

when interrogated. Some five or six days previous to his death he sent for the elders of the church and expressed a deep solicitude for their welfare, suggesting the probability of his speedy dissolution — and in few words giving them something of a charge concerning their people, also manifesting his resignation to the will of God in all his dispensations, and his confidence in the merits of his Saviour. He continued to the last steadfast in the faith which he had so long preached others. I asked him previous to his death a few hours if he longed to depart and be with Christ which is far better and he replied in the affirmative. And his death is only to be regretted as it is the end of his usefulness on earth. The past six weeks has been fraught with distressing and important providences to our family, and this people. Six weeks we buried our babe — the youngest of Mr. Miner's children 13 months old — and Eliphalet has been sick more than 7 weeks and is now a mere skeleton rather more likely to recover [than] he was a few days ago. Henry also, the next younger, 3 years of age, was taken sick the same time with Eliphalet. He has in a great measure recovered. The complaints seem to be inflammatory bowel complaints, with bilious obstruction. Not an endemic. But mostly attributable to our diet I think. They have been under the care and direction of Doct Foot¹ of the Fort 20 miles distant who could not see them often. Mr. Miner left his business in something of an unfinished situation owing mostly to his unexpected departure. The house is not quite completed — would have been had it not been for the sickness of our family which prevented the joiners from working in the house. The house below is finished and three rooms plastered. The chambers are not lathed and the garret floor is not laid which is but short jobb. When we were taken sick the joiners could not work in the house. Mr. Miner thought to have them get out timber for a small barn, accordingly they scored and sawed timber sufficient for a

¹ Dr. Lyman Foot, then post surgeon of Fort Howard. He was eminent in his profession. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiv, pp. 77, 78, 145.—Ed.