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This diary has served for two years in this volume and for 3 years in the preceding volume which begins in May 1853 and ends with 31 Dec. 1855 to record something of the varied employments, duties and experiences of a very busy life.

The record will perhaps never be read except in parts by myself in looking back for dates and memoranda yet it has served in some degree to cause self examination at the close of every busy day and thus it has not been a useless employment.

M.C. Meigs

