

The object of general exercise is twofold

1. to secure habits of attention.

Obedience to parents children should obey their parents

2. Why is it so? What is the fact

What is the consequence because it is our duty

Because God commanded it's our duty

Because they have been so kind to us.

Journalizing its advantages to your lady

1. Reading in penmanship & writing in composition

Journalizing this morning I wrote and wrote and

newly prepared breakfast then I prepared my self for

breakfast: after breakfast I newly washed the dishes

made three beds and swept the carpet and kitchen

and prepared my self for school and the school bell and

to call me to my duties at I was at school in

season. and learned all my lessons word of will close

health very good Feb 13 1850 - B Kane journey

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Self culture - there are a few suggestions of my  
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Self culture tends to make us more useful  
How much there is to be learned from every  
fibre of wood & the works of our brethren in self culture  
teaches us to improve our time's: learn to think  
the various wonders of life & reading compositions  
close enjoying good health Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1850 -

The Object of the general exercise is Reading the Bible  
it will be found on the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapters the  
subject of providence in reproving Seldin by our dear  
rich she thinks a very good one / never speak before  
you think consequence we should have more  
Friends, as remarked by our dearer benedictine  
is a great Jewel, never be guilty of speaking  
against your neighbors, Christ has said to us  
that which you shall sow ye shall reap

April 4 1850 I have now laid aside my studies  
and commenced to write a few topics

10<sup>th</sup> - I have not been attending school for the  
just now my health would not admit  
my parents and Teachers thought  
it would be better for me to stay at home  
and runble and take the fresh air well  
I thought it would be best myself but  
I hated to leave my teachers and mates  
but I have now commenced my dear  
school I have now commenced my studies  
I was very sorry to leave off my studies  
while I was at home. I am now boarding at  
Mr Thurston's I think it a very pleasant  
place Mrs Thurston has a very pretty  
little girl I think a great deal of her  
I love her very much April 12 1850  
I arose this morning and dressed  
myself and got my breakfast and prepared

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myself for school and was very much  
afraid that I should be late to school  
but I was mistaken I was in good  
season and had good lessons which  
gave my mind & pleasant feelings

I hope I shall ere long have good  
lessons & try very hard to have them  
but sometimes I fail through all my  
my efforts I have neglected to write in  
my topic book for quite a while to-  
day is my birth day and also my  
friend Mary Jane Thurston I am  
very sorry that I could not be at home  
but we can not have every thing we  
want I am living at Mr Thurston's I  
think it a very pleasant place  
I shall try not to be honest as you  
may call it

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I think I am learning very fast in all  
my studies I hope I shall continue to  
I must now close for I must go to either  
I am enjoying the blessings of good health  
it is now nearly the close of the week  
and I wonder if every one can say  
I have improved all of my time in  
the most useful manner I warrant  
that this one <sup>can</sup> not say they have  
I feel somewhat lonesome because I am  
not at home but it is necessary  
that I should attend school for if  
I should not go to school I should never  
know any thing in the world so let us  
strive to learn while we are young that we  
may not grow up in ignorance, for it is  
said <sup>that</sup> by one never knew any or never knew  
till they had heard it

April 13 1850 It is now Saturday  
Just at the close of the evening and  
the bright and glorious sun will  
soon will soon be hidden from  
our view this morning I arose  
and the sun was hidden from our  
sight till about eight o'clock then  
it came forth in all the splendor  
that heart could wish the remainder  
of the day has been quite pleasant  
Mrs Thurston has been to letters and  
returned which makes us quite  
happy I love to see our happiness I  
hope hereafter I shall not neglect to  
write in my general book My friend  
and I  
Mary have formed several resolutions  
one is that we will endeavor to

read a chapter in the bible every night  
for my part I think it a very good  
resolution I have not seen my Mother  
for several days and I want to see  
her very much I think I shall go and  
see her before long there is nothing like good  
hearted Parents how sweet to hear a  
parents voice and it seems quite good to  
steal a warm kiss once and a while  
how wrong very wrong it is to disobey  
our parents, and we always ought  
to be kind to our brothers and sisters  
for we will not have them always  
My dear Father called on me last  
evening and I guess I kissed once or twice  
and he brought very good news he said  
they were all well and enjoying good health

and my blessed mother sent me a  
birth day present which I accepted very  
willingly I was 14 years old I have  
also written to my friend Adeline &  
Bentley and expect a letter from her every  
day I have also written to my Grandpa  
and Grandma Oh I have forgotten health  
My health is very good I suppose I must  
now close as it is getting late  
I now seat myself for the purpose of  
journalizing Book it is now Sunday  
evening and I attended church this  
forenoon at the Presbyterian church  
and we had a very excellent discourse  
in 2 Peter 3 Chapter 11-12 verses  
afterwards Mary and myself  
went to the Sabbath School

and I learned twelve verses in John  
first chapter and first verse  
I will now repeat the text saying  
them all <sup>these</sup> things shall be dissolved  
what manner of persons ought  
ye to be in all holy conversation  
and godliness I will not  
hope to repeat the remainder of  
the text which I think a very  
important passage I think this  
ought to be in every persons mind  
when I went to Sabbath school  
I got two very interesting books one  
was Evangelical Remembrance the  
other Florence Thidder about a  
little girl going to Jesus and  
becoming very happy I have not read  
it through this morning I arose

<sup>came</sup>  
down stairs and looked out of the window  
and that grateful gentleman the sun  
arose and give me a polite bow he  
was dressed in yellow and his clothing  
was so dazzling bright that it  
would shut your eyes to look at it  
I have not been very well to day  
I had a very severe headache which  
made me very unhappy I feel  
somewhat relieved, I will now depress  
a little. As I am away from home  
and I will write a little on this  
subject home the sweet palace  
is always soothing the pains of  
every person there we have kind  
parents and brothers and sisters  
who is always comforting us how  
sweet to see all at home all neatly  
seated around a fire side all enjoying the comfort

that home affords little girls  
and boys ought we not to be satisfied  
in the position god has placed us  
I think we ought but I fear  
there are those that dislike their  
home sometimes but I love my home  
well those that inhabit it I have  
not had time to journalize before  
this evening because I was so busy  
in my other studies I am very much  
interested in my studies as usual  
as I told you in my last journal  
My health was not good but I  
have somewhat recovered this morning  
the sun had not presented itself  
when I arose but seemed as though  
it had fallen behind the clouds  
but it soon came forth as bright

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as usual. There has been a funeral  
this afternoon at four o'clock a  
married lady by the name of  
Miss Gypson she had not been  
a residence of this place but a  
short time she was a mother  
to several children who deeply feel  
her loss she was no doubt a  
kind parent I did not attend  
most of the school attended there  
is but one thing that we are  
sure of that is death we cannot  
get out of his reach I must  
now stop Journalizing for tonight  
I must read a chapter in the  
bible and sing a hymn and  
get my french and Philology  
lesson I must try and fulfill

all of my duties I will now bid  
good night to Journalizing for tonight  
April 17 1853 I now sent myself for the  
purpose of writing in my Journalizing  
I am sorry to say I have been so busy  
that I could not have time to Journalize  
yesterday I have broke my resolution  
for the first time I promised to write  
a page in my Journalizing book.  
but after this I will try to write  
a page every day the weather has  
been very pleasant as for my part  
I have got along very well in my studies  
except in Dictionarie there are some  
examples that I can not work  
especially notes which are prolix  
I have still kept the resolution  
of reciting a chapter in the bible

one day I get along very well  
in my french I do not know  
but it will be necessary for me  
to ~~get~~ stop writing as I have seen  
lessons to get I should like  
very much to see my Parents and  
brothers Miss Blanchard gave  
me a subject to write on for the  
exhibition we the students think  
of having at the last day of school  
an exhibition, I now have a few  
leisure moments and I improve  
the time in journalizing the weather  
has been rather cloudy and the  
sun has not shone much of  
the time I have got along  
in my studies very well except  
Philosophy my lesson was not very

good but I am in hopes of getting  
it better tomorrow my Arithmetic  
is very hard it is now nearly the  
close of the term and I want to  
improve my time in the best manner  
I can I hope I can say I have improved  
a great deal I must now close and  
go to my writing, I now improve  
a few moments in journalizing I have  
just finished my composition it is  
now twenty five minutes after 3 and  
I must improve every moment until  
four o'clock my thoughts are very  
much scattered this afternoon and  
I cannot think of any thing to write  
My health is very good at present but  
I do not know how long it will last  
for health is very uncertain we know



not when our time will come  
I should very much like to go  
on a visit but school will soon  
it is now the last school day  
of the week and I should be  
pleased to have father come here  
and then I would go home  
with him and all little Josy  
and Gussy this would please  
me very much indeed but I  
do not much expect him but  
I hope I am mistaken. The sun  
is not very bright to day nor very  
blowily I have learned all of my  
lessons very well to day except Phil  
and I had not time to learn it  
as my time was mostly occupied  
most of the time I have not written  
my bills to day but I hope I shall  
understand them  
Philosophy my reason

At present Miss Blanchard is bending  
over James and helping him write  
a Dialogue for examination day  
Mr Clark is hearing a Geography  
lesson and the rest of the students  
are engaged in writing Mary has  
just gone to rehearse her dialogue  
I will now close for it is nearly four  
lacking fifteen minutes good bye  
May 7. 1850. May has come with its green  
grass and putting forth its buds to  
beautify and adorn us that it may  
seem pleasant and useful to us  
Oh! how pleasant is my Mother she is  
a beautiful lady dressed in green  
and the sweet little flowers to  
have come to greet us they are just  
awaked from the cold sleep of winter

Summer will soon be at hand  
and we will all be happy to greet  
her and fair flowers flowers are  
very beautiful and sweet I must  
now close My Health is very good  
to day is the last day of school  
and tomorrow I shall go home  
and stay till the term commences  
vacation will be one week and.

I feel very happy although I do not  
like to leave Mary I expect to  
have friends from the east I shall be  
very happy to see them I do not know  
but I shall next term take lessons  
on the penmanship which will be very pleasant  
to me. I have still kept my reading  
in the Holy Bible and I have read  
to the 11 Chapter of John and when

get it read through I shall have  
a new Bible Mary Thurston is well  
and My Health is quite good I am  
very thankful to think I have been  
blessed with health I have not Journalized  
for a long time I will close. May 27<sup>th</sup>  
1850. I know I employ myself  
in Journalizing which I think  
is a very pleasant task if  
I can do it I am going to school and  
get a long in my studies very  
well indeed for I have not missed  
a word in spelling thro week  
or two I had a call from  
My Dear Father and Mother and  
they were very glad to see  
them I am now studying reading  
and spelling and grammar and

Arithmetic and Watts on the  
mind Botany Drawing and  
French I am quite interested in  
My Studies I expect my Father and  
Mother will soon move down to  
Waukegan and I shall be very  
glad we have had very warm  
weather for quite a spell and  
the earth needs for some very much  
but we ought not to trouble our  
selves about our makers business  
He made the glorious sun to shine  
by day and the moon to shine by  
night - My Health is very good  
and our family for what I know  
for I am not at home, I have not  
written in my general Book for a  
long time I should think it please

to write in every day at vacation  
when I was at home and when I  
returned I heard of the death of a little  
schoolmate but I hope she has  
gone to that place where the weary  
are at rest, and this has been the  
death of a gentleman Mr Gypsum  
and he has left 4 children to  
mourn his loss this are left with  
4 little orphans no kind parent  
to watch over them but they are  
left to the charity of the world  
may they grow up in a Christian  
life and learn to love and fear the  
giver it has been a very pleasant  
day and you can see the glorious sun  
making behind the hills of Lake Michigan  
must now close

Wankegan Feb 26

I have now a few leisure moments  
to spend I am through all of my  
recitations for the day except  
my writing and bookkeeping  
I have not Journalized for a long  
time I am attending school and my  
studies are quite pleasant I also  
shall attend the institute for  
teachers the weather is pleasant  
except under foot which is quite  
muddy, we ought to be grateful  
for the privilege of attending  
school at all I suppose I shall  
be obliged to stop for my bookkeeping  
so good bye my health is quite  
good

Saryatuck Oct 1851

We have moved from Wankegan  
to Saryatuck and are keeping  
Public house which is quite  
pleasant but I do not have  
much time to devote to my  
studies not as much as I would  
like at present I am not at  
school but I don't know but  
I shall go another quarter I  
shall be glad when we get  
thoroughly settled so I can  
attend to my studies more  
regular I have two little  
brothers younger than  
myself to teach every  
day and I would like  
more time to spend with them

Youth is the best time  
to learn I want to spend  
some time each day with  
my Music French Drawing  
and Ornamental ~~work~~  
Philosophy & Astronomy  
Bookkeeping and review  
all of the common I love  
all of my studies I think  
a great deal of my Music  
I have not got my Melocoon  
as Father has not been to  
Chicago yet I shall be very  
glad when he gets one,  
I have several pieces in  
Drawing to finish and  
when I go to school again  
I want to take the study of

Latin and Algebra and if  
I do not go to school very  
soon I should like to have  
new books and study it alone  
I mean the study of Latin I  
don't know as I could study  
it at home but I could try  
I can try has done wonders.  
I guess any one that sees  
this will think that I am a  
great penman don't you  
believe they will yes I do.  
I hope I shall grow better  
every day.

I hope and Trust I have  
been cleansed by the blood  
of the Lamb. I try to do <sup>right</sup> ~~right~~

1852  
Saugatuck Feb 29

It is the holy Sabbath and  
I thought I would spend a  
few moments in writing  
it has been quite cold and we  
have not been out to church  
I have read 26 or 27 chapters  
in the Testament and several  
pieces in the papers, My health  
is quite good my Mother thinks  
it is better when I am out of  
School. Mother thinks I had not  
better go to school until I am a  
little older <sup>she thinks</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> would be more  
for my health and she thinks  
I would learn as much, if  
not more. we should always <sup>Books</sup>  
try to obey our parents, <sup>me a new French</sup>  
Father is going to get <sup>24</sup>

I have written another letter  
to my cousin. I think I have  
more time to improve my mind  
than when we lived in  
Waukegan because I do not  
have as much company to  
interrupt me I am reading  
the Youngs Disciple Guide Gold  
Smiths History of Greece  
and I most always read all  
that is of importance in  
three <sup>or 4</sup> papers every week  
I have read considerable  
since we have <sup>moved from</sup> ~~arrived~~  
Waukegan I have been a  
reading Fowlers works which  
is very interesting

I have got a very pretty  
Serab book with 70 or 80 pages  
last evening I put in a  
great many pieces in it I  
have been copying some more  
of my compositions in  
my book the Prairie Flower  
I would like to write every  
day in my Journal. We have  
had a Temperance Supper  
at our house we had a  
very good time. Mother has  
had a call from my Friend  
Martha's Aunt. My Health  
is as good as usual. and  
My Parents and Brothers  
are as well as usual  
I must close as it is getting late

May he teach me so to number  
our days and apply our hearts  
to wisdom I ought to pray that  
he will teach me to love and  
fear May I grow in grace every day  
Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852. My Health  
is quite good what a blessing  
how much we ought to  
thank the Great giver of all  
good and perfect gifts  
it is not as pleasant  
although we ought to be  
pleased with any kind of  
weather sees fit for us to have  
it has been very stormy all  
day and it has not amended

yet how thankful we ought  
to be in doors of a warm room  
while many are perhaps  
starving but I just stepped  
to the door and I see it  
had abated and the evening  
looked clear and beautiful  
you may think I have  
changed my opinion very  
quick, ~~I have been trying~~  
experiments in Philosophy  
I have taught my little brother  
I have not since or touch  
to day as it has been  
washing day I have had  
a call from my friend

Miss Martha Abbot and also  
from Miss Julia Gage I will  
close.

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852 My Health  
is quite good with the exception  
of a very bad cold I have been  
learning my french lesson <sup>this evening</sup> I have  
not got my ~~abstraining~~ lesson  
to day I have not touched any of  
my embroidery ~~or~~ Drawing  
for some time I expect to  
have a new french key  
in a short time father has not  
been to Chicago yet to purchase  
as instruments to practice  
upon which will seem



a great of company for me  
and I shall also make more  
rapid improvements in  
music than I now do.  
I have been giving my little  
brother some of his first  
lessons <sup>in writing</sup> he will likely learn  
to write better by his  
learning to draw some  
first. I have been teaching  
my little younger brother  
the alphabet. I have read  
to day an incident of the  
revolution, and I have  
read a Mothers Story  
which I think very

interesting. To day the weather  
is very pleasant indeed,  
how thankful we ought to  
be to think I have a  
kind Mother and Father my  
Mother just passed me and  
imprinted a kiss upon my  
face and then left the room,  
another and another day has  
passed we are fellow travellers  
to a world to a world of  
spirits we know not the hour  
nor day <sup>when</sup> our spirit may  
take its flight Ohs ought  
we not to be prepared  
for this great and solemn  
O we should answer <sup>affirmative</sup> in the

Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

It is now a few minutes after  
eight and improve a few  
minutes in Journalizing

My health is quite good

I did not write in my Journal  
yesterday I have studied some

to day and taught my little

brother I have not finished

drawing the Sabbath morning

I try to study all I can at  
home. Mother talked of my

going to Waukegan and

then I can go to the Book Store

and see about my French

Books I have finished the

Embroidery that I was

going to send to my  
Grandmother except putting  
the ribbon on which I can

perform in a short time I am

getting a long way well in my  
studies what time I can spare

to study anything but I must

persevere and all things will

and night I have nothing

more of importance to write

Sangatnek March 8<sup>th</sup> 1852

I have not written in my

Journal for several as I have not

had anything of much

importance to write last

Sabbath we attended Church

at Waukegan

heard two sermons My Mother  
will go to Wankegam tomorrow  
and I expect she will buy  
me another French book

I was quite tired and I  
did not study much I read  
several pieces in the paper  
and read several pieces in  
Goldsmiths History and  
put some pieces in my serab  
Books to day I have been  
writing <sup>off</sup> some receipts for  
making cake My health  
is quite good.

Sangatuek March 4

To day is the sabbath and  
I have not been to church  
but I have been reading  
the Bible I have finished the  
new Testament I have read 22  
chapters to day I thought  
I would Journalize a little  
it is my Mothers birthday  
to day Mother went to  
Wankegam and bought me  
a new French key which  
I was very glad to receive  
I called on my Mother  
Teacher, health very good  
we ought to improve all of our  
time in the best manner

Sengatnek April 11/1852

The pleasant month of April has again arrived it will soon bring my birth day, my health is quite good what a great blessing I have been reading in the Bible and have been studying my French lesson I have not formally ~~any~~ some time I have not had much time I have got along very well in my French, we have received a letter from my two cousins and my aunt Seymour we have had a large party a temperance party held happy I ought to feel to think my father is a good temperance

~~man~~ it is the sabbath I have not ~~been~~ to church to day I took a short walk with my mother I have written a composition upon the subject of religion, April 1852, It is the sabbath and I have read in the Bible and finished the disciples Guide to day and read a piece about the loving wife and several pieces in a little magazine I have also taken a short walk I have not written in my Journal for some time I have studied and taught my little brothers it is late and I will close.

Saugatack Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1852

It is god's holy Sabbath and  
I thought I would write <sup>down</sup> a few of  
my thoughts. May God send his  
Spirit to dwell upon me and  
guide me in all the ways of  
holiness. Sometimes I feel to repine at  
my ~~lot~~ but afterward I will  
indecavor to pray and I think  
God gives me <sup>more</sup> strength to resist  
temptations. My heart is so prone  
to wickedness but God forgive  
Oh I think at <sup>times</sup> that I will  
try to do right in every thing  
that I <sup>can</sup> ~~possibly~~ it is as easy  
to do right as wrong if we call

on God to assist us who is ever  
ready to hear I <sup>am</sup> ~~mean~~ going to try  
to do every thing to please God  
and ask assistance from above  
I have not been to church today -  
My Parents have just <sup>returned</sup> ~~returned~~ from  
church I am going to Sabbath school  
at Saugatack I have took upon  
me the responsibility of being a  
Teacher in Sabbath school I have 7  
Scholars and may God aid me to  
do my duty and may I teach them  
they way to eternily may God  
help me I am now teaching a  
select school and may I try to  
teach <sup>them</sup> aright and will God smile

upon me in all my efforts to do  
right. my read the bible and try  
to understand it.

Saugatuck Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

I have been at home as I do not  
teach on Saturdays without it is  
necessary I have been to work  
helping my Mother I have a very  
kind Father and Mother I have a  
very pleasant school I think the  
Lord blesses me in all of my efforts  
to do right Oh how unboundless  
my love ought to be towards such  
a holy being. O God that gave  
his only Son to die for no poor  
unworthy creatures that at a  
moments warning might be plunged

into eternily may god direct me  
in my few feeble efforts I have  
been reading the Life of Brainerd  
I think it a very excellent book  
The Cholera is raging very bad in  
Chicago Oh teach us to love the  
more and be ready at any time  
when he shall see fit to call us

Saugatuck Aug 5 1852 I attended  
church at Libertyville this  
afternoon and Sabbath school ~~at Libertyville~~  
<sup>home</sup> at ~~afternoon~~ we have a Sabbath  
school, but a short distance in  
a school house I have not read  
much in the Bible today I have  
read some in the Life of Brainerd  
I thank God for the Preservation

of my life how many have  
been laid in the silent tomb  
since the sun rose this morning  
may god aid and guide me in  
my prayer as I call upon him  
this night and if my life is  
spared may I try to love god  
more and more may my life be a life  
of devotion may I endeavor to live  
for thy glory and thy honor may  
I love every body may I remember  
that there is a being that eye is  
always upon me Oh teach me to  
bore afflictions with resignation

Sangatuck Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1852

I feel that god is merciful to  
me a sinner that I am not  
blotted out of existence My  
Heart is so wretched so

perone to wonder in the unferbidelen  
paths but god is ever good Oh  
may I return when I wander  
may I feel as though I wished to  
to be called a child of God -  
that I may honor and obey god  
through all my life is my sincere  
prayer and that I may love all people  
as our Almighty father wishes as  
to do I know we have but  
a short time at the longest to  
tarry on earth. I have still the  
great blessing of health may  
I walk with god forever and  
ever and care not for the things  
of this world. Sangatuck Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1852  
It is quite late in the evening  
but I thought I would pen  
down a few of my thoughts  
I have been teaching school today  
but I have not enjoyed