

It was fair at home at 11 o'clock Tuesday very much the same a very high wind all day clear I do not solemnly vow that I will not endorse Orders for any large amount for any living soul and I hope my Father or Heaven will help me to keep this vow I hope the feeling I have now these horrible & Undescribable will always be remembered through all these trials I hope I shall acknowledge my weakness and my entire dependence on God and oh! what gratitude we ought to have especially if we can be sweetened in the hour of trial. Maria went to Boston yesterday afternoon nothing special during the week spent Saturday evening at Uncle Ephraim's home - 10th

Monday 3rd June 1861

I hurt my foot on Board C. Mitchell and it has troubled me considerably during the week. Truly it is funny and I am at home and I think my foot is a little better.

Thursday 25th 1861

A clear and beautiful day the days are the longest now of the season and even have shortened nearly an hour. I just saw L. Pierce go down the street feeling oh!! what a pity it is a man shall put an enemy in his mouth to steal away his brains I am sorry he is really very clever, and good hearted.

Wednesday July 31st 1861

A beautiful morning not a cloud and a fine air how much more beautiful ^{mother} looks when our mind is free from tomorrow's care, and anxieties, that can tell and who have had experience I have had some of that this year but I want the lesson has sunk deeply into my heart I want to remember the last few months because they have been filled with ten thousand emotions that I could not have known under any other circumstances and the lessons ought to go deeply into the heart and I think it has. Moderation, prudence, and carefulness are three great virtues in the business world and I hope I shall profit from my own experiences and be always guided by wisdom from on high.

Monday Sept 16th 1861

A beautiful day pleasant marked off the Oct from this Kensington I do not wish to have so many owners and I would rather have a very small vessel I think if a man will look out for opportunities there are chances when he may make money very fast say find a rising market and then purchase it at a beautiful evening and a full moon.

Wednesday Oct 2nd 1861

This morning the Company of which Capt O. Howland has the command went into Camp. Mr. Studley made a short address and prayer which was appropriate for the occasion and then they were escorted to the depot by the Old Guard and the Companies of the Home & Coast Guard. I trust they will do well and be true and valiant soldiers in the cause of our country at 1 o'clock when I am writing this the sky is overcast and perhaps we shall have some rain.

These are times when men are put to all their business capacities and I hope we shall all try to profit by these experiences we know to day the anxiety we have thinking about our liabilities and I hope we shall think of them in all time to come and remember these times have been and will be probably until men are more perfect in their characters how glad we should be if we could shake off the cares of business and be quiet and retired but as that is impossible let us stand up as it becomes men to stand in this day of our own struggles and trials which are individual as well as national and let us try to apply our hearts unto wisdom whose ways are pleasant and paths of peace I know we think we will be wiser but after all how weak and imperfect we are forgetting the past and doing again the very things which annoyed us most but I don't mean it shall be my experience if thought and wisdom is given we can go on high. This evening Miss Lizzie Eaton came from Boston and I went down to Ben's with her Maria was there and then I went up north to C. Elches and went back and stayed till 10 o'clock and then went home so ends this day.

Sunday Oct 6th 1861

A very warm day for the season cloudy in the morning in the afternoon very pleasant and I went to Mr. Parker's Church with Lizzie Eaton after church we took a walk round by Hawthorne Street by Mrs. C. X. Swift's place and so along by Clifford's along County Street home we met Col. Hatch and his wife and Mr. Studley and Col. Hatch introduced Lizzie to him and we parted and came home Lizzie is a very good girl I want sincerely wish her well in the world and hope she will be happy as full to the top of any mortal ambition than all a great many pleasant associations clustered around her in my memory and I hope I shall always remember both old associations which are very precious to me.