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DIARY  
OF THE REVEREND  
NOADIAH RUSSELL  
OF  
IPSWICH, MASS.  
AND  
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.  
FOR THE OLD STYLE YEAR  
1687  
(*March 1687 - February 1688*)

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## FOREWORD

Reverend Noadiah Russell of Middletown, Connecticut, born July 22, 1659, was son of William and Sarah (Davis) Russell of New Haven, Connecticut. He was graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1681 and was employed for a time by the college after his graduation. He issued the "Cambridge Ephemeris; an Almanac of Cœlestial Motions for 1684. Cambridge. Samuel Green." Late in 1683 he removed to Ipswich, Mass. where he taught school. In 1687 he went to Middletown, where he was ordained minister of the First Church on October 24th and continued in that capacity until he "fell asleep Dec<sup>r</sup> 3d, 1713." He married Mary, daughter of Giles Hamlin of Middletown.

The diary which follows, in the handwriting of Mr. Russell, is copied from the interleaved pages of an almanac for the year 1687 which covers the period March 1686/7 to February 1687/8, inclusive. This almanac is now imperfect lacking the first leaf which carried the title and the last leaf. A modern paper cover replaces these leaves and carries the following manuscript title "An Almanack for the year 1687. (probably published in Cambridge, Mass., perhaps prepared by Noadiah Russell:) with memoranda of occurrences on interleaves: written by Rev. Noadiah Russell, at Ipswich, Mass. till Mch. 22, at Middletown, Conn. after April 2, in 1687."

Comparison with another copy shows that this is the "Cambridge Ephemeris. An Almanac of Cœlestial Motions for 1687. Cambridge. S[amuel] G[reen] Colledg. Printer." This Almanac was published anonymously. Its authorship is credited to William Williams who issued one with the same title for 1685. It seems

not impossible that this was the work of Noadiah Russell rather than of William Williams.

The original interleaved almanac, now owned jointly by a number of descendants of Mr. Russell, is in the possession of Mrs. Talcott H. Russell of New Haven. The diary is here printed by permission of its owners from a copy made from the original in June 1931. A number of words in the manuscript are indicated by characters which are easily translatable. In printing, these indicated words are put in italics and inclosed within brackets.

His diary covering the period March 23, 1681/2 to March 1684 is printed in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Volume VII, 1853, page 53. Another diary by Mr. Russell was some years ago in possession of a Middletown man now deceased. Its present location, if it still exists, is unknown.

A.C.B.



## DIARY

- 25 of February last M<sup>r</sup> Corlett<sup>1</sup> of Cambridge dyed  
w<sup>th</sup> Age. The same day dyed Pierpont<sup>2</sup>  
(p<sup>r</sup>ter eo<sup>3</sup> Deac[ ] Hasting's the Tanner) of ye  
small Pox.

[March 1687]

- [ ] I went to Andover to M<sup>r</sup> Barnards<sup>4</sup> ordination,  
who was ordained pastor [of] y<sup>t</sup> church. came  
to Ips [ ] or thereabouts M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail Moody  
dyed at Boston of y<sup>e</sup> small P
- 5 I was very ill of y<sup>e</sup> head Ach:  
10 I made up my Accounts with y<sup>e</sup> Towns men &c.  
13 Was y<sup>e</sup> sacrament of y<sup>e</sup> Lords supper.  
14 Was a Town meeting  
17. I gave my Accounts w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Tenants of y<sup>e</sup> school of  
Ips: to y<sup>e</sup> Feoaffes being met at Elder Pains<sup>5</sup>.  
19: I shipt my Goods on board Sam<sup>11</sup> Dutch for Boston  
after which I rode to Salisbury.  
20. I preacht all day for M<sup>r</sup> Allin<sup>6</sup> at Salsbury.  
21 Was a great storme of snow  
22. I came home to Ipswich.  
23 Went to Rowley Lecture  
24 A storme of Rain easterly.  
25 In y<sup>e</sup> after noon came up a thunder storm but  
short  
29 I set out [of] Ips: lodged y<sup>e</sup> night at Charlstowne  
30 Met w<sup>th</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Perry at Boston & set out for Midlet<sup>n</sup>  
at night lodged at Malbory<sup>7</sup>  
31 We went to Quabauge<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Elijah Corlett.

<sup>2</sup> Joseph Pierpont died at Cambridge in 1686 without issue.

<sup>3</sup> Beyond the house of.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Barnard.

<sup>5</sup> Robert Paine.

<sup>6</sup> Rev. James Allen or Alling.

<sup>7</sup> Marlborough, Mass.

<sup>8</sup> Now Brookfield, Mass.

[April]

- 1 We came from Quab: to Springfield  
2 To Middleton  
3 M<sup>r</sup> Stow<sup>1</sup> preacht in y<sup>e</sup> fore noon  
4 Rained  
6 I went to M<sup>r</sup> Whitings<sup>2</sup> Lect<sup>r</sup> at Hartford  
7 M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd<sup>3</sup> came down  
12. M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd set out for Boston  
17 M<sup>r</sup> Stow preacht at Wethersfield  
26 Was y<sup>e</sup> Freemens meeting at Midl<sup>n</sup> for election  
27 I went to M<sup>r</sup> Woodbridges<sup>4</sup> Lect: at Hartford  
28 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hamlin<sup>5</sup> came in w<sup>th</sup> his ship to New Lond<sup>n</sup>  
30 Will<sup>m</sup> Hamlin<sup>5</sup> rode my horse to Hartf<sup>d</sup> to carry  
Ab: B<sup>11</sup>

[May]

- 3 In afternoon about 2 or 3: was a thunder storme  
at Wethersfield y<sup>e</sup> wind was violent blew down  
(either in whole or p<sup>t</sup>) 7 or 8 Barns and one  
dwell: house: at Middletn twas moderate.  
5 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> came with [*his*] ship above ye straits &  
next day came up before ye door & invited  
several [*of his*] friends on board  
12 I went to Hartf<sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> elect<sup>n</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Eliot<sup>6</sup>  
preacht ye sermon 24 Jer: 5 several N: York  
gentlemen were there. Judge Palmer, M<sup>r</sup> Grames  
Doct<sup>r</sup> Butler, Doct<sup>r</sup> Bowles. — Y<sup>e</sup> waters by  
Reason [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> great rain were high  
13 I came down & M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Williams<sup>7</sup> with me

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Samuel Stow.

<sup>2</sup> Rev. John Whiting, pastor of the Second Church.

<sup>3</sup> William Southmayd.

<sup>4</sup> Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, pastor of the first First Church.

<sup>5</sup> Sons of Giles Hamlin.

<sup>6</sup> Joseph Eliot of Guilford. So far as is known it was not printed.

<sup>7</sup> Probably the Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, "The Redeemed Captive."



- 14 It rain'd hard, y<sup>e</sup> next night, & most of y<sup>e</sup> next  
day raised y<sup>e</sup> great Rivr
- 15 M<sup>r</sup> Williams preacht all day for me, the River  
Rose
- 16 The River was at y<sup>e</sup> higest over flowed y<sup>e</sup> low land  
spoild much corn so y<sup>t</sup> men were fain to plant  
over again.
- 19 M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd came up (w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sumner<sup>1</sup> who  
came w<sup>th</sup> [his] family to settle here) left [his]  
vessel a little above Seabrook
- 21 M<sup>r</sup> Southm<sup>d</sup> sloop came up above y<sup>e</sup> straits
- 22 M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>11</sup> Hooker<sup>2</sup> of Farmingt<sup>n</sup> & M<sup>rs3</sup> Mehittabel  
Hamlin were publisht &:
- 24 M<sup>r</sup> Southm<sup>d</sup> landed my chest, Books, & other  
things.
- 25 Was a day [of] Publiq. fasting & prayer throughout  
Connect<sup>ct</sup> colony.
- 29 In y<sup>e</sup> evening about 8, or 9 of y<sup>e</sup> clock was a  
thunder storme; a crack [of] thunder brake with  
violence over Ensign Wards<sup>4</sup> house, tore of  
many shingles slivered a spar to pieces, broke a  
ptition, came thru y<sup>e</sup> chamber floor, in y<sup>e</sup> Lower  
Room were several young psons sitting: one of  
w<sup>ch</sup> (sil: Ebenz: Stocking<sup>5</sup> a young [man]) was  
struck dead, two men y<sup>r</sup> legs struck y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>y</sup>  
thought them cut off but quickly recovrd, no  
bones broke, two young mades struck much  
after y<sup>e</sup> like manner. Y<sup>e</sup> pson y<sup>t</sup> was killd had  
his face but especially [his] breast scorcht, y<sup>e</sup>  
skin not broke nor shrivelled [his] back had.

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<sup>1</sup> William Sumner, previously of Boston.

<sup>2</sup> Son of Rev. Samuel Hooker of Farmington.

<sup>3</sup> Mistress, a title frequently given to young unmarried women.  
She was the daughter of Giles Hamlin.

<sup>4</sup> Ensign William Ward.

<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer, son of Deacon Samuel Stocking, born Feb. 23, 1667 or  
1669.

Y<sup>e</sup> thunder broke a window, went thru a stone wall, forcing its: thru y<sup>e</sup> joints space between y<sup>e</sup> stones, some places bearing y<sup>e</sup> stones where y<sup>e</sup> thunder had forct it way through y<sup>e</sup> joynts [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> wall. It carried away y<sup>e</sup> mortar and took off y<sup>e</sup> corner & Edges [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> stones, as if pickt, or cut off with an instrument.

[June]

- 8 I went to Hartf<sup>d</sup> Lect: M<sup>r</sup> Wood<sup>d<sup>ge</sup></sup>
- 9 My horse was blooded.
- 10 Nath<sup>l</sup> Stow was taken very sick as hs in cannoe to Haddam.
- 12 Goodm<sup>n</sup> Hurlbut<sup>s</sup> young child died. Next day buried. — 11, 12. 13. The Great River Rose apace. By reason [*of*] an up county rain, flooded much of ye meadow. —
13. M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd went [*to*] Middl: w<sup>th</sup> [*his*] sloop.
- 14 The water began to fall. & fell a pace
15. M<sup>r</sup> Will: Williams<sup>s</sup> was ordained at Hatfield.
15. Was held a general court at Hartford.
- 16 M<sup>r</sup> Randolph<sup>s</sup> came up to Hartford [*from*] S<sup>r</sup> E.<sup>t</sup> to psuade y<sup>e</sup> comp to subm<sup>t</sup>
- 17 Gover<sup>rs</sup> came to H: told M<sup>r</sup> R: y<sup>e</sup> c: had determined to wait [*for*] an express [*of his*] Maj.
- 18 M<sup>r</sup> Rand: went to Springfield
- 16 Old Goodm<sup>n</sup> Durant<sup>s</sup> died at Middletown, buried ye next day
- 20 I went to N: Haven
- 23 I Returnd from N: Haven.

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<sup>1</sup> John Hurlbut.

<sup>2</sup> Graduated from Harvard in 1683.

<sup>3</sup> Edward Randolph, Secretary of the Council for New England.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Edmund Andros.

<sup>5</sup> Robert Treat.

<sup>6</sup> George Durant.

- 29 Sam<sup>11</sup> Hooker of Farmington & Mehittabel Hamlin  
of Middlet<sup>n</sup> were married at Middleton by Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Allyn.<sup>1</sup>
- 30 They went home to Farmington & I went with  
them

[July]

- 1 I went to Hartford
- 3 I preacht all day at y<sup>e</sup> old church.<sup>2</sup> at Hartford
- 5 Maj<sup>r</sup> Nash<sup>3</sup> of N: H was buried.
- 5 I received Lett<sup>rs</sup> & other things [*from*] Ipswich  
by M<sup>r</sup> Towsy<sup>4</sup>
- 6 I came home to Middleton
- 7 Was a church Fast in ye meeting house. M<sup>r</sup> Stow  
carried the forenoon myself ye after, ye chief  
occasion [*of*] it was a sore judgment [*of*] worms  
y<sup>t</sup> [*the Lord*] sent which devoured ye grass &  
much [*of*] the corn continued about a fortnight  
& decreased immedeatly after our fast. &c.  
[*The Lord's*] Judgm<sup>t</sup> was generally upon y<sup>e</sup> River.
- 12 Serg<sup>t</sup> Ward died
- 13 Was Interred.
- 15 M<sup>rs</sup> Hamlin & Rich<sup>rd</sup><sup>5</sup> went to see Mabel:<sup>6</sup>
- 16 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hamlins<sup>7</sup> wife was brought to bed of a son.
- 19 Sam<sup>11</sup> Wilcoks' wife<sup>8</sup> died leaving two young twins  
about a fortnight old.
20. Shee was buried — E 20. M<sup>r</sup> Hamlin, & Rich<sup>d</sup>  
came home.
- 28 M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd came up left his sloop at Papr  
Rock

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<sup>1</sup> John Allyn of Hartford.

<sup>2</sup> First Church of Hartford.

<sup>3</sup> John Nash.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Towsey.

<sup>5</sup> Mrs. Hester (Crow) wife of Giles Hamlin and her son, Richard.

<sup>6</sup> Identical with Mehitabel, sister of Richard, who had married  
Samuel Hooker.

<sup>7</sup> John, son of Giles married Mary, daughter of Nathaniel Collins.

<sup>8</sup> Abigail, daughter of Francis Whitmore.

- 29 Goodman Lanes' child died:  
30 Y<sup>e</sup> sloop came up — (was buried

[August]

- 1 Received 3<sup>11</sup> 1<sup>s</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd.  
24 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hamlin M<sup>rs</sup> Haml<sup>n</sup> Sen<sup>r</sup> my self went to  
Westfield  
25 To Hadly  
26 I visited my Aunt Warner, Cousin Seldin &c.<sup>2</sup>  
27 To Dearfield, Sel: M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> H: myself.  
28 I prearcht all day at Dearfield.  
29 We came back to Hatfield  
31. Went to Hampton to M<sup>r</sup> Stoddars' lecture, so to  
Hadley

[September]

- 1 We came to Springfield  
2 To Middleton  
5 Grave peccatū commisi contra Resol: prior: plurim:  
8 Ipsissimū peccatū (quo 5<sup>to</sup> assendi) lapsus contra  
quid peccat: statui (Deo Juvante) in pesteram  
diligentiā vigilare. Dater Deus meserecore mis-  
erere mei peccateris in christo filio tuo unigenito.  
15. In ipsissimū peccatū lapsus (quo 5<sup>to</sup> & 8<sup>to</sup> assendi)  
oportet rar: per vue percutore in quiens Deus  
sit graciosus mihi peccatori quid duam! O si  
Deus daret mihi recipiscentiam ad vitam. &c.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mary, daughter of Isaac Lane.

<sup>2</sup> Hester or Esther, widow of Thomas Selden of Hartford, married Andrew Warner of Hartford and Hadley.

<sup>3</sup> Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton.

<sup>4</sup> I have committed grave sin against many previous resolutions.

[In] the very same sin (for the 5th *assendi*) I have fallen against which I have *peccat*: I have determined (God helping me) to watch with diligence in the future. Merciful God the Father have mercy on me a sinner in Christ Thine only begotton Son.

In the same sin I have fallen (for the 5th and 8th *assendi*). It is fitting *rar*: *per tue percutore inquiens* beseeching that God may be gracious to me a sinner, sinner that I am. Oh if God would receive me into life.



- B: At night I could not sleep.  
 19 Was aguish & farv<sup>r</sup> — 19 M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd fell down  
     w<sup>th</sup> [*his*] sloop —  
 20. M<sup>rs</sup> Sout<sup>d<sup>r</sup></sup> delivered [*of*] a son.<sup>2</sup> I Agu:  
 21 I went to M<sup>r</sup> Whit: Lecture  
 22 Was a church fast Middl: to seek [*the Lord*] for y<sup>r</sup>  
     settlem<sup>nt</sup>. I so ill after noon y<sup>t</sup> when It fell to  
     my turn to conclude w<sup>th</sup> prayer could hardly  
     make a short prayer my heart hard & dull all  
     day.  
 23. Night a fit first burnining feav<sup>r</sup> y<sup>n</sup> sweating. lasted  
     most all night.  
 24 I could study very little  
 B [*the Lord*] of it pleased [*the Lord*] to enable me to  
     preach all day without weariness &c [?] my  
     feav<sup>r</sup>  
 26 I took 3 Ruffy Pil: Night lay in a sweat all night  
     had 3 or 4 stools carried by y<sup>t</sup> blessing  
 28 Morn: sunday M<sup>rs</sup> Stow<sup>3</sup> died. Was buried 29

[October]

- 1 At night Jn<sup>o</sup> Clark, & Jn<sup>o</sup> Savage had each [*of*]  
     y<sup>m</sup> a young child died  
 2 Were buried at noon between exercises.  
 1 Jonathan Wells [*of*] Hartford was wounded by a  
     pully falling down on his head, struck dead for  
     y<sup>e</sup> psent, came to hims: but 2 died.  
 5 Ah me miserū; quo me vertam? Ipsissimū pec-  
     catum hodie co-misi, de quo sapissimi statui  
     me derelicturum &c. miser: &c.<sup>4</sup>  
 6 Court [*of*] Assist: Heartford.

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<sup>1</sup> Esther, daughter of Giles Hamlin, married William Southmayd.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel.

<sup>3</sup> Samuel Stow married Hope, daughter of William Fletcher.

<sup>4</sup> Ah miserable me, whither shall I turn? I have committed the same  
     sin today concerning which I have decided [not] to fall. Oh miserable  
     &c.



- 8 Daniel Whites young child died  
 12 I went to Hart<sup>d</sup> Lect:  
 13 Gen<sup>ll</sup> court Hartford: M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Whitings child  
 (Tho:) died. I came home at night M<sup>r</sup> Hamlings  
 negro woman was delivered [of] a boy.  
 18 Miserere mihi Deus rursum peccati.<sup>2</sup>  
 16 M<sup>r</sup> Benjam<sup>n</sup> Eliot<sup>2</sup> [of] Roxbury was buried  
 About 21 &c [of] 9 mon<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wise<sup>3</sup> minist<sup>r</sup> [of]  
 Chebacco<sup>4</sup> was fined 40<sup>ll</sup> or 50<sup>ll</sup> silenced, bound  
 to his good behavior.<sup>5</sup> Severall other Gentlem<sup>n</sup>  
 of y<sup>t</sup> side y<sup>e</sup> country fined &c  
 26 Several [of] Middletown were fined at court for  
 leaving horses & other creatures out [of] y<sup>e</sup> list.  
 30. S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>nd</sup> kept Sabbath at Norwich.  
 29 Rursū peccavi quo me vertam?<sup>6</sup>  
 31 I delivered 40 shill: money to Goodm<sup>n</sup> Gove<sup>r</sup> [of]  
 Cambridge w<sup>th</sup> a letter to deliver to M<sup>r</sup> William  
 Brattle.  
 31 The Gener<sup>ll</sup> court met at Hartford: & S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>nd</sup>  
 Andros came ([from] w<sup>th</sup> a commission [from  
 his] majesty to take y<sup>e</sup> governm<sup>t</sup> [of] y<sup>e</sup> place)  
 accompanied with 70 p<sup>rs</sup>ons Gentlem<sup>n</sup> Red coats  
 &c.  
 31 M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd came up w<sup>th</sup> [his] sloop.

[November]

- 1 S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> came into y<sup>e</sup> court chamber read [his]  
 commission & y<sup>e</sup> K: Letter. dissolved y<sup>e</sup> Gener<sup>ll</sup>  
 court, took y<sup>e</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> &c.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me Oh Lord because I have sinned again.

<sup>2</sup> Son of John Eliot, Apostle to the Indians, was graduated from Harvard in 1665.

<sup>3</sup> John Wise of Ipswich.

<sup>4</sup> Ipswich Second parish, now Essex.

<sup>5</sup> For his opposition to the government of Sir Edmund Andros.

<sup>6</sup> Again I have sinned. Whither shall I turn?

<sup>7</sup> John Gove.

- 3 Was a publiq thanksgiving throught y<sup>e</sup> colony,<sup>1</sup>  
except Hartford & Wethersfield.
- 4 S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>nd</sup> went down to N: Haven. There & thru  
y<sup>e</sup> colony he constituted Justices [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> peace &  
Military officers.
- 5 ——— to Fairfield
- 6 M<sup>r</sup> Wakeman<sup>2</sup> preacht forenoon 2 Philip: 4 after  
noon 119 Psal: 158
- 6 Some [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> K: red coats were at Middleton.
- 7 I went to N: H: Mabee Barns w<sup>th</sup> me. Found my  
father & mother Glover<sup>3</sup> very sick
- 7 S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> came to N: N:<sup>4</sup>
- 8 S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> went to Sea brook.
- 9 Went [*from*] Seabrook towards Roade Island.
- 10 I came [*from*] N: H:
- 15 Fell y<sup>e</sup> first snow just covered y<sup>e</sup> ground. 1.
8. A town meeting at Middleton y<sup>e</sup> Town passed a  
general vote for my settlement w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup> in y<sup>e</sup>  
work [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> ministry.
- 17 Leut<sup>nt</sup> White<sup>5</sup> Goodman Hurlbut came as y<sup>e</sup> Towns  
messingers to enform me [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> Towns vote. I  
answrd as formly, y<sup>t</sup> I was devoted to y<sup>t</sup> work  
& when y<sup>t</sup> providence [*of the Lord*] I made way  
for me I durst not resist [*his*] call &c.
- 19 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hambling went down w<sup>th</sup> [*his*] ship run a  
ground with sight [*of*] y<sup>e</sup> town.
- 21 Went away w<sup>th</sup> [*his*] ship.
- 26 M<sup>r</sup> Hamlin & M<sup>rs</sup> went to Farmington.

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<sup>1</sup> Not noted in Love's "Fast and Thanksgiving days".

<sup>2</sup> Rev. Samuel Wakeman of Fairfield.

<sup>3</sup> Henry Glover whom he mentions as his "faithful guiardian" and his wife Ellen or Helena whom he mentions as his "patroness". She was his aunt, sister of his father William. It is probable that Russell was brought up by the Glovers after he was left an orphan at an early age and that they had charge of his property while he was a minor.

<sup>4</sup> Probably a slip of the pen for N. H.

<sup>5</sup> Nathaniel White.

- 28 The church not to know [of] me my judgm<sup>t</sup> I  
returnd, &c. I should endeavour not to receed  
[from] the practice [of] M<sup>r</sup> Collins,<sup>1</sup> supposing  
y<sup>t</sup> they were settled, & y<sup>t</sup> h & they h practic<sup>d</sup>  
according to Congregational principles.
- 29 It snowed M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Hamlin came home by Hart-  
ford. II

[December]

- 1 A publiq Thanksgiving p order of council.
7. A church & Town Fast to seek [*the Lord*] for their  
settling y<sup>e</sup> forepart [of] y<sup>e</sup> day carried on by  
M<sup>r</sup> Stow after by myself. M<sup>r</sup> Stows text Hag:  
1: 7.
- 9 Snowed. III
- 14 I went to M<sup>r</sup> Whit: Lecture Hartford w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
Southmayd
- 15 Came to y<sup>e</sup> ferry, — no boat — went back lodged  
at Leut<sup>t</sup> Whites
- 16 Came home
- 17 Snowed IV Snow. Turned to rain
- 18 Rained all day.
- 21 Quid dicat peccator rursum ut multoti es antea  
peccavi contra tot resolutions miserere mei Deus  
miserecors in + Deo ad juvante in posterū &c.<sup>2</sup>
- 22 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hamlin came up
- 25 Several young men met at M<sup>r</sup> Southm<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup>  
evening for Religious exercises.
- 27 M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> H: went down w<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Southm<sup>yd</sup>
29. M<sup>r</sup> Southm<sup>d</sup> came home it snowed IV was a Town  
meeting

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Nathaniel Collins, whom Mr. Russell succeeded as minister  
of the First Church of Middletown.

<sup>2</sup> What shall a sinner say. I have sinned again as many times before  
against all the resolutions. May the merciful God have mercy  
on me God aiding me in the future &c.

3. Will<sup>m</sup> & Mary Hamlin<sup>t</sup> went set out for Farmington w<sup>th</sup> my horse, lamed him and leaft him at Hartford.
- 31 Snowed somew<sup>t</sup> by turns till next day in y<sup>e</sup> night v

[January]

- 1 & 2 Snowed by turns
- 3 Was a conference meeting held at M<sup>r</sup> Southmayds — Will<sup>m</sup> Hamlin brought my horse home lame, Sam<sup>ll</sup> Hooker came with him.
13. Rursū peccavi ut semel ante &c. Deus miserere &c.<sup>2</sup>
- 17 Will<sup>m</sup> & Mary Hamlin came home
- 18 It snowed vi
- 19 I received of M<sup>r</sup> Southmayd 10<sup>s</sup> money. for corn sent to Boston.
19. Jn<sup>o</sup> Warner Jun<sup>rs</sup> wife died in child bed
- 22 At night about 9 it began to snow. vii
- 25 I went to Hartf<sup>rd</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> W:<sup>3</sup> Lect<sup>r</sup>
- 26 I came home
- 27 Snow — viii
- 31 Snow lit: ix
- 30 Widdow Hubbard<sup>4</sup> excom<sup>nt</sup> came to me at several times before about her condition [*spiritual*] her Q: then was, how shall one glorify [*the Lord*]. I Ans: from ye words [*of*] Josh: my son confess & give glory to [*the Lord*] he y<sup>t</sup> confesses [*his*] sin gives glory to [*the Lord*].

[February]

1. Snow lit: x
- 3 Snow. xi

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<sup>1</sup> Children of Giles Hamlin.

<sup>2</sup> Again I have sinned as before &c. God have mercy &c.

<sup>3</sup> Rev. John Whiting or Rev. Timothy Woodbridge.

<sup>4</sup> Mary Foster, widow of Joseph Hubbard. He died Dec. 26, 1686. She died June 10, 1707.







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