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O how sadly behind hand my journal has become! 15 days since I last wrote. How shall I sketch them? Truly I am poor & needy - for yet vigorous in body - & weak enough in mind - but not forsaken of the Lord I humbly trust & believe. The journal must now be a mere series of items - meetings at Bridgewater with male & female prisoners & a public one in the evg. - 18th 19th to James Brown's at Peekskill to breakfast & afterward by steamer to Caldwell & so to the mountain house - spent the 20th there in the midst of glorious scenery - small meeting in the evg. 21st returned to Caldwell - public meeting in the evg. - 22d. parted from our dear young friends Robt Parsons & Stephen Hinsdale. 22d. long & tedious journey commenced at 3 a.m. to Oneonta in Otsego Co. 23d. First day. meeting with Friends & others at Lawrence (at Nath Niles' tavern) evg public meeting at Oneonta - young people afterwards at Mr Tabor's where met by Joseph Bevins - 24th. second meeting at Lawrence - & a large & remarkable one at Butternuts in the afn. addressed at Mr B's sweet mountain Cottage.

25th. Burlington meeting in the morng - dined at Mr Deacon Cooper's - to Log Grove to Cortlandville in a fine country - large meeting with lawyers & others in the evg. much prepared - pleasant acquaintance formed with Abby's friends the Freeman Coopers - 26th. Enjoyed the delightful scenery on a row on the lake with Cooper. In the evening a public meeting at Burlington Green - freemen. 27th to Smyrna 25 miles - meeting at Hall - then to James Purdy's. 28th. Public meeting generally attended by friends & others at Brookfield - at Brad Kenyon's sweet family - in the evening excellent public meeting at Hamilton - Baptist students 150 present. Joseph Bevins most acceptably our companion this thus round. 29th - Very interesting meeting in the Baptist college - log drove under care of our dear friend Zebulon Weaver to New Hartford - Mr Smarts - most kindly entertained at his pleasant abode - poorly & rest much wanted. 30th First day to the meeting at New Hartford Ord. public - "the resurrection of Christ". In the evening no meeting, but a wonder this the morning worth. June 1. Rode to Clinton Coll.

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