

December 1870.

The dying year grows strangely mild;

Now in the hazy autumn weather,-

My heart is like a happy child,

And life and I, friends reconciled,

Go over the hills together. _____ Carl Spencer

1 Thursday: a cold day; Lewis carried the hog to Liberty. Had company to school today; - Sidia Vose, Ellen Gowen, Etta Gilcrest, - had a good school; Col. Stevensons wife was buried last Monday; she was quite an aged woman. Granville Small was serenaded last night,- he is married to Abbie Tilton,-so Chs. Poland said today.

2 A bright beautiful day; had a nice school, all present. had a hard battle at ball at the noon recess. Ambrose come from Lewis' in P.M., and come to school,- he said the hog weighed 454 1/2 lbs. sold at 12 cts. \$54.54 I went to Alonzos got the papers and read them all the evening; Ralph has a severe cold and is quite sick tonight.

3 A good day but rather cool; Mary went over to Lewis' to get the money but Mr. Mathews did not pay down;- will pay in a few days. passed an agreeable evening at home. and so ends another week, am thankful for the mercies of the week; hope for a continuance of them.

4 Sunday: a cloudy day; intended to go to meeting at the Centre, but Chs. Whitten and wife come so did not go; they staid a short time; then Lewis & Chs. Howard come they staid a little while. Some snow fell towards night. moved the little pig down into the barn cellar,- he squealed merrily. a nice hazy snowy night, calm still and quiet. And now night has closed in again, sabbath evening at home, am thankful for the rest the sabbath affords.

5 A cloudy dark day: we had a game at snowball at noon, one of the hard days in the school-room such as every teacher sees sometimes.

6 A very dark dismal day; did not storm much; we had a game at ball as usual for all of the storm.

7 A very pretty day; the storm of yesterday had loaded the trees with ice making them look very pretty in the mornings sun; had a very good school today. neighbor Poland brought up some beef for us also some tomato pickles; they are good neighbors. the moon shone out splendidly and it was one of the prettiest evenings I ever saw.

8 Looks like a storm this morning. a severe snow storm set in after noon; snowed very fast all the P.M.; Sam'l Rollins was by at night hunting his sheep. night closed in stormy enough, an old fashioned snow storm.

9 Friday: quite stormy; snow is quite deep, Sam'l Rollins went to Centre at night; left our papers when he come along; I read them all the evening. a pretty severe night,- snowing and blowing right merrily.

10 A cold, snowy, windy day; one of those protracted N.M. storms,- the snow has fell to about a foot in depth I think. we read in floor and had some other exercises in P.M., had a pretty good time,- heard that Mrs. Rowell was quite low; a cold dreary night, snowing & blowing.

11 Sunday: a change in the weather this morning, being softer with and easterly wind. threatens to rain, but hope it will not be enough to take away the snow. I broke roads,- to A. Polands and into the woods;- just before dusk Mr. D.B. Johnson come to get a certificate; he proposes to teach at Ranlets cor., I certified him and he went home after an hour of social converse,- he is a good looking man and I should think a good teacher. Johnny Cookson come to stoop with us awhile.

12 A cloudy, leaden sky but did not storm; I visited schools today:- in Cain dist. Mr. Henry Keniston teacher,- found a good school, and an earnest teacher. In P.M. visited Olive Fosters school in Sproul dist. she is doing her best I should say for a good school,- is earnest and active, and deserves to be successful; I took dinner with Mr. Keniston at Joshua Thompsons.

13 Tuesday: a rainy day; John went to school; the usual number of scholars present.

14 Cleared up today; John went and got the horse shod; at Bachelders; I went over to S. Rollins this evening or last eve. I have forgotten which, think it was tuesday eve.

15 Colder today; Mr. Holbrook helped John haul wood. Mrs. H. was up visiting in P.M., and they staid the eve. had a very pleasant visit from them; Sam'l Curtis was here in evening, a windy cold night. Sam'l & Maria went to singing school, and a hard time they had of it too I guess. John went to Centre to singing school.

16 Cold; some of my scholars were sick with colds: John went to Centre in P.M., and to meeting there in evening,- he got the mail in evening a cold night.

17 Quite a cold day; John went to Mr. Barkers got a buck that had strayed away. I had quite a severe cold today, and came home sick at night, with a terrible headache. went directly to bed, and doctored some in the night, perennial tea, soaked feet etc.

18 Sunday: am some better today, but my head feels badly, - John has gone to East Knox, - Samuel & Maria went to Centre to meeting, - Amos just called and borrowed the Age as he went by. It is quarterly meeting today at Washington, - I long to go to meeting again, and put on the armor of a christian once more.

19 Monday: a beautiful day; John went to Belfast to get some corn; in P.M., I visited the school in the Vose dist. a very good school I should say; order is good, and all seemed interested with few exceptions. A very pleasant visit, - got home at nightfall; John got home almost as soon as I did, he had good luck.

20 A snow storm today; had a good school; a fine cloudy, calm afternoon; just snow enough fell to cover the bare spots and if the wind does not blow it will make sleighing. a pleasant evening, - Sam'l & Maria went by to singing school; John went to Mr. Holbrooks this evening.

21 A bright sunny day; John went to mill at Freedom; had a very good school; a good game at ball at noon.

22 Cold, quite so; we went to singing school in evening; had a good sing; heard about the indiscretion of F. Holbrook; it must be a sad thing to have a bad boy.

23 Cloudy; quite cold; a pretty good school today.

24 Cold: I went to Centre traded some; went to Robie Jacksons;- came home and went to M. Whittens,- paid a note of fifty dollars. got home in edge of evening.

25 Sunday: went to meeting at Centre, sermon by Barker Baker a rambling affair not much like a sermon; we sung some, - heard some new ones speak Geo. Nash, Jas. Palmer, Fred Clements etc., a good meeting a very cold day, as severe as any of the season.

26 Monday: somewhat stormy; I visited schools at Bickmore dist. in A.M., at Ranlets cor. in P.M.; found both schools in good condition. Mary went and sat with Mrs. Hahn all day; I came there to dinner, got home about dark.

27 Some cloudy if I remember correctly; I went to Bickmore Dist. in eve. to a spelling school, had a very good one; Etta Howard and Ellen Myrick went with me, I got home between 9 & 10.

28 Cloudy; Mary & I went to S. Rollin's in evening and set with them a little while; it was snowing when we come home, at 8½ in evening.

29 A terrible storm of snow, with a very severe wind from the north; six scholars got out today. an awful day terrible cold withal. cleared up in eve.

30 A clear sunny day; quite cold; school does not keep today or tomorrow; I went to Centre in morning; Mrs. Elisha Murray was to have been buried today, but on account of the storm the services will be tomorrow. I went to Lewis' in P.M., getting home at sunset; Geo. Lewis come over and we went to singing school, had a good one.

31 A fine day; went to Mrs. Murrays funeral, sermon by Eld. Hamilton, a good sermon; had good singing; Lewis come home with us and we killed the pig in P.M., so ends the year; some changes since last year at this time. Change is Gods law.