

a Son & Brother then, to the
 sad close of his earthly days—
 My father was a very successful &
 popular teacher of that period—
 an acceptable Preacher also—his
 early loss of hearing & native mod-
 esty lead him to decline several
 more advantageous situations
 than "Sear" offered—He loved
 the old town & lamented its lack
 of industrial & educational spirit—
 I trust it has changed in both respects,
 since his remains were laid in
 the old grave yard at Durston in 52.
 J. S. wrote me after H. Southgate's
 death "there was not a Gilton or a
 Southgate in Sear" above ground,
 now we may add "not a Storrs" to
 the list— Pray excuse this long
 intrusion on your time, accept my
 best wishes for success in your chosen
 prof^y, all other undertakings—
 my regards to Miss Tompson, I am
 glad she is able to enjoy change. I
 am a prisoner in one room—
 with regard yrs. M. G. Gilton.

Bangor June 7th 1839
 G. W. Libby Esq^r—

Dear Sir—

I am happy to
 know those papers, I was
 imprest to send you, could
 be of any service in your
 contemplated notice of our
 native town. so much has
 already been written of its
 early settlement that I
 tho't the subject pretty well
 exhausted— but in glancing
 thro 3^d volume of Boll of Histor^y
 Society of Maine, I find no notice
 of Sear after close of the war
 of the Revolution— you may
 therefore collect materials
 of interest for continuance of

this history to present date, tho' of a less eventful nature than of previous years. I think the later generations have fallen short of their fathers in enter-
-prise & public spirit, or Scarborough would have retained its early prestige - You request other papers of my late father's - but I have none - he destroyed very many during his last days - which we regretted - reserved a few sermons, these notes sent you, only - we, in looking over letters to my self, sister, decided to send a few of these letters to our niece in Miss Mary J. were S. mates of mine in as samples of their beloved G. Father's style of letters - & destroy the rest - which we did with sad throts at their loss - One was saved, which S. Storrs - Fred. S. & some 8 or more saw - I send you, with a sermon, that

you may gather from the letter an idea of the man in home-relations - & from the sermon his style & ministerial teachings - You need not return either - I wish I could contribute something more important to aid your work - but my mind is blank, just now & hand too feeble to write; but if we were to meet doubtless some incidents would awaken from memory's vast storehouse to swell your pages - Your name, "Thornton", has called up pleasant connections with several of that name - Sully & were S. mates of mine in Port in 15, 16 - Albert Gilbert, & Sidney S. were pupils of Father's in Scarborough - 1826-7. with Henry their loss - One was saved, which S. Storrs - Fred. S. & some 8 or more saw - I send you, with a sermon, that boys - H. S. S. was 4 yrs with us - like