

whose reflection; will gladden more than ten thousand good.

Seven years <sup>ago</sup> today I parted from one I shall love on earth, my Mother, & now, without forethought on our part (I put the plural here to show neither I nor my wife ever gave it a thought) it being the seventh anniversary of a great step in my life, to now a greater change than the distant one had come over us.

Miss Jane Brown, was bridesmaid, my "best man" so to speak, was Mr. Packard, we walked to church. breakfasted at Mr. Brown's, the afternoon was occupied by tying & directing packets of - you know those small parcels tied in white paper with white satin ribbons, & then sent as mementos to friends, & other duties incumbent on the event. After tea, - (My old friend H. B. Jewett came to tea) we arranged ourselves around the roomed, & a scattered conversation ensued, broken by an occasional riddle, or by the ruffling of little Mary <sup>and</sup> Fanny Brown's little girl on the floor, which made certain sounds to relax & contract, so as to place the face in that form commonly called

a laughing face. Then a few songs helped to relieve us, & the evening passed pleasantly on, & time which "waits for no man", pointed with <sup>the help of</sup> a certain piece of machinery on the mantle piece to an hour getting on towards midnight, so with packed up traps after bidding adieu all present & receiving certain & many wishes from all, we "man & wife" took our departure & came into our own house, or home, now made happy, now made comfortable, who can know who can enjoy the pleasure of a comfortable home? He more than one who has known the want of it, "Calmness is sparkling" & for thee.

July 26. - Thursday. Ship first fine N. E. <sup>with fine</sup> out for orders 2 m. P. M. getting them ready, what a change every <sup>thing</sup> all ready at meal time & a kind loving little wife to welcome one to the table, at home in the evening. (I think that will be more often the case than hitherto).

July 27. Friday. First fine N. E., Trade fair. busy getting things ready for tomorrow, at home writing & etc. in the evening.

July 28. Saturday. Fine. N. E. Trade fair. week average,