

[evidently a continuation of the previous, though the letter was signed and this page is not labeled.]

Therefore I dismiss this subject. The fact is and I will writhe it in words so plain that those that run may read "Married this 4th of July by the Rev Mr. Balou. Mr. Benjamin Wheeler to Sister Julia Doggett. Amen.

This "demonstration" makes a new era in the family; it will be marked by seperation and extension, reciprocation and exultation. For firstly she will in future live at Templeton Massachusetts. 2dly it will be the source new relations. Idly it was mutual, and it is well said; "Marriage ~~never~~ is a matter of more worth An age of discord and continued strife than too be dealt with in attorneyship Where as the contry bringeth forth bliss For what is marriage force but [?] And is the pattern of celestial peace."

And lastly triumph over envious and deceitful who sped their arrows thick and fast to do her detriment. The family well know what it is "Whose edge is Sharper than is the sword whose tongue Outvenoms all the worms of Nile & Shakespear.

The pair in consideration are in good spirits and by industry and perseverance in good prospects and of their present appearance I may say "not only" handsome but damn genteel"; and their morality continued, will continue their happiness.

But the course of true love never did run smooth. -- But I desist writing on this part of the subject (viz. the length of the courtship, and how in the interim in terpretatio motum perperam facta; -- and lastly the resumption of former conditions as it requires a better opportunity than this sheet I would admit of; nor do I feel competent to do the dear girl justice. Let her write herself and tell of her trials and triumphs. Therefore I dismiss this topic praying, that the present prospects may never dashed by adverse winds against the rock of wretchedness, nor discord sever the tender sympathies which now are the source of heath and happiness. May time in its flight bring no tears of sorrow to furrow the cheeks that yet are young; nor in the retrospect remorse with bites of serpent and stings of adders revel on the vitals, and corrode the heart with blasted hopes, and sad misfortune of the past. The inscrutable future hide not in its dark uncertainty, the ill of diminished affections; nor age lessen the ardor of the youthful years. -- But may the happiness now hoped be realized, the good aspect now so palpable not obscured by earthborn cares, no dreggs of sorrow's cup be drained by lips that now are wreathed with hopes and smiles. May the fond wish for the welfare of one so dear never be crushed to be buried with the blighted hopes of the irrevocable past; but "may her latter days glide sweetly on in happiness and peace." -- I am now constrained to dismiss this subject, for I find ~~the~~ (what Juvenal calls the Insanabile Scripendi Cacoethe" growing upon me as you may perceive by my sparing of my paper for the spending of words

PS Tho the weather has been hot betimes yet it is generally pretty cool. Last spring was very backward, hence crops are uncertain. The month of May had but few pleasant days; not only remarkable for this but for the extntion of Cholera (which is getting very alarming in this part. Our Learned and faithful pastor Rev. Mr. C. Chamberlain just received a letter from his brother in N. York stating that last night his 4 children of the Bro's died instantly of cholera.) The great fire in St. Louis, inundation at N. Orleans; determination of France against Rome; War in Hungary; Canada are excitement &c.

[Simeon had a habit of keeping loose pages. Perhaps the page which must have preceded this, despite #s on pages, will surface later.]