

## March: 1865

Arise for the day is passing,  
While ye lie dreaming on;  
Your brothers are cased in armor,  
And forth to the fight are gone;  
Your place in the ranks awaits you;  
Each man has a part to play;  
The past and the future are nothing  
In the face of the stern today.

Arise from your dreams of the future-  
Of gaining a hard fought field;  
Of storming the airy fortress;  
Of bidding the giant yield;  
Your future has deeds of glory  
Of honor (God grant that it may!)  
But your arm will never be stronger  
Or needed as now – to-day.

### Commences on Wednesday

1 Cloudy: a fall of snow an inch or so, Augusta Vose came up and stayed all night she is quite a pretty sort of girl, she and George are good friends.

2 Thursday: quite pleasant, Jackson & Louisa, came over in evening, I marked books for the children.

3 Somewhat stormy; a small school today, as it was quite stormy, it seemed lonesome.

4 Rainy enough; yet quite a goodly number of scholars got out, it was the last day of school; a few came from the Messer district. We read in the floor, and the paper was read the paper was very interesting. I made the scholars some presents, made a few closings remarks and my winters labors in the school room was ended; I have enjoyed teaching very much indeed, but it is past.

5 Sunday: very windy; we went to meeting at Whites corner; sermon in A. M. by Eld. Ulmer in P.M. by Eld. Patterson; the latter gentleman preached an excellent sermon full of gospel.

6 Monday: town meeting day; Chose, Hon. E. Knowlton moderator, N. French, clerk. Benj. Bean, Ward Mason, N. Pierce selectmen, E.H. Carter Treasurer; O. Murray S.S. Committee; the town was considerably divided and a number of ballottings were had before a choice was effected.

7 Tuesday: Pleasant: Father went with bark. I went to Samuel Parson's; had a fine walk, got supper to Lewis's; it seemed to be quite a treat for me to have a day to myself; I have not seen many such days for four months.

8 A beautiful day, warm & springlike; I went with bark, had very good luck, I enjoyed it very much; In evening we had a spelling school at our school house, quite a company were there. We had a very good school, this closes my winters campaign in school teaching, I have kept for four months; or 88 days, have had as many as 8 spelling schools in all perhaps more, have had scholars from 5 different districts, about 60 in all, to whom I have given instruction; the most forward scholar in their studies is Miss Alfreda H. Whitten, the handsomest one is Miss Caro V. Messer, the smartest one is Miss Augusta Vose, the behaved one is Mr. Fenwick Dodge. I have enjoyed myself very much indeed, and have said with the Poet: --

Delightful task to rear the tender thought

To teach the young idea how to shoot.

To pour the fresh instruction o'er the mind.

9 Thursday: I went with bark the last load, came on to storm while I was gone; I had a very hard time to get home, with wind in my face and rain falling in torrents. I was nearly frozen when I came home; had a time getting warm in P. M.

10 A rainy day: we were about home all day, the rain fell smartly all day.

11 Pleasant: I went to Belfast hauled potatoes 11 1/2 bu. Got 76 cts. came to 8.75. I called on Mrs. Warren she & family are quite well; she lent me some papers & books. I arrived home safely at 9 o'clock.

12 Sunday: a severe squall in morning a horrible wind succeeded; almost enough to blow any one up "sky high." Wm. E. Poland and wife were here, we were glad to see them but sorry they encountered such a storm. Quite pleasant in P. M. they went away towards night.

13 Snowed some in morning; Jackson & Louisa came over last night; Father had one of his old fashioned "tantrums", accusing me of very hard things, of not using him well etc. etc. I felt very bad indeed to hear him, but I never felt more of the sustaining power of Him who sticketh closer than a brother than I did then.

14 Tuesday: snowy in morning; I was at home all day: there was a town meeting, I did not go. Charley Bean was up in P. M. he & George went sliding.

15 Foggy, Mother came home she has been to Carrs & to Lewis's for a day or two; it seemed that a storm was near. thawed considerably before night.

16 A rainy dark day, done the chores & read.

17 Rainy & very tempestuous in A. M. milder towards noon and cleared up in the P. M. Alfred came up to get me to go down and see Fred who is sick with diphtheria, I went down he is just about comfortably sick, not at all dangerous; the snow has taken French leave, and the bare spots are many.

18 Somewhat cloudy in A. M. a strong wind in P. M. I went down to see Fred, he is better, I came home by Curtis's; saw Mr. C. they have carried Abby home to her fathers, she is not better of any consequence. Samuel has gone with her. I pity them very much. very windy in P. M. George went to the Centre, I went to Beans, gave the children some presents.

19 Sunday: went to meeting Preaching by Eld. Small, he spoke very well, it was a pleasant windy day.

20 Monday: I went to Freedom in morning. it was hard sleighing, much bare ground. In P. M. I went to the Centre, traded a little, went to Bro. Parton's and stayed a few minutes, took tea there, had a fine social chat. Stopped to chat a few minutes with C. W. Whitten. it was a fine warm day, really like spring.

21 Rainy in morning; cloudy the rest of the day. hauled wood in A. M. much bare ground and hard hauling; now I must go to cutting wood. Cut wood in P. M. quite snowy I have most forgot tho.

22 A stormy day: George went to Alfreds in P. M. a stormy day, dark & cloudy.

23 Cleared up in A. M. Quite pleasant in P. M. I went to church meeting at the corner; We had a pretty harmonious session, considering the agitated feelings of the members, 17 were present; we voted to free the gallery, with a proviso that members were to use their influence to prevent any one from singing if such action would be a grief to any member. 15 members voted for this. Some other business was transacted relating to hiring Eld. Small the ensuing year. I came round by Polands and called to Curtis & Alfreds. a dark night.

24 Friday: Quite pleasant; some cloudy. I went to Freedom; got my grist, it was very hard traveling being muddy. went with a wagon and came as far as Alfreds when I got his pung to come home as the snow is very deep up this way.

25 Was at home all day, windy and cloudy; Wm. E. Poland was here in P. M. to get a kettle. we were hopeful that our church action would be the means of uniting the factions in the church.

26 Sunday: went to meeting, there being a funeral at Knox and Eld. Hamilton being there, we had no preaching and no meeting as only a very few were out to meeting. Wm. Samuel & I came home together, had a fine chat & a social time.

27 Cloudy & gloomy; were cutting wood; Eld. Ulmer was here to see us, we enjoyed his visit much, he is a very social man. Louisa was over in the P.M.

28 Cool but pleasant; were cutting wood.

29 A fine spring day, warm and pleasant.

30 rainy in A.M. in P. M. I went to meeting at the meeting house, also in evening had a good meeting.

31 Cut wood in A. M. went to meeting in P.M. so ends March.