& deliberate desire & intention to devote the remainder of my days - be it shorter or longer - to the service of my holy & everblessed Redeemer - fixing my eye singly - then, without undue reference, in any direction, to my fellow Christian men.

The present separation from my dear & beloved sweet daughter - so deeply so ~~[illegible]~~ truly & tenderly loved - is a sweet trial of faith & patience, as has never before fallen to my lot - But my mind is at this time quiet in the believing hope that they & their pilgrim father will be preserved, & that this trial will have a happy issue: Thus the terminating of my 50th year finds me calm though low - quiet in spirit, though in so small degree, broken before the Lord.

Notwithstanding the inexpressible infirmities to which I am liable, I believe it is not too much to say that through infinite mercy, I feel at this solemn hour, a measure of peaceful assurance that the Lord will preserve me - give me the victory over all my spiritual enemies - guide me with his counsel, & afterwards receive me (yes even me) to glory.

Be it so, most gracious God & Father, I most humbly intreat thee for Jesus Christ's sake!

Since the last entry - the family visiting at Salem was satisfactorily finished - & the conclusion there, with a young people's meeting in the early part of Third day, at my dear friends' Nath'l & Rebecca Ives's & a large public meeting at a later hour, was entirely satisfactory to my feelings - Yesterday after an agreeable visit to the Museum which is rather celebrated, I went with several friends to Andover 17 miles - there after enjoying some of Moses Stuart's most agreeable company, I held a meeting with the students of the Theological Seminary. It was a good time - & I left the place this morning in peace.

Lowell 11th 8mo 6. ~~Third day~~

Our meeting at Amherst last 5th day Eve was satisfactory & seems to have left a good impression with the people - On sixth day, to Weare, an interesting ride thro' a hilly woody country - kindly taken in & cared for at the house of Nathan & Miriam Breed. A large public meeting with Friends & others in the afternoon, which appeared to meet the credulity of Friends - drank tea at dear old Daniel ~~Foss~~ Foss's - a venerable elder of 89 years - On 7th day, with my companions H. A. & Saml. Boyce to Concord 16 miles, the neat little capital