

June 1870

O what is so rare as a day in June, -

Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune.

_____: James Russell Lowell

1 Wednesday: arose at 4 o'clock and planted cucumbers; father is suffering much this morning, he had a hard night. we planted as fast as we were able, quite warm.

2 Were planting; warm and dry, long laborious days. Very smoky and warm, a shower would be refreshing.

3 Very warm, we planted corn, Mrs. Carr come over and put issues on fathers leg, Dr. Bachelder was here in A.M. also John Tobie was here in morning, he is quite crazy we think; ---worked very hard today.

4 An extremely hot day; Susan Howard and her children come in A.M. took dinner with us, then they went to Carrs, then in P.M. they went home: __ we worked all we could on account of the heat. Horace went home as usual at night.

5 Sunday: quite warm; our neighbors went to meeting I ought to have gone but did not, -- father is quite uncomfortable. Mrs. Carr come over in P.M. There was a baptism at the meetinghouse, Joshua Thompsons girls were immersed; Emma & Ella. Eld Clark officiating; a warm day, yet very well enjoyed.

6 Monday: we plowed, harrowed etc., and sowed an acre of barley; getting it done at night; Mr. Palmer was here. I got some barley at Alfreds, 1 ½ bushels. Ralph went down with me to get it. Aunt Eunice come in P.M. was very glad to see her; father went to Centre traded some.

7 Misty and some rainy in P.M., J. H Terry was here in A.M. In P.M. Terry and I went down to Liberty to see the school Committee there about a school we both claim situated in or near Liberty village the house standing in Montville. We agreed to leave to J. W. Knowlton of Liberty and R. L. Keen of this town to say whose it was and decide; We came home over Bolin hill passing some fine farms and getting some beautiful views of rural scenery. Marcena Poland and three young ladies were over to ascend the mountain, not a good day for mountain views.

8 A smart rain in morning: I went to Amoses in morning, got a pig, paid 2 dollars and am to pay 3 more. pigs are as high as ever; In afternoon went to funeral at Whites cor. Mrs. Alden

Gilcrest deceased, sermon by Eld. Clifford, a beautiful sermon full of truth and humility. We sung some, quite well considering that we have not sung together for so long, considerable many people were out. Mrs. Gilcrest leaves four children,-- may they be provided for and the God of the orphan protect them; a day of much enjoyment. A days march nearer home.

9 A very rainy day: Was aroused at about 3 o'clock this morning by a carriage driving up and some hallooring at the door; I asked what was wanted, and soon ascertained that it was John Tobey, -- he drove his team into the barn, breaking the whiffletree and smashing things generally, --- then he came into the house and acted bad enough; --and to use an expressive phrase—"was as crazy as a coat"; he went away leaving his horse here, eating post meat. I went to Centre to Mr. Gowins, Mr. Gay was there with the celebrated horse, English Farmer; took our mare to him; traded some at store, getting home at 3 P.M. a rainy P.M., I read, wrote, etc., talked not a little.

10 Friday: rainy as usual; we were farming a little; a drizzly day, --cleared up some in P.M., - Louisa went to Amoses with Sammy to get his clothes cut.

11 A wet forenoon; we planted a piece potatoes in A.M. I went to conference in P.M., a good meeting. father talked some about dying after I got home; he seems to feel quite well reconciled, may he have strength from God.

"If I must die O let me die,
With hope in Jesus' blood,
That blood which saves from sin and guilt
And reconciles to God".

It has been a rainy week, -- a good deal of rain has fallen, just what we need, to make our crops grow. And so the good God blesses us in temporal things.

12 Sunday: cleared off beautifully today; I went to baptism at South Montville, - Samuel and Maria went with me. A good sermon by Bro. Knowlton, after which nearly forty persons were immersed, -- an interesting occasion, very solemn and impressive, Bro. Knowlton is an excellent hand to baptize. We came directly home after services; carried a box of provisions with us so we fared very well.

13 A beautiful day: father, mother & Aunt Eunice went to Alfreds visiting; Silas Daggett come up from Searsmont to tell us Alonzo Dunton was dead, - died yesterday at 3 P.M. Silas staid to dinner and went home, had a very good visit with him. - In P.M. we washed the sheep, Lewis went with his flock, had a good time but the water was rather cold. I went to

Albion Clements got his covered carriage to go to funeral in, called and took father and mother home.

14 A cloudy day but did not rain much; We went to Searsmont; -- to Alonzos funeral, services at Mr. Clarks house, sermon by Eld. Fowler methodist, -text, "For the end of all things is at hand" etc., an instructive discourse. Alonzo was a great sufferer and changed much in his looks before he was buried, he was almost 25 yrs. old. Hattie seemed much more composed than I expected to see her, may she together with the little one that is left be remembered in much mercy by Him who careth for us all.

15 Wednesday: We came home in morning, had a nice ride. I visited our school in P.M., it is doing very well. after supper went and carried the carriage home, Ralph went with me had a nice ride, mother and Mrs Carr were to Amoses visiting so I brought them home and Mary went over with Mrs Carr and carried her home, a fine shower in P.M.

16 A pretty morning: father is suffering much pain in his stomach now, - he does not sleep much. father rode out, he went to Aunt Hannahs in Liberty, getting home abt. sunset. Mrs Robinson & Mrs Rollins were here and in P.M. they and mother went to Maria's, quite a series of visits now. We worked on the road; a very warm day with showers in some localities. vegetation is growing very fast now.

17 A very warm day: I visited schools, - in Vose dist. a very good school, I was particularly pleased with Mrs Hamilton as a teacher. In P.M. at Ranlet cor. Miss Tilton is teaching with her usual ability, I was well pleased with the school. took dinner at Mr. Voses, was made very welcome. a day of mental toil suggesting to the teachers various things which came to mind as being improvements. got home abt. 5.

18 Cool; worked on the road in A.M., sheared sheep in P.M. father went to Dr. Bachelders and to John Cloughs in Liberty Samuel Berry called towards night to see father I was very tired and the rest of saturday night was very welcome. father paid Dr. Bachelder 4.00

19 Sunday: at home all day: It is quarterly meeting day at Rockland; Mrs. Rollins was here in P.M., Exavier called in P.M. Alonzo Poland was here in morning to borrow a book. Jackson, Exavier & I walked down to Mr. Polands, so the day passed and night come again.

20 This is Ralphs birthday, he is 4 yrs. old. he is a smart active boy, and a very good boy too, we are all very thankful, hope he may be a blessing to us. Horace did not come, but made his appearance in P.M. saying he was unwell and went back home again. I ashed corn in A.M. sheared sheep in P.M.; about dark a terrific thunder shower passed over; as heavy claps of thunder as I ever heard, the rain fell in torrents.

21 A fine cool morning : I hoed the cucumbers, --made grates to the cellar windows etc., Mr. Bowen of Freedom was here; Mr. Hahn & wife were here in P.M., we had a very good visit from them. father and mother went to D.W. Bennetts visiting today.

22 A severe strong wind today: I sheared sheep, got them all done; Horace come back after dinner. we have about 50 lbs. of wool this year; marked the lambs, we have 9 ewes and 6 rams, ---total 15. Samuel & Maria went visiting today, a cold night. Some men were along to buy wool in A.M. did not sell

23 Thursday: worked on the road today; I went to Centre at noon; father went with me, -- we called to Mr. Morse's on the old Norton place,--father was badly tired when he got home. after supper we worked on the road, Ralph went and picked out as many rocks as any of us. a smart boy.

24 A warm day: I visited schools, in the Bealas dist. Miss Victoria Jackson is doing very well, - and in the Bryant dist. Eliza Gowin is teaching with her usual ability, a pleasant visit at both schools. took dinner at Bro. John Beals, - a real pilgrims home. went to Centre at night, got a bbbl. Flour paid 8.50.

25 A warm morning: Uncle and Aunt Carter come in morning, made us a good visit going home after tea. we picked strawberries they are not very thick. Isaac come in P.M. staid all night, - Geo. Lewis was over in P.M.

26 Sunday: Chs. Curtis come in morning, he works at Mr. Ayers in Freedom; he swapped a couple of reading books, exchange 55 cts. we could not make the exact change so he did not pay; I went to A. Polands a few minutes. In P.M. went to Mrs. Allens funeral at Ranlets cor. sermon by Eld. Hamilton, had a little singing. a great congregation were in attendance, came home and read a little done chores etc., - and night come again. Isaac went home in afternoon. he is looking very well.

27 Monday: a foggy morning; Horace came somewhat late this morning, we hoed potatoes with horse hoe. Sold the wool had 45 ½ lbs. at 41 cts. 18.65. Lewis was over at night got the horse hoe, father & mother Clark come at night, Clara come with them, they brought up the carpet, it is a pretty one.

28 A warm day: they went home in morning, we hoed today; father is real sick today, he rode out yesterday as far as Alonzo Bryants. Exavier was up after supper. I was so tired and sleepy at night I could hardly keep awake while I milked, to work hard is hard work.

30 A fine morning: we finished potatoes in the lower field in A.M.; fenced on hill in P.M. Jackson & George went and worked on the road somewhere today. rained gently in P.M.

doing some good, the ground is quite dry; Geo. Sproul has got cut with a scythe; -some one cut him where is was to work out m in Albion. We got quite wet fencing, worked quite late.

29 I made a mistake and wrote the events of the thirtieth for the twentyninth, Lewis is 39 today. we hoed all the day; Dexter & Jane were over to see us in P.M. bringing the baby along, 6 weeks old. had a very good visit with them; - a nice pretty day. another June is gone again, one less for us to see.