the disciples of
a high estimate of many evangelical men, not in
our sphere, both laymen & clergy. & cheerfully
I believe their ~~work in the cause~~ instrumentality in
the conversion of souls – but I am thankful for my
own part, that I find myself in a freedom of
greater liberty. I humbly trust the Lord who
sent me forth, has blessed & will bless my ministry.
After all – plant as you will – water as you may –
God only can give the increase. I pray thee,
O most gracious Lord, to bless me, in this matter,
the hundred-fold on both sides the Atlantic; &
may all end, to thy honor & glory, in the perfect
& eternal peace, of the poorest, & most unworthy
of all thy servants.

First Day 8mo 12.

My birth day – I have now completed my 52d.
year – thirteen years & a little more since my
second happy marriage: not quite five
years since its awful & afflicting termination.
How evidently was that event connected with
my visit to America! I think I do not sufficiently
dwell in spirit with my lovely Mary.
I hope & trust she is not far from me in my
wanderings, hopefully ministering to some of
my needs – a sweet echo, not altogether without
its warrant in Scripture: we'll have just been
holding our meeting on Deck after reading part of
John 8. It was well attended, & I believe a time
of considerable solemnity.

Another meeting last evg with the steerage
passengers to mutual satisfaction. This day
has been quietly & prosperously spent – the wind
fair & pretty strong – Scripture reading – Spanish
Grammar. Autobiog – St Ignatius Loyola – dawn
some precious interior quietness permitted.
I have been thinking a good deal to day of
writing some account, should return home, be
permitted of N. America – perhaps in letters
to Buxton. Mais nous verrons!
Fourth day 8mo 5. We are sailing along
pleasantly before a fair wind & know not
that I have any particular subject of uneasiness.
A precious time this morning of Scripture reading &
prayer with A. S. T., a renewed seal on our
being rightly on board this vessel, I trust. But
a review of my autobiography has made me low,
& I am rather weak-minded & nervous. The
Lord condescend to ~~help~~ keep me near to himself
& to help me.

First day 8mo: 9. We have been favored with
a good meeting on deck this morng – in which I had to
commemorate the ~~Ga~~ Resurrection of Christ. We have
been moving along, with a uniform fair wind, at a mode-
rate pace, much this day, to Long 35 – more than half
way about 1200 miles from Liverpool – or perhaps 1300.
I have not been without some recurrent weakness & trouble
of mind, the usual accompaniment to me, of a voyage

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