

Read at
Trinity Sunday
Bampton
The privilege of being a Great-G. M.

MSB
Nesbit in defining the word Great says
"Elevated sentiment; High minded; Dignified
in manner". The poet Dryden, "Amidst the
crowd she walks serenely great," and
quoting again, "Nothing can be great
which is not right," adding the definition
^{Grand}mother to which you have just listened
with the word great, it places us as great
grandmothers into a circle all our own
and where but few attain to that high honor.

I wish to speak first of the G. G. M. of earlier
days, who met the hardships ^{and privations} of their generation
in such a courageous spirit. Laboring from
~~dawn~~ into the night with only the most crude
necessities, straining their eyes by candle
light that the family might be clothed, or
it any wonder the G. G. M. - If they lived to attain
that distinction - lost their youth in their ^{earlier}
years, and were relegated to the rocking chair
in a warm corner, that the click of the knitting
needles would sometimes cease and the tired
hands lay idly folded in her lap, while
the mind would wander back - quote a
part of Reminiscences.