

January: 1865

Through all thy ife, they Makers goodness see,
O to His outstretched arm of Mercy flee. (original)

1 Sunday: I was a pretty sick child; Jackson & Louisa were here, they went home at night.

2 Was some better today; so I set up considerable, Jackson went to Belfast he is a drawn juror. Sauser carried him a piece and came back and staid all night.

3 Some stormy I was quite smart.

4 A little snowy was some better, there is a town meeting today; Lewis was in at night.

5 Cooler than it has been; Benj. Bean was up in morning to get some money. Father let him have \$100. it is to hire soldiers to enlist. Exavier was here in morning, He & Louisa went to Freedom, they looked real smart Louisa got back in P.M. She had a very successful trip to Freedom

6 Snowy in A.M. quite warm and pleasant. Levi Bartlett helped Geo. Haul wood as Father & I are both sick.

7 Saturday: Stormy, a fierce storm of snow set in at night, the wind howled mournfully around. Mr. Dickey was up to finish the writings concerning the timber which he has bought.

8 Sunday: Very pleasant. Louisa went home; we were sorry to see her go for we have had a nice time since she has been here. George went with her, got the papers; Geo. Went and broke the roads in afternoon. Charley Crosby called in P.M. to see about getting the oxen. The shadows of another evening have closed around.

9 Commenced school at home in Dist. No. 13. the school opened well, was well pleased with it.

10 A stormy day, rain at night. I carried Velera to school and brought her home again.

11 Pleasant, a thick crust, when we walked it would go crash thrash bang. Had a good time sledding at noon, tho it was pretty cold.

12 Very pleasant day: had a splendid slide at noon. I went to E. H. Carters at night, got my money for the Vose dist. \$56. A little money for so much patience and vexation, so much

labor and toil; Verily I believe more than ever that teaching is a labor of love and money can scarcely repay us for it.

13 Friday: pleasant had a good school.

14 Cloudy. came on to storm violently in P.M. I visited Wm. Whites school in A.M. the school is very small only seven scholars were in attendance he was doing as well as any one could with the materials. I took dinner with Wm. (?) had a nice time with them. Went to Freedom, settled my bill at Cooksons Paid the entire bill which amounted to \$11.00 and some odd cents. I was glad to be able to pay up. came home in a smart snow storm.

15 Sunday: cleared up in A.M. it was windy in P.M. rather a disagreeable day. G. W. Lamb came at night, he has been to work here three days. The snow is quite deep.

16 Cold; my school numbered thirteen for all it was so very cold. G. L. broke roads etc

17 Cloudy: looked much like a storm

18 Very stormy: I did not keep school on account of the storm, went to Carrs in P.M. the snow is quite deep, it was cold & windy at night. It had cleared up nicely at night.

19 went and broke roads early in morning then went to school had a good school, in eve went to spelling school at Vose schoolhouse, but few there.

20 Friday: A beautiful day; had a full school about 20 scholars present. had a very good school. Geo. W. Lamb gave us his opinion on certain things. He is sound on the negro question, very much so I think. It is quite a cool evening, and almost bedtime.

21 I kept school this day.

22 Sunday: went to meeting at the meetinghouse sermon by Rev. J. Hamilton, the old man took hold well he preached a good sermon. we stopped to Alfreds coming home.

23 Cloudy in morning, in P.M. came on to snow and snowed very fast all the P.M. it was a very stormy tempestuous night. Father went to Freedom in P.M. they did not get home till dark. Geo. Lamb was late as well as Father.

24 Cool; the snow was very deep 15 inches on a level, I had a hard time to get to school; had 9 scholars. They broke up through in P.M.

25 Pleasant: Geo. Lamb broke the roads in morning, then he went home I paid him for his services eleven dollars, he is a good fellow to work, diligent and attentive to his business. I like him quite well.

26 Thursday: Pleasant: had a full school, the weather is quite fair after the storm.

27 Continues fair; and I am very glad. Father went to Parson's after the shoes but did not get them. got the papers. Edson Stevens & Charley Gregory here in evening.

28 Pleasant: we went to Union to Uncle Nathans had a good ride and found them well they live as high as we do I think.

29 Sunday: I came home, Mary is to stop down there awhile, I had a pretty cold time getting home but arrived safely after awhile; Alfred and Sarah called as they went homeward, they had been to Carrs. I was glad to get home

30 Another week begun; Bro. Small was in to visit my school in P.M. had a pleasant visit from him, hope he may come again sometime.

31 Last day of January: one month gone. It has been a very stormy month some cold weather. I have enjoyed the month quite well, teaching the young idea how to shoot.