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The papers were donated to the Missouri Historical Society by Charles Peabody's daughter, Miss S.W. Peabody, in August 1956.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Peabody, the son of Ammi and Sarah Johnson Peabody, was born November 8, 1816, in Newport, New Hampshire. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1839, and was ordained as a Congregational minister in Boston in 1845. Soon thereafter he traveled to the West as an agent of the American Tract Society. He worked for the American Tract Society in St. Louis in the 1850s-1860s and in Chicago in the 1870s. He married Eliza Antoinette Hubbell in New York in 1847. She died May 28, 1851, in New York. Charles Peabody died November 25, 1903, in Pasadena, California, where he had been residing since the early 1890s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a typescript copy of a diary of Rev. Charles Peabody, May 21 to September 11, 1846; a diary of Rev. Peabody, October 12, 1846 to July 25, 1849, while he traveled in the West (mostly in St. Louis, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio) as an agent of the American Tract Society; and four travel diaries of Rev. Peabody, 1858-1859, recording his travels mostly in Europe. The collection also contains correspondence to Rev. Peabody, 1888-1889; many of these letters are from his Dartmouth College classmates.

Folder 1

1846 May 21-Sept 11

Typescript copy of diary of Charles Peabody. (27 pages) (Original diary is at the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio in Cincinnati.) **(See bottom portion of this finding aid for abstracts from this diary.)** (An earlier portion of this diary, dated October 4, 1845-May 19, 1846, was published in the *Bulletin of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio*, Volume 11, Number 4 [October 1953], and Volume 12, Number 2 [April 1954]. This publication is available in the Missouri History Museum Library.)

Volume 1

1846 Oct 12-1849 July 25

Diary of Charles Peabody. (267 pages) Also includes three pages at the back of the volume titled "Origin & Genealogy of the Peabody Family." **(See bottom portion of this finding aid for abstracts from this diary.)**

Volume 2

1858 June 14-Aug 21

Diary of Charles Peabody. W.H. McCune accompanied Peabody on this trip. Includes accounts of his visits to Halifax, Nova Scotia; Liverpool; Manchester; Birmingham; Warwick; London; The Hague; Amsterdam; Elberfeld, Prussia; Cologne; Bonn; Coblenz; Wiesbaden; Frankfurt on the Main; Cassel [Kassel]; Leipsic [Leipzig]; Halle; Berlin; Dresden; Vienna; Gmunden, Austria; Salzburg; Rosenheim, Bavaria; Munich; Stuttgart; Heidelberg; Baden Baden; Strasbourg; and Basel. (118 pages)

Volume 3

1858 Aug 23-Nov 19

Diary of Charles Peabody. Includes accounts of his visits to Zurich, Luzerne, Grindenwald, Interlaken, Berne, Freyburg, Martigny, Chamonix, Geneva, Turin, Genoa, Laveno, Como, Milan, Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Leghorn, and Rome. (126 pages)

Volume 4

1858 Nov 18-1859 Feb 15

Diary of Charles Peabody. Includes accounts of his visits to Rome; Naples; Pompei; Messina, Sicily; Malta; Alexandria, Egypt; Jaffa; Jerusalem; and Cairo. (142 pages)

Volume 5

1859 Feb 16-June 3

Diary of Charles Peabody. Includes accounts of his visits to Cairo, Luxor, Alexandria, Paris, Brussels, London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Liverpool. Final four pages of the diary comprise a log book of travel in Europe in 1858-1859. (184 pages)

Folder 2

- 1888 Feb 29 Letter signed E.E. Potter, Ripley, Titus County, Texas, to Rev. C. Peabody. Describes the death of her husband, Lewis Potter, who had moved to Texas from Illinois.
- 1888 May 12 Letter signed John Woods, Cayucos, California, to Rev. C. Peabody. Woods (age 73) provides a sketch of his life, mentioning the death of his two wives and his move from New York to California, Mentions the death of his youngest son and his youngest daughter, the wife of Rev. J.A. McMillan. Also mentions his only remaining son, Prof. C.H. Woods.
- 1888 Nov 9 Letter signed A. Stevens [Alfred Stevens], Westminster West, Vt., to Charles Peabody. Discusses his ministry, religion, and his apple crop. Mentions John D. Lift.
- 1888 Dec 22 Letter signed J.M. Stevenson, American Tract Society, New York, to "My Dear Old Friend." Shares news about the American Tract Society and his family. Mentions Sallie Kingsbury among others.
- 1889 Jan 8 Letter signed Henry E. Parker, Hanover, N.H., to "My Dear Old Friend." Suggests that his class hold a reunion at the next commencement. Letter is written on stationery of Dartmouth College.
- 1889 Feb 5 Letter signed Edmund Wheeler, Newport, to Rev. Charles Peabody. Mentions that Rev. Flanders has given up his place as pastor and gone to California and that a student named Kenngott has occupied the pulpit since; the Richards Library will soon be dedicated and Joseph Parmelee's daughter Anna will be the librarian; and Austin Corbin has bought several farms.
- 1889 Feb 5 Letter signed J.M.S. [J.M. Stevenson], American Tract Society, New York, to "My Dear Old Friend" [Charles Peabody]. Discusses Peabody's family and books he has recently read.
- 1889 Feb 8 Invitation to the reunion and dinner of the Dartmouth Alumni Association of Cincinnati and vicinity to be held February 8, 1889. Includes a list of members of the association.
- 1889 Feb 19 Letter signed A. Stevens [Alfred Stevens], Westminster West, Vt., to Charles Peabody. Discusses the theological work of Dr. Shedd, and describes attending the funeral of his classmate Humphrey in Winchester, N.H.
- 1889 Feb 21 Typescript letter signed S. Winchester Adriaance, Lowell, Mass., to

öMy dear brother.ö Mentions that he is going to St. Louis to give several lectures at the Cumberland Presbyterian Camp-meeting Assembly. Mentions the whereabouts and activities of his family. Mentions that he has been building a new church from the foundations.

- 1889 Feb 27 Letter signed Ralph Butterfield, Kansas City, to Charles Peabody. Discusses various old classmates. Mentions that John Woods has öturned up in California.ö Letter is written on stationery of The Midland, which includes an engraved illustration of the hotel.
- 1889 Mar 2 Letter signed Wm. Adriance [William Adriance], Poughkeepsie, to Rev. Chas. Peabody. Mentions that he visited his old home on Eugenia Street in St. Louis about 10 years ago; he visited Mrs. Litt while in St. Louis; and his son Winchester Adriance has built a chapel at Lowell. Also mentions his other children, Edward and Mary.
- 1889 Mar 4 Letter signed E. Adams, Eldora, Iowa, to [Charles] Peabody. Mentions the death of their old classmate Humphrey and other classmates. Mentions that he will soon close his pastorate, and that he hopes to attend the reunion at Dartmouth.
- 1889 Mar 8 Typescript letter signed O.L. Whitelaw, St. Louis, to Mr. Peabody. Shares news of many of their friends. Mentions that Moses Forbes has returned from a visit to the Pacific Coast, and mentions the poor health of Mr. Walbridge. Letter is written on stationery of Whitelaw Brothers, 409 & 411 North 2nd St., St. Louis.
- 1889 Mar 9 Letter signed George Shedd, Ashland, Nebraska, to Rev. Charles Peabody. Recounts his move from Denmark to Nebraska, following the death of his wife. Describes his son and daughter, with whom he is living.
- 1889 Mar 16 Card signed C.C. Chase, Lowell, Mass., to Charles Peabody. Includes announcement of the death of Joseph F. Dearborn, who died at Melrose, Mass., at age 72. Also includes brief biographical notes on Isaac Ames (1819-1877) and Daniel Clark (1812-1886), both of whom were members of the class of 1839.
- 1889 Mar 19 Typescript note signed J.M. Stevenson, New York, to Rev. Chas. Peabody. Mentions the death of brother Loesch, periodical chief. Note is written on stationery of the American Tract Society.
- 1889 Mar 27 Letter signed Lyman Mason, Boston, to [Charles] Peabody. Shares the news of the death of his wife and her burial at Mt. Auburn.

- Mentions that Rev. Wm. Bennett Wright [Rev. William Bennett Wright] conducted the funeral service.
- 1889 Mar 30 Letter signed J.M. Stevenson to Bro. Peabody. Discusses growing old. Mentions the death of Bro. Loesch. Mentions hearing from D.M. Smith (in Carlyle, Kansas), Seely Wood, Yates Hickey (in Philadelphia), Rev. Eastman, and Dr. Hallock. Letter is written on stationery of the American Tract Society, New York.
- 1889 Apr 10 Circular letter of Sylvester Dana, Concord, N.H., to the surviving members of the Dartmouth College class of 1839. Comprises an invitation to a class reunion. Written on the circular is a letter signed Sylvester Dana to Rev. C. Peabody, asking him to prepare obituaries for deceased classmates Lewis Potter and Rev. J.W. Walcott. Mentions the death of George S. Sawyer, and shares some biographical information on classmate Eastman of Farmington, N.H.
- 1889 Apr 22 Letter signed Frances H. Van Norstrand, 3015 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, to Mr. Peabody. Mentions that she is living in Mrs. Edgell's house; her sister Kate has been in a sanitarium in Castile, New York; Mary Jocelyn is at Fort Douglass, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Scales has bought a place in Evanston, Illinois; Mary Sayre Clark (wife of Jackson Clark) died at Clinton, Iowa; and Miss Chapin lives in Alton.
- 1889 May 2 Letter signed J.M. Stevenson to Charles Peabody. Mentions debts and assets of the society. Letter is written on stationery of the American Tract Society, New York.
- 1889 May 7 Postcard signed C.C. Chase, Lowell, Mass., to Charles Peabody, Cincinnati, Ohio. Informs him of the death of Dr. Wm. Read [Dr. William Read], a well-known physician of Boston.
- 1889 May 24 Letter signed Edward H. Murrell, president of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, to Rev. Chas. Peabody, Cincinnati, Ohio. Informs him of the death of Rev. Jeremiah W. Walcott.
- circa 1889 May 24 Letter signed Alfred Stevens, Westminster West, Vt., to Charles Peabody. Invites him to attend an upcoming meeting of his old classmates in Hanover, N.H., and encourages him to join an association. Letter is undated, but notation on back indicates that it was received May 24, 1889.
- 1889 May 29 Letter signed E.E. Potter (Mrs. Lewis Potter), Ripley, Titus Co., Texas, to Rev. Charles Peabody. Provides a brief account of the

lives of her and her husband, including their marriage in Greenwood, South Carolina, in 1840; their move to Alton, Illinois, in 1844; and her husband's move to Mt. Pleasant in 1882 and his death in 1883.

- 1889 May 29 Letter signed Sylvester Dana, Concord, N.H., to Charles Peabody. Mentions that he will send Peabody manuscripts relating to Lewis Potter.
- 1889 June 14 Letter signed Anna R. Eaton (Mrs. Horace Eaton), Palmyra, N.Y., to Rev. Charles Peabody. Invites him to visit her on the way to or from the fiftieth Dartmouth class reunion.
- 1889 June 20 Note signed Anna R. Eaton (Mrs. Horace Eaton), Palmyra, N.Y., to Charles Peabody. "I will send the books by express (paid) to you at Hanover.N.H. . . ."
- 1889 June 21 Letter signed A. Berry, Rugby[?], to "My Dear Friend." Mentions that he is sad that he missed the meeting.
- 1889 June 25 Letter signed Anna R. Eaton, Palmyra, N.Y., to Charles Peabody. States that she has mailed the books to Peabody, and instructs him how she would like the books to be distributed.
- 1889 July 8 Letter signed A. Stevens [Alfred Stevens], Westminster West, to Charles Peabody. Discusses the recent Dartmouth class reunion.
- 1889 July 10 Letter signed Wm. R. Duryee [William R. Duryee], Jersey City, to Rev. Charles Peabody. Mentions the death of his wife in 1885; his marriage to Mrs. Groesbeck (nee Varick); that he saw Sam Pinneo in Newark; and that Geo. L. Gray [George L. Gray] has kidney disease.
- 1889 July 12-13 Postcard signed C.C. Chase, Lowell, to Charles Peabody, Newport, N.H. Mentions the death of M. Lincoln of Woburn, and provides some biographical notes about Lincoln.
- 1889 July 19 Letter signed A. Stevens [Alfred Stevens], Westminster West, to Charles Peabody. Mentions the death of their classmate Lincoln.
- 1889 Aug 10 Letter signed A. Berry, Bethlehem, to "My Dear Friend." Mentions his travel plans to the seaside.
- 1889 Aug 13 Letter signed A. Stevens [Alfred Stevens], Westminster W., to Charles Peabody. Mentions his crops and invites Peabody to visit him.

1889 Aug 25

Letter signed Wm. R. Duryee [William R. Duryee], Lake Minnewaska, N.Y., to Charles Peabody. Mentions that Sam Pinneo's daughter and his sister Mrs. Jno. Dennis [Mrs. John Dennis] are staying in his hotel. Mentions the deaths of brothers Albert Zabriskie Gray and George Zabriskie Gray. Mentions Harry McCune.

1889 Sept 25

Letter signed Alfred Stevens, Westminster West, to [Charles] Peabody. Discusses his crops and religious matters.

Abstracts from Charles Peabody diary, May 21–September 11, 1846 (27 pages)

- 1846 May 21 Owensboro, Ky. ô Contrasts the North with the South. ôThe men all have their mouth stuffed with quids of tobacco which they roll from side to side and eject the dirty juice in all directions. The ladies are pretty enough but as far as I can find out they know nothing of books, or the practical duties of the household.ö Criticizes the manner in which the women dress, and that they marry very young.
- 1846 May 26 Steamer *Palestine*, Ohio River, off Smithland, Ky. ô Attends the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Describes a man named Wells, an American Tract Society colleague in Tennessee.
- 1846 May 29 Steamboat *Time*, Mississippi River, near Clarksville, Mo. ô The steamboat *Time* is ôthe most irregular and uneasy boat I have been on.ö Provides an account of recent action in the Mexican-American War, and states that ôwe [the United States] are wholly in the wrong. We had no business to occupy the eastern bank of the Rio Grande with our troops. It is Mexican territory.ö
- 1846 May 30 Steamboat *Time* ô Describes the Mississippi River and the surrounding landscape north of the mouth of the Missouri River.
- 1846 June 1 Davenport, Iowa ô Stayed at Leclure House, and met his friend Ephraim Adams [Ephraim Adams?].
- 1846 June 4 Describes the landscape in the vicinity of Davenport. Takes a buggy trip with Adams to Dubuque, and describes the prairies.
- 1846 June 8 Steamboat *St. Anthony* at Galena, Illinois ô Traveled from Dubuque to Galena on the steamboat *Uncle Toby*. Describes the lead mines in the vicinity of Dubuque.
- 1846 June 9 Steamboat *St. Anthony* near Madison, Iowa ô Briefly describes Galena. Mentions Rev. Kent and Mr. Hempstead. Describes the steamboat *St. Anthony* as ôone of the most elegant and best managed boats in the river.ö
- 1846 June 13 St. Louis, Missouri ô Briefly describes St. Louis. Mentions preachers Dr. Potts and Dr. Bullard.
- 1846 June 18 Glasgow, Missouri ô Traveled to Glasgow on the steamboat *S.F. Linn*. Describes the scenery along the Missouri River. Describes Glasgow.
- 1846 June 19 Steamboat *Saluda*, Missouri River ô Mentions Rev. Sampson at Glasgow. ôSlavery with its withering, blighting presence is here, smoking the life-blood out of the best digested schemes of state policy, and sending its poisonous virus through all the channels of life and industry.ö Describes the Missouri River, its changing channel and the difficulty in navigating it. Describes soldiers en route to Ft. Leavenworth to join the Santa Fe expedition against Mexico.

- 1846 June 20 Lexington, Missouri ô Travels to Lexington on the steamboat *Saluda*. Mentions soldiers and horses on board the steamboat *Amaranth*. Discusses the Mexican-American War: "There is . . . no good and just ground for a war with Mexico."
- 1846 June 22 Lexington ô Describes Lexington. "One half of the 18 hundred people of Lexington are slaves! But here is slavery in its mildness. I have seen no cruelty ô no ill usage ô no whipping ô nothing but contentment and happiness among the whole black population." Mentions Rev. Harry Yates and his wife, Jane.
- 1846 June 24 Steamboat *Little Missouri*, Kansas, Missouri River ô Traveled to Weston. Mentions towns along the river.
- 1846 June 26 Weston, Platte County, Mo. ô Mentions Rev. E. Wright. Describes the state of the Indian tribes near Ft. Leavenworth. "An immense quantity of whisky is carried up every year into these Indian settlements and thousands by its direful effects are ruined for life. Some of them notwithstanding the annuities of government are most wretchedly poor and fearfully vicious."
- 1846 June 30 Steamboat *Radnor*, Missouri River ô Describes thunderstorm at Weston. Mentions that the morals of the people of the Platte Purchase are deplorable: "Sabbath breaking, profanity, intemperance, and other vices prevail to a fearful extent." Visits Ft. Leavenworth, and provides a sketch of the layout of the fort's buildings.
- 1846 July 1 Boonville, Cooper County, Mo. ô Arrives in Boonville on the steamboat *Radnor*.
- 1846 July 2 Spent the night at Rev. Ball's. Complains about bed bugs.
- 1846 July 3 Steamboat *S.F. Linn*, Missouri River ô Leaves Boonville, and complains again about bed bugs.
- 1846 July 6 St. Charles, Mo. ô Stays at the home of Rev. J. Gallagher in St. Charles, and complains again about mosquitoes.
- 1846 July 7 St. Louis, Mo. ô Arrives in St. Louis where the temperature reached 97 degrees. Mentions two men who died from the heat.
- 1846 July 10 Burlington, Iowa ô Traveled on the steamboat *Falcon* to Burlington.
- 1846 July 13 Denmark, Iowa ô Meets his old classmate Dr. George Sheeld [Dr. George Shedd?]. Briefly describes Denmark.
- 1846 July 14 Mentions crops being harvested.
- 1846 July 16 Madison, Iowa ô Criticizes the contempt for religion in the West.

- 1846 July 17 Describes the work of Rev. Clark of Madison.
- 1846 July 18 Bonnell's farm ô Describes the farm of Mr. Bonnell, located 17 miles from Madison, Iowa.
- 1846 July 20 Farmington, Van Buren County, Iowa ô Visits the home of the widow of Abner Kneeland near Farmington. Mentions the ôboards of Mormonsö moving westward.
- 1846 July 21 Denmark ô Travels to West Point where he stays with his friend Eli Stoddard.
- 1846 July 22 Burlington ô Stays with Mr. Leonard near Burlington.
- 1846 July 23 Mentions the prevalence of rattlesnakes and several recent deaths from snake bites.
- 1846 July 27 Galesburg, Illinois ô Describes Galesburg and the nearby town of Cherry Grove. Mentions Mr. Latimer and Rev. Kellogg.
- 1846 July 28 Peoria, Illinois ô Briefly describes the college at Galesburg. Mentions seeing his old friend Ph. Comings.
- 1846 July 31 Chatham, Illinois ô Stopped at a public house in Delaware. Arrived at Springfield where he spent the night with Mr. Abel.
- 1846 Aug 4 Springfield, Illinois ô Mentions that his recent preaching on behalf of the Tract cause has been a failure.
- 1846 Aug 9 Jacksonville, Illinois ô ôHere [in my diary] is where I talk with myself. Here is where I tell myself various strange things and ask myself sundry questions. Here I get time once in a great while to record facts and impressions, and make some queries as their bearing this way or that way.ö Arrived in Jacksonville and there found Rev. A.D. Eddy of Newark, New Jersey, and Rev. Towne [or Towns] of Boston.
- 1846 Aug 11 Discusses the future of Illinois College. Meets Miss Lucretia H. Kimball who attended school at Concord in 1838.
- 1846 Aug 13 Beardstown, Illinois ô Took the stage from Jacksonville to Beardstown. Briefly describes Beardstown where he stayed with his friend Rev. Socrates Smith.
- 1846 Aug 14 Discusses his views on the expected growth of the West.
- 1846 Aug 18 Peoria, Illinois ô Discusses being tormented by mosquitoes. Mentions Rev. John Spaulding who used to live in Peoria.

- 1846 Aug 19 Hennepin, Illinois ô Mentions that the stage dropped him off at òthe hardest drinking hole in the countryö in Hennepin.
- 1846 Aug 22 Daysville, Ogle County, Illinois ô Will stay with his brother in Daysville.
- 1846 Aug 25 Briefly describes the towns of Daysville and Oregon.
- 1846 Aug 26 Briefly describes the land owned by his brothers ô Auel Peabody and Fred Peabody ô near Daysville.
- 1846 Aug 31 Chicago, Illinois ô Took the stage to Chicago. Mentions the money he raised for the Tract Society, and briefly describes Chicago.
- 1846 Sept 2 Steamboat *Great Western*, Lake Michigan ô Boards the steamboat *Great Western* en route to Buffalo. Comments on the selfishness of mankind. Comments on the resources and character of the population in the West.
- 1846 Sept 4 Steamboat *Great Western*, Lake St. Clair ô Speculates on the future of the West.
- 1846 Sept 5 Lake Erie ô Briefly describes the steamboat *Great Western* and mentions Capt. Walker.
- 1846 Sept 11 New York ô òI look up to my Heavenly Father with gratitude who has preserved me amid all my perils. I have traveled since I left N. York 8,426 miles. I have been on nearly 20 different Steamboats, and have never met with the slightest accident. I have never seen a day of serious indisposition, and all my journeys have been as pleasant as could in the circumstances of the case, be expected. I have learned much of the world ô have seen much of the various phases of society ô have beheld suffering and poverty as wealth and affluence, and have made myself sick of human nature and human institutions. . . .ö

Abstracts from Charles Peabody diary, October 12, 1846–July 25, 1849 (267 pages)

- 1846 Oct 12 New York ô õ . . . to morrow I must leave New York.ö
- 1846 Oct 13 Philadelphia, Pa. ô Will take the cars to Baltimore tonight.
- 1846 Oct 14 Baltimore, Md. ô Traveled by steamboat to Wilmington. Mentions his friend John West. Stays at Barnum Hotel in Baltimore with a Negro servant.
- 1846 Oct 19 Portsmouth, Ohio ô Travels by train, stagecoach and *Clipper No. 2* from Baltimore to Portsmouth. Comments on the poor quality of the railroad compared to those in New England. Mentions the conductors, who õseemed to be dirty looking Irishmen.ö
- 1846 Oct 20 Cincinnati, Ohio ô Traveled from Portsmouth to Cincinnati on the *Belle Sir*.
- 1846 Oct 21 Louisville, Ky. ô Traveled by steamboat to Louisville.
- 1846 Oct 29 St. Louis, Mo. ô Traveled by stagecoach from Louisville to St. Louis. Mentions the town of Vincennes, Indiana: õa most miserable, dirty looking hole.ö Describes an accident in their stagecoach due to the driver being drunk. Describes St. Louis as a õgreat bustling & wicked city. . . . a most rapidly growing city, almost unequalled in the history of modern civilization. It doubled its population once every ten years.ö
- 1846 Oct 30 Briefly describes St. Louis.
- 1846 Nov 2 Mentions that he preached at Dr. Bullard's. Met a young German named Rauschenbusch who proposes to work as a colporteur.
- 1846 Nov 4 Mentions Mr. Raushenbusch [Mr. Rauschenbusch?]. Meets a German named Henry Homan who had been connected with the Hamburg Tract Society before coming to the United States.
- 1846 Nov 6 Describes the õtumult and excitement of the business worldö in St. Louis. Mentions the many pigs õready to pounce upon any offal that may be thrown out.ö
- 1846 Nov 9 Mentions that he turned 30 years old yesterday. Mentions calling on õan old Southern minister named Walther.ö
- 1846 Nov 13 Cairo, Illinois, Steamboat *Talisman* ô Travels from St. Louis to Cairo by steamboat. He was introduced to Mrs. Burrows (about 25 years old) who is en route to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where her father lives. õHer husband is a vile worthless fellow & has left her.ö

- 1846 Nov 14 Ohio River ô ðStill on board the *Talisman*.ö Describes a few other passengers on the boat, including Rev. Milburn, late chaplain to Congress; Mr. Scudder of Birmingham, Mo., and ðeccentric old fellow & a Swedenborgianö; and a Baptist minister named Sherwood from Alton.
- 1846 Nov 16 Steamboat Viola, Ohio River ô ðI left the [steamboat] *Talisman* . . . at Evansville. . . . She was the dirtiest & most miserable craft I ever saw.ö Mentions discussion he had with Reverends Sherwood, Milbourne [Milburn?], and another minister on board regarding whether it was appropriate to travel on the Sabbath. Lodges at the Exchange Hotel and describes Evansville. Mentions Mrs. Burrows.
- 1846 Nov 17 ðStill on the [steamboat] *Viola*, 60 miles below Louisville.ö Contrasts the steamboat *Talisman* with the *Viola*. Discusses religious matters with fellow passenger Rev. Leacock of the Episcopal church. Criticizes the habit of tobacco chewing and smoking that is prevalent in the West.
- 1846 Nov 18 Louisville, Ky. ô Mentions his associate Rev. F.Y. Vail. Describes Louisville. Mentions the tolls charged on the canal that bypasses the Falls of the Ohio. Mentions the ðindolent or rather a thriftless population about the cityö due to slavery.
- 1846 Nov 20 Cincinnati, Ohio ô Spent the night at Louisville with Mr. Vail at the house of Mr. Harvey. Describes how his carpetbag was stolen and describes its contents. Took the mail boat to Cincinnati.
- 1846 Nov 23 Preached at the 7th Street Church. Attended Dr. Rice's lectures on the infallibility of the Roman Catholic church. Visited Mrs. Vail who told him a story about how her father, who was previously U.S. consul at Havana, had assisted Louis Philippe of France while he was in exile.
- 1846 Nov 25 ðI believe that time honored festival [Thanksgiving] takes place in some 10 or 15 states.ö Expects to see Stevenson tomorrow.
- 1846 Nov 26 Reminisces about his previous Thanksgiving celebrations in New England, and compares them to his celebrations in the West. Has Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Mr. White.
- 1846 Dec 2 Has been working with Stevenson. Starts for Indiana tomorrow.
- 1846 Dec 4 Bethlehem, Indiana ô Left Cincinnati on the steamboat *Pike No. 7*. Met Rev. Chidlaw on the boat.
- 1846 Dec 5 New Washington, Indiana ô Briefly describes the town of Bethlehem. Mentions that ðnearly all the houses here are log cabins. . . . Every house has

an immense fireplace.ö Describes the local dialect. Meets Miss Phebe Crosby, a former pupil from South Hadley, Massachusetts.

- 1846 Dec 7 Met Rev. Henry Little.
- 1846 Dec 8 Bethlehem, Indiana ô Staying at the house of Thomas Rogers, a man near age 50 and a native of Kentucky. Rogers refers to his wife as öold woman.ö öI desire not their habits, nor to live among them,ö Peabody writes.
- 1846 Dec 9 Madison, Indiana ô Takes the steamboat *Ben Franklin* to Madison, Indiana. Stopping at the house of Rev. H. Little, agent of the Am. Home Mis. Socø [American Home Missionary Society?]. Comments on Little's children. On the boat he met a young Virginian from the Kanawha River country who had property invested in manufacturing. The Virginian owned many slaves, yet admitted the evils of slavery and favored the idea of sending the slaves to Mexico.
- 1846 Dec 11 Franklin, Indiana ô Travels with Rev. Little via railroad and wagon. Describes Rev. Little. Stays with Rev. Monfort, a Presbyterian minister.
- 1846 Dec 15 Describes Mr. Monfort who is about 65 or 70 years old. Describes Franklin College, a Baptist school where the students built their own log cabin residences. Mentions the college president, Mr. Chandler. Spends a night with Professor Tisdal of Virginia.
- 1846 Dec 18 Indianapolis, Indiana ô Describes the difficulties of traveling by wagon on the Indiana State Road to Indianapolis.
- 1846 Dec 19 Attends an exhibition of the blind at the state house, designed to promote the establishment of a state institution for the blind. Describes the Indiana state legislature: öSuch green rough stupid fellows I never saw before.ö
- 1846 Dec 22 Attends speech made by a man named Busher (age about 35). Mentions Rev. Owen, editor of the Baptist Christian Messenger, and Mr. Gurly. Mr. Blake provides account of the history of Indiana.
- 1846 Dec 24 near Jamestown, Indiana ô Describes the horse he bought for \$35. Describes the landscape and horrible roads of Indiana.
- 1846 Dec 26 Crawfordsville, Indiana ô Mentions the horrible, muddy road between Indianapolis to Crawfordsville.
- 1846 Dec 29 Meets Professor Hovey and his wife at Wabash College. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey recount their journey from the East to Indiana. Meets Miss Hanna, who formerly taught school in Jamaica, Long Island.

- 1846 Dec 31 Waveland, Indiana ô Staying with Rev. Taylor and his family in Waveland. Taylor is from Kentucky. Describes the poor quality of the muddy roads. öThe only way to get over these dreadful roads is on horseback.ö
- 1847 Jan 1 Briefly describes Rev. Taylor, with whom he is staying. Taylor graduated from Princeton Seminary about 1822, and preached for 7 or 8 years in Kentucky before coming to Indiana. Comments on the quality of Western ministers, many of whom graduated from Princeton or Andover.
- 1847 Jan 7 Rockville, Indiana ô Travels to Rockville via horseback, accompanied by a medical student named Harrison Rice. Comments on damage caused by recent storms. Staying with Rev. McNutt.
- 1847 Jan 8 öWestern people take a great deal more pains & pride in bestowing their hospitality upon strangers than people at the east. . . . I am sometimes obliged to stay two or three days in a family in the midst of noisy, squally children, & make the best of it.ö
- 1847 Jan 12 Terre Haute ô Stays at Stuart's public house in Terre Haute. Describes his unpleasant stay at Rev. McNutt's house in Waveland. In Waveland, öEvery body saw I was after money & they all looked sour.ö At church he öpresented the Tract cause & raised \$12.ö Later stayed with James McEwen. Crossed a swollen creek on horseback en route to Terre Haute.
- 1847 Jan 13 Describes Terre Haute where he is staying with Rev. R.V. Dodge. Calls on Rev. Jewett. Relates the story of a sailor named Adams who died in Rockland. Prior to his death he lamented his wicked life, and praised a missionary named Mrs. Harriet Winslow who he met in India years before.
- 1847 Jan 15 Discusses a tract written by Martin Luther that he found in the possession of a German family in St. Louis a couple of months ago.
- 1847 Jan 18 He preached three times yesterday. Mentions \$58 he received in donations. Mentions Rev. Jewett, pastor of the Congregational church in Terre Haute and a graduate of Dartmouth College.
- 1847 Jan 20 Has received \$116.37 in donations from members of the Congregational church.
- 1847 Jan 22 Putnamville, Indiana ô Mentions going to Putnamville by horseback on the National Road: öThis is truly a perfect burlesque upon the idea of national roads. In many places it is absolutely dangers to life & limb.ö Stayed with Rev. Hawley in Putnamville. Mentions encounter with a Methodist preacher who struggled to find a particular verse in the Bible. Mentions a brief meeting with William Kennedy of Van Buren, Clay County, Indiana.

- 1847 Jan 26 Greencastle ô Greencastle ôis decidedly one of the dirtiest, mudiest, meanest looking places I ever set my eyes upon.ö Mentions Asbury University and the school's president, President Simpson.
- 1847 Jan 28 Parkersburg ô Stays with Rev. Moody Chase, and describes his log cabin home.
- 1847 Jan 29 Crawfordsville ô Stays with Prof. Hovey in Crawfordsville.
- 1847 Jan 30 Lafayette ô ôI almost always fear for success in my efforts to raise funds.ö Briefly describes traveling via horseback in a heavy wind. Briefly describes the town of Romney.
- 1847 Feb 2 Describes Lafayette: ôThis was a spot in early times greatly infected with gamblers & horse thieves.ö
- 1847 Feb 5 Crawfordsville ô Describes a Mr. Wilson of Crawfordsville.
- 1847 Feb 6 Danville ô Provides a lengthy description of log cabins he has seen in Indiana.
- 1847 Feb 10 Indianapolis ô Mentions Rev. Lowry. Mentions the home of Col. Nave, who has gone to the Mexican War. ôThis National Road is a perfect disgrace to the nation & the president who vetoed the bill appropriating money for finishing it. It is said that since that event Van Buren has passed through Indiana in the stage & was turned over on this very road. Served him right.ö Staying at Mr. Blake's in Indianapolis.
- 1847 Feb 15 Has preached several times. Mentions the churches of Rev. T.D. Gurley[?] and Rev. H.W. Beecher. Staying with the family of James Blake, an early pioneer who came to Indiana in 1816. Includes memorandum with statistics regarding the number of Germans that landed in New York City in 1846 (52,000); statistics regarding college students; and statistics regarding the number of emigrants to the U.S. in 1845-1846.
- 1847 Feb 19 ôI shall not raise 100 dollars here in all. . . . Beechers people in particular have never yet learned the A.B.C. of benevolence.ö Meets Charles[?] W. Cady, formerly of New Hampshire.
- 1847 Feb 23 Mentions Mr. Blake. Describes traveling to Greenwood on horseback through deep mud.
- 1847 Feb 24 Describes the fertile land and the terrible roads.
- 1847 Mar 3 Dayton, Ohio ô ôJust as soon as I had struck the Ohio line I could at once see a dif. [difference] in the houses, farms, & gen. [general] appearance of

the country. Now I was on a good sound solid turn-pike, & never in my life did I haul up at a toll gate & fork over a half dime with so much pleasure and satisfaction.ö Met a traveler along the road, an old bachelor and schoolteacher named Roseberry.

- 1847 Mar 8 Cincinnati ô Met Charles Anderson on the stage from Dayton to Cincinnati. Anderson was about 34 years old, and had made a speech at a railroad meeting in Dayton the previous night.
- 1847 Mar 9 Staying at Mr. Swanø's boarding house. Mentions a young married couple in a nearby room who play backgammon every evening.
- 1847 Mar 13 Discusses the many Christian denominations in the West.
- 1847 Mar 18 Mentions his daily routine and describes Rev. Boynton.
- 1847 Mar 21 Attends lecture of Mr. Boynton on the servitude of the Egyptians.
- 1847 Mar 23 Mentions the öwickednessö of Cincinnati.
- 1847 Mar 27 Laments how little he has accomplished in the past week.
- 1847 Apr 23 Steamboat *Monongahela*, Ohio River ô Leaves Cincinnati for Pomeroy.
- 1847 Apr 26 Pomeroy ô Describes the coal mining operation of Pomeroy & Sons led by Mr. V.B. Horton. Takes a tour into the mine with Rev. Wilkinson.
- 1847 Apr 28 Coolville ô Rides Mr. Wilkinsonø's old horse to Chester. Mentions Rev. Walton at Chester, Rev. Ford at Coolville, and Mr. Newton at Hacking Port.
- 1847 Apr 29 Mentions Rev. Ford, who has been here five years. öIf I am to be a pastor, I have but little confidence in my present means of preparation. . . . All this part of Ohio is a complete moral wilderness. Few churches & schools are here & the population is generally poor & ignorant.ö
- 1847 Apr 30 Chester ô Mentions Judge Bestow and Mr. Walton.
- 1847 May 3 Gallipolis, Ohio ô Staying with S. Nash, a native of South Hadley, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Amherst College. Describes the circumstances of Nashø's marriage to a girl from his native town.
- 1847 May 4 Relates the story of the death of a stranger named J.B. McCartney, who was taken off the steamboat at Gallipolis due to illness and died several days later.

- 1847 May 6 Manchester ô Traveled from Gallipolis to Manchester on the steamboat *Monongahela*. Mentions Mr. Hills and his wife of Manchester.
- 1847 May 7 Cincinnati ô Arrived in Cincinnati this morning.
- 1847 May 10 Preached at Mr. Boynton's and called on Mr. White.
- 1847 May 14 Attends a lecture on animal magnetism by a Dr. Moore.
- 1847 May 20 Lebanon, Ohio ô Travels by buggy with Ritty to Lebanon. Attends the Cumberland General Assembly.
- 1847 May 28 Cincinnati ô Ritty gave a wonderful speech. "On the morrow, God willing, I shall start on my great western Journey. In twelve more weeks I hope to be round my prescribed circuit, & land in New York."
- 1847 May 31 Madison, Indiana ô Staying with the family of Rev. H. Little, a native of New Hampshire. Among his children are Susan, Joseph, Henry, George, Mary, and Cornelia. Mentions the steamboat *North America* and the steamboat *Ben Franklin No. 6*.
- 1847 June 1 Steamboat *Talisman*, below Louisville ô Traveled to Louisville on the steamboat *North America*. Dined with Mr. Buckley and ran into Chidlaw and Mr. and Mrs. Tuthill. Tuthill is going to St. Louis to build a new church. Tuthill's wife was formerly Miss A.H. Hall.
- 1847 June 5 Mentions the tedium of steamboat travel.
- 1847 June 15 Steamboat *Dial*, Illinois River ô Suffered a violent attack of diarrhea while in St. Louis.
- 1847 June 16 Steamboat *Dial* ô Meets old friends in St. Louis including Dr. Hale and Shepard Wills and his wife. Meets a soldier of the 4th Illinois Regiment returning from the Mexican War, who has Santa Anna's wooden leg in his possession. Describes the wooden leg.
- 1847 June 22 Chicago, Illinois ô Travels to Chicago via the town of Peru.
- 1847 June 25 Peru, Illinois ô Mentions his miserable ride from Chicago. Describes Chicago, which is known as the "Wooden City," and mentions that the city is growing rapidly. Takes the Steamboat *Dial* to Hennepin on the Illinois River. Describes the mosquitoes.
- 1847 June 28 Princeton ô Describes the town of Princeton. "This division of religious sentiment in the great curse of the west." Visits with Rev. Owen Lovejoy, brother of the murdered Elijah P. Lovejoy and an ardent abolitionist. "It will

take Southern Illinois & Southern Indiana 50 years to throw off the incubus of the direful influences of slavery which has been pressing upon them.ö

- 1847 July 2 Chatham, Illinois ô Traveled by wagon to Peoria and then by stage to Springfield. Rode to Chatham with Sarah and Miss Lucy Chapin.
- 1847 July 5 Springfield ô ðI returned to this capital of the Sucker State on Saturday. That was a great day for the rabble. The glorious 4th coming on Sunday, they celebrated it on Saturday. . . . I do not believe it is my duty to . . . spend hours & days in begging people for money, many of whom will give me 50 cents just to get rid of me.ö
- 1847 July 6 Describes watching a single man working on the construction of an Episcopal church.
- 1847 July 7 Jacksonville ô Took a stage for Jacksonville.
- 1847 July 8 Naples ô Mentions Mr. Eddy and his good friend Miss Lucretia Kimball. ðThe mosquitoes will eat me up!!ö
- 1847 July 9 ðOh! ô Went to bed last night at 9 o'clock to get some sleep. But Bed bugs!!! Oh horrible. I have not slept more than 2 hours!! Good Lord deliver me from Naples!!ö
- 1847 July 10 Quincy, Illinois ô Describes his battle with bed bugs and mosquitoes the previous night. Describes a fight between stage drivers.
- 1847 July 14 Mentions Mr. Marks, the revivalist Mr. Foote, and a young preacher Mr. Meer. Visited the site of Dr. Nelson's Mission Institute near Quincy, accompanied by Robert Tilson. Describes Dr. Nelson's surviving family members. ðAbout the time of [Dr. Nelson's] death, & while he was too far gone to know what was going on, the old woman & children kidnapped & sold to a Southern slave driver a negro whom the Dr. had emancipated years before!ö
- 1847 July 15 Burlington, Iowa ô Traveled from Quincy to Burlington on the steamboat *Cora*. Mentions Mr. Salter and his wife in Burlington.
- 1847 July 17 Denmark ô Mentions Dr. Shedd.
- 1847 July 21 Steamboat *Lynx*, Mississippi River ô Mentions Rev. Salter and his wife. Mentions the oppressive heat and that he is tired of steamboat travel.
- 1847 July 22 Davenport ô Describes Davenport and Moline. Mentions a college that is being built and that his friend E. Adams is one of the trustees.

- 1847 July 25 Dubuque ô Traveled by stage to Dubuque with Rev. Alden of Tipton. Rev. Alden is going East to get a wife. Mentions Rev. Holbrook of Dubuque. Meets a former pupil Tommy Archibald.
- 1847 July 27 Galena ô Mentions men mining in the vicinity of Galena. Mentions Rev. Kent.
- 1847 July 29 New Diggings, Wisconsin ô Mentions his friend Rev. John Lewis and Rev. Holbrook of Dubuque. "On the Sabbath, the shops were all open. Men were drinking, gambling, swearing, horseracing & fighting." Went down into a mine shaft at the Irish Diggings.
- 1847 July 31 Galena ô Mentions Mr. Kent.
- 1847 Aug 5 Daysville ô "I raised \$146 at Galena, & it was a hard days work." On the stage to Dixon he met Capt. Wallace, adjutant of the 1st Illinois Regiment, who had been at the Battle of Buena Vista. Copies a sketch of the ground of the battle.
- 1847 Aug 7 Chicago ô Mentions meeting a German on the stage and speaking German with him.
- 1847 Aug 13 Steamboat *Canada*, Lake Erie ô Stayed with Rev. Patterson in Chicago. Traveled from Chicago to St. Joseph on the steamboat *Champion*. Continued to Kalamazoo where he stayed at the Kalamazoo House, where he encountered fleas and bed bugs. Traveled to Detroit, where he boarded the steamboat *Canada*.
- 1847 Aug 14 Delavan House, Albany, New York ô Mentions his wedding, officiated by Rev. M.G. Wheeler. Describes the springs in the vicinity of Saratoga.
- 1847 Aug 23 Bennington, Vermont ô Describes Troy, New York, and the rivalry between Troy and Albany. Travels by stage to Bennington, where he is greeted by his friends Mr. and Mrs. Abbott.
- 1847 Aug 25 Newport, New Hampshire ô Describes stagecoach ride from Bennington to Brattleboro to Claremont to Newport.
- 1847 Sept 2 Mentions a family meeting he had.
- 1847 Sept 6 Abington, Massachusetts ô Traveled to Newport Village and spent the night with Mr. Woods, who is having quarrels within his congregation. Visited the Merrimack Mills with William Goodwin. Describes Abington.

- 1847 Sept 9 New York ô Describes Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Spent the night with Dea[?] O. Wittington, husband of Miss Lucy Jencks[?]. Visits Lynn and Nahant, and sketches a map of these two towns.
- 1847 Oct 12 Cincinnati, Ohio ô Staying at Dr. Weedø. öThis begging money is as usual a hard up hill business.ö
- 1847 Oct 26 Steamboat *North River* ô Traveling to St. Louis.
- 1847 Nov 6 St. Louis, Missouri ô öWe arrived in St. Louis on Friday[?] morning Oct 29th. This made but about 60 hours from Louisville, which on the whole was a very quick & pleasant trip. . . . The people here [in St. Louis] are more generous & open hearted than they are in most places I have visited.ö
- 1847 Nov 23 Cairo, Illinois, steamboat *Declaration* ô Describes Cairo. Mentions the steamboats docked at Cairo, which are öcapable of receiving & retaining each about 200 persons.ö öThe jarring of the boat is much greater than usual.ö
- 1847 Dec 3 Dayton, Ohio ô Stayed at Dr. Weedø in Cincinnati and with Stevenson in Dayton. Describes Dayton.
- 1847 Dec 8 Steamboat *American* near Portsmouth, Ohio ô Stayed at Dr. Weedø. Attended a lecture or sermon by Boynton.
- 1847 Dec 11 Portsmouth, Ohio ô Visited Clinton Furnace, which was run by B.B. Gaylord. Describes effects of flooding. Stayed at the United States Hotel in Portsmouth. öI have never met with such inhospitable & uncouth treatment as from the people in Portsmouth.ö Met Rev. Cushing who criticized Peabodyø work.
- 1847 Dec 13 Describes effects of flooding. Meets Rev. Burr, an Episcopal minister.
- 1847 Dec 21 Cincinnati ô Traveled from Portsmouth to Cincinnati on the steamboat *American*. Describes the effects of flooding along the river. öAt one place we were hauled by persons from the top of a house that seemed to be in the midst of the river, with a barn & a few apple trees showing their tops near by.ö Lodging with Mrs. Swan.
- 1847 Dec 31 Steamboat *Atlantis* [verify], Ohio River, near Evansville ô Fits up his room at Mrs. Swanø in Cincinnati. Prepares for winter campaign in Indiana. Travels to Louisville with Miss Hollister on the *Pike No. 9*. Met Rev. Ed. Humphrey[?] at Louisville.

- 1848 Jan 1 Evansville, Indiana ô Describes Evansville. Mentions the new canal being built that will connect Covington, Terre Haute, and Evansville. ðAll this part of the Hoosier land is made up of the very dregs of slavery.ð
- 1848 Jan 3 Preaches at the churches of Rev. Dodge and Rev. Sneed. Briefly describes Evansville.
- 1848 Jan 5 Sandersville, 8 miles north of Evansville ô Obtained a horse from Rev. Sneed. Staying at the home of an old Englishman named Ingle. Describes Ingle and the mud house in which he lives.
- 1848 Jan 7 Vincennes, Indiana ô Mentions Mr. Ingle: ðmy old English host who is a mixture of oddity & vulgarity.ð Briefly describes Princeton, Indiana. Mentions John Sagow[?], Rev. Hendricks, and Rev. John Macmaster. Briefly describes the horse that Rev. Sneed loaned him. Describes traveling by horse to Vincennes. Describes the landscape.
- 1848 Jan 10 Preached to the congregation of Rev. Alexander.
- 1848 Jan 12 Country near Edwardsport, Indiana ô Stays in ða German log cabin. There being no window I am writing by the light of a grease lamp a la mode die Deutch.ð Secures a colporteur named Charles Schaffer.
- 1848 Jan 13 Terre Haute ô Visits a German settlement, accompanied by Schaffer. ðReally these Germans exceed all I have ever seen among the Hoosiers or Suckers for filth & shabbiness. The women with their wooden shoes, the men with their pipes in their mouths & a greasy cap on the top of the head present humanity in a new phase from any thing I ever saw before.ð Rode to Carlisle where he stayed with Rev. Thompson. Rode to Merom where he stayed with Rev. Crawford. ðMerom . . . is the meanest, dirtiest, most dilapidated old shell of a town I ever saw.ð Continued by horseback to Terre Haute.
- 1848 Jan 19 Raised about \$115 in Terre Haute.
- 1848 Jan 21 Putnamville, Indiana ô Discusses the history of churches in Terre Haute. Mentions Rev. Wallace, Rev. Jewett, and Rev. R.R. Dodge.
- 1848 Jan 22 Greencastle, Indiana ô Took his leave of Mr. & Mrs. Hawley in Putnamville. Briefly describes Greencastle.
- 1848 Jan 29 Lafayette, Indiana ô Left Greencastle where he raised \$55. Visited a man named David Wills on a small farm near Russelville. Rode to Parkersburg where he stayed with Chase. Rode through the mud to Crawfordsville where he stayed with Prof. Hovey[?]. Rode to Lafayette where he visited Rev. Wilson and his wife.

- 1848 Feb 3 Crawfordsville ô Mentions Mr. Myres, a preacher from Indianapolis.
öEducation is now more needed than almost every thing else [in the West].ö
- 1848 Feb 8 Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana ô Mentions a Methodist
colporteur named Woodward and a preacher named Beers. Traveled from
Crawfordsville to Brownsburg. öMiserable cabins & a swampy disconsolate
looking country is all that meets the eye.ö
- 1848 Mar 6 Ripley, Ohio ô Has spent the past three weeks reading and catching up on
correspondence in Cincinnati. Traveled to Ripley on the steamboat *New
England*. Describes Ripley. öHere is the great seat of the anti-slavery
influence. The great centre of operations for underground railroads which
lead to the confines of Canada, over which pass annually so many hundreds
of miserable slaves, is here.ö Mentions Rev. John Rankin, the famous leader
of the abolition movement in Ohio. Preached three times yesterday.
- 1848 Mar 13 Gallipolis ô Briefly describes Gallipolis. Traveled with his wife,
Antoinette, from Cincinnati to Gallipolis on the steamboat *Hibernia*. Staying
with Rev. Warren. Recounts the explosion and sinking of the steamboat
Blue Ridge, which occurred on January 9. Mentions a passenger named Mr.
Langley who survived.
- 1848 Apr 12 Louisville, Kentucky, steamboat *Cambria* ô Describes the Cincinnati
Observatory, which he visited with Dr. Y.S. Weed[?]. Mentions Prof.
Mitchell. Meets in Cincinnati with fellow agents Rev. H. Little and wife,
J.M. Stevenson, J. Stevens and wife, O. Powell and wife, F.Y. Vail, D.
Christy, and Mr. Miner.
- 1848 Apr 18 St. Louis, Mo. ô Travels from Cincinnati to St. Louis on the steamboat
Cambria: öIncluding 8 hours, which we spent at Louisville, we were but 3
days & 3 hours from Cincinnati.ö öThe Levy [at St. Louis] is very much
crowded with drays, horses, mules, negroes, bags, boxes & c. . . . There is
about it [St. Louis] among the people an air of independence, frankness &
generosity which does not exist in Cincinnati.ö Mentions Mr. Thissell and
his sick wife. Boards at Mr. H.T. Darrah's.
- 1848 Apr 22 Bethel, Illinois ô Traveled by stage with Mr. Thissell on the national road
to Greenville. Mentions the meeting of the Alton Presbytery; Rev. Norton of
Alton; and Rev. Wood of Jerseyville.
- 1848 Apr 26 St. Louis ô Attended church in Bethel where Mr. Grovesner[?] preached.
Thissell returned to St. Louis. Visited Rev. Lippincott, an old pioneer of
southern Illinois, at his residence called Marine Settlement. Stayed with an
old college classmate named Potter. öI would not be persuaded to live
among these Suckers [Illinoisans] for all the corn & pork they raise upon

their lands. There is no enterprise, no industry, no nothing in this section of the prairie state. The inhabitants mostly from the South are indolent & ignorant. They raise a little corn & pork & carry it to St. Louis market where they buy their coffee, sugar & whisky.ö

- 1848 May 2 Preaches at Alton and describes the city. öThe stone ware house where the lamented Lovejoy was shot is still standing, though now converted into a flour mill.ö
- 1848 May 12 Briefly describes the Monticello Female Seminary and mentions Mrs. Lyons and Miss Forbes, the principal of the seminary. Spent the night with Dr. James at Upper Alton.
- 1848 June 2 Fairfield, Iowa ô Visited Collinsville with Shepard Wells. Traveled by steamboat *Ocean Wave* to Quincy, Illinois, where he visited Robert Tillson. Traveled on the steamboat *Kate Kearney* to Keokuk, and thence to Montrose. Visited Nauvoo, Illinois. Includes lengthy account of the Mormon temple, accompanied by two sketches. öWe called on the widow of the celebrated Joe Smith [Joseph Smith], who had been recently been married to a Mr. Bridamore[?]. She still lives in the house which was occupied by her late husband.ö
- 1848 June 3 Describes Bonnell's farm, Farmington, Iowa. Mentions Mr. Adams and his church in Farmington.
- 1848 June 5 Salem, Iowa ô Rode from Fairfield to Salem, where he stayed with öa venerable old Quaker named Pickering.ö
- 1848 June 7 (or 8) Burlington ô Spent a day in Denmark with öthe queer & eccentric Dr. Geo. Shedd [Dr. George Shedd].ö
- 1848 June 15 Davenport, Iowa ô Visits Rev. E. Adams in Davenport. Describes Davenport and the ruins of Fort Armstrong. Mentions Rev. Ripley.
- 1848 June 19 Galena, Illinois ô Attended a sermon by Mr. Whittlesey of Connecticut.
- 1848 June 22 St. Peters, Minnesota Territory ô Traveled up the Mississippi River on the steamboat *Dr. Franklin*. Visits an Indian encampment at Wabashaw's prairie, where he witnessed a council between Winnebago Indians, Sioux Indians, and Capt. Eastman from Fort Snelling. Describes a Sioux Indian dance he witnessed. Mentions the American Fur Company depot at St. Peters. Mentions Dr. Wheeler of Missouri, formerly of Newport, New Hampshire.

- 1848 June 24 Fort Snelling ô Visits Fort Snelling and the Falls of St. Anthony with a missionary named Dr. Williamson and Miss Cunningham of Ohio. Describes the fort and the falls.
- 1848 June 26 Kaposia ô Foregoes traveling to Galena on the steamboat *Dr. Franklin* due to the fact that the boat is traveling on the Sabbath. Mentions Dr. Williamson.
- 1848 June 28 Waiting for a steamboat at Kaposia. Describes the òintolerableö mosquitoes.
- 1848 July 3 Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin ô Travels via the steamboat *Highland Mary* to Prairie du Chien. Meets Rev. Albert Barnes[?] of Philadelphia on board the boat. Describes Prairie du Chien.
- 1848 July 8 Galena, Illinois ô Mentions Brisbeau, agent of the American Fur Company. Chartered a team òwned by a N.H. yankee named Folsomö who took him to Platteville. Accompanied by Rev. Barnes[?] and his son. Met his friend and classmate Eaton at Lancaster. Mentions Rev. John Lewis, pastor of a church in Platteville. Mentions the Platteville mounds. Mentions the miners in the vicinity of Galena: òThese miners are a very peculiar people. They are addicted both to habits of gambling & intemperance. When they get any money by digging they are sure to lose it at the gaming table or to spend it for drink.ö Left Antoinette at Mr. Magounø and took the stage to Dubuque.
- 1848 July 12 Daysville, Ogle County, Illinois ô Took a crowded stage to Dixon, where he was met by his friend Ruel. Mentions Sarah and her husband, Mr. Dutch.
- 1848 July 18 Still at Daysville. Took an excursion to the small town of Byron, and explains how the town got its name.
- 1848 July 20 Peoria, Illinois ô Rode to Grand Detour where he had tea with Dr. Southwick. Took a stagecoach to Peru, and then the steamboat *Princeton* to Peoria.
- 1848 July 26 Springfield, Illinois ô Mentions the ministers of Peoria: Rev. Weston (age about 32), Rev. Coffee (age 42-45), and Rev. Starr (age about 30). Took the stage from Peoria to Springfield.
- 1848 Aug 30 Niagara Falls ô Traveled to Jacksonville, Illinois, and briefly describes the city. Took the steamboat *Domain* from Meredosia, Illinois, to St. Louis. Mentions Mr. Thissell. Traveled to Louisville on the steamboat *Ocean Wave*. Visited Rev. Henry Littleø's family at Madison. Stayed at Mrs. Swanø's in Cincinnati. Visited Niagara Falls. Describes the falls, and includes sketches of the falls and the bridge over the falls.

- 1848 Nov 15 Traveled to New York. ðI am again on my return to St. Louis, to resume the duties of Gen. Agent of the Am. Tract Socy [American Tract Society].ö
- 1848 Nov 18 Cairo, Illinois ô Describes delay in his steamboat trip from Louisville to Cairo, while waiting for the river to rise sufficiently to enable the boat to make it over the falls.
- 1848 Nov 20 Steamboat *Mary* ô Stayed at the Johnson House in Cape Girardeau, and describes how the city got its name. Mentions religious denominations in Cape Girardeau.
- 1848 Nov 26 St. Louis ô Attends a sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Potts, öthe best preacher in St. Louis.ö Heard Mr. Clark preach. Heard Rev. Lyon preach on the subject of slavery.
- 1848 Nov 28 Mentions meeting several old acquaintances, including Mr. Adriance. Heard the celebrated Carey lecture on intemperance. Had a conversation with a man named Perkins who graduated from Dartmouth College.
- 1848 Dec 5 Boarding at Mr. Chappell's at 4th and St. Charles. He is paying \$11 per month for board. Met a Hollander named Berkhout who is going to be a colporteur.
- 1848 Dec 15 Comments on reports of the discovery of gold in California and the expected gold rush to follow.
- 1848 Dec 25 Describes the celebration of Christmas in St. Louis: öBoys & half grown men began to fire guns & Indian crackers last night (Sunday) long before it was dark, and continued it till late at night. On Christmas day I find that merchants generally shut their stores. By 12 o'clock to day very few, except apothecary shops & groggeries were open. Very few comparatively attended church. The firing of guns, pistols & Indian crackers were kept up all day. Most parents take this occasion to present their children with a variety of presents. It is indeed the great time for making presents among all classes of people. By night there were hundreds upon hundreds almost dead drunk & the way they are spending the evening in the streets and among the groggeries is a caution to all sober men.ö
- 1848 Dec 28 Mentions a report that two deckhands on the steamboat *Missouri* died of a disease believed to be cholera, while en route from New Orleans to St. Louis.
- 1849 Jan 1 öAmong all the ladies I have seen today, Mrs. Potts certainly appeared the most graceful & lovely. No doubt she prepared herself with extra care for the occasion, but she certainly did look most beautiful. Mrs. Van Court also is one of the nicest little ladies I ever met. She is so pleasant[?] & nice &

withal very good looking. . . . The boys commenced firing guns, pistols & Indian crackers in all directions. The [They] kept it up constantly through the day. At some time the noise was so great as to annoy the public worship. As soon as it began to grow dark, this firing was redoubled, & continued till after midnight. There was not a minute nor scarcely a second of silence in the city, out in all directions, sometimes near by & then afar off was heard the commingled rattling of guns & shouts. . . . By some it is maintained that it [cholera] is already in the city. It is a clear case that it is raging at New Orleans, & that many have died on the boats coming up the river. . . .ö

- 1849 Jan 15 Describes his daily routine. Mentions that cholera is expected to visit St. Louis in the spring.
- 1849 Jan 24 Mentions that there has been 8 or 10 deaths from cholera in St. Louis.
- 1849 Jan 30 Comments on population changes between the Missouri state censuses of 1844 and 1848. Pasted on the page is a newspaper clipping showing population statistics for Missouri counties from the 1848 Missouri state census. öBut there are two causes that tend naturally to check its [Missouri's] growth & advancement as a state. One is the character of the pop. [population]ö mostly from slave states & from Germany. The former have no habits of industry, the latter have industry but no notion of schools or free institutions. The other cause is slavery which weighs like an incubus upon the prosperity & improvement of the state. Both these evils, it is hoped, will be gradually removed.ö
- 1849 Feb 2 Describes the circumstances of a proposed duel between F.P. Blair, Jr., and a newspaper editor named Pickering. The duel did not occur. öThe cholera excitement has entirely disappeared from the city.ö
- 1849 Feb 14 Comments on John C. Calhoun's [?] appeal to the people of the South on the subject of northern abolition.
- 1849 Feb 15 Comments on the possible consequences of the California gold rush.
- 1849 Feb 16 Mentions a former colporteur named Mr. Ruger[?].
- 1849 Feb 20 Comments on Senator Benton's proposal regarding the construction of a railroad from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.
- 1849 Feb 24 Comments on his loneliness. Meets a 55-to-65-year-old man from Callaway County, Missouri, who intends to go to California in the spring.
- 1849 Mar 1 Describes an interesting lecture he attended, which was given by Rev. Prof. Post on the subject of commerce.

- 1849 Mar 5 ōTo night I have been reading President Taylor's Inaugural Address. It was delivered at 12 o'clock to day at the Capitol, & at 5 it was sold in the streets of St. Louis.ö
- 1849 Mar 13 Attended the anniversary of the Missouri Bible Society. Mentions P.G. Camden, Dr. Bond, Dr. Potts, and Dr. Bullard.
- 1849 Mar 19 Traveled to Alton and preached at the church of Rev. Norton.
- 1849 Mar 24 Receives a letter from his wife, Antoinette, and believes she will leave New York soon. öThere are crowds of California emigrants now in the city.ö
- 1849 Mar 27 Describes öone of the most daring burglaries ever known in the annals of St. Louis crime,ö which was perpetrated on the property of an Exchange broker named Mr. Nesbit. öThe Californians continue to throng the city from all parts of the country.ö
- 1849 Mar 31 Attended a meeting on behalf of the proposed Atlantic & Mis.[?] Railroad. Professor Mitchel gave a presentation.
- 1849 July 25 Mentions a ögreat fireö that occurred in St. Louis on May 17. Discusses the cholera epidemic, mentioning the numbers who have died, its effect on local commerce, the increase of drinking among the citizens, and the unsuccessful effort of doctors to prevent the disease. Mentions the deaths of Dr. Barbour, Dr. Wishart, Dr. Steinessel[?], and Rev. Alexander Van Court.