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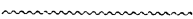
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S. V. WOOD.

March; 1853.