

February 1866.

In winter, awful thou

With storms around thee cast;

The leafless forests bow

Beneath thy northern blast:

While tempests lower, we homage bring

To the dread King, And own thy power. Psalmody

1 Thursday: Pleasant: I was somewhat unwell, have a bad cold and feel dumpish, lifeless enough. Albert Choate wanted the horse to carry his wife to Uncle Roberts I was sorry to refuse him, I was writing all the evening.

2 Candlemas day; a cloudy, snowy disagreeable day; not a very full school today, some exciting times sliding, come up cold and squally at night.

3 Quite pleasant: school closed here in Dist. No. 13 considerable many were in, in P.M. in eve. we had a spelling school not many out; had a very good time I enjoyed it very much; so my labors for the winter closed very pleasantly; I have enjoyed myself much had nice times with the children. Judson Hall came up to tea, Eben Thompson & wife were here staid all night, Marcene & Aloz. staid all night.

4 Sunday: a windy disagreeable day, quite cold; got a letter from Lucy, and one from Hattie Clark that are all well and that ends well. Eben & wife went home in P.M., I went a piece with them, it was quite cold. read the newspaper in evening.

5 Cold & windy; I did not venture out to work any it was so cold. N.A. Ripley was here in eve. to get money of Dexters; I let him have \$100 town order dated Oct. 26, 1864; If I recollect the date correctly; I am owing some which I must pay very soon; tomorrow if I can conveniently.

6 Windy and disagreeable: In P.M. a real hurricane. I did not go very far it was so cold.

7 Cold; I went to Parsons to see about some shoemaking. Paid Sammy 2.25 for fixing a pair of boots twice and also for a pair of shoes which he is to make for wife. Got dinner at Carrs, eat a god deal. After I got home, I rigged up and went to Elisha Carters got my pay for teaching in this dist. 20.88. also drew 2.50 for Alfred, being a job fixing the house. Then I

went N. A. Ripleys & paid him 75 dollars which I was owing D. W. Bennett, the last money I have of his. quite dark getting home, arrived at 8 in eve.

Thursday. 8: was engaged all day in breaking roads etc. went out through the woods & in P.M. broke with the oxen. was tired at night. Louisa came over had letter from Jackson. Shelled corn in evening, had hulled corn for supper.

9 Cloudy: went to mill at Freedom, it was a long time to wait for the grist but at last I got it and came home. very hard travelling; snow very unyielding. Got home about 4 P.M.

10 Cloudy & misty: Mary & I went to Aunt Eunices, got there at 2 P.M. found all well as usual; there was a dancing school there taught by H. S. Crosby of this town; they danced rather poorly I thought, the boys awkward and the girls ungraceful, Mr. C. is a splendid player. I could but contrast my feelings there, with what they last were when I witnessed the act of dancing and was myself a dancer; then I professed void, but oh the world never filled it, no or ever can fill it to ones satisfaction; I am thankful for some enjoyment than that to found in this vain and unstable exercise.

“Now rest my long divided heart

Fixed on this blissful center rest

Nor ever from thy Lord depart

With Him of every good possessed.”

11 Sunday: a foggy misty day; we started to come home abt. half past ten, called to Mr. Samsons a few minutes, also to G. Shermans. then drove directly home got here abt. 2 P.M. found mother rather unwell, she having taken a severe cold, Lewis came over in P.M. Charley has been here since friday and he came to see where he was. quite foggy & thawy at night, signs of a storm.

12 A rainy day: I am choring this A.M. have shelled some corn for the hens; now at 11 o'clock it rains some. I think there was considerable rain last night which set the brook to running quite smartly, the first time it has run since last fall or early winter.

13 Quite pleasant; the trees are covered with ice, showing as some say a plentiful harvest next year. In P.M. we went to Searsmont; it was hard travelling found then all well and living in their new house, and George's wife, Nellie had a baby four weeks old; a little girl, so they progress;

14 A cloudy day: we enjoyed a fine visit in A.M. in P.M. we came home, when we got almost home a fierce snow storm set in, so we were quite white when we got home. we have had a

very good visit; I like their new house very well, they seem to have everything to make them comfortable and happy.

15 Thursday: a rain storm last night, the brook runs nicely this morning, it has cleared off now and is going to be colder I hope, I want to go logging. I was choring in A.M. the windy blows quite briskly now.

16 Quite cold: we went in woods in P.M. the brooks are very high; we came home after a little time, George went to Carrs to get the papers, got the age, two papers from Hattie, a letter from Mrs. Harrington etc. etc. a lot of mail. had a fine time reading in evening.

17 Pleasant: I went to the mill two trips with logs had very good success; it is good going but very icy. Mother is quite sick today, she is quite slim now; I was tired enough and went to bed early.

18 Sunday: Very pleasant: the quarterly meeting is in session today at So. Montville; I would liked to have gone, but circumstances prevented me; Ma is a little better today; I have done the chores to order today, and it is all I have done I am thinking. George went to Carrs in P.M. looked like s storm at night.

19 Very rainy; a severe freshet, the water in the brook ran all day with a melodious manner. I done the chores and but little else, no one here all day, Mother has been rather unwell for some time she is rather better today. a very rainy day.

20 Tuesday: I went logging in morning; the brooks are very high; had good success, stopped and chatted while the oxen breathed, with S. B. Rollins. Lewis went to Unity after shingles. I am tired tonight.

21 Pleasant: I was logging; a wind from the S.W. threatened to take away the snow..

22 Pleasant: quite warm, I was logging. Father went to Liberty, got me a pair of boots, paid \$4.50 for them. in evening George & I went to Ranlets cor. to see a panorama of the war, it was quite interesting, was very tired when I got home, slept soundly all night.

23 Very warm and thawy; the logs went hard, the brooks run merrily; water in the roads was plenty. I have quite good times logging, I go two turns a day come back into the woods where George brings my dinner, and the oxens so I go out to Mr. Curtis's and eat my dinner while the oxen eat theirs in the woods.

24 Avery dark cloudy day; some rain fell in P.M. and in the night. was about home all day; done the chores read a little and was sort of dumpish all day.

25 Sunday: cleared off last night, and the wind blows hard today, it is to be colder I imagine. at home all day, I was doing chores & reading etc. so passed another Sabbath in quietness away.

26 Monday: went a logging, had good success. I have had a fine time, and like to log as well as any work.

27 Cloudy: J. S. Twitchell was here in A.M. I went to the mill in P.M. looked much like snow all day.

28 Last day of February: snowy and quite cold, a snow storm with great flakes of snow looking pretty.

End of February 1866.