

December 1864

Then too the Old Year dieth.

And the forests utter a moan.

Like the voice of one who crieth

In the wilderness alone.

Longfellow

4 Sunday: Quite a pleasant morning. Came up cloudy, I went to church at Centre, preaching in A.M. by Rev. A. P. Tracey in P.M. by Eld. Cilley had a good meeting I enjoyed it very much. Jackson & Louisa were here when I got home.

5 Quite pleasant: had a good school

6 Cloudy: had a spelling school in evening, a lot of young folks were out, had a good time.

7 Somewhat stormy: Albert Choate stayed here last night he is home on a furlough.

8 Cooler, but a pleasant day; I have had a very good school today; especially this afternoon it has been quite still and interesting..

9 Cool; very windy the girls complained of its being quite cool on the back seat. another week of school is ended with tonight. so simply the weeks pass.

10 Saturday: very cold and desolate looking morning; I went to visit the school at Hanlet (sp?) Cor. Miss Suella A. Bean teacher; Miss B is having a very good school to all appearance; her manner in the school room is agreeable indeed; she seems to be firm yet pleasant and agreeable. I went to conference in P.M. not many out yet we had a pretty good meeting. I was chosen a committee to visit Bradford Thompson a delinquent member of the church. About noon a storm of snow set in and raged smartly all the afternoon, I had the pleasure of walking home in the storm, saw Charley Crosby. called at Alfreds they are all well.

11 Sunday: Cloudy, some snowy too; went to church at Centre Montville, had a very good social meeting after which a sermon by Eld. Tracey a very good sermon, I thought is beautiful. We sung evry well for a small choir.

17 Saturday evening; I am at home again tonight have been there a week almost, went to Williams Tuesday and have been at home since. Is is a fine thing to come home of a Saturday night. George came over after me have had a good school.

17 Saturday; concluded; our folks have killed the hog today; my scholars read in the floor this afternoon. had a very interesting exercise; marred only by the disobedience of a scholar. Miss Augusta C. Vose, Jackson & Rueben were here in evening. Lewis was here too; a fine evening at home.

18 Sunday; a cold day, cloudy at night. Ira has been here today and I have been reading studying writing etc etc etc. And so the days keep on their course, one day followeth another in rapid succession to the end of the month.

from my last date until the last day there is nothing special to record, my school has kept along with growing interest each day.

31 Last day of the year: finished school in the Vose dist. had a full school in P.M. we read in the floor read compositions etc. then the school was closed with a few remarks & a prayer. I was sorry to part with my scholars, have had a very pleasant school. I was unwell Saturday, after making a serious effort vl got home. was sick as I wished to be. so ended the year 1864.