

She not only sympathized with him in all his plans, and helped him in the ordinary domestic duties of life, but assisted in producing some of his greatest works, as writer, reader and tender guide when he was blind. Since his death she has assiduously carried out his wishes as far as she knew them, and endeavored to finish the grand record of her beloved consort.

I have many letters from Dr. Philbrick, mostly on business matters. The last one is dated August 1st, 1884, from Asylum Station, in Danvers, Mass. In this letter he says :

“ MY DEAR COUSIN,—

I am glad to hear from you, and to learn your address. I want to encourage you to pursue your history of the family, but am in too much of a hurry now to furnish you with any materials. Your daughter kindly sent me her card. * * * Perhaps she might come and write for me in September while she is waiting for a place to teach. * * * I will write her.”

I had informed him that she was ready to take a school, having graduated after a four years course from our High School, and a full course at the State Normal School in Salem.