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1837/18

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Wingail Bishop
died after Anna
Some that figure —
See Seventh Leaf —



Africa, one of the four principal divisions of the Globe, surrounded almost by water. — Is bounded by the Medit: the Atlantic, & Indian Ocean, the red sea, and the Isthmus of Suaz, which is a strip of land 120 miles wide, that divides it from Asia; the greater part lies within the torrid Zone. The large rivers of Africa are too far apart to admit, advantageously of inland navigation —

African Serpent an enormous serpent in the river Bagrada. It is said to be 120 feet long, & that it destroyed many of the Roman army under Regulus the Roman general. It was at last killed by the battering engines.

Air, the element we breath, the medium of light and sound, it is said we can neither see nor hear without it. It is computed to be about 1, 1/2 miles in height, & that it is 500 times lighter than water. Its weight on a middle sized person, at a medium is 39900^{lbs}: the difference we sustain at one time more than at another has been proved to be about 3900^{lbs}.

Spicio, an extraordinary tree that grows on the shores of the Antilles islands; one log of it will make a boat big enough for 40 men. Sea worms never attack this timber —

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Aleppo, the capital of the Turkish province of Syria, stands in the vast plain which extends from the river Orontes to the Euphrates, rich in soil. It is the Emporium of Armenia, & the Diarbek is of the ancient Mesopotamia, between the river Tigris & the Euphrates. inhabitants most civilized in Turkey

Algiers, a State of Barbary in Africa, 600 miles long: borders on Tunis, on the Mediterranean, on Mount Atlas, & on Morocco. Air temperate. North part fertile in corn, vallies fruitful. The city of Algiers is the capital of this country, built on the declivity of a mountain, appears fine from the sea - climate delightful; almost a perpetual verdure covers the earth.

Alleghany, a vast range of mountains, nearly parallel with the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean; it is about 900 miles long - is called the back bone of the U.S.

Alligator, or American crocodile; seen in great multitudes in several rivers of Georgia & the Floridas. 20 or 30 ft long - body as large as a horse - resembles a lizard - have 2 rows of very long, thick, strong teeth, white as the finest polished ivory - they have a loud & terrible roar

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Alps, the highest mountains in Europe,
2 miles high: dividing Italy from France
- Switzerland & Germany - few passages over,
those difficult. From a little village at
the bottom to the top of the m^t is 6 miles.
The road goes winding up mostly not 6
ft wide. On one hand is the rock with
woods of pine hanging over head, on the
other a prodigious precipice, almost per-
pendicular, at the bottom of which rolls
a deep torrent!

Amazon, the largest of rivers - heads
among the Andes in Peru - ^{runs eastward} empties at
the Equinox. 150 miles broad at its mouth:
& 1500 miles from its mouth it is 30 or 40
fathoms deep!

Amazonia a country in S. Amer.
4000 l. & 900 br. Trees, fields & plants
verdant all-year. Rivers and lakes in-
fested with Crocodiles, Alligators & Serpents.

Ancient Empires. The most celebrated were
the Assyrian, the Chaldean - Median - Persian -
Macedonian & Roman. The Assyrian was
first after flood, whose Capital was Nineveh.
which was founded by Ashur Grand of Noah.
The ambitious wars of Assyrians for 500
years threw Asia into confusion,

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At length Babylon, of the Chaldees, from being
the vassal of Ninevah, became her rival.
& the seat of a new empire. The Medes,
some time after shook off their yoke of the
Assyrians: their last king was Sardanapulus
the most effeminate & debauched am'lu. beings.
The Medes took the gov^t: about 900 before Christ.
Cyrus put an end to Chaldean em^l: by con-
quest of Bab^l: drove Astyages, his grandf^r:
from his throne, & king^d: united Media
Assyria & Chal. to Persia, thus raised the
Persian em^l: to a prod^e: greatness.

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The foregoing I wrote
some years ago but not
wishing to continue
the like extract any
more here - I now

devote this little book
to note down some
occasional remarks
of events or peculiar
Items that I do not
wish to record in more
public journals -

Isaac N. J.

March 1837.

(Signature)

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I will just hint about
a dream that Elizabeth G.
had about a little child at her
grandfather's in Schenectady.
I wish at some time to get
further information about it.

After Garrett's death, Lo-
vina Salisbury dreamed
that Garrett had liberty to
range among 13 of the
sisters; that his spirit re-
mained about here. Her
impressions were that a
summer would die.

She felt very much ex-
cited about it & came
over here to see the sick.

Philimon Stuart had a
very singular dream about
having a hard tupsel with a

or beast

kind of evil spirit, that tried very hard to injure him he kept him off a great while but the beast finally threw some sharp points at his temples, which stuck in him. Philimon was soon taken sick, with just such pain as he deems ma he felt -

This seems like a supernatural presentiment

Q. Br. David Miller had a dream some like the above of an evil beast or reptile that was striving hard to get at the br & srs, but he kept him off some time, the beast then took him; I will go where you

cannot get at me". This ⁹
seemed to be fulfilled in the
sickness with which we at
Lebanon were seized. —

Anna Williams some
time in February, 1837, tells
me of two incidents that
must have been supernatural.
One was in, or about the year
she and Mary Matthewson were
sitting in a room together,
when she suddenly heard a
sound of something like rock-
ing a vessel on a board or table
as of a man rocking back &
forth from side to side.

She looked to the window,
where stood a glass tumbler
which to her great surprise
was rocking from side to
side, as a person would do
to walk it along. It walked

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or raked in this manner,
approaching to the edge of the
window stool, & continued
to do so till it reached the
edge, & fell off!

This fact, as wonderful
as it was, actually took
place, and the glass fell &
broke to pieces! There were
no visible means to effect
it, no wind or whatever
to cause it, and the fact
was seen and witnessed by
another sister at the same
time & both noticed it
& spoke of it —

Soon after this James Bishop[#]
a lively young man was taken
sick suddenly & died.

Another thing Anna said
that in the year 1818 some
brother to Uxulah B.

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time in August, in the
night some time after going
to bed, she had not yet fallen
to sleep, but being wide a-
awake there was the figure
of a female appeared to her,
I looked at her, but said nothing,
Anna asked her "In the name
of the Lord Jesus, what do you
want??" He said "I want to
inform ^{you} what is coming
to pass; two of your family
are going to die, & the rest
are going to be torn all to
pieces! — and said no more.

Anna slept no more that
night — The thing took
place in a short time, about
2 months after I by sickness
the whole family was put
in confusion or as might
be said torn all to pieces!

March

~~April~~ 1837

1st th Alexander McArthur
 went off. It is said his
 conduct was such & had
 been for a long while, that
 no body was sorry he went.
 He was very disinterested
 & refractory, always hang-
 ing back - &c. Now
 he has taken his own way
 let us see how he comes out.

He has done something
 as Henry Hammond told
 him, when he was near
 dying; he said to A. M.
 "I hope you will stay &
 plague the old shakers as
 long as you can!" we to
 that import! —

March
April 1837

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^{to}
2^d ~~son~~ Thomas Munson

cleared out from the 2 fam-
ily! He, I suppose by what
I hear has been an old sleepy
Stupid, fleshmonger their
these many years! he
even stole money from
James Smith Sr when
he went away, as near as
could be found out!
he and Alex. M it is said
were very much married
together — they are now
both gone —

David Bowers went off
from James's about this
time! He was a poor
depraved man —

What in the name of reason does
it mean that so many are go-
ing off nowadays ??? — !!!

April 1837

A few days after Thomas & M
went off, he sent word back that
he wanted to come back again,
but if they would not take him
he wanted his clothes & money?
w. 5th in our meet! & B's spoke

of being cautious about fire
& the very next day the sid
ter's east little house took
fire & had like to burn up
by some one going there
with a pipe! —

tu 11 Caroline Chace run away
just before bed time! —

w 12 Aramanda Drwin let
it be known that she wished
to go, & was taken away!

Since Aramanda went
a singular dream of hers
has been reported that she
dreamed last summer.

At a time she was about to go soon on a visit to Waterwich. & in the night she dreamed that she was sitting in her chair & a dog came to her & took her in the face & said, "You are going to Waterwich soon; and you are going off to the world soon, and you are going to die soon, & you are going to die with the Cholera."

This alarmed her - and she told the elder sister there, of it - but a few ever heard the dream till after she went off.

written here May 14th 1837

May 14th - 1837

I understood yesterday
that Joshua Stone had
gone off lately !!

What could ail him?
I guess he wanted a wife!

I also heard that William
Wightman went off from
the 2^d family last Thursday
night. O shocking
that, what a time of apos-
tacy! What a host of
wretched backslidden
souls there will be that
have pretended to obey
the gospel & have turned
against it - how will
these creatures come out
& how will their affairs
stand in the day of accounts?

These contemptible out-
casts have principally lo-
cated themselves in the
hollow near us, which seems
very appropriate to perpet-
uate the old title,

'Hell Hollow'

O that God would see fit to
shake them as with an
earthquake & disperse them
abroad, that no place could
be found for them. —

William & Winne & Hen-
ry Winne came to the
family from Albany
May 25 (I think) one
aged 9 - the other 7. —

May 26 Anna W^{ms}
went to the South house, to
be first sister there —

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June 9th Came from N.Y.
with Daniel H. two bags
into the 2^d family

Benjamin & Henry Billing
aged about 12 & 10

July 1837

We understand that a dreadful
falling off has taken place at
Worcester - In the first week
of this month there went off
3 persons, 3 mornings in suc-
cession! - 9 apostates!!

Who they were we do not
know - several were Fellers
& Justice Brewster was one!
& the Rickeys were among them

July 22 - A strange scrape
at Worcester happened -

a report was made up that
they had murdered - & some
men came with a warrant
to search! - more of this.

July 23rd - a disagreeable
affair happened in our meeting
P.M. by John M's introducing
matter concerning Calving,
taking his part against false
reports, wherein C.G. had been
said to do that which led to
the flesh - saying he did not
think C. had done any such
thing &c &c

I tho't a very unsuitable sub-
ject, before children & all.
& to take the part of an indi-
vidual before his face, as it
were against the lead & the
body. - I tho't it only made
the worse - I was sorry to
have John put himself in
such danger of spoiling his
own character by such a step.
Aug^t 7th Gideon H. had
a remarkable vision, saw
a great Mult. of angels
with Mo⁻Ann on the head
march by to the south, &

20 Aug^t — 1837

sunshers turned in here
& at 2 o'clock — Saw a beautiful level place, where many happy spirits stood. It was lower than the surrounding part, & descended into by several steps; was showed the manner of taking those steps, which was called coming down, which brot on him an inexpressible sense of coming down into humility & giving up up all. He saw the heavens open & that a great increase was at hand.

It certainly had a powerful effect on him, & filled him with a deep sense of gratitude & broken heart, as he abundantly proved in his relating the case with tears, & heartfelt emotions.

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and in all his conversation
say Infidel? are such power-
ful operations in the human
mind, arousing virtuous affec-
tions, all a phantom?

Aug. 22 Leah Taylor, last
night had a powerful im-
pression, beginning in her
sleep of the presence of Jesu-
cham Batet, son. He warned
her very solemnly & power-
fully against some things
in which she was exposed.

He then seemed to sink into
great waters, which alarmed
her, for fear of sinking her-
self - but he was unharmed
& washed in the water. It told
her there was no danger if
her faith was strong.

After which her foundation
seemed to give way & she went

down I washed;
 Sarah Jane Ray slept in
 the same room, I dreamed
 at the same time that a
 spirit came into the room
 I went out, with such
 force, that it waked her up.
 Leah was greatly exercised
 I excited with strong emotions
 in her mind. she wept &
 felt greatly awakened to a
 sense of her faith, she &
 the rest in the room arose
 & slept but little more
 that night.

It had a great effect on
 her mind, as she very plain-
 ly showed in her actions
 & conversation.

I have only related the out-
 lines. It was very evident
 that there was a supernatural
 manifestation.

Aug^t 29th 1837

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In conversation with Mr. Seth Wells he told me some news respecting my natural father - of his gift in tongues. That about the year 1800 he heard him several times talk in unknown tongues, that he was at Benj^{'s} Elises where Seth Y. lived, to see him: and he spoke a long time in an unknown tongue. A woman came into the room, who had the gift to interpret: when Seth Y. got thro' he turned to the woman & says, "tell him what I said: she then related the substance, much of which was about the late journey which Seth W. had lately been, among his rel-

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atives, at Long I. New York
 he told of many things
 which took place in that
 journey, which Seth W. well
 knew that the woman, or
 Seth W. could know nothing
 about, but by inspiration
 which rendered the case
 remarkably striking.

He had also heard him
 at various other times.
 At Waterbury at one time
 he heard him speak in
 five different languages,
 & by some words which
 he understood he knew
 that he spoke Latin, Greek,
 Indian & some French!

His utterance was attend-
 ed with powerful eloquence
 & his gestures & emphasis

were those of the greatest orators.

This is no matter of fancy, or private matter, there were many witnesses of the truth of it & many now living can witness to it.

Seth G. was not a learned man, but quite indifferent in speech. —

Aug 31st In conversation with John Meacham about such like matters, he told me of a vision which Samuel Johnson sr once saw, many years ago.

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was killed; & there were
two men who assisted in
taking care of him got
their hands bloody, and
washed them in a basin
all with the exact ap-
pearance as seen in the
vision! —

July 6 - a letter from
E. Freygift - tells of a
journey to North W.
They start the 26 of April.
Rel. Believers generally
doing well - Henry
Dickey there, wants to stay
They talk of moving
the center family -
They started for home on
the 21 May & arrived

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to Waterford in less than
4 days — E. Pr Eli. M.

Sick 3 months. Arkhel
D. took his place — 2^d Jan.

Francis B. had palsy from
1st of May to 23 June & died.
Ministry from S. M. there
at U. V. on 23 June —

E. Sister Betsey M. Carr
sick with Dropsy.

I have now neglected
writing in this for some time
having written religious
matters in another book

March 1839 —

Emmanuel Fogersteen, the
Finlander went off, some
time this month — also
Nabby Loomis — William
Gulderson went off, I think
last month —

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Ann Smith went off
I don't know when, but
I think in June.

July 29th: Betsy Bennett
went off - I came here on
the 30th to take Letsy Ann
off - but on seeing Dero-
bign & others, & his talking
to her, she changed her mind
I concluded to return & not
go away - She went on
Saturday in the halluc, but
says there is nothing but
revocible among the reprobates
& they feel bad & &

August, latter part

We hear considerable about
Josephus - how he conducted

towards some women that
 went to see him, & they
 attempting to play with him
 by getting some raisins &c
 in his house he grew mad
 & proceed to sue them at
 law &c - & behaved every
 inhumanly - Also
 about his dishonesty with
 J. Overist, in denying Co-
 overist's account against him
 & attorning his own &c &c

I understand he has
 moved off to the west part
 of the town.

Sept - 5th - Heard this
 time we hear by the min-
 istry what a man from
 New York told about Rufus
 Winkley - He said he is
 now a very disaffected crea-
 ture - feels very bad &c -

September 1838
 11th: 80 — I heard Mr Rufus
 tell of what Alexander
 McArthur had told; that
 the turnoff club were con-
 triving to do all they could
 against us — were about to
 apply to the grand jury for
 something? — &c —

That he, A. C. & one
 Blackstaff were going to con-
 tract them — could prove
 the turnoffs had stolen abun-
 dantly from us; he did not
 doubt they had stolen \$1000
 worth — A. said the turn-
 offs felt bad, but were deter-
 mined to do their best against
 us — he thought it would go hard
 against us, or stand a chance
 to. He has not written with
 them — & they accuse him of

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being one that the Shakers
have sent out to be as a spy.
They treat him hard.

We hear in various ways
that they are earnest to do
all they can this time —

Moses says there are many
more of the hallow folks a-
gainst us than we are aware
of — they talk smooth to us
on purpose to get hold of
something & come among
us for that purpose!

A letter from Miles B.
lately sent to Bro Seth, shews
that he now feels fearful
apprehensions of future trou-
ble, says considerable of our
happy state — speaks of the Gift
of God as tho' believing in them
& styles himself as being on the
"Steam Boat Damnation"! &c
His letter seems to me as if he was
half addle, or deranged!! — ??

September 1838

7th We learn that Edward
 on his late route to Pine
 Plains, whence he returned
 to day, saw Emily & Sarah
 Brady - their Aunt & rel-
 atives had pursued a course
 of indulgence with them
 & they had become contented.

The condition in which
 they have been seen in vision
 by Olive Wheeler & others did
 not agree with their present
 state, but we do not under-
 stand the meaning of what
 was represented in vision; it
 may be all yet to come, or it
 may respect their spiritual state

October 1838

4th We - Quite a change
 has been at the north hour
 of late - Abigail Crossman
 has come to the Chh.

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David Sizer has gone to the
1st house Canaan, to be 2^d
elder — Sally Bushnell has
gone to the lower house, at
Canaan — Frederic C.
has gone in with B. Richard
& Antworth with E. Lavina.

November —

About the 15th — Leana Haygan
went off —

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March —

It seems to be an impor-
tant period respecting the
reprobates in the hollow.

The great theft committed
at Hancock will yet, I
think have a great effect
in breaking up the nest in
the Hollow. Lewis it seems

has fled - Daniel Ginneth
too. - They are advertised
I understand - the seeds
are obtained, but the thieves
are not easily got at.

Strange!

March 29 - Last week
on the 20th (I think) James
Taylor went away from the
Bent family to stay with
his parents! He is
extremely poor; & seems
to be laboring under some
kind of mental derange-
ment.

They at the B. family have
taken him in there out
of Charity.

August 1839 —

Some time this month
(I think) I learn that Mrs
Godwin has gone off! —
She has had abundance of
gifts, visions &c — but
all has not saved her! —

Worse than that —

September 23^d — I heard
that Olleyett has gone off!
Some weeks ago —

I was very sorry, for she
has had many beautiful
gifts, & such ones going
has a tendency to limit
the faith of many in these
gifts: but in my feelings
it alters nothing, it is the
creature that is in fault
not the gifts of God. —

October 1839

Sometime this month
I heard that John Haize
had got another privilege
at Jesse Lewis's —

Shocking Apostacy!

October 30th

We learn this week that
there has lately been a
falling away at Hancock
at the 2^d family — the like
of which has scarcely been
known before. The par-
ticulars I have not learned
but understand that 10 went
from the 2^d family **4** males
7 6 females — ^{and} ~~from~~ from
another family 4 or 5 went

They were chiefly between
 15 & 22 years old - & some
 of them were small children.
 Some that had been vision-
 ists went, Elizabeth Cook
 for one. —

It seems that some bad
 root of evil has been grow-
 ing among them. But I
 hope the rest can now do
 better. —

November 1839

A singular circum-
 stance has lately occurred
 concerning finding some
 stone on the South moun-
 tain - a family's land.

I understand that Noah
 Wheaton came to Zedekiah
 Wilber & told him of a

quarry of stone.

Gideon went I got Rufus
Wheator & they went
& Gideon set stakes
by the stone, Noah
appearing to him & di-
recting him, but said
nothing to Gideon.

Rufus has since been
& dug, there is stone there,
good sound marble.

Elder sister Rebecca &
others have been there I
heard voices but did not
understand much.

They heard the words
"Ten feet thick" —

So I hear.

Philson & others
have been there & found

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good stone there. - also
there was stone of a similar
kind found on our land, in
several places -

November 1839
m. 18th Hannah Blake
this day is appointed 2^d
elders at the 2^d order.

The ministry received
letters lately from the west
A. union - there is some
remarkable things it seems
that the visionists there have
been forwarded? Particularly
concerning the inhabitants
of this country many 100
years ago. - It is said Mr
ther told the parliament.

This country was inhab-
ited soon after the flood.

1830

Much of the western coun-
try has been sunk - accor-
ding to that visionist -
These writings will
doubtless be preserved.

I will also state that last
July a letter was received
from S. Union contain-
ing long visions that were
seen there - one vision
seen by Elverene Hilton
aged 10 - was written in Eng-
lish - June 18th - & then
in another language July
6th 8th 9th & 10th. - In this
vision wonderful things
were told, of things to come
In 300 years there will
wars & continual strifes
In the 4th Century peace
will appear - The gospel

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will spread like fire.

at another time there will
not one spear of grass grow -
upon the earth, nor one sprout
of wood ~~of wood~~ for a time!

In one vision a long piece
was read - beginning "Is
there a time for souls?"

It is a wonderful piece

Is time not short when
smoking beasts will arise?

O true it is &c. &c.

this vision was afterwards
given in another language
beginning Manath Mas
eri Aropti Goric
vath an ventarah &c. &c.

1840

January - latter part
I understand David
Paine, at Jesse Lewis's
has gone off! —

He was too much in
pain, any longer to remain.

March 1840 —

5th We learn by the ministry
who have just returned from
Watacutit that the D
family there lately came
near having their dwelling
house burnt, by means
of bed clothes lying against
or on a stove in which
a fire was made: with

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execution they prevented
the fire from spreading —

I also learned that young
Thomas Wells, at the Cchh-
there, has gone off i-
a good pity, for he was a
very ingenious mechanic
I would have been ex-
ceeding useful if he had
done well. —

They need his help very
much. —

It is a time there of
much darkness & great
sorrow to the faithful
many that are not what
they ought to be.

O what a pity! —

June 1840
6th J. Little & J. McFlan
took it in their head to go
on the hill to live & —

August 1841

20. Cornelius Braxee
took a notion to buy his
legs for hudson —
was found the next day
before he got there, and
bro't back —

December 1841

17 have gone from
this society this year
3 from the Chh - &
14 from the families
last year. 1840, 13 went
from the Chh & 7 from the fam-
ilies

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December 1842

7 have left this society
this year - none from
the Chh.

December 1843

30 have left this society
this year - 6 from the
Chh. - 24 from the families

December 1844.

25 have left this society
this year. - 3 from
the Chh. & 17 from the families.

December - 1845.

26 have left this society this
year. - 12 from Chh. & 14
from the families.

September 1st 1846
 29th — In the evening there
 was a meeting held, of
 the middle aged — in which
 the Elders spoke of the
 order of union, concern-
 ing the order in which
 we are placed, male &
 female —

Henceforth we are to
 be more changeable in
 our order & not consider
 ourselves to be so fixed
 or stationary as has for-
 merly been the manner.

September 1846. 47

This has been a most
dreadful month, and
time of apostasy in the
Chh. It going at once
two males & two females!

I several others besides
See Journal -

October - 1846

17- Heard of three that very
sately went from the L^d's
family viz Charles W^c
Cartee, Mary Ann Rice
& Emily Babcock.

Isaac Smith, William
Stephens & Laura Jacobs
went some days ago.

October, 1846.

20th - Two more have gone from the 2 fam.
 viz. Henry Hedrick
 & Sarah, Mariah Lewis.
 This makes 10 it is said
 that have gone from
 there in a few weeks,
 but I do not know all
 their names. —

Nov^r 6 Margaret Rid-
 der went off - A few days
 ago Isabelle Patterson went

Nov^r 7 William Kime
 went from the 2 family
 14th - This week Carolitia
 Shephardson went from
 the hill family; this

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makes 13 from the P family
this season! O the
Devil! - what work!! -

1847 -

March 3 Lewis Lark-
wood went off some time
this month & but we have
heard he went right to
Graveland, where his father
lives - but I I guess he
will prove oddle. -

May 18 - David Sawyer -
now just gone from the
Hill family? - 2^d time:
Out fairly!

Aug⁺ 7th John Sidle gone
off this week - nothing
unexpected. & Feby 23

Omitted out of its place

November 15 - 1746

I lately heard that William Willard, of Canterbury went off a few weeks ago. — The ward was first bro't by David Parker, who came here October 3 —

David P. has left the ministry & gone into the office, in W^m's place
 Ab^m Perkins, of Enf^t — has gone into the ministry
 & Chas Allard is 2^d Elder at Enf^t — in place of Ab^m P. — &c

1847.

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April 27th - Samuel
Wilson absconded, because
he liked the world, flesh
& Devil better than the
gospel - ! -

Bramin Wickrent - Aug^r 24
Christiana You " do
Francis Sears - " 26
Charles Lovegrove - " 30
Ellen - " " "
Theophilus Sidle " Sep^r 8
Davis Sidle " " "

What a picture !! -

Truly it seems as tho' the
Devil has taken a real
haul this year again -

It seems as tho' there is but
little hope of saving many
it seems as tho' the rot had
effected almost the whole -

Serious Reflection

What does it mean? is there none of the younger part that will abide & be good for some thing - are we indeed unable to raise any children or youth among us. Must they & will they all drop off, & prove abortive, like the rotten potatoes of late years -

It is truly sickening & heart rending to see what a failure & destruction there is of late among us - how many have turned their backs, & those too who might have been of great use & a great help among us - those who filled important places & whose services were greatly needed. -

The Dark side.

October 15th 1847

I wish to state a little of my reflections, that I may hereafter have some way marks in reviewing my past days.

It truly is a dark & dreary time, much adversity besets our path - I dont these days I think is the hardest, & most disheartening time I ever realized. - almost every thing seems to work against, & what makes it worse, the prospects of the future are that it will continue to grow worse.

1847

These discouraging prospects seem to be equally in temporal & spiritual things. — it is a time (last year & this) of much falling off. It really seems as tho there is but very ^{little} hope or dependance to be placed on the younger portion of such as have come to years of discretion.

Eight have already gone this year — five of them were able to be a great help if they were so inclined — & two of them in particular have for several

years been a great
help in temporal things
viz. Theophilus & David
Siddle - but in a spiritual
sense they have been de-
clining for some time

Yet notwithstanding
it is painful to have
those who are able to be
useful fall off, they had
better be away than
here, and be corrupting
others, altho' their
loss is seriously felt

It truly feels grievous
that so many will
drop off & prove false.
But the present evil
is not all - those very

1st Day. —

ones that turn away
will be, as has been,
the case, many of them
the ones who will
do all they can to harm
Believers I make them
trouble. —

Yet nevertheless those
who are determined
to abide faithful must
bear these things as well
as they can, fully
believing all things
will yet come right.

Review of 1848.

Our prospects this year do not appear quite so dreary perhaps as they did last year. The several have left - and one of them viz. Aaron Bill, was of considerable importance, & it was very shocking to have him turn out so; yet on the whole perhaps the Chh. is as well off as last year.

See Journal - Review at the end of the year.

1848—

November 23—

Molatick Hinckley &
a son came among us
at the North some weeks
ago, but went again
to day. —

We have lately heard
that Myrick Wilber
at the South house, Water
which lately went off —
unexpected to us.

Some time in March
this year, 1848 Joseph
Wicker is put in Elder
brother, at Hancock.

1 May 1848 —

It seems by a prospectus of the "Day Star" sent here to Elder Richard B. that Enock Jacobs has quit the Pelicans & gone to Cincinnati & is going to publish the "Day Star" again

June 1848 —

It is a bad time with our boys, on account of there being no suitable person with them particularly when Elisha B. is gone at this time to Saratoga.

June 1st 1848 con^d
And more especially
the Elders being now
at Waterloo.

Henry D. W. is also
at Saratoga, so that
the Shamaker boys
leave no one with them,
and they are left at
random —

O what a pity to
have youth so exposed.
It does seem as tho'
there is no hope of
saving many youth.
O that these things
could be different!

1848—

September 9th—

Arha Hayes went
to the Devil in earnest
last night, leaning
that way some time
I guess!—

Sep^r. 26. ^{Cole} Melvina went

November 23—

Malatiah Hinkley
& his son, having been
sore, w. at the North
house a few weeks,
concluded the way was
too strait, & so chose the
world again!

1848

November 23:

1 Heard that Agarick
Wilber, at the South
 house, Waterbury
 lately went off - a
 sad event, as he was
 in a capacity to do
 much good in bearing
 a temporal burden.

written before

O the cursed flesh -
 that undoubtedly was
 the cause of this!

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September 1849

Same time lately

Francis Sears, after
trying the world a while

came back & has ob-
tained another privilege
among Believers - at

the Canaan family

If he abides I miss

my guess - but

wish him well.

See Feb'y 1854

October 1849

We hear that Willard
Allen & Sarah Si-
mons have took to their
heels - to the Devil!

1849
December 7th —

Shameful & sorrowful
to relate — Lewis
Long & Sally Dow —
have balked & gone
to the world, flesh & devil.

Note. I do not
pretend to mention
near all the dry, dead
branches that fall off —
for they are numerous —
here & there continu-
ally dropping like
untimely fruit —

It seems that but a small remnant will be saved alas, alas, what a pity!

How long will such falling off continue surely our number will be few, in a few more years, if it goes as it has a few years past.

There are 3 less in the class than there were at the end of last year!!



1850 —

January 12th —

Alexander Lyall
cleared out, on high
heels — never wore
very low ones! —

January 25th —

Hellen Lyall went
she wants the world.

Feb'y 2nd — just heard
that Anthony Rob-
erts, at the North House
has lately gone & took
with him a female rib!

June 1850

In the course of this month five dead limbs have been taken from the D

Order. — Edwin N.

James M. Jane L.

Ellen B. & Squire W.

What a miserable affair to have the young turn out so!

What will become of those we gather in?

How few are saved!!

— O sorrowful. —

July 1850

10th - lately heard
that Julia Stone
has run away &
gone to Tilden's -
That sink of enmity!
How provoking -
How much trouble
she made, or there was
in resisting those of
her relatives who came
to tear her away, while
she pretended not to want
to go, & now see what
she has done! -

Also we hear that
 Hannah Rogers of
 Hancock has gone -
 she who came last year
 to help our sisters about
 combing. —

how many fall &
 go to the Devil!

October - 1850

On the 5th - I think,
 Michael Ferquee -
 went off - from the East
 family - an Elder!
 what a shame! —

1857

January 29th

About this time
I hear that Charles
Bradley, of the 2^d
family lately went off.

He loves the world -
Let him have it -

~~~~~  
he loves the flesh  
So he's got it.

~~~~~  
June? John Rob-
erts, of Springham has
lately cleared the crops
tho he seemed to do well
for some time.

June 23rd 1851

Monday. Augusta

Samuel went into
the Elders lot, at the
order today, I believe
Terrepa L. has been
in with E. sister but
her health seems to
be failing - she is thought
to be going with consump-
tion - and is unable for
the duties of an Elder

August - 1851 - we hear
late that Rebecca Jack-
son, that remarkable col-
ored Woman at Waters
has proved a dolt - gone
to preaching in her own gift.
see Sep - 29th - 51 -

1852

October 1

Some time latterly
we hear that Lorin
Nicks had gone off -
I taken a female with
him - I believe her
name was Rosetta!!

Shocking to relate
His help was greatly
needed. And they will
suffer much inconven-
ience & burden on the
acct of his failure.

O pity. pity.

1853. — Feb 2nd — 73

Awful to relate

There have four traitors this day boldly come out in their true characters & turned their backs to the way of God! viz - Warren Chase, Richard Woodman - Louisa Sears & Fanny Crocker — !!!

O for shame! can it be? — yea truly, it is lamentably so.

A solemn & sorrowful event this is. —

what a pity

this is, both temporally
and spiritually -

Warren was a principal
hand at the extract
business - it will not
be easy to supply his
place. - It cannot be
done, without produc-
ing a vacancy in some
other important place

But the burden will
have to fall somewhere

And how will Warren
answer for the trouble
he has caused? -

will he not have to
meet it? - I much
the same with the other three.

Feb. 6th Peter Hull
went to the Office - has
damned himself to per-
dition! —

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The 6th Peter taken to
the Rail R. on his
way to New York
bound for hell! —

Another out east!

Martha Barker went
to the Office, a subject
for destruction - wants
the world! hastening
to the fatal step into
the pit of torment!

Awful to relate

February — 1853
 fr. 11th — sorrowful!
 another one has made
 the shocking choice ^{to} throw
 away himself — & sell
 himself to the Devil
 goes to the office —
 but soon repents &
 seeks to regain his
 privilege again — j. b.
 the 12 — His request
 granted — he returns
 & shortly another poor
 victim of the devil, after
 walking & hesitating
 a day or so; finally
 decides to go with his

eyes open to the devil
goes to the office, to
avoid a chance to go
on his way to damnation
!!! !!! g.g.

Sab 13th One that went
to the office yesterday
repents & concludes to
seek h + union again.
m. 14th - comes away
from the Office.

M++ went to the east
house two or three days
& then back to the Office
Sab 20 - M++ gives up
going away & concludes
to seek union again.

Sabbath evening; —

The sisters had a meeting
in which she was rec-
eived in. went back to
the Office — she was to

21st came into the House at
4 o'cl. on mandory — but
alays, her awful fate!

February —
Her father came just
before noon — & in her
interview with him she
again makes her choice
to go with him! and her
as readily consents, &
I suppose advised her
to go — so away she went.

What a singular case
what a narrow chance

Why was it suffered
so to be? ! —

How sorrowful to reflect
on the failure of those
who have fallen off! —

not one of them but that
occupied important pla-
ces of trust, & were much
needed — they might
have been a great help
& strength in the Chh.
if they had been faithful.

Fanny & Louisa had
the Charge of the girls,
& it is a hard matter
to find caretakers who
will do well with chil-
dren, tho' it is very
necessary. —

Richard was their prin-
cipal

carpenter & Joiner there,
 and left a heavy & im-
 portant job, a large barn,
 partly framed, & has left
 no regular draft of it;
 and some one will
 have a hard task to
 get a clear idea of it,
 and doubtless the Chh
 will be obliged to hire
 it done - & that must
 come hard - for the means
 of getting money by the
 extract business will be
 lessened, or made much
 more difficult by Warren's
 failure!

How distressing!

And as to how we shall
get along here in the
first order; — it looks
dubious — we have to
hire a tanner const-
antly, just because of
Peter H's shifleness
& his failure at that
business — He worked
here last year a while
& was so shifless & un-
reconciled that he had
to be released — & then
he offered to go again,
but did but a little better,
& finally is entirely gone.
& Still, how much con-
fidence can we place

in the young that yet remain? we know not at any time when some one or more will take it in the heads to clear out.

How Long O Lord,
how long shall we
live in jeopardy &
be afflicted with so
many false-hearted!

March - 1853

Some time this month
I think we hear that
Dyer, the phys-
ician at North Enfield
went off. - Also
we lately heard that

Dennis Pratt has gone
 off's after so long a time
 and so much zealous
 pretension — But I
 suppose he was always
 very unstable — up &
 down — never settled
 long at a time. —

About this time also
 we hear of William
 & Thomas Richman
 of South Enfield — they
 have slunk out & gone
 to the Devil, in the own
 heads — after being a
 vesitation & distrip a
 long time —
 And so they go!! —

April 1853

Heard lately that young
David Stephens, at Wa-
terliet has gone to
distructions! —

May 20th — Charles
Seas went! —

" 24th — Mary Ann
Smith went —

" 26 — John Bruce
Chard out! —

June 12th — George
Gregg absconded

O horrible, what a
 black list! — O merci-
 ful God when will the
 end of this awful apos-
 tacy come? or when
 will the plague be stayed?
 Are the youth all go-
 ing to fail — will none
 be saved — In the
 short space of this year
 13 have gone away to
 the Devil & I have
 died — the like has nev-
 er been! — What can
 it mean? how distress-
 ing? — What distress
 it brings on the faithful
 How discouraging to

June 1853.

me in partietax, as well
as to others - what a
burden it brings - all
my dependance in the
Taylor's shop now gone,
none left with me -

I fondly hoped that
Charles would remain -
I take the burden short
ly altogether - but alas
how different - the bur-
den has all fallen on
me, worse than ever -

How can I meet this
& support it in my old
age & declining years
what hope in learn-
ing the young in a

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trade — & then have them
turn out thus! — A sor-
rowful. —

And in many other
cases much distress is
felt from these false
hearted creatures fall-
ing away — and yet
after all I had rather
they were away than
to be here, corrupting
themselves & others

O Lord interfere I pray
work for the salvation
of thy people. —

September 1853

S. 3 George Gregg
came here, feet
very bad. —

Feb. 4th — Charles Sears
Lurking round here
to day — got on the
hay mow at the West-
barn, & laid in wait
for Thomas Gregg,
whom he went to take
care of his horses —
& it happened at the
same time that Char-
uncy Sears was there
with Thomas & they

had considerable talk
 with Charles - who
 professes to feel very
 well - not at all sorry
 he has done as he has,
 don't believe any thing
 of folks ever feeling
 so bad as some pre-
 tend - he takes much
comfort he pretends!

What a stupid fellow
 I have mean, looking
 round in this way, to
 get at the young, in
 hopes to decay them
 & make them think
 it is quite a fine thing

September '53
 enjoy the work &
 get rid of shaker con-
 dages. —

O the generation
 of vipers! — how can
 they escape the dam-
 nation of Hell — I
 am willing to see
 them suffer till they
 are scumbled, till
 the sores they have made
 for others, falls on their
 own heads. —

George feels much
 let down, begs have
 for an other privilege
 he is sick of his rela-

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times & wants to get away
from them. —

on 5th — George has
been visited by the Elders
& they can but feel
some pity for him —
he is told to go and stay
one week — & then if he
retains his feelings, to
come, & it will be de-
cided whether he can
come in or not.
so he went. —

on 13th — George returns
to our office, but I
believe rather cooler in
his feelings than when

here the other day —

The Elders told him plainly he could not be taken in here again but there might be a privilege found for him in some back family — he

considered it and the cross looked so great so degrading & so discouraging, that he concluded he had rather go again & try the work. So back he has fallen to the pit of sorrow & shame.

And not much likely he would abide long,

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if he had come in among
us - & perhaps he would
have done much hurt to
others - gone! adieu!

September 1853
th 20th —
here follows a
tale of sorrow! —

A letter was lately re-
ceived from Shirley, by
our Ministry, giving an
account of a most heart-
sickening event that lately
occurred there. — that
there were seven who
abscinded from there in
one night, or at one time!
two males & 5 females! —

Sept 29 - 53. con^d

What a solitary gap this must make among the poor brethren & sisters that are left! -

If this is the way - if such wretched apostacy continues - what will become of Believers, when there is so little ingathering - & there seems to be no prospects of ingathering, the world are stupid & dead; seldom any one is willing to take the cross: - & it really seems that it is impossible to save any children

that we gather in — or
but one of many. —
Wish to God there may
be a change before long.

For one, I am sure I
feel borne down in nar-
row — I almost bereaved
of hope that it will be
any better while I live.

My temporal condi-
tion is very disheartening
I am now entirely a-
lone in the tailoring
I am bound to it — no oth-
er way for it to be done,
no one else feels that it
belongs to them — If I
take a boy to learn, it is

ten chances to one whether
 or he abides & does well
 & if he should do well
 it would be 5 or 6 years
 before he could bear the
 burden & release me.

If the sisters take too
 to help, it will only be
 with a sense to help
 for the present; they
 are resolved not to gather
 the business upon them-
 selves — there's the pinch
 they are only possibly
 willing (?) or consent
 to do what I cannot
 do. — But the question
 is, how much can I do?

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That depends upon how
much I distress myself
in undertaking to do.

O that William Tilton
O that he had not been
torn away - perhaps
he might have been
a comfort to me
& to us. - Would that
it might be so, that he
would come back & do
well.

I can but feel sor-
row & alarm at our
precarious condition.
It seems we are driven
to extremes of distress.

There is scarce a branch
among us that is not de-
ficient in help & strength
More to do than we can
do - scarcely any thing
can be done in season
No help or hands to
call out, without dis-
tress, at common jobs

None is willing to
turn out & help, out of
their immediate branches
because they have al-
ready more than they
can do, in proper season.

What shall we do
when Joel entirely fails
who will do the tin work

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must I do it— when I have
already more than I can
do — There seems to be
no one qualified for it.

What shant we do
if any elder or deacon
shant fail, by death
or otherwise; there
does not seem to be a
solitary one to spare, to
fill any such place.

What if Barna' shant
fail, our only Physician

What if one of the extract
workmen shant fail,
how want that busi-
ness be supported? It
seems now utterly in-
consistent for Benjamin

to be at the herb business. — but so it is, we should suffer very great loss if that business was suffered to run down. —

There is a picture of almost our whole concern, as to outward appearances. We can but trust in God for he alone can see how these things will come out — and will help us in his time.

There is no use in being discouraged & to shrink from duty, there always was, &

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always will be some
way for those who are
determined to abide faithful.

All this distress that
we feel is in consequence
of so much wretched
apostacy - so much rot-
ten heartedness -

Think once what should
we have been now, as a
society, if all that have
been gathered in had been
faithful & truly interested
in the gospel! - we should
hardly know what to
do with our property,
our buildings would not
have contained ^{us}, we should
had a hundred & to spare;

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and we should have
 been able to do much to
 spread the gospel — & to
 send out faithful minis-
 ters to gather souls to
 the faith & to protect
 them. — but alas!
 have different — a few
 determine souls perse-
 vere, thro' trials & dark
 scenes — while the great-
 er part drop away, like
 blasted fruit! —

October 8th — And still
 the harried tale continues.
 George O'Donnell
 has turned his back
 & boldly withdrawn to-
 day — right out of the

elders' lot, of the 2 family! — presumptuous traitor & base apostate — O when when will he meet his just die? —

Nov^r 17th — I understand Davi Stephens at the south house, Waterwhet has absconded! —

James Calver hangs round here a good deal to see his children — is very ready to take offence, if he is restrained any. I understand has beg money

of our Deacons, for
 Mary Ann Smith, as
 he talks of taking her
 to his home - she is
 now at Tindal's work-
 ing there at thermometers
 and is in a destitute con-
 dition - does not fare
 very well.

I understand Martha
 Barker has written
 to her mother, Eliza,
 that she feels very
 unhappy - is out of
 health & laments very

much her folly in
leaving us -

Nov^r 1853 - -

We hear lately of sev-
eral going off at Water
vliet. - David Stephens
on^r - I two or three from
the South house - David
was their only man taylor -

A change has lately
been made in the el-
ders' lot - D^r family -
Joseph Hodgson & Han-
nah Wells are released -
Jesse Wells & Emeline
Clark are first & Joel
Smith &

February 1854

to D^p - we lately hear
 that Francis Sears
 went off from Canaan
 which confirms what
 has always been evident
 that those who fall from
 the way of God, can very
 seldom succeed long on
 a second trial - there
 is scarce any hope of over-
 taking in any one after
 having voluntarily turned
 away; let him or her
 feel ever so much sor-
 row & humiliation,
 If there is no more hope
 in another world, their
 case must be deplorable.

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April - 1854

We lately hear of
the fall of Barnabas
Sprague at Hancock

A sorrowful event
with them. They must
feel his loss very much
in their factory.

Dark side -
Gloomy prospects!

June 1854 -

Provoking! horrid
to relate!! - One
falling here & another
there! -

June 1854

th. 1st — The Ministry
have lately been to Water-
whet — came home on
the 24th ult —

It is evident they have
had a disbreeping time
there. I never knew
them to seem so borne
down & heart sick as
now days — & by what
they say too, they show
they feel much sorrow —
There ^{are} at Waterwhet
some evil workers, even
now left altho several
have lately fallen off.
It have lately gone from
the 2^d family — Jeremiah
Bates is one — & W^m
(O. P. a pest.) —

Smith & two females -
one of which has been
much beloved & that of !!
Dana Augustine - #

And at the first order
I say that they have
put considerable confi-
dence in - one who has
been learning the tailors
trade - has gone - name
- and I don't
know how many more.
It is truly sad times there,
yet enough are true & faith-
ful to prosper in some degree.

And here at home, again
the sorrowful tale is repeated:
Mariah Calver ran away
on the 29th of May! -

I fear for the rest of the Calvers

also Hannah Cole. -

June 1854 —

From South Enfield
 the doleful sound rings
 like a death knell!

Elder Hervey Symon
 gone to the Devil!

— O shame! Distress —

And still again —
 our ears are pained —

Laban Balbit gone!

Gone — I with him much
 property — O scandal —

law! Who can be trust-
 ed — where is there a
 truly honest heart in the
 human race? — I trust

there are some such —
 but truly such a thing
 seems very rare! —

O when shall we see better times?

June 23^d I heard that
Mariak & Nancy Whicker
had gone off — some time ago!
May the day of Retribution
meet them. —

July 5th — another victim
of folly gone to day,
Thomas Steeks!

And still worse —
July 8th Horrible
Joseph Babe gone
to destruction!

Lang has he been pre-
paring for this lumin-
table fate — His little
pretensions to Shakerism
have been with much reluctance

1854

October — We have heard two or three letters from Edward Chambers, within a year or so — in which he bemoans his wretched condition & one not long since from New Bedford —

And now we quite lately hear that he has got married!
Miserable Shack!

November — We lately hear that Desire Holt has gone to the north, from Lyringham! it is

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that she was some
insane! feels bad.

Nov. 25th I heard that
Leprona Smith at
Waterloo has lately
gone to the Devil —
she had a lead of her
own — & so she has
followed it! —

1855. —

June — Up to this
time it appears there
has not been so much
failure & apostasy
here & there — as has
been at times past —
but we have just heard
of a sorrowful case

15th June 1835

at Waterliet - i.e.
 the absconding of
 Maynard Fleadway
 and Mary Mully -
 gone, gone, to Satan!
 O what a sad pity!
 How will they meet
 Pay-day? alas they
 little think!

November - 1835

14th - Darrampal tidings
 to us this day -!

David Rowley is gone
 from time! - quite
 sudden & unexpected

It seems as tho'
 the death has dealt

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has death very severely
with us this year: — ta-
ken Henry — two yearth
— & a valuable sister, Pru-
dence M. her loss will
be seriously felt —

then there are Praxter
& Joel — both aged, it
is true — but yet their
presence was cheering,
because there are but
few such well tried souls
that feel so like a strength
& blessing — And now
David is gone — & in
him we lose an agree-
able & useful man.

Dec^r 1855.

This year has been rather gloomy - much has occurred to bring tribulation. - So it seems thra'out Believers -

A great falling off at South Beaufield - & much of it also in all the societies - & but little ingathering

As to ingathering, the prospects seem worse & worse. -

The depravity of children & youth is truly distressing, but few saved. upright souls very scarce
O! O sorrowful! -

1856 —

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April — 15th —

An awful affair
has happened at North En
field — 11 buildings burnt
(see journal) — What a hor-
rible affair — why was this
suffered — I am confound-
ed — no cause know how
it happened. —

My faith, I depend
ance in God's protection
is sorely tried — since there
was no known danger
why was this suffered to be
God by means could either
have averted the calamity
or he could not. ~~which~~
if he either could not or
would not. which was it
if he would not, there

fire at Enfield
 There must be a cause,
 & if he could not - where
 is our security? why
 trust in God? -

Shall the innocent bear
 such an awful calamity
 when they could not fore-
 see the danger? -

One thing I think; we
 never should have hire-
 lings to work among
 us, when we are retir-
 ing for religious purposes
 S. 21.

1856 - July 10th

We heard of an awful
 calamity at Shirley at
 the factory - The great
 reservoir broke away -
 loss of or 10,000 -
 Who was to blame

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in this — that that poor
afflicted Society must
suffer such a shocking
loss? it is that their
part will amount to
3. or 4.000 — !! —

O I pity those poor
afflicted people — and yet
tho they suffer thus many
of the Believers are unfeel-
ing I say it is their own
doings, let them bear it —

Horrid — Distressing
William Greaves & Hox
under Young have both
gone to destruction this
month! — O why is
it? — how deep, aston-
ishingly deep is the deprav-
ity of mortals !! —

1856.

Feby 25 — we lately
 heard a letter from one
William Hoffman, that
 writes as a man having
great faith & light.

This man & family
 moved here from Ill
liana, & took up his
 abode in the Cottage
 at the North house

seemed to do well a
 while — but soon show-
 ed a weakness — I wanted
 to soften the terms of
 the gospel. —

Oct 22 — E Amas - Sr?
 Betsy B & E.P. returned
 from a journey to Alfred

where they have been
with the Canterbury Min-
is, trying to do something
to help that people.

It is a hard case - I pity
them. They are reduced
in number, very much
run down - discoura-
ged - Good order great-
ly lost. - scarce any young
people - a miserable
condition for children

There were many chang-
es, of Elders & Deacons -
but there are not enough
of them fit for the places
of care - -

I see no way how
they can long maintain
a society in Maine -

November 1856

about the forepart of
this month said Wil-
liam Hoffman went
off - He was a mis-
chief maker -

Thus tho' he seemed
promising for a while
he has failed - so
depraved - so treach-
erous are men
rarely any ~~any~~ worthy
of confidence. -

December 1856 -

Nov 1st A very singular
escape among the boys
to day F. R. & A. S.
ran away - set the
alarm & got up early

I were gone before getting
up time. Chauncey found
it out I started about
a/c, after them.

After school was out
1/2 a dozen boys went in
their own head after them
I went as far as Canaan
& 2 B. R. & M. W. set
out to remanway to stay
But were overhauled
& made to come back -

Andrew F. went about
noon, hoping to meet
Chauncey went to Nassa
& returned - only heard
of him -

on 2 - B. G. & J. G.
went about 6 P.M. to
find Chauncey - found him
at [unclear] & [unclear] returned
& B. went on to N. York -

Dec^r 1856.

and by help of a police
man intercepted A.S.
as he was about coming
off the boat —

B. secured A.S. & bro't
him home with him.
but Franklin went where
he pleased —

This is a ridiculous
affair & has caused much
trouble. So we have
to suffer with our children

1857 —

August — 10.

This is a year of
time of much bear.

ing and tribulation
 among Believers -
 at least in the Eastern
 Societies - a kind of
 bearing & sorrow that
 comes particularly hard
 on the Ministry: on
 account of much fail-
 ure. - At Alfred

& Gloucester, the state of
 things is distressing -
 but few able leaders peo-
 ple - not enough that
 are fit & able to stand in
 care & bear burdens -
 scarce any of the young
 have been saved - as
 things appear now they
 must soon cease to ex-
 ist,

as a society - the few
 that now are struggling
 to get along must soon
 be unable to support
 themselves —

Then at Shirley -
 their misfortunes
 about their factory
 it seems must ruin
 them - for in order
 to pay their debts &
 answer all the demands
 that the world will
 bring against them
 it will perhaps take
 every cent they are
 worth - & leave them
 without the means of
 subsistence —

Believers have already
have already lent them
more than they felt able
to — which goes but a
little towards libera-
ting them. — Their
case is distressing —

Much apostasy has
reduced the numbers
lamentable in many
families — A Watercollet
Here at Lebanon —
Hornet — ^m —
v. Enfield &c. —
rarely any adults come
in that abide or are
worth much — I scarce
any children can be
saved any where.

Aug^r 1854 &c

O my soul feels sorrowful - how are we coming out? Must believers really run out & become a reproach - & a by word? —

We have to hire the world in among us, which is only making her worse, because we have not strength to carry on our temporal concerns. On this account it is impossible for us to keep the separation from the world that we ought to keep. —

Spontaneous have a provoking advantage

over us — they can
withdraw when they
please and thus deprive
us of valuable help
which we cannot sup-
ply by taking in some
to supply their place.

Of Believers there are
none to take in, to spare,
& if the world, we cannot
take them in as compan-
ions — and so we can-
not help ourselves. —

And it seems likely to
grow worse instead of
better. —

1758 January &
February — we have

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a hard lat this year
 so far. — A. Sister con-
 fined with a broken
 leg — Hannah Anne
 F. confined — I Ellen
 May son pretty much
 confined: very much
 crowded too for room
 no proper places for
 the sick. —

I have time for
the poor sisters. —

Feb'y - 27th - This
 week there has some
 thing encouraging took
 place, seven or eight have

Set out to be Shakers
 & John Pillow - Ed-
 ward Pillow -

& Alexander & Charles
 Smith Lydi Rice
 & two or three others.

July 1854

Horrid Scandalous
 We hear that Samuel
 Rose & Augustine Laska -
 are has gone off together
"The Devil in the flesh"

July 30. Thankful Goodrich
 deceased -

Aug 14 & Henry Bound

" 16 Volaman King -

And thus are the

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faithful well tried
ones taken from us - &
we left to take up with
what we can get! -

Our prospects seem dubious

1859 - To close
this book I have to
record in addition
to the foregoing list
of affliction, that I
myself am bro't into
a scene of sorrow.

I am afflicted & con-
fined with a lame
or sore leg, and it

is very probable that
 my days of liberty &
 health are about at an
 end, & a terrible scene
 of sufferings awaits
 me. I must try
 to be resigned, and
 may God have mercy
 on me and on
 his people.

Isaac N. Youngs

May 10th 1859

Solomon

J

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Jan'y 25 - O. Prentiss
went off at last

Jan'y 27 Smith J. do
