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Note: The record of the Deerfield delegate to the General Court during the winter session of 1820. In addition to entries concerning committee meetings and debates, the diary reflects Hoyt's daily life in Boston, attending book auctions, reading in the Atheneum, attending William Ellery Channing's sermons at Federal St. Church, and recording the many fires of the period. Visits of constituents such as Asa Stebbins, Orlando Ware, Thomas Barnard, and Rev. Willard are mentioned. The journey to and from Boston by sleigh is also briefly described. The burning issue in the legislature concerned the attempt to move Williams College to Northampton.