

August 1866.

Wide flies the tedded grain; all in a row
Advancing broad, or wheeling round the field,
They spread the breathing harvest to the sun'
That throws refreshful round a rural smell;
Or, as they rake the green appearing ground,
And drive the dusky wave along the mead,
The russet haycock rises thick behind
In order gay. While heard from dale to dale
Making the breeze, resounds the blended voice
Of happy labor, love, and social glee. :--Thomson

1 Wednesday: what a beautiful view of summer the poet gives us in the above quotation. we got in two loads of hay. come on to rain at night.

2 A very rainy day: we tried to do something but did not succeed in accomplishing much. Jackson was here to work on a wagon for B. (G?)oin.

3 Cleared off in morning: George went to get the horse shod. we mowed most all day raked after tea.

4 A very good hay day, we got in 5 loads; hay made well. Father went to Aarons in A.M. got a letter from Nahum. Hiram went home at night. come on to rain after dark.

5 Sunday: Very rainy in morning; cleared off abt. noon. had new potatoes for dinner, the first of the season. Alonzo Bennett come about 1 o'clock; then Jackson & Louisa went by to Alfreds; Vesta come home with them she staid over there last night. now it is P.M. I have commenced a letter to send to Nahum; must finish it now. So closed the light of another Sabbath day.

6 Pleasant: we mowed in West field; Cordelia & Mrs. Miles Thompson were here. mowed all day.

7 Pleasant: I went to Freedom; then visited Martha Voses school in the Bryant dist. the school showed marked improvement. showery in P.M. we raked & got in two loads. the wind blew briskly. Nath'l Averell & Mr. Barton were here.

8 Pleasant: Father & Mother went visiting to Mr. Averells. Alonzo Bennett worked here, he & Mr. Young have fallen out. Dexter was here also. Exavier was up at night.

9 Pleasant, but showery; I visited the school in the Vose dist. Eliza has done well, I was much pleased with the school.

10 Showery: we mowed most all day; showers were thick.

11 A pleasant day, only one or two showers; I went to Aarons in morning; then worked real hard trying to finish haying but did not quite succeed. Louisa & Sidia Young were over in P.M. How sweet to hail the Evenings close that ends the weary week.

12 Sunday: arose at dawn, done chores and went to meeting; sung awhile with the children. In A.M. Rev. Mr. Stockman a missionary among the freedmen spoke eloquently for an hour & a half. we were very much interested, and his remarks were such as to stir every loyal heart. In P.M. a short dull sermon by Mr. Heen. had good singing. Mr. Bumps was down. came home as hungry as a bear. N.P. Bennett & wife were here also the baby. In P.M. Lewis come over. Marcena Poland come home with George; they were cutting around after a great style.

13 Very warm & pleasant: we finished haying at noon a funny time to finish, Monday noon, I thought. in P.M. we hedged from Amos's field up through the woods. we worked quite hard too. Lewis was over at night. I was quite tired.

14 Warm; we were fencing most all day. Mr. Palmer was here to get his plan of a school house approved. J.S. Palmer. Hiram's month is out tonight. Hiram went home, I paid him 30 dollars for his months work. I approved of Mr. Palmer's plan for a school house, it will be very convenient. I washed the wagon at night. preparatory to going to yearly meeting at Plymouth village. Have been quite anxious about going and expectant too.

15 Wednesday: started just after sunrise, Lewis & I for yearly meeting at Plymouth village. Went to Knox corner then up through Thorndike to Unity village, then up through troy to Plymouth; we found the meeting already begun; Sermon in A.M. by Mr. Hallam missionary to India, took a collection amounting to 197\$. We took dinner at Mr. Palmers where we put up our horse. In P.M. the sermon was by Mr. Redlow; Text, "God is a spirit etc. a gospel sermon. After the service we went to look at the floating bridge awhile, after which we took our team and went across the bridge to a Mr. Louds where we found good entertainment. It

being very rainy we went to the school house near Mr .Loud's where a few met and listened to a sermon by Eld. Moore. a heavy shower while we were in meeting. went home and to bed where we slept soundly and well.

16 Thursday: still rainy; after breakfast we spotted through the rain & mud to meeting. a business meeting was in session, a very short morning meeting with but little interest; after which Mr. Stockman plead in behalf of the freedmen and so eloquently did he talk that a collection was taken amounting to about \$200 the scene in the collecting of the money was certainly a disgrace to a place called the house of God. Yet the money was what they wanted and they got it. we went to Mr. Louds got dinner, and then went back through to Monroe Village to see H. Dickey we crossed a very mountainous country, to, some fine farms lay along the route. Arrived at Mr. Dickey's we learned that he had gone to Ellsworth to the convention. We were very agreeably entertained by his daughter Nancy who is a very agreeable girl. took tea, after which we came home arriving at eleven o'clock; it was a fine evening and a nice ride. and so endeth the trip to yearly meeting; I think the country that way is in no respect superior to this, in the point of pasturage we are far in advance of them. on the whole old Montville is about as good as any place after all. so ends my trip to Plymouth.

17 Very cold this morning for August: now I must to work again; burnt off stumps in A.M. hauled rocks in P.M. I was very sleepy.

18 Pleasant: I went to Monroe to Mr. Dickey's settled up the business agreeably to us all. I tried my luck with new roads and came off second best. at one place I came to a steep hill and thought I might evade it by a detour to the right- by so doing I went out of my way much. I paid Dickey \$100 he gave me the obligation and a writing certifying that he had no claim, and defending the timber against all others.

19 Sunday: cloudy: went to meeting at the Centre sermon by E. Knowlton, Text; Wither shall we go etc. a beautiful sermon full of gospel truth and faith. had pretty good singing; In P.M. Mr. Hussey & wife of Unity called awhile; Louisa and Hannah were over. rained some in P.M. a day of some enjoyment.

20 Foggy in morning: baby is two months old today. I am much pleased with my ink, it writes much better, than my old ink did. Am much obliged to Friend Dickey. hauled rocks all day, worked very diligently.

21 Cool; I went to carry Vesta home, which took all day. found them as well as usual; Vesta is quite a good girl, she has some things to learn yet as we all do, but she is a nice girl for nowadays. was glad to get home. Dexter was here when I got home, I went apiece with him and did not get back till it was quite dark.

22 Very rainy: I was reading a story lent me by Cordelia The Lost Heiress by Mrs. Southworth, a very good book. She is a very pleasing writer, very entertaining. George & Ambrose, who is here on a visit, went to get some blackberries after supper; we also went to Murrays with snipe who pined for a companion. a beautiful eve.

23 Tolerably pleasant: Wife baby & I went visiting to Dexter's. had a splendid visit, Jane makes a smart housewife. come on to rain when we were coming home.

24 Friday: a severe wind: hauled rocks in morning. mowed barley which took us most all day. Mr. Young was along in P.M. the wind blew fearfully.

25 Very pleasant: a slight shower in P.M. Father went to Belfast had Lewis's horse; We built wall on the Cobbassee farm, had good success, only I hurt my finger badly once; we built a rod or more, perhaps two. I was much engaged and the day passed quickly.

26 Sunday: a pleasant day, some cloudy: went to meeting preaching by Bro. Small. pretty good singing. came home and raked barley in P.M. got in one load. And now it is night again. I am weary & sleepy. there is a spiritual meeting today at Whites corner speaking by Mrs. Morse. Alfred & Sarah went.

27 Warm: corn will grow well today: built wall in A.M. got in Barley in P.M. Father went to Centre in P.M. I sent two papers, Age & Journal, to J.S. Rollins; an Age to Lucy, and a Maine Farmer to Ann. so it will help to fill up the mail bag considerably.

28 Tuesday: quite warm, went tot the funeral of Mrs. Twitchell services at the house. Sermon by Eld. Clifford, Text "Yea tho I walk thro, the valley and shadow of death" etc. a beautiful sermon. Father Mother & I went. built wall after I got home till night. am building down on the Cobbassee, around the Thombs field.

29 Wednesday: warm, some cloudy; went to old Mr. Murrays funeral at Elisha's house; sermon by Eld. Small, quite good. a small choir but sung quite well for so few. Mr. Averell and wife came home with us and spent the afternoon. George went to get blackberries; I was making wall as usual.

30 Is some foggy this morning: a thunder shower in P.M. Dexter Bennett was here and spent the P.M. I went apiece with him, we went on the rock-ledge and took a view of the sunset, he thinks of leaving for Portland next Monday; is going to work there if he can find any to do. had a good walk.

31 The last day of August. Quite warm; we built wall; In P.M. Mary went to Carrs visiting, I carried baby over and went over took tea with them and brought snipe home. got two letters yesterday from Lucy. they are well.

And now the summer is past again, autumn approaches now with slow and cautious steps stealing upon us unawares. Well let all the times and seasons of our lives pass away, let it pass and be numbered with the things which are not but have been, if we can say "it is well with us it is enough." "If God be ours we travelling home

Tho, passing through a vale of tears."