First day morng.

The meeting last 4th day morng was certainly a highly favoured one – the state of things here being clearly developed in some, I trust, living ministry – Since then I have continued the family visit diligently, & have been favoured to get through about 100 families in the course of the week – "Our bones are scattered at the grave mouth" applies to much that I have seen but there are some bright spots – & many of the strings have been repeating. On 6th day Eve – a large & to me satisfactory party of young people, (a preparation for 1st day school) at Natt. Breeds – ended in very solemn ministry & prayer. The week closed in peace, & I was enabled in – quiet country walk, at Breed's end, to remember a long list of English believers, with respect to the approaching day of rest & worship – with longer & stiffer. This morning I have been taking a solitary round a-fishing in the "calls" but have been very hard tempted in the unprofitable employ, after my children. The Lord help me to confirm my sacrifice of all!

First day night.

It was my prayer this morning that the Lord would condescend to testify upon me some more evidence of my being in the place & service of his own appointment – & I think I may gratefully acknowledge that such evidence has been given – in the large, solemn, weighty meeting this morning – the interest of some Mons spoke a minister – & in a further meeting held this evening at Boston in the unused Friends' meeting house. After no inconsiderable pains & conflicts I am favoured with ease & serenity at the close of the day. O that this week may bring many rich blessings in its course – & that if it pleases the Lord, my mind may be visibly relieved & satisfied about England & home.

Second day morng June 23d. I am pausing this morning for letter writing Eve, & am through mercy calm & quiet & enabled to put my trust in the Lord, after a very repeating time of prayer with a circle of friends after breakfast.

Hannah Abigail Chase's Salem

Fifth day afn. June 26.

I hope that so far the week has brought some blessings in its course. The family visiting continued satisfactorily on 2d & 3d day & on third day Eve we collected a numerous assemblage of young people & others at Natt. Breed's about 150 – to whom I related anecdotes, hymns leading them to the principles of Truth as held by Friends. It was a repeating Eve.

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