

December 1869.

Now Winter comes to rule th' inverted year

Sullen and sad, with all its clouds and storms.

1 Wednesday: Aa very high wind, a cow was found near the school house this P.M. disabled so that she had to be slaughtered; and Eld. Hamiltons chimney burnt out, so there was quite an excitement, I paid attention to my own affairs and got through the day very comfortably. Benson Goin came in evening to be certified, I gave him leave to begin.

2 A very cold day. ground frozen hard.

3 As cold as ever, too cold for comfort.

4 A little warmer, snowed in P.M. I came home at night.

5 Sunday: Dexter & Jane were over, Jackson & Louisa were over in P.M. J.H. Terry was up; got 2 sixth readers. Chs. Curtis was up. so we had some company.

6 A cloudy morning, come on to storm in P.M., went to B.F. Stevens to board today, a cold night. a windy, cold night snowing very fast.

7 A fierce snow storm this morning; I had only 4 scholars today, a rough day for the time of year as I ever saw, snow blowing furiously.

8 Wednesday: some milder today; a little larger school today; a cold night, they warm up my bed so it is comfortable going to bed these cold nights.

9 Very pleasant, quite cool, a full school today; I was at home again, to have my scholars back again.

10 A beautiful day; a very good school today. I came home at night, found the road drifted some.

11 Very pleasant: I went and exchanged books in the schools in the Vose dist. and at Ranlets cor. went to conf. in P.M.; Eld. Knowlton was there, a good conference. Alfred & Sarah was here in evening, had a good visit.

12 Sunday: went to meeting, sermon by Eld. Knowlton, text, "Abide in me and I in you," a very good sermon; singing pretty good; came home to dinner. N. P. Bennett was up in P.M. did not stop any I went over to Carrs towards night. rainy in P.M.

13 A blessing is implored for the coming week. this was a beautiful week, I boarded to Mr. Boulters till thursday, then went to Mrs. Knowltons, did not keep Saturday on account of quarterly meeting.

18 Saturday: went to quarterly meeting, sermon in A.M. by Eld. Knowlton the best one during the meeting. in P.M. by Eld. Couliard; came home in a rainstorm, took dinner at Isaac Chishmans. Mother went today. It was so rainy in evening I did not go.

19 Sunday: went to meeting, Mary went; sermon in A.M. by Eld. Boyd in P.M. by Eld. Littlefield, two dry sermons. had good singing today, quite good, some of the tunes were sung the best I ever heard them. came home and so another quarterly meeting was ended.

20 Visited schools today; in A.M. in Sproul dist. Mr. Hahn seems to be doing well, yet they do not very well like him, and he seems to have to row against the current. tho, every thing was very smooth this A.M. In P.M. I was at Ranlets cor. Mr. Chandler is not man enough for the school, his order was very poor and the school was not profitable in my opinion. I told him he must have better order by some means. called to Alfreds, Mary was there and we visited in evening.

21 A Mr. Hussey staid here last night, he bought the oxen, pays \$175. I went to school, boarded all the week at Mrs. Knowltons, one of the pleasantest weeks I have had, both in the school room and at my boarding place; Mr. Luce was in Wednesday I think. he was much pleased with the school.

26 Sunday: George Lewis is awful sick, am afraid he may not live. I went over to tell his father he was worse. Lewis went after Br. Billings twice in morn & at night. hope he may get better but am doubtful.

27 Monday: a wet day, went to Mrs. Knowltons to dinner and staid there all night. It is a nice place to board, very good woman Mrs. Knowlton is; and Mrs. White lives there, she appears to be a fine old lady; a wet spell of weather.

28 Wet and rainy; I come home at night. it was a long walk, I was tired enough.

29 Pleasant: I went to Gilbert Sawyers to board at night, We went to spelling school at the corner, a muddy walk; - had a pretty good time. some dialogues were spoken and declamations & spelling.

30 Cooler today; I took dinner today & yesterday at Eld. Hamiltons; I went to see Mr. J. Sawyer who is very low in consumption, talked with him some on religious subjects, read a chapter and prayed with him, had a good season. Probably we may never meet again on earth.

31 The last day of 1869. had a spelling school in evening; considerable many were in, had a pretty good one. I staid to Mr. Skinners tonight.