

Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, 1782

1782 January 1 (Tuesday). Blessed be the Lord who is our Great Almighty Preserver and daily, yearly Benefactor!

We assembled into the House of the Lord to pay our Homage and implore divine Benediction, Preservation and Direction. Mr. *Moore* began with Adoration, Praise and Prayer. We Sung Ps. [24?], former part. Mr. *Fish* (the Younger) preached on Ps. 126.3. I prayed after Sermon: and we Sung Ps. 145, the whole of the first part. After the Blessing the Singers and a Number of the Congregation Stayed -- a Number of agreeable Tunes were sung. May God graciously accept our devout Gratulations!

When I came home I found Dr. *Gordon* here, being returned thus far from *Virginia*, having been with the Generals etc. Doctor lodges here. Mr. *Fish* lodges at the Squires, and his Horse is kept there. Mr. *Killbourn* (who preaches at *Southborough*) was with us, but returns to Mrs. *Stones*. It was with us, a Time of *much Company*: some of our young Scholars [here?], favoured us by going home, and took Horses with them to keep.

1782 January 2 (Wednesday). Dr. *Gordon* left us Early. Mr. *Moore* and his son undertook their Journey via *Cambridge* and *Boston*. P.M. Mr. *Holland* here. He is discouraged from Preaching through bodily Infirmary and Studies Physick. At Eve our Young folks go to Col. *Brighams*.

1782 January 3 (Thursday). I am more and more affected by the Sorrowful Dispensation of Providence in the Impairs of my Sight.

1782 January 4 (Friday). My Grandson *Baldwin* from College din'd here, but p.m. went on his Journey to *Brookfield*.

1782 January 5 (Saturday). This Morning *Breck* went to *Concord* to See *Lydia*, if alive. He returned at night. She is very low, but there are some hopeful Tokens, and the Child like to live. Their Daughter *Lydia* is in Languishment and pain. She is supposed to be Rheumatic and consumptive.

1782 January 6 (Sunday). A.M. I named Ps. 39 [to?] latter part for a Text, but delivered a Number of Serious Reflections, Contemplations, quickening Motives, and Seasonable Advices, proper for the first sabbath of the year. P.M. preached on *Rom.* 8.1. May God succeed! At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavels* Fountain of Life, Sermon 22, which is upon *Luk.* 22.41 to 44.

1782 January 7 (Monday). I am employed upon *Biographical Dictionary*, Vol. 7. A Letter from *Elias* at *Hampt.* (North) of Dec. 31. Mr. *Daniel Goddard* of *Shrewsbury* here and desires me to lend him Dr. *Mathers Magnalia*. He also requests some Other Things (*Preaching* etc.) which I can't encourage.

1782 January 8 (Tuesday). Mr. Treasurer *Newtons* affairs are much perplexed: a Committee again sits at his House, to Examine Accounts. Mr. *Gale* here: brings Beef. *Ephraim Parker* came to see us. Honorable judge *Dorr* visits me. He is looking for a Farm having sold his own in *Mendon*.

1782 January 9 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* and others are upon Neighbour *Newtons* Accounts still. Reading Mr. *Grovers* Sermons, Vol. 5, but marked Vol. 1. An unhappy Accident at Eve by the Candle.

1782 January 10, 11 (Thursday, Friday). So fowl weather that I can't visit Mr. *Jonathan Child* who is ill. I am confined, and read Biographical Dictionary.

1782 January 12 (Saturday). *Bowman* is so indisposed that he goes home to his Fathers; and the *Brighams* take Care of the Cattle and Wood.

1782 January 13 (Sunday). I preached a.m. on *Rom.* 8.1. P.M. on *Phil.* 4.7. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels* fountain of Life, and prayed.

1782 January 14 (Monday). Mr. *Moses Brigham* and his Wife were here. Mr. *Crosby* (the young preacher) was here also.

1782 January 15 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* (though very Cold) went to *Boston*. He carries from me Mr. *Cranch's* Vol. 7 of Biographical Dictionary. My Wife much distressed by grievous pain in her Back and Hip.

1782 January 16 (Wednesday). I rode in a sleigh to Mr. *William Johnsons*, to the Funeral of his little son *Taylor* of 13 months; and prayed and discoursed with them. N.B. I dined at Mr. *Ebenezer Chamberlains* junior. Called at Mr. *Samuel Hardy's*. When I came home found Mr. *Sumner* and his Wife. I discoursed with him about Mr. *Sanford* and of his Doctrines. My son *Baldwin* and my Daughter from *Brookfield* and one Mr. *Weare* with them in a sleigh. They lodged here.

1782 January 17 (Thursday). Mr. *P. Whitney* and Mr. *David Monro* -- also Dr. *Crosby*. Col. and Mr. *Weare* go to *Boston*. My Daughter remains here. N.B. Mr. *Whitney* relates that there has lately been a Conference at *Westford*: a Number of Ministers, with their Delegates, upon the *Hopkinsian* Doctrines, and a Lecture by Mr. *Zabdiel Adams*. At Eve Messrs. *Hazzletine* and *Elisha Parker*. Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Boston*. He brought a Letter from Mr. *Quincy* which was very acceptable to me. Mrs. *P* _____ very much exercised with pain in her Back and Hip; especially in the Nights.

1782 January 18 (Friday). She takes Physick, by advice of Dr. *Crosby*. I visited at Neighbour *Harringtons*. P.M. Col. *Brigham* and his Wife made us a Visit, which was very agreeable.

1782 January 19 (Saturday). Rev. Mr. *David Goodall* of *Hallifax* in the State of [blank] came to see me and dined with us. I gave him *synopsis purioris Theologia a Profess. Leidensibus*: and I lent him a Vol. of the Morning Exercise, the [IVth?], to be returned again in [blank] Months. I asked him to preach tomorrow.

1782 January 20 (Sunday). Mr. *Goodall* preached for me a. and p.m. on 1 *Joh. 3.9.10*. He and his Mother *Maynard* dined here. Mr. *Brigham* at Eve read in *Flavels* Fountain of Life, Sermon 24, and prayed.

1782 January 21 (Monday). The Town Meet again, about Treasurer *Newtons* Accounts. The Committee which the Town improved upon it, find the Affair exceeding difficult, can't agree [illegible] as to Sign a Report. *Suse* and *Sophy* wait on Mrs. *Baldwin* in the Sleigh to Capt. *Maynards*. Mrs. P_____ better.

1782 January 22 (Tuesday). Am employed in Mr. *West's* Disquisitions on the Prophets. N.B. I took his *Hint* to compare *Dan. 8.14* according to the Septuagint, which reads [GREEK], *four* hundred, whereas all other Translations read three hundred; and the Hebrew is [HEBREW] *Three*.

1782 January 23 (Wednesday). The storm is so great that my Daughter *Baldwin* must needs be in some Concern for her Husband, who is not returned from *Boston* yet.

1782 January 24 (Thursday). A very Stormy time, till the latter part of the Day. I am much confined at home, that I cannot Visit.

1782 January 25 (Friday). Mr. *William Spring* and his Wife with two Children from *Sturbridge*, came to see us. N.B. I delivered to Mr. *Spring Ostervald* of the Causes of the Corruption among Christians, for which I have some numbers of the Royal Magazine, Vol. I and II bound up (with many Omissions) in one Volume. P.M. my Son *Baldwin* and Mr. *Weare* came from *Boston*. N.B. A new Chrystal for my watch, from Mr. *Peck* - price 3/. They Set out though late, for home; my Daughter with them.

1782 January 26 (Saturday). Mr. *Spring* and his Wife and 2 Children set out for *Sutton*. N.B. I presented Mr. *Spring* Dr. *Gordons* anniver[sions?] on Independency.

1782 January 27 (Sunday). I preached a.m. on *Rom. 8.1*. P.M. on *Phil. 4.7*, which may God graciously bless! At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavel* Sermon 25. Sung. Sorrowful News of the Death of the Widow *Rhoda Maynard*.

1782 January 28 (Monday). Mr. *Goodall*, his wife and Child here. Also their mother *Maynard* and Brother and Sister *Wheelock* from *Otter Creek*. I lent Mr. *Goodall* Mr. *Cottons Way of Life* for 3 or 4 Months; but he returns the Volume of Morning Exercise which he had taken before. Memorandum. Deacon *Hawes* has been here to inform that Mr. *Samuel Hardys* wife is delivered of a Dead Child and would have me attend the Funeral tomorrow at one O'Clock.

After which Mr. *Andrews* was here upon the sorrowful Errand that his Daughter *Bettys* Infant is dead, and ask me to the Burial.

1782 January 29 (Tuesday). A very cold season, but I am obliged to exert my self. I rode in my sleigh to Mr. *Samuel Hardys*, an House of Mourning, and prayed with them before their interring their Infant. Thence, at 3 o'Clock, I rode to Mr. *Andrews's*, and apply'd myself to the unhappy Girl. She Seemed somewhat penitent: a good many Neighbours attended. I prayed with them -- and Said what pungent Things I could. I did not go to the Grave. I turned in to See old Lt. Forbush and his Wife, who has lately lost her only surviving Brother Mr. *Moses Bellows* of *Southborough*.

1782 January 30 (Wednesday). Extreame Cold. I could not ride abroad to visit as designed. Was mercifully *preserved* from *Fire* in my study at Evening. Thanks be to God therefor!

1782 January 31 (Thursday). My Ears and Heart wounded at hearing of another base begotten Child; viz. *Abigail Fays*, Daughter of *Ensign Jeduthun*.

1782 February 1 (Friday). The Weather is very Cold, but God Sustains us! Dr. Simson of Hopkinton, his Wife and Child, Mr. *Marshal* of *Framingham*, and two Young Ladies, Sisters of Mrs. *Simson*, came in a sleigh and spent part of the Evening with us. N.B. *DeFoes Works* lent to the Doctor, and he is to Send me the Volume of *DeFoe* that was Mr. *Abby's*.

1782 February 2 (Saturday). I am engaged in my Preparations, but make slow work by reason of my impaired Sight. Both *Suse* and *Sophy* not well. A letter from my son *Samuel* to *Breck* informs that his Wife on *Jan. 25* bore him a son, which they have called *John*; may the rich Blessings of the New Covenant be conferred on him!

1782 February 3 (Sunday). A Stormy Snowy Day. A thin Congregation. A.M. preached again on *Phil. 4.7*. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. P.M. on Consideration of the abounding of Sin, especially Fornication, I preached on *Jer. 8.6*, those words, "No man repented" etc. N.B. Mrs. *Dolly Rice* very ill -- prayed for. Mrs. P_____ not well -- *Susa* and *Sophy* much out of Health. All of them Stay at home. Mr. *Brigham* at Eve Read in *Flavel*, and prayed.

1782 February 4 (Monday). Mrs. *Rice* being yet alive and the Weather Moderate, p.m. I rode in the sleigh to See her: and prayed with her. I also rode over to see Mrs. *Whitney* who is in a Weak state; but Mr. *Whitney* not at home.

1782 February 5 (Tuesday). I wrote to Mr. *Quincy*. Messrs. *Brigham*, *Hazzletine* and *Elisha Parker* are going to *Boston* to attend upon the *General Court* who have summoned great Numbers of Witnesses in the Case of Lieutenant *Levi Warren* against Squire *Baker*.

1782 February 6 (Wednesday). I took the sleigh and Horse, with *Billy Spring* to drive, and rode to *Southborough*. I carried to Mrs. *Stone* Dr. *Owen's* Meditations on the Glories of Christ -- dined there. Borrowed of Mr. *Peter Stone*, Mr. *James Pierce's* 15 sermons. In lieu of which I left

the Causes of the Decay etc. When I came back I made a Visit to Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, who has lost the Sight of one of his Eyes. He received my Visit very kindly.

1782 February 7 (Thursday). Messrs. *Benjamin Stone* and *Samuel Crosby* junior came in to see me. They inform me that Rev. Mr. *Messenger* of *Ashford* is dead. May God graciously prepare me for my own Turn! Mr. *Crosby* says he'll come and keep the next sabbath with me.

1782 February 8 (Friday). I am full of Concern about the Cause at Court. Some are returned -- further hearing put off to next Thursday.

1782 February 9 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* came home. He brings me the 9th Volume of Biographical Dictionary from Mr. Cranch. Mr. B. relates the awful Suicide of a young Mr. Gray who has shot himself. We hear of Several other Sudden Deaths -- a Mr. *Clafflin* of Hopkinton killed by a Sleigh. But the most sorrowful is what we hear from *New Fane* -- of this, more hereafter. At Even came Mr. *Crosby* and lodges here.

1782 February 10 (Sunday). Mr. *Crosby* both prayed and preached a. and p.m. Text a.m. was Heb. 12.1, last Clause. The Text p.m. was *Prov.* 3.16.17. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. At Eve Mr. *Crosby* repeated and Mr. *Brigham* prayed.

1782 February 11 (Monday). Dr. *Crosby* here a.m. looks of my Eye. He [likes?] me not to meddle with it. Young Mr. *Crosby* dines here. N.B. I committ to him a Spanish Dollar to be delivered to the Widow of the late Mr. *Josiah Swan* of Leominster. P.M. *Paul Knowlton* Esq. came to see me, and give me an Account of the late Burning at *New Fane* (where he lives); and he says, that In the Morning of the 2d of this Month was discovered that the House, and every Thing that was in it, of Mr. *Henry Sartel*, were reduc'd to Ashes. He, himself, his wife and five Children were burnt; their Bones and the Bones of their Dog were found -- and that Rev. *Taylor* preached an excellent Sermon next day from Luk. 13.2.4.5 which the Hearers will try to get Printed. May God Sanctifie such an awakening Dispensation! Mr. *Knowlton* informs likewise that Capt. *Blackersley* [?] of *Brattleborough* going from *New Fane* to *Bennington*, in one of the late Cold Days, perished in the Cold.

1782 February 12 (Tuesday). *Moses Warrin* was here concerning his remove, with his Wife, to *Acworth*. N.B. They wanted *Privileges*, but are obliged to go on their Journey before they can wait to be Propounded.

1782 February 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* and a Number more are going to *Boston*. Summoned again by Lt. *Levi Warrin* against Squire *Baker*. I Sent by [him?] a Letter to my son *William* -- also another to my Son *Samuel*. A Council (I hear) is sitting at *Oxford*, upon Account of Mr. *Bowmans* Difficultys there.

1782 February 14 (Thursday). We Suppose that to day Lt. *Warrins* Complaint against Squire *Baker* comes on again. N.B. Two of our Scholars, viz. *Josiah Brigham* and *John Baker*, move their Lodgings from our House to Mr. [blank] *Bush's* at *North Shrewsbury*, to be under the

Tuition of Mr. *Fairbank*. *Bowman* with my Horse, assists them in it. Mrs. P_____ has a grievous sore, grown upon the Great Toe of her Left Foot. And the old sore upon her right Leg is still worse. She is much Afflicted.

1782 February 15 (Friday). [No entry.]

1782 February 16 (Saturday). Mr. Brigham came home p.m.

1782 February 17 (Sunday). I went a step further in my Discourse on *Rom. 8.1*. Mrs. *Maynard* and Mrs. *Cullock* dined here. P.M. on 1 *Cor. 6.20*. May God graciously add His Blessing! At Eve Mr. B. read Mr. *Flavells Fountain of Life*, Sermon 27, on *Luk. 23.38*.

1782 February 18 (Monday). A Storm of Snow confines me at home, so that I can't visit. Especially Ensign *Snow* who is very low and dangerously ill.

1782 February 19 (Tuesday). The Storm continues. My Eyes no better -- the Difficulty in Reading I fear increases.

1782 February 20 (Wednesday). Cloudy and Snowy still. A Letter from *Elias* at *Northampton* in which he still complains of our Neglecting him -- that he has had but one Letter from me, which was that of Jan. 8 (or 18th) for Three Months: He is also out of Health. At Eve came my Son *William* from *Concord* and brought up his Daughter *Suse*. N.B. His wife somewhat better, but *Lydia* is worse -- with various Disorders.

1782 February 21 (Thursday). *William* stays to dine with us -- leaves *Suse* and returns home himself. P.M. Mr. *Brigham* rides with me to Mr. *Snow's*, who is very low; conversed and prayed with him. We visit at Mr. *Abraham Beemans*. Himself not there. *Elias's* Letter had filled us with Concern on Account of his being out of Health: But when we arrived at home I found him here, and indifferently well. But Mrs. P_____ is much indisposed in Body, as well as lame on both Sides.

1782 February 22 (Friday). Squire *Baker* is not returned from *Boston*, but Mrs. *Baker* has this Morning brought forth a son, and is in an hopeful way. N.B. Last night a man belonging to *Danvers*, one *McIntire*, attempting to go to the Widow *Williams's* across Capt. *Maynards* Field, was bewildered and in danger of Perishing; but upon repeated hallowing, had Help.

1782 February 23 (Saturday). Am Sermonizing but do not finish. Mr. *Joseph Cullock* is come home.

1782 February 24 (Sunday). Preached again on 1 *Cor. 6.20* and to day both a. and p.m. O that the Spirit of God might accompany and prosper the Word dispensed! Mrs. *Fessenden* and Mrs. *Culloch* dined here. At Eve Mr. B. read *Flavells Fountain* etc., Sermon 28. Mrs. P_____ still confined from public meeting. Letters from Mr. *Cushing*. He gives me an Account of a Council lately at *Ashby* upon Mr. *Whitmans* Doctrines and Conduct. At Eve Mr. B. *Flavell* Sermon 28[?].

1782 February 25 (Monday). We are an House of Invalids. Yet all of us about House. Mrs. P _____ chiefly, by reason of a grievous Pain in her side: she fears a sore is gathering there. Sophy is grievously exercised with Toothach -- and has it drawn. Elias is much out of Health. He rides here and there to stir himself. But I am able (through divine Goodness) to read, and am now reading in *Biographical Dictionary* -- Life of Father *Paul* (Author of the History of the Council of *Trent*).

1782 February 26 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston* in the Sleigh. I am writing to Mr. *West* but can't finish it. Mrs. P _____ worse to Day.

1782 February 27 (Wednesday). The Funeral of Dr. *Balls* Wife. Elias goes to attend upon it. May God Sanctifie the Bereavement to the poor Doctor; but newly Snatched from Death himself!

1782 February 28 (Thursday). Mr. Thomas *Kendal* came. His Horse is put up at the Deacons (Woods) -- but he lodges here. Elias Seems not well, but rides about. *Breck* returns from *Boston*, brings me a Letter from my old Friend Mr. *Quincy*: But sorrowful News from my Son *Samuel*, his wife being very ill of a Fever. A Letter from him of her low state. May God most gracious extend Compassion! *Benjamin Bowmans* Time is out, and he leaves us.

1782 March 1 (Friday). God has supported us through the Winter. To His Name be Glory! A fine warm Day -- but a good deal of Snow on the Ground. A Number of Disasters of late by Sleighs etc. Elias sat out for Northampton. Mr. *Kendal* dined here -- as did also Mr. *Walker Lyon* from *Woodstock*, who is on his way to Southborough. At Evening Capt. *Jonas Brigham* and Wife made us a kind Visit. Mr. *Crosby* came and lodged here. Mrs. P _____ has taken Physic, and we hope is somewhat better, but is much confined yet. The Scholars, *Jonathan Grout* and *Abijah Warren* tend the Cattle and cut Wood.

1782 March 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Crosby* is with us. Cousin *Maynard* visits her Aunt. They both dine here. P.M. leave us. The former goes to *Northborough* to preach there. N.B. have received a Letter <from my son *Cushing* which informs me of a Council of late at *Ashbuy* concerning Mr. *Whitman* their *Minister*>. [Marginal notation: See Feb. 24.]

1782 March 3 (Sunday). Preached again, a. and p.m. on *Rom. 8.1*, latter part. On God alone may we depend for a Blessing which may he graciously grant! Mrs. *Maynard* dines here. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* reads *Flavell* Sermon 29.

1782 March 4 (Monday). *Town Meeting*. Capt. *Morse* and Mr. *Joseph Harrington* came with the Request of the Town that I would go and pray with them. Which I complied with. Lt. *Levi Brigham* of *Fitz-William* dined here. *William Grout* came to live here a while, to tend my Cattle and cutt wood; that he also may learn to Cypher. *Isaac Baldwin* came from *Brookfield* and lodges here. His Horse goes to Mr. *Eli Whitneys*.

1782 March 5 (Tuesday). My Grand son *Baldwin* goes with me to guide the Sleigh to Several Familys, viz. to Ensign *Fays* on consideration of the late Death of their Daughter Mrs. *Rhoda Maynard*: and the sorrowful Fall of their Daughter *Abigail*, who was lately brought to Bed, though she had no Husband. Thence to Mr. Jonathan Childs. Thence to Mr. Levi *Whitneys*, where we dined. Thence to Lieutenant *Grouts*, where was his Brother Joseph. I enquired of him, Why his Sister *Adams* did not look after her Affair before the Governor and Council? The Answers were but very general and indeterminate. We called at Squire Bakers to See his Wife after her Lying in. Am informed (but no word was mentioned there of it) that last night a Mobbish Rabble burnt nigh Col. *Wheelocks* an *Image* which had been carried about, with great Contempt etc. At Eve Mr. *Fish* junior at out House, and lodges here.

1782 March 6 (Wednesday). Mr. *Fish* goes. Young Mr. *Crosby* comes -- lodges. At night old Mr. *Rider*, of *Shrewsbury*, fell from his Horse, and the though long calling for Help, none came for a great While. He was got up to Deacon *Woods*. N.B. Isaac *Baldwin* goes to Lt. *Grouts* to begin his School.

1782 March 7 (Thursday). I visit Mr. *Rider* at Deacon *Woods*. Mr. *Crosby* leaves us. Mrs. P _____ still poorly -- takes physic of Dr. *Hawes*.

1782 March 8 (Friday). My Kinsman *Alexander Oliver* and Mr. [blank] *Potter* both of them lately from the Army, came, dined, and left us.

1782 March 9 (Saturday). Col. *Baldwin* came from *Boston* (via *Concord*), brings us the sorrowful Tidings that dear *Sally*, *Samuels* Wife, departed on the 7th, about one p.m. Col. lodges here.

1782 March 10 (Sunday). That the grievous stroke may be duely improved by us, I preached on 2 Cor. 4.17 a. and p.m. My sons *Breck* and *Brigham* sat out for *Boston* after Dinner to dear *Sallys* Funeral. May God graciously support, direct and assist us all in the Duty of holy Mourning! I repeated part of the Exercises at Even. *Isaac Baldwin* dined and lodged here. Wrote to *Samuel* by *Brigham* etc.

1782 March 11 (Monday). Col. *Baldwin* goes on his Journey home; his son to his school. Mr. *Thomas Kenny*, and Robert *Whiteman* Work and dine here. Lt. *Levi Warren* here and gives me Some Account of his Action against Squire *Baker*. Capt. *Brooks* of *Grafton* here and dines with us. N.B. Wrote to *Elias* by Col. *Baldwin*. The *Funeral* of my late Daughter in Law, is, according to Appointment this Afternoon. Lord make us know our End and the Measure of our Days etc!

1782 March 12 (Tuesday). Reading History of American War. Mrs. P _____ takes Physic (Squills) of Dr. *Hawes* -- for several Days. At night, 9 o'Clock my Sons *Breck* and *Brigham*, return from *Boston*. They inform me that *Sally* was buried in Deacon *Greenoughs* Tomb.

1782 March 13 (Wednesday). I rode into the Neighbourhood. Was at Neighbour *Thad Warrins*, Col. *Wheelocks*, Capt. *Fishers* etc. Mrs. P _____ continues not well. *William Grout* (who lives

with us) is out of Health. Rev. *Mellen* from *Cambridge* going to *Stirling*, comes in to See me. Deacon *Woods* wife visits here.

1782 March 14 (Thursday). Wrote to Mr. *Walter Lyon* at Southborough to come and preach my Lecture this day Sennight (D.V.).

1782 March 15 (Friday). Mrs. P_____ still drooping. William *Grout* much unwell, yet is able to tend the Cattle etc. I wrote Letters to my Son Ebenezer at *Crom Pond*, and to his Sons at West Point.

1782 March 16 (Saturday). Mrs. P_____ somewhat better, through divine Favour. Col. *Brigham* here.

1782 March 17 (Sunday). Preached a.m. on 1 *Cor.* 6.20. Master Baldwin dined and lodged here. P.M. on *Joh.* 7.17. May God graciously add His Blessing! I received a Letter from my Son *Ebenezer* at *Crom Pond*. At Eve Mr. Brigham Read Flavells Sermon 30 on Luk. 23.34. N.B. I appointed the Communion and Lecture.

1782 March 18 (Monday). Wrote another Letter to my son Ebenezer at Crom Pond and Sent the several Letters by Mr. *Joseph McCullock*. William Grout is so out of Health, especially with a prevailing bad Cough, that he returns home to his Fathers.

1782 March 19 (Tuesday). I went to Mr. Thad Warrins to get him to kill our Piggs. Young Mr. Fish here, and acquaints us with his Northampton Journey. Capt. *Morse* here in great Warmth about Squire Baker. Squire Baker also came in. He shewed me his Discharge from the Commissary *Colt* Esq.

1782 March 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Thad *Warrin* and Mr. *Nathan Maynard* to assist him, came and killed our two remaining *Piggs*. One weighed 10 score and 3 pound. The Other (which was Mr. *Brighams* and a month younger) weighed 11 Score and one Pound. Mr. Warrin cut out and Salted down the Pork.

1782 March 21 (Thursday). Sacramental Lecture. Mr. *Walter Lyon* (who came a.m. and dined with us) preached on *Mat.* 11.28, which may God succeed! Mrs. Maynard here after Meeting at Tea. N.B. Mr. *David Fay* carries my Letters to Messrs. *West, Moore* and Quincy to Boston.

1782 March 22 (Friday). Am without Man or Boy. My Son and his Boy take Care of the Barn, and Mr. B. cutts Some of the Wood. I Read part of an Excellent Discourse of the *Witness of the Spirit*.

1782 March 23 (Saturday). Mrs. P_____ is through divine Goodness, as I hope, better; but I am very destitute of Help, and am my Self unable to go much abroad. *Breck* and *Brigham* take Care of the Barn and Wood.

1782 March 24 (Sunday). *Sacrament Day*. Preached a.m. on 1 *Cor.* 11.20. Mrs. *Maynard* and the Widow *Mehitable Brigham* dined with us. P.M. on John. 14.15. At Eve Mr. Brigham read Mr. *Flavel* Sermon 31 on Joh. 19.27.

1782 March 25 (Monday). *Town Meeting* partly about Money Matters; and partly to consider a Letter about a *County Convention* to meet at *Worcester* on 2d Tuesday in *April* next.

1782 March 26 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Worcester* to hear the Tryal of the Cause of Rev. Mr. *Fairbank* of *Shrewsbury* against Rev. Mr. *Morse*, his Neighbour for Slander.

1782 March 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Brigham has hired Daniel Nurse junior to work here a few Days, and he Came to day. Cutts the Wood at the Door. Read Biographical Dictionary.

1782 March 28 (Thursday). *Enoch Greenwood* was married to *Miriam Forbes*: and at Evening *Asa Forbush* to *Mehitable Fay*. Mr. B. has received Several Letters from *Elias*, by which he is informed that Mr. *Nathan Fisk* junior of *Brookfield* is dead; that our Cousen *Whitney* of *Brookline, Connecticut*, has lost their eldest son by the small Pox; but that *Robert Breck* Esq. has lately had a Seventh son which was baptized *Theodore*.

1782 March 29 (Friday). P.M. came in Mr. *John Forbes* of *Otter Creek*: and with him Capt. *Fisher*, who brought me a Letter (*writ by him* I Suppose) from Mr. *Daniel Adams*, Dated to day, to be communicated to the Church. He also bears a Message to me from the Rev. Mr. *Sanford* of *Medway*, that he designs to make me a Visit next Tuesday, to remove Some Misapprehensions he supposes I labour under concerning him.

1782 March 30 (Saturday). Daniel Nurse is Shelling out Indian Corn.

1782 March 31 (Sunday). Preached a.m. on *Joh.* 7.17, which may God Himself vouchsafe to bless! Mrs. *Maynard* and Mrs. [*Mallett?*] and *Baldwin* dined here. P.M. preached on *Prov.* 4.10. O that Youth especially might Seriously attend hereto! At Eve Mr. B. read Mr. *Flavels* Sermon 32.

1782 April 1 (Monday). Walked up to Mr. *Barnabas Newtons*, his Daughter *Sarah* (of about 16) drooping and languishing. Instructed and *encouraged* her. Prayed with and for her. P.M. *Town Meeting* to choose a *Governor* etc. Chose Hon. Mr. *Hancock* etc. Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor* came a.m. to see me -- dined with us and Spent the chief of the p.m. here. N.B. Mr. *Sanford* and his Visit tomorrow were the Subject as he was so Soon expected here. Mr. G. assured me from what he had himself met with from both Mr. S_____d and from Mr. Sp_____ng, that neither of them (continuing Such) Should with his Consent, enter his Pulpit. And he knew and was sure, that his Father Hall (who had the minutes of what was Said at *Roxbury*, and Signed by himself and Mr. *West* of *Dartmouth*) would not, if Said Gentlemen remained the same: and those Minutes he would endeavour Soon to Send me. Received a kind Letter from Mr. *Sumner*, relating to the Troubles of our Kinsman Mr. *Josiah Whitney* of *Brookline* (*Connecticut*) in the Death of his two principal Sons, by the Small Pox.

1782 April 2 (Tuesday). I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* by *Calvin Maynard*. Looked for Mr. *Sanford*, all day -- but he did not come. Mr. *Brigham* went to Upton to hire a Man. He lit on one *Samuel Drake*, who promises to come. Deacon *Hawes* was here at Evening.

1782 April 3 (Wednesday). I rode out Westwardly to visit a number of Neighbours -- went to Mr. Thad. Warrins, who is not well: was at Mr. *Moses Newton's*, one Mr. Down's Family at the School House. Mr. *Coze*, Mr. *Mclindys*, Mr. *Sibly*, where I dined; Mr. *Gleasons*, Dr. *Gershom Brighams*, called at Mr. *Samuel Fay's* -- but was obliged to get home to solemnize the Marriage of *Joseph Robbins* and *Eleanor Miller* Daughter of Mr. *James Miller*. *Daniel Nurse* left us.

1782 April 4 (Thursday). Expected *Samuel Drake* to work, but he came not. Mr. *Eustick*, Baptist Minister at *Grafton*, came in to See me; which I took very kindly of him.

1782 April 5 (Friday). Dr. *Stimson* here, dines with us. He visits *Sarah Newton*.

1782 April 6 (Saturday). Mr. *Phinehas Brigham* who is Sick and greatly distressed with Pain etc. sends for me at Evening though Cloudy and Wet. Went, found him very ill. Prayed with him. He is at his Mothers. His Wife has lain in at his home; that is at Mr. *Jonathan Bathericks*. I returned.

1782 April 7 (Sunday). I preached a. and p.m. on *Prov. 4.10*. Messrs. *Ebenezer Hancock* and *Nicolas Bowes*, attended among us. At Eve Mr. B. read Mr. *Flavell* on *Mat. 27.46*.

1782 April 8 (Monday). Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor* returning from *Southborough* calls and breaks fast here. Deacon *Batchelor* also was here. Mr. *Lyon* returning to *Southborough*. Dr. *Stimson* and his Lady make us a Visit. The Doctor returns me *DeFoe's Works* and brings Volume 2. N.B. *Josiah Brigham* and *John Baker* came again to Study.

1782 April 9 (Tuesday). I visited *Ephraim Brigham* again and prayed with him. I should have Visited *Sarah Newton*, but met her riding abroad.

1782 April 10 (Wednesday). I fear my Eyes are dimmer, but I write a Letter to Mr. *Adams*, and for a little space can read or write without my Spectacles.

1782 April 11 (Thursday). A Gentleman who came from *Northampton* his Name was *William Moore*, with Letter to Mr. *Brigham* from *Elias*, who is not well and wants an Horse to return. Mr. *Moore* lodges here.

1782 April 12 (Friday). In the Early Morning we're alarmed by a Messenger from Miss *Mindwell Brigham* who is ill, but is chiefly distressed in Mind. Sends for me. I went. Mr. *Brigham* and his Sister *Suse* also. I discoursed and prayed with her. Visited old Mrs. *Beeman* and prayed with her. Called at Capt. *Jonas Brighams*. Mr. *Moore* went on his Journey to Providence. I wrote to Mr. *D. Adams*. Cousin *Samuel Brigham*, from *Charlestown No. 4*, dined here.

1782 April 13 (Saturday). *Breck* employs several Men in mending the Wall of the Garden, and work in the Garden. They are *James Downs* and *Ebenezer Mclendy*. *Capt. Morse* here and requests that the Congregation might Sing five times on the Sabbath. He Says many persons desire it. I told him to get and bring me a List of those who were for it.

1782 April 14 (Sunday). Again upon the Same subject as last Sabbath, the IVth Head for which I took another Text, vizt. *Prov. 9.11*. P.M. on *Rom. 1.18* former part to p. 9. *Baldwin* dined here. I read the proclamation for the Fast. Also I stopped the Church and read what I had writ to Mrs. *Adams* and what to her Husband. *Mr. Brigham* at Eve reads *Flavell Sermon* on *Joh. 19.28*. May God forgive what has been amiss in my Attendance!

1782 April 15 (Monday). Miss *Mindwell* came here and tarried -- and over Night. I am in Sedulous preparation for the Association. Lt. *Grout* came kindly with several Presents. N.B. It was to him I committed the Letter which I had writ to her, and read to the Church yesterday, to this Brothers Care. N.B. Awakened, Revived and Quickened by a Sermon in the Continuation of the Morning Exercise, on that *Question*, By what means may *Ministers* best win Souls? The Text is 1 *Tim. 4.16*. May God bless this to me!

1782 April 16 (Tuesday). The *Ministers Meeting* was at *Our House*. *Mr. Bridge* was not here, the rest came. *Mr. Newell* brought his Lady. I prayed -- I delivered Some parts of my Sermon on *Heb. 6.12*. *Mr. Whitney* made the concluding prayer. In our Conversation I gave Some Account of my Trouble from those who were of so importunate Curiosity to have *Mr. Sanford* preach here.

1782 April 17 (Wednesday). *Mr. Brigham* goes to *Boston*. Young *Obadiah Thatcher* came from his Brother *Peter's* to See *Thomas*. He dines here. *Luke Baldwin* came from *Mr. Moodys* School at *Byfield* yesterday to *Concord* and from his uncle *Williams* hither to day. Proceeds [*illegible*] goes to *Isaac*, who is at Lt. *Jonathan Grouts*.

1782 April 18 (Thursday). I hear that Master *Isaac* has dismissed his School, and that he did it by an *Oration*. He and his Brother *Luke* come here.

1782 April 19 (Friday). *Luke*, though cloudy, leaves us to go home. It proves a rainy Day. *Isaac* is here with us and lodges here.

1782 April 20 (Saturday). *Mr. Brigham* returned late last night, or rather Early this Morning -- brought a Letter of April 2d from *Mr. Quincy*. *Dr. Hawes* brings me a Message from *Mr. Phinehas Forbes* that his eldest Child is very ill -- and he desires a Visit. But it is so rainy that I cannot go. At Eve came *Mr. Benjamin Stone*.

1782 April 21 (Sunday). I had prepared to preach, but *Mr. Brigham* informs me that *Mr. Stone* is come (as I requested heretofore) to assist me. He preached a. and p.m. on *Isaiah 55.6.7*. I prayed before sermon in the p.m. *Mrs. Maynard* dined here. *Baldwin* and Miss *Mindwell* here.

Mr. *Stone* at Eve repeated. May God graciously add His Blessing! N.B. Mrs. *Lucy Parker* of Templeton, Sick, prayed for.

1782 April 22 (Monday). *Thacher* did not come. Mr. *Stone* remains with us, by reason of the storm which continues still. He reads to me Dr. Mathers Magnalia, of the Familists etc. He lodges here.

1782 April 23 (Tuesday). Mr. *Stone* leaves us, though it is yet rainy, and Isaac *Baldwin* returns to *Cambridge* p.m. Mr. *Belknap* here, about Mr. D. *Adams's* Affair; but to little purpose. Thatcher comes at 4 p.m. yet it is too wet weather to do much -- tends the Cattle etc.

1782 April 24 (Wednesday). A great and Solemn Work before us! I am deeply concerned to be duely prepared for it. Miss *Mindwell* Still here among us.

1782 April 25 (Thursday). *General Fast* through out the United States. I preached a. and p.m. on 2 *Chron.* 14.11 with large Alterations and Additions especially in the Application. *Thacher* went to his Brothers, except at Noon. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read part of a Discourse on *Fasting* in supplement to Morning Exercise, on *Mark* 2.20 by Mr. *Barker*. N.B. Miss *Mindwell Brigham* returned home.

1782 April 26 (Friday). I visited Mr. *Phineas Forbes* Sick Child, and prayed with it. Went to Mr. *Elisha Forbes* and drank Tea there. N.B. borrow his Chaise for Mrs. P _____ to go to *Ashburnham*. N.B. Mrs. *Wood* has been to *Brookfield* and informs that my Daughter *Baldwin* is now under *Inoculation* of the *Small Pox* and is like to do well.

1782 April 27 (Saturday). A Letter from *Elias* dated the 15th who writes, that he has received from Mr. *Forbes* of *Cape Ann* Invitation to keep Grammar School there. Mr. *Brigham* agrees with *Thacher*.

1782 April 28 (Sunday). A.M. on *Rom.* 1.[18?] but was obliged to break off the Sooner because my Sight failed. P.M. on *Gen.* 8.20.21. N.B. My Sight so failed that I was obliged to extemporize in Several considerable parts of the Sermon; for I could not read what I had prepared. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavel* and prayed. Many in Grafton are inoculated for Small Pox.

1782 April 29 (Monday). Visit poor *Nanny Beeton* and prayed there. Visit Mr. *Richard Barns* under his Confinement by broken Bones. P.M. attend the Funeral of Mr. *Elisha Forbes's* Infant.

1782 April 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Levi Bush* here, dines with us. *Thomas Thatcher* begins here. I went to Squire *Bakers* about pasturing my Cattle, and Succeeded.

1782 May 1 (Wednesday). Was obliged to make a Visit to Mr. *George Andrews*, who is *Treasurer*; and dined there: but he could pay me no money. Mr. *Moreton* of *Hopkinton* here to Settle our Leather Account.

1782 May 2 (Thursday). I was in Expectation of Mr. D. *Grosvenor* to preach my Lecture but he did not come. I was obliged to preach my Self. It was on *Mat. 26.48*. Few at Meeting. May God graciously accept [and?] bless what was delivered! Mr. *Joseph Grout* brought me a Number of Papers from his sister *Adams*, and left them but I did not care to read 'em.

1782 May 3 (Friday). *Jejun.* Mrs. P _____ is so afflicted with *Head-Ach* that she can't go to *Ashburnham*, as She proposed. Applies Blister and Pultice.

1782 May 4 (Saturday). Capt. *Clapp* of *Northampton* (according to a Letter from *Elias* to his Brothers *Breck* and *Brigham*) Calls here to take an Horse and lead up to *Northampton*, that *Elias* may come home. Saddle Bags are sent likewise. Mrs. P _____ lays aside her designed Journey to *Ashburnham*. At Eve receive a welcome Letter from Mr. *Cushing* of his Wife's safe Deliverance, this Day se'night, of a *Daughter*; who next day was baptized *Mary*: and we are informed also that my son *Alexanders* Wife has some Weeks since brought forth a Son -- and May God graciously perfect His Goodness; and May their Offspring prove great Blessings!

1782 May 5 (Sunday). Preached (as I could) the Substance of the latter Sermon on 1 Cor. 11.20, last Clause, "This is not to eat the Lords supper." I administered the Lord's Supper. Neither Squire *Baker*, nor Mr. D. *Adams* there. Mrs. *Maynard* dined with us. P.M. preached on *Rom. 1.18*, last Clause, "who hold the Truth in Unrighteousness." At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavells* Fountain of Life: and prayed.

1782 May 6 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* setts out for *Boston*. Mr. *Eliakim Morse* here and dines with us; and was glad to receive him. Towards Evening came in *Breck*, introducing to my great Surprize, my Son *Ebenezer*, from *Crom Pond* in York State.

1782 May 7 (Tuesday). P.M. Col. *Cyprian How* and Col. *Blackden* were here, and gave me an Account of the Robbery at *Marlborough* between last Saturday night and Sabbath morning at Col. *Blackdens* store. N.B. Among Suspected Person who were (by Col. Jonathan *Ward* and Col. *Wood*) examined Several Men, and there were two women who being of ill fame, were found (particularly one of them) in bad scituation with a Negro Man -- yet was She very Bold and impudent -- etc. etc. The Colonels first named had been at *Grafton*, on the Affair of *Search* after the Thieves, but without Success. They returned to *Marlborough*.

1782 May 8 (Wednesday). Mr. *John Holland* (now of North *Shrewsbury*) came in to See me. My Son tarrys with me. He gives me distinct Account of his dwelling at *Crom-Pond*, at Rev. Mr. *Samuel Sackett's*, the aged Minister in that Place, and the Miserys the people there undergo, by many inimical Villains who infest them.

1782 May 9 (Thursday). Mr. *Merriam* of *Ashburnham* (Hatter) here, and dines with us. I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* about *Ebenezers* Affairs (his Bond to Squire *Culwell* at *Barre* especially) and forwarding (if I can) his going with *Ebenezer* (when he shall go to *Barre*) and assist him what [ever?] he may be able to. But did not send it as yet. Mr. *Brigham* returns at Night -- brings a

Letter from Mr. *Moore* and accompanying it is a Packet containing Several Numbers further of Mr. *Samuel Wests* Expiations of the Prophecys, No. [blank] and [blank].

1782 May 10 (Friday). *Ebenezer* is still with us and ingeniously mends my wooden Case for my Watch.

1782 May 11 (Saturday). I endeavour to prepare sermon, which I have heretofore begun -- but am not able to accomplish it, by reason of the impairs of my sight.

1782 May 12 (Sunday). I chose to preach a. and p.m. on *Rom.* 3.24. Cousin *Maynard* dines at *Brecks*. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels* Fountain of Life, sermon 37. May God forgive what has been amiss and bless His holy Institutions!

1782 May 13 (Monday). It proves a very wet season; but Sundry of our Younger Folks ride up to *Shrewsbury*. My son *Ebenezer* goes with Miss *Mindwell Brigham* and her Brother *Josiah*. Miss *Mindwell* consults Mr. *Sumner* in her Trouble and Temptations. I read part of *Shuckfords* Vol. 2 of Connection of Antient sacred and prophetic History.

1782 May 14 (Tuesday). I rode to Squire *Bakers* about my Cattle's Summering; that is, when they must go. Went round to the sawmill. Was at Mr. *John Maynards* and *Newtons*. At Old Mr. *Pratts* and *Thaddeus Warrins*. Mr. *Joseph Kilburne* (preacher at *Southborough*) made me a Visit -- dined here, and was detained by the Rain till near Night. Mrs. *Adams* (*Daniels* Wife) visits me and opens horrible Scenes of her Husbands abuses. I return to her (unread) the Papers of Witnesses, which were brought me by Mr. *Joseph Grout*. Mrs. [blank] *Morse* came to be examined. At Eve Mr. *Kilburne* returned to *Southborough*. N.B. Mr. *Brigham* has been to *Rutland* -- and went to Squire *Caldwell's* at *Barre* on an Affair of my Son *Ebenezers* and returned this Evening.

1782 May 15 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* and I break fast at *Brecks*. Miss *Mindwell Brigham* still with us. The Return which Mr. *Brigham* has made from Squire *Colwell*, gives *Ebenezer* Some Satisfaction, by the Lenity he manifests. N.B. The Neighbourhood are Alarmed at Eve, by *Nanny Beeton's* running away, and can't be found.

1782 May 16 (Thursday). This Morning, after a Stormy, wet and dark Night, she is discovered at Mr. *Fessendens*. *Breck* goes to *Worcester* for the News papers: But The Stormy, wet, dark Weather continues from Day to Day: Yet Good News from *England* of the hopeful Signs of Accommodation -- that the *Parliament* is more disposed to Peace. D.G.

1782 May 17 (Friday). Town Meeting to choose a Representative. Lt. *Hananiah Parker* is elected.

1782 May 18 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* leaves us to go to *Ashburnham*. I sent a Letter by him to Mr. *Cushing* concerning him, and concerning Mr. *Sanford*. Have heard that Deacon *Hawes* is promoted to be a *Justice of Peace*. Mr. *Cornelius Biglow* here, with a Letter from Mr.

Forbes of Gloucester, dated Apr. 26. Capt. *Morse* was here, with Request that I would propose to the Congregation to sing five Times on the Sabbath -- he Says it is the Desire of the Singers and others -- particularly Mr. *Jonathan Batherick*, Capt. *Fisher*, etc. But Mr. *Biglow* as soon as he understood what Capt. *Morse* had desired, vehemently Opposed it. But I considered him as very little among us; of Sudden and violent passions, and not little meddling with the Affairs of this people or much regarded if he did. The weather has been so cold and wet this Week that little could be done about planting. Mr. *Solomon Miller* was here accidentally, and was improved to kill a Calf for me.

1782 May 19 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. on *Rom. 3.24*, and finished on that Subject. Mrs. *Maynard* dined with us. I publickly mentioned the Desire of the *Singers* and *others*, to begin the Publick Worship with Singing; and prayed the Congregation to assemble Earlier. At Evening *Polly Scott* was Suddenly taken ill, and fell into a terrible Fitt -- striving violently for a long time. May God pity her and Sanctifie so Strange Convulsions, to all of us! *Breck* and *Pamela* sit up.

1782 May 20 (Monday). *Polly Scott* is ill here, and has a Fitt about noon, and another nigh Night. Dr. *Hawes* visits her. Her Father and Mother came. They watch with her.

1782 May 21 (Tuesday). I wrote to Mr. *Quincy*. A Letter came from *Elias* at *Northampton*, dated the 7th. *Polly* has another Fitt. P.M. *Elias* himself came from *Northampton* but last from *Brookfield*. With him came Mr. [blank] *Kingsley* of *Northampton* and Daughter *Martha*, who lodge here. Mr. *Francis Whipple* here informs that Venerable Old Mr. *Benjamin Ruggles* of *New Braintry* dyed lately: and at Eve I am informed of the Death of Rev. and aged Mr. *Abijah Weld* of *Attleboro*. This last was pritty Sudden after a Journey. May God prepare me for His holy Will!

1782 May 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Kingsley* and Daughter go on their Journey. Mr. *Brigham* goes to Boston. Mr. *Samuel Noyce* carries my Hatt to *Watertown*. Mr. *William More*, an Acquaintance of *Elias's* came, has two notable Horses -- Lodges here. *Polly* has had Three Fitts.

1782 May 23 (Thursday). *Polly Scott* remains in a Weak, afflicted Condition. Kept her Bed chiefly -- has another Fit this forenoon. Mr. *Moore* goes away with his Horses. Mr. *Scott* to see his Daughter. P.M. attend the Burial of Mr. *Jonathan Maynards* Infant. In the Evening Solemnized the Marriage of *Isaac Ruggles* and *Hephzibah Parker*. After which I was hurried away to Capt. *Jonas Brigham's*, who has been raising a Barn -- from the upper part of which a Young Man has fallen to the Ground and tis feared his Death is Nigh. I am requested to make all Haste to him. When I arrived the young man was reviv'd and complained only his Wrists, which were bruised and strained -- a Marvellous Deliverance. God be praised and magnified! I gave Thanks and prayed with him and the people who were there. The Young Man was *John*, son of Mr. *Seth Woods*: aged about 19 Years. I lodged there.

1782 May 24 (Friday). The People flock together to Capt. *Jonas Brigham's*, to finish the Raising of the *Barn*, which was broke off by the Sad Accident above mentioned. This Addition to the former Barn makes the whole Barn about 105 feet long. Capt. *Brigham* rode with me to visit Ensign *Snow* who is brought very low. I conversed and prayed with him and took leave of him.

Capt. *Brigham* was so very kind as to wait upon me home: which I can't but take a grateful Notice of. Deacon *Chamberlain* of *Worcester* calls to See me, and dines with us. He informs me that Mr. *Maccarty* has undertaken to ride to *Boston*, but that aged, venerable Dr. *Stephen Williams* of *Springfield*, is dangerously ill. At night Mr. *Brigham* returns home and -- brings me an handsome Cap, from my son *Samuel*.

1782 May 25 (Saturday). Reviewing Discourses which with Corrections, Alterations and Additions may be fit for Use again.

1782 May 26 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. on 2 *Chron.* 15.2. Which may God bless to us all for our saving Benefit! Miss *Polly Howard* dined here. Mr. *Brigham* at Evening read the latter part of Mr. *Flavells Sermon* 38 on *Isa.* 53.2.

1782 May 27 (Monday). Dr. *Hall* of *Sutton*, going to *Boston*, calls here.

1782 May 28 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* and his son *Henry* came this Morning from Mr. *Whitneys* (yesterday from *Ashburnham*). He leaves *Henry* here and proceeds to *Southborough*. Mr. *Brigham* and *Elias* after Dinner (1/2 after 2 p.m.) Sat out for *Watertown*. Old Mr. *Gersho*[m?] *Fay* visits me. I went out to see the workmen whom Capt. *Maynard* has employed in building Wall, and to give them their sort of Treat. They were [blank] *Adams* and *William Pierce*.

1782 May 29 (Wednesday). May God be with His people this Day in the Exercise of their invaluable Libertys; and with his Servant *Adams* in his Preaching the Election Sermon, and grant an happy Event! *Breck* is moving the Stables, Granary and necessary Office that he may prepare the ground for his building an House (I having given him a Deed of [blank] Rods of Land next to the Meeting House, for that Purpose).

1782 May 30 (Thursday). Mr. *Alexander Parkman Davis* made me a Visit -- lodged here, as did Miss *Patty Fish* and Miss *Polly Howard*.

1782 May 31 (Friday). My Kinsman *Davis* left us. Mrs. *Lydia Morse* was here with her Relation. Dr. *Hall* returning from *Boston* calls here. I talk with him about Mr. *Sanford*. Says that Mr. *Sanford* is of Opinion that is [sic] the Author of Sin, as He is of Poison in a Serpent. P.M. Mr. *Brigham* returns home -- brings me a Letter from Mr. *Quincy*, dated the 23d instant -- and informs that Mr. *Maccarty* preached to the Convention, that *Isaac Baldwin* of *Cambridge* is Sick of a Fever etc. etc. Mr. *Brigham* brings me also from Mr. *Moore* a Copy of Judge *Sullivans Letter* to Mr. *West*; and an old Piece of Dr. *C. Mather* on *Witchcraft* etc. He has, moreover, bought me another Chrystal to my Watch.

1782 June 1 (Saturday). *Breck* has hired Mr. *Thomas Kenny* to digg a Cellar for his (designed) New House; who begins this Morning. P.M. came my *Samuel Parkman*, and with him two of his Children; viz. *Samuel* and *Sally*. Mr. *Cushing* also from *Concord* -- takes his son *Henry* with him and goes to *Shrewsbury* to preach there tomorrow. But what was most Surprizing was, Mr. *Maccarty*, his Wife and Mr. *Thadeus Chamberlin* (who waited upon them) came this way from

Boston, and dined here. Mr. *Maccarty* is evidently Consumptive, yet bears up wonderfully -- has preached to the Convention -- his Text was *Act. 20.24*. P.M. they proceed on their Journey. N.B. Am informed that Rev. *Henry True* of *Hempstead* dyed lately, and suddenly: also that Rev. Mr. *Thomas Haven* of *Reading* is [also?].

1782 June 2 (Sunday). *I now first began the public Exercises with Singing Ps. 95.X*. Preached a. and p.m. on *Deut. 10.12.13*. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. P.M. began the public Exercise with *singing Ps. 100*. Admitted Mrs. *Lydia Morse* into the Church. Am informed that Ensign *Jabez Snow* expired this Morning. Mr. *Brigham* at Evening read *Flavell Fountain*, sermon 39, and he prayed.

1782 June 3 (Monday). *Thatcher* prepares a Draught Pole for the *old Well*, near the House, and putts it (with Mr. *Brighams* help) on to the Sweep -- draws etc. *Samuel* and his Children dine here, and half after two p.m. Sets out for *Concord* -- but it rains before Night.

1782 June 4 (Tuesday). Rev. *Stephen Johnson* of *Lyme* and his Lady are here and dine -- leave us for *Boston*. I attended the Funeral of Ensign *Jabez Snow* AEs. 67 ever Since last March. I prayed. A Thunder Storm detained me at the House of Mourning. Deacon *Wood* came home with me.

1782 June 5 (Wednesday). Mrs. P_____ made a Visit (and her Cousen *Maynard* with her) to Deacon *Woods* Wife, who is very distempered and confined. Mr. *Thomas Adams* came and brings me Dr. *Owens* Meditations and Discourses on the Glory of Christ. He lodges here.

1782 June 6 (Thursday). Mr. *Adams* changes Dr. *Owen* on the *Glory of Christ* (and which hath in it the Doctors Life and Letters) and with this Dr. *Colmans Incomprehensibleness of God*. He leaves these two for *Bacchus's* History of the Anabaptists. He goes to *Ashburnham* to See his Daughter *Hill*. I rode into the South and dined at Mr. *John Harringtons* -- and with Mr. *Noah Beeman* of *Marlborough* likewise. Visited old Mrs. *Thurston*; Lieutenant *Bowman*, Messrs. *Benjamin Ball*, *Isaac Adams* -- was at Mr. *Jonathan Batherick's* House, but no body at home -- called at Mr. *John Balls* and at Mr. *Martyn Pratts*. N.B. Mr. *John Harrington* paid me 20/ Lawfull money.

1782 June 7 (Friday). [No entry.]

1782 June 8 (Saturday). I was Strictly engaged in making additions to my former Compositions on the Subject designed for tomorrow.

1782 June 9 (Sunday). The Singers did not come Seasonably to begin the publick Exercise as proposed. Preached a. and p.m. on *Deut. 10.12.13*. Mrs. *Maynard* dines here. At Eve, Mrs. *Scott*, being very ill, I prayed with my Family, and rode down to their House, discoursed and prayed with them. I returned home. Mr. *Brigham* read in *Flavell's Fountain*.

1782 June 10 (Monday). Read my son *Moore's Letter* of May 26th last and Judge *Sullivan's Letter* of Nov. 17, 1781 to the Rev. Mr. *West* of *Dartmouth* with Mr. *West's* Answer thereto.

1782 June 11 (Tuesday). *Breck* has Nine Hands at work, on Cellar, Frame etc. Rev. and aged Mr. *Thomas West* of *Rochester* here, going to *Charlestown* No. 4. Also Coll. *Baldwin*, who is come from *Cambridge* where his son *Isaac* lies Sick of a bad Fever. They dined with us and p.m. left us for *Worcester* and *Brookfield*. I wrote to Mr. *Maccarty* for his Convention Sermon etc.

1782 June 12 (Wednesday). I had appointed a Lecture to be this Day -- wrote again to Mr. *Grosvenor* to preach it and Sent the Letter last Week, by (I Suppose) the Safe Hand of Deacon *Batchellor* -- But was again disappointed; for he did not Come, nor have I any Lisp of Reason Why. I preached my Self on *Deut. 11.26.27.28* which may God bless to the few who came! After Meeting we had, to see us, Cousin *Sally Brigham* and her son in Law, Dr. *John Gott* from *Wenham*. Also Mr. *Belknap* and his Wife, and Mr. *Hazzletine*.

1782 June 13 (Thursday). Mr. *Maccarty* Sent me his *Convention Sermon* on *Act. 20.24*. I read part of it; it being writ out very fair and legible. Read Mr. *Moses Hemmenway* on Infant Baptism, which is writ nervously and Judiciously.

1782 June 14 (Friday). Mr. *Down* works with *Thatcher* and dines etc. here. I read the rest of Mr. *Maccarty's* Sermon -- a Serious and useful Discourse. I wish divine Blessing [may?] be vouchsafed, and that God would pity him under a [*illegible*] weakness and Support him through his Tryals.

1782 June 15 (Saturday). Wrote Additions to sermon on *Deut. 11.26*.

1782 June 16 (Sunday). This compleats the 58th Year Since I gave my Answer to the Town of *Westborough*. I preached a.m. on *Mark XIV.14.15* and Administered the sacrament. May the Long-suffering of God be magnified! May he graciously accept our Offerings! P.M. on [*blank*]. Mrs. *Maynard* and Mr. *Samuel Barrett* (of *Hopkinton*) Dined here. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavells Fountain* of Life, Sermon 41 and prayed.

1782 June 17 (Monday). Mr. *Lyon* came from *Southborough* and dined here. I Catechized at the Meeting House above 30 Boys a.m. 36 Girls p.m. Met with Mr. *Aaron Fay* of *Southborough* and talked with him about his Mother in Law (who was [*blank*] *Bradish*) -- So abandoned to Drinking, that tis feared his [*sic*] Case is desperate.

1782 June 18 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. *Bridge's*, *East-Sudbury*, it being the Time of our *Association*. Mr. *Bridge* prayed at the Beginning and I did it at the concluding of the Meeting. Mr. *Whitney* asks the Association to meet Next at his House. Then riding to my son *Williams* and passing over a Bridge near one Mr. *Ephraim Abbots*, my Horse took a bad Fright, Set to running -- and, threw me off, wounded my Head, tore my Cloths, my Coat and Jacket especially. But Mrs. *Abbot*, and her son, were very kind. The latter (when the Storm of Thunder and Rain which arose at that time was over) took his Horse and rode with me a good part of the Way to

Williams where I arrived and lodged Safely. Am informed that the [Excellent?] Capt. *Charles Miles* is Sorrowfully sunk into Melancholly and Dullness -- as his Brothers were. O that God would bless to me the Great Favour I enjoy in having my Understanding and May it please Him to continue -- But would [?] beg His almighty Grace to improve *Life, Reason* and the *Gospel*, while I enjoy them.

1782 June 19 (Wednesday). This is the Day of the Great Solemnity of the *Instalment of Rev. Mr. Ebenezer Grosvenor at Harvard*. May God be among them! I can't be among them as I hop'd. I rode home. *Billy*, my Grandson rode with [me] to Col. *Weeks*; where we dined. I call to See Mrs. *Blackden* at Mr. *Jonathan Loring*, who lies in a low Condition, and prayed with him. At Mr. *George Williams's*. At Mr. *Jonathan Bruce's*, to see Mrs. *Beeman* who is yet alive, but not able to converse: and at Coll. *Brighams*.

1782 June 20 (Thursday). We expected Mr. *Whitney* of *Brookline* in *Connecticut* from *Harvard*: but his Horse had got away, and therefore he came not but Mr. *Peter Whitney* and his Wife came and Spent the p.m. The World is at this juncture in Tosses about Mr. *Eli*: who heads a Mob in the County of New Hampshire, and who was put into *Springfield Jayl*, but was last Lords Day, forcibly let out, and absconds.

1782 June 21 (Friday). A.M. came Mr. *Johnson* of *Lime* and his Lady from *Boston*, and dine here; as do Mr. *Aaron Crosby* and his Lady also, from [blank]. After which came the Widow of the late Mr. *Abraham Knowlton* of *Shrewsbury*. But I was obliged to go to Mr. *Nathan Maynards* who raises a New Barn, and there I supped. Thanks to God there was no Evil Occurrences.

1782 June 22 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* came from *Brookfield*; but last from Deacon *Jonathan Bonds* junior of *Shrewsbury*. N.B. He has been to Squire *Caldwell* at *Barre* -- and to See *Alex*, at *Marlborough*, New Hampshire.

1782 June 23 (Sunday). We Sang five times, viz. as to *first* Singing -- Hymn 75th and the Last Singing was Hymn 76. Preached a. and p.m. on Rev. 22.17. Mr. *Brigham* at Eve read *Flavells* Fountain Life part of Sermon 42. May God grant His Blessing!

1782 June 24 (Monday). Mr. *Lyon* and Mrs. *Stone* from *Southborough* made us a Visit and dined -- after Tea they returned. *Southborough* Meet to Choose a Minister.

1782 June 25 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*. Wrote by him to Mr. *Quincy*. Hear that *Southborough* have elected Mr. *Lyon*. There were votes for divers Others, viz. for Messrs. *Killbourn*, *Millen* and *Wolcott*. I visit Deacon *Woods* Wife, who is ill. Mr. *Jonathan Forbes* and Mr. *Joseph Grout* meet me on the Road, and want to discourse about Mrs. *Adams*. Mr. *Benjamin Fay* likewise is very Strenuous about his Difference with Mr. *Thomas Whitney*, and Says he is willing to leave the whole to Men mutually chose. I design and attempt to visit *Sarah Newton* but met her in a Chaise riding out. She grows worse. N.B. *Sophy* has got Mr. *Lambson* to *whitewash* part of the House. Sundry Visitants. Mrs. P _____ [blot] is much exercised with grievous Pain in her Back.

1782 June 26 (Wednesday). I preached Mr. *Whitneys* Lecture. My son Ebenezer went to *Northborough* with me. Mr. *Sumner* and his Wife were with us there at Dinner. Mr. *Sumner* also prayed before my sermon. The Text was Ps. 73.26, middle Clause: "But God is the strength of my Heart" -- which may God succeed! I Returned in Safety.

1782 June 27 (Thursday). Visited and prayed with *Sarah Newton*. Our House Still in the Confusions of *White-washing*. *Ebenezer* very helpful but Mrs. P _____ much confined. Has took Physick -- but her Back especially is very lame. Mr. *Brigham* returns from *Boston*.

1782 June 28 (Friday). Mrs. P _____ no better. Dr. *Hawes* visits her. *Ebenezer* and *Sophia* ride to visit Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife. Have Mr. *Elisha Forbes'* Chaise.

1782 June 29 (Saturday). They ride in the Same Manner to Lieut. *Nathan Brigham's* at *Southborough*. N.B. An Account from *Pittsfield*, of an *Hurricane* there, last Lords Day p.m.

1782 June 30 (Sunday). N.B. Sung Hymn [blank] at the Beginning of public Worship a.m. and preached again on Rev. 22.17, both a. and p.m. At the begin of public Worship p.m. we Sang Hymn [blank]. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels Fountain Life*, Sermon 42, midpart.

1782 July 1 (Monday). Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor* has preached at *Southborough* and in his returning home, comes in and dines here. He gives me an Account of his not preaching my Lecture -- etc., etc. *Breck begins to frame* an House.

1782 July 2 (Tuesday). I visited Deacon *Woods* Wife -- also *Sarah Newton*. Am reading the History of the War, No. VII. Dr. *Stimpson* has visited *Sarah Newton*, but despairs of her Recovery.

1782 July 3 (Wednesday). My Son *Ebenezer* having tarried thus long with us, he took his Journey to Providence. I rode with him beyond this Town. I committed to his Care 3 Pamphlets which I borrowed of Rev. Mr. *Willard of Mendon*. In returning home, called at several Houses. I dined at Mr. *Elisha Forbes*, visited at Capt. *Morse's*. Old Mrs. *Dolly Rice* made us a kind Visit, beyond my Expectation.

1782 July 4 (Thursday). Visit *Sarah Newton*, who is Weaker and weaker. P.M. Visit old Mr. *James Maynard* and prayed with him. N.B. I went to Mr. *Thomas Lamsons*. N.B. I find at Mr. *Joseph Rice's* House that his Brother *Elisha* is come to live there.

1782 July 5 (Friday). [No entry.]

1782 July 6 (Saturday). I visit *Sarah Newton* and prayed with her. Carried her *Calamy* on Vows. Went to Mr. *Ruggles's* etc. Deacon *Wood* here, tells me his Wife is grown Worse. I rode to *Shrewsbury* and lodged at Mr. *Sumners*.

1782 July 7 (Sunday). Mr. *Sumner* to *Westborough*. I preached at *Shrewsbury* a. [and p.m.?] on Luk. 16.31. N.B. We sung four times, and without [*blot*] Reading by Deacons. May God graciously accept and bless [?]. I went at Eve to Sister *Cushings* and lodged there. N.B. Mr. *Sumners* Texts Mat. 6.1, 1 John. 1.5.

1782 July 8 (Monday). I returned home safely, and found all in Usual Comfort. D.G. N.B. Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Boston* on the 6th at night. And my Son *Ebenezer* returned from *Providence* the Same Evening. I read Mr. *Gay* of *Hingham's* Sermon at the Instalment of Mr. *Ezra Carpenter* at *Keen* and *Swanzy*, from *Zech.* 2.1, "I lift up mine Eyes again and looked, and behold, a man with his Measuring Line in His Hand." P.M. Mr. P. *Whitney* and Mrs. *Briggs*.

1782 July 9 (Tuesday). I went up to *Sarah Newton*, who is but just living; I asked a few Necessary Questions -- to which She gave intelligible Answers. I left her designing to return again. But when I came back She had expired -- not half after 8 o'Clock a.m. It was to visit Mrs. *Joanna Fay*, who has been long confined by Illness.

1782 July 10 (Wednesday). *Breck* Raises his House. 28 feet *Front*; 30 feet back. Mr. *Jonathan Batheric* and Capt. *Fisher* were the principal Workmen. Through the Goodness of God there was no Evil Occurrence. An hundred and fifteen persons were entertained. Cousen *Maynard* was very kind and helpfull. She came early and stayed here over night.

1782 July 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Thomas Lamsons* Wife came to work here for Mr. *Brigham*. Miss *Sarah Newton* was buried. I attended and prayed. Had She been permitted to live till Aug. 18, She would have been 17 Years old. A variety of Company here. *John Cushing* of *Ashburnham* came. Came to his Grandmother *Cushings* last night, and here today.

1782 July 12 (Friday). *John* goes to *Southborough*, to See his Aunt *Brigham* and agrees with Squire *Smith* to live with him. We have the Joy of Harvest. Mr. *Thomas Kenny* and *Downs* reap.

1782 July 13 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* very helpful in taking up and carting in *Rye*. Mrs. *Lambson* at Eve goes home.

1782 July 14 (Sunday). Because of the Harvest I preached on *Joh.* 6.35 a.m. and on Occasion of *Sarah Newton's* Death, p.m. on Ps. 110.3. And may the Blessing of God *accompany* and render Effectual! At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read the Close of Mr. *Flavel's* Fountain of Life, and he prayed. Have been informed that the Widow *Cook* has been taken with Bleeding, and last night the Doctor was with her all night. It is now stanch'd.

1782 July 15 (Monday). I visited Mrs. *Cook*, at Mr. *Thaddeus Warrins*: Thence to Mr. *Barn Newtons* -- and to Deacon *Woods* to see his Wife, who is now under a Salvation. Deplorable Case! A Letter from *Elias*.

1782 July 16 (Tuesday). My Daughter *Baldwin* came: brought by Miss *Nabby Baldwin* of *Shrewsbury*. Colonel is gone to *Cambridge* to see his son *Isaac* who Remains Sick there. P.M.

Mr. *Isaac Johnson* of *Southborough* came and requested me to 'change with Mr. *Lyon* next Sabbath, and administer the Lords Supper. Mr. *Brigham*, p.m. went to *Cambridge*. By him I wrote to Mr. *Moore*; and to *Elias*.

1782 July 17 (Wednesday). A Message that Old Mrs. *Gale* dyed last Evening. Dr. *Hawes* comes to see my Daughter *Baldwin*, who is much indisposed and discouraged. Col. *Ezra Wood* of *Upton* made me a Visit.

1782 July 18 (Thursday). A.M. Visit at Mr. *Simon Bellows*, *Nathaniel Chamberlains*, *Seth Woods*, Dined at Mr. *Belknaps*. P.M. was at Mr. *Ebenezer* and *Daniel Chamberlains*. Attended the Funeral of Old Mrs. *Esther Gale*, and prayed there. My Daughter *Baldwin* is ill from Day to Day. Takes physic.

1782 July 19 (Friday). Col. *Baldwin*, and (beyond Expectation) his son *Isaac* are come from *Watertown* to day. He looks ghastly, but is *grown better*.

1782 July 20 (Saturday). They go on their Journey to *Brookfield*. P.M. I rode to *Southborough*. Mr. *Lion* came here. Mr. *Brigham* returned home. He has been at Commencement *but has not taken a Degree*, as he intended.

1782 July 21 (Sunday). I preached at *Southborough* a. and p.m. on *Mat. 17.4* and administered the Lords Supper: I also baptized four Children. See our *Church-Records*. May God most gracious pardon our Sins, and accept our Sacrifices.

1782 July 22 (Monday). I returned home in safety. D.G. P.M. Mrs. *Peakman* and Mrs. *Blackden*, of *Marlborough*, made us a Visit and [Mrs. *Maynard*?] waited upon them. They drank Tea etc. At Eve they returned. Miss *Sarah Fay* came to request me to visit a young Child that was very bad at their House, her Brother *Thomas's* Infant. I went -- Saw -- prayed -- but the Ensign was at some Distance off, at his Hay.

1782 July 23 (Tuesday). A Sad Disaster befell one of my Neighbour *Harringtons* Piggs; which ran under the Cart Wheel as *Thatcher* was driving in a Load of Hay at the End of the House. The Pig got up, ran down to the first Elm by the Road, there fell down and dyed. Mr. *Brigham* stuck her (it was sow) and she bled. Mr. *Harrington* was informed immediately by Mr. *Brigham*, but he would pay little Regard.

1782 July 24 (Wednesday). I was called to go to Mr. *Abraham Beemans* to See his son *Abraham* who lay in a deep Stupor; thought to be a *Coma*. I Spoke to him, but there was not any Reply: his Exterior Limbs, Hands and Legs, were Cold. I prayed, but he was insensible. I left him, but he dyed soon after I left him. I went into Lt. *Thomas Forbush's*, and to his Grandsons -- prayed among them. N.B. Mrs. *Forb.* has lost her Sister *Larkin* by Death.

1782 July 25 (Thursday). Jej. priv.

1782 July 26 (Friday). I attended the Funeral of Mr. *Abraham Beeman* junior.

1782 July 27 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1782 July 28 (Sunday). A.M. on *Mark* 14.14.15. P.M. *Joh.* 6.35, and administered the Lord's Supper. Mrs. Maynard dined with us. At Eve *Breck* read Mr. Henry on due Return etc. N.B. Mr. *Brigham* and *his* were by *them selves*. May God graciously accept us!

1782 July 29 (Monday). Mr. *Thomas Fay's* Child visited -- prayed with a.m. P.M. attend the Burial of Mr. *Edward Cobb's* newborn Child.

1782 July 30 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. *Forbes*, and to *Elias* at *Cape Ann*, by Mr. *Brigham* who goes to *Boston* a.m. *Breck* p.m. moves the small Building which has been his *Bedroom*.

1782 July 31 (Wednesday). A Number of People to *level* and *Settle* the little Bed-room, for although there was a considerable multitude yesterday together to move the Building, and they were till 9 o'Clock at night, yet it was necessary to adjust and join it to the main Frame and secure its Foundation. I am reading the History of the War Vol. 2, No. 1.

1782 August 1 (Thursday). My Daughter *Baldwin* is much disheartened. Several women (Mrs. *Wood*, Mrs. *Graves*) visit. Mr. *Brigham* returns from *Boston* at night. He brings a Letter from Mr. *Quincy*.

1782 August 2 (Friday). Mrs. *Anne Lambson* has turned my Black Coat. She is here.

1782 August 3 (Saturday). Mrs. *Lambson* is still here.

1782 August 4 (Sunday). I have made a Sermon for to day but did not deliver it. I went on with Sermon on Ps. 110.3, latter part, "in the Beauties of Holiness, from the Womb etc., the Dew of thy Youth," a. and p.m. May God graciously add His Blessing! Mrs. *Anne Lambson* dined here. At Eve *Breck* read part of a sermon of Mr. *Henry Grove* from *Heb.* 11.13. My poor Daughter *Baldwin* is in a very afflicted and distressed State. Dr. *Hawes* visits.

1782 August 5 (Monday). Although there have been now and then Showers, yet it is a dry time and the Pastures are much burned up.

1782 August 6 (Tuesday). Brecks Work men are daily boarding and closing.

1782 August 7 (Wednesday). Mr. President *Willard*, who had been to *Petersham*, turned way to Visit me. He dined here -- but he Sat out again for *Weston*. N.B. Mr. *Daniel Adams* now of *Hopkinton* came and desired a dismissal from this Church. Memorandum. Col. *Wheelock* has agreed with Mr. *Brigham* to mowe and get my New Swamp for one Load of the [Hay?] and that I shall have the rest of the Hay when he has cocked it.

1782 August 8 (Thursday). The Interval is every Year a tedious piece of Work. We have this Year had not only *Thomas Thatcher*, but Mr. Brigham has hired Mr. *Nat. Fay*, Several Days to work there. My Son Ebenezer also has greatly assisted, especially in Carting. But to day we brought home the last from thence. My Daughter *Baldwin* is every day, but especially in the nights, greatly distressed. Dr. *Hawes* accommodates her with his Chaise and Mrs. *Hawes's* Company to ride out a little. A Letter from *Isaac* at Brookfield. *Ephraim Parker* Visits us. A Letter from Colonel *Baldwin* to Mr. *Brigham*.

1782 August 9 (Friday). Mrs. *Persis Adams* was here (by virtue of a Notification sent her of her Husbands desiring a Dismission). She leaves an address to the Pastor of the Church, to be read when *Adams's* Request is read. N.B. She takes with her the Papers of Evidences. At Eve Mr. *Eli Whitney* came and paid me his Rates; which amounted to £1.10.8.

1782 August 10 (Saturday). In my reviewing Notes etc. Mr. Benjamin Stone here, going to preach for Mr. Kilbourn at Southborough.

1782 August 11 (Sunday). Carried on my Discourse to young People (from Ps. 110.3) but took for my Text, on this part Job 13.6 a.m. P.M. read for the Text 1 *Tim.* 4.8, latter part. After which Exercises the Church was stopped and Mr. Daniel Adams Request to be dismissed to Hopkinton was read; also Mrs. Adams's Paper of *Reasons* etc. was read, and a Church Meeting voted -- to be next Thursday come sennight -- 2 p.m. At Eve, in the Family read the Heads of my Sermons.

1782 August 12 (Monday). Mr. *Benjamin Stone* here in his Return from *Southborough*. He gives me Some Account of the late Trial of Mr. Fairbanks Affair against Mr. Morse, at North Shrewsbury. I went again to See Mr. Thomas Fay's Sick Child and prayed.

1782 August 13 (Tuesday). Capt. Jon. *Fays* Wife very ill. *Nahum* came with Request -- went, discoursed and prayed with her. P.M. Col. *Blackden* from Marlborough came to See me. He relates the arrival of a French Fleet in *Boston Harbour* -- 13 of the line, and 4 Frigates: And the late Transactions in *Marlborough* politically -- and about hiring Preaching.

1782 August 14 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* to *Boston*. Several Women to Visit us, viz. Sisters *Cushing* and *Brigham*. Deacon *Hawes* goes to *Hopkinton* to carry Mr. *Daniel Adams* Notification of our Church Meeting, and Copy of his Wife's Paper of Address to the Church. I wrote also to *Mrs. Adams* a like Notification, and left it to my Son *Brecks* Care to send it by Mr. *Joseph Harring*[ton?] who goes to day for the News paper.

1782 August 15 (Thursday). I went to Mr. *Daniel Stockwells*, who earnestly accosts me, requests me to ask Mr. *Sanford* to preach here, though I never Saw him in my Life, but have heard by many, of his *unsoundness*, and have had so many written Testimony of it. P.M. came Mrs. *Thatcher*, of Attleborough and her Daughter, Mrs. *Bethia*; to see *Thomas* who went with them at Eve to Mr. *Peters* at *Hopkinton*.

1782 August 16 (Friday). Mr. P. *Whitney* p.m. and his sister Mrs. *Hammock*. He relates the Story of Mr. *Morse* and Mr. *Fairbank*. Mr. *Brigham* returned in the Night.

1782 August 17 (Saturday). He delivered Letters from Cape Ann, viz. from Mr. *Forbes* and from *Elias*. Mrs. *Baldwin* is much born down. The *Drought* continues and increases. *Nahum Fay* comes to request me to Visit his Mother who grows worse. Went, discoursed, prayed with her. Called at Ensign *Fay's*, and Saw Thomas's Child. Workmen are daily at Work in finishing *Brecks* House.

1782 August 18 (Sunday). A very dry Day. We cry to Heaven for Relief. A.M. I go on with the Discourse on Ps. 110.3, latter part, to Young People chiefly. May God grant Success! P.M. preached on *Prov. 1.23* (which I lately composed) and was Suitable to follow the forenoon Exercise: and may divine Grace accompany it! N.B. Daniel *Adams* junior deliver'd me a Letter from his Father. Mr. *Peter Thatchers* Wife, of *Hopkinton* dined here. At Eve repeated some parts of the preceeding sermon.

1782 August 19 (Monday). Mr. *James Downs*, having worked for me in Ditching my Interval, I paid him his Demand for 26 Rod, 26/ by a Note to the Constable *Harrington*. P.M. came Ebenezer Son of Ensign *Fay* to acquaint me with the Death of the Infant which had lain so low and to desire me to attend the Funeral tomorrow. I answered that if they would appoint the Time to be at 8 in the [morn?].

1782 August 20 (Tuesday). I received no Answer from Ensign *Fay's*. I therefore rode up there about that time: But Ensign said that had sent to *Grafton*. I therefore rode over to *Northborough* to the Association at Mr. *Whitney's* where were Messrs. *Biglow*, *Newell*, and there was also Mr. *Puffer*. The Moderatorship came on me. Mr. *Whitney* prayed -- but it was conceived there were Difficultys enough to take up our time, and therefore there was no Concio. Next Meeting appointed to be 3d Tuesday in September. My Son *Ebenezer* went over also and dined with us; he accompanied me home. N.B. A Fast at *Shrewsbury*. Mr. *Grosvenor* preached a.m. on *Isa. 26.4*. Rev. Dr. *Hall* p.m. on *Isa. 45.22*.

1782 August 21 (Wednesday). Hear that there is a Fast to day at *Hopkinton*. Messrs. *Stone* and *Crosby* dined here. P.M. Mr. *Abijah Gale* is here and has much to say upon the *Adams* Difference. Mr. *Brigham* and his wife rode over to *Northborough* to visit Mrs. *Briggs*.

1782 August 22 (Thursday). P.M. The Church Met -- to Consider Mr. *Adams's* Request of Dismission and Recommendation to the Church of *Hopkinton* and his Wife's Complaint against him. Mrs. *Adams* came, but her *Husband* would not -- till we had been some time together -- and then would Stay but a short Space, and hastily flung out and rode away. The Church voted to have a *Fast*. They were very Unanimous. There was Reason enough. Besides the *Drought*, the public state -- this Critical Juncture -- Our great Perplexities -- but the Growth of Sin; Decay of Religion etc. They would have it to be Next Thursday. Capt. *Morse* is earnest to have Mr. *Frost* of *Millford* sent to. I consented (and have writ to him accordingly). The Church Meeting with regard to Mr. *Adams's* Affair was necessarily Adjourned -- the Adjournment is to Monday

the 9th of Sept. I concluded with *Prayer* and *Blessing*. After Meeting Deacon *Wood* and Mr. *Belknap* here.

1782 August 23 (Friday). Wrote to Dr. Hall and to Mr. *Grosvenor* concerning the *Fast* -- to Mr. *Whitney* likewise. Mrs. *White*, an Hopkinton Widow woman, Spinning for some Days, for *Sophy*.

1782 August 24 (Saturday). Mr. *Isaac Johnson* and Mr. *Outhank*, returning from *New-Haven* (whither they have been in Quest of a minister) came in with a Letter from President *Stiles*, accompanied with a Present of a Poem Spoken at Commencement September 12, 1781.¹ Col. *Baldwin* came p.m. (from *Brookfield*).

1782 August 25 (Sunday). Preached on *Prov. 12.26*, former part, a. and p.m. Mrs. *Maynard* dines here. P.M. I appointed the Communion and acquainted the Congregation with what the Church had voted with respect to a *Fast*, and recommended it to *them*. I desired them to manifest their Consent by Rising up, which they did -- to be next Thursday, by leave and Help of God.

1782 August 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston* in Col. *Baldwin's* Chaise, and with his Horse; they waiting on my Daughter *Baldwin* to tarry a little at her Brother *Samuels*. Col. *Baldwin* p.m. Setts out for *Brookfield*. Mrs. P_____ makes a Visit to Mrs. *Baker* who is confined with a Sore Breast. N.B. I have writ to Mr. *Sumner*, Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Fitch* of the *Fast*.

1782 August 27 (Tuesday). Mrs. P_____ rode to Capt. *Maynard's*, a.m. Returned at Eve.

1782 August 28 (Wednesday). A Number of persons, particularly Deacon *Wood*, Mr. *Joseph Harrington* here and afford Mutton and Lamb. Squire *Baker* Pork, Tongues, Candles. Some others Sauce; Squashes, Roots.

1782 August 29 (Thursday). A Day of Solemn *FASTING* and Prayer. See the 22d day. The Drought continues and the Cold Nights. Mr. P. *Whitney* began with prayer: Mr. *Frost* preached a.m. on *Mat. 24.12*. Mr. *Sumner* prayed p.m. Mr. *Whitney* preached on *Heb. 3.2*. After which I prayed, And O that a merciful and gracious God would Vouchsafe to Pardon and accept for His dear sons sake! Mr. *Frost* tarrys with us. The Pastures are so burnt, that the Horses are put into the Barn. N.B. Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Watertown* so as to attend with us in the publick Exercises: and *Alexander* came at Eve.

1782 August 30 (Friday). Mr. *Frost* left us. So did my son after Dinner, for *Fitchburgh*. N.B. There was this Morning, in low Grounds a *Frost*.

¹Joel Barlow (1754-1812), *A poem, spoken at the public commencement at Yale College, in New-Haven; September 12, 1781* (Hartford: Printed by Hudson & Goodwin, [1781]). Evans 17090.

1782 August 31 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* has Sent me a Box of hollond *Pipes*, containing two Dozen which arrived safe. This morning was unusually *foggy*. It was so thick that we could not see at Scarcely a Rod or two distance. But though surprizing for awhile we concluded at length, it was caused chiefly by a *Coal-Pit*; yet as far as Mr. Ebenezer *Forbush's*. Two young Kinsfolks Master *William Bowes Bradford* and his Sister Miss *Betsy*, arrived from *Boston*, to make us a Visit. N.B. Am informed that Neighbour *Caleb Harrington* having Set Fire to some part of his Meadow, it ran and spread.

1782 September 1 (Sunday). Preached on *Joh. 15.9.10* a. and p.m. to page 14, beginning. Administered the Lords Supper. Mr. *William Temple* of *Alsted*, dined here. N.B. In the time of forenoon public prayer I had for a little space, a *suspension*[*'s?*] but after a while went on again. Thanks to God for His *Assistance!* N.B. The Fires are prevailing in the Meadows below us, and many are kept from Meeting to stop, and quench and guard it.

1782 September 2 (Monday). My Young Kinsman and his Sister and Sundry Others with them take a Ride to Col. *Brighams*. Returned at Evening. Deacon *Gideon Newton* of *Southborough* here to acquaint me that the Church and Congregation in that place have appointed a Fast next Thursday (by divine leave) and desire my Assistance with others therein.

[1782 September 3 (Tuesday).] I made a Visit to old Mrs. *Beeman*. My Son Ebenezer accompanys. We dined at Col. *Brighams*, but he is gone down to *Cambridge*. We also visited at Mr. *Haskills* and Mr. *Tim Warrins*. Wood [*sic*] have gone to *Jacob Garfields*, but missed our way.

[1782 September 4 (Wednesday).] [*illegible*] Mrs. *Jane White* of *Hopkinton* Widow, has been employed by my Daughter *Brigham* in spinning. Is now taken sick and grows very bad. Mrs. *Brigham* has the Special Care of her; but we are all affected with it and brings us into Trouble -- and yet,

[1782 September 5 (Thursday).] Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*, and I go to the Fast at *Southborough*. Mr. *Kellogg* began the Solemnity with Prayer. Mr. *Fitch* preached a.m. on Jer. 5.25, "Your Iniquities have turned away these things etc." He prayed p.m. and I preached on Isa. 9.13.19.21. "For the People turneth not, etc." May the Lord pardon and graciously accept -- Send Rain, pour out His spirit -- grant a Pastor after His own Heart; and Pity His Heritage in General and revive His Work universally! My Letter to Mr. *Dan. Adams* to inform his of our Adjournment and reprove him etc. I committed to the Care of Mr. *Fitch*, who said he should deliver it that Evening. My Son *Ebenezer* was with me. We returned home at Evening. I understand that Mrs. *White* is grown very bad. She had a very bad Night, and no better Day -- has Watchers and has had Several Doctors. *Squire Hawes* (as he is now called) and Dr. *Daniel Brigham*. Dr. *Mountague* has also seen her -- and all judge her Case is dangerous. May God grant due preparation for His holy will!

1782 September 6 (Friday). Mr. *John Lyscomb* has come hastily from *NewBraintry*, bearing a Letter, writ by my Grandson *Thomas* to his Sister *Apphia* at *New Braintry*, dated West-Point

Aug. 26, informing her of the Extreme Illness of her Husband *Elias*; and that his Father who is here, might read the sorrowfull Intelligence of it. Mrs. *White* remains very ill here.

1782 September 7 (Saturday). Mr. *Lyscomb*, who went to *Southborough* yesterday, calls, to take a Letter from my Son to his *Daughter* in Law. At Eve came my Daughter *Lydia* from *Concord* and in the Chaise brought her little *John* and her Babe *Hannah*. After these came My Son William himself from *Ashburnham*.

1782 September 8 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. on *Prov. 12.26*. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. N.B. I gave public Notice of the Funeral of old Mrs. *Hannah Beeman* who expired this Morning -- 90 Years old last May. God Sanctifie this Death to especially such of us as are hoary! N.B. Mr. *Brigham*, who returned last night, brought a Letter of the [blank] from Mr. Moore.

1782 September 9 (Monday). Mr. A. *Beeman* here in the Morning, that I might acquaint him with my Obligations to preach tomorrow for Mr. *Grosvenor*. My Son and Daughter having dined with us, Sat out in their Chaise; their Children also [inkspot]. Mrs. *White* is able to Sit up a little. My Son Ebenezer wrote and sends [inkspot] to his Sons at *West-point*, by a Man going up there.

1782 September 10 (Tuesday). *Fast at Grafton* on Account of the Drought. I rode up. Deacon *Wood* and my Son *Ebenezer* rode up with me. Mr. *Fish* prayed, and Mr. *Sumner* preached a.m. The Text was *Ezek. 18.36*, latter part. Mr. *Fish* p.m. on *Heb. 2.3*, Mr. *Sumner* having prayed before it. My part was the last prayer, in which was the gathering up and the closing[?]. And may God most gracious and Mercifull, pardon, accept [illegible] glory Succeed! My son and I returned safely at Eve. To God be all Honor and praise!

1782 September 11 (Wednesday). *Elias* came home from *Gloucester* via *Boston*. He has finished his School there. His Sister Baldwin is gone by water to Cape Ann, and *Isaac* [in the Chaise?] by Land.

1782 September 12 (Thursday). *Fast at Framingham*. My Son *Ebenezer* rode with me to Mr. *Kellogg*, and we arrived the first that came. Mr. *Kellogg* began Prayer a.m. and Mr. *Biglow* preached. Mr. *Bridge* the first prayer p.m. and I preached from *Ps. 81.11* to 16. May God accept and Succeed! At Eve rode to sister *Stones* and lodged there.

1782 September 13 (Friday). Rode home in safety. D.G. *Elias* has a bad Cough[?]. Ebenezer left me after Fast yesterday and went to *Concord*.

1782 September 14 (Saturday). The Drought unhappily continues -- such is the holy Anger of God!

1782 September 15 (Sunday). I rode over to *Northborough* and preached there a.m. on *Ps. 81.11* to 16, and returned at Even. P.M. I preached on *Rev. 22.12*. Mr. *Whitney* here on *Jer. 13.15.16* a. and p.m. May God Succeed!

1782 September 16 (Monday). I was retired. At Eve married Mr. *Gershom Brigham* to Mrs. *Bulah Bellows*. O that God would graciously accept!

1782 September 17 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham, Sophy* and Miss *Mindwell Brigham* to Boston. P.M. Went to Mr. *Simon Forbes's*, and attended the Exercises of Mr. *Fish*, who preached a good Sermon on Ps. 96.8, former part. N.B. Mr. Wilkins lodged here, and to day went to Marlborough.

1782 September 18 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* returned from *Concord*. Miss *Eliza Beales* was here, at *Breakfast*. N.B. our Discourse was of Mr. *Sanford*. Mr. *Ebenezer Chamberlain* here and brought me his Rates -- paid me £6.18.0. N.B. He asks me who they were of the Singers that desired that we might Sing five times in the Congregation?

1782 September 19 (Thursday). I paid Mr. *Newton* Nine French Crowns (or the Value of *Ten Dollars*) more, towards his keeping my Cattle last year. *Billy P* _____ from *Concord*. Our Sister *Brigham* fell from her Horse.

1782 September 20 (Friday). *Billy* returns home. At Eve Mr. *Hazzletine* -- Supper Honey.

1782 September 21 (Saturday). My Daughter *Baldwin*, aided by her son *Isaac*, came from Cape Ann -- last from *Horns Tavern* where they lodged, and came here to Breakfast this Morning. They are greatly fatigued. *Isaac* returned back to Charlestown, and leaves his Mother here. *Ebenezer* and *Elias* still here: But our Family is lessened and relieved, in some Measure, by Mrs. *White's* going from us, to Mr. *Graves's*. *Elias* waited upon her with an Horse.

1782 September 22 (Sunday). A.M. on *Prov. 12.16*. Mrs. *Maynard* dined with us. P.M. on *Heb. 4.9*. At Eve *Ebenezer* read a Sermon of Mr. [blank].

1782 September 23 (Monday). Capt. *Morse* came and brought a noble Cheese of 20 weight. Daughter *Baldwin* returned to *Brookfield*. *Elias* with her. P.M. *Church Meeting* on *Adams's* Affair. Both the Contending partys came. After Prayer and a Pathetic Address to each of them perswading to mutual Condescension and forgiveness, it was recommended to them to choose a Number of Persons Mutually to assist them to hear both sides and advise etc. But the urging this was in Vain. The Church must do it, for Mr. *Adams* would consent to no other. We therefore heard his Papers of Evidences -- and two living Witnesses, viz. Deacon *Phips* and Timothy *Twitchell* were called and heard. We also heard the Womans Petition to the Governor and Council (which complains of her Husbands committing Adultery). But the Church inclined to improve the Help of a Committee -- therefore Voted to have one: the Number to be Five: the Persons, *Elijah Brigham*, Deacon *Hawes*, *Joseph Harrington*, *Isaac Davis*, and *Eli Whitney*. To These therefore the Case was committed -- and they are to meet at this place, this day fortnight, at 9 a.m. with Power to call for *Persons, Papers* etc., as Shall be Needed. The Meeting concluded with Prayer and Blessing.

1782 September 24 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hazzletine* here. Mr. *Simon How* of Marlborough makes me a Visit about their Affairs as now situated. I went down to my Island to view what work had been done to clear the Brook, and what Dammage the Fires have done in the Meadows.

1782 September 25 (Wednesday). The Widow Snow here, dined with us etc. Rev. Mr. *Langton* of York, and his Daughter, Miss *Hannah*, going to *Farmington*, Stopped and lodged here. N.B. They inform of anointing with Clay to cure bad Sores -- Cancer, etc. N.B. No Sand may be among the Clay.

1782 September 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Langton* and Daughter leave us. *Isaac Baldwin* returns from *Cambridge* to *Brookfield*. *Their great Horse* is Sick (of [Potts?] etc.) and like to die. A Fast at *Marlborough* to Seek a Minister of God and on account of the Great Drought. Mr. *Puffer* began with prayer; and Mr. *Whitney* of Northborough preached on 1 Cor. 1.10.11.12.13. P.M. Mr. *Newall* (who was sent to), not coming, Mr. *Plumb* prayed. I preached on *Amos* 4.11, latter part. May God accept the Offerings and grant our Requests! My son Ebenezer waited upon me. I met with a bad Fall in getting out of a Chaise, and hurt my *right Legg*. We returned home at Eve.

1782 September 27 (Friday). My Steers came home last night from *Templeton*: and Squire Baker wants to have them of me. He has them accordingly. Mr. Forbes and his Lady from Cape Anne; Mr. Cushing and his Children, *George* and *Sally* with him, and lodge here. We have Such a Number of Horses that we send, One to Mr. *Elisha Forbes*, and one to Deacon *Woods*. Mr. Cushing reads Dr. *Huntingtons* plea for Mrs. *Fisk* at *Stockbridge*, before an Ecclesiastical Council Oct. 6 and 7, 1779.²

1782 September 28 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes (accompanied by Ebenezer) goes to *West Sudbury*. Mr. *Cushing* and his son *George* to *Shrewsbury*. Mrs. *Forbes* and *Sally Cushing* remain with us. Elias returns from *Brookfield*, and he has been to *Springfield* and *Northampton*. A Letter from Mr. *Quincy*. Mr. Cushing returns from *Shrewsbury* and goes to *Southborough* to preach there. His Son *George* goes with him.

1782 September 29 (Sunday). My Leg had been painful in the Night, and I had but broken sleep. However, I went to Meeting. Attempted to preach a.m. on *Heb.* 4.9, but I could not use my Notes much. My Sight was not clear. On Occasion of the long continued Drought, from Ps. 42.1. N.B. Mrs. *Maynard* and a Kinswoman of hers, Mrs. [blank] dined here. At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and Ebenezer returned from *Sudbury* and Mr. *Cushing* and his Son from *Southborough*.

1782 September 30 (Monday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife sat out for *Brookfield*. I visited Mrs. *White*, at Mr. *Greaves's*. Went also to Deacon *Woods*, who is generous [to] me as to Horse-

²Joseph Huntington (1735-1794), *A plea before the venerable ecclesiastical council at Stockbridge, in the cause of Mrs. Fiske. Delivered the sixth and seventh of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. By a gentleman from Connecticut* (Norwich [Conn.]: Printed by John Trumbull, near the Meeting-House,, M,DCC,LXXX. [1780]; Evans 16806).

keeping (Mr. *Langtons* and his Daughters, gratis). N.B. My Nights are Painfull. I am kept very much awake. Many Things concur to employ my anxious *Mind, by Day and Night*.

1782 October 1 (Tuesday). God is pleas'd to grant me the Favour to begin Another Month. To His Name be praise and Glory! Mr. *Cushing* reads to me Dr. *Huntington's* Letters, Observations etc. in Defence of Mrs. *Fish* [blot] against Mr. *West* and the Church with him, of *Stockbridge*. And we read Mr. *Alexanders* large Letter from *Norwich* to me on the same Subject. P.M. Mr. *Brigham* goes on his Journey to Boston.

1782 October 2 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* and his Children, *George* and *Sally*, leave us to go to *Shrewsbury*, where he is to preach tomorrow.

1782 October 3 (Thursday). Had a *Catechising* a. and p.m. Had about fifty Children. May the divine Blessing accompany my weak Endeavours. At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and Wife from *Brookfield* and lodged here. Pasturing Horses is the *Most difficult* of any with us.

1782 October 4 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* preached an excellent Sermon at his Cousen *Elisha's* on Luk. 10.20, latter part -- "but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven." It was very Seasonable and well accepted by a considerable Auditory. I pray God to add His Special Blessing thereon! N.B. Mr. *Elisha* gave an handsome Entertainment and gave generous Invitation to his Relations and Friends, and with his Chaise kindly waited upon Mrs. P_____ and me to the Dinner, and came home with us in the Same manner at Even.

1782 October 5 (Saturday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Consort having lodged here, Sat out for *Cambridge*. N.B. Mr. *Brigham* returned home last night, informs me of the Death of the Aged and venerable Mr. *Daniel Perkins* of *Bridgewater*. "Help Lord! when the godly man perisheth, and when the righteous fail among the Children of Men!" He tells me also that the good and worthy Mr. *Woodward* of *Weston* is very ill, and his Life despaired of. Mr. *Brigham*, further, has brought a Letter from Dr. *Holyoke* of *Salem*, to *Elias* to Signifie to him the Terms on which he would take a *Tyro*: and my Son returns an Answer by *Forbes*: and which I perceive is, that his Demands are too high.

1782 October 6 (Sunday). I did not begin with Singing -- I broke off with Design; but neither was there so much as one Singer in the Place when I went. I preached a. and p.m. on Ps. 42. Am informed that dear Mr. *Woodward* expired yesterday! Help, Lord! The Godly Man ceaseth! Will the Lord graciously pity the *Widow* and the *Fatherless* Children, and Supply the awful Vacancy, that they mayn't be as Sheep without a Shepherd! O that I might my Self be ready! I repeated at Eve. N.B. Several of our Church Committee went to Captain *Morses* after Evening Meeting, to Speak with one Mrs. *Esther Cook*, a Witness in the Case of Mr. *Adams* and his Wife.

1782 October 7 (Monday). The Church's Committee met. Adjourned to next *Thursday*. N.B. Old Mr. *Daniel Hardy* who now lives in *Hopkinton* came to see me.

1782 October 8 (Tuesday). The great Blessing of *Rain* through the Day; To God be Glory! *Deacon Hawes* having brought me Mr. *Zabdiel Adams's* Election Sermon, I read part of it, and my Son Ebenezer read the rest of it to me. *Brecks* Mason lays the Foundation of his Chimneys.

1782 October 9 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* puts a Guard about the Top of the *back* Stairs. *Elias* to *Upton* with Miss *Mindwell Brigham* and her Sister *Anne*.

1782 October 10 (Thursday). Mr. *Abraham Holland* came to See *Elias* who does not come home till nigh Evening but then returns with his Company from Col. Jones of *Hopkinton*. Mr. *Peter Whitney* here -- hear that Mr. Treasurer *Henry Gardner* is dead -- of a Fever.

[1782 October 11 (Friday).] The *Committee* on *Adams's* Affair came here at Evening. Dr. *John Gott* on his Journey back from Connecticut was here: relates the Strange Conduct of the *Shakers* at *Windham*. Mr. *Hazzletine* and Young *Wilder* of *Cohoss* here. N.B. Hear that Madam *Prentice* of *Grafton* has been with the *Shakers*. N.B. I have received by Mr. *Eliot* of *Watertown* from Rev. *Johnson* of *Lime* Catalogue and Commencement Papers. Mrs. P_____ grows more pained and Confined with her sore. At Eve *Ebenezer* read to me Mr. *Grove's* sermon on 2 *Tim.* 1.10, *Death abolished by Christ*. N.B. Sad News of House-breaking; and Sundry Thieves imprisoned.

1782 October 12 (Saturday). My Son *Breck* having taken down the Chimney of his common Room, his Family moves into our House. At Eve came Mr. *William Plum* from *Southborough* and offers his Assistance. Mr. [illegible] of *Yarmouth* is willing to preach for him.

[1782 October 13 (Sunday).] Mr. *Plum* a.m. on *Isa.* 49.6, p.m. on *Zech.* 13.1. May God bless his Labors, and reward him for his Kindness! He returned to *Southborough* at Eve. N.B. I appointed the Communion and Lecture.

[1782 October 14 (Monday).] Mr. P_____ is very unwell -- is Sick at her stomach, is faint, no appetite. Dr. *Hawes* visits and administers.

[1782 October 15 (Tuesday).] Mr. *Samuel Brigham* from *Wilton* here -- his mother p.m.

[1782 October 16 (Wednesday).] *Training* -- The adjournment of *Committee* on *Adams's* Affair, was to this day. They Meet, and adjourn again. *Breck* builds a Chimney in his Shop. They diet here.

[1782 October 17 (Thursday).] I attended the burying of Mr. *Jonathan Batherick's* Infant: still-born. [Mr.] *Grosvenor* sends yesterday to me a Letter by Mr. *Langton* that he can't preach my Lecture. I wrote to Mr. *Fitch*, and no Opportunity offering I Wrote again to Mr. *Plum*, who I hoped would. [I] was obliged to prepare for my Lecture my Self, and p.m. preached on 1 *Joh.* 1.7, which was indeed to but a few. A Letter from Mr. *Plumb*. May God grant a Blessing to my poor Endeavours to the few that came!

[1782 October 18 (Friday).] Various Company to day. Squire *Whipple* of New *Braintree* came. Mrs. P_____ no better. Reports of Several Sad Occurrences. Mrs. *White* returned to us and lodges. Mrs. P_____ is much laid by. May God prepare us for His Will! The House is much filled, yesterday and to day. The Workmen from *Brecks*, rebuild the Oven, and put in a New Crane in the East Room. Mrs. *Hicks* and her Daughter in her Return dined here.

[1782 October 19 (Saturday).] Elias goes to *Ashburnham*. Mrs. *White* goes from us at Eve to Mr. *Graves*. Mr. *Hastings* plasters and finishes the Oven, etc.

[1782 October 20 (Sunday).] I endeavored to Preach a.m. on *Gal.* 6.4, but I could not read the old Notes which I made many years agoe. Mrs. Maynard dined with us. P.M. preached on *Exod.* 14.13. May God graciously accept! Mrs. P_____ has been *very bad with her Cough* for Several Nights and is very ill otherwise. The Lord prepare us for His holy Will! [In margin: A Letter from Mr. *Quincy*, of October 5 and 8th.] Ebenezer at Eve, read Mr. *Grove's* Sermon on Heb. 11.13, first Clause.

1782 October 21 (Monday). Visit *John Mears*, a Lad at Deacon *Woods*, under broken bones, a Cart wheel having gone over his Leggs and broke one of them. Young Mr. *Fish* here and dines with us. Mr. *Brigham* to Boston.

1782 October 22 (Tuesday). Mrs. P_____ *very bad with her Cough*. Dr. *Hawes* here frequently. A Court held at Deacon *Woods* on James *McCulloch* for his bad Conduct towards Capt. *Fisher* on Training Day.

1782 October 23 (Wednesday). Mrs. P_____ takes a Puke. Rev. Mr. *Joseph Thatcher* of *Gorham* at Eve. He goes on to Mr. *Isaac Johnsons* in *Southborough*. Mrs. P_____ lies below. Capt. *William Brigham* comes from *Marlborough* with the Sorrowful Tidings of the Death of our Kinsman *Uriah Brigham* last Evening, of an *Apoplectic* Disorder. The Lord grant us who Survive, to be always ready, and Pity the Widow and Fatherless! *Major Ezra Beeman* and Cousen *Maynard* dined here.

1782 October 24 (Thursday). Cousen *Maynard* came to See her aunt and asks us (who can) to ride with her in her Carriage to the Funeral tomorrow.

1782 October 25 (Friday). Mrs. P_____ is under grievous Exercise by her Cough Still, though Dr. *Haws* is using his best Endeavors to help her. A.M. Cousen *Maynard* with their *Carriage*, driven by Mr. *Stephen*, her Son, took up Several of us, and we rode to the House of *Mourning* in *Marlborough*, the late Dwelling of Lt. *Uriah Brigham*, and dined there. P.M. Rev. Mr. *Fitch* of *Hopkinton* came and prayed. I rode *to* and *from* the Grave in the same Manner. The whole has been a very Solemn season. May the *Impression* be abiding! We waited for Moon-Lig[ht] and then in a Cold Evening arrived here. Thanks to God!

1782 October 26 (Saturday). Mrs. P _____ no better. She inclines to having Dr. *Stimson* of *Hopkinton*. Elias goes -- he comes with him -- they are both very wet with *the plentiful Rain*. The Doctor tarries over Night. Rev. *Fitch* dines here.

1782 October 27 (Sunday). Doctor attends our Meeting a.m.: but then rid to *Hopkinton* p.m. to Sutt[on]. I preached a.m. on *Ps. 42.10.11*. P.M. on *Heb. 4.9*. At Eve My Son *Ebenezer* read a Sermon of Mr. *Groves*. N.B. It was somewhat difficult for me to go through the Services of the Day, but God was Pleased to sustain me. To His Name be Honor!

1782 October 28 (Monday). Mrs. P _____ has lain some time in the lower Room. Sits up a While in the Day, but She is Still exercised with Such Fitts of *Coughing* as waste her exceedingly. P.M. came Mr. *Fitch*. He agrees to Send me *Montanus's Hebrew Bible* to use as long as I want it. He carrys away four Pamphlets. Dr. *Solomon Williams* Ordination of Mr. *Jacob Eliot*: Dr. St[iles?] Installment of Mr. *Hopkins: Tachygraphy*; and a Poem delivered at Commencement. At Eve came Mr. *Jon. Forbes*. He brought a very handsome good Cheese of 14 1/2 weight. Mrs. P _____ at Eve and night very bad Turns of coughing.

1782 October 30 (Wednesday). Mrs. P _____ no better. Dr. *Stimson* and Mrs. *Cotton* with him. They dine here. He brings the works of Dr. *David McBride*.

1782 October 31 (Thursday). These were Days of *much Sickness and Trouble*. And yet I have *more grievous to add* -- viz. that [blank]

1782 November 1 (Friday). From the Evening before, at Midnight [and?] this morning I was so exceed[ingly] short breathed that I was as if Expiring. But God was pleased to relieve me. All praise to His Name!

[1782 November 2 (Saturday).] I had Another Such a faint, terrible Turn -- but reviv'd after Some Hours. [?] bless God therefor. Many kind People visit me.

[1782 November 3 (Sunday).] No preaching -- but there was a Small public Assembly -- Deacons and Mr. *Brigham* officiated. May God graciously accept!

[1782 November 4 (Monday).] Rev. Mr. *Fish* visits, dines and prayed. Rev. *Whitney* also with us. Both Mrs. P _____ and I very ill with Cough and Fever with *interrupted Breath*, Short and difficult.

1782 November 5 (Tuesday). Rev. *Whitney* was again, *by Request* here, and assisted in making a *Will* which I signed, declared and owned before Justice *Hawes*.

1782 November 6 (Wednesday). Last night and this Morning was *another most memorable Time with me!* Was by degrees extremely Sho[rt] breathed, and as if departing!! But God was pleased in infinite Goodness to Pity and Relieve me at this time also. To His name be praise and Glory. [From this point, not in Parkman's hand.] Mr. *Ebenezer Maynard's* Wife watches.

1782 November 7 (Thursday). Lieut. Harrington here presents a Quarter of Lamb. Mrs. P's Cough continues tedious.

1782 November 8 (Friday). A Comfortable Night yet faintness succeeds. Reverend Sumner and Doctor Stimson here. Mr. Brigham returned from Boston. Alexander came from Marlborough.

1782 November 9 (Saturday). Samuel from Boston.

1782 November 10 (Sunday). No Minister although the Deacons performed, yet Breck and Samuel to Shrewsbury. Mr. B. and Elias to Grafton. Mrs. P. more Comfortable.

[1782 November 11 (Monday). Alexander and Samuel to Boston. Elias to Lancaster.

[1782 November 12 (Tuesday). Doctor Ebenezer *Morse* here. Reverend D. Grosvenor here and pray'd. Capt. Maynard and others. Mrs. Hazletine here in the Even.

[1782 November 13 (Wednesday). At about 5 o'clock in the Morning another Distressing turn came on but not so lasting. I again obtained Some Relief through the Infinite Mercy of God. Reverend Summer here and pray'd. Mrs. P. came up Stairs. By Physick taken lately was very disagreeably wrought upon.

[1782 November 14 (Thursday). The Diarrhea continues very grievous. Misses Fish here. Remarkable Diminution of Flesh through the Severity of a continued Diarrhea. Doctor Stimson revisits. Recommends Mallows Tea which greatly relieves.

[1782 November 16 (Saturday). A more Comfortable Night. Mr. *Representative Parker* here. Brought a proclamation for Thanksgiving.

1782 November 17 (Sunday). A very faint Day. Mrs. P _____ came up Chamber.

1782 November 18 (Monday). *Town Meeting*. Mr. Collector Harrington [Jr.?] here. Paid me by Orders and Money £23-2/. Mrs. Maynard visits.

1782 November 19 (Tuesday). *Ebenezer* to N. Braintree. *Alexander* to Framingham. Mr. *Brigham* to Boston -- much more Comfortable. To God be Praise and Glory!

1782 November 20 (Wednesday). A.M. Mr. P. *Whitney* here. Mr. *Andrews*, Treasurer, here and pays me £3.0. *Alexander* did not return as expected. Had a more Comfortable Day. *First Snow*.

1782 November 21 (Thursday). [*Parkman's hand resumes.*] *Alexander* after considerable Excursions about his Difficult Affairs, returns and lodges here. At Eve Ensign *Aaron Warrin* made me a Visit; and very amicable. N.B. I have had (through divine Goodness) several very

good and quiet nights, without getting up at all, but once in each, to drink. A great alteration with me indeed. Mr. *Brigham* returned home.

1782 November 22 (Friday). *Elias* goes to live at Dr. *Stimpsons*. *Alexander* also leaves us to go home again, after long Absence. P.M. Dr. *Gott* here. N.B. He designs to go to *Cohoss*. Mr. Ebenezer *Maynard* again visits and not empty.

1782 November 23 (Saturday). Another comfortable night. D.G. Lt. Warren a long Visit. Mrs. P _____ came up Chamber, and dined together. Mr. *Asa Piper* from *Acton*, at Night.

1782 November 24 (Sunday). Mr. *Piper* preached a.m. on *Prov.* 3.5. He dined here. Cousin *Maynard* also. P.M. on *Luk.* 13.2.3. This latter he repeated at Eve. Which may God bless! I had but a faint, weak Day of it. May the Lord shew Mercy, for Christ's sake. N.B. am informed of the [Death?] of Rev. *Daniel Rogers* of *Littleton* on the 21.

1782 November 25 (Monday). Mr. *Piper* is with us till Evening and, then he goes to board at Lt. *Levi Warrin's*. Dr. *Stimpson* visited us -- he is generous in his Offers respecting his Visits and Assistance here.

1782 November 26 (Tuesday). Through the Goodness of God I am still alive; and yet am somewhat Strangely exercised with pain in my Right great *Toe*; which makes me go very lame. At eve came from *Concord* my Son *William* who tarrys with us.

1782 November 27 (Wednesday). Having had a good Night, I was favoured with an agreeable Day. B. be God for it! After Dinner *William* and his Daughter *Suse* left us for *Concord*.

1782 November 28 (Thursday). *Thanksgiving*. I would bless God with my whole Heart for the Sparing Mercy of God though I am under divine Frowns and confined.

1782 November 29 (Friday). Mr. *Piper* preached on *Ps.* 101.1. May God grant Success! I am somewhat better. My Foot Easier. D.G. Mr. *Piper* dines with us. P.M. Deacon *Wood* and his Wife and other Friends. *Jonathan Forb.* pays me some money he had borrowed and took up his Note.

1782 November 30 (Saturday). A sad Report that the *Indian, Sam John* is found Dead on Turkey Hill. [*Illegible.*]

[1782 December 1 (Sunday).] Mr. *Piper* preached on *Ps.* 19.12.13 a. and p.m. He [supped?] not here at Eve.

1782 December 2 (Monday). Miserab[*blot*] -- The Select men [*illegible*] ducting the Affair, and were [Bearers?] Council at *Mendon* for Mr. [*illegible*] *Willard*.

1782 December 3 (Tuesday). *Brigham* goes to *Boston*. I was but feeble and Weak.

1782 December 4 (Wednesday). [*Not in Parkman's hand:*] I was but very faint and low. My appetite depraved. Rev. Mr. Whitney and his delegates returned from Council at Mendon. Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Grosvenor of Harvard here. Gave a particular account of the Funeral obsequies of Late Reverend Daniel *Rogers* of Littleton.

1782 December 5 (Thursday). This morning Mr. Grosvenor goes on his Journey to Pomfret. [*In Parkman's hand:*] At Eve [*illegible*] Warrin [*illegible*] the News Paper [*illegible*] Deacon Wood, Mr. Belknap and his Wife here.