

January 1869

Low the woods

Bow their hoar head; and ere the languid sun,
Faint from the west, emits his evening ray,
Earth's universal face, deep hid, and chill,
Is the one wild dazzling waste that buries wide,
The works of man. _____ Thomson

1 Friday: when I got to school my scholars hailed me with shouts of a "happy new year". a cold comfortless day; I came home at night came around by the Centre, we proposed to visit the school at Whites cor. tomorrow but Mr. Norton informed me that it would not be in session.

2 A sort of cloudy misty day, very cold; I went to Carrs in morning, Orley was up to get a load hay, I helped him load, went to Lewis's got the papers. J.H. Terry come over and I rode home with him, the N. Averell came along and I rode back to Jacksons & home again with him, so had quite a ride.

3 Sunday: Cloudy, Alfred has just gone home, he set up with Lewis last night. Jackson & Laura, Samuel & Maria were here in P.M. staid the evening, we sung smartly, had a good time.

4 Monday; went to Whites cor. again today the whole board of School Committee were present. the investigation occupied the entire day; we made up our verdict in the evening arriving at the same conclusion that we did before; Mr. Strout was dismissed, Norton & myself signed the paper, Terry asking to be excused. left a letter, notifying Twitchell the agent, of the dismissal, at Carrs, which they were to send along to him. Geo. Sproul kept school for me today; I got home abt. midnight very tired.

5 Mild and pleasant: I went to Mrs. Knowltons to board at night. I like to board there much.

6 A pleasant day, some windy; went to spelling school in evening at the Vose school house, a good many were out, had a pretty good school, I went with Fenwick Dodge, Elden Knowlton went also.

7 A pleasant day; almost too pleasant for winter I thought

8 Pleasant again today; a warm fine day; went to singing school in eve. staid with Judson Hall all night.

9 A cloudy disagreeable day; the wind roared from the south, rained some at night; we read from the floor in P.M.

10 Sunday, quite a freshet, the brook ran smartly today, John Tobie, Judson Hall, were here, Jackson was in in P.M. Dexter come in P.M. staid all night.

11 Monday: quite pleasant: colder, and very slippery I think. walked to school this morning. went to singing school in evening, staid at Mrs. Knowltons went to Freedom after school, and back to singing school.

12 Stormy, the sun come out in P.M. real springlike I went to Mr. Skinners to board tonight. went to meeting in eve. at meetinghouse, six were there. quite a blustering night, quite cold.

13 Quite pleasant: had a spelling school in eve. a great lot were out, the house being full, yet we had a pretty good school.

14 Pleasant: Mr. Skinner & wife went visiting this eve. at Mr. Thompsons. Eld. Hamilton lent me some papers so I read all the eve.

15 Pleasant: a fine day, in eve. Mr. Morse & I went over into Knox to get my money, we went to Mr. Wentworths the selectmans got an order, then to the Treasurer who was absent, then to the collectors who paid me; got home abt. 9.

16 Pleasant day: my school closed today; it has been very pleasant and I think profitable. I have enjoyed it very much inded, went to Freedom after school, Charley came after me.

17 Sunday: quite cool today.

18 Monday: commenced school today in the Sproul dist. quite a large school, many coming out of the dist.; I went to singing school in eve. and came home at night. am boarding at Mr. Dodges

19 Quite cold weather; am a bit homesick.

20 Pleasant: went to Mr. Elders spelling school at Ranlets cor. not particularly interesting I thought. Mr. Elder read a poem, which was not very creditable and added nothing to his reputation.

21 Quite cold weather now. came home at night.

22 Cold; the schoolhouse is disagreeably small.

23 Cold; came home at night. one week gone.

24 Sunday: Quite pleasant today; was at home all day, Judson was over, G. Lewis in eve. I went to Mr. Terrys in P.M. to get some books.

25 A cold blustery day; visited our school in A.M. and the Vose school in P.M.; they have been quite good schools I think.

26 Cold, went to my school with the team, came home at night.

27 Cold, am boarding at Merrill Rowells this week.

28 A nice day for school had a full school.

29 A beautiful day, too pleasant to be indoors. I came home at night

30 A blustery storm in morn. rained in the day.

31 Sunday: Cloudy, the trees are icy, and the ways are slippery. And so ends January 1869.