

December 1868.

See, Winter comes to rule the varied year,
Sullen and sad, with his rising train---
Vapors, and Clouds, and Storms. Be these my theme,
These that exalt the soul to solemn thought
And heavenly musing.

1 Tuesday: only another month of the old year left. Very true it is, that, "My days are swifter than a weavers shuttle" and the remainder of the verse I cannot say for I do have a large hope in the future.

2 A nice day for school; looking like a storm a part of the time then suddenly clearing away.

3 A pleasant day: I visited the school in the Vose dist. in P.M. Mr. Cookson went with me, their school house looks very good, it is a pleasant room as any in town. Mr. Boulter is doing quite well, the school appeared orderly, and all the objection I found was a lack of energy in some respects. Yet a good school. I made just a few remarks, and called on Mr. Cookson who gave quite an extended speech. his remarks were good. I went up with Mr. Boulter to Mr. Messers and took tea, then went to meeting, a good meeting. came home with Mr. Hahn & wife staid all night and then went to my school friday morning.

4 Friday: a quite pleasant day; Mr. J.D. Cookson visited my school in P.M. he got in quite late, but he made some very happy remarks, the impression made was very good, the scholars were very still and made an excellent appearance while he was speaking. I was very thankful for his visit.

5 Cloudy: a good school today, read in floor in P.M. came home st night, Arthur is logging so I rode home on the oxsled, I had the sick headache when I got home, vomited some, and fell asleep, when I awoke my headache had disappeared, I felt better. So that I looked over the mail. got a good lot this week.

6 Sunday: Cloudy all day; Alfred & wife went over to Lewis's today. Wm. Poland & wife were here in P.M., took dinner with us. S.B. Rollins went up to Mr. Bumps today, to get Maria who has been up helping pick poultry. Master Ralph is quite smart.

7 Monday: a cloudy dark day. a hard storm. in evening I went to singing school in evening. it was hard getting home, I was boarding at Frank Stevens's. the wind was dead ahead and it blew hard.

8 A cold day; very uncomfortable in the school house.

9 Quite cold today. I went to singing school in evening. some were there but the singing went hard. Samuel is quite a singing teacher.

10 Thursday: still continues cold. this evening Mr. Bryant invited me into his room and we had a fine chat, passing around apples & cider.

11 Nearly as cold as ever; I come home at night, Arthur was at the mill so I got a ride home.

12 Did not keep school today. I visited the school at Ranlets cor. Mr. Elder teacher, a good school. attended conference in P.M., a goodly lot were out a good meeting; chose as delegates to quarterly meetings,---Eld. Small, H.M. Howard, G.S.W. Stevenson, Henry Thompson, Riley Gilcrest; I went to see the Lord agent in the Sproul dist. he will let me know as soon is convenient whether I can have the school or not. a cold windy night; we set up till almost midnight reading, "Old Hughs look off;" a story in Ballous magazine.

13 Sunday; lay in bed late this morning, Orley Whitten went by he had been to Freedom to get the Dr. for Lewis who is worse. I went over to see him, he is very sick, is very pale and poor. I went over again in, Mary went over to Sams. She got a ride home with Albion Clements.

14 A pleasant morning; went to singing school in eve. at meetinghouse, J.H. Terry come over, he went to Frank Stevens's where I was boarding and staid all night.

15 Tuesday: J.H. Terry went home after breakfast, it seemed very like old times to have a right down good talk with Harrison; we always were very good friends and are now. I went to Edwin Whites to dinner today, in evening Mrs. Stevens was there visiting, I was glad when bed-time come for I was very sleepy;

16 Quite pleasant today; a singing school in evening, I came home with Samuel & Maria tonight. had a very good singing school.

17 Cloudy, some snow fell in P.M. I visited our school in A.M., Mr. Hahn teacher, he seems to be doing very well, the school appeared well, the teacher works hard. In P.M. Nathan & Dexter Bennett come up and we agreed about building the house, wrote off a part of the specifications etc. Jackson was here also. I went over to Lewis and set up with him, getting there about 10 in evening. he is quite weak and low.

18 Quite pleasant in morning, but in A.M. the wind rose and blew fearfully all the day and night, I went to exchange arithmetics today. I had but one book left so did not go to Cain dist. took dinner at John Beals, had a very good visit there. it was quite cold coming home. the wind blowing like all possessed. a cold night.

19 a very cold day, I went over and kept school today; it was very cold going over but warmer coming home, I rode and put the horse in Eld. Hamiltons barn. took dinner at Mr. Whites. Quarterly meeting is in session at So. Montville today.

20 Sunday: a storm of snow today, I set up with Lewis last night he was quite comfortable, I was sleepy enough. quite a snow storm all day.

21 Pleasant; I went to school in morning, Mary carried me over, I went to singing school in eve. staid at Mr. Whites this night.

22 A snowy day; had a good school in A.M. when I was hearing first class spell a team stopped at the door and hearing a rap I went to the door and met Mr. Bacheldor who wished me to go down to their school, I asked if Mr. Terry could not settle the trouble but he said I must go. we went up to Mr. Whites took dinner, then went to the school at Whites cor. arriving at about 2 P.M. Mr. Terry was already there. we proceeded to investigate the charges which I will write out in a special paper. We took supper at Mr. Nortons, talked the matter over and went down to Mr. Strouts boarding place where we had a long talk we asked Mr. Strout if he would leave the school he refused. it was midnight when I got home.

23 A cloudy morning come on to snow in A.M., and snowed hard all the rest of the day; I went to Whites cor. again this morning; we proceeded to investigate further, we elicited some new facts; got through at about 1 o'clock, took dinner at Mr. Nortons; then Mr. Terry and myself talked over the matter and could not agree he being for vindicating Mr. Strout completely; so we agreed to appoint Geo. W. Norton to fill the vacancy, so we harnessed up and drove directly to the Centre, found Geo. took him to Esq. Allen, who administered the oath, we stated the facts as plainly as possible, when Mr. Norton decided that Mr. Strout must go, said that we did not want such teachers. I wanted to censure him and let him go on with his school but was over-ruled by the other gents. Mr. Terry accordingly wrote the dismissal Mr. Norton & myself signed it, and Mr. Terry is to deliver it to Mr. Strout. it was quite late when I got home, almost tired to death.

24 Thursday; kept school today, a cold day, rode to school and came home at night.

S.B. Rollins & wife accompanied us. we had a very good time, Uncle Nathan & Aunt Mary come Hattie & her husband and we had a splendid time. got home at eleven o'clock; a nice ride home, a pretty

26 Saturday; cold kept school today. took dinner at Eld. Hamiltons, come home at night; so ends the weary week which has indeed been a weary one; the greatest time I ever had in my school days. Hope another like case may not arise.

were over; Arthur got the horse to go to Belfast tomorrow; it was almost night when I got home from over the road.

28 Some snowy today; I took dinner at Mr. Whites went to Mrs. Knowltons to tea, went to singing school and staid there all night; had a pretty good singing school.

29 A snow storm today; A book agent was along we went in to Eld. Hamiltons to dinner, Mr. Whitney agt. For Hillards readers. He went to see Terry in P.M. I went to Mr. Douglas's to board at night, a thick snow storm; rather a lonesome night. I felt some homesick up there.

30 Pleasant: I went to Mrs. Knowltons after spelling school, at the corner, Mr. Elder; went up to Douglas's to supper; they had a very good supper.

31 Thursday, the last day of the year, I came home at night, went to the Centre saw Mr. Norton we went to see Esq. Norton, I got home abt. 10 I guess. so ends the year 1868. another year is gone.