

January 1866.

One by one the sands are flowing

One by one the moments fall;

Some are coming, some are going;

Do not strive to catch them all. :-----: Miss Proctor

1 Monday: misty, commenced school here in our own dist. the school opened very well, some 20 were present.

2 Pleasant: Mr. & Mrs. Averell were here; had a very good visit from them, it was a splendid evening.

3 Quite cold; had some good slides at noon.

4 A splendid day, as pretty as one could wish for. I went to Aarons in evening; Mother went to Lewis's. we got home about 9 in eve. came up cold.

5 Very cold: I visited schools in the Bryant dist. the scholars were very cold. I found the school quite prosperous.

6 Very cold: I went to Unity to Isaacs. it was a very cold ride but I did not freeze. found all well.

7 Sunday: as cold as ever; I came home got home well heard of the death of Ada Whitten of diptheria; she was buried yesterday; "and must thy children die so soon." a cold night, I was thankful for a good fire.

8 Monday: Very cold; we had to keep on a smart fire to keep warm; it was very cold.

9 A little warmer than yesterday, yet sufficiently cold for all practical purposes. we wrote in evening; Jackson worked here helping Arther start logs.

10 Some warmer; Jackson worked here etc. we wrote in evening. the children slid at recess; I was feared they might get hurt; but they did not, only torn dresses.

11 Quite mild today; had a good school. increased interest I thought. we had a very interesting spelling exercise at night. In evening I read a splendid story in a paper Cousin Hattie sent me, it was the American Union and the story was, Mrs. Willis & son, or the burning of Heath house." by Miss Camalia Willian. very interesting I thought.

12 Pleasant: had a good school, Arthur worked for Jackson yesterday & today with the oxen hauling wood. Mother went to Amos's visiting; there is a spelling school tonight at Whites cor. also a ball at Freedom Mr. Crosby & his entire family are going. a pleasant eve. I read in the "Lives of great men."

13 I arose this morning at five; outdoors there is a great or little snow storm I cannot tell which till it comes daylight, will cover up some of the bare spots. a misty day, not much storm: I went on a cruise, called at Alfreds, to Reubens, then Mrs. A. & I went to Rollins we got there just at dinner time, whereat we had a hearty laugh. I bought some apples of them, from thence I went to S. H. Berrys, from thence I went to the Center where I found Will. Berry the collector; he took my certificate, I paid the remainder of the tax and got 31 dolls. in money. then I came home, called to (?) Terrys and got some papers. I read in evening.

14 Sunday: snowy in morn. come up squally about meeting time, we went to meeting, the funeral services of Calvin Rains were observed, sermon by Bro. Small. singing after the same old sort. Capt. Poland & son were here in P.M. to get a pig, a cold night.

15 Very cold: moderated some; we wrote in eve.

16 A snowy day: when we come from school it was a real old fashioned snow storm, snow rapidly and a hard wind from the N.E.

17 Exceedingly windy; the snow cut many antics; being hurled by the wind hither and yon; as windy a time as I have seen this winter had 9 or ten scholars. Started to go to Parsons at night but it was drifted so badly I only went to Carrs. got a letter from Dexter.

18 Thursday: Quite mild; Arthur Gilcrest was here, Mary paid him 22.75. he has worked 30 days or nearly. Lewis was here fixing a sled; was reading some in evening.

19 Quite pleasant; had some good slides at noon; wrote in evening, had some splendid slides in eve. Charles Curtis generaled us down the hill in good style. I enjoyed it very much indeed.

20 Misty and some rainy in P.M. I went to Belfast hauled butter & potatoes, got 40 cts. for butter, & 50 for Pot. A lot of teams were down from Montville. got molasses for 55 cts. some rainy coming home.

21 Sunday: cleared off last night, quite cold today. in P.M. Jackson come to smoke a pipe of peace with Father. a pretty cold day I (? Instmate.) we slid some in evening; a very fine eve, with a splendid moon, quite cold tho,.

22 Pleasant: a full school; Jackson & Louisa were here in evening, went to writing school in eve.

23 Pleasant: fine sliding, t is lively times now on the hill; sleds & sliding are the ruling themes of interest, the children are very happy and enjoy life exceedingly well, I love them and yet they try my patience sorely sometimes.

24 Wednesday: a splendid day; Mary went to Amos's visiting; I went to dinner & to tea; had a good time. In evening had a spelling school, had a very good time, quite a lot there; we had spelling, declamations and a paper, read by Emma Cookson, she read well. I was tired and sleepy when I got home.

25 Cloudy and thick in morning, come on to snow in A.M. and all the P.M. the snow came down rapidly. quite hard getting home, it will be a severe storm I predict, how thankful ought we to be that we have a good home on such a night as this.

26 A severe storm of snow, wind N.E. it looked real old fashioned; the first one we have had this winter. I was reading & doing chores all day, a real good time I had too, if I could do just what I should like to, it would be to do chores and read all the long dreary winter.

27 Cleared up in A.M. Jeremiah & Charley come along and we broke roads, the snow come quite deep nearly a foot I think, it was very light and we broke quite easy. cut wood in P.M. read in eve.

28 Sunday: Pleasant; I went to Clinton to carry J.J.C. up who is to work for Whitten; hard travelling got there about 7 in eve. got dinner at E. F. Thompsons.

29 Monday: I saw the light of morning in the town of Clinton at Hunters mils so called. as we were eating breakfast, I had got done and the rest nearly so, we heard the signal of the coming train, we started very quick, and went for the depot double quick, just in season for J. to get aboard before they were off again, it is a noble sight to see the iron horse snorting and seemingly impatient of any delay; I went up to the station again at 9 o'clock and saw a passenger train come down, I thought I would like to ride on the cars but as I had not time, I had to deny myself the pleasure; on returning from the station I immediately started for home accompanied by S. C. Whitten who has been teaching there. after a very slow ride we got home at 4 P.M. Mr. Whitten returned just in season to be presented with a son by his wife, born 30 Jan. 1 o'clock A.M.

30 Pleasant: Kept school today, girls were mischievous.

31 Pleasant: I went to visit the school at the corner, but it closed yesterday; Mary went to Alfreds. I went there to dinner & tea we wrote in eve. a splendid eve. so ends January one month gone of the year 1866. Lead us wright O Lord.