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SELECTIONS FROM HIS DIARIES

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Our first selections from Mr. Winch's diary [Proceedings for December 1941] reveal the story of a Vermont lad living the typical life of a boy in a pioneer settlement, but showing also an interest in the doctrinal disputes in his neighborhood and a gift for speaking. The pages indicate the inner stress Mr. Winch faced in his early years as he sought to avoid what seemed to be his destiny. At the close of our first instalment he had decided to become a Methodist preacher. In the selections now before our readers we find him a circuit preacher in Vermont, and his trials, tribulations, and joys bring to us, we believe, a clear picture of a phase of Vermont life that vanished many years ago. Editor.

JULY 5th I set off to go to my Circuit went in company with Br. T— Bishop as far as Whitingham Vermont. I felt like an unfit person to go onto a Circuit. I trembled when I thought of my being in the traveling Connecton. Tuesday the 6th I went to B^r Bulluck in Gilford was kindly recieved and entertained. Wednesday the 7 I got onto my Circuit at Brookline, began to give out appointments for the next Weak. That night staid at B^r Leas in Townszend he was a Class Leader. He said that Discipline would do any whare on the Circuit only in his Class, but it would not do to set it up there. I told him that we ware afallen People unless we kept the Discipline of the Church. I slept but a little that night on the account of Bugs and fleas.

Thursday 8 I went to Athens put up at Doctor Theanes. He also was a Class Leader and a friend to Discipline. On the Sabbath July 11 I preached at the Centre S-House on Matthew 5-8 Blesed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. In the afternoon Thes. 5-17 Pray with out ceasing. I had some liberty, some wept some chanted.

Monday 12th I knew not what to do, for I had not the charge of the Circuit and B^r Wm. Pettegrew who had it, and was to travil with me had not come on. I therefore concluded to go and do jest as if I had it till B^r W— P—w came. I went round the lower part of the Circuit and found that Discipline was wholly lade aside. I tried to read and explain it to them and told them that it must be in Methodist societies. I had some talkes with the old fashioned Calvinistic Close communion Baptis. I felt tried to find the Circuit in such a situation Respecting Discipline. I could not find out as any had been taken in to full connection.

I came to Athens and met the first Class found anumber of old Difficulties in it. I went to the 2^d and found like wise. I then went to the 3^d and found a young Woman that had been nude (as was said) with a Married Man. I went to the 4th and found them all united to appose the Discipline with respect to Class meetings. Good Lord, cried I, what shall I do. I beleaved that thare ware Christians in all of them. I read and explained Discipline with all my Soul and told them there must be an overturn with the Classes or my preaching would do no good on the Circuit. I then went to the uper part of the Circuit and tried to sing pray preach & read and explain Discipline. Found a Class in Westton that had been formed 4 or 5 Months and had never had one Class meeting separate from the World. I wondered how a Methodist preacher could do so. I never once thought that Methodist Preachers ware so negligent about Discipline till I found it by sad experience. Mounthaly was on this Circuit that youst to be in Wethersfield C^t. I did not go there becaus I knew how they felt towards me. I went back to Athens again met B^r W— P—w who had come on to take charge and travil the Circuit with me. I was glad to see him; he was a good Man and good in Discipline. We both tried to do as well as to Discipline as we could, both of us being young and the first year of our traviling, but B^r P—w was 55 years old. He went once round the C^t befort Q Meeting which was the 20 & 21 of August by which time he was so unwell that he went home and left me alone.

We had quite a good time at Q M—g but a large number got shut out of Love-feast for comeing late.

In Q Meeting Conferance B^r C—d the Presideing elder talked a long time to convince the Class Leaders of the propriety of holding Class meetings. Monday the 22 B^r C—d preached at B^r Lees in Townzend to a hardened few. Tuesday we went off to go to a Q

Meeting in Gill in Massachusetts on Whitingham Circuit. We staid in Gilford at Peter Jacobs that night. Wednesday 24th we ware at a Watch night. Saturday 27 B^r C—d preached. We had a shouting time, but I was unwell. I was glad to see B^r O—B— & C—D Preachers on that Circuit. The meeting on the sabbath was attended with the power of God. The Children of the Devil tried to make disturbance, but the Lord put a Bridle in to there Mouthes and gave the rains to his Children.

On my way back B^r C—d began to hammer me for my inproprieties. I remembered that the Lord trumpets ware mad of beaten Gold. An I had so many flaws in me that I kneeded a grate deal of beating in order that it might sound well. I never was so trimingly talked to before. He found falt with me for that which I never was gilty of.—I loved him the better for his faithfulness, for I knew that I was guilty enough, but B^r O— B— talked so that I felt tried with him; for I had come down on purpos to see him and make him a viset and to be talked to as he talked I thought it was not becoming unless he had been the Presideing Elder.

I soon got red of all hardness and felt the better for my visit, yet I felt deturmind to not visit much if I came off, so I got on to my Circuit again, traveled alone that Quarter. I tried to keep Discipline. I turned out a number held Class meetings. When I came to hold them acording to Discipline in the 4th Class in Athens, they ware all so united against it that I knew not but I should loose them all. They said that Discipline was good in some plases (I found that people Loved Discipline a grate wayes off). Said they, it was never ment to keep Discipline as to Class meeting only in [?] But I was resolved to keep Discipline if I lost them all, for a Member that is not willing to be governed by Discipline is not worth a haveing. They told me that the Preachers had alwayes told them that Close Class Meetings ware only for Townes and Villidges. I told them I would not turn my hand over to keep them in Society unless they would be Methodist. By the next Q Meeting we had better times. The work on the Circuit was more like Religion. The Classes began to be alive in religeon. The nex Q Meeting was the 21 & 22 of Jenuary. We had cold Bodyes but some had warm hearts. B^r C—d was as much ingaged as ever I saw him. We had a noisy Love feast, the good Song Glory was sung loudly, the whole meeting was good. Monday I went to Andover 19 miles Preached in the evening at M^r Greeles S Hous on Isaiah 7-20 & 21: In the same day shall the Lord shave

with a razor. There was one Chandler, a Helnedemtion, came to dispute me but went off silent, but a number spoke and witnessed to the truth.

That night I rode ten miles after Preaching went to Ludlow. Tuesday 24 I went to Mounthorley. I was there the last time I was round the Circuit: that is the Plase whare they said they would kill me if I came there again as I mentioned in my las years Jurnal. I went there and tried to Preach and God gave me liberty and gave me favour in the sight of the people so that there Love whare with they Saved me was grater then the hatred whare with they hated me. I formed a Class of 13. The Wicked stood trembling on evry side. Many confest there wrong in opposeing me as they youst to do and asked me to forgive them. Those that joind Society ware Shouting Methodist. I preached twice. Next morning Matiable White gave me some versis that the Wicked made about me in 1802 When I went there and preached on James 4-8 in the little log S. House and had blue Clothes on and the man that youst to sing with me had a lame leg. I cald for a Class meeting as you may find in 99th page. The following versis ware composed for to hurt me, but I do not feel hurt by them. My Lords first Sermon was cald a Sermon on the Mount. They call mine Winches Sermon on the Mount becaus preached in Mounthauley.

Winchis Sermon on the Mount
November 9th 1802

The opening of the meeting
While seting round the little hut,
On seats of Slabs, as black as smut,
Lo! the Blue Winch the Priest appeard
And some he doom'd and some he cheard.

Glory to God, P'll bless his name
Up to the Mount we come a gain:
Altho some thretened me to slay
If I again did come this way.

Is there enough to sing he seid?
One answereth; I gess there is
Tharefore to sing we will ingaege
The hundred thirty seventh Page.

*But [?] refus'd to join the Choir,
Becaus his Leg was very Soare:
Tharefor the parson fix't his tune,
And sung his ditty all a lone.*

*Then down he kneel'd and thus did pray,
O Lord bless all that I shall say,
And by thy Spirit give me spead
And let them know I'me sent indeed.*

The Text

*My text now then I will give out,
It you may find some whare about,
James the forth Chaptur I should gess
About the Seventh or eighth verse.*

*Draw ny to God, what ere you do,
And he will then draw nie you;
And clense your hands ye sinful race,
Ye double minded seak his face.*

An Introduction

*My Friends there's some of you I trust,
Come hear for good, with hearts that's just;
To lern of me, some thing that's sweet
That we in uper Worlds may meet.*

*Yet some have come I make no dout,
To git something to laugh about:
A gainst the Methodist they'l rise
And vent them selves by teling lies.*

*But those that have come here for that,
Shall finde there weakness very grate:
For to each one that pick's a flaw,
I'll give a stinking bone to know.*

The Sermon

*Some times the men that do profess
To walk in waies of Holiness,
Haveing a chance, they'll play the Dice,
Yea Checkers, [?], Fox, and geese.*

*Some men while labouring in the field,
There mindes are far from Heavenly zeal,
And if there bisness goes not well,
It's, Cus it, Damit, what's the ale [sic].*

*Some times the Husband and his Wife,
For little things, will fall in strife,
(We're told the're one): I think its scanty
For one might, take them to be twenty.*

*Young Men to recreate themselves,
Will go unto the Balls with Girles,
There with them they will dance and hop
Jest like the Devil in ful sport.*

*But this my friends will never do!
If thus you do to Hell you'll go!
O! come Young people wont you turn?
Before in Flames of Hell you burn?*

*Come pray poor Siners will not you?
Leave your vile wayes and peace pursue?
The day of Grace may soon be ours!
Perhaps with you before an hour!*

*My Friends I do quite happy feel,
My Soul is fild with Heavenly zeal,
I wish you all would like me be,
That we might join in harmonie.*

*My Soul doth all most fill my Mouth,
My voice is heard from North to South:
And if my Soul should larger git,
Then I should hallow louder yet.*

*Some people call the Methodists
All most as bad as Devilists;
They grumble at there dismal noise
And say they will not follow Boyes.*

*But this my Friend you all must know,
That when the raigeing wind do blow,
Farms and statly treas around
Are constant tumbling to the Ground.*

Applycation

*When labouring for salvation,
With people of my Nation,
I often ask the question,
Whether the've got religeon.*

*The first sayes yes I hope so:
The second sayes I gess so:
The third sayes why I dont no:
The fourth answereth O no.*

*Indeed my Friends, you speak of Swamps
Of which I never read:
If in them you do pitch your tents,
Your ending will be sad.*

*Hope so, supports each one that's frail;
Gess so, will hear after fail;
Dont no, is a fright full tail;
O no, is the Rhode to Hell.*

*So now I leave my applycation,
Hoping you will find Salvation,
And low! I turn to Exhortation,
O may it come like thunderation.*

Exhortation

*Mounthally turn why will you die
Shake of your doubts and fears;
Let love assure your Soules on hye
Let gladness dry your tears.*

*Ye retches all turn to the Lord
Or he will whip you with his rod,
O that your Soules may shun the fire:
Let us all look to God by Prayer.*

The Concludeing Prayer

*When Winch down on the floor had kneeld,
To God he praid with master zeal,
For to send fire if he thought good
And burn the filthey Neighbourhood.*

*Convince the Universalists,
The Deists and the Atheists,
Of folly, and of Sinful wayes,
And let them in they Pasturs graze.*

*Turn Siners Lord Almighty God,
Visit them with thy chastening Rod;
Appear for them while in there guilt
And let them know thy Blood was spilt.*

*Be with the people of this plase,
Visit them with thy Heavenly raise;
Be to the Methodist the Same
For-ever and-ever AMEN.*

Benediction

*My Benediction on you rest,
And you by Heaven all be blest
The sacred three with you remain,
And on the world from now AMEN—*

CLASS MEETING

*Then to conclude when he a rose,
To bring his labours to a close,
He greved the People very low
And turned the Retches out of Door.*

Thursday 26 I went Westton Preached at M^r M—n Tavern on Psalms 9-16: The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. It was a convincing time. We held Class meeting in a Hall Friday 27. I spent the day visiting Reading & praying. I went to Visit M^r Cramers Family & while I was there, there came in a Young Man and Woman who lived below. They ware drest more like the Devils Butterflies then like Christians. I felt it my duty to exhort them, but I went off with out and got on to my Horse when thes words came to me, Am I clear of the Blood of them people? I thought how shocking it must be to meet them unprepared at God's bar when if I had Exhorted them, it might have been the means of there conviction and conversion and now thought I I may never have another oppertunity. The thoughts of there condition caused me to stop. I had got a half

a Mile from the Hous. I then spured up my horse and went on deturmind to drive it off of my mind but I could not, for I felt as tho there Blood would be required at my hand. And thought I if I had exhorted them, they would go to Heaven and help prais the Lord, but now they will be damned for my neglect. I stopt, turned my Horse about, went back found them, and exhorted them faithfully and went of in quietness. O Lord convert there Soules that they may prais thee.

Sat. 28 I went to London-Derry, put up at Mr. Clafes, found that Mr. Favewell was a going to preach in the Neighbourhood. He was a Universal Resteration Hell redemption Preacher. He was calld a grate man by the Universalists of that Town and they had told me that he was a Coledge educated Man which I disputed altho I had never seen him, and as they had got confounded by the arguments I had used with them they wished to hear Mr F—I, and me talk for which caus they had left express word at Mr. C—es for me to come to Meeting. I went lest they should say that I was afraid.

I took 2 or 3 Methodist and some that ware Frind for to be witnesses. It stormed with snow quit fast. When I came to the Doore two Men meet alittle way off and one said to the other who is that with Chafe? the other said it Winch. Well, said he, we shall hear them talk to night. I went in and not being introdused took my seat with the People. Soon Mr. F—I came an introdused himself to me and wished me to take a seet with him which I did. He then went on and told the People that God had said by Paul to Timothy that he would have all men saved. Said he, if any Man should say that all Men would not be saved it would be giveing God the lie. I thought he put the People in a poor situation to be convinced of Sin of Righteousness & of a judgement to come. He then Sung and did what he cauld praying and gave out Romans 9-22-23 What if God willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction; And that he might & c. He first said that these words ware used to prove Election. And that served for an introduction. He then laide down his work. First, Said he, I shall indever to show that the Preacher best known by Calvenists do Preach a falshood and on truth a Lie. II What I under stand by Election and III What Paul ment by the text. Thought I, this is wonderful; he had gav one propersition on the text and two on him Self. He used a number of words that he calld original Language. His manner of delivering it made me think of the Crocadile. There was no Jesus in his whole Sermon.

He cald on me to make a concluding Prayer, which I did with all my might and prai'd the Lord to distroy fals Doctrines and stop blind guides and prevent the Doctrin that night delivered from doing any harm.

He then wished that any one that did not feel satisfied with the Sermon to ask him questions. It being late in the night I wished to go home. However, I asked him to tell me what Language that was which he calld Origenal. He was unwilling to give an answer but alength owned he did not know. I told the People to observe that the Minister did not know wot Language his Origenal word ware at which he was affended. However, they no more told me that he was a Colledge bred Man. We had some other talk relitive to his text and parted Sunday.

It was so wonderfully drifted up with snow that no one could git to meeting. I spent the Day in meditation and prayer. Monday some people came to brake rhodes, came in at C—es, got to fighting, one got be hind me to git a way from the other which proved a sort of shelter for him. O Lord, how long shall the ungodly be screaned by the Righteous. It brought to my mind the day when the wicked shall have no one to git behind nor yet atree like Adum in the Garden but must come forth with all there nakedness. My Lord, help them to seak for thy salvation.

Tuesday I set off for Athens. Wednesday I cald to se Mr. Hall in Grafton the settled Minister. I asked Miss Hall if Mr. H—I was at home. She said no, but we can call him if you wish to see him I told her I did. She asked me whare I came from. I told her from London Derry. Said she, Sir if I do not mistake, you are a candidate in the Ministry. Said I, I am cald one. This was true, for I was on trial in the Methodist Connection, a candidate for Deacons orders, but she took me to bea Congregationalist. Said she, sir will you have your horse put up? Said I, yes mam, but I can not stay but a little while. Sure, said she, you will stay till to Morrow. No Mam, said I, must go to Westminster. So one Boy put up my Horse, another went with all speed for Mr. H—I by which time the Broom began to go in the seting Room. The Grate Chare was drawn up and I was waited upon into it, and all hands ware imploid in the kitchen a dinner to prepare which in a few Minutes lit on the Table. I felt for them, knownin they would find there mistake soon.

Jest as I had rose from the table Mr. H—I came in, and after he had inquired for my name and helth, we both wished for further ac-

quaintence and began to be sociable. He asked me about all the Priests that I knew in the Windsor Association. It hapened so that I could tell him alittle about each one he inquired for. I at length grew wery of such dry talk and brought myself out at which Miss H—I quit the Room, but soon came back in a raige and began as falows (vz) you are a good for nothing fellow and git your living by beging. I thought it best at that time to answer a fool according to his folly, so I said, well mam, it is more honerable for me to git my living by beging then it would be to have a tax laid on a town and collect by forse there property for nothing but emty blasts of wind. And, beside Mam, you are in a mistake about my beging, for I have jest had a Dinner without asking for it and I expect a Super the same way. Said she, you had ought to be lawfully introduced in to a Town and be paid for your preaching, not go about brakeing up churches. Said she, there is por Athens undon by just such fellows as you are. Yes mam, said I, we are lawfully introdused in to all Townes, for he who cureth all Townes States and Nations hath told us to go into all the Erth. And the Erth is the Lord and the fulness there of and he hath not given quit claimes to Priests nor people. And if any one findeth falt we know that he is an apposer to the right owner of the Univerce. 2^d as to being paid for Preaching we are paid in the same way that Christ and his apossels ware; they were persecuted by fashonable priests and by those that ware cald honourable Women, and you see that we are also. And as to settling I had rather be persecuted as long as I live rather then settle with such Laides as many of the Clargiman do and 3^{rdly} as to brakeing up churchis, there is no danger of our brakeing up those that are on Crist the Rock of ages, and as to Athens being undon, it is true, for it had alwayes bee done up wrong till Methodist came and preached, and then the Lord helpt to undo them and do them up right, and I think now that they are like to do well and I hope I shall see this Town in the same situation yet.—Said she, if you say so again, I will turn you out of my House.

It would be kneedless to relate it all. I have only tutchted some of the best of it; some is to much to write. M^r H—I set silent all this While. I told Miss H—I that she would be a shamed of her conduct when she came to think of it alone how she had used a stranger. I went off prommising to come a gain three or fore weakes. At which time I came and had an a greable talk with M^r H—I. He told me not to mind what his wife said, for, said he, you know that Women

will have there way. When I was a comeing away he asked me to stop and dine with him. No, said I, for your wife declared that I should not have a nother Dinner in her house. The old gentleman wept. I bid him fare well, went into the other room to bid his wife fare well, said I, M^r H—I gave me an invertation to stay and Dine with him, but I know not as I shall stay. No, said she, I am none afraid of your staying. Good reason for that mam, said I, for the word of the Lord seth Eat not the Bread of him that hath an evil eye.

I then went to Athens to the place whare the preachers meet. I expected to have found help, but found none but still had to travel alone. I met the Classes in Athens and on the Sabbath Preached, had a large Assembly, many wept some Shouted, one fell. The people afterwords said that it was all truth that I said, but there was no Gospel in it. So the next time I came to Town I took these words, John 5-39 Search the scriptures. I in the fore part of the day spoke at the Historic & Profetic Part of the Scriptures and in the after part the Day spoke of the Doctrins of the Scriptures in doing which I noticed five Particulars 1st That there is free salvation for all mankind 2^d that Mankind was indued with abilities to except of it 3^d that they must except of it or be Damed & that there was a danger of backslideing and being Dam'd after they war jestified 5 that they must be mad purfect in love in this life. On which five heads I went threw the whole Scriptures qoiting Chapture and verse and repeating the words. They then went and said it was all Gospel and not truth. So the next time I came I told them it was difficult to pleas them, for some times they said I Preached all truth and no Gospel and then all Gospel and no truth, for which caus I should preach as I thought best without regard to any man.

Sabbath February 12 I preached in Westminster at a School Hous between the two Parishis on Samuel 17: And he took his staff in his hand &c. I then took Acts 22. For as concerning this sect we know it is every whare spoken a gainst &c. I felt uncommon liberty. I believe some good was done. I gave that I would Preach there the next day night. I went anumber of Miles and preached that evening. Next day I visited till I got back. I found that M^r Sage the Setled Minister had been in the Neighbourhood and represented the Methodist in a wrong manner. I deturmind to go the next Morning in Town and see him. At night when I came to the S. House I found it fuller then common with People. What it ment I knew not. I saw anumber with whome I was not acquainted. I also saw

a number that smiled as though something pleased them more than common. I looked a crosst the Table and saw aman that looked like a lawyer or a congregationalist Minister, I could not tell which, but I at length concluded that it was Mr. Sage. I had seen him once 5 or 6 Years before at the Ordanation of Doctor Cleever in Hartland. I thought I recollected some his looks.

Time came to begin. I sung and prai'd and gave out Psalmes 150-6 Let evry thing that hath breth Praise the Lord praise ye the Lord. When I come to give out my text M^r Sage laide his Book on to the Table opened it and in it was some paper folded like some of his old Notes. And as I gave out Chapture and verse he wrote them down. It was some surprising to me. I knew not how one of my Sermonds would read in a Book, but thanks be to God I was not Scared much at him. I saw the People looked at him. I thought I should not have there attention. I told them they would do well to observe how the Discourse was delivered, for they might see it in print; there fore said I mind not the pen man but the Speaker. I first Spoke of the Praise of God both from Man and beasts II Showed that the Brutal creation praised God in there Sphere, then what Man did in his III Used some purswaseve arguments to induce Man to Praise God. And lastly Closed by speaking of the consequent happiness. When I came to the second proposition I told the Audiance that I must be short lest I should wery the hand of the patient penman. And as he was rite before me when I got before him I would stop till he came up, for I supposed that he came on purpos to fright me & I thought it best to help him all I could for I found he had got a hard job of it. When I came to my Application I told the People all that remained was to recapitulate the leading idears of the Subject and close by improovement. Said I, we have it now in writeing so if I make a mistake it can be rectified. When I had done I asked him to pray. Said he, I did not come to make any disturbance. I tried to pray myself not fearing disturbance.

I then dismiss the Meeting went round and spoke to M^r Sage. He said that he did not come for any evil. However, that is known in Heaven. Saide he, my Memory is poor, I thought it might help me to remember by writeing down some of it. I told him it was common for men to take down grate Mens Sermonds or Grait Sermonds. And I did not doubt but it would be of grate help to him. Said I, you are quite welcom to it M^r Sage for Men that Preach stidy to one People are apt to git out of Subjects. Said I, M^r Sage, I ex-

pect to deliver two discourses in this House and if you can git a candidate to fill your Pulpit fore weakes hence, you shall be welcom to come and take them both down. We then had a long debate on Doctrins. Three times I got him so that he would not say yes, no nor part no for which times I made three long Markes on the table which stand there against him yet for all I know.

I went again to Athens met B^r John Tinkham who had come to travil with me. My Horse being lame B^r T—m went of to the uper end of the Circuit. I staid in Athens, turnd out anumber, the Brethren began to git at liberty I had long Praid for Shouting Methodist and now I found them Glory to God Glory. At two weakes end B^r T—m could not git to the meeting place on account of the depth of Snow. March the 1st I borrowed an horse set of to the uper end of the C^t, but got Wether bound whare I composed the following versis

*In Year Eightteen hundred fore
I was twenty three and for monts more
I traveld to and frow
On Athens Circuit I did ride
All Worldly cares I lade a side
That I some good might do.
I travel'd till the month of March
Then snowes and blowes stopt up my path
I knew not what to do.
March the first day I truly tried
From Athens to Westton to ride
But I could not git threw.
As far as Andover I went
And then I found my strength was spent.
My beast was beat out too
There in the snow we both did lay
While I was there I tried to pray
That God his will would do.
Then in about an hours space
I arrived unto the dwelling place
Of a kind Family.
They chearfully did take me in
Denide me not of any thing,
They Parents ware to me.*

*Three dayes I lay upon my arms.
 It was at M^r Miltemones.
 They used me like a Sone.
 I hope that they'll have friends in deed
 And alwayes find them when the kneed
 For what to me they've done.
 They found I was a Methodist.
 They used me none the worse for this
 As you may plainly see
 For evry day the'd order [?]
 To tend morning and Evening prayers
 Which much diverted me,
 And when I came to go away
 I asked what I had to pay
 For trouble I had been.
 They all as one to me did say
 If you a gain do come this way
 You mus call in again*

Tuesday March the 6 I got to B^r J— Alens in Derry. And on
 Thirsday 8 I went to visit a sick Family when I returned I found B^r
 J— T—m he had been shut up by the Snow. On Friday I went to
 visit Mr Barker and family. He had lost his Wife the night before.
 She died in travil the snow being so deap that they could not git help
 —Saterday 10 I preached at her Funeral on these words Ezekiel 24-
 16-17-18. Son of Man behold I take from thee the desire of thine
 eyes &c.