

December 1865.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,

The flying cloud, the frosty light;

The year is dying in the night

Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. Tennyson.

1 Friday: Misty; A. Gilcrest came here to work. We read in floor in P.M. was quite interesting. I was pleased that another week of school is done

2 Cold, some snow fell yesterday. I went to Aarons got a lot of mail matter; A Mr. Knowlton of Liberty was here to get certified, he passed a good examination so I gave him the papers, he is to teach at Mcfarlands corner.

3 Sunday: went to church; Bro. Small preached -----well. stopped to Mr. Rollins to dinner, Mr. Bumps was there. When I got home George & Rhoda Choate were here staid all night; Jackson & Louisa were here we sung some in eve.

4 Rainy: our folks killed the hog. It was a dark day.

5 Pleasant; quite cold. we weighed the hog she weighed 510. the heaviest porker ever killed on the farm. In evening we had the Christmas tree, passed off very pleasantly. I got some presents, one a splendid picture, "The young patriot." a pleasant time with some fun & we all enjoyed it.

6 Wednesday: Very pleasant: my scholars did not get in at noon until quite late, so I was quite tried with them, but I did not scold any, only I did not let them have any recess, and called it square at that.

7 Cloudy, and looked severe but no storm of any account. The state & National thanksgiving is this day. we went to church, Bro. Small preached a good sermon; then we went to Marcus Vose's, took dinner; I kept school in P.M. after school we came directly home, spent an agreeable day.

8 Cold and wintry: had a full school and a good one. My scholars were on hand in good season at noon and profited I thought by Wednesdays experience. cold at night ; I think there has been a storm up north.

9 Pleasant: had a good school, pretty full too. quite cold yesterday & today. Jackson & Louisa came over (at) in evening; brot. the papers etc. I was very glad to see them and also the papers.

10 Sunday: snowy, a cloudy day. at home all day. enjoying a Sabbath at home. J. & L. went home at night. "A Sabbath well spent" etc..

11 Cool; a pretty good school; quite full. Jackson made the pump & put it in; Geo. Lewis went to mill; a little snow on the ground.

12 Tuesday: cloudy; a full school today; pretty good tho, S. H. Berry was here brot. two pigs as we keep a pig of the masculine gender; business is quite lively with us.

13 A very rainy morning: Arthur went home in A.M. came back at M. a good school today, a fine play at noon. cleared off finely in P.M. sun shone out pleasantly. very muddy travelling now; Alfred brought a pig today.

14 A fine day: a full school today and so noisy; I was almost tired out at night; have a severe cold. Louisa went to Beans to wash etc. Alfred & Berry got their pigs. Mary went to Carrs to get some soap. I wrote some composition in evening. pleasant eve.

15 Cold, a flirt of snow last night: had a good school today; not so noisy as yesterday; a man was along canvassing for the life of Lincoln, I subscribed for a copy. cost \$3.00. a cold night, we have a nice fire burning and are prepared to take comfort certainly.

16 Cold; had a good school; read in floor in P.M. was very interesting too, I thought. so ends six weeks. Sam'l. B. Rollins & wife staid here all night, we had a nice social time with them, they are good folks.

17 Sunday: a little snowy, Sam'l & Maria went home in A.M. Lewis & Hannah & Charley come in A.M. we were glad to see them.

25 Monday: I went to Belfast, carried butter got 40 cts. 36 lbs =14.40. hard travelling. the last week I failed to keep a journal so I am unable now from memory to set down the events which transpired, had a rain storm one day and it was quite mild weather the whole week.

30 Saturday: finished school in the Vose dist. was very sorry to have school finish, I have had a very pleasant school, more so if possible than last winter; went up to Madisons to supper, had a very good time I like Martin much, I think he is one of the good boys. Closed up with a spelling school in evening, had a very good one, marred only by the riotous proceedings of some of the fast boys. I had to talk to them some; I

began to believe in the old saying, Deacons daughters & ministers sons etc. however we got through at last and so ended the term.

31 Sunday: Very pleasant. Lewis & Hannah went to meeting at the Center, C. Curtis was here. So ends another year so has passed another period of time with it duties done and undone. So passes one period of time soon comes another.