

## January 1867

The year has lost its leaves again,

The world looks old and grim;

God folds his robe of glory thus,

That we may see but Him.      Alice Cary

1 New years day. Tuesday: Snowy and quite cold. Dea. E. Vose had new years guests at his house. I had an invitation to dinner but did not go; went up to Asa's to tea; had a writing school in eve.

2 Cold: the old school house is colder than any barn.

3 Quite cold, yet pleasant. school closed at last. some I thought were really sorry, for one I was glad; we have suffered a good deal in the old house more than I ever want to again there.

4 Cold; killed the hog in A.M. had a writing school in this dist. and Johnny Lamb in a fit of merriment kicked the inside door down, it made but little difference as school was done, and the old door stood longer that I expected at last. so I came home feeling that my task is done.

5 Saturday: went to Belfast carried the hog got 10 ½ cts. per lb. she come to almost \$40. Weighed 370 lbs. or thereabout. came home in a snow storm, was glad to get home.

6 Sunday: was tired, so was reading most all day.

7 Monday: commenced school here in our dist. the school opened well not very many scholars to be sure, but enough to call it a school I guess.

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12 Saturday: Cold; visited Martha Voses school in the Beals dist. found every thing well; No. pupils present 8, took dinner at Bro. Beals; then Bro. B. and I come to conference, not many there as it was bitter cold and very windy.

13 Sunday: very cold was at home all day. Jackson was in, in evening. cold cheerless and forlorn. George & I went over to Dexters, Jane was gone to her mothers and Rhondan was keeping house for her. We got home before night. quite cold.

16 Wednesday: a pleasant day: Mr. Bumps bought the oxen paid \$190, paid \$50 down, is to pay the rest when they are delivered.

17 A violent N.E. Storm, wind blew fearfully had a hard time getting home at night.

18 The wind blew all day at a great rate and the snow flew briskly all day. cold too as greenland.

19 Some milder. I went to Mr. Bumps drove up the oxen, had a hard time. he did not pay me, is to send it down by S. B. Rollins. got home abt. 9 in evening. a hard days work.

20 Sunday: I am so tired today. have been breaking roads some today. George finds it nearly as hard to work sundays in winter as in summer, I am afraid the boy is some lazy. A hazy appearance showed itself along the South western horizon indicative of a storm: we got home from road-breaking after sunset.

21 Another snow storm is raging: Charles Bean came up saying that we must go and help him shovel out the road, we went and helped him, and he went and got Mrs. Sally Ellis; they were most all sick down there; It was a fearful storm. almost as bad as the other one was. a stormy day indeed.

22 A sort of misty day; some foggy, we broke roads in A.M. went to Carrs got the mail. read all the P.M. and done the chores then it was night.

23 A stormy day: we threshed beans; threshed 2 bu. which comprised a part of what we have.

24 Thursday: commenced school again today. not many scholars out. they were breaking roads, they made a triangle it worked nicely. went to Lodge in evening.

25 Pleasant: had a good school today. quite a lot of scholars were out, I was very sleepy being out last night.

26 A snow storm again for a rarity. kept school. Mr. Bumps got the Bryant oxen which have been here a week, settled with Judkins, I was well paid for my kindness in oaths and curses.

27 Sunday: does not snow much and is not very pleasant either. Father is having a sick spell now; we are to have chicken soup for dinner; I am gload to be rid of the oxen and Judkins both, if one gets their life from such men they should account themselves fortunate.

He [paid me \$4.00 for keeping 8 days, just half enough I thought. but he said I might take it or sue him, so I took it, maybe it will all come right sometime. I suppose he & Bumps are in

company, if so, I should judge that one skinned the animal and the other held the skin. But there "twill be all the same in a hundred yrs."

28 Monday: We broke roads today; did not keep school in consequence of road breaking.

29 School commenced again this morning: had a good school today. tolerably quiet.

30 Tolerably cool. if I remember rightly. no one comes to see us nowadays and we are almost isolated from the rest of mankind.

31 Thursday: cool; went to Lodge in eve. the election of officers took place; I had the honor of being elected W.C.T., George was elected W.O.S.G. I was forcibly reminded of a sounding brass & tinkling cymbal. It was a hard trudge down there and back on foot. I was exceedingly tired. So ends January.