"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy." I gave them a short address on it. Showing the consequences of breaking it: & the blessing to be derived from keeping it Mrs. Carpenter came in & dismissed the School. 100 children attended this afternoon, fewer on account of the weather.
To St Michaels in the evening, Mr. Jacobs preached an excellent Sermon, Hebrews 3 c & 12 & 13 following verses I think he improves he seems to become more earnest now since this new sect the "Swedenborgians" have arisen in Christchurch: thus trials strengthen him & shows him more plainly his duty & responsibility: To Mr Boggis's after. Received a letter from Mother
Oct 23. Monday, fine, slight frost, cut off the early potatoes, 4 G. E. p.m. Trade fair. To the Town Hall in the evening to a lecture delivered by Dr. Foster, subject, Truth v. falsehood. I must say has in my estimation the Cleared himself of all calumny which was cast upon him after a former lecture delivered on the same subject. He handled the subject very ably, & brought forward several instances in which he held it was not wrong for the one party to deceive another, or to tell an untruth, he argued strongly that if a mans life, may be given up for the good of our country, so he believe, the truth might be sacrificed, for the same intent or to save life.
Holding an opinion that there are times & circumstances in an untruth
in & under which it may be justifiable to tell, or withhold the truth, or deceive others, not in words but in acts. I think its well to let these matters alone For God is a God of truth & abhores deceit in any shape or form. Whats wanting is that we want to examine ourselves each severally, that we deceive not others Each to look to himself, & take the "beam out of his own eye." before he attempts to take out the "mote out of his brothers eye." For "mans heart is deceitful above all things & desperately wicked."
Oct. 24. Tuesday, fine hot, N.W. sky at times. Sw. 4 p.m. N.E. 9 p.m. Trade fair, to the Wesleyan in the evening & had a yarn with friend "Cole."
Oct. 25. Wednesday, fine hot a.m. G. E. S.W p.m. Very Showers, Trade fair, Salting down butter up Town P.m. at home reading & writing in the evening.