} & Chauncy Deputies for New Haven. This day I finished send^s Parcels of Mulb^r Seeds to 81 Ministers & 9 others. These 90 Parcels eno' for 360 or 370 Thousd Mulberry Trees.

14. Whether Civilians to be added to Ecclesiastics in the government of Yale College? Sen^{rs}. Rec^d a Letter missive from the 1st Chh. in this City to assist in install^s D^r Dana.

15. Cousin Fanny Silliman here—34/.

16. The Freedom of this City to D^r Jn^o Adams voted this day at a City Meeting. I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lecture. Finished read^s Ld. Lyttletons Letters v. i.

17. This day his Excell^y D^r Jn^o Adams V. P. of Congress was escorted into T^o by 35 or 40 Horse & phps 60 Chaises. We met him 5 m. tow^{ds} N^o Haven. He rested in the City an Hour, when the Diploma of the Freedom of it was presented to him. Then we accomp. him 2 m. out to Milford Hill.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day on Mat. v, 44, Love to Enemies. I finished read^s Justin's Dialogue with Trypho.

20. Whether it would be best that Civilians should be joynd with Ecclesiastics in the Corpor^a of Yale College? Sen. Writing Letters to London & Edinburgh.

21. Whether God is the intentional efficient Author of Sin?

¹ For Mr. Bowden's first Letter, see above, March 22, 1788.

22. Public Fast thro' this State. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales A.M. Luke xiii, 9. P.M. Heb. xii, 4.

23. Eccl. Hist. Lect. This day I sent off Duplicate Letters to D^r Price of London inclosing Duplicate Bills of Exch^a for £200. Sterl^s with Invoices of a Apparatus for Yale College.

26. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr. Austin preached Prov. iv, 13. P.M. D^r Wales 2 Jn^o v. 11. The D^r communicated a Letter missive from the first Chh. in this City to the Colledge Chh. & the Chh. chose Mr. Tutor Fitch, Delegate to the Eccl. Council next Wednesday. Read^s Epiphanius.

27. Whether Ministers shd be &c. by Taxes? Sen. Gen. Washington arrived in N York Thursdy 23^d Ins^t & received by Congress & City with great Acclamations.

29. Instalment of D^r Dana, Bishop of the first Chh. in this City. The Eccl. Council consist^s of twelve Chhs. & their Pastors, & myself, met here at IX o'Clock this Morn^g. This was a critical Transaction, as it involved some Reference to the old Wallingfd Controversy of 1758 when Dr. Dana was ordained.

THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS.

	Chhs.
Rev. Jonathan Todd	East Guilford Mod ^r
(Mr. Ball abs.)	Woodbridge
Nicholas Street	East Haven
Elizur Goodrich D.D.	Durham Scribe
Noah Williston	West Haven
Enoch Huntington	Middleton
Jn ^o Marsh	Wethersf ^d
And ^w Elliott	Fairf ^d
Jon ^s Edwards DD	New Haven
Sam ^l Wales D.D.	Yale College
Sam ^l Austin	New Haven
Ezra Stiles	" II.

About 1½ P.M. we begun the Exercises at the Meet^ghouse by an Anthem & Read^s the Result.

- I.42' Prayer by Rev^d Mr. Eliot. Singing.
- II. 4. D^r Dana preached 1 Cor. ii, 13.
- III.20. End Sermon—I made the installing Prayer.
30. End Prayer.
31. Rev^d Mr. Todd gave the Charge.
40. D^r Good. gave the R^t Hand of Fellowship.
45. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Street.
55. Anthem Ps. cxxii.
- IV.10. Blessing by D^r Dana. Twenty Ministers present.

30. I gave a Phil. Lect. Exam^d & admitted a Freshman.¹

May

1. We began Examin^a Senior Class.
2. Exam^d Jun. Class.

Thursdy 30th ult. G. Wash. inaugurated & proclaimed at N York Presid^t of Congress.

3. Ldsdy. I attended & heard D^r Wales all day, A.M. Jn^o xiv, 27, who administered the Sacram^t of the Lds. Supper, only twelve Communicants of us present, & of these six only Undergraduates. The Ways of Zion mourn because few come to her solemn Feast. P.M. 2 Tim. iii, 1, 2. Read^r Tho. Smiths Acco^t of the Greek Chh. A.D. 1670.

4. & 5. Examin^a of Soph. & Fr. Classes. Adjudications of the Classes. Present 103 Undergraduates.

6. VACATION for 3 Weeks. This day I attended the pub. Examin^a of three Deans Scholars Bradly, Brown, Edw^{da}. No Episc^o Clergyman present. I judged them all good Classic Scholars in Gr. Test^a, Xenophon & Homer; & in Hor. Cic. de Orat. & Tusc. Quæst. We began at IX A.M. and continued Examin^a almost six hours till 1.50' P.M. I judged Bradly first Scholar of the House elected upon Dean Berkley's Foundation. The others were equal & decided by Lot—Edw^{da} 2^d & Brown 3^d.

7. Cold melancholly Weather. Vegetation very backward. No Grass, Hay generally spent, Cattle suffering. Great Complaints thro' the Country. The Grasshoppers in Profusion devouring the young springing Grass. No Blossoms on fruit Trees.

9. I Rode to Woodbridge to preach for Mr. Ball.

10. Ldsdy. I preached for Mr. Ball being sick, admitted four Communicants, one of whom I baptized, and administered the Lds. Supper to phps. 130 Communicants.

11. Returned & dined at D^r Danas in Company with all the Ministers in T^o invited & their Wives. Besides the Chh. Min. in T^o we were joyned by two other Episcopal Clergymen. A social catholic beniev^o Meeting!

12. I am setting out for Hartford.² Rode to Mr. Foots Cheshire & lodged.

¹ Dr. Stiles's College Memoranda show that this was Eli Whitney, of Westboro, Mass., afterwards the distinguished inventor.

² A few notes on this journey are added from Dr. Stiles's MS. Itinerary.

14. Gen. Election at Hartford. Rev^d Mr. Robbins of Norfolk preached. Gov. Huntington & L' Gov. Wolcott elected. Three Vacancies in the Council filled by Hon. Mess^{rs} Root, Strong & Hillhouse. Meet^g of the Corpor^s of Yale College—preferred a Mem^o to the Assembly for Grant of Western Lands. Present 60 Ministers & Candidates. Supped with Gov. & Council.

15. Rode to my Brothers in Windsor.

16. At III I left Windsor and at VIII arrived at Aunt Taylors in Westfield.

17. Ldsdy. At Westfield I preached all day for Mr. Atwater absent. Very backward Spring. No Trees in Blossom from N. Haven to Westfield. Cold Weather.

18. Rode to Springfield Mr. Lothrop's & lodged there.

19. View an Indian Stone God there, similar to ours in the College Library. Returned to Windsor. Saw Major Day who before the War settled at the Natchees on Mississippi—and lately with about 20 families or 100 psons in Company travelled across from the Natches on Mississippi to Augusta in Georgia & to the Atlantic Sea: he passed no Mountain thro' the whole Travel, & but two Tribes of Indians.

20. Reached Hartf^d: & saw only 2 apple trees in Bloom.

21. Present in Assembly at Election of Judges of the Sup^r Court. Judge Pitkin left out—Lower House voted in Mess^{rs} Law, Dyer, Adams, Root, & Chauncy. Rode to Wethersfield & lodged at Mr. Marshs.

22. Rode to Middlet^o, dined at Major Otis's. Visited Rev. Mr. Huntington who went & shewed me another Indian stone Gd. about half a Mile East of his Meet^ghouse; ejusdem farinae. Lodged at D^r Goodriches. Few Trees in Bloom.

23. Arrived at Home & found my family well. Deo Grates. The orchards at N. Haven not yet fully in Bloom. The forests begin a little to leave out. A Few Patches of Rye in Ear. Generally Vegetation very backward. Distressing in Vermont for Bread Corn & fodder. A great Aur^o Bor. this Even^g at Y. College.

24. Ldsdy. I attended at Mr. Austin's & heard Rev. Mr. Hopkins of Hadly preach all day on Exod. xxxi, 15, on the Sabbath.

25. Visiting with Mr. Hopkins.

27. Vacation ends, & Orders set up. Tutors Fitch & Bidwell present. Rec^d Lett. from Tutor Newton sick—no prospect of his com^g to College this Summer.

28. Visiting the City with Mr. Consul S^t John.¹
 30. Betsey sailed for Newport. D^r Wales a severe Fit.
 31. Ldsdy. I attended & heard the Professor preach all day from Luke ix, 26, Whosoever ashamed of Christ.

June.

1. Rode out with the Rev^d Mr. Tappen of Newbury.
2. Whether it would be best to introduce Agriculture into Colleges as a classical Study? Viewed two Camels in T^o a Male æt. 10, Nineteen hands high on the Bunch, and a Female æt. 4. They were bro't from the African shore on the Mediterranean last year Via West Ind. to N York. The owner gave 200 Half Joes or 1600 Doll. for them. He shewed them into Vermont as high as L. Champlain last Fall—at Boston all last Winter, obliged to Warm the Stable with a Stove. Yesterday Eliza my Gr. Daughter began at the Writing School æt. 7. This Even^g I rec^d Letters fr. London D^r Gordon with the 4 Volumes of his History of Amer. War³—& fr. D^r Erskine of Edinburgh.
3. Rec^d Mr. Morse of Charlest^o & Lady here. Congress Salaries thus

Presid ^t	. . . . .	20 Th. Doll.	. . . . .	£6000 L. M.
V. Presid ^t	. . . . .	6 Th. D.	. . . . .	1500
Speaker	. . . . .	5 Th. D.	. . . . .	1200
Senators & Represent ^a	. . . . .	6 D. p Day	. . . . .	600

I attended Lect. at D^r Edw^{ds} & heard Mr. Morse preach at III^h P.M. & went fr. thence to D^r Dana's at IV^½ & heard Mr. Morse a second Sermon. The Sacram^t Lectures used to be circular at the 3 Meet^gs: but D^r Edw^{ds} and Mr. Austin refuse Communion with D^r Dana, upon Advice signed by Mr. West of Stockbridge, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Cyprian Strong, Mr. Trumbull & Mr. Smalley, on D^r Edw^{ds} represent^a that D^r Dana is unsound as to the Trinity, Election, & univ. Salvation as well as opposed to New Divinity.

¹ See this Diary, March 1, 1785.

² In this letter Dr. Gordon speaks as follows of his History :

How far the epistolary manner may meet the taste of mankind I know not; but I have studiously avoided all that egotism which is generally so offensive in that species of writing; & believe that I have never used the vowel *I* as applicable to myself. I have printed only 1250 copies; about 170 of which are bound to America.

And yet all the rest of the Council were satisfied the Doctor was sound as to all these points.

4. Eccl. Hist. Lecture. Rec^d Letters from London & Edinburgh with Packages of Books.

7. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Dr. Wales A.M. Jno. xx. 17. adm^d Sacram^t present only 12 of us Communicants of which 7 Undergraduates. . . Th. So. The Weather cool. Spring backward. & Vegetation gloomy. untill within 2 or 3 days past. wherein the Weather is become warm & the Trees begin to put forth leaves.

8. Whether Pulpit or Bar best field for Oratory? Seniors. The Committee of the Corporⁿ viz. Mess. Good., Pitkin. & Hunt^r met here. We elected Mr. Amos Basset a Tutor.

9. Whether it would be right to compel the unfederated States into the federal Union? Sen. Rec^d Letters from the Rev^d Mr. Holmes & Mr. Tutor Denison dated from Midway in Georgia May 5th. Mr. Denisons Health still unfavorable. Mak^e up Qu^{er} Bills. Sent Express to Mr. Basset at Darby.

10. Quarter Day. Exercises as usual. At 35th after Midnight my House was struck with Lightning: but it pleased to Gd to preserve me & my Fam^{ly}—thro' his gracious Providence we escaped instant Death altho' all of us & esp^{ly} Sister Bradly & my Gr. Daugh. Eliza was surrounded with Death or that profusion of the electrical Fluid, that it was next to a Miracle that they were preserved. The Light^{ning} struck & gouged out a Rafter in the Garret the whole Length from the Chimney to the Eves: the Light^{ning} ran down the Chimney in two of four Smokes or Funnels & down the side of the House to the Ground. For this great Preservation Deo O. M. Grates. May we devote our spared Lives to the Glory of G^d, & consider this as a merciful Warn^{ing} & Admonition of Heaven to be prepared for sudden Death. There was but a step between us & Death. Ruthy & Polly were abroad: as well as Betsy at Rh. Isld & Emilia at Milf^d. Six at home.

11. No Lecture to-day. Impressed with the dangerous Event of Providence.

12. A General Assembly of the Presb. Chhs. sat at Philad^a last M^o for the first time, 169 years after the settlem^t of Plym^o in N. Engl. They addressed President Washington—as did the two Bishops of the Westleian Methodists. New—as to american Bps. &c. Change Eccl. Politics. Now in United States

2 Methodist Bps. ordained by Mr. Westly in Bristol old England.

3 Chh. England Bps.

2 or 3 Moravian Bps.

1 Mennonist Bp. besides 800 Presb. Bps.

I have these Reasons to think the Lightning which struck my House came out of the Clouds & not from the Earth. 1. It struck on the upper side of a Brick on the Top or S.W. Corner of my S^r Chimney & impressed a blue Mark 4 Inches long & $\frac{3}{4}$ Inc. broad upon it still retain^e a sulphureous Smell. 2. The Fluid divid^e into two Branches, one descended down a Rafter, the other down Chimney & blew out a Board in the Chamber Chimney, & Soot & ashes in the Bed Room Chimney carry^e the Soot across the Room altho' the greatest Quantity left accumulated at the fire place. 3. Three foot N^o of the last fire place it struck into the Floor & gouged it & struck out a Splinter a foot & half long & threw it further N^o from the Hearth. I think it evident that this Stroke was fr. the Clouds to the Earth.

The Consul S^r John visited me.

14. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. heard Dr. Wales on Prayer, Philip. iv, 6. P.M. Mr. Austin 1 Jn^o iiiii, God is Love. Read^e Fabricius.

15. Whether moral Wrong is ever a political Good? Sen^r. Examined Jn^o Staples æt. 15 a Freshman in Columbia College, & admitted him here.

16. Whether univ. Toler^a in Permission & equal civil Encouragm^t of all Religions in a State would be prejudicial to the true Religion? Sen^r. Read^e Eusebius Eccl. Hist.

17. Examining *Pausanias* Hist. of Greece.

18. At Morn^e Prayers in the Coll. Chapel Mr. Amos Bassett was qualified & invested with the Tutorship by publicly giv^e his Assent to the Savoy Confession of Faith & tak^e the Oath of Fidelity to this State. I gave him the Tuition of the Freshman Class. He is in M^r Tutor Newtons Room, who by an Hemoptoe or pulmonary Bleed^e is so reduced as to be unable to go on with his Class this Summer: tho' absent he continues however in Office, as does Mr. Tutor Denison still in Georgia, of whose Return there is no Prospect. So that in fact we have at this Time five Tutors in Office, of which only three able to do Duty. By Letter from Mr. Denison in Georgia 5th May I learn he is no better.

Eccl. Hist. Lect. On the 10th of May or last M^o the Snow was two

feet deep on the Green Mountains in Vermont. A very distressing time there for Provisions for Man & Beasts. Rh. Isld. Assembly last week rejected a Vote for call^e a Convention to adopt the new fœderal Constitution. Quos Deus vult perdere prius dementat. This Week the General Association sits at Rev. Mr. Brockways in Lebanon. They are at the Head of 160 or 170 Ministers in Connecticut, as large a Body of Ministers as those comprehended in the four Presb. Synods at the Westward, which have lately erected a Gen. Assemb^r at their Head, which sat for the first time last Month. This Assembly means to comprehend all the future Pastors & Chhs. which may overspread the Territory from Hudsons River westward to Mississippi & Southw^d to Georgia. Perhaps this will scarcely take place.

19. News that the Presid^t Gen. Washington is very sick with a fever. Chains drawn across his Street to prevent his being interrupted with the Noise of Wheel Carriages.

20. Very hot weather, fine growing Season. Th. 91.

21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day on Prayer, Philip. iv, 6. Read^s Dionysius Areopagita. At V^b I attended a Lect. in the State House preached by Mr. Lee a Methodist Preacher fr. Virginia.¹

22. Whether the present Scarcity of Money is any Detriment to the United States? Sen.

23. National Prejudices? Sen. Gen. Wash. recov^e.

25. Dr. Wales gave a Div^r Lecture.

28. Ldsdy. I preached all day at East Haven & baptized two Children viz. Lydia D. of Stephen Woodward and Eliz^a his Wife, and Polly D. of Joel Thompson and Lois his Wife. Read^s in Norris' Ideal World, Owen on Justific^a, & Edwds' religious Affections. I think his 3 first Marks excellent, the other involved in the preced^e ones less important and rather superfluous.

29. Whether Theatre beneficial? Sen^a. The New Div^r Gentlemen are conscientiously obstinate in refusing Baptism to all Children but those whose Parents in addition to good Know. of X^{ty} & a regular sober & virtuous Life, can declare that they not only hope but believe themselves the subjects of Regener^a & divine Grace. Rev^d Cyprian Strong of Chatham is tenacious & conscientious in this Refusal. In conseq. hereof, a number of his Congreg^a

¹ The history of Methodism in New Haven begins with this visit of the Rev. Jesse Lee.

have lately turned to the Chh. of Engl. And on Wed^r last or 24th Inst. the Rev. Mr. Jarvis a Chhman, Rector of the Chh of Engl in Middlet^o “ attended divine Service with the Episc^o Congregⁿ of the T^o of Chatham, & administered Baptism to Ninety two Persons, eighty two of whom *were Children* & ten Adults, belonging to Families w^c have lately conformed to the Chh of Engl. in that place.” Middlesex Gaz., 27 June 1789.

July

1. I attended at Brick & heard D^r Dana preach his sacramental Lecture. Mess^{rs} Edw^d & Austin held a separate but joynt Lect. at Fairhaven Meet^shouse.

2. I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lect. on Councils.

5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day, A.M. Heb. xii, 3. He adm^d the Sacram^t, 15 Communicants present. P.M. Mat. vii, 7, 8, on Prayer. Read^e Fabricius.

6. Whether Duress inconsistent with Lib^r? Sen^{rs}.

7. Whether Religion has on the whole been of Benefit to Mankind? Sen^{rs}.

This Day was celebrated as an Anniv^r of Independ. in N Haven. The Bells rung. At XI A.M. assembled at the State house. Procession to Brick Meet^s. I presided.

EXERCISES.

XI.	35'	. . .	Music c Ps.
XI.	47'	. . .	Prayer by D ^r Dana
XII.	13	. . .	Oration by Mr. Meigs.
	37	. . .	End Orat.
			Musick
			Contrib. for poor
			Blessing. No public Dinner.

9. Cincinnati met at N Haven & celebrated their Annivers^r. At XI A.M. Procession fr. the State House to the Brick.

EXERCISES.

XI.	27	. . .	Prayer by Rev. Mr. Perkins
	41	. . .	Sermon by him on Dan. iv, 25.
I.	9	. . .	End D ^o Sing. c Ps. 2. Met.
	22½	. . .	Orat. by Col ^o David Humphreys.
	54	. . .	End D ^o . Sung Ps. 33, 2 ^d pt. comm.
II.	6	. . .	Blessing.

10. Mrs. Wyllys & Emilia sailed for N. York with Col. Humphreys.

12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Dr. Dana 2 Tim^o i, 10. P.M. Dr. Wales Mat. vii, 7, 8. Read^s Schroederus on the Relig. of the Haican or Armenian Chhs. . . .

13. Whether the Estates of Suicides ought to be confiscated? No.

14. Whether Import^a of Rum shd. be prohibited? Sen^s.

16. A funeral Oration in the Chapel for Kingsb^r' a Jun. Sophister—by his Classmate Norton. A Procession of the Jun. Class preceded the Presid^t Profess. & Tutors &c fr. Sen. Tut. Chamb. N^o Stairs to Chapel walking round the Coll. Yard.

17. Senior Class finished Recit^s Montesqueus Spirit of Laws V. 2. Emilia returned fr. N. York.

18. Sen. Class finish Pres' Claps Ethics. Rye Harvest all gathered in round about N. H. a fine & plentiful & well gathered Harvest. Deo O. M. Grates. Chesnut Trees but just in Blossom. Fine grow^s Season—the most rapid Growth of Vegetation since first of June ever known here—after the most protracted & backward & discourag^s Spring ever known. So gracious & kind is Gds. holy Providence.

19. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Ps. 95, i, Singing. P.M. Luke viii, 18, Hear^s Word. Nash a Soph. propounded. Read^s Dionysius & Justin Martyr on Trinity.

20. Whether hold^s Territory by Conquest is just? Bid Farewell to the Senior Class.

21. Examin^a of Candidates. At IX³/₄ I delivered in the Library the Diploma examinatorium to Mr. Tutor Basset & appointed Sir Bullard Vice Bedellus,² who carried it down into the Chapel & delivered it to D^r Wales whom I appointed Moderator of the Examin^a. The Seniors have had but one syllogistic Disput^a this year, & phps. half a doz. last year. There was one only last Commence^t—none this. Thus farwell Syllogistic Disput^a in Yal. Coll. much to my Mortification.

22. Candidates approved 30 in all, & public Presentation in the

¹ Charles Kingsbury, from Franklin, Conn., died on June 22, in his 22d year.

² Another memorandum of this date by Dr. Stiles says: Col. Fitch has been the standing Bedellus ever since about 1753.

This was Jonathan Fitch (Yale 1748), who was also Steward almost uninterruptedly from 1752 to 1778, and Sheriff from 1758 till his death in 1793.

Libr^y for Deg. A.B. at Commenc^t. No Orations or Dialogues—omitted last year.

23. Eccl. Hist. Lect. . .

24. I attended a Hebrew Recit^a of the Freshman Class and set out on a Journey for Bethlem & Cornwall.¹

26. Ldsdy. Kept Sabbath at Oxford & preached all day for Rev^d Mr. Brownson.² Mr. B. tells me his Class were the first y^t recited Edw^d on the Will—that Pres^t Clap offered the Class to chuse the Book of Mor. Phil. they wished to recite, the Class chose Edw^{ds} & appointed Dr. Huntington & himself to wait on the Presid^t with their Choice who approved it. Last recited 1775.

27. Visited D^r Bellamy at Bethlehem—found him in Ruins. He did not know me at first—afterwards he was the most of the time rational, tho' greatly broken. He is unable to help himself, is frequently lost, bewildered, childish, with a mixture of Lucidity. He conversed feebly with me. He called for his Pipe & smoked. He spoke about Dr. Erskine—Election & Commencem^t, the Ministers & Chh. & said he always used to go to Election & loved the Min^{rs} & Chhs. He desired me to tell him if there was any Error in his Writings?—I evaded. He said every Body, all parties agreed in his Scheme.

I asked him if he had the Faith & Grace of Assurance? he sd. yes, he had had it for many years. Whether he still has it? Yes.

I rode to Rev^d Mr. Chase in Litchf^d S^o farms.

28. Mr. Chase's Parish about 160 fams. He bo't 50 acres @ £4 & 3 acres @ £20. House £350. Cuts 15 Tons. Settlem^t £200. Salary £80 & Wood.

At Cornwall. Begin^s Harvest here. Visited my farms. Lodged at Mr. Mallerys my Tenant who has sowed me a Nursery of Mulberry this Spring, about 4 or 5000 seeds.

29. At Litchfield. Rev^d Mr. Mills & Wife and Daughter of Fredericksb., Presbyterians, last Spring became Baptists & were rebaptized by Immersion.

30. Returned to Waterbury. Rev^d Mr. Leavenworth & I took a List of the Connect. Ministers 1740 at the begin^s of New Light, & found not one Arminian among them tho' 115 in Number—tho' it was then mighty fashionable to traduce the Clergy as Arminian & heretical.

¹ A few entries are inserted from the MS. Itinerary of this journey.

² David Brownson (Yale 1762).

Questions put by Mr. Leavth to Presid. Edwth after 1750

1. Whether he would admit into full Communion in Chh. a person whom he judged unconverted, provided a person of good understanding in Religion, of regular Life & thot himself a subject of Grace, tho' Mr. Edwth upon examin^s shd not judge so?

Ans. Yes, as he acted in public Character he shd admit him even tho &c.

2. Whether same as to ordaining a Minister? Yes.

Dr. Bellamys Opinion—He did seek for Grace. He read to the person applying the Doctrine of Faith & Cov^t & asked if they could honestly & sincerely assent : & if they s^d yes, he looked no further. So he told Mr. Leavenworth.

31. Rode to Squire Darlings. Mr. Sherman accepted the Call of Amity Chh.¹

August

1. Returned home—& found the Carpenters covering my House ; nearly finished the N^o End.

2. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. D^r Wales preached A.M. Numb. ix, 13. He forgot to admit Nash a student & dismissed the Assembly. Then he admitted him into full communion with the Coll. Chh. ; & administered the Sacrament—present 15 Communicants. P.M. He was taken with a fit just after he had begun his first prayer. I prayed—he recovered & preached Heb. xii, 1. Read^s D^r Gales MS. on the Apocalypse.

4. Repair^s the Presidents House. Removed the old Kitchen. Begun digging cellar.

6. Eccl. Lecture.

9. Ldsdy. I preached all day at W. Haven for Rev^d Mr. Williston gone to Ordin^a of his son at East Hampton.²

10. Heb. Recit^a. Begun ston^s Cellar. Received Lett. from Copeland Stiles Esq. Collector at Bermuda with the Family Coat of Arms.³ Isaacs Birthday.

¹This was the Rev. Josiah Sherman (Princeton 1754), of Goshen, Conn., a brother of the Hon. Roger Sherman. He died before being installed. (See below, Nov. 25, 1789.)

²Payson Williston (Yale 1783), the eldest child of the Rev. Noah Williston (Yale 1757), was ordained at East Hampton, Mass., on Aug. 13, 1789, and died there in January, 1856.

³Now in possession of Dr. Stiles's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, of Boston.

11 & 12. For 4 days the Therm° above 90 about middle day. Yesterday 92 mine, 98 Mr. Beers in shade.

13. I gave a Phil. Lect. upon Eclipses.

15. Rec^d Lett. of 9th Ins^t fr. Rev. Mr. Newton of Deerfield inform^s his Son Mr. Tutor Newton died 8th Inst.

16. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day on 1 Cor. vii, 29–31. The Professor, Tutors & myself with the Freshman Class went into Mourn^s for Mr. Tutor Newton, by a black Ribband round our left Arms. In the Morn^s D^r Wales was taken with a Fit in the first singing (with w^e we begin divine service) so I made the first Prayer. He recovered & preached an excellent sermon. The Fresh. Class were Mr. Newtons Pupils. He was universally beloved & esteemed, & was an excellent Character. Sir Wadsworth propounded.

20. Ruthy's Birthday. No Lect. Tutors Prize Examinations or Declamations.

23. Ldsdy D^r Wales hav^s had a severe Fit on friday night was unable to preach this Forenoon. I preached for Dr. Edwth & he preached in Chapel. P.M. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales, Ps. civ. 34, on pious Meditation. Read^s Phœnix on the Nativity of Christ. . . .

24. . . . D^r Dana's Instalm^t.

After D^r Edwth in Council had put a Number of Quest. to D^r Dana, the D^r then put a number to D^r Edwth, viz.

“ Is every Idea & Volition of the Creature excited by the Creator ?

Can any Being will & effect Sin, & yet not will & effect the *Sinfulness* of Sin ?

Is Gd. or the Creature the efficient Cause of the sinfulness of Sin ?

Doth Sinfulness consist in *Volition* itself, or in the *Execution* of Volition ?

Is all the Sinfulness that is or ever was in the World, for the best ?

Do those Moral agents, whether Men or Devils, who have most exerted themselves in promot^s this part of the Moral Plan, deserve Commendation in proportion to such their Exertions ?

Ought we to give *Thanks* for all the sins of Men & Internals ?

Is the Enmity of the Unregenerate to Gd. & Holiness increased in proportion to their *Illumination* & Sollicitude about the Concerns of Salvation ?

Is it the duty of the Unregenerate (continuing so) to pray ? or have they any Encoragm^t to pray ?

Are there any Means of Regeneration ?

Is the first Offence of Adam imputed to his Posterity ?

Was that offence our personal Act ?

Is human Depravity limited to any *one* Faculty ? or doth it extend to all the faculties ?

Is it a Term of Salv^a that a person *be willing to be damned* ? Or were Moses & Paul willing to be damned for the Salvation of their people ?

Are such Qualific^a requisite to Xtian Communion as none but the Searcher of Hearts can judge of ?

Are all those points w^c are fundamental to one Xtian fundamental to all ?

Must we exclude from Xtian Fellowship all those who do not admit all the points that are fundamental to us ?

Hath any Man or Body of men Autho^r from Christ to make any Thing necessary to Salv^a & Christian Communion, which the holy Ghost has not clearly & expressly declared to be so in Scripture ?

May any Man or Body of Men determine that their own Interpretation is the Certain and infallible sense of Scripture ? "

Copied from the Original Paper which D^r Dana had before him, in his own Handwriting, in Counsel, at the time of ask^s the Questions, & from which he asked the Questions. D^r Edw^{da} asked his Questions also from a prepared Paper, which he bro't into Counsel, took out of his Pocket & used.

Two other Quest. on D^r Dana's Paper, but crossed & I don't recollect whether asked.

Is there a Tendency in the Means of Grace to effect the end of Religion ?

Doth the Spirit improve the Word of Truth as a Means of Regeneration ?

26. Visited Squire Darling at Woodb. very sick.

27. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

29. Gen. Lincoln passed thro' Town in his way to Congress & thence to Georgia, with Mess^{rs} & Humphries, Commissioners from Congress to negotiate a Treaty with the Indians on the Frontiers of the United States.

The King of Spain has this year begun a City on the West side of Mississippi at the Mouth of Missouri. And published a Proclam^a to invite Settlers from the English in the United States, with great Immunities & Privileges—allows free Lib^y of Conscience in

Religion gives 400 Acres to a Family & Cows & farm^s Utensils & ten years freedom from Taxes. 1. This will make a large Draught of Settlers from Kentucky &c. 2. They will seed the Territ^y W. of Mississippi with English Blood even to future increas^e Millions. 3. Extend the English Language over all N^o America. 4. Tho' at present under Spanish Gov^t & may continue so an age or two, yet upon the first Quarrel between Spain & us they will either come to us, or erect themselves into an independ. Republic. 5. They will be the means of introducing more liberal Ideas among the Mexican Span^{ds} & this Communic^a will shew them the Way to free themselves from the Tyranny of European Masters, & bring on a Revolution in Spanish America. 6. This Precedent will make way for the Protestant Religion in Mexico & old Spain. 7. Open the Navig^a of Mississippi to us.

30. Ldsdy. Being unwell I did not attend divine Service this forenoon. I attended Chapel P.M. & heard Dr. Wales.

31. Writing Dr. Kilby's Diploma.

September

2. Mr. Tutor Bidwell delivered a funeral Oration in the Chapel to a crouded Audience upon the Death of the late Mr. Tutor Newton.¹

4. Finished covering the Presidents House.

6. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Rev. Mr. Whitney preached Jer. viii, 22. Then Dr. Wales admitted 2 Communicants Sir Wadsworth & Townsend a Sen. Sophister. He then administered the Sacrament, 22 Communicants. P.M. D^r Wales preached Eccl. ix, 10, a Valedictory Sermon to the Candidates.

8. The Corpor^a met. College illuminated at night.

9. Public Commenc^t. Present Mess. W^{ms} Taylor, Good., Mather, Pitkin, Whitney, W^{ms} Nathan, Ely, Hunt. Fellows.

Exercises, a Salutatory Orat. in Lat. Sir Brown—No addresses, for first time omitted.

Forens. Disput. S^r Bradly &c.

Greek Orat. S^r Edwd^a

Music

Forensick Disp. S^r Eliot &c.

P. M.

Eng. Orat. Sir Paine. Ends the Bachelors.

Masters Mr. Broom Eng. Orat. Applause.

¹This oration was afterwards published.

Graduation

Val. Orat. Lat. Mr. Grisw^d No addresses.

Begin & End Prayer & Blessing. No syllog. Disp.

I conferred the Degree of A.B. on . . . Arthur Breese, Sam^l Sidney Breese.

The Rev. Zeph. Willis, A.M. Harv. ad eundem 4 D or G.

The Deg. A.M. on hon. Moses Robinson of Bennington Chief Judge Sup. Court Vermont.

The Deg. M.D. on D^r Charles Kilby¹ of Watford in Hertfdshire G^r Brit.

The Hon. David Ramsay M.D. of Charlest^s S^c Car^s M.D. in Univ^s Philad^a admitted ad eundem M.D.

The Deg. of LL.D. on Rev^d Manasseh Cutler, Ipswitch.

The Deg. S.T.D. on Rev^d Sam^l Lockw^d of Andover.

Tot. 36 A.B. 15 A.M. 4 Doctrates = 57 Deg. conferred

Rec^d 45 Fees amount^s 196 Doll = £58. 16.0 cash.

One note, rest gratis + 2 G. 2. 16

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10. At VII Manè the Concio ad Clerum preached in the College Chapel by Rev^d Mr. Stone of Lebanon, Naaman's wash^s 7 times in Jordan. Subject the duty of using the Means of Grace.

11. The Corporation adjourned to meet at Hartf^d, Election day. Gov^r Huntington & Hon. D^r Ramsay present at Commencem^t.

12. Gen Wash. did not put on Mourn^s for his Mother.

13. Ldsdy. I attended Dr. Danas Meet^s all day & heard Mr. Hotchkiss of Saybrook A.M. Mat. v, 7, P.M. Rom. viii, 20.

14. Sir Eliot & 2 other young Gent. brought me a Hebrew Inscription which they lately took of a Rock in Washington or N. W. Corner of New Milford . . . Mr. Joseph Bosworth of Wash. æt. 85 remembers this Inscription 45 years ago . . . At a distance on another part of the Rock is inscribed 1733.

15. Preparing for a Journey to New York.

16. Set out for N. York.³ Rode to Br. Silliman's in Stratford.

19. At Gen Lewis Morris's at Morrisania⁴ in West Chester.

¹ Dr. Kilby died at Watford on Dec. 22, 1816, at the age of 63.

² Some items from the MS. Itinerary are inserted in this account.

³ The following passage is from Dr. Stiles's Itinerary on this visit :

Gov. Morris very learned, once had a Library at Morrisania of 2 to 3000 Vol. The Enemy destroyed much the late War. I viewed the Residue, perhaps 12 or 1500 Vol. It is replete with learned Works in Law, Politics, Hist^y, Phil^s, the Sciences, Theol^y, partly Walton's Polyglott. Gen. Morris tells me his grandfather the Gov. understood Heb. Arabic & the Oriental Languages, as well as Gr. & Lat. And that he got it all of himself, proprio Marte, or as the Gen. exprest it by his own Pliability, meaning Applic^t, for he had no College Education.

20. Attended Service at the Dutch Chh at Haerlem, & heard Rev. Mr. Bassett preach 2 excellent Calvinistic evangel. Sermons.

21. Arrived at N. York & put up at the City Tavern : at 4 P.M. accompanied with Judge Sherman¹ paid my Respects to Gen. Washington Presid^t of the United States. Took Lodgings at Capt. Hardings.

22. Visited Columbia College saw & conversed with three Professors, Presid^t Johnson absent at Congress, & examined the Apparatus for Exp^t Philosophy, went to Congress P.M. sitt^s at federal Hall & heard the Debates. Visited the speaking Figure—not Ventriloquism but by Tubes. Saw the Balloon thirty feet Diam. at Mr. Deckers.

23. At Congress—Visited M. S^t John the French Consul, D^r Livingston, Rodgers &c, & Mr. Jay. From II to IV attending the proposed Ascent of Deckers Balloon with Ten or 12 Thous^d Spectators in the Fields N^o of the City. Disappointed. It collapsed after Inflation & took fire on the Ground. At V^h dined at Mr. Watsons in company with Dr. Rodgers, Judges Hobart & Elsworth, Gen. Duer, a sensible keen man, & Mr. Comptroller Wolcott. Attended Even^g Lect. Dutch Chh. & heard D^r Livingston catechize 2 persons & then he expounded the Chapter on Providence in the Heidelberg Catechism. Excellent!

25. At IV 1/4 P.M. Left the City. I visited Gov. Clinton & left with him a Request to the St. Patrick Society for a Donⁿ to Y. Coll. Lib^r of a Collection of Books on the Irish Antiquities. I also visited Dr. Mason,² the Seced^s Presb. Minister. I find that he & Dr. Rodgers & the Dutch Domine, baptized some Children whose Parents are not Communicants at the Lds Table, while they hold Grace a Term of adult Membership. Dr. Mason told some of his that he sh^d refuse a 2^d Bapt. unless they came to the Table. The Western Brethren blame N. Engl^d, & yet in effect are in the same Practice themselves.

26. Last night at Hyatt's, Kings Bridge. Rode to White Plains & kept Sabbath.

28. Rode to Tarryt^o & thence up Hudsons R. to Rynbeck.

30. Rode to Pooles in Poughkeepsy & dined at III^h P.M. Spent Aft. in viewing the Town, consist^s of 80 or 100 Dwellinghouses, 1 Dutch chh & 1 ch. Engl^d & grand Courthouse.

¹ The Hon. Roger Sherman, of New Haven.

² See this Diary, April 8, 1771.

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GOVERNOR ELIHU YALE



*From a portrait by Enoch Seeman, presented to Yale College in
October, 1789*

October

2. Left Rinebeck 100 M. fr. N York, & crossed over tow^{ds} N. Engld. & arrived 3^d at Kent.

4. Ldsdy. Preached all day for Rev^d Mr. Bardwel of Kent.

5. Visited the Indians at Scaticook. The whole Tribe now consist of only sixty seven souls—of w^c only 3 or 4 families now resid^e on their Lands. A.D. 1765 Litch^d Assoc. counted one hundred & two souls. Moravian Ministers lived among them & baptized them all from about 1748 to 1770.

7. From XI 1/2 to I 1/2 tak^e off Inscriptions on a Rock on Cobble Hill 120 Rds fr. Scaticook & 2 M. S^o of Kent Meetgh. They were first discovered about 25 or 30 y. ago. They are made by pecking with an Iron Tool after the manner of the Dighton Rock. Unintelligible !

8. Spent 1 1/2 hour in taking off Hebrew Inscription upon the summit of Pinnacle a Mountain so called lying six miles East of Housatonok River and the Scaticok Rock, and at the End of Raumaug Pond in old Kent Bounds. The Characters are good Hebrew well engraved, I believe by some Jews who have been visiting the Kent & New Milfd. Mountains for Gold Mines for 30 y. past. I took them off accurately. . . . The Incision was made with a Chiszel as on Tombstones.

9. Rode to Rev^d Mr. Taylors in New Milfd, & found a Stone Indian God at Carleton Bridge there. He remembers over 100 Ind. Huts at N. Milfd. No Ind. there now.

11. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Rev. Mr. Ely of Ripton. Sq^r Mills tells me that he has heard his Father Rev^d Jed Mills say that he first entered College at Wethersf^d where he studied some time, & then removed to N. Haven he thinks the first Spring Vacation. Born 1697 & died 1776 æt. 79.

13. Rode with Mr. Ely to a Regimental Review at Stratfd. of G. Chandlers Brigade. Grand Exercises.

14. Attended Association of Fairfd E. District at Rev. Mr. Wetmores in N^o Stratfd.

15. Lodged Mr. Birdseys.

16. Returned home, & found my Fam^y comfortable. Deo Grates.

17. I find that Gov. Yales Picture is arrived from London, & yesterday my Son deposited it in the College Library to which it was sent a Donation by the Hon. Dudley North Esq. of Glemham in Suffolk, Engld, Member of Parliament. By the kind Offices &

Work, & crossed over tow' N

to Rev. Mr. Bardwei of Kent.

10. I purchased a new Sabbath Book. The whole Tribe now
 consists of only 3 or 4 families now
 the Litchf. Assoc. counted one hun-
 dred Members lived among them & bapt-
 ized 1773.

11. I was shown off Inscriptions on a Rock on
 the East side of the M. S' of Kent Mectgh. They
 are made by the Jews 30 y. ago. They are made by
 the same manner of the Dighton Rock.

12. I was shown a taking off Hebrew Inscription upon the
 Mountain so called being six miles East of
 the Seabrook Rock, and at the End of Rar-
 iton Kent Bound. The Characters are good
 and are believed by some Jews who have been visit-
 ing the New Milf. Mountains for Gold Mines for 30 y.
 to be Hebrew. The Incision was made
 upon the stones.

13. I went to Rev. Mr. Taylors in New Milf. & found a stone
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Address of Sam^l Broome Esq. Merch^t of this City. The Painting is seven Feet high & the Governor at full Length. It was done 1717 the Gov. then æt. 68. It is grand & elegant & in good Preservation, being not a recent Copy, but one of the Original Pourtraits in the Family.

Gen. Wash. Presid^t of &c. arrived in New Haven this day, on his Tour & Visit^a thro' the Eastern States, w^c he compliments with his first Visitation. The Gen. Assembly sitt^g here waited upon him by a Committee with an Address to w^c he replied—as he did also to an Address of six Congregational Ministers w^c I presented, this Even^g.

18. Ldsdy. I attended all day at the Brick Meet^s & P. M. heard Rev. Mr. Holmes of Georgia. Presid^t Wash. attended A.M. at Chh. Eng. P.M. D^r Edw^{da}.

19. The Presid^t went on at sunrise for B^o & Portsmouth. . . .

21. I set up Orders at College, Vac^a being ended. Mr. Tutor Bidwel only Tutor present. Fresh Class 33.

22. Began Recitations. Mr. Bidwel sick.

23. Rec^d Lett. fr. Tutor Bassett who is sick.

24. This Aft. Mr. Tutor Fitch arrived at College.

25. Ldsday. I attended Chapel. D^r Wales pr. all day Prov. xi, i.

28. Attended Dr. Danas Lecture. Tut. Basset came.

29. No. Eccl. Lect. I am taken with the epidemical Cold which rages over the whole Territory from the 40 deg. Lat. beyond Philad^a thro' N Engld. My D. Emilia dangerously sick with the same & S^t Ant^o Fire. My Wife has had the Cold & is recovering.¹

31. Emilias Disorder rather at Crisis.

November

1. Ldsdy. I am detained at Home all day by Illness. D^r Wales at Chapel taken with a severe Fit in Sacram^t time, hav^e administered the Bread, he took the Cup & gave Thanks & in giv^e Thanks the fit took him—so the rest omitted. He had no Aft. service. Scholars went out in Town.

2. Seniors Disput^a at my House.

¹ Under this date Dr. Stiles has in his College memoranda this note:—

“Tutors about resign^t on account of Reduct^a of their Salaries last Commenc^t.”

The Corporation records show that the salary of the Scribr Tutor was reduced at the time named from £85 to £80; and the salary of the others from £80 to £70.

3. Dⁿ.

5. Looking out for the Transit of Mercury. Our College Telescope out of order. Saw nothing tho' the Disk of the Sun pretty clear from Clouds part of the day.

7. Finished read^s Milton's Paradise Lost which I began 25th ult. Still my Cold prevails & my Wife & D. Emilia are sick.

8. Ldsdy. A pleasant day, but I thot it not prudent to go abroad. Read^s the Venerable Beda, & Dionysius Areop^s & also 3 Sermons in Dr. Clarke. My Wife & Daughter better.

9. Disput^s as usual.

10. Dⁿ. G. Wash. in N. Haven.

11. Hon. Henry Marchant of Newport here. His Son examined & admitted Sophomore.

12. No Lecture.

13. Mr. Marchant went away. Received a Letter from Mr. Harry Caldwell of Georgia 200 m. up Savanna River giv^s acc^o that Mr. Tutor Denison died at his house there 19th of August last.¹

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day upon 1 Pet. i, 8. Read^s Bp. Chichesters Sermons. D^r Seabury preached at Chh. to day. [Finished read^s Petite Pierre on Universal Salvation.]

The unlocated Lands belonging to the United States, by Comput^s,

amo ^t to 483,230 square Miles equal to 309,267,200 Acres; which if sold at 1 ⁶ p acre would amount to	£23,195,040.
The foreign Debt of the U. S. is	10,070,307 Doll.
The Domestic Debt is	27,383,317
Total Debt of the U. S.	37,453,614
Equal to	£11,236,086
Which subtracted fr. the Value of the federal Lands, as above	£23 &c

Would leave in the Treas^y £11,958,954

Which put to Interest at 6 p Cent would produce the ann. sum of £717,537 or 6550 Doll. p day: which is more than four times the present Estimates for the Civil List, the War Departm^t, the Indian Departm^t, & for the Invalid & other Pensions

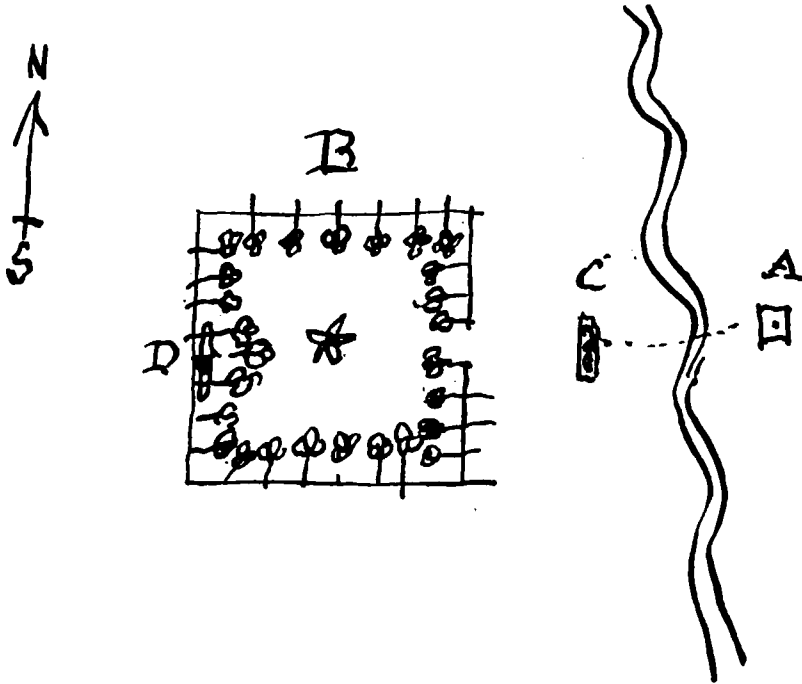
¹ Caldwell (now of Petersburg, Wilkes County, Ga.) and Denison were classmates at Yale in 1784.

14. A great Aur^o Bor. in Even^s. . . .
16. Disput^a as usual.
17. Do. Mr. Hall left us for Georgia. This Even^s I received Letter from D^r Price of London with acc^o of the Apparatus he has purchased for Yale College, Price £204. Sterl^s of w^c 3 foot Telescope £55 includ^s Micrometer, and Orrery £40.
18. President Wheelock was here.
19. D^r Wales gave a Lect. on the Talents.
22. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. D^r Wales preached 2 Cor. v, 4, a funeral Sermon on Mr. Tutor Denison, who died in Georgia Aug^t 19th. P.M. Mr. Austin Philip. ii, 4, On disinterested Benevolence. Read^s the acc^o of Origen's Opinions in the Phoenix.

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23. Disput^a as usual
24. Disput^a as usual. Mr. Darling's Life dispaired of. Gen. Lincoln, late L^t Gov. of Mass. on Return from the Ind. Treaty in Georgia, spent the Evening at my House, & gave me much Information on various subjects Indian, Literary & political.

He & Col. Humphrey¹ & were appointed & sent by Congress empowered to treat with all Indian Nations from Ohio to Florida & from the sea to Mississippi. They repaired to Georgia. From Savanna they went 200 or 250 M. up &c. & held a Treaty with the Indians chiefly of the Cherokees at a place about 50 M. West of Augusta. Among the rest of the Chiefs or Warriors was McGilvray—not the greatest or highest in power & political Auth^y, but greatest in Knowledge & Influence, & totally averse to a Treaty.—His Father was a Scotchman, an Ind. Trader who married or took for his Concubine a Daughter of an Indian Queen of one of the Creek Sachems or Chiefs. He was educated in the English School in Charlestown & designed for the Count^s House & to manage Ind. Trade. His father put him to live with a Merchant in Savanna where he was at the Commenc^t of the late War. He told the General Lincoln that he was Nineteen years old when the War began. He is now in the Indian Trade, & is concerned in a large Store at Pensacola. The Spaniards court him. He is a Man of Sagacity and much political & commercial Information, & totally averse to^o all Coalition of the Indians with the United States.

¹ David Humphreys (Yale 1771); the third Commissioner was Judge Cyrus Griffin, of Virginia.



- A.—The Encampment of Gen. Lincoln & the two other Commissioners.
- B. The Indian Encampment, or Council Square 150 feet square with Boughs & Branches form^d an interior Piazza, under which the Indians sat three or 4 deep. In the middle of which was the Council Fire; at which two Indians prepared the black Liquor.
- C. The Log on which the Commissioners were seated in their Approaches to the Ind. Council: and where they met by the Chiefs, who conducted them into the great Square, and seated them at
- D. On a Log where G. Lincoln & the Commiss^s sat during the Interview in Council.

Here they first partook of the black Liquor, then smoked the Pipe of Peace. Then the Commission from Congress was read & interpreted. Then the General rose & made a Speech or Talk—& concluded by proposing written Articles of Amity & Peace. Then the Commissioners retired about Noon—& the Council sat till late at Night.

Those southern Indians have Cities of Refuge or Places never stained with Blood, to which the Manslayer may flee, as among the Jews, & be safe. They agreed to cease Hostilities; and if any

Indians committed Crimes on the Territory purchased, they were to be delivered up & judged by the Laws of the United States. They also sent the White Fan or Symbol of Peace to G. Washington w^c G. Lincoln delivered to him. But the Indians broke up without any formal Treaty. The General communicated to me much Inform^a in natural Hist^r, Indian Customs, &c. He returned by Land from Augusta, thro' N^o Car^o, Virginia, & Philad^a to N. York. He saw at Philad^a the great Aur^o Bor. of the Night of 5th Instant. But heard noth^s of any Observ^a of the Transit of Mercury at Phil^a or N York. He tarried with me while ten o'clock at Night & parted, design^s to proceed on for Boston on the morrow.

25. Died at Amity Rev^d Josiah Sherman æt. 60.¹

26. Continental Thanksgiv^s by Order of Congress, & Presid^t Wash. Proclamation—observed thro' all the States, not Rh. Isld excepted, who have again lately refused to come into the Union. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales on Judges Jephthas Vow.

28. Rec^d a Letter from N York advis^s that our Apparatus was arrived there. Great Revolution in France—the King of Fr. & Royal Fam^r imprisoned beg^s Oct. last.

29. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. D^r Wales preach Josh. xxiv, 15, Joshuas Resolution. P.M. D^r Dana Mat. xxii, 37. Love of God.—Mr. Darl^s declin^s a long time & expect^s Death, was this Morn^s speechless. Read^s Springs Ans. to Tapping.

30. This day at IX^½ Mane died Thomas Darling Esq. of Woodbridge æt. 70. He was born at Newport Rhode Island Feb. 21, 1719/20. Removed with his Father to N Haven about 1722 or æt. 2. Educated at Yale College & graduated 1740. Became Tutor 1743 to 1745. He was my principal Tutor. He was a Justice of the Peace, Judge of the C^o Court. He was a Man of large Stature, of a strong reason^s Mind, calm & judicious; of Integrity & uprightness; of inoffensive Behavior. He differed from his Countrymen on the late Revolution—but never hurt the States—altho' in Judg^t strong for British Government.—He was of great Prudence & judicious Gravity. He was a firm Believer of Revelation—& distinguished for sensible & rational Religion. He firmly believed the Divinity & true and real Deity of Jesus Christ & Salv^a & Justific^a as founded in his Atonement.

¹ See above, July 31, 1789.

Dec.

1. Disput^a.—I heard the Soph. Class recite—Attended Mr. Darling's Funeral. He was bro't to Town & the Corps carried into the Brick Meet^s house, where D^r Dana prayed. I spoke at the Grave. This Even^s Col. Jn^o Trumbull the Painter & Mr. Bill Hillhouse arrived here from London.

2. Attend^s Business with the Committee of the Corpor^a.

3. I gave a Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y begin^s the 2^d Division of my Course, viz., the Reformation.

6. Ldsdy. I preached at Woodbridge.

7. Mr. Austin & his pple this day concluded to part—giv^s him £120. he to preach till March.

8. Mak^s Quarter Bills. Mild Weather.

9. Quarter Day. Exhibitions as usual—two orations, a forensic Disput^a, & a Dialogue.

10. I gave a Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. The Convention of N^o Car^o acceded to the federal Union & adopted the new Constiution on the 20th ult. by a great Majority. This Even^s I visited the Rev. Samuel Austin, who has asked a Dismission from his Chh. & Congregation, who are dissatisfied with his Ministry on Acco^t of his New Divinity Sentiments on *Doctrine* & Chh. *Discipline*. Carmel also is in Trouble.¹ This Week the Society Meet^s voted on his Sal^y—had but one Vote to raise it. About 20 Men are determined to leave the Congregation if he continues in the Min^y. They chose a Committee to treat with him about a Dismission. Farmington also last Week at a pub. Meet^s voted indeed a Salary to Rev^d Mr. Olcott, but voted no Collector. Then they proposed a Committee to treat with him also about Dismission—but stopt—& put about a subscription to see who for & who against him. The Congregation are about equally divided. The Difficulty at N Haven, Carmel, & Farmington, is New Div^y & rigid Discipline. No objections against the moral Character of their Ministers, who are pious conscientious Men, but very fixt & conscientious in some novel Peculiarities. D^r Edw^{ds} is gone on a Journey up Connect. River to Hadley & across to Stockbridge to consult with the New Div^y Gentlemen. They propose to invite a Chh. of Engld Clergyman at Farmington to baptize their Children the day after Christmas, as their Minister is scrupulous & makes Difficulties in doing it.

¹The pastor of the church at Mount Carmel was the Rev. Joshua Perry (Yale:1773).

11. I have attended four Recitations to day ; of which two have been Hebrew.

12. Taken very ill. D' W. severe fit yest^y, fell in fire—burnt.

13. Ldsdy. I am very ill. No Worship at Chapel—Scholars dismissed to go abroad to worship in Town.

14 & 15. Still unwell—rather better.—Heard Disput^a as usual yest^y & to-day.

17. Confined & had no Eccl. Lecture—altho' I duly hear the Senior Class recite Locke at my House. Gen. Parsons lately drowned at the Ohio.

18. N^o Carolina Convent. sat 1st Nov. & adopted the new federal Constit. Nov. 20 or 27. Yeas 193, Nays 75 Maj. 118. N^o Car^o settled 1710.—750 Miles long & 110 M. broad—Inhab. now 270,000 Souls, of w^c 60,000 Negroes. Read^s Mr. Springs Reveries.

20. Ldsdy. So unwell that I did not attend public Worship altho' I walked abroad this day, it being pleasant or clear tho' cold—Therm^o 16 in morn^s & 35 P.M. Dr. Wales preached at Chapel A.M. P.M. Mr. Tutor Fitch preached there. This day D' Edw^{ds} out of Town: Mr. Fitch preachd for him in forenoon—afternoon, no Service at his Meet^s. So no Worship P.M. but at Chapel, Mr. Austins & Chh. For D' Dana left his Congreg^a destitute being gone to preach at Woodbridge, tak^s his Turn with the other neighbor^s Ministers upon Mr. Shermans Death. Reading D' Turnbulls Mor. Phil. & examining Texts in the Syriac Testament.

The whole Territory of the U. S. contains one Million of Square Miles, or 640 M. Acres, of these 51 M. said to be Water.

The Western Territ^y so called contains 411,000 Sq^r Miles, or 26,340,000 Acres: deduct for Water 4,340,000 remains 22 million Acres.

The whole of this immense Extent of unappropriated Western Terr^y, or vacant unsettled Land, contain^s as above 22 M Acres, has been by Cession of the States transferred to the federal Government; & is pledged for the Continental Debt.

The foreign Debt incurred by the War is 7,885,085 Dollars, the Domestic Debt 34,115,293 Dollars, which makes £9,455,084 sterl^l^s. the Int. of w^c @ 6 p cent is £567,005 sterl^l^s. But the War cost Great Brit. £115,654,914, the Int. of w^c at 6 p cent is £6,939,294 ann^y to be p^d since Jan^y 1775.

Tuesday Dec. 8, 1789, the Romish Worshp. pformed for the first

Time in the State of Rh. Isld.—at Providence—“ Festival of the immaculate Concept. of the Virgin Mary, the Rev^d Abbe de la Poterie, French Roman Cath^o secular Priest, & D^r of Div^y, celebrated the holy sacrifice of the Mass in Providence, at the Request of several Catholics of the Roman Communion.” Provid. Gazette.

21. On 11th Nov. the Rev^d Jn^o Ellsworth of Ellington was ordained at Windsor in Connect. by the Clergy of the Chhs in the Vicinity, for the Isld of *Saba* in the W. Indies, late the pastoral Charge of the Rev^d D^r Hugh Knox now Min^r at S^t Croix.

22. Disput^a as usual. I appointed 7 Theses Collectors in the Senior Class. Pleasant day. Th. 41.

24. This day arrived here from London by the Way of New York, our *philosophical Apparatus*, purchased for us in London by Rev^d D^r Price; & immediately deposited in the Appar^a Chamber in the N^o Stairs of Yale College.¹ Cost £204 sterl^s in London.

25. Christmas—fine Weather. Even^g of 23^d died here Mr. De Lucena Benjamin^a & buried to day.

26. Putting the Apparatus in Order. Snow gone.

27. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day, & heard Dr. Wales. . . Rain.

28. Disput^a. Isaac set out for Vermont.

29. Rain, Hail, Snow Storm. Yesterday mild, warm, no snow on the Ground: to day high Wind & severe Winter Storm. Read^s Jurieu &c.

31. Eccl. Hist. Lect.—Memoirs of the Life of the great Reformer Martin Luther. Wrote & sent a Petition to Congress for Abatement of the Impost upon the College Apparatus lately imported from London. Committed to the Care of Judge Sherman who sets out to morrow for Congress.

1790.

Jany.

1. Fine Weather; no Snow on the Ground.

2. Exposition of the Westm. Confession as usual.

3. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales preach all day. Just at ringing Morn^g 2^d Bell, Dr. W. was taken in a Fit. I began Prayer. He recovered, came into Chapel & preached & admiu-

¹The Apparatus Room was the second-story northwest corner room in what is now called South Middle College.

^aB.A. Yale 1788.

istered the Sacrament, to 15 of us present at Communion.
 Read^s the Book of Enoch in Fabricius.

4 & 5. Disput^a as usual. Fine mild May weather. Therm^o 56.

6. Read^s Baron Trenks 10 years Imprisonment. Snow
 Storm at Night 2 Inches deep.

7. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Reform^a in Engld. Received a Letter mis-
 sive from the Pastor & Chh. of Carmel to assist in Council next
 Tuesdy at his Dismission from the Ministry there by mutual Con-
 sent of Pastor & Chh. : not for any Impeachm^t of Moral Character :
 New Div^y &c the Cause of the Dissatisfaction. . . .

10. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. Examin-
 ing Texts in the Hebrew Bible.

11. Disput^a as usual. No Snow on the Ground. Begins snowing
 & lasts all day. Tot. Students present 117.

12. VACATION. This day D^r Wales, D^r Dana Mess^{rs} Leavenw^o
 assemble in Carmel in Ecclesiastical Council
 for the Dismission of Mr. Perry from the Ministry there. Carmel
 Chh. sent Letters missive to all the Pastors & Chhs. within the old
 Bounds of the original T^o of New Haven—but not to the College
 Chh.—to D^r Wales & myself personally.

13. I dined with the Tutors at D^r Dana's. Yesterday the Council
 at Carmel dismissed the Rev. Mr. Perry in Character. He dies a
 Martyr to New Divinity.

17. Ldsdy. I attended at Dr. Dana's Meet^s & heard Dr. Wales
 preach all day on the same Text as the last Sabbath. Read^s Fabricius.

19. I opened the Sup^r Court, Col. Dyer Chief Judge. An eccl.
 Council sat in this City this day, called by the Rev. Sam^l Austin of
 Fairhaven in this City without the Consent of his Chh ; but in
 Consequence of a Vote of his parochial Congreg^a to give him £120
 to leave them, which he had accepted. There was a small Majority
 in the Vote. Afterw^{ds} they were dissatisfied with their Vote to
 give him so much, altho' all except phps half a dozen were desirous
 of his relinquish^s the Min^y among them. Last week the parochial
 Meet^s wished to abolish the Vote of £120, but could not legally do
 it. The Chh. in the Society then wished to deforce Mr. Austins
 giv^s up the Vote, stood out & refused to joyn with him in calling
 the Council, or to do any Thing in the matter : and declined voting
 his Dismission. The Council met to day consist^s of the Chhs. of
 Whitehaven, N^o Haven, N^o Branford, E. Haven, Yale College, &
 the 2 Chhs. of Milf^d :—Ministers present Rev. Mess^{rs} Wales, Edw^{ds},

Trumbull, Eeles, Lockw^d & Tullar—Mr. Street absent. They were unwill^e to proceed without the Chh.—& I believe would not have proceeded. The Chh. met, & I believe perceived the Council would leave the Matter—when both Chh. & Congreg^a wished his Dismission. The Chh. deliberated till late in Afternoon and at length, rather than not have their Minister dismissed, & know^s he could legally recover the £120, Voted, that they would not hinder the Proceed^s of the Council to the Dismission of their Pastor. This the Council considered & took as a Concurrence of the Chh. with the Parish Vote—& themselves thereby empowered to dissolve the pastoral Relation. The Pastor himself was engaged for a Dismission, hav^g upon Applic^a from the Chh. at Worcester determined to set out for Worcester next Week; & hav^g also sold his new House for £450.¹ These Votes of Chh. & Society thus regularly laid before the Council, they proceeded & this day dissolved, or declared to be dissolved, the pastoral Rel^a between the Rev^d Mr. Austin & the Chh. & Society of Fair Haven & that he was dismissed from the Min^y therein. The Rev^d Mr. Austin was dismissed in Character & recommended to Improvem^t in the Churches.

Mr. Austins moral Character is good, & his abilities are good. His being high in the *Tenets of New Div^y* w^e he preached with great Vigour, & his being *rigid in Chh. Discipline & Chh. Communion*, were the only Source of Dissatisfaction & Alienation. He insisted in order to admission into the Chh, the psons shd say, that they themselves, not only hoped, but *believed* that they were *regenerated*.

20. My son Isaac returned from Vermont. He went as far as Woodstock & Killington, entered upon & took Possession by my Order of my Rights there and part^y of my Right in my Brother Isaacs name. Mr. Washburn of Killington claimed it & twice drove off a Man settl^g on it under me, viz, Mr. Seth Fuller of Woodstock. My son took possession of it in presence of Mr. Washb. & two others, desired them to bear Witness, & then told Mr. Wash. he might turn him off. Mr. Wash. declined & s^d he would not turn off a Proprietor, which he acknowledged I was, but would turn off any one else. My son providentially escaped drown^g, he & his Horse break^g thro' the Ice in cross^g Deer^d River last Wednesday. . .

¹ Mr. Austin was installed in Worcester, in September, 1790, and remained in office there until his resignation to accept the Presidency of the University of Vermont in 1815. His "new house," on the northeast corner of Temple and Wall streets, was sold to Elizur Goodrich, whose grandson still owns it.

21. I am sent to joyn in sitt^s in an ecclesiastical Council now sitt^s in Darby. But intense Coldness of the season prevents me. Yestd^y & to day & almost daily I hear 2 or 3 Heb. Recitations.

22. On 17th Ins^t Rh. Isld. Assembly voted to call a Convention last Week in Feb^y to consider & decide for or against the Adoption of the foederal Constitution.

24. Ldsdy. I attended Meet^s at D^r Edw^{ds} A.M. and heard him preach an excellent Sermon Philip. iii, 8. P.M. at Mr. Austins & heard him preach his Farewell Sermon Acts xx, 32, in which he took an affectionate Leave of his Chh. & Congregation, in which he hath ministered above three years. After Singing D^r Wales published the Result of the ecclesiastical Council, which dissolved the pastoral Relation.

25. This Afternoon Mr. Austins Father died here in an apoplectic or sudden Fit æt. 56.

26. There are about 100 Families belonging to the Congregations in this Town of New Haven, which yet lie within the Bounds of the Township of Hamden. Being dissatisfied with the City Congregations they have begun a Congreg^a for divine Worship & upheld it for two years or more about 4 miles off at the Plains. They this day applied to me again to assist them in gathering a Congregational Chh. there.¹

27. I attended the Funeral of Mr. Sam^l Austin, sen. æt. 56. Father of Rev^d Sam^l Austin, & spake at the Grave, D^r Edw^{ds} praying at the House.

29. Isaac went for Cornwall. Rec^d a Letter from D^r Cogswell New York in the name of Sir Jn^o Temple. Rec^d Return of the Survey of Montgomery in Vermont.

30. I rode over to West Haven.

31. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Williston; & admitted his Son Sir Williston into full Communion. Rev^d Mr. Williston present in the Pulpit, not yet recovered of his Sickness—He however administered a Baptism.

February

2. Vacation ended. At Even^s Prayers I set up orders. Examin^s Bedfords Chronology . . Little Snow on Ground.

3. Mr. Sperry from Charlotte near Crownp^t bro't to T^o 12

¹ The present Congregational Church in Whitneyville, gathered in 1795, was the result of the movement referred to. See below, March 27, 1791.

Saddles of Venison from thence in 8 days. Sells 1/ & 8^d & 6^d & 4^d p pound. Excellent. He came in Sleigh, but found it indifferent Sleigh^s fr. Crownp^t hither. Open moderate Winter up in Vermont.

4. Col^o Humphreys fr. Gen. Wash. Family visited me last Even^s. Much literary & political Conversation.

6. Very cold. Th. 11 above 0 this Morn^g. No Snow, little Ice . .

7. Ldsdy. I preached all Day at the Plains.

8. Returned to College. While at Plains found that from S^o Line of Carmel to S^o Line of Hampden a Tract 5 m. E. & W. & phps. 4½ N^o & S^o were contained 130 Families—thus divided—belonging to

D ^r Dana,	34	Families	30
D ^r Edw ^{ds}	14	6
Mr. Austins	70	18
Nothings	2		—
Chh. men	10		54 Communicants.
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	130		

10. Disput^a as usual. Dies Nuptiarum 1757.

11. I gave Eccl. Hist. Lect. Annivers^y O. S. of Gen. Wash. Nativ^y 1732.

12. I have just finished a List of the Congregational Ministers in the 4 N Engl. Governments A. D. 1740 or when Mr. Whitefield first came into the Country. The numbers nearly thus

Massachusetts	220
Connecticut	120
New Hampshire	20
Rh. Isld.	5
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Total 365 Pastors A. D. 1740.

Of these about 20 New Lights in Connect. 35 or 40 in Mass. N Hamp. & Rh. Isld. Or of the 365 Pastors as many as Days in the Year, about 60 were carried away with the Frenzy of New Light. Of the whole there might be 6 or 7 Arminians, the rest Calvinists.

13. Cold Weather. No snow on the Ground at New Haven. Sleighting 15 miles back. On the 2^d Inst died at Philad^a the Rev^d George Duffield D.D. æt. 59. An excellent Character.

14. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day on Mat. xxv, ult. In the foren. when he had finished about $\frac{3}{4}$ Sermon he was taken with a fit. I made the last Prayer A.M. & the first P.M.

15. Thaw—Snow almost gone. Disput^a.

16. Disput^a. The Stage pass^s thro' this T^o to day for New York, brot with it from Boston Twelve hundred Pounds weight, Averd. of Cash sent forw^d for N York—supposed to buy up pub. Securities. Sterl^s Bills Exch^a are sell^s at N York for 5 & 7 p cent below Par, or 93 & 95 for £100, occasioned by the great Demand for Cash for buying into the expected american Funds. A very large Amo^t in our Securities above one Third of the whole already bought up by the Dutch & other Foreigners. So we are to become tributary to foreigners:

17. I gave a Lect. on Eccl. Hist. Applic^a is made to Congress by the Society at Phil^a & N York, signed by D^r Benj^a Franklin as Presid^r of the former, for the Abolition of Negro Slavery in these States. Violently opposed by some of the members of Georgia and Carolina. Referred to a Committee. Little will be done only that public Discussions of this Subject in Congress, Parliam^t, France, & other parts of Europe may ripen such a general Conviction as may prepare for future Abolition

18. D^r Cutler of Ipswitch visited me. He was last year at Muskingum and accurately surveyed the antique Ruins there. He tells me that while he was there they cut down the Trees on the great square, & particularly two Oak Trees stand^s on the north Wall of Earth, which were five feet. Diam. decayed in the center. He counted as many of the Rings & Annules as he could & estimed the rest in the decayed parts, & judged them above four hundred. Another Oak on the N.E. Corner Wall of that sq^r they cut down which had just begun to decay at the center. He carefully examined the stump, which was five feet Diameter, with a Lense w^o he used in botanical Examinations, & distinctly counted above four hundred Rings. Hence the Tree was 400 years old. This last Oak, he said, grew out of a place of earth w^o appeared to be Relicts of a large Tree rotted away. Here they dug & found rotting Roots, & evidently the Ruins of an old Tree. They measured the Circumference of the upper part of the Roots, & found this also about five feet Diameter. Thus the present Tree had grown out of the place of the Roots of an old decayed Tree, of 5 f. Diam. & doubt-

less above 400 years older than the present. Suppose a Tree one third of its Period in growing, one third at a Stand, & one third in decaying & returning to Earth—then the oldest rotten Tree must have been 8 or 900 years old at the time the last took root or sprung from the acorn. And so the 2 Trees run back twelve hundred, or 1500 years back from 1789 when these Trees were cut down. And yet all these Trees grew out of the Bank or Walls of Earth, after they had been deserted by the Inhabitants. Which gives an Antiquity of these Ruins 12 or 1500 years.

19. Rec^d News of the Death of Miss Eliz^a Cranston Ætat 68.

20. Reading in Fabricius the Letters between Pharaoh & Joseph; & also the Testament of the xii Patriarchs. . .

21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales After Sermon he propounded my Daughters Ruthy & Polly for Admission into full Communion in this Chh. I hope it is of God.

22. Disput^a as usual. Ray Greene Esq. visited me. Read^e Fabricius Life of Joseph . . Col^o Barret here from Vermont.

23. Disput^a as usual. Rec^d Rents of Deans Farm Rh. Isld. £35. to be divided to 3 Scholarships.

24. Paid £11. 15 income to Sir Judson as residentiary Scholar of the House on Dean Berkleys Found^a. Bo't £11. 15. 0 Books for Declaimers.

25. Ecc. His. Lect. Isaac returned from Cornwall having sold land to Amo¹ £68.

26. Rec^d Lett. from Mr. Vaughan of London with the College new Telescope, Price £56 sterl^e.

28. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales preach all day on Rev. vii, 9. Read^e Fabricius.

March

1. Disput^a. Committee of Corpor^a met.

3. Dr. Goodrich returned

4. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Rec^d Lett. from Noah Webster Esq. of 2^d Inst. endow^e Yal. Coll. with £6. to £8 p ann or one p cent. of his *Institute* sold in Connecticutt, for the best Composition on belles Lettres, Ethics & moral Philosophy exhibited & adjudged in May annually.

5. Rec^d a Letter from Mr. Rowld¹ called to the pastoral office in

¹ William F. Rowland (Dartmouth Coll. 1784), a son of Dr. Stiles's old friend, the Rev. David S. Rowland (Yale 1743).

the first Chh. in Exeter, N. Hamp ask^s me to preach his Ordin^a Sermon in April. I answered & declined.

7. Ldsdy. A.M. I attend^d at late Mr. Austins & heard Mr. Crocker a Candidate preach on Jn^o xxi, 15-16. Then I administered the Sacram^t of the Lds. Supper to that Chh. P.M. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach on Rev. vii, 9. After Sermon he admitted my Daughters Ruthy and Polly into the Profession of our holy Religion & into full Communion in the College chh. He was to have administered the Sacram^t in the forenoon, but was taken with a Fit in the Pulpit after Sermon, as he was about to lead my Daughters to the profession of Religion, & this broke up the Worship. Mr. Tutor Bidwel dismissed the Students. The Chh. stayed a while, & the Doctor recovered so as to make a prayer, but in the latter part of it was scattered & lost; so the Sacram^t was not administered. The Effects were so upon him this Afternoon that at his Desire I made the first prayer—he proceeded thro' the rest of the Service with Clearness & Propriety. May my Daughters live the Religion of Jesus. Deo O. M. Grates.

8. Disput^a as usual.

9. D^o. Snow.

10. Quarter Day & Exercises as usual. A Lat. Oration, a forensic Disput^a whether Authors ought to be invested with Copy Right? & a Dialogue. Two Hours Exercises.

On Monday last visited me Capt. Peter Pond of Milford who has been 17 y. on his Travels in the Indian Countries in the N.W. parts of America. He has a House & settlem^t in the 60th Deg. of N. Lat. 30 days Journey West of Hudsons Bay & he has been within six days Travel of the grand Pacific Ocean or the western side of N^o America. The Indians there have long black Hair, & almost beardless Features. Their settlements & Popul^a in the same sparse scattered manner as in N Engl. He judges not one hundred Thous^d souls Indians in all North America.

11. I gave an Eccl. His. Lecture

12. The Seniors began Montesqueus Spirit of Laws. The Snow about a foot deep on a level—greater than any time the Winter past.

14. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Dr. Wales all day on Philip. iii, 3. In the forenoon he was taken with his Disorder in the first Prayer, about two thirds finished. I gave the Psalm. He recovered, preached and administered the Lds Supper

—present 15 among whom Mrs. Darling of Woodbridge. The first time my two Daughters Ruthy & Polly partook. Read^r Bp. Taylor.

15. Disput^a as usual. Snow is 3 Inc. deep.

16. Disput^a. Died 6th Inst. Rev. Joseph Bellamy D.D. at Bethlehem æt. 71 & just entered his 72^d year. He was born in the S.W. Corner of Wallingfd., about 5 miles from the place of my Nativity [born Feb. 20, 1718/19—preached Dec. before æt. 18]. He was educated at Yale College under Rector Williams & was graduated 1735. In 1740 he was ord. [April 2, 1740] at Bethlehem, & continued there in the Min^y thro' Life. He was but an indifferent Scholar in the Languages & Sciences. Began preach^r about æt. 19. was highly carried away with New Lightism 1741. But soon recovered himself from the Extravagancies of those Times by the friendly Councils of Presid^t Edwards, to whom he was greatly attached. He wrote & printed a Volume 1750. Devoted to theological Inquiries, he pursued them with Vigour & Attention & made considerable Attainments in that Branch of Literature. His Fort was in preach^r & Instruction of Candidates in Div^y. He was a powerful Preacher, wholly absorbed in the Novelties & Peculiarities of New Div^y. He was of a haughty domineer^s Temper & till of late years unmercifully censorious of his Brethren in the Min^y & others who opposed him. He meliorated in his Temper in the latter part of Life. About 1768 he rec^d a Diploma of the Doctorate in Div^y from the Univ^y of Aberdeen, thro' the Procurem^t of the Earl of Buchan, who had seen his Writings & found him an active Advocate for Calvinism. He distinguished himself in polemical Div^y particularly in positive Div^y & chh. Disclipine. He was not a Man of extensive Read^r in Theology; he read pretty deeply in a limited Circle of Didactic Div^y—but was but little read in Ecclesiastical History, or the Fathers. He had read but little in the Fathers except Cyprian, whom with all the rest of the Fathers he despised. He had read none of the scholastic Divines as Aquinas &c. Indeed for 30 y. past he was intirely absorbed in the Singularities of New Div^y, in which he & Mr. Hopkins went great Lengths. He was boisterous & vociferous in Preach^r, of a dogmatical & overbear^s Disposition, severe, rigid & uncharitable tow^{ds} all who differed from him, even tho' in the general in the same System with himself. He set his Face against every one, & had many Enemies & many Friends. He was ambitious of head^s a Party in the

Chh of Gd. & pursued his measures with some Degree of Judg^t but with great Acerbity & Zeal. His Morals were rigid, regular, virtuous & pious. He forceably affected Philanthropy & Benev^o but they were foreign from his Temper. In ecclesiastical Matters he was very litigious & impatient. This was natural to him. His Father was litigious in Law Matters, & the son in religious Matters. He did much good, & occasioned considerable Hurt to the Chhs. He needed much Grace, & was blessed with a considerable Share of it. He was however a mixt Character of such a Borgian Complexion as one would not wish often to appear in the Chhs. His pious, ardent, turbulent & well meant Zeal would at any Time disturb the Peace & Tranquillity of the Chhs, rather than promote their Peace, Tranquillity & Edification. For three years & three months before his Death he was disabled by a paralytic Shock, w^c impaired his Intellect as well as debilitated his Body. Few were equal to him in the Desk, & he was Communicative & instruct^e in Conversation upon religious Subjects. He wished to be oracular, but he was not. The nat. Powers of his Understand^e were not great, altho' his Attainments were considerably above Mediocrity, & yet he by no means arrived to the first Eminence for real Erudition. His numerous noisy Writings have blazed their day, & one Generation more will put them to sleep.

18. Dr. Wales gave a Divinity Lecture.

20. Snow almost gone.

21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. Read^s Test^a XII. Patriarchs in Greek: and also Bp. Pearson on the Creed, on Christs Descent into Hell. The Methodist Preacher is come from the southward again, & preached a Lecture at V^h this Afternoon.¹

22. Disput^a as usual.

23. Snow gone. Disput^a.

24. Capt^t Peter Pond of Milf^d spent this Aft. & Even^s with me. He left Milf^d April 1773 & spent almost 17 years in the Indian Trade Countries N. W. of Mischilimakinak & Lake Superior. He resided three years at _____ on Lake in 64th deg. of N^o Lat^r which he observed by a Quadrant. He shewed me a large map of his own Construction. He gave me much Information: tho't he never saw Ten Thous^d Souls Indians

¹ See above, June 21, 1789.

in all his Travels. The Ratio of Indian Popul^a & Sachemdoms in the interior Parts over to the Pacific Ocean & Asia much the same as this side L. Superior. The same sort of People—almost beardless—Above twenty Factories or Indian Trad^s Houses for furr Trade beyond L. Sup. & almost over to the Ocean. In 64th Deg. Lat. Fahr. Ther. at 40 deg. below Cypher coldest & 100 highest—the Name of the evil Spirit Manito or Mani^t or Mani^t-to as among all the Indian Nations across the Continent Eastw^d to Narraganset & the Atlantic—Paint Rocks & stones & offer Tobacco &c to them as Manitoos or Semblances or Symbols of evil spirits. Believe in a good Spirit but have little to do with him—are great Dealers with familiar Spirits and Spectres from whom they receive oracular Responses & prophecies:—Have some seasons of Feastings & smok^s Tobacco, but in 64th deg. not Primitiæ of Corn because they raise none, but live on Meat alone without Bread or Pulse of any kind. Evidently much the same pple as Eastw^d or N. Eng. Indians. They were well & familiarly acquainted with the Pacific Ocean and a hyperborean or Artic Ocean. He heard of Capt^t Cooks Voyage & his Touch^s on the Western side of America & of Mr. Hearings Travel from Church's or Hudson's Bay up to the northern Ocean. Cap^t Pond doubts not there is a Passage by water round the N^o of Asia from Nova Zembla to Kamchatka.

Capt. Pond bro't & presented to the Museum of Yale College above a Peck of Petrefactions of shells &c & other natural mineral & fossil Curiosities. L^d Dorchester Gov. of Quebec wishes to conceal all these Discoveries & to monopolize the Fur Trade.

25. I delivered an Ecc. Hist. Lecture. I this day finished the Transl^a of the Life of Joseph the Father of Christ into Hebrew twenty eight Pages Quarto. I translated it from the Latin, which was a Transl^a from the Arabic, which had been translated from the Hebrew or Syriac. As a curious Experiment I retranslated it into Hebrew.

26. Rec^d Letters from Dr. Franklin.

27. Rec^d a Box of Books from D^r Franklin æt. 85, a Present to the College Library.

In my Letter to him of 28th Jan^y ult. wherein I asked of him a Present of his Picture or Pourtrait to be deposited in the College Library, I added—“ You know Sir, I am a Christian ; and would to Heaven, all others were as I am, except my Imperfections & Deficiencies of moral Character. As much as I know of D^r Frank-

lin I have not an Idea of his religious Sentiments. I wish to know the Opinion of my venerable Friend concerning JESUS of Nazareth. He will not impute this to Impertinence or improper Curiosity, in one who for many years has continued to love, estimate & reverence his Abilities & Literary Character, with an Ardor of Affection bordering on Adoration. If I have said too much, let the Request be blotted out and be no more. And yet &c."

In his Lett of 9th March, he answers this part of my Lett. as follows.

"You desire to know something of my Religion. It is the first time I have been questioned upon it. But I do not take your Curiosity amiss, & shall endeavor in a few words to gratify it. Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe: That he governs the World by his Providence. That he ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable Service we can render to him, is doing good to his other Children. That the Soul of Man is immortal, and will be treated with Justice in another Life, respect^s its Conduct in this. These I take to be the fundamental Principles of all sound Religion, and I regard them as you do, in whatever Sect I meet with them. As to *Jesus of Nazareth*, my Opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the *System of Morals & his Religion as he left them to us, the best the World ever saw*, or is likely to see; but I apprehend it has received various corrupting changes; and I have, with most of the present Dissenters in Engld, some Doubts as to his Divinity: tho' it is a Question I do not dogmatize upon, hav^s never studied it, & think it needless to busy myself with it now, when I expect soon an Opport^y of know^s the Truth with less Trouble. I see no harm however in its being believed, if that Belief has the good Consequence, as probably it has of mak^s his Doctrines more respected & better observed, esp^y as I do not perceive that the Supreme takes it amiss, by distinguish^s the Believers, in his Gov^t of the World, with any particular Marks of his Displeasure. I shall only add respect^s myself, that hav^s experienced the Goodness of that Being in conducting me prosperously thro' a long Life, I have no doubt of its Continuance in the next, tho' without the smallest Conceit of meriting such Goodness."

He at the same time sent me Copies of two of his Letters written 1753 & 1758 to Friends upon the Subject of Religion. D^r Franklin was born in Boston N. Engld, January 6, 1706 or 1705/6, and so has now entered his 85th year.

28. Lordsdy. I preached at Bethany all day for the Rev^c Mr. Hawley.

30. Disput^a as usual. Took the Yale & Mix Genealogies.

31. I made the Commencement Appointments.

April

1. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Writ^e Letters to N. Y. & Philad^a.

4. Ldsdy. Dr. Dana being sick I preached at the Brick A.M. Luke xxiv, 30, & adm^d the Sacrament. Dr. Wales was interrupted at Chapel after Foren. Prayer—did not preach nor administer the Sacr^t. Mr. Crocker pr. at Chapel P.M. & I at Mr. Austins 2 Cor. iv, 10.

5 & 6. Disput^a as usual. Read^e Bayerius upon the Hebrew Samaritan Coins & Shekels of the age of the Maccabees.

7. Read^e Bayerius. Copy^e Mr. Ponds Map.¹ . .

8. Fast thro' Connect. by Authority. I attended Chapel all day, & heard A.M. Rev^d David Austin of Elizabethⁿ from Titus ii, 13. P.M. Dr. Edwth, Amos vi, 1—Dr. Wales present. He has had several severe Turns lately.

11. Ldsdy. Being sick I did not attend Meet^e all day. Dr. Wales preached all day at Chapel uninterrupted with his Disorder & administered the Sacrament. Read^e Travis' Reply to the Deism of Gibbons.

12. Disput^a as usual, but at my House I being unwell. This day I finished read^e Bayerius large 4^{to} vol. sent me by D^r Franklin upon the Hebrew-Samar. Shekels & Coins. It is a very curious & learned Work. Proxy.

13. Disput^a as usual—at my House. I heard two Heb. Recit^a to day. Rec^d Lett. fr. Judge Sherman at Congress & Mr. Winchesters Pamphlet on Univ. Salvation—in which he has had learned Helps. He is a spontaneous Baptist Minister. Born at Brooklyn near Boston, brot up a Farmer or Mechanic & a Presb. or Cong., without liberal Educⁿ but of speak^e Talents & good nat. Abilities. Of a sober & regular Life—forward, bold, & loquacious & a popular Preacher among the Baptists for 15 or 20 years past. About 1772 or 1773 he turned Baptist, & came forth a loquacious & flam^e preacher; was settled over a little broken New Light Separate Flock in Rehoboth made up of Presb. & Baptists, with a pædo-

¹ This copy is among Dr. Stiles's papers.

baptist illiterate Minister as Baptist Colleague, catholic & for open or free Communion, i. e. would not make Immersion or adult Baptism exclusive, a Term of Communion. But in a year or so after settle^m he was for close Commun. or with none but Baptists. This broke him up at Rehoboth. He then itinerated the begin^s of the late War thro' the States to Georgia as a Baptist & flam^s Preacher. Became very popular at the Southw^d. Settled in the Baptist Chh. in Philad^a phps. 1780—but soon broached Universalism. This divided the Chh. He took his adher^s Party & continued at Philad^a till phps. 1788, when he went to London, where he printed this Treatise. He has by extensive acquaintance & considerable Read^s acquired considerable Knowledge; & I find has written this piece with some Candor, Ingenuity & Knowledge. He deals in some Criticisms in Hebrew & Greek, . . . but evidently as one ignorant of the Languages—& only from learned Critics who understand them. However he has collected very plausible Remarks—betray^s however his personal Ignorance of them.

14. Sent off 40 Parcels of Mulberry seeds to plant as many Nurseries in different parts of Connecticut.

15. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Read^s Winchester's Univ. Salvation sent me by Sir John Temple fr. N. York.

17. I rec^d from Mr. Sam^l King of Newp^l a Lett 7th Inst. inclosing an Acc^o of an Optical & astron. Discovery. Mr. Folgier of Nantucket a poor man has selforiginated an Improv^t in Optics, grinds Lenses, has constructed a Telescope, w^c magnifies the Fixt Stars & given them a Disk of large Extent.

Mr. King also sends me the Disk of Jupiter seen thro' this Telescope, considerably different from Views thro' other Telescopes.

[Nonsense.]

18. Ldsdy. It being a violent NE Storm all day, my Infirmities detained me at home. Finished Reading Winchester's Dialogue on Univ. Restoration or Salvation printed in London 1788 above 200 pages sent me by Sir Jn^o Temple. It will make ten Converts to one of D^r Chaunceys not only for the more consid. Perspicuity & Candor with w^o it is written; but because the Author is a Calvinist & an open Advocate for the Div^y & Atonement of Christ & the Gen. System of the Doctrines of Grace; whereas D^r C. is considered as an Arian as to the Deity of X, & a Socinian as to the Atonement. But Winchester is deficient.

19. Disput^a as usual. . .

20. Disput^a D^o. Congress negatived the Assumption of the State Debts.

22. The federal circuit Supreme Court of the United States sat here for the first time since its Institution by Congress. Present 3 Judges, Hon. Ch. Just. Jay, late Ambassador to France, Judge Cushing, & Judge Law. The Ch. Justice sent the Marshal to me this Morn^g to open the Court with Prayer; but I was unable to go abroad, & D^r Dana prayed with the Court. Then Mr. Jay made a Speech to the Grand Jury: all the Attornies of two years Stand^g present were then admitted & sworn Barristers, Att^o & Counsellors of this Supreme Court.

Dr. Wales gave a Theol. Lect. I being unwell. I rec^d a Letter dated 10 March last from Hon. Arthur Brown¹ Esq. Fellow of the Univ. of Dublin & Member of Parl^t for that University.

23. A flying Story of D^r Franklins Demise. I received from London a Catalogue of the Graduates, phps 20 Thous^d, of the Univ^y of Cambridge in Engl. from A.D. 1660 to 1786: & also a Hist^y of the Gypsies.

24. Read^g the Hist^y of the Gypsies. . . .

25. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. Read^g the Antiquities of the Haican or Armenian Chh. by Schroederus: & also the apocryphal Esdras.

26. Disput^a as usual & so on 27.

27. His Excell^y Benjamin Franklin LL.D. of Philad^a died there 17th Inst. i. e. the night follow^g 17th or Saturday at Midnight æt. 84 y. 3 m^o. On — he was interred with every Demonstr^a of public Honor, Esteem & Respect, the Navig^a in Mourn^g—a funeral Procession of all Literary, Mercantile, Mechanic &c. to an Estim^a of 25 Thous^d Citizens. Congress voted a Months Mourning. I have ordered a commemorative Eulogium by one of the Orators next Commencement as he says he received his first academic Honors at Yal. College. He was born in Boston Jany. 6, O. S. 1705/6. Left Boston 1723, & went to Philad^a—thence soon went to Europe & worked 2 y. in a printing Office in London; Return^g set up & pursued his Business in Philad^a with Success. About 1746 & onw^{ds} entered upon the electrical Exp^{ts} with singular success, & thereby opened his Correspondence & Communications with the philosophic & literary World, esp^y by his electrical or Lightning Rods. In 1755 I became acquainted with him personally, tho' I had

¹ See this Diary, March 16, 1771.

known him from 1743. In 1753, He received the Numisma God-freianum as a Præmium from the Society of Arts in London. The same year in July he received the honorary Degree of A.M. from Harv. Coll. Cambridge; & Sept. Commencem^t of the same year he received the Diploma of the same Degree from us at Yale College—which he calls his first academic Honors, because we from 1749 & onward adopted with Avidity & before all the rest of the learned World his Electrical & philosophical Discoveries. In 1755 I made a gratulatory Oration to him in the College Hall celebrat^s his philosophic Discoveries & congratulat^s his Honors from the Republic of Letters. In 1756, Dec., He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society London. In 1756 or 1757 he went Agent to the Court of G. B. fr. Philad^a. Feb. 12 1759 he rec^d the Deg. of LL.D. from the Univ^y of S^t Andrew the oldest Univ^y in Scotland, & in 1762 the Deg. of D.C.J. in Univ^y Oxford. This opened the Career of his Literary Honors. He thenceforth blazed thro' the Repub. of Letters. Was associated a Member in the Parisian Academy of Sciences, that at Goetingen &c &c. In 1774 offend^s the English Min^y he was dismissed from his Office of Post Master Gen. in America by the Insolence of the haughty domineering Wedderburn. He came then to America, & assisted in the first & subsequent Congresses untill July 4 1776 when he was among the first Promoters & Signers of Independence. In 1777 he was by Congress appointed Ambassador to Paris. Thither he repaired & for many years discharged that Trust with patriotic Fidelity. Return^s to America he was elected Gov^r or Presid^t of the State of Pensylvania. In w^c Office he continued till about a year ago when he being ineligible by the Constitution any longer, ceased all further public Offices until his Death in a good old Age at the End of a life of laborious & glorious Usefulness.

29. The Influenza Cold is revived again thro' N Engl. At Boston one Third of the Inhab. are affected—so in Hartford—so at N Haven—so in the College. I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

30. Much affected with the epidemical Influenza at College, so that we conclude to defer the public Examin^s of the Classes until after Vacation, as only one of the Tutors able to attend, myself & the other two Tutors affected, as well as one half the Scholars.

The Spirit of Lib^y prevails & spreads in Europe. France has liberated the Monasteries & Nunneries; and given Lib^y of Conscience to the Protestants. The Austrian Netherl^{ds} have declared them-

selves a sovereign Repub. independ^t of the Emperor. And least he should loose Hungary, he has made Concessions, & convoked a Meet^s of the Hungarian States on the first of May. The Emperor indeed died the begin^g of March, but his B^r & Successor will probably ease away to the Hungarians in this critical period. In Poland they are about rectifying their Policy so as to give Rights & Liberties to the Peasants or Body of the pple which they have not enjoyed for Ages. The spirit has entered Italy, & the Pope & Cardinals are in frequent Consultations how to conduct in this critical Convulsion & Struggle for Liberty. Spain & Portugal are alarmed & vigilant.

May

1. Rev^d Mr. Ely visited me. The Influenza prevails in College : above half the Students taken down. A consultⁿ with the Author^y of Coll. whether to dismiss the students.

2. Ldsdy. D^r Wales unable to preach. No Worship at College. I attended at D^r Dana's Chh. A.M. & heard Mr. Hotchkiss Rom. xii, 3. Partook at the Sacram^t, D^r Dana administered it to pphs 100 Communicants. Myself & Wife & 3 Daughters partook together. P.M. I attended at late Mr. Austins Chh. & heard Rev^d Mr. Ely 2 Pet. i, 1. . . .

3. Disputⁿ as usual. Students sick, only 61 at Even^s prayers. Rec^d a Lett. from Mr. Vaughan¹ of London. Last week I rec^d a Lett. from Mr. Isaac Pinto a learned Jew at N York, dated 14 Apr., upon the Heb. Inscription which I found at Kent last fall. He adds no Light upon the subject being as much puzzled as I was. . .

4. Disputⁿ. Making Appointments for the Candidates of A.M. next Commencem^t. We have Scholars of the 4 Undergrad. Classes present 110. Not 30 are able to attend Recitations. Above three Quarters are sick of the influenza. Determined therefore to dismiss College to morrow, tho' a day before the usual Vacancy : & so gave Leave to about a dozen to depart to day.

5. VACATION commences.

6. I attended the Deans Examinⁿ with the Episcopal Clergyman Mr. Hubbard. The only Caud. was Mumford, whom we exam^d pub^l in Chapel till Noon—then adj. & finished Exam. at my House, I being unwell of Influenza.

¹ Benjamin Vaughan, the friend of Franklin. See also this Diary for February 26, 1790.

7. Visited by Mr. Gemmil¹ of Philad^a. He tells me that New Div^y has got into those parts, & makes Havock in 2 or 3 Chhs.

Yesterday IX^h ½ A.M. died D^r Benj^a Gale of Killingworth æt. 75 cir. He was educated & graduated at Yale College 1733. A singular Character! He was considerably learned and a very inquisitive Man. A great Friend to Revelation & hated Deists with pfect Abhorrence. Believed in Universal final Salv^a of all but Deists & Apostates, who were to be annihilated. He wrote much upon the prophetic Numbers & Apocalypse. Expectant of the Millennium the Call & Regather^c of all the Jews & X Tribes into the holy Land, the psonal Reign of Christ at Jerusalem. He tho't the two Witnesses were the old & N. Test^a persecuted by orthodoxy & priestly Expositions. He was a Man of Integrity & uprightness—& of great Skill in the medical Profession—& a successful Practitioner. He was always against the Amer. Revolution—highly displeased with the new Constitution, & the whole Gov^t by Congress. Greatly ag^t the French Alliance—& wished & believed the break^r up of the States & their Reunion to G. Britain. And yet always meant to be a Friend to civil & religious Liberty & to his Country. He was of an acrimonious Temper. But it is hopeful that the Root of the matter was in him.

9. Ldsdy. I attended at White Haven all day & A.M. heard Dr. Edw^{ds} Heb. iv, 16. P.M. Rev^d Mr. Benedict of N. Lebanon Springs, Job i, 8-11. Read^g Gospel of the Infancy of X.

11. I rode in the Stage to Hartford.² Set out X^h 20' A.M. At Wallingford I 20'. Dined. II^h ½ set off for Durham thro' Middletown &c, to Hartf^d at VIII^h ½, twelve in the Stage.

12. Visit^g. Dined at Sec^y Willis.

13. Election. Gov. Huntington & L^t Gov. Wolcott elected. Mr. Strong preached . Four new Councillors. About 70 Ministers & Candidates present.

14. . . Dined at Mr. Trumbulls. I crossed the Ferry to Dr. W^{ms} E. Hfd.

16. Ldsdy. I preached at Enfield for Mr. Prudden.³

¹ Rev John Gemmil, who succeeded the Rev. Dr. Edwards in the White Haven Church in this city in 1798.

² Some additional memoranda from the MS. Itinerary are inserted.

³ The Rev. Nehemiah Prudden (Yale 1775) furnished Dr. Stiles with material for the following, which appears at this date in his Itinerary:—

Dr. Dwight is Miops & affects to be blind, or unable to use his Eyes for writ^g. Hence he used to dictate his Poem to an Amanuensis. He was 2^d to preach the

17. Visited my B^r at Windsor. Dined Rev. Mr. Rowlands & visited Dr. Alex^r Wolcott æt. 84 circa.

18. at Hartford.

19. Reading in Secretary Wyllys' Office the three first Volumes of Records from 1636 to 1707 Gov. Saltonstall's time. Dined at Mr. Noah Websters.

20. Spent the Foren. at Mr. Trumbull's in review^s Dwights Poem with his Erasures, Criticisms, & satyrical Remarks. Mr. T. gives the Preference to B. Xth. Also read^s Ossian & Blair's Dissert^a.

21. Set off in Stage to Durham.

22. To Rev^d Mr. Todds E. Guil^d—he sick, æt. 78.

23. Preached all day for Mr. Todd & baptized two Children, viz, Eliza. D. of Elihu Meigs, & William son of Nathan Basset.

24. Visit^s Messrs. Graves, Meigs, Hart & Hill. Mr. Todd walkt abroad. He mashed his Finger 6 weeks ago by a heavy Stone—& is greatly disabled. Mr. Camp a Candidate preach^s for him. Mr. Todd read me a learned Dissert^a on the two Trees in Paradise, & their opposite Qualities noxious & sanative—& the manner of the Deception of Eve by the engloried speak^s Seraph whom she took to be a good Angel.

25. Rode to Association at Guilfd, sat with them & assisted in examin^s Mr. Hez. Goodrich, who was licensed a Candidate for the Min^y for four years. Mr. Foot preached.

26. I returned home & attended a Committee Meet^s. I found my family sick.

27. Vacation ended & I set up orders at College, Mr. Tutor Basset present & phps 20 Scholars. This day I examined & admitted two into the Soph. Class & 3 into Freshman.

28. Exam^d three Carolina Youths sent to my Care by Hon. Judge Heyward, viz. Benj^a Heyward æt. 13½ & Tho^s Savage 13¾,

Elect^a Sermon this year if Mr. Strong had failed. But he postponed writ^s his Sermon till lately. Last Week he journeyed to N^o Hampton & composed & wrote about half his Sermon on the Rode. At Enfield he employed Rev^d Mr. Prudden to write 8 or 9 Pages from his Mouth, while he sat in Contempl^a & wrapt up in Sentiment with his Eyes shut absorbed in fictitious Contempl^a & Study. Wednsdy night or Even^s before Elect^s sat up with Mr. Prudden till midnight—employed Mr. P. next Morn^s till IX or X^h in writ^s—then at that late hour on Elect. Morn^s set off from Enfield for Hartfd, where he ought to have waited on the Gov. the Even^s before: & meet^s with some obstruct^s at ferry did not arrive till after Service & the Ministers were set down to Dinner. He did not intend or expect to be there till XI^h or in midst of Service.

Brothers of the Judge & Dan^l Heyw^d æt. 17 his Son. Admitted Savage into the Soph. Class. The other two hav^e learned only two Chapters in Greek, I put to Mr. Bp's. school. Rev. Mr. Mansfild of Exeter in N. Hamp. here.

29. Mr. Bidwel came last Even^e. Yesterday we began Recitations—present 27 Scholars only. The Influenza prevailing thro' the Land. The President of the United States has been dangerously sick, but recov^e. Died Rev^d Mr. Hillier Pastor of Cambridge the first or 2^d Sabb. of this month of Influenza æt. 44. This day quindecem annis pactis obiit Uxor dilecta.

D^r Franklin in his Will has given £1000. to the T^o of Boston to be disposed of £15 to £60 to sober & industrious Artizans at 5 p cent Int., Interest & a Tenth of the Principal to be paid in yearly, until it rises to £130,000 which it will do in one Centry. At w^o Time £100,000 to be employed in pub. Works. Then £30,000 to be let out in the same manner, when in another Cent^y it will become four Million pounds. One Million of which to be to the T^o of Boston, and three to the State. Then the whole to cease, as he provides for no further than 200 years. Quære. The Reason of extend^e no further. Does he go into the Idea of Bp. Newton on Prophecy & Mr. Mede that the Millennium is to commence about A. D. 2000. Accord^e to the Tradition of the House of R. Elias at Babylon, 2000 years void, 2000 the Law, 2000 the Days of Messiah —& the seventh Thous^d a sabbatical year of millenary Rest. If so, was not D^r Franklin a Revelationist? The Doctor gave also £1000 to the City of Philadelphia.

30. Ldsdy. There being but 30 Scholars in Town, there was not service at Chapel. I attended at Dr. Dana's A.M. & heard Mr. Mansfield preach Ps. cxlvii, 19, 20. At Dr. Edw^{ds} P. M. & heard Mr. Mansfield again Zech. vii, 13. Read Mr. Trumbulls Sermon at Ordin^a of Rev^d Thos. Holt . . . & the Gospel of Nicodemus.

31. Writing Lett. to the Acad^y Arts & Sciences.

June

1. Mak^e a Draw^e of the Heb. & antique Inscript. Kent.

2. News that Rh. Isld. Convent. adopted the federal Constitution last Saturday—32 & 34. I attended Sacr^t Lect. at D^r Danas & heard Mr. Mansfield preach.

3. I gave Eccl. Hist. Lect. Mr. Mansf^c preached D^r Edw^d's sacram^t Lecture. I could not attend.

6. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales A.M. Jn^r xiv, 3. He adm. Sac^r 14 Commun^t's present. P.M. 2 Sam. xii, 7.

7. Disput^a Sen. Class. Writ^e Lett. to Boston.

8. Dr. Lockwood &c. here. Sent by Rev. Mr. Mansfield of Exeter, my Acc^o of the Inscriptions on Rocks in Kent, & the Draw^g of the Indian God in our College Musæum to Gov. Bowdoin Presid^t Acad^r at Boston.

9. Quarter Day. Exercises as usual viz., Orations, Eng. Lat., Dialogue, & forensic Dispute or Colloquium. Present Hon. Judge Root & Mess^{rs} the Speaker of Assembly &c.

11. Gen. Israel Putnam of Pomfret died 29 May ætat. 73 . . .

13. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. A.M. on 2 Sam. xii, 7. P.M. Rom. i, 19, 20, on the Being of God. He now begins anew his Body of Divinity, as he began it about four years ago. Read^g the Life of S^t Andrew, & James the Elder, in Abdias.

14. Examin^a of the 4 Classes began. The Students so affected with the Influenza at End of last Term that Examin^a was postponed. Sen. Class exam^d.

15. Exam. Jun. Class. At XI I heard Disput^a of Senior Class. No other Class recited.

18. Finished Exam. of the 4 Class. Agreed to publish our adjudic^a to-morrow, postpon^e the Decision upon the Seniors until July Examin^a for their Degrees. No Lect.

19. Rec^d Lett. fr. Presid^t Wheelock, inform^g that Professor Woodward at Dart. Coll. there observed the Aurora of Nov. last . . . He says a Missionary among the Great Lakes, mean^g I suppose Ontario, Erie, &c. informs him of Ruins, two Ind. Forts or Works—one contain^g four acres—another 15 Miles fr. the North Outlet of L. Erie, with six Gates, a Ditch eight feet wide & six feet deep, with Oaks on the Walls at least 200 year old. My son Isaac saw at Canaan last week the Butt of an Oak or Saw-Cutt, on w^{ch} he counted 277 Annules of Rings of yearly Growth, & the Heart began to be defective.

20. Ldsdy. I preached at Branford A.M. for Mr. Atwater & P.M. Mr. Barker¹ preached.

¹ Rev. Joseph Barker (Yale 1771), of Middleboro', Mass., a native of Branford.

21. I returned to College. Isaac began his Sea Life æt. 26½.
 22. Disput^a. An Address was lately presented to G. Wash^e by the Synagogue or Heb. Congreg^a at Savanna in Georgia; to which the Presid^t in his answer says,

“May the same wonderwork^e Deity, who long since delivering the Hebrews from their Egyptian Oppressions planted them in the promised Land—whose providential Agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an Independ^t Nation—still continue to water them with the Dew of Heaven & to make y^e Inhabitants of every Denomin^a, participate in the temp^r & spiritual Bless^{es} of that people whose G^d is Jehovah.”

(Hence Wash. a Revelationist)

G. WASHINGTON.”

24. Lect. on Nat. Phil.
 26. My son Isaac embarkt for Kennebec, & begins the sea Life. Visited by Rev^d Mr. James one of the Countess of Huntingdons Chaplains, & Pastor of a Congregational Chh. at in the Province of New Brunswick.
 27. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales preach a most excellent Sermon Ps. xc, 2, on the Eternity of Gd. In the Intermission he was taken with a severe Fit; P.M. Mr. Tutor Fitch preached on Col. iii, 11, the first sermon I ever heard him preach.
 28. Disput^a. Sen. as usual.
 30. Extr. Lett. dated “Grenville May 25, 1790.—Saturday last I returned from a Tour thro’ the interior Parts of Vermont. I think the face of this Country in some places wears evident Marks of very g^t Change.—At Lancaster on Otter Creek is a small Hillock contain^e about four acres, & perhaps twenty five feet higher than the surround^e Intervale.—Mr. — — built a house on this hill, being a commanding Eminence, & upon digging a Well *fourty three feet deep*, he came to the *hearts of two Pine Trees*, which he cut off at each side & drew out. After digging *four feet further* he came upon a *large pine Stump*: upon w^{ch} he left off digging & has since proceeded no further.”

From my first Accession to the Presidency 1777 to 1790 I have obliged all the Freshmen to study Hebrew. This has proved very disagreeable to a Number of the Students. This year I have determined to instruct only those who offer themselves voluntarily, & that at subsecivis horis only without omitting any of the three daily classical Recitations to their Tutor. Accordingly of 39 Fresh. 22 have asked for Instruction in Heb. and these accordingly I teach at IV P.M. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. I have besides several of the other Classes at other times.

July

1. Ecc. Hist. Lect. On 18th ult. died at Elizabeth T^o in Jersey Rev. Tho^s Bradbury Chandler D.D. an Episcopal Clergyman, one of my Cotemporaries at College. He was a great Reader at College, chiefly of Poetry, belles Lettres & Hist^y—a pretty good Classic Scholar, indifferent in the Sciences. He conformed to the Chh. of Engld when Sen. Soph. & became a most bigotted high Chhman—zealous for Bps—and expected to have been a Bp. A man of good & *sober Morals* & much more largely read in the Fathers & ecclesiastical Hist^y than any of the Amer. Clergy of his Day : but ordinary in preaching. Acrimonious, bitter & uncharitable to all Xtian Sects but his own. Took so vigorous a part ag^t his Country, that he abdicated & went to Engld, rec^d a Pension from the Crown, returned & died here æt. ph. 65.

2. Rec^d a Letter from D^r Lyman of Savanna ask^d a Minister to be sent to a Chh. there.

4. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales, A.M. Isai. ix, 6. . . Then he admitted Sir Bradley into the Chh., & admin^d the Sacram^t of Lds Supper : present 16. P.M. Gen. xvii, 1. . . Read^d Justin Martyr.

5. Disput^a as usual. Anniv^y Indep. not celebrated at N. H.

6. D^o. Received a Letter from Mr. Jesse Dewees of Annapolis in Maryl^d dated 24th ult. with the incorporating Act or Charter of S^t Jn^o^a College in Annapolis, with a Rescript of the Hon. Mr. Hanson one of the Visitors giving an Acc^o of the initial Progress they have made in that Institution. . . . I am asked to recommend a Gentleman for Principal.¹

7. I rode to North Haven. I find Dr. Herschel has discovered an eighth Satellite to Saturn. . .

8. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Heb. Recit^a 3 times a Week.

9. Translat^d Justin Martyr's Confession of Faith.

11. Ldsdy. Confined at home all day by Illness. Count Andreani a Nobleman of Milan visited me on the Tour of America with Lett. from D^r Price of London.

12. Disput^a Sen^{ra}. Heb. Class P.M.

13. Idem. I rode round town to visit the Silkworms the most of which are cocooned—Cocoons taking down & Reeling. I found

¹ The letter of Mr. Dewees is preserved, and an endorsement stating that Dr. Stiles answered it on Oct. 28, recommending Josiah Meigs, then practising law in Bermuda.

twenty three Families within this City, which raised this Season from five to 60 & seventy Thous^d Worms. There have been about Three hundred Thous^s raised here this year : one raised 70 Th. & two others above 30 Thous^d.

Last year & this I have been distributing Mulberry Seeds chiefly in this State, some up Mohawk R., & Vermont Towns on L. Champlain. Last year 4000 seeds to a Nursery, this year 1500.

A.D. 1789	. . .	94 Nurseries
1790	. . .	173

267 Nurseries.

14. Above 50 families raised Silk this year in this City. I bought 1½ lb. raw silk raised this Season for 30/.

15. Dr. Wales gave a Div^y Lect. I being unable.

16. The Seniors finished Montesquieu's Sp^t Laws. And I finished translat^s Justin Martyr's Confession of the Faith.

17. Seniors finished Claps Ethics : & I ended my Lectures to the Sen. Class on Moral Philosophy. Writing Letters to D^r Franklins Family at Philad^a.

18. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. . . .

19. Disput^a Sen^{ra}. I bid farewell to the Senior Class giving them Counsel as to their Conduct in Life : & direct^s them to present themselves for pub. Examin^a to-morrow. . . .

20. Began the Examin^a of the Candidates for A.B. I appointed Sir Bullard the Bytler Bedellus pro hac vice, & delivered him the Diploma Examinatorium for D^r Wales or the presiding Tutor. . . .

21. This day Examin^a finished, 24 Candidates approved & formal Present^a in Library. Dined publickly—no public Orations or Exercises.

22. Eccl. Hist. Lect. In the midst of Winding or Reeling Silk Cocoons in New Haven.

24. Translating 2^d Chap, Dionysius Areop. de div. Nom.

25. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. Reading & translating Dionysius : a most lofty & sublime Writer !

28. . . . The Rev^d Mr. Holmes of Georgia arrived here last Ldsdy towards Evening. He preached Dr. Dana's Sacramental Lecture this day.

29. My son Isaac returned from Pleasant River at the Eastw^d—absent a Month. Congress have assumed the State Debts.

August

1. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Dr. Wales, who administered the Sacrament, 14 Communicants present, of which only 7 Undergraduates. . . P.M. Rev^d Mr. Holmes preached Ps. cxliv, 15. Read^t my beloved Dionysius. . .

2. Attended Disput^a of the new Seniors in Absence of Mr. Tutor Bidwel gone to New York.

3. Disput^a. I prayed at open^t the Sup. Court.

4. Begun tak^t Catalogue of the Coll. Library.

5. Lect. omitted. Attended Trial of a Negro for a Rape.

6. My Wife sailed for Newport; & my Son Isaac for Machias or Pleasant River.

7. Last Even^t a Number of Gentlemen upon previous Invit^a & Notice met in the State House in this City, & formed a Society for the *Abolition of Slavery*; fifteen of us signed the Constitution of it.

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. He communicated a Lett from the Chh. of Northford, & the Chh. chose Mr. Tutor Fitch a Messenger to Mr. Noyes's Ordination there next Week. I received a Lett. also fr. that Chh.

9. Daily attend two Heb. Classes.

11. Sat for my Picture to Mr. which he took in 2 or 3 minutes by a Delineator or portable Camera obscura.

12. No Lecture—finished Translat^t 2^d ch. Dionys. de div. nom.

13. D^r Wales had Eight strong Fits to day between One in the Morn^t & Eleven at Night. Very critical & dangerous.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day, & heard A.M. D^r Dana preach an excellent Sermon 1 Pet. iii, 15, 16. P.M. D^r Edwards Rom. . . . on Judgm^t. Mr. Tutor Fitch supplied their Pulpits. D^r Wales better but confined. . . .

This Even^t I visited D^r Wales, & found, that tho' he rested well last night, & was come to his Senses this forenoon & desired Prayers in the Chapel; yet this Aft. fr. Iⁿ to this time he has been out, bewildered, lost & flighty, & has considerable Fever. I am full of Concern, & more discouraged about him than ever. I fear his Life & Usefulness are terminating.

16. Poor D^r Wales! an affecting Spectacle! agitated with Frenzy & bereft of Reason! And in the most critical & dangerous state. We are looking either for a speedy Death, or a confirmed & permanent Insanity! Scarcely has he had ten minutes Rest or

sleep since yesterd^y Morn^g, altho' this Aft. he has taken 140 Drops of Laudanum. . . .

17. D^r W. a little better. I rode to Northf^d to assist in Ordin^a. We formed an Eccl. Council, present 10 Ministers & 16 Messengers fr. 16 chhs.

18. Rev^d Matthew Noyes was ord. Pastor or Bishop of the Chh. of Northf^d. D^r Dana made first Prayer; D^r Goodrich preached Eph. iv. Mr. Street prayed during Imposition of Hands by Mess^{rs} Street, Goodrich, Fowler & myself; I gave the Charge; Mr. Bray the R^t Hand. Returned home & found D^r W. recovered his Reason.

19. I gave Ecc. Hist. Lect. Mr. Holmes returned here from Woodstock. D^r Wales recovering. Ministers in the Council at Northf^d, Messieurs Street, Good., Fowler, Foot, Atw^a, of New Haven E Assoc., Devotion & Ely of N Lond. Assoc., Dana, Noyes (James) & myself.

22. Ldsdy. Dr. W. confined. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Holmes all day

26. I gave Eccl. Hist. Lect. Dr. Wales abroad & attended. Rec^d from Gov. Jefferson his Report &c on Weights and Measures.

28. Dr. Wales wonderfully recovered.

29. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day The Rev. Abiel Holmes & my Daughter Polly published: and in the Even^g they were married by D^r Wales.

31. My Wife returned from Rh. Isld. This day D^r Wales & myself & Tutor Basset exam^d the Candidates for D^r Salters Heb. Don^a & adjudged the Præmia.

September

3. Alderman Jones¹ escorted with his Wife; & Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss & Bride came in Comp^a—married at Saybrook last Ldsdy in the Meet^ghouse by Mr. Ely.

4. Finished Examin^a of the Classes.

5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. Mr Hotchkiss of Saybrook pr. A.M. 1 Pet. ii. 20. D^r W. adm. Sacr^t, 18 present P.M. D^r W. pr. a valedict^y Eph. v. 15, 16. excellently!

7. Corpor^a assembled, all the members present. Tutors began

¹ Timothy Jones (Yale 1757), of New Haven, married as his second wife on Aug. 29, 1790, Rebecca (Hart), widow of William Lynde (Yale 1760), of Saybrook; and on the same date her younger sister was married to the Rev. Frederick W. Hotchkiss (Yale 1778), of Saybrook.

Exam. of Freshmen for admission. I dismissed College to End of Vacation.

8. Commencement. Present besides the Ten Fellows, Gov. Huntington, four Members of Congress, & a vast Concourse. I conferred 53 Degrees: 168 Doll. Among other hon^y Deg. A.M. on Judge Erastus Woolcott Esq., Gen. Morris,—Doctorate in Law upon Hon. Judge Elsworth, Senator in Congress, & Hon. Elias Boudinot Represent^a in Congress, & Doctorate in Div^y on Rev. James Cogswell.

9. Rev^d Mr. Lewis of Horseneck preached the Concio ad Clerum in Chapel present 50 Ministers in Morning. At XI D^r Dana preached before the Society just instituted for Abolition of Slavery. Much Business of the Corporation. Admitted 22 Fresh. & 1 Sophomore.

10. Corpor^a broke up after electing Rev. Hez. Ripley Fellow in room of Rev^d Mr. Mather, who being present made his Resignation. Elected Mr. Eben. Gay jun. a Tutor in room of Mr. Tutor Bidwel who resigned.

12. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at D^r Danas & heard Mr. Holmes preach on Zech. ix, 12.—the prisoner under Sentence of Death for a Rape present. P.M. at late Mr. Austins & heard Mr. Dow Mark viii, 38.

15. Preparing for Journey. Rode to Milford & visited Mr. Pond, & had much Light & Informaⁿ from him respect^e the N.W. of America. . . .

16. Writ^e a Letter to D^r Barton of Philad^a with Copies of Dighton Rock Inscriptions &c. upon his publicⁿ of American Antiquities; in answer to his Letter to me of July 29. ult.

17. At Sunset set out on a rambling, zigzag, amusing Journey. To Westfield, Enfield, Windsor, Norw. Stonington, N. Lond. and home.¹

Lodged at Sqr. Munsons in Carmel. He is £150 in List, pays £12 or £15 Tax per ann. Highest in List in Carmel.

18. Dined at Mr. Foots—Rode to Mr. Robinsons of Southington.

19. Ldsdy. A.M. I preached. P.M. Mr. Chhill pr. Mr. Robinson absent.

20. Dined at Mr. Smalleys & lodged at Mr. Beldens in Newington.

21. Rain. Rode to Mr. Perkins, visited Mrs. W^ms, lodged at Mrs. Gays.

¹ For the notes of this Journey, the MS. Itinerary has been borrowed from.

22. Rode with Mr. Whit^s & viewed the singular pond on the Summit of a Rock or Symsb^y Mount^a in N.W. Corner of Northington. Rode to Symsb^y & dined at Col^o Humphreys. Visited an Indian God & lodged at Sq^r Dan^l Humphreys.

23. Rode 13 m. to Southwick. Viewed & copied a Stone Sculpture or Indian God. Rode to Westfield to Aunt Taylors.

24. Left Westfield. Visited Rev^d Mr. Griswold. Dined at Suffield. Crossed the R. & lodged at Dr. Fields in Enfield.

25. Rode to Windsor to Cousin Israel Stiles æt. 70. Vision in Dream of Wife, Kezia & her Child.

26. I preached P.M. for Mr. Potwin. His Father æt. 92.

27. Left Mr. Israel Stiles. Lodged 6 m. fr. River.

28. Rain. Rode P.M. to N^o Bolton & lodged at Mr. Kelloggs.

29. Dined at Mr. Coltons. Lodged at Mr. Lothrop's in Gilead.

30. Rode to Colchester, Mr. Hubbards.

Oct.

1. To Norwich—waited on Gov^r Huntington. Lodged Mr. Strongs. Murray here deceiv^e the Elect.

2. Rode to Stonington.

3. Ldsdy. I preached at Stonington for Mr. Woodruff, who bapt. a fam^y nine children & administered the Sacram^t.

4. This Morn^g died Dr. Dudley Woodbridge æt. 86. I dined & lodged at Major Phelps but was very ill. His Daughter married Mr. Benj. Huntington of Norwich—sensible.

5. I attended Dr. Woodbr. funeral. Mr. Woodruff preached, I prayed. He was b. at Groton Apr. 1705.

6. Ill at Mr. Wood.

7. Rode to N. Lond. Mr. Channings.

8. At N. L., sick.

10. Ldsdy. I preached for Mr. Chann^s A.M.

11. At Mr. Roswell Saltonstalls N. L. I viewed the Pictures of Richard Saltonstall & Brampton Gurdon Esq. & one of the old Winthrop's of last century.

12. Rode to Gov. Griswolds in Lyme & lodged.

13. Gov. Griswold accompanied me to Rev^d Mr. Porters who rode with me to Rev^d Mr. Beckwiths æt. 88, born 1703. I crossed Connect. River to Rev^d Mr. Elys of Potepaug & lodged.

14. N.E. Storm. At Mr. Elys review^e Hebrew &c.

15. Dined at Saybrook with Rev^d Mr. Hotchkiss at Capt. Harts.

Lodged at Rev^d Mr. Devotions. Much Convers^a on Literary & theological Subjects.

16. Rode to Mr. Mansfids, intend^k for Mr. Todds—but he being supplied I dined & tarry with Mr. Mansf^d over the salt. Saw the old College als. Rector Piersons House.

17. Ldsdy at Killingworth. A.M. Mr. Mansfield preached. P.M. I preached the 5th time this Journey—the same Sermon on 1 Pet. i, 8.

18. Visited aged Rev^d Mr. Todd. Dined at Guilf^d, Mr. Fowlers.

19. Rode with Mr. Atwater to view the Ind. Fields in Branf^d. Arrived home safely. Deo Grates. Found Isaac gone to N. Y. to ship for &c & Emilia to Newport.

20. Set up Ord. at College. Mr. Tutor Gay qualified & inducted into Office, & rec^d Tuition of Freshman Class. Exⁿ Negro Rape. Dr. Dana preached Deut. xix, 19, 20.

21. Began Recit^a I took 2 Sen. Classes. Present 50 or 60. Read^k Dr. Toulmin's Etern^y World.

23. Read Sermon "Kneel^k to G^d at parting with Friends or the fraternal Intercessory Cry of Faith & Love, sett^k forth and recom- mend^k the primitive Mode of tak^k Leave. By John Danforth Pastor of the Chh. of X in Dorchester." Printed in Boston 1697. At the End the Author informs that it was preached "somewhat above a year agoe."

It is supposed that the Sermon was on Occasion of Removal of a Number of N Engld. Brethren fr. Dorchester near Boston to Dorchester in S^o Car^o, who gathered in Chh. State & had Rev^d Joseph Lord ord. Pastor to them before their Embark^a for Carolina—this the Farewel sermon. As it was printed 1697 & preached a year before; so that Removal was 1696. They settled 30 (18) M. fr. Charlest^o for about 56 y^s then removed with Rev^d Mr. Osgood their Pastor & pitched down at Midway in Georgia. Mr. Holmes now their Pastor.

24. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended Chapel D^r Wales pr. 1 Cor. x, 31. P.M. at late Mr. Austins heard Mr. Dow a Cand. Deut. xxix, 29. I baptized William son of Arthur Ramsdale at Desire of Deacon Ives.

26. Exam^d & adm. Goodwin from Dartm^o Coll.

27. Mr. Fitch returned.

28. Mr. Strongs Trial Assembly.¹

¹ The trial of Jedidiah Strong (Yale Coll. 1761), then a member of the Governor's Council, on the petition of his wife (a cousin of Dr. Stiles) for divorce on ground of cruelty.

29. Mitchel exam^d & adm. Freshman.
 30. Rec^d a Silver Vase¹ fr. D^r Ch^a Kilby Lond. by Mr. Broome a
 Gratuity for Deg. M.D.
 31. Chapel. D^r Wales.

Nov.

- 1 & 2. Mr. Strongs case. 100 Scholars.
 5. Assembly adj. 30 Dec.
 7. A.M. I attend. late Mr. Austius, Mr. Dow pr. I admin^d the
 Sacr^t. P.M. at Chapel. Mr. Holmes pr. Prov. iii, 6, & Prayers
 put up for him & my D. going to Georgia.
 9. This Morn^g at IX took Leave Rev. Mr. Holmes æt. 27 & my
 D. Polly æt. 24, sailed for Midway in Georgia. In Even^g Emilia
 returned fr. Newp^t—at Mr. Marchants 3 Weeks.
 10. Read^s Cap^t Portlock &c. Voyages between China & the
 Western parts of N^o Amer. Rec^d fr. Gen. Lincoln Sandwich Isld.
 Cloths for Museum.
 11. Thanksg. Connect.—Chapel D^r W. Col. iii, 15.
 12. Col. Gorham, Charlest^o here &c.
 13. This Even^g Rec^d a Letter fr. Mr. Holmes, who arrived at
 N. Y. Thanks^s day IV^h P.M. all well.
 14. Dr. W. exchanged all day. I attended Chapel. . . Reading
 Dr. Erskines late Tracts.
 17. Storm. Sammy Wales dang. sick. . . .
 18. No Lect. Philad^a Oct. 17, 1790 by a late Return the N^o of
 psons in full Commun. in Methodist Chh. in U. S. 57,621. . . .
 Writ^s State M^r Checkleys Case.²
 20. at I.40^r Sam^l Wales died æt. 18 or 17^¼. Polly sailed fr.
 N. Y. fridy Morn^g high N^o Wind all that day.
 21. I attend. Chap. A.M. & heard Mr. Fitch Luke x, 32. Pro-
 fessor present. P.M. I at Mr. Austins, heard Mr. Dow Mat. vi, 33.
 I bapt. Th^o Basil son of Joseph Peck & his wife. Lett. fr. Polly
 &c. sailed Friday morn^g were board Thursday noon.
 22. Disput^a. Attended funeral of Wales. Academic Procession
 Jun. Class followed as Mourners—12 of Senior Class Bearers, Fresh.

¹ Now in possession of Dr. Stiles's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, of Boston.

² This was a Memorial to the Lords of the British Treasury in behalf of Mrs. Stiles, as the widow of Wm. Checkley, an officer of his Majesty's Customs at Rhode Island. See below, March 5, 1791.

led Process. I prayed House D^r Dana spoke at Grave. Fine Weather.

23. Disput^a. Opened Court.

25. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Fine day.

28. I attended at Chapel & heard Mr. Trumb. all day A.M. Gen. vii, 1. P.M. Jn^o xi, 25, a fun. Serm. on Wales. He addressed D^r W. who sat in pew with his fam^y, & also Jun. Class. Tutors Basset & Gay propounded.

29. Disput^a. Finished read^s all the Ignat. Epist. Gr. & Lat. great & lesser—in quest of Christ Deity & Humanity. Cotelerius' Edition Folio.

30. Disput^a. Read^s Adams Letters.

Dec.

2. Rudd delivered fun. Orat. on Tilden & Larabee Jun. Soph. Yest^y I rec^d a Box of Books fr. the Society at Philad^a to & c N. H.

3. Writ^s Letters. Lond. & c.

4. This Even^s Prayers I read chapter instead of Exposition of Catechism as usual.

5. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. A.M. Zech. ix, 12, he admitted Mr. Tutor Basset & Mr. Tutor Gay into the Coll. Chh. & adm. sacr' pr. 14 Comm. Read^s Jones Lectures on the figurative Language & c. of Scripture.

6 & 7. Disput^a.

8. Read^s Voyage to Otaheithe.

9. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Finished read^s Dr. Adams Lett. v. 1. Severe Winter Weather. Therm^o 2 above 0 at Sunrise.

11. Resumed Expos. Conf. Faith in Chapel.

12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Dr. Wales 1 Tim. i. . . P.M. Dr. Edwd^a Zech. ix, 12, same Text as Dr. W. last Sabbath.

13. Disput^a. Dined at Dr. Danas. Wrote Lett. to Mr. Meigs.

14. D^o Committee Meet^s.

15. Snow Storm.

16. No Lect. Storm. Electⁿ Member Congress.

19. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. . . . Read^s Waltheri on Athanasian Creed, Council of Nice & Trinity. Read 20 Ch. in Ecclesiasticus.

21. Snow Storm. No Disput^a. At VIII^h Even^s agreeably surprized with receiv^s a Packet of Letters from Mr. Holmes & my

Daughter dated Savanna in Georgia Nov. 28 the day of their Arrival there after a prosperous Passage of ten days fr. N. York. All well. Deo Gratias.

22. Lockw^d Jun. Soph. dismissed fr. Coll. for declin^s to give Bond. Wrote a Lett. & sent a Packet with a Vol. of Voyages to N.W. Coast of America & D^r Toulmin on Etern^y of the World, to Sir Jn^o Temple Consul at N York. Read^s Parkinson's Voyage, &c.

An Army of 1453,—320 federal Troops 1133 Militia under Gen. Harmar sent by Cong. ag^t an Indian Settlem^t at Little Miami—destroyed it—retreated 8 M.—then sent 400 back to surprize the return^s Body of Ind. a bloody Action ensued Oct^r 22^d, in which Major *Palsgrave Wyllys*¹ & 183 of our Men killed 31 wounded. About 120 Ind. Warriors killed, 300 Wigwams & Log Houses burnt & 20 Th. Bbs. Ind. Corn destroyed.

23. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Sent off a Packet Letters to Sir Jn^o Temple and to Mr. Holmes. Senior Class finished reciting first vol. of Locke on Understand^s.

24. Dr. Dana dined with me. . . .

25. Xtnas. Cold. Therm^o 10 at sunrise, 13 at Noon. Cloudy. Snow on the Ground about one foot on Level, but much drifted.

26. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. D^r Wales preached Prov. xi, 1. P.M. Dr. Dana Ephes. iv, 3-6. . .

27. Lecture to the Senior Class upon the Encyclopædia of Literature. Finished read^s the View of Antiquity by S. H. printed 1677, contain^s the Lives of 10 Fathers. . .

28. Disput^s.

29. Seniors began 2^d Vol. of Locke. I prayed with the General Assembly at their Opening of the adjourned sessions in this city.

30. Eliot of the Senior Class delivered a funeral Oration upon the Death of Lewis last September.² Reading Origen against the Marcionites. . . .

31. I finished read^s Origen's public Disputation with the Marcionites & the Companions connected with them. Very cold season. The Snow has been on the Ground the whole of this Month & tho' not very deep, yet firm. . . .

¹ A graduate of Yale in 1773, and son of the Hon. George Wyllys (Yale 1729), of Hartford, who was a first cousin of Dr. Stiles's mother.

² Samuel, son of Deacon Samuel and Eunice (Beebe) Lewis, of Waterbury, Connecticut, died September 19, 1790, in his 21st year.

1791

January

1. A stormy snowy Day. Yesterday I finished Reading Origen's Disputation with the Marcionites. This day I read his Book of Exhortation to Martyrdom. . . . Therm° 15 above 0.

2. Ldsdy. I attended at White Haven A.M. heard Mr. Dow a Candidate preach; I then administered the Sacrament. P.M. at Chapel & heard D^r Wales. . . .

3. Disput^a of Senior Class.

4. Disput^a. The Counties of Albany, Montgomery, Washington, Columbia, Clinton & Ontario were in 1771 comprehended by the County of Albany in York State; and at present 1790 compose two of the great Districts of the State, called Eastern & Western Districts. In 1771 a Census of the Inhab. in the province of N York was taken by Order of the then Governor Lord Dunmore, when Albany County contained—42,706.

In 1786 a Census was taken by Order of the Legislature when

Albany C ^o contained	72,360	} 92,873
Montgomery	15,057	
Washington	4,456	
Increase in 15 years		49,169

within which time these Districts, form^d an extensive Frontier, suffered from frequent & almost constant Invasions of the Enemy, during a seven years War; at one time 2 formid^a Armies, one under S^t Ledger ag^t fort Schuyler, & the other of 10,000 men under Burgoyne, who actually penetrated as far as Stillwater.

The present Census 1790 makes

Albany Co.	75,180	} . . . 149,827
Montgom ^y	28,848	
Wash.	14,025	
Columbia	27,550	
Clinton	1,222	
Ontario	3,000	
Increase in four years		57,954

5. Col^o Wadsw^o elected Member of Congress in the Room of Mr. Edw^{ds} resigned. Congress sitt^s at Phil^a.

6. Attending Hearing in the Gen. Assembly.

8. Received a Parcel of Books for the College Library from

D^r Erskine ; & also a Barometer, Hygrometer, & Therm^o the last Articles of the Apparatus from D^r Price of London.

9. Ldsdy. Dr. Wales prevented by his Fits from officiat^g this day. I attended Chapel A.M. & Mr. Tutor Fitch preached 1 Cor. iii. P.M. dismissed the Scholars to go out in T^o. I attended & heard D^r Dana Heb. xi.

10. Disputation, An unhappy Tumult at College.

11. Rusticated two Scholars. Vacation begins.

12. The Sec^y of the Treas^y of U. S. states the amount of the assumed Debt 21½ Million of Dollars. Interest 788,333½ Doll. Proposes Duty on Sp^{is} to pay this Interest. He estimates

4	Mill. Gallons foreign, @ 8 cents	320	M
3½	M D ^o distilled fr Melasses @ 11 cts	385	
3	M Do Malt & our own Materials 9 cts	270	
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10½		975,000	Dol.

Surpriz^e 10½ Mill Gall. sp^{is} consumed in U. S. annually.

13. Dined at Alderman Jones's¹ with D^r Dana and Major Hart. Assembly still sitting.

14. Gen. Assembly adjourned: The Lower House appointed a Visitatorial Committee one from each County, to visit Yale College. The Upper House negatived it. Rec^d Letters fr. Mr. Holmes & Polly dated Midway Dec. 20.

15. Congress appointed a Census of the United States w^o was made 1790. That for Connec^t. not yet completed but it appears at least 240 Th. Souls in the State.

16. Ldsdy. I attended at Brick A.M. & heard D^r Dana from Heb. iv, ult. P.M. D^r Edw^{ds} Mat. x, ult. Reading Origen & studying the Trinity Thaw. Snow going fast. Th. 42.

18. I prayed at the open^s of the Sup. Court here.

19. His Excell^y Lyman Hall Esq. died at his Seat in Burk C^o Georgia, of w^o State he was formerly Gov. He was Member of Congress at the Declar^a of Independence. He was born at Wallingford, educated at Yale College & graduated 1747. Ob. æt. 66.

20. Read^g Origen. Saw a pair of silk stockings wove at Norwich in a Loom made there, weighed four ounces, white. Also a

¹ On the east side of State street, a short distance north of Court.

Hankerchief made at Northfd 2½ oz. Both made of silk raised in N Haven & Northfd.

21. Mr. Tutor Fitch this day accepted the Call to be Preceptor of the Acad^y at Williamstown,¹ Sal^y £120 p annum.

23. Ldsdy. I attended D^r Danas A.M. & heard Mr. Fitch. P.M. at White Haven & heard Mr. Dow Jer. xvii. 9. Read^s Origen

24. Three Hebrew Recitations. Read^s Origen.

25. I visited D^r Eben Beardsly² & prayed with him in the last Stage of a rapid & sudden Consumption or Tabes pulmonaris. Read^s Origen against Celsus.

27. To morrow fourt'night ago Brown, a Freshman began the Hebrew Alphabet. I have carried him thro' Spell^s & Read^s, thro' the Paradigms of Nouns, Pronouns, Suffixes psonal, Verbs, look^s Radixes, & translating & tractating the first Psalm in the hebrew Psalter.

28. Last Even^s I spent with Gen. Lincoln, Judge Langdon & Col. Jackson, going on to Congress.

29. Bought 78 Vol. of Mr. Russels Library for nine Dollars.

30. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended Dr. Dana. P.M. Dr. Edw^{ds}. Read^s Origen.

31. Severe weather. Therm^o 5, sunrise.

February

1. Vacation ends, & Orders set up at College, present about 40 Scholars. This Even^s Tutor Gay came in.

2. Mr. Tutor Basset came in.

3. Mr. Tutor Fitch came in. Very cold. Th. 6, sunrise.

5. At Even^s Prayers in Chapel began again the Exposition of the Savoy Confession of Faith.

6. Ldsdy. I attended all day at Fair Haven & heard Mr. Dow. A.M. I administered the Sacrm^t to phps 50 Communicants. P.M. I baptized Aaron Forbes Son of Tho^s Potter and his Wife. D^r Wales pr. in Chapel & administered the Sacrament, present 12 Communicants. Read^s Origen.

7. Disputation.

8. Disput^a.

¹ Ebenezer Fitch (Yale 1777) was Preceptor of this Academy until it became Williams College in 1793, and was President of the College from 1793 to 1815.

² He lived on the south side of Chapel street, east of Orange.

9. Rehear^s of Watermans case.¹
10. Eccl. Hist. Lect.
11. About half foot solid snow. Good Sleighing.
12. Read^r Count de Benyowsky's Exile & Travels.
13. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Dr. Wales preached on 1 Cor. i, 20. P.M. Mr. Dow Prov. ii, 3-5.
14. Attended 2 Disputations of the Sen. & Jun. Class in Tutor Fitch's Absence. Read^r Benyowsky's Voyage.
15. Disput^a. Still on Watermans case
17. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Began 2^d vol. Benyowsky.
18. Delivered the Judgm^t of the Presid^t & Tutors to Waterman.
19. Snow Storm all day—six or 8 Inches.
20. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. His nervous disord. operated singularly last Week. Last Tuesday he was full of seraphic Flights, esp^y at a Ministers Meeting. This continued Tuesday; & Thursday Even^s he expected to die & took Leave of his Family. Frid^y Morn^s he conceited that he had died & come to Life—Afternoon rather low. Yesterday much lost; so that M^{rs} Wales sent to me last Even^s to supply the Pulpit. But this Morn^s he was comfortable. And A.M. preached most excellently, & without Interruption. P.M. taken with a Turn in first singing. But recovered & went thro' the Service with good presence of Mind.

N^o Inhab. County New Haven 1790.

New Haven	4510	Cheshire	2230
Wallgfd	3380	Woodb.	2129
Milfd	2033	Hamden	1427
Derby	2967	North Haven	1259
Guilfd	3470	East Haven	1009
Durham	1050		<hr/>
Branfd	2258		30,659
Waterb ^y	2937		

3471 of the Inhab. of New Haven within the Limits of the City, Number of families 860, of which 665 within the City. In the Town & City are 129 free Negroes & 78 Slaves included in the above Number.

¹ Elijah Waterman, of the Senior Class, had been dismissed on Dec. 6, 1790. for disobedience to the President's orders requiring him to room in College. He was finally restored (see below, March 9) and graduated with his Class.

21. Disput^a. Rode to Amity in Woodbridge.
 22. Attended an Ordin^a Council at Amity. Present

Ministers	Chhs.	Messengers
Ezra Stiles		
Izrahiah Wetmore	N ^o Stratf ^d	Ab ^m Brinsmead Esq.
James Dana D.D.	New Haven 1 st Chh.	Col. Lev ^t Hubbard
Noah Williston	West Haven	Deacon Smith
Stephen Hawley	Bethany	Deacon Wheeler
.	White Haven	Tim ^o Jones Esq.
Sam ^l Wales D.D.	Yale College	Mr. Tutor Basset
David Ely	Huntington	Major Judson
W ^m Lockwood	Milf ^d 1 st Chh.	Stephen Gun Esq.

Ezra Stiles Moder^a
 W^m Lockw^d Scribe.

Wedn^r 23 Feb. Mr. David Lewis Bebee was ordained Pastor of the 1st Chh. in Woodb. by Imposition of Hands of Mess. Stiles, Wetmore, Dana, Williston & Hawley.—Mr. Hawley made first prayer. Mr. Wetmore pr. 2 Pet. v, 34. D^r Dana^a made Ordain^e Prayer; E. Stiles gave the Charge; Mr. Lockw^d R^t Hand; Mr. Williston conclud^e prayer.

24. Returned to College.

25. Rec^d Lett. fr. Mr. March^t of Newport; & from Sir Jn^o Temple, Consul at N. York. Major Otis^t died at Middleton 20th Ins^t æt. 68 cir. He was formerly of my Newp^t Chh., removed in the War 1775 & lived at Middlet^o in Connect. ever since. A worthy man.

Last Even^g died the Rev^d Mr. Todd Pastor of the Chh. of East Guilf^d æt. 78 cir. one of the most learned & pious Divines New Engld. ever produced. He was born at New Haven, educated at Yale College 1731, ord. 1733 or 1734. A great Reader, of most vigorous mental Powers, strong & penetrating acumen, mild & placid, calm & benevolent. In every Respect a most excellent Man!

27. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. Sir Bradly, Sir Brown, Sir Wooster, & Perkins of the Sen. Class propounded for full communion. Read^e Origen's Commentary on John.

28. Disput^a Sen. Class. Rain.

¹ Jonathan Otis, a first cousin of the patriot, James Otis. See also this Diary, June 29, 1775, and January 25, 1777.

March

2. Rev. Mr. Devotion here.
 3. No Eccl. Hist. Lect. Shew^s Mr. Dev^o Apparatus.
 4. Vermont a State this Day.
 5. Mr. Devotion went away.
 6. Ldsdy. I preached for D^r Dana all day, he preach^d at East Guilf^d at the Desire of Rev^d Mr. Todd deceased. I administered the Sacr^t of the Lds Supper. D^r Wales preached all day at Chapel, admitted Sir Bradley, Sir Brown, Sir Wooster & Perkins 1. into the Chh, & administered the Sacrament. He was lost & bewildered in his first prayer A.M. but went thro' all the rest of divine service well & without Interruption.

7. Disput^a. Read^s Tertullian on the Trinity.

8. Disput^a. Committee Corpor^a met. Mess^{rs} Taylor, Good. & Hunt. Newport 24 Feb. "The T^o of Newp^t contains, accord^g to the late Census, 6715 Inhab.—In 1782 it contained 5530.—Increase 1185."

Census of Providence 6380 Inhb. in 1790; and 4312 in 1782.
 Q. Whether N^o Provid. included?

9. No public Qu. day at Coll. as no Commons since last Commencem^t, and those appointed for Oratorical Exercises asked to be excused. The Committee restored Waterman contrary to the Presidents Opinion.

10. Ecc. Hist. Lect.

12. Chh. gathered at the Plains last Tuesdy, by Rev. Mr. Beach, ordained by new Morrist^o Presb^y Jersey, & his Deacon, & by Mr. Lewis, Separate Minister at Salem, Waterb^y Congreg^a Chh. I rode to Amity. Winter broken up.

13. Ldsdy. The Rev^d Mr. Bebee preached all day. At his & the Chhs Request I administered the Sacrament of the Lds. Supper to about an hundred Communicants. Mr. Bebees Modesty made him wish to see this first Communion under his Min^y administered by another, before he did it himself; and therefore he applied to me to come & do it for him & in his presence. He pformed a Baptism in the Afternoon & I closed with prayer.

14. I returned A.M. Disput^a.

16. Disput^a. Prayed at open^s C^o Court.

17. Funeral Oration in Chapel upon Wales. Lothrop, Orator.¹

¹ This Oration, by Samuel Lathrop, was afterwards published. .

18. Read^s Epiphanius } on the Heresies
 19. Read^s Irenæus }
 20. Ldsdy. Variable Weather, Snow & Sunshine. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day.

21. Disput^a . .

22. Disput^a. At Even^g Prayers the Rev^d Hezekiah Ripley was publickly in the College Chapel qualified as a Fellow of the Corpor^a by giving his Assent to the Confession of Faith &c. As he had heretofore taken the Oath of Fidelity to the State, this was not repeated. We are employed in mak^g D^r Priestly Experiments on fixt Air, by Impregnating Water with it & thereby making artificial Spa Water.

24. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Rec^d Lett. fr Mr. Holmes at Georgia.

27. Ldsdy. I preached all day at the Plains, where a new Congreg^a Chh. was lately gathered by Rev. Mr. Beach Pastor of a Separate Chh. at Darby, Chuse Town,¹ long a separate Preacher, at length ordained by the new Morrist^o Presb^y or Association of Congreg^a Ministers; & by Mr. Lewis Pastor of a separate Chh. in Salem, Waterb^y ord. by Lay-Ordination. The Chh. at Plains at its embodying consisted of 34 Members Brethren & Sisters, of w^c about a dozen Brethren, regular Members of other Chhs, except two admitted de novo & baptized at the Covenant^s by Mr. Lewis.² I consider Mr. Beach a regular Minister, & Mr. Lewis irregular, unless upon further Inquiry his Ordin^s can be traced back to Mr. Denison in 1746 at the begin^g of the Separate Chhs, whose Ord. I have traced to the Mathers at Boston. I baptized Betsy D. of *Abrah. Alling & Abigail* his W., Miles Son of Sam^l Dorman & *Abigail* his Wife, Visa D. of Gurdon Turner & *Sarah* his Wife. The Parents *markt*, Members the 3 first of late Mr. Austins Chh, & Sarah of D^r Edw^d^s Chh.

28. Disput^a.—Hebrew.

29. Disput^a. Heb. Read^g Bp. Watson on Gibbon. I underst^d that Mr. Aspinwal has succeeded at N York in his silk Culture, hav^g obtained from the Assembly of that State an Act promis^g a Præmium of three Dollars p hundred Mulb^y Trees growing and

¹ In that part of Derby which is now Seymour.

² This church on Hamden Plains had a brief existence of about four years; when it was succeeded by the present Whitneyville Church, formed in a more regular manner and in full fellowship with the neighboring Congregational churches. See also this Diary, January 26, 1790.

in good State at the End of three years after setting out, thro' the State. He has a Nurs^y of 800 Thous^d Trees in a Nursery on Long Isld planted last year; & another as large near Philad^a. He has this y. carried with him Eight Quarts of Mulb^y seed to sow more Nurseries.

31. Public Fast in Connect. & Mass^a. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Dr. Wales . . P.M. The Dr. find^s his Vision too much affected so that he could not read his Notes freely, Mr. Fitch preached . . Read^s Bp. Watson's Sermons.

April

1. Finished read^s the Volume of Bp. Watson. Snow gone. This Aft. I rode out & saw a small piece of Ice in a Valley, the last I expect to see this year.

2. Rain & Storm A.M. Clear P.M. . .

3. Ldsday. I attended Chapel all day & heard Dr. Wales A.M. & P.M. . . . Read^s Origen—Annular Eclipse of Sun this Morn^g at VII, 2, at Yal. Coll. obs.

4. Disput^a. This Even^g spent in mak^s D^r Priestlys Experiments with fixt Air, esp^y impregnat^s Water with it. Also sundry other Experiments with his Apparatus. This Morn^g I rec^d News that my son Isaac was arrived at New York from Bristol in Engld last Wednesd^y. Deo Grates.

5. Disput^a. This Morn^g died here D^r Eben. Beardsley, æt. 45. An ingenious Man. Writing Letters to D^r Price, D^r Priestly, D^r Herschel, & Mrs. Cath. Macauley Graham: all which with Mem^o to the Lds. of the Treas^y for £200, Arrears of Mr. Checklys Sal^y, and Lett. to D^r Kilby, & W^m Stiles Esq. of the Board of Commiss^{'a} of Customs, London, I sent by Mark Leavenw^o Esq. who this day set out for London for the Recov^y of the Saltonstal Estate—which Rents for £110. sterl^s p ann. 300 Acres & Houses, & after suffer^s a Common Recovery, is to be sold for £4000 sterl^s, Mr. Leav. to have an Eighth. If he recovers Mr. Checklys he is to have 5 p cent., otherwise nothing.

6. I attended D^r Beardsly's Funeral & spake at the Grave.

7. No Lecture. . .

9. Prayed with Mrs. Beecher, a week in bed with Twins. She was expiring in Prayer, and died a few minutes after.¹ . . .

¹ Elizabeth (Hoadly), fourth wife of David Beecher, and stepmother of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher.

10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. D^r Dana Gen. iii, 8, 9, an excellent Sermon. P.M. Mr. Cowles Eph. ii, 8. Read^s Fabricius; & Holyoke on Redemption, 4^o printed 1658, a New England Divine—truly evangelical.

11. Disput^a. In the Even^s visited by Mr. Thayer¹ the Romish Priest; born at Boston a Protestant, commenced his Life in Impudence, Ingratitude, Lying & Hypocrisy, irregularly took up preach^g among the Congregationalists, went to France & Italy, became a Proselyte to the Romish Church, & is returned to convert America to that Chh. He shewed me a Medal of Pius VI the present Pontiff. Of haughty insolent & insidious Talents.

12. Disput^a. Mr. Thayer preached in Mr. Dow's Meet^gh.²

14. Students Anniv^y. No Lect.

15. My son Isaac returned from a Voyage to Bristol in Engl. The Seniors finished 1st Vol. of Montesquieu. Thayer pr. again.

17. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day.

18. Disput^a.

19. Disput^a. Read^s Photius Biblioth.

20. Seniors began reciting 2^d Vol. of Montesquieu. The Rev. Jn^o Westley, Head of the Methodists died in Lond. 2^d March ult. æt. 88, leav^g 100,000 Methodist Disciples, after 60 years Labors.

21. Eccl. Hist. Lect. This Even^s my son Isaac sailed for N. York, thence for a foreign Voyage.

22. Read^s Photius's Bibliotheca—reviewing sundry of the 240 Authors, whose Subjects & Contents he describes.

23. Rec^d Lett. fr. Mr. Holmes of 2^d Inst.—all well.

24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. Read^s Musæum Duisburgense. . .

25. I prayed at open^g of the foederal Court, present Chief Justice Jay, & Judges Cush^g & Law. Dined with the Judges. Judge Jays Lady present.

26. Disput^a. Last Wed^y ord. at Hartf^d, Mr. Flint.

27. Mess^{rs} Channing & Bowen dined with me.

28. No Lect. Wait^g on the Judges.

29. Rec^d Letter fr. Dr. Erskine of Edinburgh.

30. Convers^g about buying a house for £100.

¹This was the John Thayer who received an honorary degree of B.A. at Yale in 1779.

²Hendricus Dow (Yale Coll. 1784) was supplying the Fair Haven Church in New Haven. See above, October 24, 1790, etc.

May

1. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. He administered the Sacram^t 19 of us Communicants present. . . Reading Budaeus's Eccl. Hist^y 2^d Volume. Fine day. Dr. Wales administered the Sacram^t excellently, with a sensible presence of Jesus, with seraphic Ardor under a sense of the Love & Suffer^g of Christ, with a devout & weighty Solemnity.

2. Begun the Examin^a of the Classes. This day we examined the Senior Class, begin^g at VIII^h Mane & held till VII, or eleven Hours except Dinner. They passed a close & good Exam.

3. Examin^a of Junior Sophisters. Present 125 Undergraduates. Wrote to Georgia. Writ^g Dr. Lockwoods Diploma, & another for Dr. Cogswell. It is said 160 Th. Silkworms will produce 50 lb. of reeled raw silk worth 3 Doll. p pound.

4. Exam. Sophimores.¹

5. Finished Exam. Freshmen. Rec^d Lett. fr. Georgia 12th ult.

6. VACATION. Deans Exam. Mr. Hubb^d Episc^o Min. & myself examined 2 Candidates Slosson & Stebbins. Approved.

8. Ldsdy. I attended at D^r Edwth Meet^g all day, and heard Rev. Sam^l Austin of Worcester. •

10. Set out with D^r Wales for Hartford.²

12. Election. Gov. Hunt. & L^t Gov. Wolcott. D^r Dwight preached 2 Sam. 23, 3, 4. At Dinner 130 Minrs. & Candidates. Dr. Witherspoon present. Meet^g of the Corporation of the College.

15. Ldsdy. I preached for D^r W^m at E. Hartf^d.

16. Rode to Farmington. Lodged at Mr. Pitkins. Yesterdy Vice Presid^t Adams in Hartf^d return^g to B^o fr. Congress.

At X^h 25['] just after getting into bed, happened an Earthquake of strong Concussion, but short in Dur^a perhaps a quarter of a minute or rather not above ten seconds.

17. Dined at Harwinton. Lodged at Mr. Champions Litchf^d. The Earthquake felt strongly all along thro' Harwinton & Litchf^d.

18. At Cornwall.

19. Lodged at Mr. Chases, Litchfield S^p Farms.

20. Dined at Mr. Leavenworths at Waterbury. There are the follow^g Methodist Classes in Connecticut.

1 East Hartf^d, 1 Cornwall, 1 Waterbury.

¹ Under this date Dr. Stiles notes, in his MS. Thermometrical Record :—
Great Pear Tree æt. 150. & other Fruit Trees in Blossom.

² A few items are inserted in the account of this journey from the MS. Itinerary.

At the 2 first they have had the Sacram^t of Lds. Supper. At Cornwall they invited every body present to partake, and actually gave the Communion to one person who had never been baptized. Lodged at Mrs. Darlings.

21. Returned home, & found Fam^y well. Deo Grates.

22. Ldsdy. I preached for Mr. Williston at West Haven. A.M. Cant. v, 8. P.M. 1 Jno. iii, 1-3.

27. Vacation ends. Orders set up at College. . . .

Epitaph of Partridge Thatcher Esq. of New Milford for himself. Ob. 1786 or 1787. A great admirer of Shakespear.

"Rest here my Body, till th' Archangels Voice,
More sonorous far than ninefold Thunder,
Awakes the sleeping dead; then shalt thou rise
To thy just Sphere: And be my House immortal."

29. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at D^r Danas & heard him preach. P.M. at Mr. Dow's & heard him. The Professor absent on a Journey, not above 30 Scholars in T^o, so no service in Chapel. Read^s Methodius—& also a Book printed 1776 in Lond.—Anon.—upon the Trinity & esp^y the Sonship of Christ.¹ The Author holds the three psons in the G^dhead orthodoxly, but denies that the Appell^a Father, Son, & H. G. belonged to them before the Incarnation of the 2^d Person: and that the eternal λογος assumed & was united to a created human soul & Body, & thereby became begotten, & the Son, & only begotten Son of God; & thereupon the first pson became Father & not before. Thus he denies the eternal Gener^a of the Son. And yet he allows as historical Fact that the eternal Gener^a was the Doctrine of the Chh. immed^y after the Apostolic Age, with the antenicene & post-nicene Fathers, the Schoolmen, the Reformers, & in general of universal Xtendom, altho' he consideres it erroneous. This is Dr. Bellamys Book. In 1784 he told me he had been studying the Trinity—he wrote to me upon it. I found he was puzzl^d pplexed & I then tho't moved from his former orthodox Ideas tho' I did not know w^t was the matter with him. Not long after this I found the New Div^y Connexions a Number of them in Convers^a giving up the eternal Gener^a of the Son, at least magisterially inquiring & demand^s whether this was a script. Doctrine, as part^y D^r Wales, Mr. Fitch,

¹The full title is: *The True Sonship of Christ investigated*; the author was the Rev. William Dalgleish, of Peebles, Scotland.

Mr. Chann^s &c. And more lately I find that Mr. West of Stockbridge is positive in denying it, as Dr. Edwards informs me. I wondered whence all this could come, as otherwise these Gent. are sound on the Doctrine of the Trinity. But upon last week find^s this Book at Mr. Chases, who had part of Dr. Bellamy's Library, I now pceive unde hæ Lacrymæ—that this Book is the Origination.

30. Read^s Bennets Letters to a Lady, 12^m.

31. Mr. Tutor Gay come in. Read^s Lessons to a young Prince by an Old Statesman. . . .

June

1. I attended the sacramental Lect. at Dr. Danas Meet^s where two Chhs are united in one Lecture. Rev^d Cott. M. Smith of Sharon preached a good Sermon. He was my Pupil 40 y. ago when I was Tutor of Y. Coll. I never heard him preach before. He is a Gent. of Sense. Dr. Bellamy, when slaying & turning out Ministers in Litchf^d C^o in his mistaken Zeal, threatened Mess^{rs} Champ., Gould, Newel, & Smith &c—as well as Heaton, Palmer, Collins, Webster, Trumbull, Barth^o, &c. The 4 first determined to stand it out—he frighted, awed & subdued Smith & made him a real Convert; Gould was intimidated, submitted to the Doctors Dictature & Haughtiness; Champ. stood it out manfully & supported by Gov. Wolcott maintained his Ground; Newel sustained himself alone by himself unaided; but Mr. Smith, tho' never by Nat. calculated for the Disciple of Dr. Bell^y, yet endeavored & aped an Imit^a of him.¹ But it is an unnat. Imitation. He would have succeeded better in imitating Doddridge, Watts, or Hervey.

2. The Found^a Stone of the new Bridge over Quinipioke or East River² in this City, was laid this Afternoon, by Hon. Roger Sherman, Mayor, in the presence of a Number of Gentlemen & Ladies

¹ Judah Champion, of Litchfield, Hezekiah Gold, Junior, of Cornwall, Abel Newell, of Goshen, and Cotton M. Smith, of Sharon, were all Yale graduates of 1751.

Stephen Heaton (Yale 1733), of Goshen, Solomon Palmer (Yale 1729), of Cornwall, Timothy Collins (Yale 1718), of Litchfield, Elisha Webster (Yale 1738), of Canaan, John Trumbull (Yale 1735), of Watertown, and Andrew Bartholomew (Yale 1731), of Harwinton, are the other persons referred to as objects of Dr. Bellamys displeasure.

² This bridge was at what was then called "Dragon," or Fair Haven, at the east end of what is now Grand avenue.

&c who returned in Cavalcade of 15 Chaises besides single Horses, to Squire Daggett¹ & drank Tea &c. The Stone inscribed thus:

"Erected
May 31"
A.D. M.DCC.XCI.
and XV.
of AMER, INDEPND.
HON. ROGER SHERMAN
MAYOR.

4. D^r Wales & Tutor Fitch returned from a Journey to Saratoga Springs or mineral Waters.

5. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day. . . . Read^s Mrs. Rowes devout Exercises.

8. Quarter Day. Public Exercises, Lat. & Eng. Orat. a forensic Disput^a and a Dialogue. Begun the Examin^a of the Compositions given in for Mr. Websters Prize of £5.

9. Eccl. Hist. Lect. At 5^h P.M. I attended a Methodist Lect. at the State House preached by Bp. Astbury of Maryld 1 Cor. by Foolishness of Preach^s &c.—He and Mr. Coke were ordained in Engl. Bishops of the Methodists by Rev. Jn^o Westly lately dec^d who was himself only a Presbyter of the Chh. of Engl. . . . Mr. Astbury & Mr. Coke are at the Head of Cokesbury College near Baltimore lately set up by the Methodists now about 70 Th. in America.

10. On 30th May Rev. D^r Witherspoon æt. 69 was married to Mrs. Dill of Philad^a Widow æt. 24.

12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales all day.

13. Disput^a. Examin^s Compositions for Mr. Webster's Prize.

14. Disput^a. Mr. Webster's first annual Prize adjudged to Sam^l Miles Hopkins Sen. Sophister—£4. 14. 0. By the President & Tutors Fitch, Basset & Gay.—Professor absent.

15. Rode to N^o Haven. No Lecture.

19. Ldsdy. D^r Wales delirious. D^r Edw^{ds} preach. at Chapel A.M. & I pr. for him. P.M. I preached at White Haven & baptized Clarissa Daughter of Eli Hotchkiss & his Wife: & Mr. Spald^s pr. at Chapel.

20. Disput^a. Poor D^r Wales in Ruins! Destress!

21. Disput^a. Dr. Wales no better.

¹ The house of Henry Daggett (Yale 1771), still standing on the northwest corner of Chapel and High streets.

22. Rev^d Mr. Green of Philad^a here. Rec^d Lett. advis^e that D^r Lockw^d lay sick at the point of death at N Lebanon Pool.

23. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Dr. W. a little emerged.

24. D^r Wales still bewildered. Attended the Celebr^a of the Anniv^y of S^t Jn^o by 3 Lodges of Masons—Procession to D^r Danas Meet^h.—Rev^d Mr. Baldwin of Litchfd preached 1 Jn^o iv, 8. About 100 Masons present. Walked in Procession & dined in College Hall.

This Afternoon rec^d News that Rev^d D^r Lockw^d died at Lebanon Pool æt. 70 last Saturday X o'clock at night.

25. D^r Wales still deranged. Th. 90. This Even^e better.

26. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Amity & Mr. Beebe at College.

27 & 28. Disput^a &c. Dr. Wales better, Glympse of Reason.

29. Attend. Sacr^t Lect. Mr. Spalding preached.

30. Eccl. Hist. Lect. . .

July

1. D^r Wales walked abroad.

3. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev. Mr. Bray preach all day. . . Mr. Bray administ^d the Lds Supper, present 13 Brothers & 4 Sisters.

4. Disput^a.

5. Disput^a. Mr. Holmes & my Polly arrived fr. Georgia to N. York 3^d Inst.—rec^d Lett. by this days post.

6. Anniv^y of the Cincinnati in New Haven. David Dagget Esq. delivered an Or^a in Dr. Danas Desk.

7. This Morn^s Mr. Holmes and wife arrived here safe from Midway Georgia. Deo Grates. Aft. at IV I gave a Lect. on Heb. & other Oriental Languages, one Hour.

8. The Subscription at the Bank at Philad^a 4th Ins^t filled up in half an hour 25 Th. Shares 400 Dollars each w^e was 5 Th. too many.

10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel A.M. & heard Rev^d Mr. King. P.M. Mr. Holmes pr. at Chapel. I attended at Fair Haven & baptized Debby Walker Infant of Mr. Abel Morse. Read^e Hist. of Flagellants, & find that tho' it was introduced into the Xtian Chh. in XIth Cent^y, yet it was an Ethnical Usage in remotest Antiquity mentioned by Trogus, by Sophocles, Plautus, Horace, in antient

Egypt & Scripture. Major Hart informed he had seen it among the Georgia Indians—Sophy in Africa.

11. Disput^a.

12. Disput^a. Rec^d £ 336. 14. 0 L. M. from Rev^d W^m Lockw^d as Ex^r, the Don^r of D^r Lockw^d to Coll. Library.

13. Examin^s Theses & Commencement Exercises.

14. D^r Wales gave an excellent Lect. on Creation. Major Hart here yest^r & gave me a Map of the Confluence of the Ohio & Mississippi, down w^c he had gone to the State of Georgia, & pass^s over Land to the Chickasaw Indian Towns, he returned into the Ohio by the Tennessee River. He saw the Rite of Flagellation pformed by an aged venerable Indian of the Chickesaws. . . .

17. Ldsdy. Dr. Wales . . was disabled from attend^s all day. I attended Chapel A.M. Mr. Tutor Fitch preached. P.M. Dr. Edwards.

18. I gave Farewell to my Pupils.

19. Examin^a of the Candidates.

20. Presentation of 28 Cand. for Deg. A.B. The Candidates dismissed till Commencem^t.

21. I gave Ecc. Hist. Lect. Dr. Wales out again.

22. D^r W. better. Visited by D^r Flagg &c of S^o Car^o. I find they have great Funds for Literature there.

24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. D^r Wales who preached excellently. P.M. Mr. Holmes.

28. Hist. Ecc. Lect. Read^s Paines Rights of Man or on the French Revolution, in ans. to Burke. . . .

31. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day. . .

August

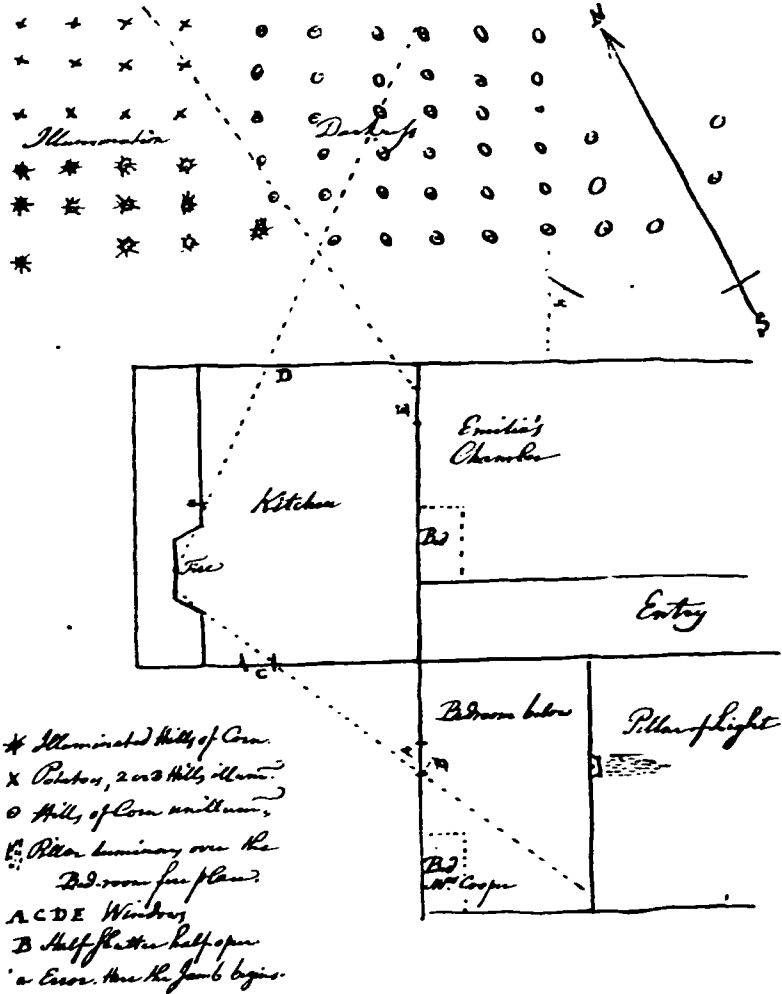
1. Heb. D^r Dana taken very sick.

2. Last Even^s or rather at I^h this Morn^s happened a very singular Phænomenon. My D. Emilia rose out of Bed & going to shut a West Chamber Window saw about a dozen Hills of Indian Corn illuminated or covered with a white snowy phosphoral Light, in such position as to be out of the Direction or Range of any brighten^s up of a Kitchen fire shin^s thro' a Window. The rest of the Cornfield not illuminated. A Hill or 2 of Potatoes illuminated. She compared the Appear^a to the Corn being covered with white sheets & the sun shin^s strongly upon them. She also compared to Grenadiers in White. The sky clear star Light, no Moon, cool, some

Wind which waved the lucescent Tassels & Leaves of the Corn. She viewed it for near a quarter of an hour, wonder^s at the appearance, but not with Fright, as she tho't it someth^s of the nature of the Light of the Aur^o Bor. She had left the Window open when she went to bed, but the wind breezing & the Air grow^s cool she tho't it best to get up & shut it. This was the reason of her first rising from Bed, & not because saw any Light in the Chamber, either before or dur^s the whole time of Observation. She took her Cloaths to come & wake me—but did not, because she thot I should laugh at her. But I am very sorry she did not. The Chamber was so dark she was put to it to find her Cloths. She put down the Window and went to bed. The Light appeared to the last.

M^{rs} Cooper of North Haven lodged here last Night in the S W Bed Room below. In the Night waking she saw on the Wall over the fireplace displayed a strong white Luminous Brightness like & of the Bigness of a small Towel accord^s to her Description p^hps a foot & half long & one foot wide. She was satisfied the Light was not that of a Candle. She was frightened. The shutters were closed on two Windows in the Room; on a Third one shutter was shut & the other open. She rose, & went to this last Window & pulled open the Shutter & lookt abroad thro' the Window, & saw no singular Light abroad, nor in Kitchen Window before her. She turned & went to Bed. The Light or Pillar of Brightness on the Wall continued for some time, & gradually went out of itself & vanished. She considered ominous & slept no more all night. She kept it to herself in the Morn^s, till about Breakfast time Emilia mention^s the odd appearance, & inquir^s of Sophy the Servant whether she did not get up in the Night & come down & light a Candle in the Kitchen, Mrs. Cooper thereupon told her Vision, but could not determine the time of Night. The Kitchen Window was out of View at the Chamber Window. But Sophy said she was not up, & that she left only two small Brands of Fire covered up when she went to bed. Upon exam^s the positions it appears simply possible that a Blazing up of Fire in the Chimney might throw a faint but not strong Light into the Bedroom, but then it must be both higher & longer than was described; but it was impossible fire Light from that Chimney place could illuminate more than one of the Cornhills actually illuminated, while it must have shone on the adjacent unilluminated ones. If therefore Emilia is not mistaken as to the Illumin^a of the western Hills, the Illumin^a

must be ascribed to a phosphoral Cause; & if so for the Corn, most probable also for the Columnal Light in the Bedroom.



3. Visited by Mr. Parker of Charlest^o S^o Car^o who has brought a son to enter College.

News that on 29th ult. died at Providence Rev^d James Manning D.D. President of the Rh. Isld. College, æt. 54. He was a Baptist, & elected Presid^t for that Reason æt. 24 circa, in the Infancy of the College. He graduated A.B. at Jersey Coll. 1762 in Sept. & immed^{ly}

that or next Spring came to Newp^l to open a Acad^y. The Baptist Politicians talked themselves into a College School—obtained a Charter of the Gen. Assembly 1763 altho' not completed till Feb. 1764 for Mr. Manning then Middle Bach. of Arts, whom they immed^y elected Presid^t, he hav^s at the same time been settled & ordained a Bapt. Minister at Warren, where he first opened his School, w^c was afterw^{ds} transferred to Providence. He was a pretty good Linguist, someth^s in Oratory & belles Lettres, nothing in the Sciences; a popular Preacher, a bigotted Baptist, vigorous & zealous for Close Communion as they call it. He was a Baptist Tory in the great Cause of Amer. Lib^y, an Enemy to the Revolution here, altho' afterw^{ds} he trim^{'d} about, & thro' Rh. Isld. parliamenteer^s & party got once to be sent to Congress. He was ambitious & haughty, intriguing & avaritious; of Integrity however, & I believe a Man of Virtue & Religion.

4. Lect. on Eccl. Hist^y. Dr. Dana recovering.

5. Rain relieves us from a heavy Drought. Yest^y Morn^s died in this City Aged Mr. Greenough¹ æt. 90 a fourt'night ago. He was born in Boston, went to London a young man, settled in this Town p^{hps} 60 y. ago. An upright worthy Citizen, & truly pious & religious!

7. Ldsdy. D^r Dana being sick I preached at the Brick & administered the sacrament there. At Chapel D^r Wales preached. Yesterday Mr. Greenoughs Funeral.—I prayed at House & spoke at the Grave. Three Ministers had white Scarves—w^c we wore to day.

10. Astonishing Speculations on the national Bank. Shares 400 Doll. on w^c paid 25 D. sell for 70-100 D. College own seven shares Script.

12. We are offered 175 D. a share. The Night before last they rose to 280 D. in N. York.

13. Fell to 240 in N York. I believe it will rise & fall for this M^o before the Bubble bursts—the speculators at N Y. have sent off 2 packets for Charlest^o S^o Car^o to buy Script, & I think they will keep it up till they return. They are worth 200 & no more, because the prospect is that the Bank will yield 3 p cent above lawful Int. & so be a profit of 9 p cent. Treas^r Hillh. & Judges &c tho't best for Coll. to sell. I said if it was my own I shd. not sell

¹ William, son of John Greenough, of Boston. Two of his nephews were graduates of Yale.

under 200 & believed we could have 250; but acquiesced. So Treas^r sold the 7 Rights & neated 1050 D. to College.

14. Lordsdy. D^r Wales unable &c. I rode to East Haven & changed with Mr. Street who supplid Chapel, & I supplid his Pulpit. Dr. Dana pr. at Chapel ½ day.

15. We have a Coll. Fund of say £2000.

£800 in 6 p. cts.	£48	}	57 £ + £13 = £70
300 in 3 p. cts.	9		
400 Deferred 10 y.			

500 State, of w^c £222 reducible to 6 p cts., £166 @ 3 p. c. & 114 Deferd

£2000

Cash 352 for sale of 7 Rights @ 175 D. neat^s 1050 Doll.

£2352 excl. Lothrop's Legacy

Proposed, to invest the whole in Deferred w^c may be bo't for 13' p pound, & in 10 y. commence 6 p cts perpetual: expect^s about £422 to be reserved in hand, of w^c £300 to be the 3 p cents; & so form a Fund w^c in 10 y. will produce a Sal^y of £150 for a Professorship of Mathematics.

If we invested the whole in Deferred it would become a Fund of about £3100 in 10 y. @ 6 p cent. But we truly want only £2500 fund for Sal^y £150.

Say we reserve £422 for present use of professorship. This produc^s Int. @ 3 p ct. will become £446 in 2 y. or before we shall get a Professor. This to be absorbed or expended Principal & Int. in pay^s Sal^y for the first 7 y. tak^s about £50 a year, & yet 446 divided by 7 without consid^s the Int. will give £63 a y. Sal^y for the 7 y. But say £50 added to D^r Lothrop's £25 makes Sal^y £75. a tax on Scholars £25 makes £100. Sal^y for the first 7 y. or till A. D. 1801, when the Salary commences £150 p ann.

The £1260 L. M. of 1777 arose partly fr. Sale of Coopers Woodlot 40 acres & sundry small pieces of Land belonging to College, & inclusive £100. Livingstons, Clarks, Nougiers, Eliots, & Ruggles Donations.¹ This scaled about £1230, in the Cont. Loan Office. The yearly Int. was rec^d by Bills on France 2 3 or 4 first years &

¹ Hon. Philip Livingston, of Livingston Manor, gave £28. 10. in 1746; Gershom Clark, Junior (Yale Coll. 1743), of Lebanon, Conn., bequeathed in 1752 £500 old tenor, which yielded £33. 10; Anthony Nougier, of Fairfield, bequeathed in 1740 £150 which netted £27; Rev. Jared Eliot (Yale Coll. 1706), of Killingworth, bequeathed £10 in 1763; and Rev. Thomas Ruggles, Junior (Yale Coll. 1723), bequeathed £10 in 1770.

expended in pay^s Salaries. Afterwth the Int. has been p^d in Indents & Certificates w^c sold at depreiated Value, or $\frac{3}{4}$ annihilated. Mr. Treas^r Hilhouse so negotiated & exchanged these, & the Principal, that this Fund made out of the £ 1230 is now worth £2000 or more, hard money. Of w^c about half in 6 p cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ at 3 p cts & $\frac{1}{4}$ Deferred.

£1000 @ 6 p ct.	£60	
500 @ 3 p ct.	15	
	75	75 the orig. Int. kept good
500 Deferred to be .. 30 A.D. 1801		
Besides £352 Cash say 6 p c. 20	20	
	£125.	

True Value Aug. 15, 1791.		
£ 800 6 p cts @ Par		800
300 3 p cts } now sell @ 13/ for 20/		455
400 Deferred }		
500 State or Treas. Notes sell 17/ for 20/		425
£ 2000.		£1680
Cash for &c 7 shares @ 175/		352
		£2032 L.M.

Thus besides mak^s up one Way or another of much of the Int. fr. time to time, Mr. Hilh. has made such a sav^s that the £1230 grew to £1680 or gained £450 hard Money, to w^c add the Specul^a last Week of 1050 Doll. or £315 + 175 D (= £52½) makes £367 Profits to be added to £450, mak^s £817 hard Money gained on £1230 in 14 years : mak^s Tot. of this fund about £2000. Besides this we have D^r Lathrops Legacy £500. The College Farms in Litchfd C^o about £200 yearly Rent.

COLLEGE REVENUES

Annual Qu. Bills 140 Schol. say		£ 700
Rents Litchfd Farms		200
Fund £2000 Int.		120
D ^r Salters Farm		25
D ^r Lockw th Don ^s Library say		15
Bp. Berkleys Don ^s 126 oz.		40
		£1100
Amo ^t ann. Income		50
Add perhaps £800. Arrears in Notes &c on w ^c Int. } ann ^y , say		50
		£1150.

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Heb.
Lib^r
Classics

My Sal ^y say	£ 300
D ^r Wales D ^o	200
3 Tutors	250
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	£ 750
Contingents	250
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	£ 1000

18. No Lect. Speak^s for Tutors Præmia.

21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales. Read^s an anon. piece on the Filiation of Christ.

22. Heard from Mr. Holmes at Boston. He has three Applications to preach stately, Farmington, Colchester, and Cambridge near Boston. Rev^d Mr. Olcott dismissed from Farmington 12th Instant.

24. Read^s Longinus on the Sublime.

25. D^r Wales seized again with another Sett of Fits. This day by N. Y. Post, news that on 21st June the King, Queen & Royal Fam^y of France secretly eluded the Guards at the Thuilleries & abdicated Paris—but was retaken 60 miles off & bro't back to Paris. A grand & important Event, w^c will either involve a Civil War, or more firmly establish the Supremacy & Author^y of the National Assembly. It will do the latter, & convince all the Sovereigns of Europe the Vanity of withstand^s the general & popular Resolutions of a Nation of enlightned Subjects.

I gave my Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

27. The National Assembly have declared the Throne vacant by the Abdic^a of the King, for going above 20 Leagues from Paris without their Consent: and the Dauphin æt. 7 is to succeed with a Regency.

27. Died 23 June last Mrs. Catharine Macaulay Graham, the celebrated writer & Historian with whom I have for many years held Correspondence. She June 13 1760 married George Macaulay M.D. and remarried Dec. 17, 1788 the younger Brother of the celebrated D^r Graham, with whom she retired to a Seat in Leicestershire. She died at Binfield, Berks after a long & painful Illness. Her first public^a of 1st Vol. of her Histry was 1763, her last on Education 1790.

28. Ldsdy. D^r Wales ill. I preached at Chapel A.M.¹ and D^r

¹ As may have been noticed, Dr. Stiles had for several years avoided preaching in Chapel. This is the first instance of his doing so since September, 1786.

Dana P.M. I sent this Morn^s for Mr. Bebee of Amity who was supplied by Mr. Ball. Mr. Bebee came in XI^a & preach P.M. for D^r Dana. Mr. Fitch went to Branfd. Mr. Gay preached his first sermon at West Haven. D^r W. absent all day.

29. Dr. Wales better. Delivered 2 Deeds for Record. Th. 93.

30. Specul^a still high tho fall^s. Scrip, 150 to 200. Rec^d Lett. from Betsy at Deerfield. Read^s Thomsons Travels in East. . . .

31. Arranging the Musæum. I rec^d a Letter from Mr. a Botanist & Naturalist at Hamburg educated under Professor Linnæus.

Sept.

1. I delivered a *Philosophical Lect.* upon the Structure of the Eye & the Nature of Vision.

2. Rec^d a Lett. from Judge Heyw^d S^o Car^o. Visited Mr. Williston.

3. Rec^d a Lett. from Mr. Eliott of Beaufort S^o Car^o and another from Mr. Meigs of Bermuda with a youth from thence for Admiss. into the Sen. Class.

4. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. Dr. Wales preached A.M. At the begin^s of Administr^a of the Sacr^t he was taken with a Turn &c. I administered it, present 12. P.M. the Dr made the first prayer, just at the close of the singing he was again interrupted with his nervous Disorder. I preached—he gave the Blessing.

7. Mr. Morse of Charlest^o brot me Pacquets from President Willard & Professor Pearson, Cambridge.

8. Began pub. Exam. of the Classes. Mr. Holmes returned from Boston, hav^s received six Invitations or Applications to 6 different Chhs, one of w^o is Cambridge. He has engaged to return to the last.

10. Finished the Examination of the Classes.

11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel and heard D^r Wales all day. In the Aft. he preached a Valedict^y Sermon to the Candidates. Rev. Mr. Whitney & Morse present.

12. The Corpor^a of Y. C. assembled a day sooner than usual. Present Rev. Messrs. D^r Eliph. W^{ms}, Taylor, Good., Pitkin, Hunt., Whitney, Ely, N. W^{ms}, Ripley.

13. Mr. Smalley pr. in Brick a Lect. on Evid. Xty appointed by Gen. Assoc.

14. Commencement. Exercises one Lat. Oration, two Eng. D°, 2 forensic Disput^a, 1 Dial. for the Bachelors: and 3 Eng. Orat. P.M. for the Masters. Among others were present Presid^t Willard of Harv. Coll. & Presid^t Witherspoon of Jersey College—his Excell^y Gov. Hunt. & several members of the Council & Congress.—60 or 70 Ministers. I confer'd the Degree of Bach. Arts upon the follow^g Candidates.

Platt Buffett	4 D.	Smith Miles	4 D.
Amos Cook	4 D.	Solomon Morgan	4 D.
Stephen Elliott	Half Jo	Benj ^a Parsons	4 D.
Malachi Foot	4 D.	Jn ^o D. Perkins	4 D.
Enos Foot	1 G.	Peter B. Porter	1 G.
Maltby Gelston	1 G.	Dan ^l Rose	4 D.
James Gould	1 G.	Dudly Saltonstall	1 G.
Roger Harison	4 D.	Barzillai Slosson	Gratis
Erastus Huntington	4 D.	Josias Stebbins	4 D.
Levi Ives	1 G.	Dan ^l Smith	4 D.
Gardner Kellog	Gratis	Eliph ^a S ^t John	4 D.
Lyman Law	4 D.	Elijah Waterman	4 D.
Noah Linsly	4 D.	Jn ^o Whittelsey	Gratis
		W ^m Green A.B. of Dart. Coll.	4 D
			27

Deg. Master of Arts upon

1768	Jon ^a Heart	Gratis	James Lanman	1 G.
1783	Dan ^l Brown	1 G.	Isaac Porter	4 D.
1785	Abr ^a L. Clark	4 D.	Jn ^o Salter	1 G.
	Hen. P. Der ^e	1 G.	Zech. Tomlinson	1 G.
1778	Jon ^a Brace	4 D.	Joseph Strong	2 D.
1787	Reuben Moss	4 D.	Dan ^l Waldo	4 D.
1788	Noah Benedict	1 G.	Jn ^o Woodworth	4 D.
	Calvin Chapin	4 D.	16	
	Dan ^l B. Cook	4 D.	Alumni of Y. C.	

Josiah Lyndon Arnold A.M. of Dart. Coll. & Tut. of Rh. Isld. Coll. admitted ad eudem.

Hon. Deg. A.M. on Francis Child of Philad^a Printer to Congress, & Jn^o Allen Esq. of Litchfd, & Rev. Benj^a Judd of Poundridge N.Y. State 4 D.

The Deg. D.D. on Rev. James Muir of Alexand. Virg.

Rev. Jn^o McKnight, N. Y.

Rev. Sam^l Macclintoc, Greenld, N. Hamp.

Rev. Joseph Lathrop, Springfd.

The Degree of LL.D. conferred upon the Rev^d & Hon. Joseph Willard D.D. Presid^t of the Univ^y of Cambridge.

27 Bachelors
 20 Masters
 5 Doctorates

52 Rec^d. Bach. 23 . . . 92 Doll.
 Mast. 17 . . . 68

160 D. = £ 48.

15. At VII mane Mr. Day preached in Chapel Concio ad Clerum appointed by Gen. Ass^o, Gen. i, 1. And at X^h A.M. D^r Edw^{ds} pr. in Brick a Sermon before the African Society by their appointment.¹

This Day met & was formed in Chapel a Meet^g of Delegates fr. Gen. Assemb. Presb. Chhs. & fr. Gen. Assoc. Connecticutt for Harmony, present D^r Witherspoon, Rodgers, M^cWhorter, Mr. Tenant, Chapman, Deleg^a from the Assembly, & D^r Good^r., Stiles, Edw^{ds}, Mr. Trumbul & Hart & D^r Dwight. D^r Rodgers Chairman, Dwight Scribe. Agreed recommd^a that 2 Delegates be ann^y sent fr. Gen. Assoc. to sit in Assemb. but without Votes, & 2 D^o fr. Assemb. to sit in Gen. Ass^o but without Votes; also about certificates for Travell^e Ministers &c.

The Rev. Mr. Hart of Preston elected a Fellow in Room of D^r Lockw^d; and Mr. Fitch resign^e the Tutorship Calvin Chapin was elected Tutor.

My Sal^y incl. £100. Addit. £291. Amount Paym^{ts} £356.0.7½
 Leav^e £64.3.1½ adv^a on Qu^r commenc^e 1st June last. Admitted 33 Freshmen.

18. Ldsdy. I preached at Carmel, administered the Sacram^t of the Lds Supper, & baptized Nancy D. of Mr. Dan Bradley & his Wife.

20. I paid £90 L. M. for the House I bought in Cherry street N Haven,² of Oliver Templeton, Merch^t in N York, of which I have his Deed dated 28 July 1791.

21. Leased my House to Cap^t Plymart for half a year commenc^e 28 July at Rent £10 p. ann.

¹ This sermon was published, with the title, *The Injustice and Impolicy of the Slave Trade*, and had a wide circulation.

² Cherry street was the western part of Wooster street, between State and Olive, and this house (built by Hamlin Dwight about 1772) was on the South side, about 150 feet east of Union street.

In another memorandum Dr. Stiles says, God has enabled me to purchase a house to leave to a bereaved Family, when God shall take me to Himself.

In accordance with this view he executed the next day a deed of the property to his three unmarried daughters, Betsey, Emilia, and Ruth.

22. Mr. Holmes set out for Cambridge, whither he is invited to preach, that Church being destitute of a Pastor. He having resigned his pastoral Charge of the Chh. at Midway, Georgia, on acco^t of the Unhealthiness of the Climate. This was done at a Council of the surviv^r Ministers who ordained him here 1785—his Chh. & Society hav^r released him.

23. We have Acco^t last Week of the Tumults & Violences at Birmingham in Engld.

24. Set out on Journey for Rh. Isld. Rode to Guilford & kept Sabb. with Rev^d Mr. Fowler.

25. Ldsdy. A.M, I preached for Mr. Fowler who preached P.M.

26. Crossed Sayb. Ferry to Lyme & put up at Rev. Mr. Porters.

27. Crossed N. Lond. ferry & lodged at late Dr. Woodbridges in Stonington.

28. Rode to Charlest^o & dined at Crossing 16 m. fr. Narrag. ferry. Rode to Potters 10 m. fr. Ferry. Lodged. Mr. Potter says used to take fourty Thous^d Fish, Perch & Bass, per ann. at his Pond.

29. Arrived at Newport IV P.M. I counted between 30 & 40 Sail of Vessels in Harbor. This day at Tower Hill visited the Rev^d & venerable Mr. Torrey æt. 84.

Oct.

2. Ldsdy. I preached all day to my Newp^t Flock. Mr. Patten absent on a Journey.

9. Ldsdy. Preached all day to my Congregation.

12. Attended Association at Providence. Present, Messrs. Townsend, Rogerson, Hitchcock, Wight, Patten & self.

16. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Tiverton.

21. At III½ I left Newport—homewards, crossed the Ferries & lodged at Mrs. Carpenters. The Willet Farm originally a mile sq^r bo't by And^w Willet of B^o, Mass., about 1690—lies fr. Narrag. Ferry up N. one Mile—between the 2 Waters, the Bay & Petequamscot, 1 mile large. Sold the S^o half to Robinson, who rents it for 1300 D. with stock about 30 Cows.

Mr. Francis Willet, son of And^w, b. on B^o Neck.¹

¹ Dr. Stiles also preserves in his Itinerary the following dates: Capt. Andrew Willet died April 6, 1712, in the 57th year of his age; Ann, wife of Andrew, died Dec. 4th, 1751, in the 89th year of her age; Francis (son of Andrew) died Feb. 6th, 1776, in the 83d year of his age; Thomas (son of Andrew) died Sept. 24th, 1725, in the 29th year of his age. He also copies the inscriptions over Thomas Willet, father of Capt. Andrew, and Mary, his first wife.

22. Narraganset Tribe, Charlest^o, Numeratⁿ last May 250 Souls. Lodged at Rhodes's at Paucatuck Bridge.

23. Ldsdy. Kept Sabb. at Stonington & heard Mr. Woodruff. Did not journey but put up at Hallams.

24. Dined at Mr. Channings N. Lond. Lodged Mr. Mathers Lyme.

26. Returned home & found &c well. Deo O. M. Grates. Vacation ended. I set up Orders at College alone.

27. This Morn^s I introduced & qualified Mr. Tutor Chapin in the Place of Mr. Fitch who resigned the Tutorship last Commencem^t & is gone to take upon him the Preceptorship of the Acad^y at Williamstown, Mass^a, Sal^y £120. Sal^y of the Preceptor of Hingham Acad^y £150. Mr. Tut. Basset is come in. Mr. Tutor Gay is in Inoculation. We have 60 Undergrad. present. The Gen. Assembly sitting.

30. Ldsdy. D^r Wales sick. No Service in Chapel. I attended A.M. at Dr. Danas. P.M. Dr. Edwth.

31. Disput^a Sen. Class. In the Aft. set out for Ordin^a & lodged at Mr. Fowlers at Guilf^d.

Nov.

1. Ordin^a Council convened at East Guilf^d for ordaining Mr. Jn^o Elliott a Successor to Mr. Todd. Convened 15 Pastors & 16 Delegates fr. 16 Chhs. viz. 1st Chh. New Haven, Chh. of E. Haven, 1st Chh. Guilf^d, 1st Chh. Branf^d, Chh. N^o D^o, Chhs. of Cohabit, Durh., Northf^d, Wallingf^d, 2 Chhs. in Killingw^o, 3 in Saybrook, N^o Bristol, White Haven. Exam^d & approved the Candidate unanimously.

2. Attended Ordin^a as follows.

First Prayer Mr. Fowler

Sermon M^r Mansfield 1 Cor. i, 23, 24.

Consecrating Prayer D^r Dana.

Charge, E. Stiles.

Rt. Hand Fellowship Mr. Hotchkiss of Sayb.

Conclud^s Prayer D^r Goodrich.

Imposition of Hands by Mess^{rs} Stiles, Good., Devotion, Dana, Fowler. Ministers of Council present Messieurs Stiles, Good., Dana, Fowler, Dev^o, Bray, Ely of Sayb, Ely of N Killingw^o, Mansf^d, Elles Scribe, Backus, Atw^a, Noyes, D^o of Northfd, Hotchkiss. Stiles Moderator.

3. Returned in a Snow Storm to New Haven.

4. I prayed with the Gen. Assembly dismissed. Having appointed Messrs. Gov. Wolcott & Judge Mitchel of the Council & Messrs. Ingersol, Tracy & Miller a Committee¹ to receive the Statement of College Funds &c & to report in May. Upon my return^e home I found that on Tuesday Mr. Holmes had returned fr. Cambridge hav^e rec^d a Call from that Chh. 19th Oct. to settle as Pastor there £162. Salary, and Use of Min^y House & 4 Acres Land. Nem. Con.

5. D^r Wales a little recovered from near a fourt'night Delirium or deranged State of Mind.

6. Ldsdy. The Professor attended all day, but did not preach. Mr. Holmes preached in Chapel A.M. & administered the Sac^r at D^r Wales's Desire, he being present. I preached and adm^d the Sac^rm^t at Fair Haven. P.M. D^r Dana preached at Chapel, & Mr. Holmes at the Brick. All my six Children at home & dined together with me this day. Betsy, Emil., Isaac, Ruth, Polly, Holmes.

7. Visited by Rev. D^r Brown of Halifax educated 3 years in Univ^y Glasgow & 7 y. in Univ^y Edinb. & 5 y. Presb. Min. in Halifax, Nova Scotia—Rec^d Doctorate in Div^y 1788, cir. æt. 35. Mr. Cogswel² a Dwarf of 4 feet 3 Inc. high & æt. 44 born at New Milford 1747, visited me.

8. Seniors Disput^a. Rec^d a Packet fr. Dr. Erskine.

9. Read^e S^t Johns Nantucket. Sent a Lett. to Edinburgh.

10. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lecture. Read^e Consul S^t John.

11. My Son Isaac left us & sailed for New York & from thence bound on a Voyage to Sea.

13. Ldsdy. I attended & heard Dr. Wales at Chapel all day.

. . . . Read^e Dionysius Areop^a.

14. Seniors Disput^a. Read^e Dr. Stilman's Sermons, and also the American Preacher.³

16. Attended Ministers Meet^e at Dr. Wales. I stated to them that since Commencem^t I have been applied to come & baptize

¹This Committee were all graduates of Yale.—Oliver Wolcott, 1747; Stephen Mix Mitchell, 1763; Jonathan Ingersoll, 1766; Uriah Tracy and Asher Miller, 1778.

²Joel Cogswell: see further in *The Cogswells in America*, p. 60.

³This was vol. 1 of a publication by the Rev. David Austin, entitled: *The American Preacher; or, a Collection of Sermons from some of the most eminent preachers, now living, in the United States. Elizabeth-Town, 1791.*

about 200 unbaptized children in Woodbury whose pious & worthy Min. Rev. Mr. Benedict could not conscientiously baptize, because the Parents tho' ready to own the Cov^t & make public Profess. of Religion & of good Lives, yet were not Communicants, thro' fears & scruples of their preparedness dare not approach the Table of the Lord. Quere. What was Duty?

17. I gave Ecc. Hist. Lect.

19. Dr. Wales well all week.

20. Ldsdy. I attended & heard Dr. Wales all day at Chapel. Reading Dionysius.

21. Sen. Disput^a. Dined at Mr. Brooms with D^r Dana, D^r Edw^{da} & Rev. Mr. Holmes. Read^s Savary's Letter on Greece

22. Sen. Disput^a. Opened Inf. Court with Prayer.

23. Rec^d Lett. fr. Mr. Fitch who 26th ult. opened his Acad^y at Williamstown, & has about 20 Latin & 50 Eng. Scholars.¹ Vermont Assembly this last Oct. Session incorporated a Board of Trustees for a College to be erected in Burlington

24. Pub. Thanksgiving in Connect. & N. Hamp. I attended & heard D^r Wales at Chapel.

25. Rode to West Haven & lodged with Rev^d Mr. Williston.

26. Finished read^s Brisson's Travels in Morocco. Read^s Dr. Leechmans Sermons; and his Life by Dr. Wodrow

27. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & A.M. heard Dr. Wales & P.M. Dr. Dana—an Exchange. Read^s Leechmans Sermons—& Lindsay on Unitarianism.

28. Sen. Disput^a.

29. Sen. Disput^a. Collation at Mr. Edw^{da} on Marriage of his Daugh. with Mr. Johnson.² Isaac come home.

30. I rode out 5½ M. to Mr. Laws tow^{da} Milfd, & visited Mr. Lambertons Lead ore Mine. He has taken up 200^{lb} of Lead ore & Stones, from which Lead has been extracted, I think near three Qu^{rs} the Weight of Ore. Mr. Broome carried some of the Ore to Lond. last year. It was tried there & judged valuable. Mr. Broome on his Return here this fall, has taken a Lease of it for 30

¹ This interesting letter is printed in the Record of the Centennial Anniversary of Williams College, 263-64.

² Susan, eldest daughter of the Hon. Pierpont Edwards (who was a brother of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, D.D.), married Samuel William Johnson (Yale 1779), of Stratford, Conn. Mr. Edwards's house was on the south side of Elm street, on the lot now belonging to and partly occupied by the Presbyterian Church.

y. to pay the Owner a Tenth. I collected some of the Ore ; & much Stone-Cotton or genuine Asbestos from a neighboring Mountain in Mr. Laws Land.

December

1. I gave a pub. Lect. in Chapel, begin^s a Description of the Encyclopedia or Circle of the Sciences. Beginning with Languages or Philology

2. Reading Thucydides : and examin^s antient Lat. & Gr. Hist.

3. This Morn^s between Midnight & I^b D^r Wales tho't himself dying & sent for me to pray with him. He was deranged. Better this Aft. I wrote & sent a Letter to Col. David Humphreys Minister Resident from Congress to the Court of Portugal. Sent it by my Son who sails for Lisbon in the Brig Nancy, Capt^t Green. Read two Sermons of Dr. Leechman.

4. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Rev^d Mr. Higgins of Lyme preached ; & I administered the Sac^t, present 12 Communicants. P.M. D^r Edwths preached. D^r Wales confined at home.

5. Disput^a. M^r Holmes has accepted the Call to settle in the Ministry at Cambridge. Dr. Wales in a broken State.

6. Disput^a. Committee of Corpor^a met. Dr. Wales better. Capt. Greene in Brig Nancy sailed for Lisbon. My son Isaac sailed in her. Mr. Holmes sent his Letter of Accept^a of the Call to the pastoral Charge of the Chh. of Cambridge.

8. Lect. on Geography. The Committee, viz. Mess^{rs} Taylor, Good., Hunt., & Ely, broke up & returned—hav^s left in my Hands £13. to hire Supply in Chapel during D^r Wales Infirmary. Read^s Gill on Heb. Points. Th. 19.

9. Therm^o 17. The Fall has been moderate & mild till the 7th Inst. Now severe cold. Snow 7th 1 Inc. now gone.

10. This is my Birth Day

11. Ldsdy. I attended & heard D^r Wales at Chapel all day. He performed well & without Interruption. He began his foren. Sermon thus—I shall entertain you with a miscellaneous Discourse upon the Words of an impious & abandoned Woman, So she caught him & kissed him &c. Prov. vii, 13, 14. Read^s Linseys Socinian Tracts.

12. Disput^a. Town Meet^s thro' the State. Finished reading Gill on the Heb. Lett. & Points.

13. Disput^a Snow. Writ^s Lett. to Rev^d Jn^o Eliot of B^o.

14. Rev^d Mr. Holmes set out in the Stage for Cambridge. We have disagreeable News of a Battle 12 M. fr. Miami in the Ohio Country on 4 Nov. between Gen. S^t Clair & our Army of 1200 and a Body of Indians &c; in which the latter gained complete Vict^y took our Tents & Baggage & seven p^s Artillery; our Loss 600 killed & wounded. A second Braddock Defeat. Doubtless the Indians were joyned by the Refugee Tories and British settled against Niagara & at Detroit, who wish to stir up the Indians to molest our frontiers, & prevent our spread^s further westw^d & shar^s the Fur Trade.

15. Lect. on Mathematics, particularly Arith. Geometry, & Conic Sections. Finished read^s Rev. Theophilus Lindsey's Hist. View of the State of the Unitarian Doctrine & Worship. . . .

18. Ldsdy. Rain—mild. I attended at Chapel all day and heard Dr. Wales's two excellent Discourses upon Original Sin. Read^s Tertullian—& Novatian on the Trinity.

19. Disput^a. . . Th. 36.

20. Disput^a. Cold, no Snow. Th. 26 noon.

21. The Rev^d Joseph Torrey of S^o Kingston, Narrag. died lately, last week æt. 93,¹ Min. 64 cir. At X this Even^s Snow. Read^s Tertullian's Advice to his wife against Second Marriages. . . . Also reading McIntosh's Vindiciæ Gallicæ in Ans. to Burk on the French Revolution. Presented to Congress Petitions from Nine Manumission [Abolition] Societies in the U. S. ag^t Negro Slavery.

22. Snow 4 Inc. Cold, Th. 17. Mr. Snell a Candidate of Camb. Coll. on Way to Virginia, bro't Letter from Rev^d Mr. Howard. I wrote to D^r Sproat of Philad^a. Had a Math. Lect. Trigonometry, plane & spherical.

24. Read^s Test^a XII Patriarchs in Greek.

25. Ldsdy. Xtnas. I attended Chapel & heard Dr. Wales all day.

26. Disput^a. Mild weather. . . .

28. Disput^a omitted yesterday, exhibited to-day. Mild & moderate Weather, Snow nearly gone. Therm^o 40 at noon. Finished read^s Mackintosh's Answer to Burk.

29. Lect. on Nat. Phil.—different Kinds of Attraction—Mechan.

¹ For 93 read 84. (Cf. this Diary, Sept. 29, 1791.)

Powers—Laws of simple & compound Motion—Hydrostatics & Hydraulics—Central Forces—Optics—Electricity—Chemistry esp⁷ Priestlys Exp¹⁸ on fixt Air.—This day Seniors finished recit^s first Vol. of Lock. . . .

This day I rec^d a Letter missive from the first Congregational Chh. & Society in Whitestown, to assist in an Eccl. Council to be convened at Hambden the 2nd Tuesdy of Janr^y next for the Ordin^a of Mr. Dan Bradly¹ their Pastor-Elect. Whitest^o is 100 Miles up Mohawk R. beyond Albany. It has been settled within seven years with 3 or 400 families from N Engld. D^r Edw^{da} went up there last August & gathered three Chhs. The first of these have chosen Mr. Dan Bradley of Hampden in Connect. his native place. And as there are no settled Ministers in that Wilderness, they wish to get him ord. in New Engld before he removes thither.

30. Last Even^s D^r Wales taken with a Fit in Mr. Tutor Bassets Chamber, w^o held him till Eleven at Night.

31. D^r W. a little come out of his Disorder, but in a degree confused & bewildered. I must look out for a Supply to the Chapel to morrow, when it being Sacrm^t at all the Chhs. in T^o I must officiate myself A.M. at Chapel and get D^r Edw^{da} P. M. as I find Sir Brown preaches for him. D^r Edw^{da} People are exceedingly alienated from him; so that at his sacram^t Lect. last Thursdy, he had but 20 Women or females & ten Men to attend in the whole Assembly; & of these 10 five were from College viz. D^r Wales 2 Tutors &c & of the 5 others, but three of his stated Congreg^a & I believe but two Male Communicants. Several of the Women from other Meet^{gs}. Sir Brown² has been preach^s at Farmington, but has done there. Very distressing times at Hispanola, Porte au Prince burnt by the Molattos upon the National Assembly revok^s or alter^s their Edict in their Favour. The new Constitution in France is confirmed & established. They settled matters with the King & continue him in Office royal. He gave his Consent to the New Constitution in Sept. A new National Assembly are convened at Paris. Snow nearly gone. Therm^o 40. Mild weather. The year ended.

¹ Yale College 1789.

² William Brown (Yale Coll. 1789), who was settled in Glastonbury, Connecticut, in the following May.

1792

January

1. Ldsdy. D^r Wales being unwell, I preached A.M. in Chapel & administered the Sacrament; present 14 Commun. viz. 2 Tutors, 2 Grad., 5 Undergrad. (2 Sen., 2 Soph. 1 Fresh.) myself, Wife & 3 Daughters. P.M. D^r Edwards preached from Jn^o vii, 17, against Deism. Weather mild Th. 35. Snow.

2. Disput^a Sen. Class. D^r W. ill & deranged. Rec^d Letters from Mr. Holmes at Cambridge. His Instalm^t to be the latter end of this Month. He desires me to preach; if I fail Dr. Dana.¹ Hon. Col. Gorham of Charlest^o & Mr. Phelps² spent the Even^s with me. M^r Gorh. says they are all pleased with Mr. Holmes both at Cambridge & round about at B^o & elsewhere.

3. Disput^a. I prayed at the open^s of the Sup^r Court here. Mr. Holmes applied to me to preach his Instalm^t Sermon: & in case I did not, to Dr. Dana. This Aft. I conferred with him; & as the season does not permit my going, the Doctor has concluded to preach it. This Even^s I wrote to Mr. Holmes advis^s him accordingly. Exceed^s moderate weather. Snow much gone off. Thaw. Therm^o 37. Wind Southerly.

5. Lect. on Astronomy. D^r Wales still in Insanity. This Even^s by Post received Letters missive from the first Chh. of Cambridge to D^r Dana & his Chh., D^r Wales & the College Chh. & to myself ask^s our Assistance in the Instalm^t of Mr. Holmes on 25th Inst.

8. Ldsdy. Being unwell I staid at home all day. D^r Wales also unwell & prayed for in Chapel. The Rev^d Mr. Trumbull preached all day in Chapel & Mr. Tutor Gay in his Room at Dr. Edwds's who had exchanged with Mr. Trumbull. Very cold. Th. 16 to 26.

9. The Seniors have recited to IVth Book of Locke on Human Understand^s. I have been very ill to day. Mrs. Stiles collected from the Ladies of D^r Dana's Congreg^a about 44 Dollars & this day presented him as a New Years Gift—being 15 Doll. for 3½ yds black cloth @ 30/ for a new Cloke, & delivered the rest to him in Cash. The Corpor^a com^s in. Very cold. Th. 18.

¹ The Rev. Dr. Dana was a native of Cambridge.

² Nathaniel Gorham and Oliver Phelps are well known as the promoters of a large settlement (under the name of the Phelps and Gorham purchase) in the Genesee country in New York State.

10. Vacation. The Corpor^a convened . . . Very cold. Therm^o 3 above 0 this mornin^g. Little Snow.

11. Interview of the Corpor^a with a Committee of the Gen. Assembly viz. Mess^{rs} Ingersol, Miller, Tracy; absent Hon. Lt. Gov. Wolcott & Mitchel. We communicated to them the whole State of the College. The ann. Incomes of the College £225 Rents of Lands, & £750 Qu. Bills, or about £1000 p. ann. at the Disposal of the Corpor^a. The annual Expenditures about £1000. Besides £600 in Treasury, and £2500 in Deferred Securities @ 13/4 p 20/ Value. £1700 reserved as a Fund for Prof. Math. & Nat. Phil. to yield a Salary of £150 p ann. after A. D. 1801.

12. Still with the Committee.

13. Storm. Corpor^a adjourned to Hartfd day bef. Elect.

15. Ldsdy. I preached all day at the Plains & administered the Sacram^t 17 Commun. present. I baptized four Children.

Ezra son of Mr. Ab^m Alling & his W. Abigail.

Isaac Joseph Benham & his W. Eliz^a.

Huldah D. Dan^l Hotchkiss & his W. Acksah.

Tim^o Son of Tim^o Andrus & his W. Sibbil.

16. D^r Dana set out for Cambridge to preach, Mr. Holmes' Instalm^t Sermon. Wrote a Lett. to D^r Isaac Senter of Newpt^t inform^g that this Univ^y had conferred the Deg. of M.D. upon him.

17. Visited D^r Wales & found him intirely well. News that the King of France is run away again, & gone to Prussia.

18. Snow Storm. Dr. W. well. Snow drifted greatly.

22. Ldsdy. I preached all day for D^r Dana. Read^g Grays Key of the Old Test^a. Th. 10. Strong cold.

23. At Sunrise Fahr. Th. 8 below Cypher. Finished reading first vol. Savarys Trav. in Egypt.

24. At Sunrise Th. 3 above 0. Read^g 2^d vol. Savary.

29. Ldsdy. I attended A.M. at Dr. Dana's & heard Rev^d Mr. Bebee and P.M. at Dr. Edwds. & heard Rev^d Sam^l Austin of Worcester.

30. Finished 2^d vol. Savary's Trav. into Egypt. Transcribing from Savary; & read^g & examining Clem. Alexandrinus.

¹ He was of New Hampshire origin, but studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Moffatt, of Newport. After serving as a Surgeon in the Revolution, he had a brilliant career as a physician in Newport from 1780 to his death on Dec. 20, 1799, in his 45th year. A funeral sermon, by Dr. Stiles's successor, the Rev. William Patten, was published.

31. VACATION ended & Orders set up at College. Last Even^g Col. Hubbard returned from Cambridge. Mr. Holmes was installed Pastor of that Chh. 25th Ins^t. D^r Dana preached a Sermon an Hour & 20 Minutes; Rev^d Mr. Cushing of Waltham the Charge; & Rev^d Mr. Foster of L. Camb. R^t Hand of Fellowship; Rev^d Mr. Jackson of Brooklyn first Prayer; Rev^d President Willard Moderator of the Council. . . .

MEMOIRS OF PRESIDENT CLAP FR. HIS OWN MS.

June 26, 1703. Born at Scituate, Son of Deacon Stephen Clap and Temperance his Wife.
 July 1718. Entered Harvard Coll.
 July 1722. Took his first Degree viz. A.B.
 July 1725. Took his second Degree viz. A.M.
 Dec. 31, 1725. Began to preach at Windham.
 Aug. 3, 1726. Ordained Pastor of the Chh. at Windham.
 Nov. 23, 1727. Married to Miss Mary Whiting Daughter of the Rev^d Sam^l Whiting his Predecessor. She was born at Windham Nov. 24, 1712. By whom he had six children, 4 of which died in Infancy:—the other two—Mary (Wooster) born Apr. 25, 1729; Temperance (Pitkin) born Apr. 29, 1732, obiit.
 Aug. 9, 1736. His Wife died æt. 23¾.
 Oct. 31, 1739. Elected Rector of Yale College, æt. 37. Nov. 12, Rev. Mess. Eben W^m & Sam^l Woodbridge waited upon him with the Choice. Dec. 10, 1739 an ecclesiastical Council convened & advised his Acceptance. Resigning the Ministry he set out for Coll. Dec. 19th.
 Apr. 2, 1740. Installed Rector of Yale Coll.
 Feb. 5, 1740/1. Married to Mrs. Mary Saltonstall.
 May 1745. Became President in the New Charter of College.
 Sept. 10, 1766. Resigned the Presidency.
 Jan. 7, 1767. Died at New Haven æt. 63½ & 27 y. in Presid^y.

Feb.

2. D^r Dana returned from Cambridge.

3. Mr. Tutor Bassett returned fr. Cambridge, & the Instalm^t of Mr. Holmes pformed there 25th. The Council consisted of

Pres^t Willard Moderator.

Chh. of Waltham	Rev. Jacob Cushing	Charge.
Chh. of Lexington	Rev. Jonas Clark	Instalm ^t Prayer.
Chh. of New Haven	Rev. D ^r Dana	Sermon 1 ^h 20'.
Chh. of Brooklyn	Rev. Jos. Jackson	first Prayer.
Chh. of Boston W.	Rev. D ^r Howard	Prayer after Charge.
Chh. D ^o N ^o	Rev. D ^r Lathrop.	

Chh. of Charlest ^r	Rev. Jed. Morse.	
Chh. of Camb. 2	Rev. Thaddens Fisk.	
Chh. D ^o 3	Rev. Jn ^o Poster	Right Hand Fellowship.
Chh. Boston	Rev. Jer. Belknap.	
Chh. Yale College	Mr. Tutor Bassett.	

and above 30 Delegates.

5. Ldsdy. D^r Wales continuing disordered, I dismissed College out in T^o and attended the Brick all day & heard D^r Dana, & with my Wife & two of my Daughters partook of the Sacram^t with his Chh.—present 80 or 90 Communicants. Reading Dionysius & Grays Key O. Testament.

6. Disput^a. Rev^d Amzi Lewis visited me. A few years ago He & Rev^d Mr. Green & Bradf^d of Hanover in Jersey made a Secession fr. the Presb^y & Synods, & erected themselves into an independ^t Presby. or Congregational Association—denying the Powers & Judicatories of the Kirk Synods & Presbyteries. In Jany. last this Association divided by Hudsons River. And the East & West Associations stand thus.

WEST—OR ASSOCIATED PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS C^o.

Rev. Benoni Bradnor of	Blooming Grove Orange C ^o , N. Y.
Rev. Joseph Grover	Persimmony, N. Y.
Rev. Stephen D ^o	Caldwel, N. Jersey.
Rev. David Baldwin	Rockaway D ^o .
Rev. Isaac Sergeant	part N. Jersey & N. Y. Line.
Rev. Eben. Bradf ^d	Rowley, Mass ^a .
Rev. W ^m D ^o	
Rev. Spalding	

EAST—OR ASSOCIATED PRESBY. OF WEST CHESTER.

Rev. Amzi Lewis	N ^o Salem, N. Y.
Rev. Abner Benedict	Emeritus, N ^o Salem.
Rev. Medad Rogers	New Fairfield, Connect.
Rev. Jn ^o Cornwell	IX Partners.
Rev. Dan ^l Marsh	Pokepsy.
Rev. Jn ^o Townly	Greensburg.
Rev. Silas Constant	York T ^o , N. Y.

9. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Finished read^s Bruce's Travels in Egypt, v. 1.
10. Dr. Wales's Disorder continues. Read^s Bruce v. 2.
11. Read^s Bruce. Dr. W. in an affecting State.
12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Bray all day.—Tutor Chapin supplied his pulpit. . . Read^s Mede.
13. Disputation. Read^s Don Ulloa.

14. Disput^a. Read^s Ulloa. D^r Wales still in Ruins. I convened a Meeting of the College Chh. this day at Tutor Bassetts Chamber & voted a Dismission & Recomend^a of the Rev^d Mr. Holmes a Member of the Coll. Chh. to the Chh. of Cambridge—that Chh. requir^s that Dismission even for one whom they have settled a Pastor—inconsistently.

15. D^r Wales after a Turn this Morn^s slept while XI^b o'clock A.M. & waked up emerged into Rationality. He has not been in possession of himself for a fourt'night, till now. This Even^s I found him comfortable & in his right mind tho' enfeebled as to Memory.

16. Hist. Lect. This Even^s Dr. W. seized with a raving fit. Reading Illustrations of Ulloa in French. Mr. King of Newp^t here. He informs the Death of my old Friend M^{rs} Amy Vernon.¹

18. D^r W. better & came to my house. M^r Ely of Ripton here.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Mr. Ely all day. . . .

20. Disput^a. Dr. Wales very well. Dr. Cutler here.

23. Hist. Lect. Finished Bruce 2^d V. Began 3^d.

25. Explained Confession of Faith in Chapel at Even^s Prayers as usual. Dr. Wales well & present. Mr. Renslaer here from Clavarrack informs me, that Gen. Barber digging at Pougkepsy near Crumpond, & 4 Miles East from Hudsons River, & 40 M. below Albany, in 1791 or last fall at 6 or 7 feet deep, dug up two large Ribs, which Mr. Renslaer saw—one four feet seven Inches long, another, five feet seven Inches long, & as big as a Mans wrist.

26. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Atwater of Branf^d all day. . . .

27. Seniors Disput^a. Read^s Bruce, Copying Maps & Extract^s.

28. Disput^a. Dr. W. very well & clear. Read^s Bruce.

29. Paid all my Debts and am now out of Debt.

March

1. Lect. on the 3 learned Professions.—Medical Literature. Dr. W. well. Read^s Bruce. Mr. Avery of Verm^t here.

2. Dr. W. more ill Turns. Lately 1200 Refugee Negroes embarked fr. Halifax Nova Scotia for the new projected Negro Colony at Sierra Leone, in Africa, under the care of a Board of Commissioners in London.

¹ Daughter of Gov. Richard Ward, and wife of Samuel Vernon, a prominent Newport merchant. She was Mr. King's wife's mother.

3. Dr. W. still discomposed.

4. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Stebbins of Stratf^d preach all day. A.M. Jno. ii, 46—Come & see. P.M. Mat. vi, 10, two excellent Sermons esp^y forenoon. Dr. W. present, but indisposed: at his Request, & Mr. Stebbins declining it, I administered Sacr^t of the Lds. Supper—present 15 Commun^{rs}. Finished Read^e Grays Key to O. T.

5. Disput^a Sen. Class. Rec^d Letters from Bennington.

6. Disput^a. Writing Lett. to Vermont. In a Mem^o to the Assembly of the State of N. Y. the Trustees of Columbia Coll. state that the annual Salaries & Expenditures amount to £1100 and their Revenues about £1200 p. ann. & pray for Help; also state that inclusive of 55 medical Students, the College consists of 150 Students. But these 55 med. Students in the City, who had given in their Names to be enrolled as Members of the College, last Week in a Body waited on President Johnson & withdrew their Names & disconnected themselves fr. the College.

7. Dr. W. well. Read^e Bruce's Travels into Abyssinia and extracting. The Marquiss de la Fayette began the World with an Income of *Two hundred Thous^d Livres* annually. He has sold & expended his Estate so much in Patriotism for France & the United States, as that he has now left but *Twenty Thous^d Livres* annual Income. And yet he refused any Compens^a from the National Assembly or the public.

8. Lect. on Law. 1. Laws of Nature & Nations; 2. Jus Civile or antient Rom. Law, Pandects, Imperial Edicts, & Eccl. or Canon Law; 3. Laws of Engld.; Common Law, Statutes, Courts of Westminster, Reports; 4. Laws of the United States. Dr. W. attended, well & much better than this half y. past. He came home with me after Lect. & spent the Even^e at my House while IX o'clock, calm & very agreeably. Read^e & extract^e Bruce.

9. The Regents of the Univ^y of the State of New York presented to the Assembly of that State, the Winter past, a Represent^a of the State of Literature, & among other Things suggested that they were meditat^e to erect a *Medical College*; but that they found that Columbia College were providing for medical Educ^a in that College, a measure which they approved. That Coll. has for several years had 3 or 4 medical Professors.

The Trustees of Columb. Coll. on 14 Feb. 1792, Elected Nine medical Professors, viz.

D^r Sam^l Bard Dean
 D^r Rich^d Bailey Prof. of Anat^y.
 D^r Sam^l Nicoll Prof. of Chemistry
 D^r Jn^o R. B. Rodgers Pr. of Midwifry
 D^r Rich^d S. Kissam Pr. of Botany
 D^r W^m P. Smith Pr. of Materia Medica
 D^r W^m Hammersley Pr. of the Institutes of Medicine
 D^r Wright Post Pr. of Surgery
 D^r Nicolas Romaine Pr. of the Practice of Physic.

D^{rs} Knight, Kissam, Romaine & Bard were Professors before. D^r Romaine resigned. The others accepted, & the medical Lectures were advertised to be opened in the College Apartments in w^o D^r Rom. had exhibited, till 10 May next.

On 22 Feb. 1792, The Trustees of Columb. Coll. presented a Petition to the Regency of the Univ^y, accompanying the above Report of the Regents, stating—"That the N^o of students in Columbia Coll." is greatly increased, amount^s, inclusive of fifty six Pupils at the Medical School, to one hundred & fifty six students, —the Salaries of the President, Professors & other Officers amo^t to the annual Sum of £ 1138 . 5 . 10, and that the Income at its full Extent doth not exceed £ 1245 . 15 . 10. So that for Repairs—&—Contingencies, there remains—only £ 107 . 10 . 0," praying for Grants for found^s Professorships, for Library & Apparatus &c.

On Sat^y 25 Feb. the Students in Medicine presented an Address to D^r Johnson President & say that when they "were influenced to have their Names entered in the Register of this College they were induced to believe that they would be protected and cherished in the Prosecution of their Studies." And now without enter^s into a Detail of Reasons "they request that they be now pmitted to *erase their Names from the Coll. Register*"

The Presid^t informed them this could not be pmitted without an Order of the Trustees.

Upon w^o they informed him "that the Students did not consider themselves thereafter any Way connected with Columbia College, and that if it were required they sh^d apply to their Country for Justice & Protection."

"In conseq. of these Proceed^s medical Educ^a is entirely stopped at the College."

[The Dean & Faculty accepted 27 Feb. two days after.]

Loudon's Register 27 Feb. 1792.

10. Rain, violent N. E. Storm. M^r Taylor here.

11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev. M^r Taylor of New Milf^d all day.

13. Disput^a. Mak^f up Qu. Bills. Extract^s Bruce.

14. Quarter Day. Public Exhibitions of the Jun. Class. Beach Lat. Oration. Eng. Orator sick. Disput^a on the Justice of the Indian War. A Dialogue. D^r Wales present—well.

15. Dr. Wales delivered a Theol. Lect. on Orig. Sin.

16. Writing Letters. Read^s & extract^s Bruce.

18. Ldsdy. Dr. Wales was so well yesterd^y that we concluded he shd. preach in Chapel to day. But at IX this morning he was seized with a strong Fit; & I being informed immediately sent & engaged Dr. Edwds for the foren. & Mr. Dow in the Aft., Mr. Tutor Chapin to supply their Pulpits. . .

20. Disput^a. — College Front fence broken down last night. . .

21. I adjudged & delivered the Hebrew Præmiums of D^r Salter's Donation to two Scholars. D^r Wales very ill.

22. A Solar Eclipse visible at Yale College fell at I^h 20' P.M. . . Dr. Wales still in a low Estate. No Lecture.

25. Ldsdy. Dr. W. sick, & we being disappointed of a Supply at Chapel the Students attended Worship in the several Congregations in Town. I attended A.M. at Dr. Danas & heard him preach a most excellent Sermon on Eph. ii, 8-10. P.M. at Dr. Edwds & heard Mr. Trumbull preach on Eccl. xii, 14, Judgment.

26. Disput^a. Dr. W. still deranged. Read^s Bruce.

29. Hist. Lect. Dr. W. at Lect. but not fit to come abroad. Read^s Bruce. Sent off Dr. McKnights & Dr. Muir's Diplomas to care Dr. Rodgers N. Y.

30. Rode out to Mrs. Darlings—visit.

April

1. Ldsdy. Rev^d Mr. Noyes preached at Chapel A.M. & administered the Sacram^t present 13 Communicants. I attended at Fair Haven & heard Mr. Tutor Gay preach Luke ii, 13, 14, & I administered the Sacrament there. P.M. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Dana Heb. i, 14, Angels. Dr. Wales at Meet^s all day but not fully composed or in possession of himself. Mr. Gay preached for Dr. Dana in the Afternoon. Read^s Tertullian.

2. Disput^a. Fine pleasant day. Th. 60, 70 & 76. Rev^d Mr. Birdsey visited me. I visited Dr. Wales this Even^s & found him perfectly well: far better than I have seen him this half year.

4. Attended Mr. Sanfords' Fun. æt. 60. In Even^s at Mr. Dows Wedding to Miss Gilbert by D^r Dana. Mr. D. Preacher at Fair Haven.¹

5. I gave a Eccl. Hist. Lect. on Reform^a in Engl^d, Scotl^d & Irl^d. D^r Wales present, so well, that we concluded to depend upon his supply^s Chapel next Ldsdy, & to send & stop Mr. Lockw^d who was otherwise engaged. News of son Isaacs Arrival at New York from Lisbon.

6. Great Commotions at New York on account of Col. Duer's Failure for One Million of Dollars, or some high Amount.

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard D^r Wales preach excellently, & without any Interruption from his Disorder. Deo Grates. Read^s Dionys. Cœlest. Hierarch.

10. Disput^a. Son Isaac returned home to New Haven. Deo Grates. By him I rec^d a Letter dated Lisbon 14 Feb^r from his Excell^y Col. Humphreys Ambassador from Congress to the Court of Portugal, in which he gives me account of the State of Literature in Portugal.

11. Finished read^s 4th Vol. of Bruce's Travels. Last Even^s I was visited by Judge Langdon & Col. Thompson of Portsm^o return^s from Philad^a.

12. FAST thro' Connecticut. I attended Chapel, & heard D^r Wales all day. He got thro' the Service without Interruption from his Disorder. But he is evidently in a debilitated & broken state, his mental Powers are enfeebled. At IX^h this Morn^s arrived my Son Holmes from Cambridge, which he left Monday last, & rode here in 3 days.

13. Began read^s Bruce's 5th vol.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr. Elles all day. . .

For several days it has been mild warm Weather, the Spring remark^a forwds, the Buds put out & the Trees ready to blossom. But last Night cold come on, & this Morn^s we found Ice, which I measured three Tenths of an Inch thick. Pleasant day.

19. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Seniors finished 1st v. Montesquieu.

20. I visited Dr. W.—raving—a melancholly Spectacle!—Great Confusion at N. York on account of Mr. Duer's Breaking.

¹ Benjamin Sanford died on April 2, in his 60th year.

² Hendric Dow (Yale 1784) married Hannah, daughter of Deacon James Gilbert, who lived on the south side of George street, west of Broad. He soon desisted from preaching and took up the law.

21. I sowed in my Garden, foreign Wine Grape seed
 9 Hills of Fyal Western Isld. white Grapes, gathered &
 brot. from Isld. of Tercera 1791 by my son.
 8 Hills Red Grapes Lisbon, brot. fr. Lisbon by my son 1792.
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- 17 Hills contain^e perhaps 45 seeds. . .
22. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard the Rev^d Mr. Holmes all day. A.M. & P.M. Dan. vi, 10. D^r W. still insane. Reading Dionysius Areop^a. All my Children about me, being all now at Home, which I never expect to see again. I desire to rejoyce in the Goodness of G^d.
23. Disput^a. Dr. Wales's Insanity continues. Violent.
25. D^r W. emerging. Judges Jay & Cush^e at my House.
26. No Lecture. D^r Wales abroad again and at my House.
27. Finished read^e Life of Gustavus Vasa, a Negro Author.
28. Rev. Mr. Channing & his Wife here fr. N. London.
29. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr. Holmes preached Mat. v—Meek in sp^t. P.M. Mr. Channing Heb. iii, 13. Dr. Wales well & attended all day. This Aft. News that the Rev^d Jn^o Lewis of Stepney died last Even^e.
30. Received a Letter fr. Copeland Stiles Esq. at Turks Isld. with Present of a Turtle 30 lb &c.

May

1. Disput^a. Dressed our Turtle most elegantly—Rev. Mess^r Dana, Edw^{ds}, Wales, Chan^e & Holmes &c dined with me upon the West India Luxury. Writ^e Letters to Cambridge & S^o Carolina.
2. Began Examin^a of the Classes. At XI this foren. Mr. Holmes & Daughter Polly left us & set out for Cambridge to settle down there as the place of their Abode. May the divine Presence & Blessing accompany them. We rode out 5 m. with them to Mr. Gills viz. D^r Dana & Lady, D^r Edw^{ds} & D^o, D^r Wales & D^o and myself Wife & Children, Mrs. Platt, & Misses Broomes, &c, 7 chaises & 3 single Horses. Took Leave & parted. Before this about IX Mr. Channing & Lady left us for N. London.
- This Even^e finished extract^e Bruce's Trav. V. 5.¹
3. Waited upon the Vice Presid^t of U. S. Dr. Adams & Lady in T^o on their Way to Boston. N. E. Storm.

¹ Over one hundred and twenty-five pages of the Diary are filled with extracts from Bruce's Travels and maps of his route.

4. Ruth set out this Morn^s for Cambridge to live with her Sister till Fall. Yest^r Mr. Tutor Gay went home lame.

5. Finished Examination of the 4 Classes & Adjudications. Made the Commencement Appointments.

6. Ldsdy. Dr. Wales preached in Chapel all day, without any Interruption from his Disorder, & administered the Sacram^t. Communicants present seven only. I attended A.M. at Fairhaven and heard young Mr. Williston, Joshuas Resolution. After Sermon I baptized Lydia D. of Mr. Thompson. I then administered the Sacrament, phaps 50 or 60 Commun. present: at the Close of the Sacram^t I baptized Mary D. of Capt. Andruss. P.M. I attended at Chapel.

7. VACATION at Coll. Present 112 Undergraduates at Dismission. Attended Deans Exam. 3 Candidates.¹ Sophy sailed for Boston. Dr. Wales assisted me in examining, in perfect Health & of a sound mind.

8. At III½ P.M. set out with my Wife for Hartfd.² Left her at Wethersfield, & proceeded to Hartfd, where

9. Meet^s of the Corpor^a of Coll. all the Fellows present. Interview with the Committee of the Assembly, present Messrs. Mitchel, Miller, Ingersol & Tracy, upon College affairs—esp^r alter^s the Charter & admitt^s Civilians into the Corpor^a. Did nothing.

10. ELECTION. Rev^d Mr. Stone preached, Deut. iv, 5, 6. Gov. Huntington & Lt. Gov. Wolcott. At Dinner about 130 Min^rs & Candidates, the largest Collection known, at Election. P.M. Mr. Simeon Baldwin delivered an Oration in Mr. Strongs Desk to the African Society.

12. Th. 75. Warm. Dined at Mr. Trumbulls as yest^r at Mr. Flynts. Lodged at Br. Ashbels in Windsor.

13. Kept Sabb. at Windsor & preached P.M. for Mr. Hinsdale.

14. Lodged at Bliss's in Wilbraham.

15. Dined at Hitchcocks in Brookfd. Visited the Rev^d Mr. Fisk & Rev^d Mr. Ward.

16. N.E. Storm. Detained at New Braintree.

17. Rode 6 m. to Major Gibbs at Barré, & there found my aged worthy Newp^t Friend Mrs. Moore³ æt. 86. Viewd the Majors Farm in excellent order.

¹ These were, in the order of their success, Isaac Jones, Timothy M. Cooley, Nathaniel King.

² A few items on this journey are inserted from the MS. Itinerary.

³ Mary Moore, by a former marriage the mother of Harding Jones (Yale 1756).

18. Visited Rev. Mr. Dana. Took leave of my aged Friend & Major Gibbs Family at XI & rode to Wyllys 1 m. West of Hardwick Meet^h. & dined. Rev. Mr. Holt abs. on Journey. Rode 8 m. to Dr. Hinds near E. Pelham Meet^h & put up, sun an hour high. Cold, raw weather, Wind N.W.

19. Frost at Pelham last night. Dined at Parsons in Amherst. Rode to Rev. Mr. Hopkins of Hadley & put up with him for the Sabbath.

20. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Mr. Hopkins my old fellow Tutor.

21. Crossed ferry to Northampton. Visited Rev. Mr. W^m. At Ferry saw a little man æt. 24, being 42 Inches high—a Mr. Price, only son of Mr. Ezek. Price of B^o. Crossed the Ferry at Springf^d & lodged at Rev. Mr. Howards. Spent Even^e at Rev. Mr. Howds in Comp^a Col. Worthington, æt. 72, Messrs. Moses Bliss, Hooker, Ely, &c.

22. Visited the Arsenal. Crossed Ferry. Dr. Lathrop rode with me 8 m. to Rev. Mr. Gays where dined & parted. Dr. Lathrop æt. 61, Min. 36. Sal^y £75, & Wood £15 = £90. for Life, w^e would not exch. for £150 to cease on Infirmary & providential Disability.¹

23. Rode 3 m. to West Suff^d to attend Mr. Waldo's² Ordination. The Council associated me, & at the instant Vote of the Chh. then assembled urged me to join in the Ordin^a & to give the Charge. Some Min^{rs} fail^e & all present being young, except Mr. Gay³ who was unwell, they prevailed on me in this sudden manner to give the Charge. Min^{rs} of the Council present 7, Rev. Messrs. Gay, Stebbins, Perkins, Prudden, Storrs, Clinton & myself. Mr. Clinton made first Prayer, after Read^e the Result by Mr. Storrs; Mr. Perkins preached Mat. xxviii, 19, 20: Mr. Prudden pray^e dur^e Imp^o of Hands by Mess. Gay, Perkins, Prudden, Stebbins & myself: Mr. Stebbins Rt. Hand; Mr. Storrs conclud^e Prayer. Other Min^{rs} present not of Council as Rev. Mess^{rs} Judd æt. 70, Atwater, Leonard, Belden, Hawley &c., Tutor Gay & other Candidates. After Ordin^a I rode to Windsor to my Brother Ashbels.

¹ Accordingly, he declined the Yale Professorship of Divinity in 1793.

² Daniel Waldo (Yale 1788), who died in 1864, aged nearly 102 years.

³ Ebenezer Gay was a graduate of Harvard in 1737; Nathan Perkins of Princeton in 1770; Nehemiah Prudden of Yale in 1775. Stephen W. Stebbins in 1781, Richard S. Storrs in 1783, and Isaac Clinton in 1786.

Lodged after spend^s Even^s with great Entertainm^t with Hon. Judge Elsworth fr. Congress & Rev. Mr. Hinsdale.

24. Rode to Hartf^d, & dined at M^r Trumbulls. Visited &c. & Mr. Strong who says Coll. obnoxious to above half the Ministers because Corpor^a don't choose N. Div^y men ; that such men as Mr. Smalley & Dr. Edwds ought to come in—that Mr. Hart lately elected has been 2 or 3 years getting off of New Div^y & has become one on whom they begin not to rely—that Coll. has no friends among the Civilians—they dont trouble themselves &c. only wish to get Gov^t Coll. into their hands—that we chuse N. Div^y Tutors because we can get no other. Rode to Wethersf^d & found my Wife at Mrs. Porters.

25. Left Wethersf^d with my Wife at XI A.M., dined at the Stone House 21 m. fr. N. Haven. The Stelligeri^t intend to have the Corpor^a Y. C. annually chosen by Assembly as the Judges of the Sup^r Court—& have Coll. Int. a Source of parliamenteer^s yearly as all other Offices. Lodged N^o Haven.

26. At noon arrived home & found all well. Deo O. M. Grates.

27. Ldsdy. Attended Dr. Danas Meet^s, all day, & heard him preach

28. Vacation ended & Orders set up at College. . . .

29. Examined & admitted Boardman into the Jun. Class. I rode to Associatⁿ at W. Haven. Uxor ob. 1775.

30. Exam^d & adm. Phelps into Freshman Class.

31. Attended Dr. Edwds Sacr^t Lect. & heard Rev. Cyprian Strong. When I was at Hadly I visited Mr. Russels House where Whaley & Goff lived. Tradition that Whaley buried in Mr. Russels Cellar. They sometimes lived at Mr. Russels, & sometimes at Sq^r Tiltens. Both Houses now standing. I was in the E. Chamber at Mr. R. where the Regicides lived, & saw the Trap Door where they occasionally descended & concealed themselves. . . . Mrs. Porter of Wethf^d æt. 77 tells me that when a Child she alway afraid & run by the supposed grave in the divid^s fence between her Fathers & Sq^r Tiltens. Tradit. buried in Line of fence by agreem^t that it might be said he was buried in neither Lot. Bones of Man were dug up here about 1760. . . .

¹ In another memorandum Dr. Stiles gives the following as members of this Society :—Major Judd, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ingersol, Mr. Daggett, Col. Bradley, Mr. Larned, Mr. Tracy, Z. Swift, Maj. Pumroy, Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Halsey, M^r. Kirby.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUT. OF Y. C.

While at Hartfd^d at Election, I had much Convers^a on the proposal for joyning Civilians to the Corporation, which many are much engaged for. They said if the Corpor^a would only consent to joyne Civilians, *any number*, it would give Satisfaction. In 1777 I was convinced that they meant nothing short of a Majority. But they would never bring it out. They dwelt only on generals; sometimes saying if two or 3, *any number* were joyned, all would go well. But whenever I askd whether any Thing short of an Equality or Majority would give Satisfaction, they either replied nothing or evaded; saying if we would only agree to associate any Civilians, they doubted not all would be settled. I knew otherwise from the first—& knew that this Surrendery could never be carried in the then Corporation—& besides tho' I did not see but that admission of a few Civilians might be done with safety, yet I never could see that this would give radical Satisfaction; & I never could see that it would be wise to give it up to a Majority of Civilians & out of the hands of Ecclesiastics. At this time I determined to investigate the matter thoroughly. All pretended to an open free Conference, & unreserved Communic^a on both sides, the Committee of Assembly & Corporation who were all present at this Interview at Hartfd. And yet I plainly perceived that both were on the Reserve & cautious.

In a distinct Interview at this Election with 3 Gent. separately who have always been deep in the Scheme for bringing in Civilians I pressed them with several investigating Questions.

Mr. M—— had proposed joyning the Gov., L^t. G. & Council, the Speaker of the House, & Chief Just. of the Superior Court to be in all Successions. I started 2 Difficulties. 1. That the Corpor^a might have Causes come before the Sup. Court, in w^c Case, the Judge must be taken off the Bench. 2. As the Gov. & Council were a Court of Errors, if a Cause in w^c Y. C. was a party shd. come up to that Court, the whole must be taken off if of the Corpor^a & so there be no Court to sit on such a Cause. He did not reply to this so as to remove the Difficulty: but said if the Gov. & Council shd. not do, a Board of Civilians (not official Characters) might be appointed. Upon w^c among other Queries, as who shd. fill up the Succession, themselves or Assembly, I asked what Number? He said any Number. I asked if an equal N^o of Civ. & Eccl. would satisfy? He said yes. If a less number? He did not know; but

however if once consented to an Alter^a Things could be easily settled to mutual Satisfaction. I then stated, supposing it shd. be agreed that the Corpor^a shd. consist of two Thirds Ecclesiastics & one Third Civilians, & this be a permanent & fundamental Constitution? I saw in an Instant he hesitated, & said he doubted whether it would give Satisfaction; and that he was sorry the Corpor^a did not shew a Disposition to negotiate upon the matter, as this was a very opportune Time for it.

After this on the same day I spent 2 hours with Mr. S——. We conversed on three modes. 1. Gov. & Council. 2. A distinct Board with a negative on the Corpor^a. 3. Enlargm^t of the number of the Fellows by associating Civilians, & leaving both open to future Elections, so that they might possibly hereafter be all Ecclesiastics, or all Civilians, or always mixt. We canvassed each. Among other Things I again stated that the Corpor^a be permanently fixt one Third Civilians, & $\frac{2}{3}$ Ecclesiastics: & asked if this would satisfy the Assembly & public? And he fully answered, it would not.

The next day Mr. C—— attackt me upon the subject of an Alteration. I went over much the same as with Mr. M. He said he was not solicitous as to the Mode, if Civilians were conjoyned in any form, it would satisfy. I then observed that after hear^s much said on the subject, I was at a loss for Gentlemen's real minds; but that I thot that 2 Modes might give radical Satisfaction, tho' I doubted whether either could be carried thro' the Assembly. 1. The Gov. & Council. He said it would. 2. A Board of Civilians sup^r in N^o or perhaps equal to Ecclesiastics, & this either conjoyned with or distinct from & with a negative on the Eccl. or present Board. He said it would. I then told him I wished to submit to his Judgm^t, whether a Constitution in w^{ch} it shd be fundamental that the Civilians be one Third, the Eccl. Two Thirds, would be acceptable? I instantly perceived him hesitate—then said an Equality would do, but he believed the proposal of $\frac{2}{3}$ & $\frac{1}{3}$ would give Umbrage & excite Jealousies & Fears or apprehension least the Clergy were aiming at a Superiority over the Civilians. I plainly saw his Mind, & his Idea on the public Mind, that noth^s short of Superiority or at least Equality would effect a radical Coalition. In conversing on filling or keeping up the succession in a supposed equal Board, He proposed it shd. be perpetuated in their own Election. I asked whether this could be carried thro' the

Assembly, he hesitated a little & said he did not wish to have the Assembly fill up the Vacancies by their own Election as Vacancies fell; and especially as he knew, that the secret Society of nocturnal Stelligeri (now disgraced) intended to move in the Assembly, if ever Things were ripened so far, that the *whole Corporation* like the Judges of Courts, shd be *annually* appointed & chosen by the Assembly, & would be resolute to carry it, which he by no means approved. But he supposed a Constitution satisfact^r to all parties might be carried thro' the Assembly in such form as shd. be agreed on, & greatly to the Honor & Emolument of the College. Thus I see, that after all the Talk & Negotiat^s noth^s will give radical Satisfaction, but such a Mutilation as is a total Abolition & ⁴Surrendery of the College Constitution, & wresting it out of the Hands of Ministers into the Hands of Civilians. The pursuing the matter any further will necessarily lead us to give Offence to Civilians & increase their Disgust, unless we shd make a Surrendery.

When I came into the Presidency 1777, all the Fellows were of one Mind on this same Question which was then very formally agitated & discussed between a Committee of Assembly & the Corporation. I have lived to see some alterations in old & new Members. I have lived to see a time when could the matter be ripened & prepared & fairly laid before the Fellows *without endangering the whole*, & their Opinion or Vote taken on the Reception or Rejection of a New Charter permanently establishing Two Thirds & One Third as before, it would be accepted by a Majority of the Body, perhaps 7 out of 11. But they all fear least we shd be carried too far. And as far as I know or can judge on their Sentiments, for all are cautious, on a Charter of Equality or Superiority of Civilians, I believe all would concur in *not* receiving it, at most two would accept it perhaps, & yet I very much doubt whether more than one, & he reluctantly—& these two would not vote it if they found the rest of their Brethren against it. It would assuredly come to this, which would disgust the Assembly & public. This the Corpor^a have no Desire to do, tho' they have no pecuniary Expectations from the Assembly, which would never do much in money matters or giving Funds or endow^s Professorships, even if the College was altered to their Minds. They would make the Scholars support the Instructors.

Civilians I doubt not would rule the College well, & so do Ecclesiastics. Three Qu^{rs} of the Clergy & more are fond of its

present Constitution. And yet the $\frac{2}{3}$ & $\frac{1}{3}$ would in my Opin. have so effect^y secured it, that would such an alteration have really sweetned & calmed the incessant Complaints of the public, I shd have concurred & believe it would have succeeded. But as fr. the begin^s I foresaw that this could not be effected and that if effected, would yet give no Satisfaction; I was always therefore fr. the begin^s averse & reluctant against tak^s up & agitat^s the Question, & wished it might never come up in my day. I promised Fidelity to the Constitution of the College at my first accession: and however light & easy it may be with unprincipled Politicians to sell, alter & destroy the fundamental Constitutions of well formed Societies for supposed better Forms, yet I never could bring my Mind to feel easy in enterprizing the Ruin & Eversion of so wise & excellent a Constit. as that of Yale College, for no other Reason than that it is in the Hands of sensible pious and learned Ecclesiastics, however disgustful to Civilians esp^y to those of a deistical Turn, or who however firm Revelationists have imbibed under the Idea of liberal Sentiments principles in Law, Polity & Gov^t which endanger the Loss of all Religion, esp^y Congregationalism, from the civil State. As a Friend to the Chhs & Pastors, to the Cause that brought our pious Ancestors to America, as a Friend to Virtue & Literature, I am decidedly now, as I have been from the Beginning, for Adherence to the present Charter. It is and doubtless always will be the only Amer. College in the Hands of Ecclesiastics. If well conducted, it may exhibit a noble Example & be a stand^s Monument & Proof, that Ecclesiastics can conduct an Institution for the highest Literature, with a Success & Glory equal to the other Sister Colleges, tho' all governed by a Mixture of Civilians & Ecclesiastics.

I am apprehensive that the Civilians or Committee will joyn with their Report to this Assembly, the Recommend^a of a Junction of the Gov. & Council with the Corporation either with or without a Negative; and address this offer to the Corpor^a for their Concurrency or Rejection. I should be sorry to be embarrassed with such an Address. I foresee we shall be entangled & at great Difficulty. A Rejection would be converted into Obloquy against the College & increase the Offence & Disgust of the Civilians; & an Adoption will not only wrest the College out of the Hands of Ecclesiastics, but bring the deistical & mixt Characters hereafter ascend^s into the Council to such a Controll & Influence in this Institution as to

neutralize & gradually to annihilate the Religion of the College, & so to lower down & mutilate the Course of Education, & model it to the Taste of the Age, as that in a few years we shall make no better Scholars than the other Colleges, or the Univ. of Oxford & Cambridge. May that superintend^r Provid. w^c has watched over the College hitherto continue its guardian & Protector. Bnt I rather anticipate disagreeable Consequences from these pressing & insidious Negotiations for an Alterⁿ of the College Constitution.

If a Board of Civilians (not Gov. & Council) shd be proposed, I forse^e 2 Things. 1. That there will be an uncomfortable Struggle for a Mixture constitutionally of Cong., Baptists, Episcopalians, Separatists, and those who under the Idea of Catholicism will be neutrals, Deists, Indifferentists. 2. That with respect to this Board, no religious Tests must be admitted, not so much as whether they are Revelationists, & the Door must be kept open for Deists & Enemies to all Sects of Xtians. 3. That this will produce an Effort for the Abolition to the present religious Test & Subscription as a qualificⁿ for the ecclesiastical Branch. The same for qualifying Tutors, Presid^{ts} & Professors as well as Fellows. In short the Religion & that good Order w^c arises from the Religion of the original Institution must be laid prostrate. This would be justly grievous to the 160 Ministers of the State; & excite them to set up a voluntary independ^t Institution for the Educⁿ of Ministers in the learned Languages, the Sciences & Theology. And their Assiduity would make such an Institution, tho' indigent, of higher Reputⁿ for real Scholarship & Security of Morals than the proposed one by Civilians, unless there shd be Security that future Civilians would be like their Predecessors of the last Century in N. Engl^d, cordial Friends to *Religion* as well as *Learn^g*, which is no longer to be expected in these States, under the Example of Congress & all the present Assemblies of the States, in which there is such a mixture of, not only diff. Sects, but even Debauchees, Deists & Infidels.

June

1. March last Mr. Wilberforce advocated a Bill in Parl^t for total abolition of Slavery—amended *gradual* Abolition—passed above 150 Majority. Wonderful. Lately an Insurrect. of 6 or 700 Negros in Virginia East Shore. Where will this end. In Scotl^d, Engl^d, France & the U. S. an increas^d Conviction of the Injustice of the Slave Trade, & a Wish for grad. Abolition of Slavery . . .

2. Last Even^s I was visited by the Hon. James Hillhouse, Member of Congress & Treasurer of the College, the Hon. James Davenport of the Council & Major Davenport of the lower House of Assembly just return^d fr. the Assembly.¹ Mr. Hillh. presented me with Copies of the Report of the Committee & Act of Assembly past May 31. In which the Assembly give to Yale Coll. certain Arrears of Taxes to be paid in Paper, estimated to neat to College 8 or 9000, perhaps 10 or £12,000: on condition the Corpor^a associate 8 Civilians, viz. Gov., Lt. G. & 6 Senior Councillors whose Succession is to be kept up in the Election of the pple, continu^s the Succession of the old Corpor^a in their own Election without the Concurrence of Civilians—in all other Matters in the Gov^t of the Coll. the Civilians & Ecclesiastics to be one consolidated Body by the Name of the Presid^t & Fellows as formerly: no Abolition of the former Charter or Constitution, the Act being entitled “for Enlarging the Powers & increasing the Funds of Yale College.” Conditioned further that this be accepted by the present Corpor^a within a year. This is a grand & liberal Don^a & a noble Condescension, beyond all Expectation! Especially that the Civilians shd acquiesce in being a Minority in the Corporation. *It will do*; and will be finally adopted & closed with. The Original Institution, the Religion of the College, & the preserv^a of it in the hands of Ecclesiastics (if there shd ever be a Conflict, w^o I pray God there never may be) will be all secured. I have doubted whether a Third, or any Minority, any thing short of a Plurality & controll^s Majority of Civilians, would give general Satisfaction. But the Assembly were so fully & cordially in the measure, that I think it will settle & conciliate all the Opponents of College, except among the Ministers; & I rather think they will generally acquiesce & think it wise to accept the Overture, w^o certainly on the part of the Gen. Assembly is liberal, generous, & condescending. The College will hereby always have a Majority of the Upper House in their Friendship, & leave six Members as a Court of Appeals on College cases. The Clergy will have a particular & special Reason now to preach up for & recommend the Election of religious & undeistical Counsellors; & tho’ now & then an unprincipled Character may get into the Council, he may be hunted down in a future Election. It may be mutually beneficial by preserv^s

¹ These gentlemen were all Yale graduates:—James Hillhouse, 1773; James Davenport, 1777; John Davenport, 1770.

a religious Magistracy & a more catholic Clergy. It will unite Moses & Aaron. It will extinguish the Jealousy of the Civilians towards the Clergy; and promote a friendly Disposition towards College throughout the State. But how the Corpor^a will view the Matter, must be left to futurity. I can foresee in the Issue that a Majority will risque an Accept^a even if the Clergy shd be reluctant, w^c I rather think they will not be since the Civilians content themselves with a Minority in the Institution, & they can foresee there will ever be a prevail^e Interest for Religion & Learn^e.

3. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Fair Haven & heard Mr. Coles a candidate preach a new Div^r Sermon with great Confidence tho' only Jun. Bachelor of Arts. I administered the Sacram^t to that Chh. P.M. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr. Wales who preached there all day: he performed without interruption . . . No Sacram^t at Chapel. About 50 Scholars present.

4. Committee of the Corpor^a, Dr. Good. & Mr. Hunt. met.

5. Hon. Mr. Hillh. laid before the Committee the Report &c. and Act of Assembly last Week for add^e 8 Civilians to the Corpor^a of the College, with a Grant of certain Arrears of public Taxes estimated to neat to College Ten Thous^d pounds, for build^e a new Coll. Edifice & Funds for Professorships. The Committee concluded and agreed to convene the Body, appointed 26th Inst. & wrote circular Letters to the Fellows.

6. Read^a Robertsons Antiquities of India.

7. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

8. My son Isaac sailed from N. York 30th May in the Brig Nancy, 140 Tons, Capt. Greene, as Steward, 25 pple, for Falkland Islds, thence round C. Horn & the Western Side of America, to Nootka Sound, and thence to Canton in the East Indies. And so to return expecting a two years Voyage. May a gracious Provid. protect them.

10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Wales preach all day without Interruption. . . Reading Dionysius Areopagita.

11. Disput^a Sen. Class. Finished Chapel Stair Case.¹ . . .

12. Disput^a Seniors. Mak^e up Qu^r Bills. Dr. Wales last Even^e seized with fits.

13. Quaker day Exercises, Orations, &c. Dr. W. D^o.

14. I gave a Lect. on the Astron^r of Comets. Dr. W. better. Yesterday Mr. Woodw^d ordained at Farmingbury. The Ordin^a

¹ Apparently the interior of the Chapel had never been thoroughly finished.

Council conversed on the Overture to College, & were of diff. Opin. as to accept^s it. The Delegates all for it.

- 15. Dr. W. furious & raving.
- 16. Dr. W. as yesterday, unless thro' an opiate disposed to stillness.
- 17. Ldsdy. Dr. Dwight preached in Chapel all day fr. 2 Tim. i, 10. I preached at the Plains, administered the Lds. Supper to about 30 Communicants, & baptized two children, viz. Asa, Son of Asa Gilbert & his Wife, Hervy son of Amos Basset & Hannah his Wife. Mr. Allen preached in the Afternoon.
- 18. Disput^a. Exam^s Theses. Dr. Wales stupid.
- 19. Disput^a. Dr. W. raging. Gen. Assoc. at Waterb^y.
- 20. This Aft. Dr. W. better, his Turn going off. An excessively hot day: Fahr. Therm. 98 in N. shade this Aft.
- 21. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Dr. Wales attended in Chapel. Wonderful! Rev^d Mr. Kenné returned fr. Gen. Assoc. 22 Ministers present being all the Delegates from the 11 Associations in this State. Two Members of the Corpor^a present, viz. Mess. Ely & N. W^m. They gave their Opin. (3 excepted) for the Corporation's clos^s with the Overture of the Assembly, & a Junction of 8 Civilians. Three Associations gave their Opin. for it—hav^s heard of it before their Session. Some Associations sat before the Act of Assembly was passed or known.

PASTORS PRESENT AT THE GEN. ASSOCIATION AT WATERB^y
18 JUNE 1792

Rev. Mark Leavenworth, æt. 73, Mod ^r N. Haven W. for		
Rev. Cyprian Strong, Scribe, Hartfd S. for		
Rev ^d Judah Champion doubtf.	} Litchfd Ass ^o	Aaron Kinne
Mr. Waterman agt.		Mr. Hale agt.
Mr. Lathrop for	} Tolland	Achilles Mansf ^d for
Nathan W ^m		Elijah Parsons for
Mr. Fowler agt.	} N. Haven. E.	Zebulon Ely doubtf. for
James Noyes for		
Jon ^a Edw ^{ds} for	} N. H. W.	Mr. Gridley
Mr. Gaylord	} Hartf ^d S ^o	Mathias Burnet for
W ^m Robinson for,		strong	Isaac Lewis for, decided
Theodore Hinsdale for	} Hartf ^d N.	David Ely
		Tim ^o Langdon for

24. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel. Rev. Mr. Bray preached all day A.M. 1 Pet. i, 12. P.M. Exod. xv, 2. Dr. W. attended also

good state of Coll. as to be ready to recommend an ample Endowm^t even without any addition of Civilians. But in this state of their feelings they were disposed to risque & propose one plan, & adventured the present Offer, hoping & wish^s it might conciliate all parties. The Enemies of Coll. & to this plan, (not numerous), wished we might reject it ; that this might excite a Resentm^t thro' the State & turn this very Don^a of 9 or £10,000 to build^e another College under the Gov^t of libertine, Deistical & duped Civilians. But the main Body of the Assembly were ready for Amnesty & an honourable & respectful Coalition & Harmony. The Corpor^a consider^s these public Ideas & the prepar^a of the pub. mind, after an Irritation of 50 years or half a century, for Pacific^a & Harmony; judged that there was no prospect perhaps for another Century¹ that the Civilians would feel disposed to try another Demand upon the Corpor^a for augment^s the N^o of Civilians into a Majority—& that before that Time probably Moses & Aaron would be so cemented, harmonized & connected & consolidated in Union, that the very Civilians themselves would not be disposed to enterprize such a project: that on the whole the Prospect was that this Proportion of Civilians & Min^{rs} would be lasting—and that as the latter have the Majority & power of self-perpetuation, it must be their own Unfaithfulness if Religion and every sacerdotal Interest shd not be permanently secured. Thereupon they felt satisfied that all the religious & important Ends of the primary Institution might be preserved & perhaps perpetuated on the present plan ; & so became willing to adopt it. Upon the whole, it was the opinion of the Corpor^a not only that it was safe & best to adopt it, but that it was expedient to coalesce & adopt it now, without *Negotiation or Procrastination*. It was feared that Procrastin^a would give the Enemies opportunity to excite Ferments, Animosities & Jealousies, give occasion to Friends to become cool by Delay, & perhaps but lay a found^a for loosing all, or shd we finally accept it, yet an Accept^a might meet a dissatisfied & alienated public. Whereas, as this was their own offer, & a generous Offer, & the public in the moment of a sweetned state, after a long Disgust, & Conflict, it was of Import^a by an immediate Reception to prevent on our part uncomfort^a Consequences. Therefore they accepted it.

I am of Opin. that President Clap, & our Predecessors in the

¹ The only change since made is that in 1871 six Alumni of the College were substituted for the six Assistants.

Corpor^s if now living, with all their Ideas & Attachm^t to the original Constitution, would have accepted it. I hope this Work is of God, & that it may be considered as the marvellous Disposal of his Providenc^e who has the Command of all Hearts. It was most unexpected to me, that there could possibly have been effected such a Change on the Minds of the general Assembly & public, & such Condescensions & Liberality in their Offers. And I can ascribe it to none but him who turns the Hearts of men as the Rivers of Waters are turned & can make even Nations willing in a Day. How long this apparent good Humour in the public may last, we know not. I rejoyce in the present good Prospect, & desire to leave Futurity to the Supreme Disposer of Events : being satisfied with having acted rightly & wisely on the present Occasion.

I anticipate that this will bring forward Professors obnoxious to me, & who will at length enterprize Mischief to me personally. But I commend myself & the College to the Father of Wisdom, & desire to leave my all with him ; satisfied that he will do right, whatever Mortifications & Disappointments in Providence may be in Reserve for me : and that the Affairs of College, as a religious & literary Institution, will be well superintended.

At this time the State of the Numbers of the Clergy of all Denom. in Connect. is this :

Congreg ^s Pastors	168	Regular Congregationalists
	9	Separates but Pædobapt.
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	177	Ministers
Bapt. D ^o .	21	
Episc ^o D ^o .	16	
Sandem ^s	1	
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Tot.	215	Ministers ord. & actually in office

Of the 168 we have certain Inform^s concern^d 72 that the Opinions of 61 are for Acceptance & 11 against it. These 72 comprehend the principal & most influential Characters. From our Knowledge of the others we have no doubt but that 41 would be for it. This makes 102 out of 168 for. We are in the same manner satisfied, tho' not certain, of 34 more for ; mak^s a Total of 136 for Accept^s out of 168. And when we look over the List of the Residue, we easily see the Acquiescence & perhaps Approb^s of the most of them. Indeed we have no reason to think the Thing will labor with more

than ten or a dozen, nor finally upon further Inform^a with more than 5 or six. So I rely upon the general Approb^a of the Clergy of our Denomination, whether New or Old Div^y. So many of the lead^a Characters of New Div^y are for accept^a & vigorous, that the rest will follow. Indeed New & Old Div^y is not much in this Question, as the New expect by this Means to get in New Div^y Professors, & finally the President & ultimate Controll of College, and this rather sooner than if it went on in the old way. The New Div^y Gent. wh. are about 58 or 60 out of 168, count upon a final Absorption of College into their Hands, as they say they are already half the Ministers & have all the Candidates. But they are impatient & do not love to wait so long, & think the Event may be accelerated by this Junction.

The Episc^o are also divided, tho' I suspect a plurality wished us to reject; that, in a new Coll. they might come in for a greater share than in Yale College.

The Separates & Baptists I suspect leave the Thing as feeling not much interested in it: not but that they would heartily joyn a numerous & vigorous Opposition to College.

PASTORS IN ACTUAL OFFICE JUNE 26, 1792.

	Pastors	E	B	N. Divin ^r	
Hartfd. Co. . . .	27	1	2	7	
N. Haven	25	3	0	10	
N. Lond.	17	2	12	13	5 Sepa ^a
Fairf ^d	24	5	3	7	1 Sand.
Windh.	22	1	1	8	2 Sep.
Litchf ^d	29	2	0	20	
Middlesex	15	1	2	9	2 Sep.
Tolland	9	1	1	4	
	<u>168</u>	<u>+</u> 16	<u>+</u> 21	(58)	<u>+</u> 10 = 215 Min ^a

- Gov^r Huntington
- Lt. Gov. Wolcott
- Col. W^m W^m
- Benj^a Huntington, Esq.
- Joseph Platt Cook, Esq.
- Stephen Mix Mitchel, Esq.
- W^m Hilhouse, Esq.
- Jn^o Treadwell, Esq.
- James Davenport^l Esq.
- Gen. Newbury
- Gen. Swift
- Gen. Chandler
- Jon^a Ingersol, Esq.

11 Councillors
Mr. Reeve declined last May.

The present 6 Senior Assistants are all Men of Religion & Friends to the Interests of the Chhs as well as to Literature, & all but 2 Gent. of Academic Education and all but one really Men of Scientific Acquisitions as well as good political Information. They are all Pillars. Who may succede we know not, as Deists are intriguing themselves into political popularity; and some are rising in the Train of Nomination & so in rode of Ascent into the Council, who are of deistical or dubious characters, or of a Catholism to the Extent of Indifferentism & total Loss of all Affection for any particular Sect or even Revel^a itself. But I will believe the Inhab. of this State are not so far gone in Indifferentism, but that they may be waked up to elect a *religious* as well as otherwise well informed Magistracy; especially if the Ministers of the Gen. & particular Associations should exert themselves properly in the Nominations & annual Elections. Indeed this Union of Moses & Aaron, will I conceive tend to the securing a religious Magistracy in this State however lost in Congress & the Legislatures of the Southern States. And however a Junto of Stelligeri & Free Thinkers in this State are attempting a Subversion of our Religion & Morals, & making us as liberal & deistical as some other States in the Union, yet I trust & hope God hath better things in reserve for us, & will preserve us a Christian & holy People as well as a people of Literature.¹

STATE OF COLLEGE FUNDS & REVENUES

£2500	Deferred Stock @ 12/	£1500
600	Treasurers Hand including £100 } of 4 appropriated Donations }	600
500	Dr. Lathrops	500
336.14	Dr. Lockwoods	336.14
<u>£3936</u>		<u>£2936. 14. 0</u>
Dean Berkleys ann. Rent	£37. 16. 8	
Dr. Salters Heb. do.	20. 0. 0	
	<u>57. 16. 8</u>	
Ann. Rent of Farms	225	
Amo ^t ann. Rents	£282. 16. 8	
Funds £2936. Int. say now £180. & will be £60. more 1801		
Ann. Rents	282.	
Amo ^t 4 Qu ^r Bills ann ^y say	750.	
	<u>£1212. 16. 8.</u>	

¹ Two leaves have here been torn out of the manuscript.

So the present Incomes of College at this Union £1200 per ann. implying the Value of a Fund of £20,000: to which the Assembly add say £10,000.

30. Silk worms wound up in Coçoons. And the Rye Harvest is begun to be cut down. Dr. W. disordered.

July

1. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev. Mr. Ely all day. A.M. Rom. iv, 25. P.M. Gal. ii, 21. He administered the Sac^r. 13 Commun. present.

2. Seniors began Paleys Moral Philosophy. Sent Lett. & Vote of Accept^a &c. to Col. W^m & Mr. Benj. Huntington by Mrs. Beers and to Mr. Hillhouse of Montville.

3. Capt. Nathan. Penfield this day brought me a Packet from Mr. Jn^o Mare of Edenton N^o Car^o dated May 10, 1792, with my Son Ezra's Diploma 1778, and a paper of my Sons known Hand Writing. He died and was buried at Mr. Rogers Aug. 22. 1784. I sent a Stone last year¹ to be deposited over his Grave. Mr. Mare had his Corps taken up & removed near eight years after, and deposited April 28, 1792 in S^t Paul's Parish Chh. Yard in Edenton, when the TombStone I sent was laid over his Grave there, with this Inscription.

H. S. J.
 Exuviae mortales
 Ezrae Stiles Arm. J C.
 De Westmonast. Reip. Viridimontanæ ;
 Qui
 Novo-Portu Reip. Rhod. natus 1759.
 In Coll. Yal. et Harv. Literis
 humanioribus cum esset imbutus
 Graduque A. M. exornatus,
 Juris Legumque Studiis se dedidit
 Juridicus extitit
 Et Causis in Foro dicendis
 Facundus Orator :
 E Fratribus Architectonicis unus :
 Itinere ille Carol. Bor. petendo
 Hic ad 10 ab Edentonia lapidem
 Morbo correptus fuit ;
 Eodemque diebus quinque laborans
 Subita demum fuit

¹ Among Dr. Stiles's papers is a receipt of Rebecca Gill for fifteen dollars in payment for this tombstone, dated at New Haven, June 28, 1790.

Et immaturâ morte peremptus
 Aug. 22, 1784. Æt. 26.
 Uxorem binasque Filiolas amandas
 Superstites orbatasque reliquit.
 Pater ejus
 Ezra Stiles S. T. D. Coll. Val. Præses
 Hoc Saxum
 Memoriale simul atque lugubre
 In Sepulchrum Filij denati
 Deponi curavit.

5. I gave a Lect. on Moral Phil. Mr. Coe a Candidate under a Call to Stamford¹ & Mrs. Davenport² visited us yesterday.

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Mr. Coe Mark xvi, 15. P.M. Dr. Dana Acts vii, 4. Dr. Wales present all day. . .

9. Omitted Disput^a. Rec^d Lett. from Cambridge. The Corpor^a of Harv. Coll. have made choice of the Rev. Mr. Tappan of Newbury for Professor of Div^y in the Room of the Rev^d Dr. Wigglesworth the Emeritus Professor who resigned last year, on acco^t of long Weakness & Infirmary, and retired on a Pension of £100 per ann. for Life. He is æt. 62 cir. & Mr. Tappan æt. 40 circa. The Overseers will approve.

10. Waited on a number of French Gent. & Ladies from Hispanola & W. Ind. come to settle here from the Tumults & Confusions in the French Islds.

11. The French & Austrian Armies are come to open War & Battle in Flanders 29 Apr. & May last—wherein the French Forces were defeated. The prospect is a bloody War, in the Cause of Gallican & European Liberty. Yesterday I sent a pair of Globes, Terrest. & Cœlest., to Col. Jn^o Malbone of Newp^t Rhd. Isld. Sen^{rs} began Presid^t Claps Ethics.

12. Whitney of the Sen. Class delivered a Funeral Oration upon his Classmate Grant, who died in Georgia last spring. He was the fourth that has died out of that Class. The Oration was well delivered, & publickly in Chapel.³

13. I find that the Old Corpor^a and their Successors have the Election of the President & Professor of Div^y, still, in the Opinion

¹ Jonas Coe (B. A. Rutgers Coll. 1789) declined the call to Stamford, and was settled in Troy, N. Y., in 1793.

³ This oration, by Eli Whitney, on Robert Grant, who died at Savannah in March, 1792, was afterwards published.

of some. I do not see how they have exclusive Election of the Professor of Div^y, any more than Tutors, Stew^d & other Professors. But as to the Presid^t this may be considered—that he being ex officio a Fellow, & one of the 11 of the old Corpor^a; & it being stipulated in the late Act, that the filling up all Vacancies in the succession of the old Corpor^a & the Presid^t being known as a Fellow in the old Corpor^a, it shd seem that the Election of that Fellow is in the old Corpor^a as well as the other eccles. Fellows. Now if the Election of the Presid^t is in the new conjoyned Board, they with 2 others may possibly obtrude a Fellow into the new Corpor^a as successor in the old Corpor^a contrary to the minds of a Majority of the old—in w^c Case the old as old would not be possessed of as full power of fill^g up their Succession by Charter as before this Act, w^c would contradict the Act w^c stipulates that the succession of the Old Corpor^a shd be filled up as if this Act had never past. If the Pres^t was not to be a fellow, the Elect. of him would be in the United Board the same as the Elect. of Professors & Tutors. Shd. it be said, as is said, that the Presid^t is to be considered not only as a fellow but an Officer of Instruction, in w^c it was intended that all the united Board should act in his Election: it may be replied, no other Officer of Instruct. is ex officio fellow, and if the Exercise of the Right of Election upon him as an Officer of Instruct. shd operate to annihilating the power of the old Corpor^a in filling up their Succession, even in a single Instance, this subsequent Act of Assembly ought to be construed to operate in such a manner as to establish the declared Intention of the Assembly in perpetuat^e the Election of every single fellow successor of the old Corpor^a in the old Board exclusively. Now if the New Board elect the Presid^t the Elect. of one successor of the old Board is lost. How this will be determined must be left till after I have done with the Body. The Civilians I believe will either insist upon it, or so acquiesce in the Appointm^t of the next Presid^t as to leave it problematical & undetermined, but not give up their Claim. And it will be hereafter said by Tradition that at the Time of passing the Act it was the Understand^g & Intention of the Civilians that they shd be concerned in the Elect. of the Presid^t as well as other Officers of executive Gov^t & Instruction. The Act was accepted as it was worded; & it was worded “that in case of any Vacancy by Death Resign^t or in any other Way of any of the present Fellows of s^d College & their successors, every such Vacancy shall forever hereafter be sup-

plied by them & their successors by Election, in the same manner, as tho' this Act had never passed."—referring in the preceed^s sentence to "the Charter," accord^s to which this filling up must be made.

14. The Nativity of my first wife 1731. A Vac^y in the fellowship, for all fellows (except the Presid^t) may be made by Death or Resign^a & no other Way; but a Vacancy in the fellowship of the Presid^y may be made by Death, Resign^a or *some other Way* as by Misdemeanour. Now it shd seem that the Act by adopt^s the Diction any *other way*, w^o could alone allude to the Vacancy of a President Fellow, secures however unintentionally, the fill^s up of *his* Vacancy in the Election of the old Body & their Successors. But this will require & receive a critical Discussion.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard the Rev^d Mr. Pitkin one of the Fellows all day on Rom. xii, 1. He preached excellently. Dr. Wales present . . . Read^s Dionys. on the Nine Orders of the Celest. Hierarchy & exam^s Scripture Texts illustrative of this Hierarchy.

16. Finished Paley's Mor. Phil. and bid Farewel to the Senior Class. I find I was mistaken—inspect^s the Coll. Charter 1745 it appears that any Fellow may be removed & displaced—"Elect & appoint a Presid^t or Fellow in the Room & place of any Presid^t or Fellow who shall die, resign or be removed from his Office, Place or Trust; whom the s^d Gov. & Comp^a hereby declare for any Misdemeanour, Unfaithfulness, Default or Incapacity shall be removable by the Presid^t & Fellows of s^d College six of them at least concurring in s^d act.—" The Presid^t however being a Fellow ex officio, must have a succession not only as Presid^t but as Fellow—& if a Fellow why not his Vacancy be filled up by the present Fellows? I find it was the Intention of the Framers of this Act that the Presid^t shd. be elected by the joynt Board. But have they not so expressed the matter as to defeat their own Intention, by expressly leav^s the fill^s up the Succession of the present Fellows with them & their Successors, as if this Act had never passed?

17. I delivered the Diploma Examinatorium in the Library. The Examina^a of the Candidates for Commencem^t began this day.

18. Presentation of 33 Candidates to the President in the Library by 14 Examiners. Commenc^t at Cambridge.

19. Lect. on Mor. Phil. Dr. W. well.

20. Sent authenticated Vote of the Corpor^a 26 ult. accepting the Act of Assembly, written on Parchm^t & sealed with the public Seal

of the College. Sent it by Hon. Treas^r Hillhouse to Hon. Sec^r Wyllys at Hartfd. for Record. Rec^d 4 Vol. of Mor. & Phil. Essays on Man fr. Sir Jno. Temple of N. York.

21. Read^s Sir John's Books. Yesterday I finished on a sheet of paper an emblematical View of the *Intellectual World*. A Glory in the Center inscribed יהוה^h, surrounded with 3 Ternaries or Nine concentrical Circles, denoting the Nine Orders of Angels about the Throne, or the Angelic Hierarchy at the Head of the Universe; which, with the Deity in Supremacy, may be the Ten Saphiroth of the Hebrew Caballists. The number, names & arrangem^t of these Dionysius the Areopagite received from the Mouth of St. Paul

These are pure Spirits. They are succeeded by the innumerable Systems of the material & stellary Universe peopled or inhabited with embodied Minds. These embodied & unembodied Minds in one general & collective Assemblage constitute the *ro IAN* or Intellectual World, or Beings capable of the Knowledge of the Trinity at the Summit of all Things. . .

22. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Foot of Cheshire all day. . .

23. I find I first conceived this Emblem of the Univ. Dec. 29, 1766. About 1770 I draughted it on a Sheet. . . Inserted on my Picture finished Aug. 1, 1771. Aug. 17, 1773, I made an Icon for a Seal but without the Ternaries, yet in all the 3 hair strokes pointing to a Trinity. In 1771 I bo't. Dionysius Areop^s from whom I first learned the nine Orders or 3 Ternaries of the celestial Hierarchy. . .

24. Dr. W. in a gloomy State.

28. Finished an Oration begun 4th Inst.

29. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel, Rev. Mr. Lockwood preached A.M. 1 Jno. i, 7, an ingenious Sermon on the Trinity. P.M. Isai. lxiii, 1. Dr. W. present & propounded 3 Scholars for admission into the College Chh., viz., Washburn, Dow, & Thatcher.

31. Mr. Tutor Gay taken sick. I agreed with Sir Backus¹ to take a school at N York, Sal^y £200. Sup^r Court sitting in T^o.

¹ DeLucena Backus, who graduated this year at the head of his Class, was born in Windham, Conn., in 1773, the son of Ebenezer Backus. He did not accept this offer, but spent some months teaching in Virginia, and in the Spring of 1793 went to France for his health. On his return a year later, the vessel put in at the West Indies, where he caught the yellow fever and died.

Aug.

1. Dr. Wales crazy, & distracted. Mr. Gay very ill.
2. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Dr. W. raving. Mr. Gay D^o.
3. Mr. Gay very dangerous & doubtful.
4. Mr Gay better. Just before sunset his Father & M^o arrived.
5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev. Mr. Williston all day. A.M. 1 Jn^o v. 20. —This is the true G^d & eternal Life. After Sermon I admitted 2 Sen. Soph. Daniel Dow and Jos. Washburn, & 1 Sophimore, Stephen Thatcher into full Commun. in the Coll. Chh. I baptized Dan^l Dow at the same time. Then I administered the Sacrament of the Lds Supper, Communicants present 15. D^r W. & Mr. Williston declined administering. P.M. Luke—one Thing needful. D^r Wales present all day, but pformed no part in the Service.
6. I rode to Northfd., Rev. Mr. Noyes.
7. I met the Committee at Durham on Coll. affairs.
8. Returned to College.
9. No Lect. Dined with the Judges of Sup. Court, in comp^a with Hon. Ædanus Burk Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in S^o Car^o & spent the whole Aft. with him in the Coll. Lib^y. He is a Man of Science.
11. Rev^d Mr. Hitchcock arrived here from Sunbury in Georgia, and Copeland Stiles Esq. & Family from Bermuda & Turks Islds.
12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr. Hitchcock all day. . . . D^r W. absent.
13. This day D^r Æneas Munson of this city shewed me a Piece of malleable whitish Metal, which he himself made within a Month past. It was fixt Mercury, the first I ever saw.
15. D^r W. yesterday & today furious & dangerous. We had a Consult^a this day at Mr. Goodrichs on confin^e D^r Wales.
16. Another Consult^a in the Library on D^r Wales—present the Mayor of the City, D^r Hubbard, Mess^{rs} Jones, Goodrich, the Tutors & myself. Doubted the Expedience of Confinm^t for the present tho' D^r W. is still violent & dangerous. No Lecture, least he shd come to College as he did yesterday.
17. Mr. Stiles & Lady &c dined with me.
18. Finished committing Orat. to memory.
19. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Trumbul. . . Dr. W. present & had a Fit in the Pulpit. P.M. I preached at Dr. Edwds.

20. I rode to North Haven.

21. D^r Wales well. I with the Tutors spent an agreeable Even^g with him at his House ; which have scarcely done before this Summer. Mrs. Wales visited abroad this afternoon, for the first time this Summer, hav^g been confined chiefly on the Doctors account.

23. Ecc. Hist. Lect. Present Dr. Wales, well.

26. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Beebe preach all day. . . Dr. Wales pr. & well. I read the Test^a of Levi in Test^a of XII Patriarchs in Fabricius.

27. Wrote Letters to Cambridge. Heard fr. Isaac at sea half way to Falkl^d Islds.

30. Dr. Wales gave a Div^y Lecture, 1^h & 12['] in Sermon. . . .

D^r Æneas Munson shewed me another piece of Mercury which he had, fixt indeed, but not malleable. He told me that Capt. Phipps last year was shown the Exper^t at Savanna by a D^r Prentice thus—Phipps melted Lead, & when so far cold as to begin to grow hard, but while yet hot, he Phipps poured upon the congeal^d Lead, Mercury, w^o thus became fixt by the fumes of Lead. The D^r then told him to melt the fixt substance, & gave him a small portion of grey Powder abot a pinch of Snuff, w^o Phipps took & cast on the Metal or Mercury in Fusion, & it coold & fixt. The D^r told him, it would break in hammering, unless &c, & gave Phips some corrosive sublimate. He melted it again, cast on the sublimate, & it then became malleable. Another Man told D^r Munson, he himself had by D^r Prentices Direction treated four Ounces of Mercury in the same manner, & made it also pfect Silver with the Loss of a few Grains only. This D^r Prentice was son of a D^r Prentice of Roxb^y near Boston, was in New Haven at session of Assembly Oct. 1791, æt. 30, had been cropt, & had been in Symsb^y Mines or Newgate. D^r Munson did not see him but his son did. D^r Prentice associated with Major Prentice of this City, but no Relation ; but the Major says he is a shrewd Fellow. He had made the Tour of Europe : and pretty freely & openly makes Projection, & says he cares Nothing for Money.

Sept.

2. Ldsdy. The Rev^d Mr. Hitchcock preached at Chapel all day. He administered the Sacram^t, present 13 communicants. I attended A.M. at Fair Haven & administered the Sacram^t and P.M. I attended at Chapel. . . .

3. Dr. W. chequered—burn^s flies & ashes.
4. Writing Lett. to Isaac—Falkld Islds.
5. Sold 23 Acres of Land at N^o Haven for £ 125.
6. Began the pub. Examin^a of the Classes.
7. Began Exam. Hebrew Class. Judge Marchant came.
9. Ldsdy. Mr. Miller preached A.M. & Mr. Whitney P.M.
Dr. W. present well.
10. Prepar^a for Commenc^t.
11. Examin^s Freshmen.

At II P.M. the new united Corpor^a sat in the Coll. Library. . . . The Act of Assembly in May last was read. The Question on Order & Rank was read. After consider^a Discussion it was 1. declared to be the Unanimous Opinion that of the present united Body of the Fellows, in case of Absence of the President the Senior Fellow accord^s to Charter shd preside, & that D^r Williams was the present Senior Fellow; and that for ascertain^s the Sen. Fellow at all times in future, as in all past times the Seniority shall be fixt accord^s to the Time of Election or Accession into the Body—& this in future to take place both with respect to Civilians & Ecclesiastics. 2. It was agreed that the Rank & Order in Processions, Sittings at the Board & Signatures of Diplomas, the Civilians should neither succede nor precede the Ecclesiastics, but that they should be mixt. Several Modes of Intermixture were proposed. It was however fully agreed

3. That the President shd walk singly in the Procession, and then the Governor & Lt. Governor. As to the others there was a difference in Opinion. The Modes of Mixture proposed were (1) That the six Sen. Ministers reckon^s Seniority by Elect. shd. walk side by side with the six Sen. Councillors at their right Hands. (2) That after the Gov. & Lt. Gov. the two Sen. Ministers succeed & so 2 Minrs. & 2 Civilians to the End. (3) Rank by Seniority of enter^s the Body, as they would have done, had this Act passed 20 years ago—thus for Inst^a if Mr. Treadwel came into the Council after 1787 he would rank after Mr. Whitney. Consider^a to be had also to the Time when any one became of the six Sen. Councillors. (4) A promiscuous & accidental voluntary or fortuitous Intermixture—so it be but Mixing. After much Convers^a, and none pfectly satisfied, it was agreed to be two & two, and in the 2^d Mode. That is, next after the Gov. & Lt. Gov., D^r W^m & Mr. Taylor, after them Col. W^m & Col. Cook, then D^r Good. & Mr. Pitkin &c.

It was further agreed that the Corpor^a & Coll. Officers shd all walk by themselves as a Body succeeded by the Treas^r, Profess. & Tutors. Between the Tutors & the Clergy, to be placed Members of Congress, Councillors & eminent Civilians: then succeed the Reverend Ministers. The President to be preceded by the Undergraduates, Candidates Bach. & Masters, & the Bedellus Sheriff Fitch. The Order of Rank & Procession thus settled, we proceeded to other preparatory Business, and agreed to confer the hon^r Deg. of A.M. upon Dan^l Dewey Esq. and the Hon. W^m Hillhouse; the Deg. of LL.D. on Judge Marchant, Hon. Jn^o Worthington & L^t Gov. Wolcott; the Deg. of S.T.D. upon Rev^d Isaac Lewis, & upon Rev^d Rich^d Mansfield an Episc^o Clergyman—this the first Inst^a of a theological Doctorate conferred in Yale Coll. on an Episcopal Clergyman. This brought us to Even^s when we adjourned to Morn^g.

12. COMMENCEMENT. A fine pleasant Day.—The Procession accord^s to the Order settled proceeded to the Brick Meet^s; where the Corpor^a only were situated upon the Stage on each Wing of the Pulpit: the rest of the Stage left open for the Performers. The Process. was accompanied alongside by a Band of six Musicians with Clarionets, Fr. Horns &c. from New York, which played excellently. Hav^s entered the Meet^shouse, the Exercises were as follows

Anthem & Musick

Prayer

An Eng. Oration by Asa Chapman

Forensic Disputation by Sir Hoyt & Sir Sherman 2.

A Hebrew Oration by Sir Cooley

An English Dialogue by Sir Hedges, March^t, Esten, Savage

Eng. Orat. by Sir Lothrop

A Greek Dialogue between Sir W^m & Sir Chauncy

An Eng. Oration by Sir Botsford.

Dinner in Coll. Hall 140 present

AFTERNOON

An Eng. Orat. by Mr. Tutor Basset on the great and happy
Event of a Union of Civilians & Ecclesiastics in the Gov^t
of the University.

A Latin Orat. on the same subject by the President

An Eng. Orat. by Mr. Edw^d

A latin Valed^r Orat. by Mr. Pynchon

The Graduation—71 Degrees

Anthem Musick

Prayer concluded: finished at Sunset.

Procession returned to Chapel—About 80 or 90 Ministers present.

13. Last Even^s D^r Edw^{ds} preached the Concio ad Clerum in the Chapel; as in Morn^s did Rev^d Mr. Hinsdale on Evid. of Revelation. This day at XI Rev^d Mr. Hart preached before the African Society at the Brick—where afterwards Tim^o Pitkin Esq. delivered an Orat. before the Φ . B. K. Society, with great applause.

The Corpor^s sat. Mr. Tutor Gay resigned the Tutorship & we elected by Ballot Mr. Jon^s Walter Edw^{ds} Tutor. The Butler Sir Trumb. resigned, tho' he might have staid another year, & Sir Lathrop was chosen Butler. We appointed Committees—conversed on Funds—& on new Coll. Edifice, & agreed to get Materials—Voted Salaries—did Business till X at Night. Adjourned to meet in Lib^y Oct. 23. next.

14. Committee view^s Coll. Ground & consid^s the Plan & Materials for College Edifice.

15. Relaxation & Amusement. Admitted 33 Fr. & 2 Soph.

16. Ldsdy. I attended at D^r Danas all day. A.M. I heard Rev. David Austin. P.M. Mr. Gray of Boston a Candidate.

17. Copeland Stiles & family left us for Philad^a. He came here 10th August.

18. My Wife set out for Rh. Isld. in the Stage.

20. I sat out on a Journey¹ to Albany & Ball T^o.

23. Ldsdy. Kept Sabbath & preached for Rev. Mr. Bartlet of Reading.

24. Rode thro' Ridgfield to Rev. Mr. Meads^s æt. 66 of lower Salem. Lodged Mr. Meads. Isaac Foster still at Bedford in the Parsonage House, but dont preach—drinks a Qu^l Rum a day. Wife handsome but mentis inops. Poor. Works for Col. Sacket. A Devil incarnate—an abandoned Minister!²

25. Rode to Yorkt^o or Crumpond & attended a Presbytery. Attended an Even^s Lect.—heard Mr. Jackson a Cand.—Disciple of Mr. Lewis—studied 5 or 6 y. & finished one y. at Mr. Lewis Acad^y³—licens^d last Spring—called to 2 Cong., Marlboro &c.

¹ A few notes on this Journey are inserted from the MS. Itinerary.

² Solomon Mead (Yale 1748).

³ Isaac Foster, not a College graduate, was settled over the Congregational Church in West Stafford, Conn., from 1764 to 1781, when he was deposed from the ministry for heretical doctrine. In June, 1791, he came to Bedford, N. Y., and supplied the pulpit for nearly a year, or until the meetinghouse was closed to him on authentic information of previous misconduct.

⁴ Rev. Amzi Lewis (Yale 1768) conducted a famous academy in North Salem, Westchester County, N. Y.

28. Crossed the Ferry over Hudsons River to West Point & view the Artillery, Arsenal & Fortifications there.

30. Ldsdy. At Goshen I preached A.M. for Rev. Mr. Carr & partook of the Sacrament—106 Communicants present. Tot. 130 in the Chh. He admitted 4 new Members publicly in the New Engl^d manner. They have 8 Elders, of w^o 3 are also Deacons as well as Elders. P.M. Mr. Farmer a Cand. of Columbia Coll. preached.

Oct.

1. Visited Judge Wickham.¹ At Windsor viewed new Evans Mills.

2. At Newburg. Fell in with Dr. Adna Heaton & lodged at his House in New Marlboro over ag^t Pokeysy.

3. At Poughkeepsie. Lodged at Mr. Radclifs the Lawyers. Col. Barber shewed me a Rib Bone dug up on his Farm at Wallkill 6 M. N^o of Goshen & 15 M. West fr. Hudsons River, I measured it four feet & six Inches long.

4. Dined at Hyde Park in Clinton Township. Estate 400 acres of Dr. Bard of N. Y. Rent £100 per ann.

5. At Red Hook dined with Dr. Wheeler²—prayed with Mr. Graham sick who this day buried a child. Rode to Pulvers on Livingston Manor.

6. Rode 8 M. to Clavarack. Thence to Major Shethars³ at Kinderhook.

7. Ldsdy. At Kenderhook I attended at the Dutch Chh. & heard Rev^d Mr. Laughbagh A.M. in Dutch P.M. English. Sacram^t admin^d 33 B^{rs} & 58 Sisters Communicants present. Previously Rev^d Mr. Ritzma æt. 84 cir. Emeritus baptized one child. The Domine asked me to preach—I declined—but at his Request I baptized three Children.

8. Visited Mess. Van Schack, Judge Sylvester & Dr. Welles &c.⁴ Lodged at D^r Gales in Troy.

¹ William Wickham (Yale Coll. 1753), well known to a later generation as the reputed founder of the Linonian Society.

² Dr. William Wheeler (Yale Coll. 1779).

³ Major John Shethar, son of Samuel and Sarah (Jones) Shethar, of Killingworth, Conn., and grandson of Samuel and Deborah (Stiles) Shethar, of Killingworth.

⁴ For Messrs. Van Schaack and Silvester see this Diary, December 11, 1781. Dr. Benjamin Welles was a graduate of Yale in 1775.

9. Rode Lansingb. Mr. Lovell rode with me to Connolys. Says set out Apple Trees in Fall, they will bear fruit every year: in Spring every other year.

A Twig of original Stock engrafted on the Top of a Cyon of diff. fruit will bear the same fruit as the original—tried by Dr. Philip Smith of Eastown in Wash. Co. opp^o Saratoga. Ex Ore Mr. Lovell.

Mr. Jno. M^cConney of Half Moon engraft^s at Fishkil 1765 accidentally inverted the Graft—& it produced good Apples but all without Seeds.

Mr. M^cConney once treated a sour apple tree thus. He bored with an Inch Auger a Hole into the Trunk of the Tree to the Heart, & filled it with Honey & the Tree afterw^{as} bore mild pleasant Apples. Continued to bear good fruit for four years, when removed to Half Moon. Rode to Ballstown & lodged at Rev. Mr. Balls.¹

10. Thro' Nesquiuna to Albany, put up at the City Tavern.

11. Visited Rev. Mr. M^cDonald, Gen. Tenbrock, & Mrs. Westerlo, Ranslear & Yates.

12. Visited Prawens Hook 1½ M. above Hudson inspected & examined the Place of the enormous Bones & Teeth dug up there A.D. 1705. Saw & conversed with aged Mr. Hardick^s æt. 89 & just lately entered æt. 90th who told me that when about æt. 16, he assisted his Father in digging up a Bone, stand^s Vertical or erect, which he saw his Father measure *Twelve feet in length*—he put in his Fist into the Hollow of it & turned round his Fist in it freely—he judged its Diam. bigger than a Hat Crown. His father told him that they had taken two Teeth upon the shore, about 10 or 12 Rds off, one of w^o weighed six pounds, the other five pounds & one Ounce: but these he did not see. Lodged at Mr. Daytons at Hudson.

Vessels belong^s to Hudson 25 sqr. rigged & a doz. others & 3 new Ships on stocks.

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13. Visited sundry Friends as Mess^{rs} Green, Mansf^d, Gilbert, the Mayor Mr. Jenkins &c. Dined with Gen. Renslaer at Clavarack—rode to Pattersons 11 M. East fr. Hudson—kept Sabbath.

¹ Rev. Eliphalet Ball (Yale Coll. 1748) had resigned his parish in Woodbridge, Connecticut, in 1790, and returned to his former charge in Ballston.

² Francis Hardick or Hardwick, son of John Hardick, of Hudson, N. Y.

14. Ldsdy. I preached at Mr. Pattersons in a private house to a large Collection of people.
15. Rain.
16. Rode to Sheffield—Rev. Mr. Judsons.
17. Sharon—Rev^d Mr. Smiths.
21. Ldsdy. Kept Sabb. at Salem, & preached for Mr. Fowler, æt. 47.
22. My Ordin^a Day, 1755. Arrived home & found all well. Deo Gr. Assembly sitting.
23. Meet^s of the Corpor^a respect^s Build^s a new College. Present 8 Civilians & 7 Ministers.
24. End Vac^a—Orders set up, Tutor Chapin present. I qualified & inducted Mr. Edwards into the Tutorship.
25. Voted a new College Edifice, 130 f. long & 30 f. wide, single Rooms—4 stories—24 Chambers; to be placed a Wing at the N^o End of College.
26. Corpor^a adjourned to Hartfd day after Elect. VIII^b mane. Dr. Wales in Fits fr. Tuesday night—a little better.
27. We have admitted 38 Fresh. & 6 others = Tot. 44.
28. Ldsdy. No Chapel at College. I attended Dr. Danas A.M. & heard Rev^d Cott. M. Smith. P.M. Fair Haven & heard Rev. Mr. Hitchcock.
29. Disput^a of Seniors.
30. Examining & admitt^s Scholars. Assoc. at Amity. Mess. Basset &c exam^d & licensed.

Nov.

1. No Lect. Have admitted 40 Freshmen. Dr. W. ill.
2. Last & this Even^s Council & Deputies took Tea at my House.
3. Full of Anxiety about France. Read Dr. Jno. W^ms Tracts on the first Discov^y of America.
4. Ldsdy. Pleasant. I attended Chapel & heard Mr. Tutor Chapin preach excellently all day. I administered the Sacram^t in Dr. W. abs., present about 22 Communicants inclusive Members of Assembly & two new Scholars. We have above 100 Students present.
5. Disput^a. I prayed with the Gen. Assembly at Rising.
6. Disput^a. Read^s Count Cagliostros Life.
8. Lect. on Eccl. Hist. . .

10. Br. Ashbel Stiles of Windsor visited me. This day I read in the N. Y. Prints a Lett. dated Paris 22 Sept. advis^s that the new National Convention met there the 20th, elected M. Petion, the Mayor of the City of Paris President—voted that Monarchy be abolished in France & adjourned to 1st October.

11. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Rev^d Mr. Trumb. preached an excellent Sermon. P.M. Rev^d Mr. Hitchcock.

12. Disput^a. Brother went away.

13. Disput^a. Read^s Adair's &c. Amer. Indians.

14. Confirm^a of *Abolition of Royalty* in France forever by the National Convention on 21st of Sept. last.

15. Finished Read^s Cagliostro's Life. . . Mr. Hitchcock sailed for Georgia. Received Letters from Boston inform^s my Election into the Historical & Antiquarian Society there, consist^s of 60 Members, 30 in Mass^a 30 abroad.¹ I gave a Lecture on the Encyclopædia of Literature: Languages. This Even^s my Wife returned from Rh. Isld.

16. Read^s Adair—& transcrib^s Mr. Dixwells Papers from the Records of this Town & Co.

18. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Rev^d Mr. Smith of Great Hill Darby. . . Mr. Ch. supplied Mr. Smith. Tutor Basset at Carmel pr. his first Sermon. . .

22. Lect. on the Cyclopædia of Literature.

23. First snow storm. Read^s & extracting Adair. Collecting Accounts & Anecdotes of James Davids alias Jn^o Dixwell Esq. one of K. Charles' Judges. He married twice in New Haven, once 1673, then Bathshua How 1677 by whom he had 3 children—one of them John Dixwell born 6 March 1680/1 & died in Boston 1721. The Father died in New Haven March 18, 1688/9 æt. 82.

24. Snow storm all day. Read^s Adair. 6 Inches.

25. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard A.M. Dr. Edw^{ds} Luke xix, 10. P.M. Dr. Dana Col. i, 15. Fine day. Read^s Dionysius Areop^a & Fabricius. Tutor Chapin supplied &c. Tutor Basset at Carmel. . . Mr. Marcy here.

26. Disput^a. Fair day. Read^s Adair.

27. Disput^a. Prayed at Open^s the C^o Court, Judge Bishop.

28. Dined at Mr. Brooms & attended the Funeral of Mrs. Mar-

¹ Dr. Stiles was nominated to membership in the Massachusetts Historical Society by the Hon. James Winthrop in August, 1792, and was elected in October. The Society was organized in January, 1791.

tins Child or Infant 10 days old. D^r Dana prayed at the House & I spake at the Grave. This Lady had lost four Infants successively in Childbed, & came here from Charlest^o S^o Car^o last Summer, with the View & hopes of obtaining a living Child. But Providence has disappointed her Prospects—She is a disconsolate Lady, greatly to be pitied, & of good Character.

29. Pub. Thankgiv^s Connect. Mass. & Rh. Isld. I attended D^r Dana's & heard him pr. Ps. cvii, ult. No Meet^s at Chapel.

30. Examining the Original Records of New Haven, ludicrously called the blue Laws. Rain carried off most of the Snow.

December

1. Reading Adair &c. Writ^s Lett. to Rev^d Noah Atwater.

2. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Bebee all day. The Communion omitted, by Mistake in provid^s the Elements. D^r Wales well & present all day. Mr. Chapin pr. for Mr. Bebee.

3. Disput^s. Last Saturd^y 1 Ins^t I inoculated 5 Apple Trees of Judge Shermans, as Preventive against Canker Worms next Spring; they hav^s been repeatedly devoured for years past. Read^s Adair, Forster & Ulloa, & Williams on American Indians.

4. Disput^s. The Committee of the Corpor^a met viz. Mess^{rs} Good., Hunt. & myself, & the Committee for Build^s the new College Edifice, viz. Mess^{rs} Hon. Mr. Treadwell, & Rev. D^r Good. & Stew^d Atwater—Settled College Accounts—As the Place & Dimensions of the new Coll. voted in Oct. last proves disagreeable to the public—as the Dimensions depend on the Place or site of the Edifice, the Committee tho't proper not to proceed in Contracts for Materials—Therefore agreed to call a Meet^s of the Corpor^a & issued Letters to the Members to convene in the Coll. Library Tuesdy the first day of Jan^y next.

5. Committee viewing the College to see necessary Repairs. Broke up.

6. Committee went home. No Lecture. . . .

7. A Ship arrived at Newport from Belfast brings News from Paris to about middle of Oct. & a letter from Dumorier Generalissimo of the French Army dated 2 or 3 Oct. in w^c he says the King of Prussia has proposed to negotiate & is withdraw^s his Army out of France.

9. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Mr. Tullar of Darby preach 1 Jn^o iii, 5. New Divinity! denying the Imput^s of

Adams Sin to his Poster^y, & of the Sins of the World to X, & of Christ's Right. to Believers in Justification. D^r Wales absent & deranged in his Intellects.

10. Disput^a Seniors. Thro' the great Patience of a holy God I am this day 65 years old. . .

11. Disput^a. I prayed with the Court. Mak^s Qu^r Bills.

12. Quarter Day, but no Exercises. Recitations as usual. Those appointed requested to be excused & were so.

13. Lect. on Mathematics—in the Cyclopædia &c.

14. Dr. Wales—bewildered.

15. Cousin Bradly came here from S^t Johns, Brunswick.

16. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Rev. Mr. Lockw^d preach two excellent Sermons A.M. Rom. x, 4. P.M. Rom. vi, 1-2. D^r W. at Chapel. Read^s the antient MS. on Christs Passion sent to the Coll. Library by Gov. Yale abot 1714. It is probably 500 years old, certainly since the Times of S^t Francis & S^t Dominic who lived A.D. 1216, as their Names are mentioned. It is a romish Treatise on Theology. . . .

17. Disput^a. Sen. Read^s Romish MS. Volume. Dr. Cogswel here.

18. Disput^a.

19. Read Lett. Ædanus Burk to me in Philad^a paper on Dixwel.

20. On Monday 26th Nov. last, the Bridge over Merimack River between Salisb^y & Newbury was opened. The day before a Ship of Three hundred & 50 Tons passed under the g^t Arch, w^o is by far the largest on this Continent. . . .

D^r Mason Cogswell returned fr. N. York, where his Brother lately died, visited me last Monday Even^g. He tells me a D^r has made two Inventions, one for Mak^s Brick; another for a Tide Mill to go both com^s in & going out. . . . Lect. on Cyclopædia—Philos.

21. Sent a Lett. to Mr^s Lydia Watkins W^o at Haerlem a Descend^t of a Regicide. Committed to Mr. Broome.

Rec^d from Professor Pearson of Cambridge, D^r Belknaps Discourse 23 Oct. 1792 Anniv^y of Columbus' Discov^y of America 300 years ago. Also rec^d Lett. fr. Mr. Holmes. Mr. Holmes informs me that the Rev. Mr. Tappen of Newb^y has accepted & is to be installed Professor of Divinity at Harvard College 26th Inst. The Compens^a to his Parish 'hav^s been made up by Subscription. Gov. Hancock is peculiarly pleased with this Appointment. I find

the Electors of Verm^t, N. Hamp., Mass., Rh. Isld, Connect., Jersey, Pensylv^a & Maryld. have unanimously concurred 12th Inst. in Election of Washington & Adams, except one Vote in Pensylv^a for Clinton V. P. New York unanimous for Wash. & Clinton. Number of Votes 112 thro' the U. S. Wash. has all, Adams about 57 or a Majority. This day good News fr. France. K. Prussia return^s home.

23. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Williston all day on Luke ii, 14. Read^s Lat. MS. of 13th Cent. Dr. W. abs. sick, Paroxysm, Lethargy.

24. Disput^a. Bo't Adair's Ind. &c. 16/.

25. Disput^a. Christmas. D^r Wales raving. We were obliged to confine his Legs & Arms for first Time, to prevent him from hurting himself & others. I attended at Chh. & heard Rev. Bela Hubbard preach a Xtm^s Sermon—I stayed & saw him administer the Communion to 60 or 70 Communicants. It was a pleasant day—Snow mostly gone. In Even^g visited D^r Dana, who last week removed into his new House.¹

26. Dr. Wales more calm.

27. Philosophical Lecture on Optics. Read^s Latin MS. and also writing for Col. Hubbard. Rev. Dr. Tapping of Newbury to be this day installed Professor of Div^y at Cambridge.

28. Therm^o 10 above 0. Read^s Lat. MSS. of 12th Cent.

29. Finished writ^s for Col. Hubbard. Confirm^a of the good News from France. This day my D. Kezia has been dead 7 years.—Reading & review^s the Ignatian Epistles in Cotelerius' Edition.

30. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Jason Atwater all day. A.M. Isai. 45, 26. P.M. 1 Timo. iv, 8. Hon. Benj^a Huntington at Chapel, & dined with me—one of the Fellows.

31. Disput^a. Rec^d Lett. from Hon. Mr. Hillhouse in Congress at Philad^a with a Plan of the new College draughted by Mr. Trumbull the Painter.

1793.

January

1. The Corpor^a of the College assembled in the College Library, having been duely notified. Present his Excell^y Gov. Huntington, Hon. Col. W^ms, B. Huntington, Treadwell, Rev^d Mess^{rs} Taylor, Goodrich, E. Huntington, Pitkin, Ely, Nathan W^ms, & Riply.

¹ On the southeast corner of Temple and Wall streets. Removed in 1895.

Reconsidered the Vote of Oct. respect^s placing the College Edifice at North End, and now voted to set it at S^o End of Chapel, & to build it nearly of the Dimensions of the present College viz 100 feet long & 40 f. wide with middle Venetian Windows in Front. No Snow on the Ground.

2. The Corpor^a still sitting. Return of Election of President and Vice President of U. S. Dec. 12 1792. Wash. all the Votes for Presid^t. . .

3. Corpor^a finished. I gave a philosoph. Lect.

4. Committee for Build^s still sitting. Snow & Ice.

5. Began read^s Mallets Northern Antiquities. Yesterday I finished transl^t the Hist^y of Joseph the Carpenter in English. It was originally written in Hebrew by the Apostles: thence translated into Arabic: thence by Willen in 1722 into Latin: from thence I translated it into English.

6. Ldsdy pleasant. I preached all day for Dr Edwds he being absent on a Council at Wrentham; I administered the Sacram^t. Rev. M^r Noyes of Northfd preached at Chapel & administered the Sacrm^t 9 psons present at Communion. D^r Wales present. M^r Tutor Basset preached for M^r Noyes.

7. Disput^a Seniors. Readg Mallets Hist^y Northern Nations.

8. VACATION. Finished read^s an anon. Tract printed since 1760 on the Elements—& Chemistry. Very ingenious. Read^s Mallets Northern Antiquities & the Edda.

9. Read^s Mallet. D^r W. siezed with his Fits. This day died Capt. Joseph Munson æt. 65, & M^r Jos. Trowbridge.¹

10. Attended Capt Munsons Fun. Read^s Mallet. Snow gone about New Haven & to Wallingfd. Sleighing at Hartfd & Litchfd.

11. Attended M^r Trowbridges funeral æt. 50. Finished read^s Mallet's Northern Antiquities, v, i.

12. Read^s Mallet 2^d v, & Latin MS. & K. of Prussia's Death &c.

13. Ldsdy. Fine day, snow gone. I attended at Brick & heard D^r Dana all Day. A M. Thief on Cross. P M. Persuade sinners to be reconciled unto Gd. Two excellent Sermons. Readg Fabricius & MS.

13. Readg D^r Zimmerman's Convers^a with K. of Prussia . . .

15. This Aft. I waited upon Pierpont Edwds Esqr to converse with him upon the Letter w^o I rec^d from Ædanus Burk Esqr Chief Justice of S^o Car^o last Fall, on the subject of erecting a Monument

¹ A graduate of Yale in 1763.

to Jn^o Dixwell Esqr one of King Charles I Judges. Judge Dixwell died in 1689 & lies buried in New Haven Bury^s place. D^r W. in Frenzy.

16. On Wedn^y 9th Ins^t M^r Blanchard, the Aeronaut, at 5 min. after Ten A M. ascended in his Balloon from the City of Philad^a in presence of an immense Concourse of Spectators. After a few minutes the Wind blow^s from the northward & westwd, the Balloon rose to an immense Height, & then shaped its Course toward the Southward & eastward. It moved at the rate of *Twenty miles* an Hour. At half after Six in the Eveng. M^r Blanchard returned to the City. His aerial Voyage lasted *fourty six minutes*; in which time he ran over a space of more than fifteen miles; and then descended a little to the eastwd of Woodbury, in the State of N Jersey. . .

17. A singular day. Last night & this foren. violent Rain; then plentiful Snow; Aft. clear & windy. Dr. Wales at my house this Aft. pfectly well & in his right mind. At Philad^a a Comet seen near the Pole Star the begin^s of this M^o. But this Eveng. tho clear I could pceive nothing of it. This Aft. Gen. Lincoln visited me. Died Dec. 8, ult. His Excell^y M^r Laurens late Presid^t of Congress & Ambassador. And 12th Dec. died Hon. Arthur Lee.

18. M^r Isaac Jones a Descend^t of Gov. Jones informed me that not far from Dixwells Grave was a Stone markt E W. which he suspected was at the Grave of Whaley another Regicide.

19. This day I again visited Dixwells Grave, & found M^r Jones's Stone mark^t E W & over the Letters 1658 or 1678.¹ And at about 8 f. from Dixwells stone I found another markt M G 80.² Now M may be a designed inversion of W so the stone belong to William Goffe. If so phps the three Judges who lived together some years at Hadly, all lie buried together near the Tombstone of Gov. Eaton their common Friend.

20. Ldsdy. Mild fair pleasant May day, no snow on the Ground. I attended at Dr. Edwds Meetg & heard him preach all day. Read^s the Latin MS. The Author mentions Tho^s Aquinas . .

21. Reexamined Dixwells Inscription &c.

22. Reading Nobles Memoirs of the Family of Cromwell.

24. Visiting to collect Anecdotes of Dixwell & the Regicides.

¹ It is conjectured that this was placed over the grave of Elizabeth, wife of John Wakeman.

² Probably marking the grave of Matthew Gilbert.

25. Writing historical Memoirs of 4 of K. Charles Judges who found Asylum in Connecticut Whaley, Goffe, Dixwell & Scroope.

26. Writing hist. of Judges: & in Even^s the Latin MS . . . Hen. Laurens Esqr Presid^t & Amb. died at S^o Car. Dec. æt. 70 & his Body burned 3 d. after & ashes preserved in a Silver Urn.

27. Ldsdy. I attend at late Mr. Austins all day & heard Rev^d David Austin preach. I baptized Mary D. of Henry Daggett Esqr, M^r Austin being unwell.

28. Mak^s Inquiries about Dixwell Goffe & Whaley.

29. Vacation ends & Orders set up at College. Conferring with Pierpont Edwds Esqr respecting a Monument for Dixwell. M^r Tutor Basset return^s from Lyme, brot Advice from Squire Noyes that Whalley also lies buried in our bury^splace. April weather, no snow.

30. Began Recitations at College. Committee for build^s new Coll. met. Snow storm began at Noon & lasted till night. Th. 21. Read^s Rushworths Collections on the Trial & Exⁿ of K. Charles.

31. Th. 2½ above 0. Very cold. Good sleighing.

Feb.

1. Read^s Smollet & collect^s Memoirs of Goff & Whaley & Dixwell.

2. Rain. Snow dissolv^s. Betsy set out for Stamfd. Th. 38.

3. Ldsdy. Fair cold day. I attended all day at D^r Danas. A M heard D^r Dana preach & partook of the Sacrament with him & his Chh. P M. M^r Tutor Basset preached.

4. Disputation. Readg Nobles Hist. of Cromwell Family.

6. Finished read^s Col. Cappers Trav. from Aleppo thro' Bassora to India. Mr Tutor Gay come to Town. He has accepted a call to settle in the Min^y at Suff^d, a Collegue with his father.

7. No Lect. I sick with a Cold. Lett. to me to assist in Ord. Mr Gay 6 March.

8. Writing on Whaley & Goffe. Mild Weather.

10. Ldsdy. Rev^d M^r Ely of Hunt. pr. all day at Chapel. D^r W. present A M. I attended. Philip. iii, 14. Being ill with a Cold I did not attend P.M. Read^s Dionysius. Anniv^y my marriage 1757. M^r Sturges here.

11. Disput^a Seniors. Read^s Life O. Cromwell.

12. Violent NE Snow storm. The Rev^d Chandler Robbins of Plym^o has very lately rec^d a Doctorate in Div^y fr. Edinburgh.

13. Snowy Day. Read^s Cromwells Fam^y.
14. I gave a Lect. on antient Hist^y. Read^s Cromwells Fam^y. Fair. Snow drifted over Fences—on a Level 1½ feet deep.
15. Read^s the pub. Prints I find that the National Convent. in France have arraigned Lewis Capet als Lewis XVI & opened his Trial on 11th Dec. last & appointed the next sitting on the King a fourt'night after. This a serious and weighty affair!
16. Read^s Hutch. Hist. Mass. Rec^d a Letter from M^r Channing of New Lond. respect^s Mrs Lothrop a Grand D. of Col. Dixwell æt. 75 or 76. and another from Mr Hunt. of Middleton respect^s M^r Caruthers æt. 82 or more another Gr. Daught. of Dixwell. Rain at night dissolv^s the snow.
17. Ldsdy. I was unwell & confined at home all day. Rain. Rev^d Mr Noyes of Norfield preached in Chapel all day. D^r Wales attending. Read^s Hornbeck on the Trin^y ag^t Socinians.
18. Disput^a Seniors. Mr Bacon of Stockbridge & Mr Mumfd visited me. A pleasant day Th. 50. Snow much gone off. Rev. D^r Henry Caner, of Boston, a Refugee, died lately in Engl^d æt. 93, Son of Mr Caner who built the first College & Rector house in which I now live. D^r Caner educating in this College & graduated 1724. M^r Tutor Basset not returned from Norfield. I heard three Recitations today. Wrote 14 pages 4^{to} on the history of Whaley & Goffe this day.
19. Disput^a—two Hebrew Recitations. Wrote eleven pages of the Judges history to day.
20. Wrote more Judges History.
21. I gave a Lect. of medical Literature : dividing it into three Branches. I. Anatomy consisting of 1. Osteology. 2. The arterial & venal or vascular System, with the structure of the Heart & nobler Viscera, & the Harveian Circul^a of Blood. 3. The Muscles, Tendons & Nerves, & cloathing the whole with flesh. 4. The structure of the pulmonary parts, the Elaboration of Chyle, the Secretions and operations of the abdominal Viscera. 5. The sound & regular State of a healthy Body.
- II. Pathology & Diseases or diseased affections of the human Body—chronical or acute. The Seat & Nature & Causes of Diseases, the parts affected internal or external.
- III. The Methodus medendi. 1. The materia medica. 2. Chemistry. 3. The Composition of Medicines & their Powers. 4. Their judicious Application—efficacious Medicines but few. Other parts

of the Study & Profession, as Surgery & Midwifery—Botany—Books &c.

22. Writing the Lives of the Judges. 3 Heb. Recit^a.
23. At night Rain S E storm. Readg Hornbeck ag^t Socin.
24. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard D^r Dwight all day. from Prov. i, 1-4. Readg Soames Jennings internal Evidences.
25. Disput^a. Yest^r my Wifes Birthday. Finished writing Hist. of Theophilus Whale of Narragansett ob 1728 æt 103.
26. Disput^a & Heb. Classes. Writ^e History.
27. Writing Hist. of the Regicides.
28. D^o & Eccl. Hist. Lecture.

March

1. Writing Goffe & Whaleys History. Snow mostly gone.
2. Received news of son Isaac well at Falkld Islds in Dec. last. Last Eveng. I communicated a Lett. missive from 1st Chh Suffield to the Coll. Chh. Voted Mr Tutor Chapin Delegate to assist in Ordin^a Council there 6th Ins^t Ord. Mr late Tutor Gay Collegue with his father D^r Gay. D^r Dana to preach. Readg the Edda of Iceland & Norway by Mallet.
3. Ldsdy. A fine pleasant spring day. I attended all day at Chapel. A M. Mr Eliot the Candidate preached. I administered the Sacram^t present 14 Communicants. P.M. D^r Dana on the unpardon^a Sin, a sensible sermon. D^r W. abs. ill of his Disorder.
4. Disput^a. Writing Hist^r. Heard 3 Recita^a Sen., Soph. & Heb.
5. Disput^a. D^o—Heard 3 Recit^a ut supra, Mr Tutor Chapin bēing gone to M^r Gays Ordin^a. Writ^e Hist^r. All snow gone.
6. This day Mr Tutor Gay to be ordained. A fine fair day. The Senior Class havg finished Lock begin to recite Vattells Law of Nature & Nations. This the first time it was ever recited at College.
7. Lect. on the Oriental Languages.
8. Storm at night. 3 Heb. Classes recite.
9. Betsy & Eliza return fr Stamfd. This day the Vice Presid^t M^r Adams passed thro' this Town to Boston. Last Mondy the Presid^t G Wash. qualified by Oath, newly elected. Congress adjourned sine die last Saturday. Judge Sherman returned.
10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day as did the Professor & heard the Rev^d Mr. Burnet of Norwalk preach A M. Gal. vi, 14.

P.M. Jn^o xv, 15. Read^s the Epistles w^c passed between S^t Paul & Seneca : & the Epist. of Peter to James Bp of Jerusalem, and other apocryphal Relicts of the primitive Xtians.

11. Disput^a. Ezra's Birthday 1759. ob. 1784.

12. Disput^a. Mak^s up Qu. Bills.

13. Quarter Day, public Exercises. Snow Storm.

14. No Lect. At Noon I was visited by Six Indians one a Squaw, from the Waubash & Koskaskiah Tribes on Misissippi River. There are 8 Ind. in Comp^a escorted by direction of Congress to B^o by Cap^t Pryor, who has resided an officer of the Amer. Army at Wabaush 6 years. I showed them the Coll. Lib^r & Museum. The oldest æt 45. Dr Edwds who learned the Stockb. Ind. Lang. conversed with them & collect^s a Vocab^r of their Lang. pronounces it to be radically the same as that of the NewEngl Indians. These Ind. knew noth^s of white or Welch Indians west of Mississippi. The Interpreter a German told me he had travelled 1200 m. up Missouri River to where the Span^{ds} have Gold mines : but never saw white Indians, & knew noth^s & believed noth^s of the Welch Indians. I read them from Williams &c. They believed noth^s of it. These Indians had buried about half their N^o at Philad^a of smallpox. They have long black Hair, no Beards, are red or tawny, dress their heads in feathers, & altogether like N Engl Indians in complexion & Appearance & Manners.

17. Ldsdy. I & the Professor attended Chapel & heard Mr Stebbins all day on Luke xxiv, 27. Prophecy. Excellent Sermons. Read^s in Fabricius the Morale Somnium Pharaonis, & Test^a xii. Patriarchs.

18. Disput^a. Committee for build^s new Coll. met ; Mess^r Good., Treadwell, Hillhouse, Atw^a; & Judge Mitchel occasionally here.

19. Disput^a. This Eveng. N York paper, news of Decapit^a of the K of France on 21 Jany. brot by Cap^t deHart who arrived at Philad^a 15 Ins^t left Lisbon 10 Feb. advises that 6 Feb. arrived there an English Packet with the news : & that on the 8th Feb. a Handbill published at Lisbon advised the same thing from France by Post. Fictitious & doubtful !

20. Bray resumed Heb. began Genesis. I have 3 Heb. Classes.

21. Attend^s Committee. No Lecture. Snow storm.

22. At IX^a this Eveng. on the Coming in of the Post from N York we have the Confirm^a of the Decapitation of the King of France by a Ship from London to Philad^a the Instant.

23. In the National Convention of above 600 Members a Majority of 140 voted for the not referring the Kings Punishment to the 84 Departm^{ts}, & above three Qu^{rs} for his Condemnation. This Aft. I recd a Lett. fr. Mr Holmes of 18th Ins^t advising that D. Polly is in a dangerous Way. The good Ld prepare her and all of us for the holy Orderings of his Providence concerning her. Her Life is in a critical Situation.

24. Ldsdy. D^r W. raving & confined. I attend Chapel all day & heard Mr Tutor Chapin preach Luk. x, 36. Read^r Dionysius Areop^s & Hornbeck on Trin^y & Nortons Ans. to Apollonius.

26. Disput^a. Writing Hist. of the 3 Judges.

27. Mr Abbott offered me £300 for Cornwall farm.

28. Eccl. Hist. Lect. This day I saw Gov. Eatons Bible printed 1629 which he brot out of Engld when he settled at N Haven 1637. It is in the hands of one of his Descend^{ts} at Guilfd, who brot it over to Court here as Evidence & shew it to me.

I have also before me Raleighs Hist. World which was Judge Dixwells, who in his Will 1688 gave it a Memorial to Rev^d Mr Pierp^t who wrote in it "James Pierponts Book, ex Dono Dom: Johan: Dixwell in Testamento suo novissimo."

29. Rev^d M^r Sayre brot me the Trial of the Regicides.

30. Read^r the Trial of the Regicides of Charles I.

31. Ldsdy I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr Noyes of Wallgfd preach all day A M. Philip. iii, 10. P.M. Ps. 138, 2.—D^r W. at Meetg this Aft. tho unfit for it, as he had a severe fit yesterday P.M. & another in Eveng. Deranged, but unpsuadable & ungovernable & dangerous. Readg Bp Burnets Life of Rochester.

April

1. Disput^a. Readg Tryal of the Regicides.

3. The Rev^d Jn^o Murray of Newbury Port died March æt. 51. and on Tuesday 19th his Funeral was attended very pompously. The Corps carried to the Meetgh. D^r Langdon prayed, Mr Mittimore pronounced a fun. Oration, Mr Morrison conclud^s prayer. Procession the Brethren of the Chh., Deacons & Elders, Ministers, Corpse & Pall supported by six Pall Bearers Ministers, carried by 12 young men of the Society—Pall Bearers Rev. D^r Langdon, Rev^d D^r Bass, Rev^d M^r Ewer, Rev. M^r Morrison, Rev. D^r Haven, Rev^d D^r M^cClintock; Mourners; Cand. for the Min^y; Sisters of the Chh; Members of the Adelphi Society; Physicians; Singers of

both sexes; Members of the Congreg^a of both sexes; & others attend^s on the funeral. D^r Lang. D^r Haven & D^r McClintoc knew his former Life, & juvenile Blemish;¹ I presume he acknowledged & settled it to satisfaction by these Gent. attendance.

4. No Lect. I rode to N^o Haven on Business.

5. Writing History.

6. Sister Bradley prepar^s for Removal.

7. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel all day, & sat in my Pew. Heard the Rev^d Mr Trumbull preach A.M. Rom. xiii, 14. He adm^d the Sacram^t present 16 Communicants. P.M. Jn^o ii. D^r W. present all day, tho' unfit for it.

At VIII^h this Even^s a N Y. Paper of yest^r arrived here; an Eng. Packet arrived at N Y. 5th Ins^t. I read the Acts of the National Convent. of 1st Feb. wherein they Decree to declare War against G. Brit. & Holld. The K. of G. Brit. has just entered into an Alliance with the Emperor & Russia. So a Combin^a of Britain, the Emperor, Holld or the Stadtholder, Russia, Prussia certain; prob^y Spain, Portugal, & Savoy, all united ag^t France. The War of Kings, or the Conflict of Royal Aristocracy with Republicanism, which will terminate in establishg the Repub. of France, & the Repub. of Holld decollated of its Statholder, & the Restitution of the Cortes of Spain—: & the Inoculation of Germany, the Baltic K^{ms}, & all Europe with the epidemical contagion of Liberty the Rights of Man! And ultimately the Tameing, the Moder^a & Amelioration all the Europ. Governments.

10. Sister Bradley & her Son Leverett sailed this day for Georget^o in the Prov. of New Brunswick to her home & Children there. She has lived here & principally at my house these five years.

11. No Lect. I attended & prayed at the Fun. of Mr Morses Child.²

12. Writing Hist. of the Judges nearly finished.

14. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr Taylor æt. 70³ preach all day. D^r W. abs. & raving.

15. This day we formally laid the Found^a Stone of the new Coll.

¹ See this Diary, Dec. 17, 1771.

² Debby Walker, daughter of Abel & Mehetabel (Fabyan) Morse, was killed by a fall, April 10, 1793, aged 2 years.

³ Nathanael Taylor (Yale 1745), of New Milford, Conn., a member of the Corporation.

Edifice at the NE Corner next the South side of the Chapel. I invited the Mayor M^r Sherman, & the four Aldermen, Bp, Daggett, Jones, & Austin, with two of the Committee for Build^s, Mess^{rs} the Hon. Mr Hillhouse Member of Congress & Stew^d Atw^a, & Hon. M^r Ing. one of the Assistants, the Clergy & Tutors. All present but the Clergy D^r Dana & D^r Edwds gone. to the Fun. of Mrs Hawley W. of Rev^d Mr. Hawley of Bethany, Rev^d M^r Hubbd Episc^o Clerg. attend^s Fun. in T^o at same time. A Number of Ladies also attended in the Coll. Library. An academic Procession was formed from the Presidents House: the 4 Undergrad. Classes in order of Seniority preceded, then the Mayor & Presid^t preceded by Col. Fitch the College Bedellus then the Aldermen & Tutors. March^s round the Coll. yard we came to the Cellar. The Presid^t Mayor Ald. &c descended and proceed^s to the NE Corner, to the Stone already prepared engraved with this Inscription

EZRA STILES
 COLL. YAL. PRÆS.
 PRIMUM LAPIDEM POSUIT
 ACAD^Æ COND^Æ 93^{uo}.
 APR. 15. 1793.

The prepared Stone being removed & deposited aright in the NE Angle, the President giving it three Knocks with the Masonic Hammer, mounted it, & standing upon it delivered this Speech in the Audience of the surrounding Assembly of Students & other Gentlemen & Ladies & in the presence of the Mayor & Ald. of the City & of the Officers & Auth^y of the College.

"I here lay this Foundation Stone of the new College Edifice, which we are enabled to erect by the generous Liberality & Munificence of the Hon. the Gen. Assembly of this State. And I humbly implore the Blessing of God upon this architectonic Work, and religiously consecrate & commend it, with all the Interests of this University to the Smiles & Blessings of the Supreme Architect, to the Care of the Fountain of Wisdom, Beauty, Strength & Perfection. May this University flourish, and become more an Ornament to this City & State.

This College was founded in the year 1700. For the first seven years its local Residence was at Killingworth; and afterwards for ten years at Saybrook. Whence it was removed & settled in this City; where the first Domicilium et Cænobium academicum, or College Edifice was erected Oct. 8, 1717, through the Munificence of Gov. Elihu Yale and other generous Benefactors. And A D 1718 this whole Institution was solemnly and publickly announced and innominated YALE COLLEGE.

The Edifice was 170 feet long & 22 f. wide, and was taken down in 1782,

have stood 65 years. It contained a Hall, Library & Accomodations for about 70 Students.

This become^d insufficient to contain the Students, the Munificence of the Gen. Assembly, enabled the Corporation of the College to build a new House; the Foundation or Corner Stone of which (in NE Corner) was laid by the Rev^d President CLAP, April 17, 1750, or 43 years ago. This is the Brick Building of Connecticut Hall now standing; being 100 f. in length & 40 f. in width, contain^d 32 Chambers & 64 Studies.

This was the 3^d Buildg belonging to the College, as the Presidents house was the 2^d erected 1722.

The 4th Building belonging to College was the House for the Professor of Divinity built 1757.

The 5th was the Edifice of the new Hall and Chapel & Library the foundation of which was laid in April 1761.

The 6th was the Dining Hall & Kitchen which was built in 1782.

Such has been the augmented number of students for years past that the Silent Language of the Wants of this Institution, the silent but speaking Language of the sons of the Prophets to the Public, for many years has been, Behold now the Place where we dwell is too straight for Us, may we not hope that you will build us another House and the necessary Edifice for the Accomodation of the Students, of the Youth devoted to those Studies, to that Academic Course in Literature, necessary to our formation to Science, Usefulness & Glory.

At length this silent & long speaking voice has reach'd the ears, & by the blessed Influence of the Father of lights, the fountain & Friend of Wisdom, has reach'd the Hearts of our Civil Fathers of this Commonwealth, the Original Patrons and Friends of this Institution, & has open'd their hearts to a liberality & Munificence for the encouragement & Emolument of this Seat of Learning, which we ought ever to commemorate with joyful Gratitude.

The Zeal for the Advancement and Encouragement of Literature in the Surrounding States has at length enkindled an Emulation in this which bids fair to carry this Institution to complete and shining Perfection.

With Gratitude to Heaven & to our Benefactors we now rejoice in seeing the prosperity of the College, which from small beginnings & great & persevering exertions & a most frugal Economy has ascended to its present growing Glory. We rejoice in seeing the foundation of this 7th edifice appertaining to College; which with the Philosophic Apparatus, Donations for increasing the public Library and other Literary Augmentations especially in the Auxiliary Glory of the amicable union of Civilians in the Government of the College & in the Provision of Funds for the Establishment of ample Professorships in the various Branches of Literature, all these give us reason with pleasure to anticipate the future distinguished figure & increasing Utility of this Institution among the Sister Universities of these States and of the World.

Peace be within thy Walls O Yale, and prosperity within thy Palaces! May Erudition, Religion & every Virtue be the Ornament & Glory of thy Sons! May thy renown & Glory be diffused thro' the Republic of Letters & be Commensurate with the expansion of Knowledge & Science & with the Duration of Liberty & the United States!

17. Fast. I preached all day for M^r Atwater of Branfd sick. Betsys Birthday.
18. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Writ^s History. D^r W. ill.
19. Anniv^y Battle Lexington.
20. Writ^s Hist.
21. Ldsdy. Attended at Chapel & heard Rev^d M^r Mansfield all day. A M Rom. vi, 21. P.M. Philip. iii, 13. D^r W. attended all day. Two excellent sermons handsomely delivered and well composed, & truly evangelical & instructive, & well adapted esp^y in the foren. to the present state of College. Read^s M. Luthers Colloquia. Emiliias Birthday.
22. Disput^a. Made Qu^r appointmts. . Writ^s Hist.
23. Disput^a. Rec^d Lett. from M^r Holmes, Polly better.—I visited Judge Law in T^o & conversed concern^s the Regicides who lived in his fathers Tompkins House¹ at Milfd 1662.
24. M^r Tutor Bradford of Camb.
25. No Lect. Writing Hist.
26. Writ^s Letters to D^r Belknap, B^o, & Camb.
27. Finished Writ^s the Hist^y of the three Judges Whally, Goff & Dixwel. Gent. in Boston have subscribed £6000 for a Theatre.²
28. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Street all day. A M. Ps. i, ult. P.M. Ps. 84, 11.
29. D^r W. worse.
30. Disput^a. Judges Wilson & Law of the Circuit court drank Tea with me. Judge Wilson of Scotld educated in the Univ^y of Edinburgh & Aberdeen. A sensible Man.

May

1. Began Examin^a of the Classes. Rode to M^{rs} Darlings. Inquir^s the Hist^y of the Judges. Last Week died Rev^d Mr Brinsmead of Judea æt. 75.
4. Finished Examin^a of 4 Classes 112 Undergr^a present. Read^s Sir W^m Jones Dissert^a on Literature of India v. 1. Yest^y rec^d fr Engl Jones &c 2 V. 8^o & Gentoo Laws 1 Vol. 8^o.
5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel, the Rev^d M^r Eliot of E. Guilfd preached all day. A M. Luk. xii, 21, and administered the Sacram^t. 13 Communicants present. P.M. 2 Pet. v, 4. Dr. W. abs. Read^s Dionysius.

¹ That is, a house which Gov. Jonathan Law, father of Judge Richard Law, owned, and which belonged in the time of the Regicides to Michael Tompkins.

² This was built on Federal Street, and was opened in February, 1794.

6. Vacation. I attended Deans Exam. with Rev M^r Hubbd & approved Atwater Sen. Soph. as Scholar of the House upon Bp Berkleys Foundation. We examined 2 hours A M & 2 Hours afternoon, in Gr. Test., Homers Iliad, Cyropædia, Hor., Cic. Tusc. Quæst. & de Oratore.

7. Set out on a Journey.¹ Rode to Meriden & lodged at Capt. Webbs, æt. 86, wife 82.

8. To Hartfd, where I met Mr Holmes & my two D. Ruthy & Polly from Cambridge. Tradition at Meriden & about here Pilgrim's Harbor so named from two men stopt here till could make a float. Afterwth Public built a shed for Pilgrims caught here by high Freshes.

Mr. Meriam æt. say 35 lives at the Bridge—intelligent—tells the common story—2 pilgrims—but noth^g of Regicides—rather persons travell^g fr. N. H. to Hartfd.

9. Election. Rev Mr Backus of Somers preached an excellent Sermon. Gov. Hunt. & Lt Gov. Wolcott reelected. P.M. Mr Noah Webster's Oration before the African Society.²

12. Ldsdy. I preached at Bolton.

13. Rode to Andover and visited Mrs Lockwood, Relict of Rev. Dr. Lockwood & visited his Tomb & took off the Inscription.

Rev^d Mr. Kellog dism. fr. Hebron middle April. Lodged at Mr. Hubbards in Colchester.

14. Rode to N. L., Rev. Mr. Channing's.

15. At N Lond. I visited M^{rs} Eliz^a Lathrop æt 77 Grand Daughter of Judge Dixwell. Visited Mr W^m Adams æt 83, & viewed his Fathers antient Library of 300 Vol.

He presented his fathers Picture to Coll. Library.³ An Eng. Shilling of O. Cromwel 1653 presented to Musæum of Yal. Coll. by Mrs. Anne Adams, Relict Consort of Mr. Pygan Adams of N. Lond., æt. 67.

16. Rode to Saybrook & lodged at Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss.

17. Rev. Mr. Hotch. ord. Sept. 1783. Now, 1793, in full Com-

¹ A few additions are made to the record of this journey from the MS. Itinerary.

² This was published with the title, *Effects of Slavery on Morals and Industry.*

³ William Adams (Yale 1730) was the eldest child of the Rev. Eliphalet Adams (Harvard 1694), an early Trustee of Yale. The portrait referred to does not seem to have been received by the College.

munion 171 Members. Total admitted by Mr. Hotch. 124 of w^c 122 now liv^e.

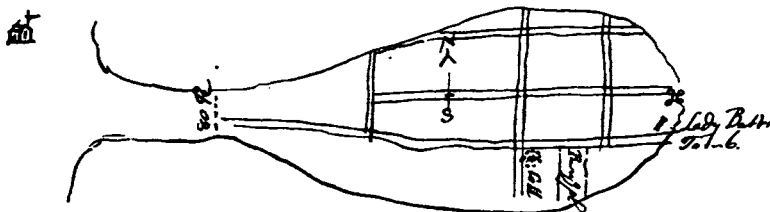
Rode to Rev. Mr. Mansfields and lodged.

18. At Guilfd visited Gov. Leets House, & the old stone Cellar yet remaining under his Store adjoyn^d his Barn. In which Cellar the Gov. in 1661 concealed Goff & Whalley three days & Nights or more.

19. Ldsdy. At Branfd I preached for Mr. Atwater, sick.

20. Rev Jason Atw^a shewed me his black silk Clergymans Gown; made 1792. He raised & manufactured the Silk from his own Trees & Worms:—10½ yds 24 inc. wide 18 oz raw silk. Mrs Atw^a also made herself a handsome genteel silk Cloke, & her husbd a Jacket & Breeches 2½ yds black silk weav^e 1/9 p yd. She also made i. e. taylored her Husbds Gown. Much to the Honor of her Ingenuity & Industry. This is the first Clergymans silk Gown raised & made in America.

At Saybrook I visited the original Plot & Fort where Fenwick & the first Planters settled down. It was regularly laid out for a City being a Peninsula near one mile long & ¾ mile across, laid out with three streets lengthwise E & W & three Cross streets N & S. Near the Ruins of the fort at the Eastern Extremity stands the Tombston of Lady Butler, Consort of Mr. Fenwick. I examined the Place of the old College Domicil, whose cellar remains. It is contiguous to the burying yard & near the center of the Peninsula.



20. Arrived home & found my fam^y well except my Wife & Polly—Mr. Holmes gone to Stamfd.

21. Mr. Holmes returned. About a doz. scholars at Coll.

26. Ldsdy. I attended at Dr Danas Meetg & heard Mr. Holmes.

28. Attended Association at Milfd, Rev^d Mr. Brunson preached. Returned in Even^g. Orders set up at College.

29. Admitted two Freshmen. Anniv^y my Wifes Death 1775.

30. Rev^d Mr. Birdsly & W. dined with me.

June

2. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard the Rev^d Mr. Holmes preach all day, Dr. W. present. Mr. Holmes adm^d the Sacrament, present 15 Communicants. Gentle Rain after Drought.

3. Disput^a. At III^h P M. My son & D. Holmes, with Betsy set out on a Journey to Cambridge. Fair day.

4. Disput^a. Cloudy. Sprinkling.

6. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Coalition of the Gen. Assembly of the four Presb. Synods and the Gen. Assoc. of Connecticut.

7. Heard from Son Isaac at Falkland Islds—Letter dated Febry. 11—expects to be gone two years longer to the East Indies. Dumoriers Flight from the French Army to the Imperialists—his Desertion of the French Cause—the Address of the Fr. Nat. Convent. to the Army, containing sentiments of Firmness in the great Cause of Gallic Liberty & Republicanism.

9. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel A M. & heard the Rev^d Mr Trumbull preach. Dr W. present. P.M. I attended at Fairhaven & heard Mr Tutor Chapin: there I baptized Mary Eliza D. of Jonathan Mix and his Wife. Read^s Selden de Diis Syris.

10. Disput^a. Excessive hot. Th. 96. Lett. fr. Falkld Islds.

11. Disput^a.—D^o. 96. Read^s Sir W^m Jones.

12. Quarter day—pub. Exercises.

13. I rode out to Mr. Darlings.

14. Dr Rodgers & Rev Mr Woodhull visited me, two of the Delegates from the Gen. Assembly of the Synods to the Gen. Association of Connecticut.

15. Read^s Lavaters Physiognomy. In the Letter &c dated Falkld Islds March 7 1793 & w^o arrived at N Y. last Week, I find my son Isaac arrived at Falkld Islds Sept 20 1792 after a Passage of 113 Days fr. N York which they left the begin^s of June last year.

16. Ldsdy. I attend Chapel & heard Rev M^r Robinson all day. D^r W. present & well. Readg D^r Hopkins Body of Divinity just from the Press 2 Volumes 8^{vo}.

17. Disput^a. D^r Rodgers & Lady dined with me.

18. Rode to Chesh. to Gen. Assoc. Two Thirds New Div^y. Reported the Missionary Contrib. in May last—rec^d fr. 108 Chhs about £ 260. More rec^d there, phps 20 Chhs—so from 130 Chhs out of 202 Cong. Chhs in this State.

Gen. Associ^a at Cheshire; 2 Deleg^a fr. each of the 12 Assoc. in

Connect. 24 in all : joynd by 3 Delegates fr. the Gen. Assemb. of the 4 Presb. Synods.

Rev. D^r Good. Mod.

Rev D^r Edwds Scribe. . . .

19. Therm^o 101. in N. Shade. Intolerably hot.
20. Th. 96. Lect. on Astron^y of Eclipses. Read^s Lavater.
22. The Senior Class finished reciting Vattel's Laws of Nature & Nations.
23. Ldsdy—Rev^d Mr Smith of Sharon pr. at Chapel.
24. Disput^a.
26. Seniors began recit^s Montesquieus Sp^t of Laws.
27. No Lect. I being sick.
28. My son Isaac Stiles returned from C. Horn or Terra del Feugo, & Falkld Islds, after a Passage of about 60 days to N York. He says there is a strong Stream or Current setting northward all along the Coast of south Amer. from Falkld Islds to the northern elbow or Northeastward Corner of South America—as strong as the Gulf Stream. The largest of the Falkld Islds Lat 52° S^o 150 miles long & 30 wide & no Trees on it. States Isld at La Mair Streights is full of Trees, not tall but thick resembling Birch, no Oaks, Walnuts &c. Indians small & naked & stupid, harmless, numerous—he saw along the Coasts about the southern extremities of America he judges five Thousd at diff. times—Bows & Arrows—he brought a *Penguin* &c. He saw the Magellan Clouds as they are called by Navigators—a little below the Crosiers or S^o Pole stars lies a perpetual black straik or cloud, & a little above this two or three white Clouds much more bright and luminous than the Galaxy, and always permanent & visible in clear nights. They are seen at the Cape of Good Hope, as well as at C. Horn & del Feugo. They must be far above the Atmosphere. The Summer in Dec. & Jany, & not so hot as our summers. Capt Green had taken about 15 Thousd Seals fur, & 5000 hairy, Tot. 20 Th. The Fur seals sell at Falkld Islds at a dollar a piece. Last year at New York they were 1 D. & 1½ Doll. a skin. But now only half a dollar—owing to this, there are about 150 Th. Skins in the stores at NY. which will not be shipt for China till fall or Winter, & so the price lately fallen. The price at w^o they sell in China is cautiously concealed even from the Sailors—Isaac now saw a Sailor just come from Canton & inquiring the price he said he could never find out, the Captains negotiated the matters with the Merchants

at Canton, & kept all from the ships Crew. However the Price at Canton is 5 & six dollars the skin.

My son in going to C. Horn crossed the Equator about the middle of July last, and on his Return about the latter End of May—so was S° of the Line above ten months. He says he never saw an Aur° Austr. in the Southern Hemisphere. Cap^t W^ms with whom he returned, had wintered two winters at Falkld Islds & never saw a southern Aurora.

30. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven. Th. 92. Mr. Fowler of Guilfd preached in Chapel.

July

1. Disput^a. About 20th ult. passed an Act of Massach. Assembly to w^c Gov. Hancock gave his Assent, erecting the Acad^y at Williamstown, at NW Corner of the State, into a College by the name of Williams-College. M^r Fitch is the Principal of it. My son says he never heard Thunder & Lightng in the South seas, or beyond 5° S° of Equator, i e after passing out of the calm Latitudes w^c reach 4 or 5° S° of the Line.

2. Committee build^s new Coll. here.

3. Inspecting Commcm^t Exercises.

4. Anniv^y of Independence celebrated here.

5. Bot the Alcoran. D^r W. in fits.

6. Read^s Cox's Hist Russian Discoveries. A tremendous Thund. Gust, Hail, & Storm of Wind at V^h P.M. Squire Morris Barn struck with Light^s at 5 M. Pt¹ and burnt down.

7. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. M^r Tutor Basset preached in Chapel for first time. I administered the Sacram^t. present 15 Communicants. P M D^r Ed^{wd}s preached. D^r Wales deranged & absent. Read^s D^r Lathrops Sermons, & Test^a XII Patriarchs.

10. Isaac returned fr. N Y whither he sailed 7th Ins^t.

11. Seniors finished first Vol. Montesquieu. I gave a Lect. on Attraction, Gravity &c. Read^s the Alcoran.

13. My son Isaac left us for N York, thence to embark on a Voyage to Europe in the Brig Cap^t Snow.

14. Ldsdy. A M. I attended Chapel & preached myself, in the Absence of M^r Beebe who was expected. P.M. I attended at D^r

¹ Five Mile Point, at the Lighthouse.

Dana's Meet^s & heard Mr Street. Read^s Test^a. XII Patriarchs—The Test^a of Joseph. D^r W. abs.

16. D^o. Finished Recitations of the Sen. Class, having finished half 2^d Vol. Montesquieu. I gave a Lecture on Moral Philosophy—& bid Farewel to the Class.

17. Began Exam. of the Candidates.

18. Public Present^a of 38 Candidates for the academic Honors, in the Library.

19. The Rev^d Colin Ferguson from Scotld is lately established Principal in Wash. Coll. Chester Town Maryld East Shore. The Endowments of that College, are,

	£ 1250 annually fr. the State of Maryld
	618 Int. of £ 10,000 Fund
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ann. Income £ 1868 . . .	10,300 Buildings
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	£ 20,300
	Officers two Clergymen & two Laymen.

21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr Noyes of Northfd all day. Read^s Dionysius Areop^a. Dr W. at Meet^s. My D. Ruth from 1775 to 1793 or in 18 y. has read her Bible fourteen times through; and my Gr. D. Eliza æt 11 has read it thro' five times. Emilia has lost her minutes, but has prob^y read it a dozen times & more for she read it once a year for several y. after 1775. My other Child. have read it sundry times. May G^d bless the Read^s of this holy Book to them.

My Wife died 1775. She read thro' the Bible five times the last four years of her Life, once in about 9 or 10 months. Kezia died 1785: she read it thro' five times the last five years of her Life.

Besides read^s in course privately in my Study, I read thro' the Bible in my Fam^y at family Morning Prayers from 1760 to 1791, Eight times, or once in 4 years. My Fam^y have had full oppo^rt^y of being acquainted with the sacred Contents of the Bible.

22. Mr Blanchard made lately his 45th aerial Voyage in a Baloon at Philadelphia. . . .

23. About VII^h or about sunsetting, a bright Luminary set in New Haven: the Hon. Roger Sherman Esqr died æt 72¼ Mayor of the City & Senator in Congress. He was born at Watertown, Mass., Apr. 19 1721, brought up in Stoughton; lost his Father æt 19: removed to Connect. & settled at New Milfd abot æt 21; became Surveyor of the C^o of Litchfield, and Deacon of the Chh in

N Milfd ; applying to the Study of Math. & Astron^r, he published several Almanacs. He read largely, studied the Law, & was admitted at the Bar 1754 ; became Member of Assembly & Just. Pacis : He removed & settled in N Haven 1761 and went into Trade, in which he was very successful. About 1765 he was elected into the Council & the same year appointed one of the Judges of the Sup. Court. After several years of succesful Business in Trade which he well understood, he consigned it over to his sons, left Commerce & devoted himself to Civil Offices & public Life, in which he was fully employed. He was Memb. of the first Congress 1774 & ever since, when the Rotation permitted, so that of the last 19 years past he spent 16 in Congress & died a Senator.

He was formed for *Think^g & Acting*, but *Law & Politics* were peculiarly adapted to his Geni^{us}. He was an Admirer of Vattells Laws of Nature & Nations. He was for many years Treasurer of Yale College, & ever a Friend to its Interests, & to its being & continuing in the Hands of the Clergy, whom he judged the most proper to have the Superintend^r of a *religious* as well as a *scientific* College.

In 1784 City Privileges were conferred on New Haven. M^r Sherman was then Elected the first Mayor & continued in this Office to Death.

He was exemplary for Piety & serious Religion, was a good Divine ; once printed a well & judiciously written Sermon of his own Composition, tho' never preached. He was far from all Enthusiasm. He was calm sedate & ever discerning & judicious. He went thro' all the Grades of public Life, & grew in them all & filled every Office with Propriety, Ability, & tho' not with showy Brilliancy, yet with that Dignity which arises from doing every Thing perfectly right. In no part of his Employments has he displayed his intrinsic Merit and acquired that Glory, so much as in Congress. He there became almost oracular for the deep Sagacity, Wisdom & Weight of his Counsels. Tho' of no Elocution, he was respected & listened to with great Attention ; and was succesful in carrying the Points he laboured. He was an extraord^r Man—a venerable uncorrupted Patriot !

25. The Funeral of the Mayor was attended. The Students & Tutors of the University formed the Head of the Procession : then the 2 City Sheriffs preceded the City Officers, the Common Council, 4 Aldermen, 2 Justices, 2 Members of Congress & a Judge of the

Sup^r Court, the Clergy, Eight Ministers, the Bearers & Corps (no Pall Bearers) Mourners & Citizens Male & female, a large Concourse. Repairing to Dr Edwds Meetgh. a Sermon was preached by Dr Edwds from Ps. xlvi. 1. Then the Procession moved fr. the Meetgh. to the Grave. Dr Dana spake at the Grave, as I had prayed at the house before the Funeral. Four of us Ministers had white Scarfs. Every part was conducted with respectful Decency & Solemnity.

27. I rode to Derby.

28. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Derby. M^r Tullar lately dismissed.

29. Col. Holbrook in 1779 at Derby saw the Light of the Beacon at East Haven, & ranged it by a Compass & found it E 8° S by Comp.—truly E 3° S allow^s 5° West Variat. Returned.

30. Visited M^{rs} Darl^s & Madam Chester.

31. Dined with the Sup. Court. Aft. attended Funeral of Cap^t Th^o Wilmot æt 81. a benev^o good Man. Corps carried to D^r Danas Meetgh. being his Lect. & D^r Edwds pr. I gave the profits of the first Edit. of my History of the Judges to Jn^o Dixwell Throop, son of Cap W^m Throop towds his Education. Born last March.

Aug.

1. Eccl. Hist. Lect. A Printer applied to me for the Copy of my Hist. of the Judges, offer^s to put it immed^y to Press & risque the Subscription. Rec^d a Letter from Hon. Arthur Browne LL.D. Professor of Law in the Univ^y of Dublin & Member of Parl^t for that Univ^y.

2. Writing a Vindic^a of the Judges for my Hist^y.

4. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr Smith of Derby all day. He adm. the Sacram^t—present 12 Commun.—only 3 Undergr.

5. Brick work 2^d Story new Coll. began.

6. Judges of Sup. Court drank Tea with me. Conversd on the feudal System &c.

8. I preached a Lect. at Bethany for Rev^d Mr Hawley & attended his Chh meet^s being asked to give my advice on an Applic^a of 2 psons to joyn their Communion, the man hav^s married his Wifes Sister. This was contrary to the Law of the State w^c was repealed last spring or fall. Now the Quest. was whether this Marriage is contrary to *Gods Law*? I gave my Opin. that it was not—& that

the marriage was permitted by Moses & Gds Law. The Pastors & Chhs thro' N. E. have held & still hold such marriages contrary to the divine Law. This mans & his Wifes Characters unexceptionable for Religion & Morals. This Chh of Bethany, are willing & desirous to receive them, but fear they shall offend sister Chhs, & wish for Light & Direction what is Duty. This Chh consists of 25 Male Members of w^o 24 present. Two are fixt ag^t the Marriage, three doubtful, the rest expressed their Willingness, & some great forwardness to receive them. It was thot best to take further time for Consid. before they actually voted. Accord^{sly} adjourned the Chh Meet^s to a fourt^h night. At Mr Hawleys motion the Chh chose me Moderator for the present Meeting, & so I moderated.

11. Ldsdy. I preached at Branfd for Mr Atw^a gone a voyage for his Health.

12. Returned via North Haven.

13. & 14. Writing Hist^y of the Judges. Reading the Rights of Woman by M^{rs} Mary Woolstonecraft. . . .

15. Eccl. Hist. Lect.

16. D^r Wales well.

17. Tuesdy 6th Ins^s first Meet^s Corpor^a Williams Coll. to elect a President. I expect late Mr Tutor Fitch now Principal will be chosen President.

In S^o Car^o paper of 16 July ult. it appears that the Rev^d W^m Nixon, educated I am told at Dublin, is appointed President of the *College of Mount Zion* in S^o Car^o upon the Resign^a of the Rev. T. H. McCall. . . .

18. Ldsdy I attended Chapel all day & heard the Rev^d Mr Eliot of Fairfd. D^r W. ill & absent. Readg Dionysius Areop^a & Dr Hopkins Body Div^y consist^s of Sermons on a number of principal subjects in positive Divinity.

19. This day a City Meet^s when the Hon. Sam^l Bishop was elected Mayor, in the room of Hon. Judge Sherman dec^d.

20. Read^s Mrs. Mary Wolstonecraft Rights of Women. Mrs. Leavenw^o just from Lond. was there psonally acquainted with her. Says she is æt. 32 & supra, phps 35, of the same middling or smallish Stature of Mrs Jn^o Sherman. Was born in Wales, where her father now lives in ordin^y circumstances. Her Mother died young. She has been a Governess in Families & had the Educ^a of Children. First published small Books for Children. Devoted to Reading. Has an orphan Girl, which the dying mother of the

Child an East Indian gave her to bring up, & w^c she is educat^s she says a Child of nature, æt. 11. A Publisher of one of the Magazines employs her in compil^s & correct^s for the press. She by her writ^s gets a good subsistence. Mr Joel Barlow became acquainted with her, & he & his Wife now in Lond. often visit^s, brot with them Mrs Wolst. to visit at Mrs. Leav. so she became intimately acquainted with her. She was writ^s the Rights of Women when Mrs Macaulay died, & before Payn wrote his Rights of Man: Mrs W. was intimately acquainted with Mr Payne . . .

21. The French Ambassador Genet, differing with Presid^t Wash. on Interpret^s of the Treaty. Sat for my Picture in Wax.

22. Speak^s for Tutors Præmiums. Sat again to M^r Moulthrop.

23. M^r Jn^o Antony here from Vermont. Writ^s D^r Worthingtons Diploma, & read^s Wolstoncraft. D^r W. ill.

24. Finished the Rights of Women. M^r Ant^o went away.

25. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel all day & heard the Rev^d Mr Ely of Killingworth. D^r Wales present & well.

27. Readg Cox's Northern Discoveries.

28. Sat again for the Wax &c. Hands. This day a Union of the 3 Cong. Chhs in Sacram^t Lect. for the first time since Mr Whittelseys Death. D^r Edwds hav^s hitherto refused having any Connexion with D^r Dana. The Union of the Singers of the 3 Cong. has bro't this about. I attended Dr Danas Meet^s & heard him preach. Dr Edwds present. Dr Edwds has once this summer preached in Dr Danas Meet^s, but will not suffer Dr Dana to preach for him. Obstinacy. All the pple of the 3 Cong. wish for a Coalescence & Chh Communion, but D^r Edwds fixt against it.

29. Phil. Lect. Record^s in College Records. And read^s Cox's &c.

30. Filling up Entries in the College Records.

31. Finished print^s Catalogues & Theses. Sat last time for Picture.

September

1. Ldsdy. I attended A. M. at Fairhaven & heard Tutor Basset; and administered the Sacr^t of the Lds Supper. P. M. at Chapel & heard D^r Dana. Read^s Dr Hopkins' Divinity. He holds the eternal Gener^a of the Son.

2. Read^s Wolstoncraft. . . .

5. Began Examin^a of the Classes.

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Rev. Mr Hart of Preston preach A M. Jno xiii, 34. P M. Luk. ii, 52, a valedictory to the Candidates.

9. Rain. Read^s Macaulay on Education.

10. Rain NE Storm. Meet^s of Corpor^a prevented.

11. Commencement. Corpor^a assembled viz. the Presid^t the Hon. Mess^{rs} W^ms, Cook, Treadwell, Hillh., Newb^y & Davenp^t the six Sen. Councillors, & all the Clerical Members viz Rev Mess^{rs} D^r W^ms, Taylor, Good., Hunt., Whitney, Ely, N W^ms, Ely, Riply, Hart. . . .

I conferred 52 A.B. Degrees. Rec^d 41 fees 169 Doll. My Sal^y £311.

The Hon. Deg A M. on Hon. Roger Newberry. The Deg. LL.D. on the Hon. Jn^o Sloss Hobart Judge Supreme Court N York.

Rev Mr Bray preached the Concio ad Clerum in Chapel in Eveng. —as did D^r Dwight yest^y a Sermon on Evidences of Xty¹ at Brick Meeting.

12. M^r Trumb. pr. to Abolition Society and Mr Johnson made an Orat. to the Φ. B. K.

Mr Tutor Bassett resigned the Tutorship universally esteemed : and Mr Gould was elected Tutor ; Sept. 12th.

Dr Wales removed for Disability by his Fits : and D^r Lathrop of Springfd was elected Professor of Divinity in his Room.

“The Hon. Mr. Tread. & Dr Good. are appointed a Committee fr. this Board to wait on D^r W. the present Professor of Div^y and Family, and inform them, that the Question is now under Consider^a whether the Office of Prof. of Div^y in this Colledge, shall not be declared vacant on acc^o of the Infirm^y & Disability of D^r Wales : and that the Corpor^a are ready to hear whatever the sd D^r W. or any other person for him may offer in the Case.

Whereupon the Committee reported that they had called at D^r Wales', communicated their commission to M^{rs} Wales, the D^r being confined & incapable of transacting Business, as they were given to understand, & left a copy of it with M^{rs} Wales. That M^{rs} Wales expressed her obligations to the Corpor^a for their long Patience in the Case, & their kind Indulgence to him & the Family. That she had expected the proposed measure of supply^s his place as Professor would have been taken before this period : That in her Opin-

¹ This sermon was published in 1794, with the title, *A Discourse on the Genuineness and Authenticity of the New Testament.*

ion the D^r would never be able again to officiate in his Office : that she was perfectly content that the Corpor^a should proceed to appoint his successor if they tho't fit : that she had no desire to be heard by herself or any of her Friends before the Corporation, as she knew of none that she had reason to think were more friendly to the D^r than the Corporation.

And thereupon, hav^e inquired of a number of Witnesses"—(the Hon James Hillhouse, D^r Dana, D^r Edwds, & Elizur Good. jun. Esq)—“ who were best acquainted with the gradual progress & present State of the Disorder, & mental Debility of the Doctor ; it appears to this Board, that he has for a long time been, now is, & as far as can be judged in any such case, is ever likely to be, wholly incapable of discharging the duties of his Office of Professor of Div^y in this College. And accordingly we are constrained reluctantly to remove, & do hereby remove him from his sd office. And in consequence do declare the said Office to be vacant ; and that the Way is now open for this Board to proceed to fill up the said Vacancy by the Appointment of a Successor.

Whereupon the Corpor^a proceeded to the Choice of a Professor ; and the Rev^d Joseph Lathrop D.D. of West Springf^d was chosen to the Office of Professor of Divinity in this College.”

Sal^y £175. L. M. & use of the Professors House.—Hon. Mr Newb^y & Nathan W^m appointed a Committee to wait on D^r Lathrop with this Election. The Corpor^a voted three times. State of the Votes.¹

¹ From the analysis of the votes which follows it is evident that Dr. Stiles voted on the first ballot for the Rev. Nathan Williams (Yale 1755), of Tolland, one of the Corporation. Among his papers is a draught of a letter sent a month earlier to the Hon. William Williams, of Lebanon, in which he says of candidates for the Professorship :

I have thought of Mr. W^m of Tolland, Mr. Macclure and Mr. Channing. Mr. W^m's Theology is exactly to my mind, his Literature & Abilities are of the first Eminence. His years, as those of Dr. Lathrops (for whom my Judg^t would otherwise be decided) is a circumstance rather the other way, & yet I should venture this. Mr. Macclures Acumen & Force of Mind hardly equal to his Theology, is also excellent & just, and he is said to be graceful in the Pulpit. Mr. Channings Abilities & Acquisitions & Scholarship are Superior. He is a little tinctured with &c, and wants the mansuetude & Wattsonian Sweetness of manners ; but I believe would do well We have a difficult work before us. I do not think, since Mr. Tappen's Election, that we have a choice left us among 700 Ministers in New Engl^d, that would give the universal Satisfaction that Dr. Wales has given Old Dr. Wigglesworth was a true

I st time	D ^r Lathrop . . .	7		Taylor	
	D ^r Dwight . . .	5		Good.	
	M ^r Nath. W ^{ms} . . .	4		Whitney	
	D ^r Edwds . . .	1	Hart	N. W ^{ms}	
		—		Ripley	
		17		Ely	
				Cook	7
II ^d	D ^r Lathrop . . .	8		Tread.	
	Dwight . . .	6		Davenp.	
	W ^{ms} . . .	3		Hillh.	
		—		Newb ^r	
		17.		Pitkin	
				Hart	6
III ^d	Lathrop . . .	10		Taylor	
	Dwight . . .	6		Good.	
	W ^{ms} . . .	1	D ^r W ^{ms}	Whitney	
		—		N. W ^{ms}	
		17		Riply	
				Ely	
				Hunt.	
				W ^{ms}	
				Cook	
				E S	10

13. The Corpor^a adjourned sine die. D^r Wales has been all the Week under &c. raving & confined.

15. Ldsdy I attended D^r Dana's Meetg & heard him preach all day. . . .

17. Preparing to set out on my Journey. Bid Farewell to Mr. Tutor Bassett, who goes via N York for Katskill where he is to preach to a Congregation.

18. Set out on a Journey¹ for Boston, & returned 23^d Oct.

22. Ldsdy. I kept Sabb. at Brooklyn & preached for Mr Whitney. 350 persons at Meet^s. Brooklyn contains 300 Fam. of wh. perhaps 15 fam. Episc. rest Presb.

Theological Genius and so was your venerable Father. I want to get exactly such men for our Divinity Chair, but where shall we get them? . . . Neither a New nor Old Divinity man will give universal satisfaction, nor is there to be found among the men of talents & Gifts a character of a moderation between both, in which both sorts would be united. An Old Divinity man will be acceptable to all the Old Divy. Ministers & to *all the Churches*: a New Divy man will be acceptable to all the New Divy. Ministers and to *none of the Churches*, as none of the Chhs. in New Engl^d are New Divy.

¹ A few notes from the MS. Itinerary are inserted in the text.

23. Mr. Whitney rode with me to Mr. Putnams Pomfret—visited—on to Captain Paynes, æt. 92 & dined. He b. at Rehoboth & æt. 9 moved to Woodstock. Parted with Mr. Whitney. Visited Mrs. Holmes, Gen. McClellan, Mr. Lyman—Lodged Cousin Foxs.¹

24. Rode 14 m. & dined at Oxford. At Oxf. a new Univ. Meetg^h. erected & now finish^g. Rode to Tufts in Woodbridge & lodged.

25. Visited Miss Hannah Adams æt 36 at Medfield and detained with her one day by NE Storm. She is an Authoress, & has read more than most psons of her age.

27. Visited D^r Franciscus Bartoldi, born in Ispahann, Persia, A.D. 1737, his father a Venetian & his mother an Armenian, finished his medical Studies at Padua, & there rec^d the Degree of M.D. He has been a great Traveller not only in Persia, but Constantinople, Asia, Egypt, Abyssinia, & India. This Eveng. I arrived at Rev^d Mr. Holmes in Cambridge.

29. Ldsdy Attended at Camb. all day but did not preach.

30. Visited the College, Presid^t Willd & the Professors. Harv. Coll. has 178 Undergrad. & 10 Resid^y Grad.

October

1. Semi-annual Meet^g of the Overseers of the College. I dined with them.

2. Dined at the Presidents with the Professors & Tutors.

3. Rode into B^o & attended Thursdy Lect. D^r Howard preached. Visited the Ministers & Gov. Hancock (sick) & the Monument. Lodged Mr. Littles.

4. Visited the Hist. Lib^y² collect^g in Fanuel Hall. Dined at Dr. Thatchers, in Comp^r Mr. Cooper, Judge Sullivan, &c. Visited Lt. Gov. Adams & Mrs. More.

5. Took farewell of my Children, & left Cambridge; rode to Rev^d Mr Havens, Dedham.

6. Ldsdy. AM. I pr. for Mr Haven. PM. He preached. In Even^g visited by Mr. Ames, æt. 36, Memb. of Congress & Mr. Towns^d a Lawyer, &c. Also Col. Pond æt. 91 here, & conversed

¹ Capt. Joseph Fox married (1783) Sophia, daughter of Hadlock Marcy (Yale 1761) and of Alethea (Stiles) Marcy, a first cousin of Dr. Stiles.

² The Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

sensibly: so Mrs. Dexter,¹ æt. 92, living with her D. Haven, her mental powers perfect.

7. Set out for Rh. Isld. W^m Chan^s Esq. ob. 21st Sept. æt. 42. Dined at Drowns in Walpole. At Drowns met Gen. Knox, 3 w. fr. Philad. tells me last news fr. Philad. bad.

9. Attended Association at Rev^d Sol^o Townsds, Barrington—rode to Bristol, & attended IV P M. a Fast or Concert of Prayer for Philad^a visited with g^t mortality. This day all the religious Congreg^a in Newp^t & Prov. observed the same—as did Boston last Week.

Price of Print^s at Warren by Phillips Eight Doll. a sheet 16 pages 8^{vo}, 1500, 1800 or 2000 Lett. a page. Price Paper 12 to 15/ a Rheam. Eight Doll. per sheet for 300 Copies, after which half price per hundred.

13. Ldsdy. I preached all day to my Newp^t Flock.

14. Visit^s my Flock &c.

17. Visited the Cotton Manuf^y in State House. 3 Gennies, 4 Looms, 1 Card^s Machine, w^c delivers 25 Rolls a minute.

18. Left Newp^t on return home.

20. Ldsdy. Attended pub. Worship at Stonington.

21. Examined & admitted Ephraim Treadwell Woodruff, Stonington, æt. 16.

22. Anniv^y of my Ordin^a 1755. Aged Deacon Avery of Groton Pockatunnek tells me that the Mohegan Indians once had Idols: that in the great Reform^a 1741 as he called it those Indians brot in & gave up to the English a number of stone & wooden Idols; & have had & worshipped none since.

23. Arrived home, & found my Fam^y well. Deo O. M. Grates. I set up orders at Coll. & qualified M^r James Gould & introduced him into the Tutorship. We have admitted 35 Freshmen & 7 others Tot 42 this year.

24. Walls of new Coll. finished up fourth story. This day began Raising the Roof.

26. Finished Rais^s the Roof. D^r Lathrop has declined accept^s the Professorship. D^r Wales Sept resigned his Office. Mr Tutor Gould taken sick of a nervous Fever.

27. Ldsdy. I attended D^r Dana's Meet^s all day. Read^s Dionysius Areop^s Lett. to Polycarp & Apollophanes.

¹Widow of the Rev. Samuel Dexter (Harvard 1720), who preceded the Rev. Jason Haven (Harvard 1754) as minister of Dedham.

28. Exam^d & admitted two scholars.

31. I prayed with the Gen. Assembly, at breaking up. D^r Wales's Resign^a pub. by him in New Haven Paper Oct 2 1793.

“Yale College Sep. 20, 1793

“To the Honorable & Reverend Corpor^a of this Society
Illustrious & worthy Sirs!

Be pleased to accept my cordial & unfeigned Thanks for your various & manifold Expressions of Kindness and Respect in your *Office of divinity* here. For nearly twelve years have I been honored by your Improv^t in this Office; including not only the Duties of a Theological Professor, but also the *pastoral Labours* of the Society. Thro' the whole period have I been treated with unmerited Kindness, honoured by unexpected Regard, nor had the least occasion to complain. *Happy* in the labours of your Service, I should have *deemed* myself still *happy* in the same. But for some time past, have viewed it as the inevitable occasion of a disordered *nervous System*, peculiarly unfriendly to the preacher; & indeed absolutely incompatible with that bodily strength essential to a full & constant Discharge of his principal Service. Circumstances being as they are, in the Course of the all wise Government of the Universe: it is, without the least Objection, I would thus answer the proposal, from your honorable Committee of the twelfth Instant, by a public Resignation of the Office in its respective Branches. With the most cordial respect would I acquiesce in your new Appointment; sincerely congratulating you on the same.

SAMUEL WALES.”

On 22^d Sept. ult. died in Branford M^r John Ford æt. 77. He has made a Donation in his Will to Yale College, dying childless.¹

This day the Gen. Assembly rose & ended the Session here having passed an Act for appropriat^s the Produce of the Sales of the Western Lands beyond Pensylv^a belonging to this State, to the Support of the Clergy of this State of all Denominations, accord^d to the proportion of their Congregations in the Grand List. It is expected the sales will am^t to one Million of Dollars. The Grand List about 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ Million Pounds. A parish £ 10,000 in the List may draw ann^y £ 100. and one of £ 5000 draw £ 50. The Interest only to be used in perpetuity.

Nov.

1. Tot. Underg. 136 of w^c 110 present.

3. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr Tutor Chapin preached, & I administered the Sacr^t, after havg admitted 3 new Communicants viz. Edw^d Herrick, a Soph., of the Chh of S^o Hampton L. Isld, & Asa Lyman of the Chh of Lebanon & Woodruff

¹ His son John was graduated here in 1768, and died three years later.

of the Chh of Stonington, declar^s them members of the College Chh dur^s their Residence at College. Present 14 Commun^{ts} among whom D^r Wales & his Wife. P.M. D^r Edwds preached. Read^s Gospel of Nicodemus, & venerable Bede.

4. Admitted two Freshmen. Tot. 38.

7. Eccl. Hist^y Lect. I began the quadriennial Course with a Lect. on Chronology. The Tutors absent. Mr Gould still sick. This Eveng. Mr Basset came into T^o from Catskill. Yesterday & day before I was employed in translat^s two Letters from Dionysius the Areop^a to Polycarp & Apollophanes, upon the miraculous Solar Eclipse at our Saviors Crucifixion. The contagious & mortal Sickness at Philad^a. It has raged with violence & unheard of Mort^y 3 m^o ever since begin^s of August.

10. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard M^r Bebee all Day. The Professor's Fam^y absent. Read^s Kings Primitive Chh.

11. Seniors Disput^a. Ruthy sick. Present 120 out of 140 Scholars.

12. D^r W. in Chains for the first time.

14. Thanksgiving. I attended at D^r Danas Meet^s, none in Chapel.

15. All the Chimnies of the new Coll. finished to-day ; as was the Shingling the Roof 13th Instant.

Rev^d M^r Huntington of Marlboro' visited me return^s from a Mission by the Gen. Assoc. of Connect. to the settlements on the Sources of Susquehanna River. He brot me & presented to the Coll. Musæum a large Tooth taken or found by the Eng. settlers at Owågo Lat 41° 9' 21 M. from Chemaung R. where Mr Edwds Horn was found, & 60 M. West of the Ruins of an Ind. Fort at Major Hoveys at Chenango. The upper part of the Tooth, which is a Grinder Tooth, is smooth or level, charged with thirteen Rugæ worn down nearly smooth. . . . The Dimensions of the Tooth laid sidewise 6¼ Inc. long & 5 Inches deep, the Outside exhibit^s thirteen Stria or Ribs, the Extremities of so many Lamellæ conjoined & consolidated in the form^a of the Tooth.

Mr. Hunt. also informed me that he saw several Ruins of antient Earth Forts in that Country. One at Chenango R. near Major Hovey's 20 or 30 m. East of Owag. . . .

On its summit grow great Trees—one Stump he saw above three feet Diameter, Tree rotted down, judg'd 4 or 500 years old. Inside or Area, level & smooth.

17. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Mr. Williston. Examin^s Texts of Scripture in the Original.

Jesus X & his Apostles spoke Infallibility. This is proved by their Miracles. If God shd now raise up a Prophet & divinely inspire him, & he shd lay his hand on the Bible, & in opposition to all Deists, say, "this Book is divinely inspired," away with your Humes, Tindals, Voltairs with all the Nihilty of their Cavils & Objections. Christ & his Apostles, every one knows treated the Pentateuch & all the O. T. as inspired & pronounced it such. We are therefore to receive it as such. When however we come to examine some passages w^c are said to be prophetic of the Messiah, we shd not at once see that they related to him, & esp^r as they seem to be connected with what primarily relates to others. However the express Applic^a by X & his Apostles decides the matter.

It is a question whether & how the 40th Psalm relates to Christ. It is gen^r consid. as partly & primarily relat^s to David & partly to Christ. I conceive it relates to Christ only & not at all to David.

. . . Thus also only the xxiii. Psalm wholly belongs to Christ & no part of it to David. So Ps. cx. wholly of X. & Ps. ii, and Ps. xvi.

18. Disput^a. Reading the Jockey Club.

19. Disput^a. D^o. St. John Wyllys¹ returned home to Hartfd, havg lived with us from last August.

20. Mr. Usher of St. Cruz died suddenly at the Coffee house.

21. No Lect. Attended the fun. of Mr. Usher æt. 45.

24. Ldsdy Attended Chapel all day. A.M. Dr Dana preached and P.M. Mr Tutor Chapin. Readg Dionys. & Gosp. Infancy.

29. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Mr Chapin present.

30. Writ^s Introd. to Dionysius Lett. on Eclipse Crucifixion . . .

December

1. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Rev. Mr Trumbul who administered the Sacram^t—present 15 Communicants among whom D^r Wales & Wife. Previous to adminst^s the Ordinance, I admitted Elisha Mosely (a Soph.) into full Commun. in the Coll.

¹ Oliver St. John Wyllys, the son of a cousin of Dr. Stiles, was now about 19 years old. He died in Hartford on June 15, 1839, aged 65 years,—the last male of his family.

Chh: he had been propounded last Ldsdy. He was not before a Communicant.

3. Disput^a. No Snow on the earth. Tutor Gould not well.
4. A great Snow storm. . .
5. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Tutor Edwds present.
6. Five Recitations this day. New Coll. Doors in & most of the Windows.
8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Rev^d Mr Bray.
10. This is my Birthday Nov. 29, 1727. Beyond all expectation I have lived to this time to be æt. 66. The Retrospect of Life is both painful & pleasurable. May I be quickened in my Preparations for that Etern^y which must be near.
11. The Corpor^a committee are met here. The new Coll. is now completely inclosed, Doors & Windows all put up. The outside & Chimnies thus finished cost about £1400 to £1500. L. M.
12. Committee meet^s—No Lect. Appointed Meet^s Committee for Revision of the Coll. Laws 2^d Tuesdy Febry. next.
13. This Eveng. I read thro' Dionysius's Hier. Eccl. describ^s usages of his own Chh. at Athens rather than those practised in the primitive Chhs. in general: certainly diff. fr those in Chh. of Ephesus.
15. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day & heard Mr Noyes of Wallingfd. Read^s Dionysius.
18. Stormy. Confined.
19. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Began read Maurice's Hist. of India.
20. Seniors finished Lock.
22. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr Noyes of Northfd all day.
23. Disput^a. Genets Affair laid before Congress.
24. Disput^a. News Gov. Moultrie & Sec^y Drayton of S^o Car^a were enlist^s 5000 Men in back settlements to send to assist the French in W. Ind. in Connex. with Geuet.
25. Read^s Maurice's India.
26. Seniors began to recite Paleys Mor. Phil. I exhibited an Eccl. Hist. Lect. Present Tutors Chapin & Gould.
27. Dined with the Free Masons, S^t Johns Ann^y.
28. Rev Mr Trumbull brot me a Silver Bason for Baptisms. It weighed 22 Doll. Mak^s £3. Y. M. Cost. £13.17.0. Y M. = 34½ D. cir. & £10.7.0 L. M. besides Engrav^s which may be 3 D. more.

29. Ldsdy I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr Fowler all day.
 31. Disput^a. Finished Read^s Maurice's Hindostan 2^d Vol. Read Mr Masons excellent Fast Sermon at N Y. Sept. last. Yesterday & to-day Fine moderate Weather. Therm^o 50.—No Snow on the ground. Thus endeth this year. . . .

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January

1. Newyears day. Reading Jones's Liter^a of India . . .
2. Eccl. Hist. Lect. . .
3. Mild moderate Weather.
4. The Att^o Gen. of U. S. declines prosecut^s Judge Jay &c at the Instance of M. Genet the ambassador.
5. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr Chapin preached James ii, 10. I adminstered the Sacr^t present 13. Mrs Wales present, the D^r Absent. P.M. D^r Edwds pr. Jn^o xv, 15. Read^s Hornbecks Socinianismus.
6. The Jun. finished recit^s Enfields Phil. began Oct. last.
7. The Seniors recited to IXth Chap. Paley. Soph. recited most of the Epistles in Gr. at Mondy morn^s Recitations; also finished Geography & Pikes Arith.
8. VACATION begins. Sup. Court sitting. Read Careys acco^t of the yellow fever at Philad^a fr. begin^s Augt to middle Nov. last, above 4000 Deaths, 17,000 left the City, supposed usually to contain 50 Th. souls but I judge about 35 or 40 Thousd.
9. Wife and Ruth & Eliza finished the Geog. Problems on the Globe.
11. News that the Queen of France was guillotined 16th Oct. last as her husband had been 21 Janry. last. Th. 42 noon, 35 X p. m.
12. Ldsdy. I attended at the Brick & heard D^r Dana all day. Very cold, sudden change of weather—Therm^o 10 this Morn^s, 15 at noon & 25 at III^h PM. No snow on the Ground. Read^s Dionysius & the Scriptures.
13. Geography with Wife & Child. & Heb. Scholars.
14. Prayed with the Court as usual.
15. Judges took Tea at my house. Read Genets Commission.
16. Finished Geogr^a with Wife. Read^s the 4 Gospels and selected 50 Passages wherein Christ approved & declared the Inspir^a of Moses & the Prophets & Scriptures of O. T.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at D^r Edwds & heard him all day.
20. Compar^s the Heb. & Sam. Pent. in Kennicott. . .
25. Writing a Letter to Sir Wm. Jones at Calcutta in Bengal, President of the Society there, request^s him to procure me an Extract of the patriarchal ages from the Heb. Pentateuch with the Jews of the X Tribes at Cochin on Malabar Coast. G. Wash. announced to Cong. 20 Inst. the Recall of Ambass. Genet. . .
26. Ldsdy. I attended at the Brick all day & heard D^r Dana . . . Read^s Abdias' Lives Apostles part^y the Life of S^t Thomas.
29. VACATION ended; set up Orders, all the Tutors present. Hitherto an open winter; scarcely any snow. This Eveng. a violent Snow storm came on.
30. Mr. Anthony of Verm^t left us. Three aged Ministers have lately died, Rev^d Mr Row^{ld} of Windsor æt 70 cir. Rev^d Mr White of Windham æt. 75. Rev^d Mr Beckwith of Lyme æt. 90 cir.

Feb.

1. Read^s Josippus Ben Gorion again. And also a Volume lately published of D^r Doddridge's Letters & Correspondence; printed for the use & subsistence of his Relict Widow, in very advanced Age & reduced Circumstances. . . .
2. Ldsdy. Tho' between 70 & 80 Undergrad. present, yet we had no service in Chapel. I attended all day at Brick & heard D^r Dana, A. M. Jn^o xiii, 23. He adm. the Sacr^t. P. M. Eccles.
3. Disput^a. Readg Doddridges Letters.
4. Disput^a. D^r W. Toes begin to mortify, the week past.
5. Ordered the Seniors to bring & deliver in Calcul^a & Deline^a of the Lunar Total Eclipse to fall 14th Ins^t.
6. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Cold. Th. 5 this Morn^g. D^r W. other foot begins to mortify.
7. Mr Jos. Whiting died, suddenly.
8. Buried, & his sister died.¹
9. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven. At Chapel M^r Chapin pr. A. M. and P. M. D^r Dana preached.
10. Disput^a. The T^o alarmed with Danger of the Spreading of the Canker or ulcerous sore Throat or scarlet fever.
11. Disput^a. The Committee for Revision of the Coll. Laws met

¹ William Joseph Whiting (Yale 1780), son of Judge John Whiting (Yale 1740), was born in New Haven on February 7, 1760. His sister Hannah, wife of Alexander Langmuir, was born on August 5, 1765.

viz Mess^{rs} Good., Treadwel & Davenp^t & myself. The Scholars alarmed & desirous to break up & go home.

12. Revis^s Coll. Laws. Alarm moderating.

13. Joyned by M^r Huntington. Elected Sir Stebbins under prospect that M^r Chapin may leave us. Several Calculations & Delineations of the Lunar Total Eclipse by Sen. Sophisters. Lett. fr. Camb. 8th Ins^t. Polly taken ill about 22^d ult.

14. Revis^s Laws. Committee adjourned to Hartfd day before Election X^b A M. Dr Good. to copy & prepare the Revision. The Eveng. cloudy; disappointed in observ^s the Lunar Total Eclipse this Eveng. At occasional shin^s of Moon thro' Clouds found the Eclipse gone off by VII^b 15' this Even^s.

15. Read^s Dow's Hist. Indostan.

16. Ldsdy. Th. 12. Clear & Cold. I attended all day at Chapel. A M. Mr. Chapin 2 Pet. i, 16. P M. D^r Edwds Ps. lxiii, 2.

17. Disput^a. Visited D^r Wales & found him better of his mortific^a. The first joynt of the great Toe on his left foot cut off last Saturday. His son Johnny broke his Leg. A distressed family!

18. Disput^a. At VII^b 15' this Eveng. died the Rev^d D^r Wales æt. 47. He came into the Professorship of Divinity in Yale College May 1782. A most excellent Preacher, & a pious & holy Man. . .

1786

[DR. WALES'S VOYAGE TO EUROPE 1786

May 8. Left New Haven.

14. Sailed from N York in the French Packet 300 Tons & 50 men.

June 17. Landed at l'Orient in France; 34 days passage. The Captain prayed with his men twice a day & read the Bible to them or some other good Book

Passage from L'Orient to Ostend 9 days, two Guineas; touched at Port Louis in France.

Fr. Ostend to Sluys in a Post Chaise 27 m. in Flanders, thro' Brussels; arrived at Sluys June 30.

July 1. Left Sluys for Middleburgh 18 M. in a Schuyt, passing Flushing. Fr. Middleboro' thro' Rotterdam & Dort. Saw Statue of Erasmus. Passed Delft, Leyden & Harlem to Amsterdam, 48 m. fr. Rotterdam. Traveled in Schuuits with 30 or 40 persons drawn by single horse.

4. Arrived at Amsterdam. Robbed of 200 Doll. Preached in Scotch Chh. Staid there a *Week*, & sailed for London.

19. Arrived in London. And left it in a *four^t night* Aug^t 2 for N Engld.

Aug. 15. Left Torby & Land for America. Sept 10 Prayer's on board Ship.

Oct. 7. In sight of C. Ann & Oct 10 Landed in Boston.

21. Arrived at New Haven after Absence of 5½ months.

Apr. 18, 1794. Extracted from his Diary.]

19. Mak^s a Lat. funeral Oration on D^r Wales. Concluded to have his funeral to morrow. D^r Dana to preach.

20. A stormy Day. The funeral deferred till to morrow. Snow mostly gone off the Earth. No Lect. eccl. Hist. This day M^r Chapin concluded to accept the Call of Stepney Chh. S^r Stebbins returned yesterday. Rec^d a Lett. fr. Camb. dated 14th Ins^s. Polly better.

21. Attended D^r Wales's Funeral at X^h this forenoon. An academic Procession was formed at his House; & proceeded with the Corps to the Brick Meet^shouse. The Exercises

- X^h 42' Anthem out of Revel^a.
- 47 Prayer by Dr Edwds
- 58 Sang 102^d Ps. 3^d pt, long metre; Watts
- XI. 9. Sermon by Dr Dana from Heb. vi, 12, one hour
- XII. 9. Prayer by myself
- 19 Funeral Lat. Oration 15'
- 34 Hymn 27 of 1st B. Watts
- 45. Blessing by D^r Dana.

Only the Ministers in T^o present, viz Mess. Dana, Hubbd & Edwds. Those who came in yesterday returned. Bearers 12, viz Messieurs Austin, two Jones', Dr Munson, D^r Ives, Deacon Darling, Sq^r Daggett, Stew^d Atw^a, Major Lyon, Isaac Beers Esq., Judge Chauncy. Three white Scarves to the Min^{rs}. I & my fam^y Mourners.

Dr Wales was born at Raynham near Taunton, Mass^a, March 1747/8. Educated at Y. C. where he graduated 1767. He taught in Dr Wheelocks Ind. School at Lebanon: was Dean Scholar: in 1769 was Tutor at Y. C. and 1770 ord. Pastor of the first Chh in Milfd. Became Chaplain in the army about 1776. Was elected Professor of Div^y in Y. C. Janr^y 1782. accepted May, & was inaugurated June 1782. In the fall of 1783 was first seized with his nervous Disorders, w^o continued upon him to his death. In 1786 he went on a Voyage across the Atlantic for recovery. Travelled in France, the Netherlds, Holld fr. Amsterdam to London, & thence returned to B^o & N H Oct 1786. For the last two years disabled from the Desk. Sept. or Commenc^t 1793 his Professorship ended. He was a very excellent Character.

22. Mr Whitney brot to my house & shewed us his Machine, by him invented for cleaning Cotton of its seeds. He shewed us the model which he has finished to lodge at Philadelphia in the Secre-

tary of States Office, when he takes out his Patent. This miniature Model is pfect, & will clean about a dozen pounds a day, or about 40^{lb} before clean^s. He has completed six large ones, Barrel pphs five feet long to carry to Georgia. In one of these I saw about a *dozen pounds* of Cotton with seeds cleaned by one pson in about twenty minutes, from which was delivered above *three pounds* of Cotton purely cleansed of seed. It will clean 100 cw^t a day. A curious & very ingenious piece of Mechanism.

23. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr Chapin all day. A.M. Ps. 119, P.M. Acts xvii, 31. M^{rs} Wales & Fam^y attended. Snow.

24. My Wifes Birthday, Feb. 13. 1744/5. So entered 50 aet.

25. Attended the fun. Mrs Hunt¹ D. of Mr Elias Beers, o^r next neighbor. . . .²

The Vedas, tho' they may comprehend much antediluvian Knowledge, yet are not the pure Copies of the Books brot by Noah from the other side of the flood. But as the Roman Catholics have corrupted X^{ty} & delivered the Institutes of Men ; so the Vedas deliver the first Corrupt^a & Apost^y to Idol^y from the pure Religion given by Noah : which Corruption happened in the Time of Serug the Grandf^a of Abraham. So the Vedas cant much excede the Times of Ab^m tho' they may like the Alcoran & the Pentateuch contain Excerpta from Writers of higher Antiquity. . .

26. Mr. Hart from Cornwall came here & brought me in Butter & Chese a part of the Rent of my farm there. I let it to him for another year. Rec^d a Letter from Hon. Mr Hillhouse of Congress at Philad^a of 18th Inst advis^s that M. Fauchet had just arrived there Ambassador from France to supersede M. Genet, & that there was a Prospect that we shd be kept out of the War. The Canker Rash or scarlet Fever is in T^o. D^r Goodrichs³ fam^y in great destress, one Child dead & another dangerous, & the family deserted thro' fear of tak^s the Disorder. D^r Wales's Character in the paper of to day drawn by David Dagget Esq.

27. Attended Fun. D^r Good. Child. ob. Canker Rash.

28. Read^s Dows Hist. of Hindostan 2^d Vol.

¹ Hannah, wife of John Hunt, died February 23, aged 21 years. Her father's house was opposite Dr. Stiles's, about where Mr. Morris F. Tyler now lives.

² A quotation respecting the Vedas is here inserted from Dow's Indostan.

³ John Goodrich (Yale 1778). He had already abandoned his business as a druggist for the law.

March

1. Rec^d Lett. fr. Mr Holmes & Betsy of 22^d ult. Polly stationary. Betsy a few weeks past made a pub. profession of Religion, and was admitted in the Chh at Cambridge; where on Ldsdy 16th Ins['] she partook of the Sacram^t for the first time. Read^s Sales Koran. Also rec^d a Letter from M^r Adams of Medfield inclos^s at my Desire a Profile of his Daughter Miss Hannah Adams the Historian.

2. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Mr. Chapin all day A M. Mat. x, 33. P M. Gen. 18, 32. I administered the Sacr^t, ten present.

3. Disput^a. Attended the Funeral of Cap^t James Peck who died last Sat^y æt. 86. A good Citizen & Xtian. Buried with a Free Mason Procession, w^c cast a Branch of Spruce, or sprig of Cassia into the Grave on the Coffin. Rain—Snow gone.

4. Disput^a. Cold this Morn^a Th. 13.

5. Attended the Funeral of Miss Maria Broome æt. 21.¹ Th. 9.

6. Stormy Day. Sen^{rs} began Montesquieu. Snow & sleet.

7. Visited M^r Broome, & M^{rs} Wales.

8. Gen. Clarke of Kentucky & 2000 settlers embodied, have expatriated themselves & gone down the Mississippi to take New Orleans—under a Commission from M. Genet, as is said, & without the Consent of the President of the U. S. Th. 36. Snow gone off.

9. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev. Mr. Stebbins all day from 1 Pet. i, 13.

10. Disput^a. Mission^y Committee agree to print Acco^t of last year &c.²

11. Disput^a. Mak^s up Qu. Bills. Certain news that the British evacuated Toulon 19 Dec. last.

12. QUARTER DAY. Public Exercises in Chapel.

13. Mr Tutor Chapin bid Farewell to his Class and resigns the Tutorship. And at Even^g Prayers Mr Josiah Stebbins Tutor elect was qualified & inducted into Office; when I committed to him the Tuition of the Jun. Class.

¹ Daughter of Samuel and Phebe (Platt) Broome.

² Printed with title: A Narrative of the Missions to the New Settlements according to the appointment of the General Associations of Connecticut, with an Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the money contributed in May, 1793.

14. This Even^s Mr Chapin took his Leave of us, setting out to-morrow morning for Stepney to settle in the Min^r there.

15. This Aft. I was informed that Backus, a Freshman, was taken sick yesterday Morn^g. & upon visit^s him I found him dangerous, & immed⁷ dispatched an Express to his Father the Rev^d Mr. Backus of Somers. The Express went off at IV $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. In the Even^s at IX I was sent for & went & prayed with him, three Physicians giving him over. At II $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a this night he died of the Angina ulcerosa; æt. 17.

16. Ldsdy. Dr Hubbds son Wyllys æt. 10. being dangerously sick of the sore Throat I & my Wife visited him this forenoon & so were absent from div. service. P.M. I attended Chapel & heard the Rev^d Mr. Foot from Rom. ix. The Physicians judging it impossible to keep the Corps till to-morrow, the funeral of Backus was attended after Meeting. I sent & requested the Ministers in T^o to notify the funeral in their Congregations. And accordingly there was a very great Funeral. Mr Baldwin & I walked as chief Mourners, & as I had requested the Rev^d Mess^{rs} Dana, Hubbard, Foot & Edwds walkt as Mourners The 3 Sen. Classes preceded the Corps in academic Procession, then the Bearers 12 of the Soph. Class, with the Corps, then the Mourners, Minrs. four or 5 Chaises with my Wife &c, the Tutors, & Mr Hotchk. & W. where he died, the Freshm. Class, all as Mourners, then the Citizens two & two, in a long, & the most decent funeral procession I ever saw in this Town. After the Intern^t the Students & others returned from the Grave to College Chapel, where we had a Prayer on the Occasion & sang the funeral Anthem.—Dr Dana prayed at the House, & Dr Edwds spake at the Grave. Thus we paid every Token of Respect to our B^r the Rev^d Mr. Backus at the funeral of his son, his only son, his only Child.

19. This Aft. Mr. Backus & his W. came to T^o. Dr. Hubbds son Wyllys dangerously sick. Dana, Fresh. sick.

20. Eccl. Hist. Lect.—Wyllys better. Dana very sick.

21. Emilia returned from Hartfd—absent fr. middle Dec. last. Presid^t Wheelock at my House. Mr Hillhouse has invested 300 D. in 600 Doll. deferred U. S. for me, to draw Int. after A D 1801.

23. Ldsdy. I attended all day at Chapel & heard A M. Mr Bassett P M. D^r Edwds Eccles. xi. a fun. Sermon. The Rev^d Mr Backus & Lady present.

24. Disput^a. Rev^d Mr Backus went home. Mr Taylor here.

25. Disput^a. I sent for Rev^d Mr Brockway, his son a Freshm. sick. College alarmed. Three Classes petition Dismission. Declined.

26. Mr Brockway came : four scholars sick with Scarletina fever.

27. Three hebrew Recit^a to day. Gave Leave to 5 or 6 scholars to go home. I gave my Lect. on Eccl. Hist.

29. This Mornng at II^h $\frac{1}{4}$ Mane died Julia Hubbd æt. 15. At IX. Lucy Baldwin, and at II or I $\frac{1}{2}$ P M Dudly Baldwin Esqr her Brother.¹ A very affecting Providence. The Students in College unusually alarmed & agitated, so that I dismissed about Twenty.

30. Ldsdy. Rev^d Mr Porter preached at Chapel all day. After Meet^s we attended first the funeral of D^r Hubbds Daughter ; and immed^y after that of Dudly Baldwin and his Sister, two Corpses from one house, both deposited in one Grave.

31. I myself & Wife taken sick. We released as many scholars to go home as were intimidated. Abot Two Thirds to day.

Apr.

1. Upheld Recitations yet—tho most evacuated. The Sickness in T^o prevalent & alarming. Thro' Mercy I & my W. rather better.

2. Upheld Recitations till this day. At Eveng. prayer I discontinued all College Exercises till May Vac^a or till College shd be called together by Advertisement : and dismissed the few remain^g students only ten at prayers & p^hps only a dozen or 15 in T^o & sundry of these going. Yet as the Tutors & myself design to tarry in T^o. I notified them that those who tarried might recite daily & receive the necessary Instruction.

4. Still Recit^a Sen. Class. Eliza sick.

5. Recit^a Sen. Class in Geogr^a & Astron^y. Eliza better.

6. Ldsdy. I attended at the Brick & heard D^r Dana all day, and partook at the Sacram^t there with my Wife & two Daughters.

7. FAST in Connect. I attended A M at the Brick, made first Prayer. D^r Dana preached. P M. D^r Edwds & heard him preach.

10. The physicians of this T^o have published in the prints that in this City from the 1st Janry. last to this day, there have been 290 Patients taken down with the Febris scarletina anginosa, or ulcerous sore Throat, of which only Eight have died & the rest recovered ; and that the Epidemic has now moderated in its symptoms & abated ;

¹ He was born April 17, 1753, and was graduated at Yale in 1777, a brother of Abraham Baldwin (Yale 1772). His sister was 24 years old. The family residence was on George street, facing College street.

nor at any time has it raged here equal to what it has done & now does in the neighbor^s Towns, & all over the Country: altho' at a distance, this T^o is represented to be in a State of sickness & mortality, equal to Philad^a last summer.

11. A flagrant Theft detected at N York, 300 Chests of Hyson Tea stolen from Mr Macombs store 2 y. ago; 78 Boxes of which are now found concealed under Hay in Cap^t Clarks store in this Town. Cap^t Clark is arrested & in Goal for 20 Th. Dollars.

12. Mr Macom himself arrested for 16 Th. Doll. & bailed. I finished my Letter to Sir W^m Jones in Bengal, E. Indies.

13. Ldsdy. I attended at Dr Danas A M & heard Mr Street. P M. at D^r Edwds. Reading Luthers Works & Josephus.

14. Two Geograpy Recitations this day.

15. Geogr^a Recit^a for the 3 under Classes. About 17 Underg. in T^o.

17. Rec^d Lett. from Presid^t Fitch with his printed Catalogue of 360 Vol. Rec^d 100 Doll. p^d by Mr Dick. for N^o Haven farm, fall.

18. Good friday. I went to Chh A M. & heard Rev^d Mr Hubbard preach an excellent sermon. Rec^d Lett. fr. Judge Marchant of Newp^t under apprehensions that on acc^o of Epidem. Sickness it would be advisable that I & my fam^y remove out of New Haven & kindly offer^s to receive my Daughters into his fam^y. How wonderful the Provision & Care of Prov. for me & my family in excit^s this kind attention of my former Friends! . . .

19. Rec^d Letter fr. Hon. Mr Hillhouse at Congress with Certificate 600 Doll. Deferred Stock U. S. Also Letters from Cambridge. Mr. Eddy of N York visited me with his ingenious little son æt. 12 cir. deaf by the Angina ulcerosa last year, who has read Cooks Voyage, the Volumes of Encyclopædia &c &c. Mr Gibbon the Historian lately dead. Martinico taken by the English. Anniversary of the memorable Lexington Hostilities 19 y. ago.

20. Ldsdy. I attended A M D^r Danas. P.M. D^r Edwards. . .

21. Geogr^a Lect. on the Globes every day—this day two hours long. Spent Aft. in shew^s the Orrery & Apparatus to Mr. Eddy, Merch^t N. Y. & to his only son æt. 12, last y. become deaf by Angina—Lad a great Reader. . . .

22. Rec^d 16 Copies of Dr Belknaps Biography.

23. Revising MS. Copy Hist. Judges. Readg Trial of Mr Muir who with a presb. Minister is banished for 14 y. to Botany Bay for malicious Imputation of Sedition in Scotland.

24. Adam went away & Charles came to live with us.

25. Geog. Recita. daily—to day 2 hours. Federal Court. I have out of the old Davenp^t Lib^y the Mercurius Politicus a periodical newspaper from 1653 to 1660 in 6 or 7 Vol. 4^{to} during the Protectorate.¹ Read^s it. Rain. Great Havock made upon our Vessels in the W. Ind. by English & French—about six hundred of our Vessels taken & mostly condemned. Perhaps a Quarter of the Navig^a of U. S. Hon. Chief Justice Jay appointed by Gen. Wash. & the Senate Envoy or Ambassador extraord^y to G. Brit. on the subject of these Captures. Also Envoys or Persons sent off from Congress to W. Ind. on the same subject & to assist our Brethren sea Captains & their Crews there.—Britain proposes a Compens^a for Losses—but they will never be half made up. Congress have granted the Marquiss Gen. Fayette 24 Thousd Doll. Arrears of Pay while in service of the United States in 1780 &c. last War. Justice!

26. Rode over with Wife to W. Haven.

27. Ldsdy I preached all day for Mr Williston who went to Milford.

28. This Morn^s at III o'clock died M^{rs} Mary Hubbard æt 76, Relict of Father Hubbd. News the Brig Union of B^o Cap^t Snow of which my son was mate, was about 11th Feb last cast away on the Shore of Wales. They sailed from Chesapeake last Aug^t put in destress to Galloway in Irel^d, refitted, sailed for Dublin & were shipwreckt, two people lost.

29. Set out for Ordin^a at Stepney with Mr Tutor Edwards: and at eveng. arrived & joyned the Ordin^a Council. Present

Rev. Dr Gay	Mr Gay Jun.
Dr Goodrich Mod ^r	Mr Bulkly
Mr Boardman	Mr Fenn
Mr Cypr. Strong	Mr Perkins
Mr Marsh	Mr Huntington Enoc
Mr Brown Scribe	E. Stiles, & Delegates of Chhs

30. Ordin^a of Mr Tutor Chapin attended. Mr Fenn first prayer Mr Perkins preached; Mr Marsh prayed dur^s Imp^o Hands; Dr Good. Charge; Mr Strong Rt Hand; Mr Hunt. last prayer.

¹ The University Library has a set of this periodical, presumably the set here mentioned, which was obtained from the Library of Col. William Lyon of New Haven.

May

1. Spent forenoon with Mr. Geo. Selden,¹ who has been 500 Miles up the Missouri to the Óh-Zaws T^o Indians, being 15 Miles long & half to two miles & one mile wide filled with Wigwams 18 to 20 feet Diam. one story. He judges bigger than Philad^a. Rode to Durh., lodged Dr Good.

2. Returned home. . . .

3. Geograph. Recit^a. Correcting my Hist. for the press.

4. Ldsdy. Attended Dr Dana's Meet^s all day & heard Mr Spald^s all day. Dr Dana administered Sac^r Lords Supper, present about 100 Communicants.

5. Trooping & Train^s in N. H. this day. Visited Jeremiah Osborn² A M. æt. 23, who has been sick for two years & a half. Last Week & repeatedly heretofore very dangerous. A long chronical putrid Disorder. Last Winter he had a Dream that he died, & attended his own funeral. Going out of the Room he turned about & went up to the Coffin & viewed his own Corps—& casting his Eyes on the Lid of the Coffin, saw it inscribed with the Initials of his name, & ætat. 58, from whence upon waking up he was impressed with the Idea that he might recover & live to the age of 58. Last Week he was given over by the physicians; but about the middle of the week began to recover, & now sits up & is sensibly better. His sister says he now flatters himself from his Dream that he shall get well. His Mother endeavours to dissuade him from such hopes. But tho' he only smiles & says little upon it, yet I saw he flattered himself. I told him the Story of Mr Morgan Edwds of Philad^a who about 1755 had a similar Impression that he should die at the end of 15 years—accordingly set the day for his Death, and told me beforehand phps 3 months before the time, that he had not the least doubt but he should then die. On New Years day he preached & printed a sermon upon it & in it set the day in March follow^s when he shd die. But the day came—he could not then die, & is still alive in Pensylv^a or Delaware. I wished him not to confide in his supposed Premonition. He smiled, but I saw what I said had no Effect to shake his Prospects. He told me his Dream—& I saw he believed it.

¹ Yale College 1786.

² For Jeremiah read Jonathan. He was son of Jonathan and Mehetable Osborn, of New Haven, a graduate of Yale in 1789, and died on November 4, 1796.

6. Deans Exam. Only Cand. Mitchel—approved. This aft. I set out for Hartfd.

7. Meet^s Committee Revision at Hartfd.

8. ELECTION. Hunt. Gov., Wolcott D. G. D^r Edwds preached.

11. Ldsdy I preached at N^o Branfd.

12. Returned home

16. I set out on Journey for New York.¹ Rode to Mr. Stebbins at Stratford. Visited Sister Silliman.

17. Arrived at Stamford. Mr. James Davenports.

18. Ldsdy I preached at Stamford.

19. Inspected Relics of the old Davenp^t Library. It was divided between two sons; & the late Col. Davenp^t had one half. In the late War many of the Books were made up into Cartridges for the Army—Left 200 or 250 Vol.—chiefly Div^y, Fathers, Schoolmen, Reformers & Puritans. I found 8 Vol. of the first Mr Davenp^t of N. H. his MSS. Rode to Rye.

20. To N York. Dined at Hoyts—Kingston. Mr. Jeffry Smith tells me was on the Mississippi & at the Akansas T^o & at New Orleans, at the Natchez & Havanna last Summer, Aug., 1793. Heard of Mr. Selden as practis^s physic at Natches—doubts his being at Orleans, Havanna—never heard of so large a T^o as 15 sq. m. at Ozaws up Missouri tho' has seen many Ozaws' Indians. I spent the Eveng with Col. Langdon.

This Aft. I visited the Cotton Manuf^y 6 M. fr. the City. It is a grand & complicated Machinery.

21. Waited on Sir Jn^o Temple, dined Rev. Mr. Miller, visited Dr. Rogers, Mr. Russel, &c.

Gov^r Jefferson, Secr^y &c, has retired in inconcealable Disgust. He told Col. Langdon he shd. retire to his farm, never touch a newspaper again nor meddle with Politics more. The Patriots are divided—those of 1775 neglected. The Disposition of officers & Employ^m^t & Contracts for Build^s Navy, Army &c. all arranged so as to gain a command^s Vote in Congress as—not Wash.—but &c around him. So the System of Omnia venalia rapidly approach^s in Jeff's View.

22. Visited Mr. Green & wife who will convey my Lett. to Sir W^m Jones, Calcutta, Bengal. Visited Tammany Musæum.

23. Left N York, rode to Morrissania—G. Morris's, & sat up while XI^¾.

¹ A few memoranda are inserted from the MS. Itinerary.

25. Ldsdy I preached at Rye in the new Presb. Meetghouse there.

27. Vac^a ended. Orders set up at Coll.

31. I returned home; & found Mr Holmes & Polly fr. Cambridge.

June

1. Ldsday. I attended at late Mr. Austins Meeting & heard Mr. Holmes all day. He admin'd the Sacrament.

2. Seniors finished Montesq. V. 1.

3. D^o began 2^d Vol. Read^s Buchanans Travels. Began V. 2.

4. Finished read^s Buchanan.

5. Began Examin^a of the Classes—about 110 Und. present. Senior Class 19 pr. abs. 5.

7. Exam. continued. Hon. Mr. Hillhouse returned from Congress yesterday. Last M^o Hon. Judge Jay sailed Ambassador for London. The K. of Prussia has withdrawn from the combined Army in Europe. D^r Priestly landed at N York a few days ago, escaping from Persecution in Engld.

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr Holmes of Camb. all day

9. Read^s Sketches of India.

10. Died at Branford the Rev^d Jason Atw^a æt. Finished transcrib^s my Lett. to Sir W^m Jones.

12. At X^h this Eveng. Mr. Holmes & Daughter Polly went on board the Packet to sail for Boston. Polly in a low & debilitated State of Health.

13. Visited the Cotton Manufact^y newly erected at W. Rock two miles from T^o. Saw the Card^s machine compleat & work^s and also two Jennies going for spin^s cotton. About half a dozen Jennies finished from fourty to eighty Threads. The Man^y House about as big as new College, 100 f. long & four Stories.

14. Rec^d Lett. from B^o advis^s that the 2^d mate of the Brig Union is arrived there & says my son Isaac was sick & unable &c & was left at Waterfd in Ireld. by Cap^t Snow before the Shipwreck who gave him five Guineas &c. And that my son intended to seek a passage home from Ireld^d.

15. Ldsdy. I preached at the Plains A M. in their new Meeting-house & administered the Sacram^t to that Chh. P M. Mr Allen preached & I baptized 3 Children viz. Jared son of Jos Benham &

Eliz^a his W.—Ethel son Jos. Humberston & Eunice his W.—& Abigail D. Sam^l Dorman & Lois his Wife.

17. Disput^a. Copying &c. Gen. Assoc. at Kensington.

18. Two Recit^a Seniors—P M on the Orrery—& Heb Recit^a.

19. Eccl. Hist. Lect. D^r McWhorter & Mr Chapman Delegates from Gen. Assembly of the Synods to Connect. Gen. Assoc.

21. I bought a share in the new Mechanics Library begun 1793¹ now consist^s of 430 Vol. for four Dollars.

22. Ldsdy I preached at Amity & Mr Bebee in Chapel. I baptized three Children at Amity

Tho^a son of Tho^a Darl^s Esq & Polly his Wife

Isaac son of Isaac Heminway & Eunice his Wife

Elihu son of Jer. Beecher and his W.

23. Disput^a. Sickness & Deaths prevail in T^o. Sixteen Deaths from Sat^y to Sat^y last. I rode to North Haven.

24. Disput^a This Morn^g the Corps of Mr Elijah Austin Merch^t was brot to T^o fr. N York where he died the night before last after 5 or 6 d. sickness of the present putrid Disord. At one o'Clock this day he was buried in our Bury^s Ground: the pple fearing the Contagion.

At IV^h P M. the Inhab. assembled at the new Meet^s to unite in Prayer & Supplic^a to Gd on acco^t of the Sickness. Dr Edwds preached and D^r Dana prayed.

25. Seniors finished Montesq. 2^d V. I have had five Hebrew Recitations this day, my Wife hearing one of them.

26. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Students present in Coll. 140.

27. Copying Letter to Sir W^m Jones—Bengal E. Ind.

28. Finished 2^d Copy Sir W^m Jones Letter.

29. Ldsdy Mr Street pr. in Chapel—I pr. at East Haven.

30. Sen. Disput^a. The Gov. of Quebec has lately established a Bishop of the Chh Eng. there.

July

1. Disput^a. Eliza taken sick of the ulcerous sore Throat.

2. Mr Tutor Edwds taken sick. I hear two Classes. This day heard from N York that my son Isaac was at Bourdeaux in France

¹ This organization continued in existence until 1815, when it was merged into the Social Library Company, which was absorbed in the New Haven Young Men's Institute in 1840.

& bound to Copenhagen. This the first news since hear^s that he was left sick at Ireland. Read^s Gibbons Lives of pious Women.

3. Eccl. Hist. Lect. This day Eliza very ill.

4. This day died at Cheshire the Rev^d Reuben Hitchcock, late Pastor of the Chh at Sunbury, Georgia—a pious, learned and excellent young Minister.

5. Eliza very sick & critical. This day more news from my Son. A Letter from Newp^t advises that Cap^t Grimes of Newport had sent a Letter to his Wife dated Dublin 3^d Apr. last in which he informed that Isaac was aboard his Vessel, & going with him to Bourdeaux. So I hope he is recovered.

6. Ldsdy. A.M. I attended at Fairhaven, heard Mr. Ball, a Candidate, & administered the Lds Supper to that Chh. P. M. I preached at White Haven, Dr Edwds unwell. This Morn^s Ruthy taken sick.

7. Disput^a At III P.M. Hine a Freshman delivered publicly a funeral Orat. on the Death of Backus.¹ The Sexton tells me 86 Deaths in this city since 1 Janry. last—71 last year—51 the year before: 9 one Week & 3 one day.

9. Examin^s Theses. Greater part of plaistering new Coll. completed: Doors hanging, upper Rooms clean^s out.

10. Eccl. Hist. Lect.

11. Exam^s Mischief & Disorders in Chapel.

12. Rode to Carmel.

13. Ldsdy. I pr. at Carmel. Rev. Mr. Ely in Chapel.

16. Sanf^d rusticated.

17. Hunt rusticated. Ecc. Hist. Rather on Mor. Phil. This day the new College completely finished in just one year from laying the first Brick in the Brickwork. Cost £2500.

This day I was visited by M. Talleyrand Perigord Bp of Autun in France, Member of the National Assembly for Autun, and M. Beaumez Member for the District of Arras: they were delegated by the Assembly to the K. & Min^r of G. B. to dissuade them from enter^s into War with France—failed—have been in England ever since—become obnoxious to the Nat. Convention—dare not return to France. Upon Mr Pitt procuring the alien Bill to pass Parl^t they were this Spring obliged to leave Engld and sought asylum in U. S. Now on Travels. Both men of Inform^s, Literature, Calmness & Candor: & very inquisitive. Mrs. Woolstoncraft dedicated

¹ See above, March 15, 1794. This was subsequently published.

her R^{ts} &c to Bp of Autun. The Bp has written a piece on Educⁿ and originated the Bill or Act in the National Assembly for setting up schools all over France for diffusing Educⁿ & Letters among the Plebeians. I desired them to estimate the proportion of those who could not read in France. M. Beaumez said of 25 Millions he judged 20 million could not read. The Bp corrected it & said Eighteen Millions. They were very inquisitive about our mode of diffusing Knowledge. I told them of our parochial Schools from the Beginn^t & that I had not reason to think there was a single pson of the natives in N. H. that could not read—& that in all N. E. except Rh. Isld, there probably could not be found 50 or 100 psons who could not read the Bible, write & cast common account. That being able to read the Bible, they could read the other Books, & that more lately a spirit for parochial Libraries spread itself in N. E. part^y N. H. & the neighbor^g Towns, who got little Libraries of 100 to 2 & 300 Vol. consist^g of Voyages, Trav. Hist. & Entertaim^t—that in some they had already such high Authors as Rollins Ant. Hist., Robertsons Amer. & Chà. V., Bruce Trav. &c & in most of them Guthries or Morses Geography—that they read Geography with Avidity & Improv^t.

Came with them from N. Y. Rev^d Mr Rickman a Congreg^a Minister in Suffolk in Engld, who to avoid the Fury of Mobs & Persecution of Dissenters, like Dr Priestly had removed to U. S. with his family. He appears to be a very worthy Divine.

18. The 2 Fr. Gent. departed for Hartfd.

19. Bid farewell to the Senior Class.

20. Ldsdy. A. M. Rev^d Mr Rickman preached at Chapel 1 Cor. i, 21. P. M. Rev^d Mr Porter Philp. ii, 12.

21. Began Exam. Candidates A. B.

22. Ceremony of Present^a Candidates.

23. Rev Mr Rickman æt 37. went away for Philad^a. This day visited by Hon. Mess^{rs} Strong & Elsw^o two Senators in Congress. Concluded my Hist. Judges shd be printed at Hartfd.

24. Committee of Gen. Assoc. for Missionaries into the new settlements, of w^o I am one met at my House on Business.

25. Correct^g my Hist.

26. Letter &c: Isaac Mate of Cap^t Grimes at Bourdeaux dated 3 May.

27. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven, supplying Bethany. Mr Ball supplied Chapel.

28. Delivered 60 pages MS. Copy of my Hist^y to Cap^t Throop to be sent off to Hartfd to be printed, as the Work could be done there cheaper than at N Haven, £3 p. sheet & 15/ p thousand for as many Copies as they please. Delivered one of the Maps to Mr Doolittle, who engraves the Plates. This Morn^g I^b Coll. Chapel took fire—happily extinguished.

29. I opened the Sup. Court by Prayer. Extract^s from C^o Court Records Affidavits of Gov. Jones &c concern^g Dixwel.

30. Harv. Coll. have admitted 58 Freshmen this Commenc^t.

31. Lect. on Mor. Philosophy.

August

2. Very hot day. Th. 94 in N^o shade. This Eveng. heard that there was a great Fire at Boston, in which 50 Dwell^ghouses destroyed & 50 stores & outhouses—Damage £150,000.

3. Ldsdy. Mr Ball a Cand. preached in Chapel all day. A M. Prov. xvi, 3, div. Omniscience. I administered the Sacram^t of the Lds supper—present 10 Commun^g. P.M. 1 Jn^o iv, 7, Char^y. Propounded James Murdock of Freshm. Class for Admission into the College Chh.

4. Correct^s MS. Hist^y.

5. Chapel Steeple Vane taken down.

6. Correct^s MS.

7. Lect. on Mor. Phil. Judges of Sup. Court &c at my House.

8. At V^h p. m. Raised the new gilt Vane of the Coll. Steeple charged with three electrical Points tipt with Silver. The Lightning Rod $\frac{3}{4}$ Inc. Sq^r connected with the foot of the Spindle & at the Top of the wooden Mast, making the Spindle a Conductor from the Points to the Junction of the Rod. At Hartfd they inserted the Rod thro' the Wood into the mast so as to touch the End of the Spindle within the mast. I judged the other way equally secure for discharg^g the Lightning. The Rod & points were so erected on my Steeple at Newport Rh. Isld 28 years ago. Three funerals in T^o this day. We ranged the cardinal Points at the Top of Coll. Steeple by the Needle allow^g 4½ or 5 deg. West Var. So the Letters NS. due N^o & S^o.

10. Ldsdy. Mr. Griffin a Candidate supplied Chapel.

13. The T^o greatly alarmed about the spread^g of the putrid yellow fever. The Selectmen published a handbill caution^g the Inhab. & direct^g them to avoid the contagion.

14. I gave an eccl. Hist^y Lect. Yesterday I sent off to the Printer at Hartfd 66 pages of MS of my History. Mr. Doolittle is cutting the Plates. College fence begun to be erected.¹

15. Martins leaving their Boxes.

17. Ldsdy. I preached at Branford. Rev Mr Noyes W. Chapel.

18. The President U. S. has ordered 13,000 Militia from four States to repair to suppress the Insurrection at Pittsburg. The Excise on Whiskey offensive to Kentucky &c. 500 rose & demolished G. Nevills House &c refusing to submit to him as Inspector of the Excise.

21. Eccl. Hist. Lect. Attended Fun. Miss Peggy Prout² æt. 70. Great are the Tumults in Europe. The whole Nation in France in Arms! perhaps a greater body of pple in Arms than ever before to be found at once among 25 Millions; Easy for France to turn one, two & 300 thousand any way at the frontiers towards Spain, Germany, or Netherlands at pleasure: They hold the Combined Army at bay in Flanders—where are Battles with various success, but more & more established the public conviction that to break up the Rep. of France is impossible by Kings. The English have beat the French in a heavy naval Engagement¹ of 25 or 30 ships on a side—have taken Corsica one of the 83 Communities of France—and taken Guadaloupe: thus far victorious, but their great Body of forces in the Combined Army against France in Flanders under D. York have been unsuccessful & suffered disappointment¹. Prussia has withdrawn. Sweden & Denmark Neutrality. All Europe & its Kings alarmed. Poland is in Revolution under Gen. Kosciusko. who once was a Prussian Colonel in the Amer. Army at West Point.

The Ambassador U. S. Mr. Jay arrived at London in brg. Juno, a passage of only nineteen days from N Y. to demand compensation for British Captures of our Vessels. It is said that Mr Pitt the Minister gives the Eng. Merch^{ts} assurance every Thing shall be settled to satisfaction of U. S. with whom England does not intend to go to War.

22. Last Evening rec^d Lett. from Camb. Polly still declining & no hope of Recovery. The good Lady prepare her for Eternity. The

¹ On Aug. 2 the Committee of the Corporation had ordered the Steward to build a new fence with open paling round the College yard, the old fence having been pulled down by riotous students.

² Daughter of John Prout (Yale 1708), who was Treasurer of Yale College from 1717 to 1765. Hence "Peggy's Elbow," the local name of the crooked alley in which she lived, otherwise Prout street.

yellow fever still mortal in Town : last week four deaths, five or six now sick with it.

24. Ldsdy. No Preaching at Chapel. I attended at D^r Dana's & preached for him 2 Pet. i, 10-13. P M. the Dr preached Jn^o xii,

35. Read^s Gibbons' Lives of pious Women. To day four funerals in T^o of the putrid yellow fever.

25. T^o much alarmed with the Sickness. No very many sick ; but a dozen or 15 of all disorders. There seem to be two disorders 1. The scarlet fever & ulcerous sore Throat, which raged here last winter, & tho' much abated, yet extant. 2. The yellow fever brot in by a Vessel here about 15 or 16 June last, which has been lurk^s about ever since & now proves dreadful. Sixteen or 18 deaths out of Twenty patients at least. More mortal than the small pox, tho' less contagious.

26. The Committee of Coll. met on settl^s Acc^{ts} of new Coll. Three funerals this forenoon, followed only by 2 or 3 men & 2 or 3 women. They died of this contagious yellow fever. 3 or 4 psons taken ill to day. Terror. The Auth^y have provided Nurses &c, hospital houses, & forbidden communication. Warned T^o Meet^s Friday. Scholars alarmed. At II^h p.m. they began to apply to Leave to go home. I have dismissed sixty one scholars out of 115 to day. Numbers of Gent. mov^s their families out of town.

27. The sick in T^o to day are Mr. Hulse, Mary Smith, a Girl at Joslyns & M^r Claridge, of the yellow fever : Hulse better, Claridge dangerous. Dr Ives & son, Bostwick a scholar, Lent Hotchkiss, & a Girl at Mr David Daggets, & a child of sd Hotchkiss. Dr Ives rode abroad to day, the Girl has scarlet fever & rode abroad to day, the others better, Ives & Bostw. eating fruit. These ten are all the sick in Town. The T^o in gen. more healthy than usual in August.

28. Lent Hotch. unwell, his child dangerous with scarlet fever—Hulse, a Girl Andws, Tamar Claridge a drunken Nurse & Mr Dorman—these 4 sick with yellow fever only ones certain. M^{rs} Gorh., M^{rs} Mudge, Mix, & one or two more taken ill to day, & fears.

29. Hotch. Child dead. Gorh., Mudge, Mix better, not the disorder. The girl at David Daggets proves Scarlet, abroad & better. Dorman comfort^a night. Only 4 in T^o with yellow at X A M. Two Chⁿ died to day with Canker rash. T^o meet^s to-day. My House begun plaister^r.

30. This Morng. the sick better all but Tamar ; dangerous. Two Vessels in fr. W. Ind. both had the fever on board. One cleansed

& grav^s the other came in yest^r, kept off in Chanel. Stores on Wharf cleansing.

P.M. all the sick in T^o now are—M^{rs} Claridge dang., Hulse, Dorman, Girl Andws, Girl Punched well, of yellow fever, convalescents. Dan^l Read very sick of bilious fever—Cushing Smith taken yest^r yell. f. & 2 other poorly. Tot. 9. There are two others, Children sick in T^o, Mr Trowb. (Rudd) of the Canker and Emmons's of a scrophulous enormous swelling of the Glands of the Throat, a long chonical complaint of w^c it is languishing.

31. Lordsday. This Morn^s the state of the sickness is thus ; Last night died M^{rs} Claridge of the yellow fever about midnight & was buried this morning ; Emmons Child dead ; Trowbridges very dangerous : all the rest of the yellow fever convalescent.

A M. I attended D' Dana's Meeting, & preached for him he being very feeble & infirm. P M. at Dr. Edwards.

This Aft. find two persons taken ill, probably with the contagious yellow fever—Mrs Mudge, whose husbd died with it a Week ago—and M^{rs} Lines, who visited Smith & his W. both of whom died and were buried last Ldsdy.

Sept.

1. The sick better. Two new ones taken yesterday & one last night.

2. Writ^s circular Letters to the Corpor^s advising the state of the Sickness, & the Safty of conven^s at Commencem^t the sickness notwithstanding. List of all Deaths of yellow fever since 20 June

Mr Austin	æt 45	} at NYork from the Chest	Mrs. Thompson	50 fr. Wharf
Mr Hubbard	16		} at Derby	Mrs. Griswold	50
Mrs Gorham	28	} Vessel	Mrs Obrien	20
Her son	20		Mrs Lacy	19
Child small	6		W ^o Wise	60
			Jo. Smith	45
			& Wife	45
Elias Gorh. Child	8	fr. Uncles	Mr. Gill	21
Mr Mudge	38	} fr. Gorham	Mr Hyde	18
Mr Benham	35		Jn ^o Storer	21
Mr McNeil	30		Polly Brown	18
Mrs Barber	29		Mr McDougal	35
			Mr. Prindles Child	8
			M ^{rs} Claridge	50
			Tot.	24

Neg. at Milfd, but caught it N H.

Have had the Yellow fever & recovered

Polly Phipps	Polly Andws 20	Mr. Miller
Dolly Gorham	Jn ^o Smiths Daught.	Miss Talmage
Mr Gorham 50	Benh. Child	Miss Collis
Miss Punchard 15		Rob Marsh
Mr Luther Fitch 40	13	
Mrs Peas		
Mrs McKenzie 35	Fords Wife	} doubt. whether yell. fever
Cushing Smith—twice	Miss Talmadge	
Mr Hulse 40	Miss Hall doubtful	
Mr Dorman	Negro—at M ^r Good. had it at Milfrd	
	Died	25
	Recovered	12
	Sick Sept. 2	4
		41

There are now sick, critical & dangerous :

Mrs. Dorman	30	[She died Sept. 3.]
Mrs Lines	30	
Girl of Rd Tuttle	15	
M ^r Bromham	40	taken last night or this Morning

Inclusive of all, not a dozen psons sick in Town.

This Aft. convers^s with D^r Munson who confirms & adds to above List a negro Woman of Tomsons dead :—Rob. Marsh 40, Miss Collis 17, Mr Miller 20 and Fords Wife recovered :—Mrs Cook taken to day.

Wrote in my Lett. to Gov. Hunt. State of Sickness thus

Deaths since June 20	26
Recovered & recovering	19
Sick	4
	49

This is accurate.

3. Mrs Dorman died this morn^s, Bromh. well. Now sick 4.

Mrs Lines	critical
R. Tuttle's Girl	better or not worse
Polly Dummer }	Taken to day
Polly Miles }	

Therm^o 92.

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In Memory
of the Reverend SAMUEL WALES. D. D.
Professor of Divinity
In Yale College:
Who died Feb. 18. 1794. *Ætat.* 46.
He was a Son
Of the Reverend JOHN WALES of Raynham;
Was educated at Yale College,
In which he was afterwards a Tutor.
He settled in the pastoral Office
At Milford;
Where he continued in the Ministry
From 1770 to 1782:
When he was Elected and removed
To the Professorship of Divinity in the College;
In which he ministered
With distinguished Reputation & Honor
For about twelve years.
Eminent
For superior Abilities, strong mental Powers,
Perspicuity & Solemnity
In Pulpit Eloquence;
For clear and just Views in Theology,
And a most venerable Piety.

4. The sickness prevails. M^{rs} Trowb. *æt.* 50, a Child of Dormans and phps a neg. Woman, newly taken. W^o Trow. last Tuesday, tho' we did not hear of it before. There are 7 down with it—three very dangerous. A child dang. sick of another disorder. Mrs Christ^o—sick of Dysenty or Chola Dr Dana poorly. Th. 84.

5. There died last night—M^{rs} Trowb. *æt.* 50. M^{rs} Dummer *æt.* and a Child of Mr Roberts sick 10 days, said to be Worms. Th. 67. The Doctors count 8 patients down with Y. Fever. Hitherto I have believed that by the care & vigilance of the Auth^y it might be guarded & its progress checked, as we could hitherto trace all the Instances. But now they begin to be lost & bewildered. I begin to give up the possib^y of prevent^g its spread^g, & to be discouraged & to wish my fam^y out of Town. This forenoon I sent off my Eliza to the farms. Mr. Whitney here.

6. There are 8 sick to day. D^r Munson taken yest^y noon.

7. Ldsdy. Two funerals Children this Morn^g, one of consumption. The Dysentery rages at Derby & N^o Haven. Attended at

Dr. Danas all day & heard Rev. Mr Whitney, who addressed the Candidates sitting in the side Gallery, eleven present. D^r Dana adm^d Sacr^t at noon.

Dr Munson	Tuttle . . . better
Mrs Rice	Daniel Trowb. } taken to-day
Mrs Cooke	Webber }
M ^{rs} Eliza Miles	7 sick to day Y. f.
Neg. Wom. Rices	Mrs Dana—cholera, better.

8. Ten sick to-day—all but two Convalescent. Three or four turn out not the Y. f.—We begin to be lost in tracing it.

9. Dr Dana's Statem^t of the Disorder this day.

"STATE OF THE YELLOW FEVER IN N. H. FR. JUNE 15 1794 TO SEPT. 9.

Deaths

Elijah Austin æt 45 N Y.	M ^{rs} Barber . . 29	Polly Brown . . 17
Hen. Hubbd. 20 Derby	Mrs Griswd . . 50	Mr McDougal . . 35
Isaac Gorh. Wife 29	Mrs Obrien . . 29	Prindles Child . . 8
D ^r son . . . 16	Mrs. Lacy . . 24	Mrs Claridge . . 50
D ^r son . . . 6	W ^o Wise . . 69	Mrs Dorman . . 26
Elias Gorhams	Jo Smith . . 45	W ^o Trowb. . . 54
Daughter 8	Wife . . . 45	Son ^t Newman D ^o 8
Mr Mudge . . 29	Elias Gill . . 20	Ezra Lines W. . . 34
Elisha Benham 45	Mr Hyde . . 17	Dorm. Child . . 8
Mr McNeil . . 30	Jn ^o Storer . . 21	Tot. 29
		of w ^o 5 in Sept.

Recovered and Convalescents

Polly Phipps . . 18	Abig. Andws. . . 18	Polly Dummer . . 23
Doll Gorham . . 18	Neg. man	Eliz. Miles . . . 20
Miss Punched . . 17	Cush ^r Smith . . 25	Dr Eneas Munson 58
Mr Luther Fitch 40	Mr Hulse . . . 40	Geo. Cooks W. & Ch.
Mrs Peas . . . 45	Jn ^o Smiths D. . . 17	Mrs Rice Neg. G. 15
Mr McKenzie . . 56	Mr. Miller . . 20	Ezra Lines Ch. . . 7
	Mr. Dorm. . . 30	Tot. 22.

Sick and not yet arrived to a Crisis

David Fann ^{rs} 's son æt. 7	} 3 + 22. + 29 = 54."
Steph. Herrick jun. . 17	
Mrs Morgan . . . 45	

All the Corpor^s of Coll. convened except 4 Civ. & 1 Min.

10. We held a public Commenc^t—public Exhibitions. . . .

¹ An error for Rebecca, daughter of Newman Trowbridge, who died on August 30.

I conferred the Deg. A M. upon

Mr Tutor Gould gratis

Mr Tutor Stebbins D°

Mr Gelston

Mr Jn° D Perkins

Mr Heman Ball Dart.

Rev Danl Smith abs.

I also conferred the hon^r Deg. A M. upon the Rev^d Beriah Hotchkin. And the Deg. of Doctor in Div^y upon Rev W^m McKay Tenent of Pennsylvania. There was a very decent, tho' not crouded Auditory as usual: among others above 20 Ministers besides those of the Corporation. So that we had a decent Commenc' tho' but few from abroad. The Corpor^a sat & did Business till near X at night.

11. The Corpor^a sat till noon. Mr Edwds resigned, and Mr Linsly was elected Tutor. We adjourned to 7th Oct. then to meet in N H.—if sickness prevented to meet in the Environs—else in Library. This left to me, as Providence may order it. We adjourned & broke up at Noon. Yesterdy Mr Luther Fitch taken with a violent Relapse of yellow fever—two or three more taken. One Child buried this forenoon with the fever. Generally better. Still critical & threatening.

12. About 20 down with the fever, four dangerous. Two funerals.

13. State of the yellow fever, as rec^d fr. Dr Dana constantly visit^d all.

Sick Sept 12	Sept. 13. IV ^h p m	14 th
Capt Fannings son . . .	dangerous . . .	better . . .
S. Heric jun.	D° . . .	D° . . . dangerous
A. Sanford a Lad . . .	bad	D°
Mrs Smith	dang.	D°
Mr Harrison	bad	} D°
His Daughter	better	
*Miss Townsd	dang.	desperate ob. 14 noon.
Mr Luther Fitch	bad	better . . . better
*M ^{rs} Gilbert	not bad	dang.; died II ^h 14 th
Mrs Peck	bad	
Submit Woodwd	better	not better not worse
		Convalescent 13 th
	{ Tho Johnson Morgans Child died 13 th	Mrs Cook
		her Child
		Lines's Child
		Miss Dummer
		Miss Miles

I visited the Regicides Cave on Summit of West Rock, 70 or 80 Rds SW. from Squire Hubbds House, a Clump of 7 Rocks & Stone Columns 25 f. high. The whole Clump & 150 f. round, or 60 paces. . . .

14. Lords day. Last night Emilia sailed for Stonington. I attended at D^r Edwds, & heard M^r Bebee all day A M. Job xxii, 21. P.M. Col. iii, 3, 4. Miss Townsd died XI^h A M & buried at IV P M. W^o Gilbert died this Aft. & at VI^h buried. So 2 funerals to day.

15. Sickness much as yesterday. Emil. has had apparently a fine time.

NEW LONDON Sept. 6.

"The number of Scholars, of both sexes, now in the different Schools in this city is 554. The Enumer^a was taken by a Gent. in his 90^h y. who still retains a good degree of vivacity & activity.

N. Loud. contains about 3000 Inhab., so that the Scholars compose nearly one fifth of the whole. In the winter this proport. will hold throughout the whole State."

16. My Rothy set out to spend a few weeks at Stamford. So I am left alone, my wife & all my Children absent. The sick getting along more comfortably to day :—7 sick, of which one dangerous :—4 died the Week past. Luther Fitch had a Child æt. 8, taken to day.

17. Mr. Fitches Child has not got it. W^o Alling taken with it yesterdy & Miss Thompson to day. Only 7 sick in T^o of w^o 2 dangerous.

18. They are considered as well at Mr Fitches. Pene Tomson dangerous ; M^{rs} Alling had a comfort^a night—her maid ill. Taken yest^r 2 of Mr Townsds children, & one 'prentice on Wharf. All the rest in T^o convalescents. Only 6 or 7 sick to day.

19. Yesterday I rode to Amity ; & to day I visited & inspected one of the Lodges of the Regicides, called the Spring, the Lodge, the Harbor, & the fort Rocks 100 Rds north, & took a drawing of them. Upon return^s home this Eveng. I find 6 more taken with the Disorder, viz, Major Grannis & his 2 prentices, Mrs Hulse, in addition to two Children of Mr Townsds yesterday. . . .

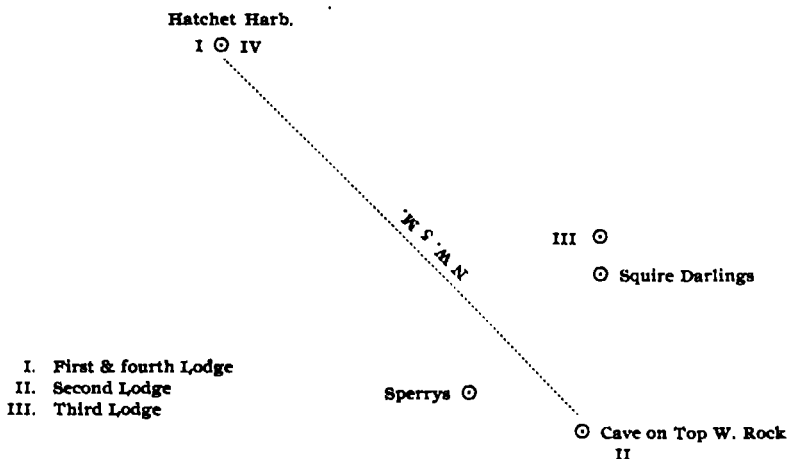
The Spot of the Judges residence was at the Spring on the northern Declivity of a Hill on Capt Newtons farm in Amity, about seven Miles from the center of New Haven. In that vicinity are three Eminences of orbicular Hills of perhaps half a mile or less diam.

each. The northern is very rocky & called Fort Rocks, or Rocks about the fort, to disting. from other patches of rock all over Woodbridge. The place of the summit or highest Elevⁿ in the ridge is called "the Fort, or Lookout" because here the Judges repaired to look out for N H. harbor here visible, & perhaps might throw up a sort of a fort. This is scarcely 100 R. due N. fr. the Spring, which is on the south side of a Valley & Brook lying between the two hills. Here the Judges pitched their Tent. It is a pleasant place upon 20 Rds up an easy ascent from the valley, which may be 20 Rds wide. The Fountain is stoned round. . . . prob^y by the Judges. It is excellent water, we drank of it. The declivity every where dry & salubrious, havⁿ only that fount. which is never dry being a perpetual spring : not a great quantity of water but a sufficient Supply. It runs off in a small but incessant stream in the driest season, running down the declivity but about 6 or 8 rods where spread^d abroad it looses itself in the grassy grounds. It is situated directly between two large & venerable Trees standⁿ due E & W 22 feet asunder. I had a compass with me. The Westernmost is a Chestnut 3 f. in diam. very aged : the other a Walnut four feet diam. still more aged. The Rev Mr Beebe, Squire Beach much used to Trees, Woods & Bee Hunting, & Cap^t Newton, all judicious men, concurred in judging the Walnut above 200 years old : and did not doubt both were standⁿ in the time of the Judges. They appear not of forest crowded growth, but wide & full spread or of open growth. So this place about the spring might have been kept open & clear for ages, except leavⁿ the necess^r shades. Within 10 or 15 rods back is still forest & uncleared.

The spring runs NE 6 or 8 R. & looses itself on the Ground. On the side of the stream & a few feet from the fountain I spied a carved or wro't stone, which I know to be one of the Indian Gods, of which I have found about or above twenty in diff. places from Boston to Hudsons River, & part^y between New Milfd on W. and Medfield Mass. on East.

This place therefore was a place of Ind. Worship & Powawing in antient & forgotten ages. It was a mighty place for Deer to Resort & drink : here the Indians, & the Sperrys used to watch the deer when they came to drink. That it was a notaque sedes, a known place, familiarly known to eng. & Ind. Hunters ; and prob^y some Ind. dropt or left his Hatchet here, which being found by Sperry & the Judges, gave it among other names that of Hatchet Harbour,

to distinguish it from their other Harbors or Residences. Indeed it is the constant Trad. that a Hatchet was found at Hatchet Harbor. It has been of some doubt where this was. But I now find this place & indeed the Land around it for 100 or 200 acres called by the pple espec^y of the so. & east part of the Town indifferently, the Spring, the Lodge, the Harbor, the fort Rocks ; and all Wood-bridge when we ask 'em where Hatchet Harbor was—answer, at the Lodge, Spring, fort Rocks. I therefore now consider this Hatchet Harb. where Sperry carried them May 13 1661 & lodged them the first night after they lodged at the Mills, while Kirk & Kell^d were in Town. I ranged by the Compass allow^s for Variation 5° W. & estimated the Distances by the Judg^t of Mr Newton &c. And an Air Line fr. the Cave on Top W. Rock to this Spring ranges near due NW and SE five miles. It is situated on North side of Newtons farm & NW fr. Cap^t Newtons House nearly or about half a mile : & about 4 M. from the original Sperry. Providence Hill, one of the 3 Hills near the Spring, probably Spring Hill itself.



20. The disorder spreads—about 12 or 14 have it, some bad. Two Children died, one this morn^g one last night, neither of this disorder. Rec^d Lett. fr. Ruthy arrived at Stamf^d Wednesdy.

21. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Milfd for Mr Lockwood.

22. Visited Sister Silliman at Stratfd in Sorrows, having buried a Daught. æt. 21, last Week. Saw Geo. Cellar 4 M. N^o of Milfd.

23. Visited Rev Mr Birdsey.

24. Returned to N. H. and found one Death Mond^y—the disorder

spread^s. 26 sick with Y. fever, of w^c 4 dangerous, besides two who died this morn^g.

25. Miss Betsy Mansfd æt. 40, daught. of Sheriff Mansfd died last night of Y. F. & buried at XI^b. Mr Jer. Townsd 2^d æt. 61, died this forenoon & buried VI^b P M. of a chronical illness. I examined the Committee Books & find 27 sick Y. F. of w^c 4 dangerous.

This Aft. I sat for my Picture to Mr. Moulthrop.¹ Wrote Letters to my Wife at Newport, & to Cambridge.

26. Died 15th inst the Rev. D^r Timothy Johnes æt. 77, & 53^d of his Ministry. Born at E. End L. Isld, educated at Yale Coll. 1737. created there D.D. 1782. Ordained Pastor of the Presb. Chh. at Morrist^o Feb 9 1742. Above 40 years one of the Trustees of Jersey Coll. & one of its founders. Two funerals to day.

27. Sat 2^d time for Picture. Three fun. to day. 32 sick.

28. Ldsdy. I preached all day at Branford. Two fun. to day.

29. Returned—in Comp^a with Gov. Huntington: 3 fun. to day & 5 Deaths. At Branfd I baptized 2 Children, Sally Elizabeth, D. of Russel Barker, & Sarah his Wife, & Levi son of Josiah Frisbie & Wife.

30. Funerals in N. H. of Y. Fever.

Sept. 21	None the preced ^s Week		
22	. . . 1	Sept. 27	. . . 3
23	. . . 0	28	. . . 2
24	. . . 3		
25	. . . 2		
26	. . . 2	29	. . . 3 . . . 5 Deaths this
		30	. . . 3 day of w ^c 2
From Sept. 1 to 14 th	. . . 8		— ob. yesdy. or
14 to 21	. . . 0	19	last night.
21 to 30	. . . 19		
	—	[Oct. 1	. . . 1
Tot. in Sept.	. . . 27 Deaths	2	. . . 1
		6	. . . 3 Heaton Huggins æt. 26,—Pratt & Adye.
		9	. . . 1 Mrs. Forbes.
		11	. . . 1 W. Heaton Hugins.
		12	. . . 1 Benj ^s Thorp æt. 22.]

June 15 to Sept. 1. D^r Dana's 24.

¹ This portrait is now in possession of the College. See the frontispiece to this volume. The artist was Reuben Moulthrop, from East Haven.

October

1. Rode to Sqr Darl^s at Amity—one Death.
2. One Death.
3. News of the death of Col^o Hubbd æt 70 at Hartfd 1st Inst.¹
4. Went fr. Amity across to Meriden.
5. Ldsdy. I preached at Meriden.
6. Capt Ives asked a Copy of my sermon for the press.² I returned to New Haven. 3 Deaths.
7. Rode over to W. Haven to a Meet^s of the Corpor^s there this day—present 4 Civilians & 7 Ministers.
8. Finished Business. Elected Josiah Meigs Esqr Professor of Math. & Nat. Phil. in Yale College. Adj^d to Hartfd Tuesdy noon before Elect. in May.³
9. Assembly met at 'N H. One Death. Assembly adj^d to Middlet^o.

SUPPLEM^t TO D^r DANAS LIST OF DEATHS.

1794.					
June 15 to Sept. 10.		Tot. 29.			
Sept. 12.	Tho. Johnson	Æt.	29	Mr Albro'	51
14.	W ^o Gilbert	35		M ^{rs} Jocelyn	57
	Katy Townsd	22		Mr Post	34
22	Suse Gilb.	11		Miss Gourly	15
24	Geo. Cook	44		Mr Rice (James)	65
	Amos Morrison	19	30	M ^{rs} Elles	49
	Hugins Child	2			
25.	Miss Betsy Mansfd	39	Oct. 1	Hartfd Col. Hubbd	70
	Der ^s Phipps	12		Dolly Brintnal	14
	St. Herrick	19	2	Job Perrit	43
27	Mrs Perrit	87	6	Mr Hugins	26
	Mrs Albro'	49		Mr Adie	35
	Pratts Child D.	15		Mr Pratt	46
28	Mrs Plymert	56	9	M ^{rs} Forbes	
	Mrs Sabin	39			

10. Copying my Sermon. Sickness at a Stand. Sick 10.
11. Mr. Heaton Hugins Wife died this mornng. So Father æt

¹ Dr. Leverett Hubbard (Yale 1744) the oldest brother of Dr. Stiles's first wife, being exhausted by his large practice during the epidemic, had gone on a journey. He was taken sick at Northampton, but reached his daughter's in Hartford an hour or two before his death of yellow fever.

² That is, the sermon preached the day before. Dr. Stiles consented to the publication, but his death occurred before the project was carried out.

³ This meeting was held, as adjourned, on May 12. Dr. Stiles died in New Haven on the evening of the same day.

26 & mother & one Child æt 2 dead, a young fam^y broken up, only little son æt. 5 or 6 surviving. D^r Spald^s taken with the yellow fever. Ten this Eveng. on the List of w^c 2 dangerous. Sundry, 7 or 8 or more sick with scarlet fever now revived.

12. Ldsdy. I attended at Dr Danas & heard him preach all day two excellent sermons adapted to the afflicted state of the City. One Fun. to-day of a Child by Scarlet fever. Above 300 psons at meet^s or about a common Congregⁿ notwithst^d the sickness, & 30 or 40 Fam. removed out of Town. This Eveng. X^b died Billy Beers, æt. 18, of apoplectic or paralytic fits, with w^c he was taken yest^y, also Ben Thorp æt. 22, Y. Fever. Eight sick yell. Fever.

13 & 14. Eight sick Y. F. Moderated, only one taken down in a Week.

15. Eight Y. F. now sick. Eight Deaths Y. F. since 1st Oct.

At the great Ind. Battle at Miami 26 Aug. last was captivated by G. Wayne Antoine Lassell. He resided 22 y. in upper Canada, 21 of w^c at Detroit & on Miami R.—resided at Miami Villages 19 y. before Harmars Expedition, when he kept Store at that pl.—is pfect^y acquainted with the Tribes and Numbers of the Indians. His Estimate

Delawares . . .	500 Warriors	} Gen ^y in the action 26 Aug ^t , except a few Hunters. In Brit. Fort at Miami 250 Reg. joyned by 200 Militia from Detroit, bef. the action.
Miamis . . .	200	
Shawnese . . .	300	
Tawas on River . . .	250	
Wyandots . . .	300	
	<u>1550</u>	

On 26 Aug. an Action between Gen. Wayne & 900 Americans on one side, & about 1000 or 700 Ind. & 300 Brit. & Canad. on the other, near the Eng. Ft. at Miami Rapids: in which the Troops of U. S. repulsed & dispersed the Ind. & British: but left Col Campbell in possess. of the Fort. On our side Tot. killed 33, wounded 100. Ind. in action were

Shawnoes	200	} Tawas 240, Wyand. 300. Tot. 500 expected but not then assembled.
Delaw.	300	
Miamis	100	
Of others	100	
	<u>700</u>	

Another accⁿ that in Garrison F^t Miami 4 Comp^s Brit. @ 50 with Canad. whole N^o in garrison 400. Ind. & Canad. in action at least

2000. The Militia of Detroit & its Vicin^y near 2000. Dist^a fr. Miami F^t to Detroit sixty miles. Indians tired of War but excited by Simcoe & British. Ind. meditate Removal to West of Mississippi. MacKee Ind. Trader chief Instigator.

16. There are but 5 sick of the fever, & all Convalescents. The disorder greatly abated. This Aft. I rode to Milfd.

17. I rode over to Stratfd to sympathize with Sister Silliman on the death of Col. Hubbard her Brother. And returned home this Eveng. Sickness abating.

18. Yesterday Emilia arrived at Branfd, hav^s sailed from Boston thursday of last week. The sick are recovering—no more taken—& the Committee are dismissing all the Nurses, in hopes it may not break out again. There have sometimes been 20 Nurses at a time at a dollar a day. The Expende incurred on the T^o by this sickness has amounted to £500.¹ About 160 Patients & between 60 & 70 Deaths of this Disorder. May a merciful God continue to mitigate, & if it may please him, stop & extinguish it.

19. Ldsdy. I attended at Chh Engld A M & heard Mr Hubbard. P.M. at Dr Edwds & heard him. Rec^d Lett. fr. Cambridge and Boston with a Package of Books from D^r Belknap.

20. This sickness mitigating; yet the Eveng. died Mr. Nath^l Jocelin æt. 73, of the Disord. hav^s been sick of it 27 days.

21. Three or 4 still labor^s of this disorder, of w^c 2 critical & dangerous. This foren. I rode up to North Haven & attended there the W. Assoc. of this County. Present—Rev^d M^r Brownson, Mod^r, Mess. Trumb., Edwds, Tullar, Bebee, Smith—attended Lect. & lodged at Mr. Trumb.

22. Returned home.

23. Mr Meigs visited me—spent the day in the Apparatus Chamb. & Library; & convers^s upon the Professorship.

The Hon. Ab^m Baldwin of Cong. & Presid^t of the Univ^y of Georgia, visited me. I spent Eveng. with him. They have opened six Academies in Georgia, of w^o 3 flourish^s all under the Presid^t of the Univ^y which has the superintend^y of the Literature of the State. The sickness abated—yet 4 sick of w^c 2 dangerous.

24. I am sett^s out on Journey.² Rec^d a Lett. yest^y from Mr Bassett to preach his Ordin^a sermon 5th Nov. at Hebron which I declined, but purpose attend^s Ordin^a. Wrote Lett. to Cap^t. Ives

¹ See below, January 4, 1795.

² A few items are inserted from the MS. Itinerary of this journey.

of Meriden consent^s to give a Copy of my Sermon for the Press. Sickness as yesterday.

26. Kept Sabb. with M^r Dev^o of Saybrook & preached.

28. NE Storm. Rode with M^r Dev^o to M^r Elys of N^o Sayb.

30. Dined with Gov. Hunt. at Middlet^o where Assemb. sitt^e. Arrived at Weathersfi^d & found &c gone to Launch^s Rev. Mr. Strongs Ship of 600 Tons built at Glassb^y. for £4 per Ton—belong^s to Gaylord, Smith & Co. i.e. to Mr. Strong, who tho' a Minister carries on secular Business & Trade & Distill^y largely¹—Sheriff W^m says his Stock in Business larger than Col. Wadsworths—& largest House in Hartf^d. They have one Ship runn^s between N. Y. & London constantly. Smith resides at N. Y. I lodged at Sheriff W^m.

31. At Hartfd. Found that D^r Leverett Hubbds Corps was taken up secretly friday night 24th Ins^t & convey^d to N Haven. Bradford & Nath^l, two sons of the Col. came up with Gloss, Jocelyn & Johnson, & at Hartf^d assisted only by Mr. Lathrop & Sammy Trumbul.

Nov.

1. Exam^s Records in Secretarys Office. Babcock has printed off 60 pages of my Hist^y of Judges.

2. Ldsdy. I preached all day for Dr W^m East Hartfd, & baptized 3 Children, he being sick, & published one Couple. Leonard son of Russel Burnham & Wife, Lucretia D. of Steph. Cowles & W., Rebecca D. of Dan^l Bulkly & W.

3. Lodged at Rev. Mr Olcotts.

4. Joyned the Ordin^a Council at Hebron.

5. Ordained Rev^d Amos Bassett. M^r McClure—1st prayer. Mr Hart preached Heb. xii, 1. I gave the Charge, Mr Lathrop Prayer dur^s Imp^o Hands, Mr Brockway R^t Hand, Mr Tyler last prayer. Council 9 Min. 10 Deleg^a.

6. Returned with M^r Chapin, & lodged at Middlet^o.

7. M^r Hunt. rode with me to Durh. dined at D^r Good. absent. Lodged at Mr Noyes's Northfd.

8. Arrived home & found Emilia returned—rest absent. This

¹ This was the Rev. Nathan Strong (Yale 1769), of Hartford, and his partner in business was his wife's brother, Reuben Smith. Shortly after this, business reverses and family afflictions wrought a change in Dr. Strong's character..

Yellow fever abated & hopefully extinguished, as the last death was 27th ult & none now sick. Inhab. returning.¹

9. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven.

10. Paid Deacon Hubb^d 40/ for board^s Eliza 10 W. @ 4/. The Steward delivered up to me the Keys of the new College.

M^r Dorr of Lyme, resident at Albany, has lately invented a Machine for shear^s Cloth. Got a Patent from Congress—went to Engld & got another from the King. The Manufacturers in Engld exam'd & were so pleased with it that they are sd to have offered him £100,000 for the Patent. One man can perform with it as much in the same time as 45 men in ordinary: so great the sav^s of Labour. He lately died in London, leaving his Wife there.

11. Visited by M. de Tranche, a Livonian Gentleman educated in the Univ^y of Goetingen in the Electorate of Hanover—entered on his Amer. Travels, hav^s finished his European Travels—and then intending to proceed to China & the East Ind. & finish^s or accomplish^s the Travels of the whole terraqueous Globe.

From the CONNECTICUT GAZETTE.

Accurate List of Votes for Gentlemen to stand in Nomination for Assistants in May next.

* Jonathan Ingersoll, [Ass.]	4604	William Hillhouse, [Ass.]	2486
* Thomas Grosvenor, [Assist.]	4168	Joseph P. Cook, [Assist.]	2456
* Roger Griswold	3603	* David Daggett,	2378
* John Chandler, [Assist.]	3462	* Roger Newberry, [Assist.]	2367
Heman Swift [Assist.]	3107	* John Allen,	2325
* William Edmond,	2844	James Davenport, [Assist.]	2240
Aaron Austin, [Assist.]	2736	* Samuel Huntington, [Gov.]	2137
* John Treadwell, [Assist.]	2638	Marvin Wait,	2017
Jeremiah Wadsworth [Cong.]	2585	* Thomas Seymour, [Assist.]	2000
* Nathaniel Smith,	2527	William Williams, [Assist.]	1998
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* Gideon Granger, jun.	1971	* Samuel W. Dana,	1283
* Chauncey Goodrich,	1958	* Hezekiah Bissell,	1266
Amasa Learned,	1944	James Wadsworth,	1226
* Moses Cleaveland,	1689	* Jonathan Brace,	1223
* Ephraim Kirby,	1653	Charles Phelps,	1008
Sylvester Gilbert,	1581	* Elisha Hyde,	913
David Smith,	1407	* Asa Spalding,	611
* William Judd,	1376	William Hart,	606
Oliver Wolcott [Lt. G.]	1357	John Sedgwick,	446

¹ A History of the Epidemic, by Dr. F. H. Hoadley, is given in vol. 6 of the *Papers of the New Haven Colony Historical Society*, 1900.

* John Davenport,	427	Joshua Porter,	166
Ebenezer Devotion,	423	* Elisha Whittlesey,	166
Jeremiah G. Brainard,	408	Calvin Goddard,	163
Nathan Hale,	377	Judson Canfield,	155
* Eliphalet Dyer,	352	John Watson,	154
Elijah Hubbard,	352	Henry Champion, jun.	151
* Simeon Baldwin,	351	Nathan Preston,	148
Samuel Mott,	323	Jeremiah Ripley,	146
Constant Southworth,	301	* Matthew Griswold, jun.	145
* Samuel W. Johnson,	287	Lemuel Sanford,	143
* Stephen T. Hosmer,	279	Noah Phelps,	142
* Andrew Rowland,	226	Jeremiah Halsey,	141
Simeon Bristol,	220	* Charles Chauncey,	133
* William Mosely,	217	Hezekiah Fitch,	132
Abraham Pierson,	216	Thaddeus Bennet,	127
* Joshua Coit [e Cong.]	212	* John C. Smith,	121
James Gordon,	211	Joshua Huntington,	114
Joseph Hopkins,	208	Shadrack Osborn,	112
* Zephaniah Swift [e Cong.]	199	Andrew Huntington,	109
* Samuel Gilbert,	197	* Timothy Pitkin, jun.	108
Latham Hull,	192	* Nicholas S. Masters,	103
Joseph Williams,	191	Daniel Learned,	101
Jabez Fitch,	187	* Pierpont Edwards,	100
Hezekiah Ripley,	168		

Of those whose Votes arose to 100 & above to 4600, were 85 : of which 40 Lawyers.¹ Of these 40 about one third decided Revelationists, one third said to be decided Deists, the other third doubtful. Of 85 about 30 religious Characters, the rest Gallios in Religion, as some maliciously say. Certainly too many of dubious & undecided Characters for Virtue & Religion : & some of flagitious Morals. Only one Physician & six Merchants.

The Junction of the Bap^t, Episc^o, Separates & Deists advance M^r Ing. an Episc^o to 4600.

12. The Vacation, which on acc^o of the yellow fever was by act of the Corpor^a extended 3 W. ended this day. Orders were set up at College at Eveng. Prayers : when Mr. Linsly Tutor-Elect was publickly qualified & introduced into Office : when I committed to him the Tuition of the Freshman Class, as I did that of the Jun. Class to Mr Tutor Stebbins at the same time. All the Tutors Mess^{rs} Gould, Stebbins, & Linsly present, with about half the Undergrad. Students already arrived in Town. We have 23 Freshmen + 46 Soph. + 40 Jun. + 34 Sen. = 143 Tot. Undergraduates in College.

¹ These are starred by Dr. Stiles in the above list.

13. Mr. Meigs Professor-Elect, having accepted the Professorship came here this day, to confer upon the subject of his entering upon office. Employed in locating College.

14. Professor Meigs looking for a House for Removal of his family. Examing. Scholars for Admission into College. The Inspectors of the College Rooms, visited the Chambers this day, accord^s to Appointm^t of the Corporation.

15. Finished the Location of College. Tot. Undergrad. 145 of which 116 present. Located in Coll. 118 Underg. Violent NE Snow storm yesterd^y & last night. Ther. 27.

16. Ldsdy. I attended all day at D^r Danas. Heard A.M. D^r Dana preach, & P.M. M^r Mansfield. No Chapel. Scholars dismissed into Town.

17. Copying or transcrib^s my Charge for Rev^d Mr Bassett. The Seniors began Disputation. Mr Bowen presented me with a Fac Simile of K. Johns Magna Charta.

Reading David Levi's acc^o of the Rites & Ceremonies of the Jews written & pub. in Eng. about A D 1780. . . .

18. Disput^a. Writing Letters—Read^s David Levi's Rites of Jews.

19. Writing a Letter to the Rev^d D^r Ewing, Provost of the Univ^r of Pensylv^a on the subject of Dixwells Monument, a Number of patriotic Gent. at Phil^d offer^d to execute it at their own Expence, by Mr Pierp^t Edwds & my Direction. Also a Letter to Hon. Mr Hillhouse. Finished reading Levi's Ceremonies & Rites of the Jewish Nation.

20. M^r Josiah Meigs Professor-Elect delivered his first & introductory Lect. in the Coll. Chapel, on Math. & Nat. Philosophy. Being a Synopsis or general View of these Sciences & their Utility.

21. Mr Goodrich, last Week from Rutland, Verm^t, brought me a Verm^t Newspaper of Ins^t made at New Haven Verm^t of the inner Rind of Bass Wood. This is the first paper of Bass Bark, and it is the first Copy or sheet of this kind of paper ever printed. It will make common ordinary but not superfine Paper. This bark will cost not one third so much as Rags, so in this Manufact. Two Thirds saved.

22. Clear & cold Th. 17. this morn^g. This day arrived the news of the Death of the Rev^d President Witherspoon of Jersey Coll. the 15th Ins^t æt. 72. Ruthy came home.

23. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A.M. Mr Ball preached

Acts xxvi, 25 P.M. D^r Dana Ps. xiv, 1. an excellent sermon. This the first Ldsdy Worship in College this Term. Mr Ball¹ is to supply by himself & Exchanges till Janry. Read^s the Lives & suffer^s of the Martyrs, esp^y in Q. Marys Reign.

27. THANKSGIVING in Connect. I attended at D^r Danas & heard him from Ps. cl, 1.

28. Read^s Abbé Barruel's Hist. Clergy Fr. Revolution.

30. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr Trumbull all day A.M. Mat v. P.M. Jn^o xvi, 9. I admitted into the Coll. Chh James Murdock of Soph. Class. Read^s Ketts Bampton Lectures, 1790. M^r Joel Atw^a my neighbour^s died this Morn^s & buried this Aft. æt. 65.

December

1. A violent NE Storm of Rain. Disput^a.

2. The Committee of the Corpor^a met here : & had an Interview with M^r Meigs Professor-Elect. Disput^a.

3. The Committee settling Coll. Accounts & ordering Mr. Meigs Induction into office to be attended to morrow.

4. This day was attended the Induction & Investiture of Mr Meigs into the Office of Professor of Math. & Nat. Phil. in Yale College, performed by the Committee of the Corpor^a in consequence of the Order & Vote of the Corpor^a at the time of his Election. The Committee present were four

The President	Dr Goodrich
Mr Taylor	Mr Huntington.

Yesterday we examined Mr Meigs as to his Belief of Revel^a & his concurrence in religious Principles with the general sentiments of the New Eng. Cong. Chhs. : & gave Satisfaction.

At III^h P.M. this day, we repaired to the College Chapel the Students & others being there assembled. After an Anthem, I published Mr Meigs's Election & Acceptance : then he read his public Assent to the Confession of Faith, & the Order & Discipline of the Chhs. in this State : I then administered to him the Oath of Fidelity to this State, & the Oath &c to U. S. After which in a Latin Oration I inaugurated & inducted him into Office, deliv^s him the Keys of the Philosophy Chamber & Apparatus : the

¹ Heman Ball (Dartmouth Coll. 1791).

² Mr. Atwater's house stood on the west side of College street, just north of Crown.

Professor then delivered a Latin Oration : which was followed with a Prayer & Anthem, & the whole closed with the Blessing.

5. The Committee broke up My Wife sat for her Picture to Mr Moulthrop the first time.

6. She sat a 2^d time.

7. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel all day. A M. Rev. Mr King preached Jn^o xvii, 16, and administered the Sacr^t of the Lds Supper—present 12 Commun., of whom Dutton, Sophimore, rec^d from first Chh of Lebanon—and as it was to stated, & not only occasional Commun., I declared that accord^r to our Usage, he shd be considered as a *Member* of the College Chh, as well as that of Lebanon, dur^s his Residence here. P M. Mr Ball pr. Philemon v. 11. In the Eveng. I attended a Lect. at Fairhaven & heard Rev. David Austin.

8. Disput^a. Visited by 2 Gent. from S^t Crux. Rec^d Lett. from Cambridge of 28th ult.—Polly a little better.

9. Disput^a. Visited by Hon. Judge Mitchel on Way to Congress being Senator—and Cap^t Burnham of Wethersfd. just returned from Captiv^y at Algiers, his Ransom four Thousd Dollars. He left about 116 Amer. Prisoners there, Slaves on the Works, Total of Captives about 900 of all Nations. He judges Algiers to occupy about as much Ground as the City of N York, but bigger more densely built, only Allies 6 or eight feet wide, no streets twenty feet wide, & all fully built with houses : he considers it contain^s more Inhabitants than N York, tho' not larger on the ground : he judges 100 Thous^d Inhabitants. And yet the Houses are only two stories & all flat Roofs, except the Deys house & a few others. The Captives are all treated like the negro Slaves in W. Indies. The Cap^t very Intelligent.

10. Anniv^y of my Birthday 1727.

11. Lecture. I read the Rev^d Professor Tappings Lect. delivered in Harv. Coll. Sept. 16 1794 on Eccl. xi, 9. Leased my House in Cherry Street to Cap^t Little at Rent £15 a year.

13. Wrote Lett. to Provost Ewing. Read^s Rabaut's Hist. Fr. Revolⁿ.

14. Ldsdy. Attended Chapel & heard M^r Bebee all day on Mat. xxii, 39. A mild pleasant day, equal to May. . . .

15. Disput^a.—Last Sat^y M^r Professor Meigs removed & settled with his fam^y in the House of the Professor of Div^y now vacant. This Eveng. I visited him.

16. Disput^a. Read^t Rabauts Hist. Fr. Rev^o.
 17. M^r Ant^o of Kill^ton Verm^t here.
 18. No Lect. Rusticated 2 Scholars. Mild weather. Th. 54.
 20. Th. 57 this Morn^t: warm Night. This day NE Storm
 Th. 58. Read Mr Austins Sermon on Millen.
 21. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day. A M. D^r Edwds Isai.
 v, 4. P M Mr Ball Eccles. xii, 13. Mild summers day Th. 47.
 Read Mr. Edwds Sermon on Concert of prayer & Millen. first pub-
 lished 1747:8.¹
 22. Disput^a. Readg Rabeauts Hist. Revol^o France.
 23. Disput^a. My Garden fence & Repairs of my House finished.
 24. Fine Summers day. Th. 52.
 25. Christmas. Mild Summers day, Th. 58. Violets. Dandelions,
 & Pepper Grass in blossoms. This day Professor Meigs gave his
 first pub. Lect. since his Inauguration.
 26. Census of the Township of New Haven 1791

Fam.—860	. . . . .	of w ^e in the City	665
Souls—4510			3471

27. Still mild & pleasant Weather. No day this month but that
 it was moderate eno' to dig Garden. Mr Punderson the Gardner
 planted Peas & sowed Lettuce on christmas day.

This day I received from Boston five Volumes of Baron Sweden-
 borgs Works, a Present to the College Library. He died 1772 æt.
 85. A great Literary Character.

28. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Rev^d Mr. Elles all day.
 A M. Luk. viii, 48. P. M.. Job xvii, 15. fine day. Read^t Swed-
 enborg & Dionys. Areopagite.

29. Disput^a.

30. Disput^a. This day Th. 20, begins to snow, no snow hitherto
 this y. having lain on the ground.

31. This day Ruthy set out on a Visit to her two sick Sisters at
 Cambridge². The Committee met & settled the Accounts of
 Build^t the New College: the whole Cost of which is £2700. Th. 34.

¹ The work referred to, by Jonathan Edwards the elder, has the title: An
 Humble Attempt to promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of God's
 People in Extraordinary Prayer for the Revival of Religion and the Advance-
 ment of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

² She remained in Cambridge, after her father's death, and married the Rev.
 Caleb Gannett.

1795.

January

1. Reading the Trial of Joseph Gerrald Esq March 10, 1794. He was a Lawyer, an Englishman, a Delegate from the London Correspond^s Soc^y to the British Convention in Edinburg; trial before the High Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh, for Sedition, & condemned to Botany Bay. He had lived four years in Philadelphia. He was condemned for advocating & defending & endeavouring to bring about two Things 1. Annual Parliaments. 2. Universal Suffrage in elect^s Members to Parliament.

BILL OF MORT^v FOR NEW HAVEN THE YEAR 1794.

Total scarlet fever	50
Yellow fever	63 fr. June 15 to Oct. 27.
Consumpt. & linger ^s sickness	51
Other Infirmities & Diseases	15
Died at Sea	12

191

Census of the City 1791. Total souls 3471. The Mortality of 1794 more than one Twentieth part of the Souls. Recovered of the Yellow fever 87: so total of those seized with yellow fever 63 + 87 = 150—from June 15 to Oct. 28 when the Mortal^y ceased. The scarlet & yellow fevers both putrid. So total Deaths of putrid Sickness 113.

2. . . . The Rev^d Mr Welles a Cong. Min. last year from Engld resettled in the Min^y Pastor of the Chh of Brattleboro' Vermont was here this Eveng. on his Way to N York.

3. Finished read^s M^r Gerralds Trial at Edinb. last March. Read^s Levi's Rites & Ceremonies of the Jews. Th. 14 mornng.

4. Ldsdy. Rev Mr Noyes of Northfd preached at Chapel and administered the Sacrament. I preached all day for D^r Edwds gone to Philad^a, & administered the Sacrament. Contribution thro' Connecticut for Relief of New Haven, whose Expenditures for the Sickness last fall £480. Rain last night Th. 40.

On new years day & day follow^s Snow 2 In. Two cold days, rest mild. This day snow all gone. Rev^d Dr Huntington of Coventry buried last Mondy.

7. Correctg my Hist^y of the Judges.

8. Rec^d Lett. fr Camb. Rothy arrived there safe Sat^y 3^d Ins^t IX Morn^s just 3 days from home. Rode with great Rapidity.

The Presid^t U. S. has issued a Proclam^a appoint^s 19 Feb. Pub. Thanksgivg thro' the States.

10. Sent off to the Printer at Hartfd a part of MS hist^v Judges. They have printed 237 pages MS. remain 170 p. to print.

11. Ldsdy. I preached at the Plains A.M. & adm. the Sacrament to the Chh there. P M Mr Allen¹ preached & I baptized 2 Children, Sacket son of Asa Gilbert & his Wife, Heaton son of Tim^o Andruss & Sybill his Wife.

13. Disput^a. Rev^d Mr Langdon here a Cong. Minister from the C^o of Sussex in Engld. He tells me that the Rev^d Mr Toplady believes that Mr Westly was made a Greek Bishop. Mr Langdon says it is certain Mr Westly openly approved of the Moravians & said they were a true Chh & recommended to his followers to entertain a brotherly affection for them: that he part^v approved the Moravian Episcopacy:—that it is certain that Mr Westly 4 or 5 years before his death, went as if going to Germany to visit the Moravians: that being there it is believed & represented by Mr Toplady² & others, that he proceeded to Constantinople, & there was ordained a Bishop by the Greek Patriarch. Mr Westly on his return made no public Promulg^a of this, but when it alledged to him he said nothing. And yet that some of his Confidants received & hold this Idea. This accounts for his assuming the Title of Bp & consecrat^s Bps among Methodists.

15. Sent to the Printer at Hartfd 180 pages of MS. which finished the Hist^v being 420 pages MS. Snow storm.

16. Snow 6 Inc. This the first consid. snow this Winter.

17. Very cold. Th. 7. this Mornng.

18. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel A M. & heard Mr. Ball, 1 Tim. vi, 13. P.M. I went to Chapel, but the Bell being disordered no due notice given, only few scholars attended—so dismissed without service—first propound^s Professor Meigs & Lady, & also Dana of the Soph. Class for the Chh. Then Mr Ball & I went to D^r Danas & heard Rev. Mr Langdon Philip. iv, 1. A very cold day, Therm^o 10 Mane, rose to 19 this afternoon, very cold clear West wind. Exam^s Texts where Jesus Christ is directly called God.

19. Disput^a. Read^s the Life of Lackington, from a Shoemaker born 1747 rose to be the greatest Stationer in London & G. Brit., mak^s four Thousd sterl^s p ann., sell^s ann^v 100 Th. Volumes.

¹ Abraham Alling, who became pastor of the church in 1797.

² The venom of Toplady (who died in 1778) against Wesley was notorious.

20. Disput^a. Read^s D^r Cokes Life of Westly. Received Rector Williams's Picture by Smibert,¹ taken about 1736 while he was Rector of Yale Coll. He died 1755, æt. 61. cir. Gov. Bowen² of Providence here.

21. Seniors began Montesquieu Sp^t Laws.

22. Mr Meigs's phil. Lect. on Optics. D^r Dana & Mr Langdon attended. This day I rec^d £12 Rent of my Cornwall farm. Rec^d Lett. from Cambridge—Betsy & Polly very ill—dangerous.

25. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard the Rev^d Mr Langdon a dissent^s Min^r from Engl^d preach A M. Prov. iv, 8, P M. Jn^o xviii, 36. I admitted Professor Meigs & his Lady, & Sylvester Dana a Sophomore into the Coll. Chh.

26. Disput^a. Mr Langdon tells me that the Bishop of Durham, w^o is the richest Bpsrick in Engl, gloried that last year was a golden year to him, for that his Bprck that year had bro't him in £40,000, chiefly in the Renewal of Leases on Bps Lands.

27. Disput^a. Died 15th Inst. my Classmate Tho^s Fitch Esq. æt. 71.³

28. I attended the Sacr^t. Lect. at Whitehaven & heard M^r Langdon. The Scholars demolished the new Bible—price 30/.

Debate in Cong. 15 Ins^t on continu^s Duty 2 Cents on Loaf Sugar, ann⁷ produc^s 90 Th. Doll. approp. to sink^s nat. Debt. Mr. Ames asserted, "We have had eleven years of peace, one half of w^o term for want of Gov^t, our Debt was augmenting at least *twelve or 15 Millions of Dollars.*" "It has been funded four years nearly, & less than *three millions are yet paid off.*" NB.⁴ At End war 40 M. Doll. Debt + 15 = 55 Mill. Doll. or ten or Eleven Mill. sterl^s national Debt. In 1793 the Expend. of the year five M & halt Doll. ; and Am^o Revenue of the year six Mill. & Qu. Dollars. So ann. Income exceed Expend. about $\frac{3}{4}$ M. Doll. But the extra Expences in supress^s Insurrection⁴ this year One M & half Doll. in military Department.

¹ The picture now belonging to the College is a copy by Moulthrop; the original, which still remains in the family, was sent for the purpose of having this copy made.

² Jabez Bowen (Yale Coll. 1757).

³ Among Dr. Stiles's papers are several interesting letters from Colonel Fitch, written soon after they left College in 1746. His life was spent in Norwalk, Connecticut, his birth place.

⁴ The Whiskey Insurrection in Western Pennsylvania.

INCOME 1793		EXPEND.	
	Doll.		Doll.
Duties on Imp. & Ton. net.	5,500,000	Int. on pub. Debt . . .	3,100,000
on internal Objects . . .	780 ---	on Temp. Loans . . .	100,000
Post office—nett . . .	20 ---	Support of Gov ^t . . .	500 ---
Bank stock . . .	50 ---	Milit ^r Depart. & pens. . .	1,500 ---
	<hr/>	Lighthouse Estab. . .	24 ---
	6,350,000	Naval Depart. . .	400 ---
		Excess or Ball ^a left . . .	726
			<hr/>
			6,350,000

29. The French Repub. are introduc^d a new Test of *Measures & weights*, founded on the arc of 45th deg. Lat. assumed a medium between the equat^o & polar deg. of the oblate spheroid of the Earth. They divide this deg. into 10 Mill. parts. One Ten Millionth part of a deg. of 57,027 Toises is the stand^d *Measure*, to be decimally divided. This measure is equal 3 french feet 11 Lines 44,100. Temperat. Atmosph. 10 Reaumur, & 54½ Fahr.

The *standard weight*, a cube of distilled Water, one side the Tenth part of the *stand. Measure*. This the Basis.

Read^d Wansey's Tract on Wool & Manufactures 1791. . . The first card^d machine erected at Bolton. Arkwright then a Barber while shav^d a common sailor, was told by the sailor that he had seen such a Thing work at China, & by his Description Arkwright learnt the Discovery. p. 50. NB. Judge March^t of Rh. Isld was Agent for the Colony at the Court of G. B. 1771 & travelled to Nottingham & saw these Machines & work, and on his return to N. E. 1772 gave me an imperfect Acc^o of them.

30. Examin^d the Mischief done in the Chapel 27 & 28th Ins^t. This day printed D^r Danas Sermon of 23 Nov. All the snow carried off by the violent SE Storm of Rain last night.

31. Read^d Neckers Import^a of religious Opinions.

February

1. Ldsdy. A M. I attended at fair Haven & heard Mr Huntington a candidate—I administered the Sacr^t to that Chh. Dr Goodrich preached in Chapel & administered the Sacr^t. Present 12. P M. I attended at Chapel & heard Dr Goodrich. Read G. Wash. Proclam^a issued by Gov. Hunt. for Thanksgiv^d 19 Ins^t.

2. Disput^a. This Eveng. the Rev^d Mr Chapin & Miss Jerusha Edwds were married by Dr Edwds. I made the last Prayer.

3. Disput^a omitted. I attended a Meet^s of the Committee of the Corpor^a for Revision of the Laws. Present Mess^{rs} Treadw., Goodr., Huntington & myself, Mr Davenp^a absent. Proceeded in the Revision of the Coll. Laws. Mr Tutor Gould signified his Intention of resign^s the Tutorshp at March Quarter.

4. Revising the Laws.

5. Attended Professor Meigs Lect. in philosophy. Messrs. Treadw. &c attended. We elected Roger Minot Sherman A B Tutor.

6. Rusticated two Soph. till 1st Nov. Deposited a new Bible in Chapel. Col. Humphrys, our Ambassador visited me. Six Weeks passage from Lisbon to Newport.

7. Writing Lett. to Philad^a &c.

8. Ldsdy. Mild Weather, no Snow. I attended at Chapel all day & heard Rev Mr Stebbins A M. & P M. Ps. xxxvi, 7.

9. Disput^a. Rec^d Letters fr. Camb. by Mr Hill, informing that my Children there are a sickly fam⁷. All have been down—rather better. Betsy I fear entering on an irrecoverable Decline.

10. Disput^a. I sent a Lett. to M^r Sherman, new Tutor Elect.

11. Begun to receive the Stereographic projections of Sen. Class.

12. I gave an Eccl. Hist. Lecture. This day I bought 74 Vol. of old Books for two Dollars—worth 20.

Old Books 74 Vol. at 2^d p Vol. or thus

8 Vol. @ 3 ^d . . .	2 . 0	}	p ^d 12/1
15 D ^o @ 2 ^d . . .	2 . 6		
51 D ^o @ 1 ¹ / ₂ .			

13. Kings Speech come over. War.

14. I sent to Professor Pearson of Camb. my Letter to S^r W^m Jones at Calcutta in India.

15. Ldsdy I attended Chapel all day & heard A M D^r Dana Mat. xi, 6. P.M. M^r Huntington, a Candidate Rom. i, 16. Read^s Neckar on Religious Opinions.

16. Disput^a. Finished read^s Neckar &c

17. Disput^a. Finish Hampsons Mem. V. 2.

19. Public Thanksgiv^s thro' U. S. by Order of Presid^t Wash. Mr Ball preached in Chapel.

20. Rec^d Lett. fr. Mr. Shoemaker Philad^a on Starks affairs. A S^o Car^o Scholar from Zion College applied &c.

21. Sent Lett. to M^r Shoem^a resigng all further Care of Starks.

22. Ldsdy. I preached all day at West Haven. Mr. Williston supplied Bethany, Mr Hawley their Pastor Sick. Snow gone.

23. Disput^a. Received printed sheets of my History from Hartfd to 300th page. I had rec^d the first 60 pages begin^s of Nov. last. There remain about 50 pages to complete the Book.

24. Disput^a. Lately died the Rev^d Mr Bucknam of Medway in Massach. æt. 92, Min. 71, leaving a Wife æt. 90. This day my Wifes Birthday.

25. Very cold. Read^s Westleys Life.

26. Th. 1 below 0. Mane. No Lect. Wife sick.

27. Wrote Lett. to D^r Dwight. Finished Westleys Life.

28. Still cold. Yest^y rec^d Lett. fr. Camb. Betsy declining. Wrote & sent Lett. to Cambridge. Mr Willard here returned from N Y. where he was last Sabb. ord. Deacon by D^r Prevoost & last Tuesdy received Priests Orders—for Portsmouth. His Father a Cong. Min. livg in Mass^a & himself a young Bachelor of Arts thoughtlessly rush^s into the Ministry, equally indifferent to Presbyterianism or Episcopacy, and determined only by Sal^y of £120 offered by Episc^o Chh at Portsmouth.

March

1. Ldsdy. I attended at Chapel & heard Mr Ball all day. A M. Jn^o vii, 37. I adm^d the Lds Supper, present 13 Communicants. P.M. Luke x, 19-37, Good Samaritan. Read^s Levy's address to the Jews 1788 an octavo Vol. in English, but I think written by a Jew converted to X^{ty}, & a roman Catholic. It is a confused & indigested Composition, in ungrammatical English, but seems to be written by an honest & sincere & zealous Man—with much Transl^a of Scripture, & in some passages esp^y of the O. T. with critical Lights & Illustr^a of the Hebrew Prophecies as applied to J. Christ.

MEMOIRS REV JN^o WESTLEY.

1703. June 21. Born at Epworth, Lincolnshire.

1723. Grad. AB. Oxon.

1724. Æt. 21. Elected Fellow of Lincoln Coll. Ox.

1726. Proceed A M.

1725. Ordained by ABp Potter.

1729. First Methodist Society set up in Oxfd.

1735. Oct. 14. Embarkt for Georgia with Gen. Oglethorp. Arrived Feb 4 and at Savannah became acquainted with Mr Spangenberg the Moravian, & saw there & was present at the Conscr^a of a Moravian Bishop.

1736. Among the Passengers were 26 Germans going to settle in Amer. And here he commenced his Acquaint^s with the Morav. Brethren. He gives them an excellent Character. Nitchman the Morav. Bp was one. He I suppose ordaind Spaningb. a Bp.

Mr Westley practiced Immersion & insisted upon it in Baptisms while at Savanna.

1737. Dec. 22 Left Georgia & Charlest^s after 1¼ year residence & returned to Eng^ld where arrived Feb 1 1738. as Mr Whitfd was sailing thro' the Eng. Chanel for America. Mr Westly absent from Lond. 2 years 4 m^o.

1738. Lost his Conversion—tho' certainly in 1729 in a converted state. Comforted by the Moravian Faith.

May 26. Faith & Reconverted May 24. Communic^s with Böhler &c Morav. May first, Method. Soc^y formd in London.

June 13. Perplex with doubts, he went to visit the Morav. on the Continent. July 4 arrived at Marienburn & was introduced to Count Zinzendorf. Went to Hernhuth—there comforted as to his Faith. Learned the Constitution of the Brethrens Chh. & Zinzendorfs Discipline espec^y, which prob^y gave Westly a lead^s Plan of Method. Ecl. Polity.

Many of the Converts of Mr Whitfd from among the rich—Mr Westleys, the poor.

June 1 1751. Resigned his Fellowship.

1748. Opened School at Kingwood for Learned Educ^s.

1751. Married: tho' before advocat^s Celibacy.

1769. Began Societies in N Y., Philad^s &c in America.

1783. Mr Westleys last foreign Voyage was to Holld. On June 12 1783 he embarked at Harwich, arrived next day at Helvoetslys & went to Rotterdam, the Hague, Harlem, Leyden, Utrecht & Amsterdam. Preached twice at Rotterdam, Amst. & Utrecht. Begin^s July he returned to London. But first "He had gone over to Ziest, the settlem^t of the German Brethren (Morav.) of w^o he says "it is a small Village finely situated with Woods on every side, & much resembles one of the large Colleges at Oxfd. Here I met with my old friend, *Bishop Antone*, whom I had *not seen for near fifty years*. He did not ask me to eat or drink, for it is not their Custom.—I cannot see how it is possible for this Community to avoid growing immensely rich." V. 2 p 152. Design of his Journey unknown. Was he ordained a Bp by Bp Antone?

1783. At the Conference—thro D^r Cokes &c executed a Deed vesting the Houses &c in the Conference.

D^r Coke was a Clergyman educated at Oxfd & created LL.D. In 1776 he relinquished a Curacy in the West of Engld & joyned Westly & became his Vicar General, for visit^s Societies.

The U. S. being separated from G. Brit by the Peace 1783, M^r Westly provided for the American Methodists. And tho' always before opposed to Ordin^s by any but Bps, himself began 1783 ordinations more Episcopi by Imp^o of hands to several preachers, who embarkt for America, & consecrated D^r Coke one of the Bishops of the Methodist

Episc^c Chh in America—giv^s him special Instructions to consecrate as his Colleague in the Episcopacy a Lay Preacher who had resided several years in America. The D^r attended by the new made Presbyters crossed the Water &c—consecrating M^r Astbury, & ordain^s several others as Presbyters. Westly in his Letter to the Amer. Methodists says, "Ld Kings Acc^c of the primitive Chh convinced me many years ago, that Bps & Presb. are the same order, & consequently have the same right to ordain."

D^r Coke in his Sermon at the Consecr^c of Astb^r, says their Ord. is "equal to any of the Presbyterian, as originating with *three Presbyters of the Chh of Engld.*" Q. who? say Westly, Coke & . M^r Westly afterwds publish in the Magazine "declaring himself as true & scriptural a Bishop as any in Engld or Europe." Could he have declared this unless he had been ordained by Bp Antone? as he had always been staunch for Episcop^y in the sense of the Chh. of Eng^ld, & never renounced it. M^r Toplady says he got foreign Episc^c Ordination.

1784. D^r Coke arrives in America & consecrates Bp Astb^r.

D^r Cokes sermon puts the Question—"Bnt w^t right have you to ordain? The same right as most of the Reformed Chhs in Xtendom. Our Ordination, at its lowest view, being equal to any of the Presbyterians, as *originating with three Presbyters of the Chh of Engld.*" V. 2. p 183. This is D^r Cokes Ordin^c—for it is said that Westly was not ordained a Bp anew by 3 Presbyters. Who can believe that he, who was so strenuous for Episcop^y, as to institute it for his Connexion in Europe & Amer., would ordain a Bp as a Presbyter of the Chh Engld, if he himself had not first taken care to be reordained a Bp by 3 Presb., unless conscious that he himself was "as good & true a Bp as any in Engld or Europe" by hav^s been first ord. by Bp Antoine?

1784. D^r Coke came over to America, & ordained M^r Astbury also a Bishop—& ordained Elders. Thus the Methodist Chh is Episcopal—deriv^s from D^r Coke, who derived from M^r Westly, who derived from Bp Antoine the Moravian in Holland.

M^r Westly advised & directed all his Ministers to use the English Liturgy on Sundays, the Litany on Wednesdys & fridays, & all other days to use extemp^r Prayer. Thus the Methodists are a Moravian Chh us^g the Liturgy of the Chh of Engld.

How came Westly to re-ordain Coke, & not first have been reordained himself by 3 Presbyters?

4. Rec^d the Plates or Maps & Draw^gs for my Hist. Judges.

5. Professor Meigs d^d a Lect. I was called to visit a sick person & did not attend. Rec^d Lett. 26 ult. fr. Mr Holmes of Camb. inform^s Betsy for 3 days confined to Bed, and dubious. Thaw. Snow going off, nearly all gone off about N Haven—tho' said to be good sleighing a dozen miles off. Congress rose yesterday.

6. Seniors began 2^d Vol. of Montesquieu.

7. Read^s D^r Ogdens excellent Sermons. . . .

8. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day, & heard A M Rev M^r King from Eph. i, 19, 20. P.M. Sir Huntington 1 Jn^o iii, 3. Mr Ball supplied Chapel from setting up Orders in Nov. till last Sabbath. Now I have engaged Sir Hunt. 4 Sabbaths.

10. Disput^a. Mr. Abel Morse ob. æt 48.

11. Quarter day. Public Exercises well p^ormed. Visited this day by three Members of Congress—conversed on &c. Liancourt of £40,000 p ann. a french Refugee now at Philad^a with Autun & B———¹ all for a King & a Senate besides Deputies of 83 Communities in France. All the Brissotine Party same monarchichal & senatorial Ideas—& besides for divid^s France into seven or more distinct & sep. Commonwealths, to be confederated: and a general Council or Senate founded on such Confederation—the interior Gov^t of each Commonwealth to be left to itself as in U. S. Indeed their Idea much of the polity of U. S. only the Prince to have more power than our President. Liancourt begins to admire the polity of the U. S. as he confesses he sees the Auth^y of the President supported by Congress & the pple, more efficacious than he once expected. The Brissotine party all good Patriots, but divided on the Polity—the rest of Convention being for a Repub. one & undivided & with no King. Brissot & Condorset wrote against these, stigmatiz^s them *Republicans*, & call^s themselves *Confederates*. Quære. Was Violence & Guillotine necess^y to settle this or compromise the difference. Robertspiere was of diff. principles—espous^s the repub. but bloody against the Confed. Now the Convent. in gen. not for bloody measures. But Robertsp. commanded the Revolution^y Tribunal erected by Congress, & command. in the Parisian Jacobin Assemb. gett^s them to accuse or announce to the revolution^y Court such of the Conven. as were Confeds. The Convent. did not want to go these Lengths & abhorred the Violences, assumed Resolution & suppressed the Jacobines.

12. M^r Tutor Gould resigned the Tutorship this day. And at IV^b P.M. I inducted into the Tutorship Roger Minot Sherman A.B & committed to him the Tuition & Governm^t of the Sophimore Class, late M^r Goulds. M^r Morses Funeral. Hon. M^r Hillhouse brot me a sample of *Platina*, presented me by Hon. Col. Humphry

¹ The Duc de la Rochefoucauld-Liancourt and Ch. Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, Bishop of Autun, are two of the persons referred to. The third name is indistinctly written, but probably indicates the Chevalier de Beaumetz (cf. above, July 17, 1794).

the Ambass. at Lisbon, now at Philadelphia. Congress dissolved 4th Inst. The Senate to meet in June. The Pres^d has rec^d M^r Jays Treaty but has not communicated it. Yesterdy Morn^g VIII^h M^r Whitneys Work Shop consumed with Fire, Loss 3000 Doll. about 10 finished Machines for seed^s Cotton & 5 or 6 unfinished, & all the Tools which no man can make but M^r Whitney the Inventor, & w^c he has been 2 years in mak^s.¹

13. Violent NE Storm of Snow 6 Inc. last night. Writing Letter to Professor Eblen of Hamburg. Read^s Sullivan on the feudal Law. Cap^t Woodwd tells me Isaac was in Philad^a in Dec. last.

14. In a print at Worcester Mar 4. "Sixty Episcopal Chhs are formed in the States of N Hamp. Verm^t, & NE parts of N York. The Rev. D^r Peters has signified his Accept^a of the Bishops Chair in Vermont." Read^s D^r Ogdens Sermons.

15. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel & heard Mr Huntington. A M Rev iii, 20. P.M. Mal. iii, 16. Read^s Ogdens excellent but too short sermons.

18. Revising with D^r Goodrich the MS. copy of new Edit. Colleg Laws.

19. Attended Professor Meigs's Lecture.

20. Finished my Letter to Professor Eblin of Hamburg in Germany on the Hist^y of Connecticut. The Regents of the Univ^y of N Y. have the Superintend^y of Learn^s over the whole State. They lately report to Gen. Assemb^y N. Y. their Visitation &c. They have erected the Acad^y of Schenactady into "*Union College*." They have under their care 2 Colleges & 12 Academies. . .

22. Ldsdy. A M. I preached for D^r Edwds who is sick. P M. I attended at Chapel & heard Rev Mr Trumbull. And after sermon I admitted Sir Lewis, & Ira Hart of the Soph. Class into the College Chh—first baptizing Hart publickly in Chapel.

¹ This misfortune of Eli Whitney (Yale 1792) is also referred to in an unpublished letter, written on March 15 by Tutor Josiah Stebbins (Yale 1791) to his classmate Hopkins, as follows: Wednesday morning last the bells jingled, and the cry of fire! was heard. On turning out among the crowd, and starting toward the smoke, which I could see from my windows, I was after a while surprised to see that the fire proceeded from Whitney's laboratory, which is near Captain Hunts in the New Township. It was irrecoverably on fire, and soon fell. The fire broke out while the laborers were gone to breakfast.

The building was on the north side of Wooster street, west of Brewery,—Captain Frederick Hunt's house being still further west.

23. Disput^a.
24. Disput^a—mild Weather.
25. Read^e Syllivans Feudal Law. Rec^d Lett. from Betsy sick at Camb.
26. Copying Lett. to Professor Eblin. Mild Weather.
27. Severe NE Snow Storm. Th. 22.
28. A very stormy Day, Snow, Sleet, Rain. In Eveng. Thund. & Lightng.
29. Ldsdy. Fair, pleasant. Snow a foot deep. Th. 40. SW. Thaw. Disappointed of a Supply, no service at Chapel. I attended Fair Haven all day & heard the Rev. Mr Langdon, the English Minister supplying there. A M. Isai. iii, 11. P M. Jno x, 36. Readg Dionys. de div. nom. and Pachymeres Notes—also Abdias Lives XII apostles.
30. Disput^a.

April

1. Disput^a. Examg M.—'s Case. Rec^d Lett. from Cambridge & D^r Bill £21.
2. Attended Prof. Meigs Lect. & after it expelled M.—for Theft.
3. Fast in Connect. I attended at Chapel & hear Dr. Edwds all day from Prov. xiv, 34. Mr Hunt. & he exchan^e Labours. Read D^r Moses & Professor Tappans Sermons. Snow gone.
4. News of Tak^e Amsterdam by French, & the Abdication of the Stadtholder. Grand news! Mild Weather.
5. Ldsdy. I preached at W. Haven.¹ Mr. Williston preached in Chapel and administered the Sacrament. Th. 70. Summer.
6. Disput^a. Finish^e Plates for my Hist^r Judges. Th. 72. Summer.
7. Disput^a.
8. "Eight years ago Encourag^t was barely given for two Stages and 12 Horses on the great Road between Boston & New Haven, a dist^a of 170 Miles. Whereas at this time (1795) there are upwards of 100 Horses & 20 Carriages employed. The number of diff. regular Stages, that run in the Course of a week from B^o are upwds of twenty. Eight years ago there were but three.

¹ An anecdote of Dr. Stiles's contact on this last visit to West Haven with Richard Salter Storrs, Junior, then a boy of eight, is given in the *Congregational Quarterly*, xvi, 359.

The regular direct Post Road from Wicasset in Mass^a to Sunbury in Georgia, embraces 64 post Towns, & a Dist^a of 1513 Miles. This with the Cross Rodes established make near 10,000 Miles over which the Mails are sent." Extr^a from Prints. . . .

10. Sent Lett. to Ruthy by Cap^t Parrot with 100 Doll. together with MS. Book Letters to Dr Morse & Miss Adams.

11. Sir William Jones of Calcutta to whom I sent a Letter last Summer on Oriental Literature, is dead.

12. Ldsdy. I attended Chapel all day & heard Mr Nash a Candidate preach A M. 1 Thess. v, 21. P.M. Ps. ciii—on Providence. I read the first Book of Enoch in Fabricius & also in Scaliger.

13. Disput^a. Rainy Day N E. Readg Syllivans feudal Law. Finished Lett. to Professor Ebling of Hamburg 60 pages 4^{to} Post paper and delivered it to Mr Beers to be forwarded to New York. Proxy, Mess^{rs} Daggett & Goodrich elected. This Day the Society at White Haven had a Meeting. They are dissatisfied with D^r Edwds, and voted 22 for & 15 against his Dismission. Appointed a Committee to confer with him on Terms of Dismission. He has been 26 years in the Min^y. No objection against his Conduct or moral Character, but dissatisfied with his Mode of Preach^g & Rigidity in Chh Discipline esp^y as to Terms of Communion & Baptisms, & his refusing to commune with the two other Congreg^{as} Chhs in Town, with w^o that Chh wish for free & open Communion.

14. Disput^a—Readg Sullivan . . .

15. I rode out with Professor Meigs to view Mr. Buells' Cotton Manufact^y 2 M. off. It cost 2000 Dollars, built this year. This is the 2^d Manuf^y built in this T^o within 2 y. Mr McIntosh's at Bradley T^o 2 M. NW fr. T^o was built 1794. Cost £10,000. This last is very grand—but will fail, & Buell's will succede, tho' much smaller. Read^g Sullivans Feudal Law & Judge Sullivan's Hist. of the District of Maine just published.

16. Attended Mr Meigs phil. Lect. on Hydrost^a & Hydraulics. Dr Edwds showed me the Votes of his Society. He concludes he shall leave them. Read^g Sullivans Feudal Law.

17. Betsys Birthday. Read^g Sullivan. First Copy Hist. Judges bound.

¹ Abel Buell, an ingenious mechanic, a native of Killingworth, Conn. One of Dr. Stiles's correspondents in 1767 mentions him as the Killingworth goldsmith who has just begun to cut stones as a lapidary, and in 1769 as manufacturing type for printing. See, further, Jones's *Hist. of Stockbridge, Mass.*, 264-66.

18. With Madam Marsh of Wethersfd visited Mr McIntosh's Manufact^y.

19. Ldsdy. No Chapel. I attended at the Brick and heard A M Dr Dana ; and P M. at the Blue & heard Dr Edwds. Anniv^y of memorable Battle of Lexington 1775.

20. Disput^a.

21. Disput^a. Emil. Birthday.

22. Heard of Isaac cast away at Havanna. Writing an Epitaph for Col. Hubbard. Read^s Sullivan & Miller on Eng. Gov^t.

23. Examined a youth from N York & rejected him.

24. This Morn^s I rec^d a Letter from my son Isaac dated at Philad^a 21st Ins^t. He was to sail next day for Port au Prince. He had been shipwrecked at Cuba, & got to Philad^a. In Health. Deo Grates.

25. Seniors finished Montesquieu, V. 2^d. I rode to Woodb.

26. Ldsdy. Mr Bebee preached at Chapel all day. And I supplied his pulpit at Woodbridge preach^s myself all day.

27. Disput^a. Fed. Court, Judges Iredell & Law present. I finished Sullivan on Fendal Law. . . .

28. Disput^a. I opened the Federal Court with Prayer. Judges Iredell & Law present.

29. Read^s Judge Sullivans Hist. of Province of Main.

30. Rec^d a Letter & Hist. of Moravian Missions from the Directors at Bethlem, Pensylv^a. Attended Professor Meigs Lecture. Rec^d Lett. from Mr Woodwd N York—he say Isaac was shipwreckt on one of the Bahamas, left every Thing, crew saved, in an open Boat only, & nine days in getting to Havanna in great Destress.

May

1 Began the pub. Exam. of the Classes. Seniors this day. Rector Williams Portrait, copied from Smiberts, by Mr Moultrope, finished. Friends Murray & Eddy fr. N. Y. here.

2. Proceeded with the Jun. Class.

3. Ldsdy. No Chapel. I attended at D^r Edwds A M. & heard him & attended with my Wife at his Communion—present about 50 Communicants. P.M. at Dr Danas—Contribution for Missionaries. Read^s Pagets Ans, to Ainsw^o 1618.

4. Proceed^s in Exam. Rec^d Lett. fr. Camb. Children no better.

- Apr 28. 5. Disput. I opened the federal Court with Prayer
 Judge Judell & Law present
29. 4. Read Judge Sullivan's Hist. of Province of Maine
30. 7. Recd. a letter & Hist. of Moravian Missions from the
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 Lecture. Recd Lett. from W Woodard N York he says there
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 crew saved, in an open boat only, & mine, in getting
 to Havana in great distress
- May 1. 9. Began the pub Exam of the Classes. Seniors this day.
 Reston Williams Portrait copied from Smith's, by Mr
 Moulthrop, finished. Frank Murray & Boby jr. W. J. here
2. 17. Proceeded with the Jun^r Class
3. 18. No Chapel. I attended at 10 o'clock A.M. & heard
 him & attended with my Wife at his Convulsion -- profus
 about 50 Commencements. P. M. at Dr Daves -- Contribution
 for Missionaries. Read of Pagan's Anf. to Stimp's 1618
4. O. Proceeded in Exam. Recd Lett. fr. Camb. Children no better
5. 21. Finished Exam & announced Adjudication.
6. 27. Vacation begins. Deans Exam. Marsh Elected.
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[Facsimile of a page of the Diary, Apr. 28–May 6, 1795. Size of the original,
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Mass ^a	5½	Million Doll.
Rh. Isld	1	
N York	5½	
Connect.	0¼	
Pensylv ^a	6½	
Maryld	5½	
Virg.	3½	&c

Places exported to, among others, to

Denmark	. . . . .	1	Mill.
United Netherlds	. . . . .	5½	
G. Brit. & Domin.	. . . . .	7	
Hamburg & Hanse T ^o	. . . . .	3¼	
France & Dom.	. . . . .	5	
Portug.	. . . . .	1	
Spain	. . . . .	3¼	
E. Ind.	. . . . .	0½	
W. Ind.	. . . . .	1	

None of the rest ¼ Mill.

Grand Tot.	. . . . .	29,464,470	Doll.
Britain only	. . . . .	7	Mill.
France & all Europe besides	. . . . .	20	Mill.

To Brit. one Third of Exp^{ts} to Europe, & not a Qu. of the Whole.

MILLARS ENG. GOVERNMENT

W^m the Conq. converted the most of the allodial Estates of the Saxons into Feudum jure hæredetario. The Confiscated Estates he granted to his Norman Barons as feifs. "Of 60,215 Knights fees computed to have been in Engld not long after the Conquest, no fewer than 20,015 are said to have belonged to Chhmen," as appears in Doomsdy Book. Millar, p 238 . .

The Diary concludes with the above paragraph, and a few other brief extracts from Millar's *Historical View of the English Govern-ment*, copied apparently on Wednesday, May 6. The author was

taken ill on Friday, May 8, of a bilious fever. His manuscript Thermometrical Record, in which he usually made entries morning, noon, and night, is kept up regularly through Thursday, May 7: on Friday he made entries at noon, and in the afternoon. On Saturday a faint scrawl in pencil reads "Sick—omitted—fair," and on Sunday comes the final entry, at 2 p. m. "67, fair." He died on Tuesday evening, May 12, in his 68th year.

The President's eldest child, Betsey, was ill at the house of her brother-in-law, Rev. Abiel Holmes, in Cambridge, at the time of her father's death; and died there, six months later, on November 16, in her 38th year. The youngest surviving daughter, Polly (Mrs. Holmes), was also in a decline, and died before her sister, in Cambridge, on August 29, at the age of 28. Ruth, who was with these sisters in Cambridge at the time of her father's death, married there in 1799 the Rev. Caleb Gannett, of Cambridge, and died in 1800; and Emilia married Jonathan Leavitt (Yale 1785), of Greenfield, Massachusetts, in 1796, and died in 1833.

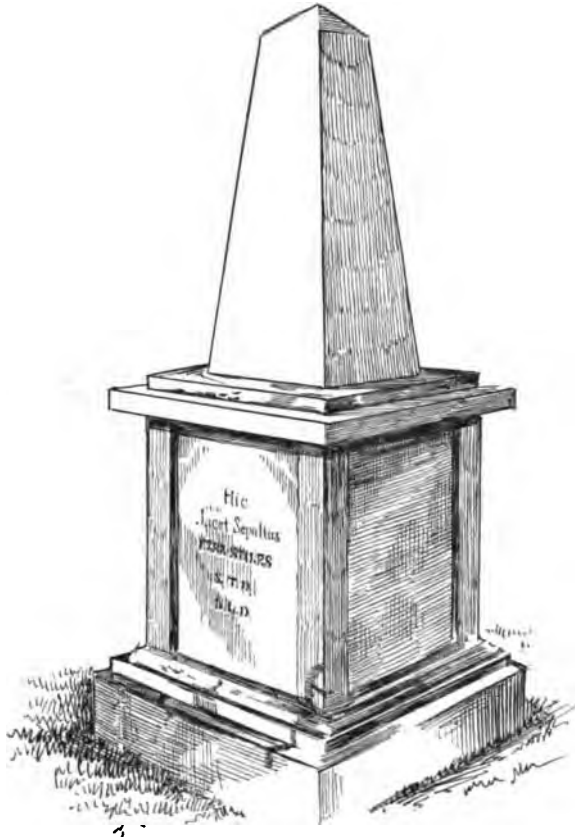
Mrs. Leavitt left three daughters, Sarah H. (Wells), Amelia S. (Jenkins), and Elizabeth H. (Ingersoll), who all left descendants; Mrs. Gannett's only child, the Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles Gannett, left two children; and Elizabeth (Denio), the elder daughter of Ezra Stiles, Junior, also left descendants.

The President's only surviving son Isaac sailed from Philadelphia three weeks before his father's death in the Brig Eagle, for Port au Prince, San Domingo; but was never heard from afterwards.

The President's widow returned to Newport, where she died on October 6, 1801.

By the last will of Dr. Stiles, dated September 16, 1793, his "Cabinet of Manuscripts, containing thirty or forty volumes, according to an annexed list," was given "to the care of the Rev. Abiel Holmes of Cambridge, to be by him kept for ten years, and ten years after my decease to be deposited with the Archives of Yale College." The evident purpose of the trust to Mr. Holmes was fulfilled by his publishing in 1798 a *Life of Dr. Stiles* (404 pp.).

In the inventory of Dr. Stiles's estate (which amounted to £2244), this Cabinet, including as its main item the LITERARY DIARY now printed, was appraised at £150. There is abundant material among the other manuscripts for another volume.



[Monument in the New Haven Cemetery, erected by the Corporation of Yale College to the memory of President Stiles.]