

March 1867.

1 Friday, I was quite sick, doctored some

2 Eben Thompson and wife come down they went to Carrs in P.M. we sent for the Dr. in P.M. Bachelder, he come just at night said I had a fever and from this day till the 20 of the month it is a blank to me, I can only remember of restless nights, and tedious days, of having to drink that awful porridge, and take medicine; of the diarrhea which accompanied my sickness, where the pot must be used O so often I thought I should faint sometimes; and the fever burning me up almost specially my poor hands and feet; but it passed my life was spared and the 20th I sat up a little, and looked in the glass O what a poor pale face I saw it almost scared me, I was never so poor before. poor me. Now it is the 28 Thursday: if I am careful I shall be better in a few days; and I feel thankful to that kind Providence which watched over and protected me in my hours of dependence, also to those dear kindred friends without whose care I must have died. And now there seems to be some worldly cares which press upon my mind but I think of these lines and it consoles me much:

“Ye fearful souls fresh courage take

The clouds ye so much dread

Are big with Mercy and may break

In blessings on your head.”

And so I feel like trusting in God, knowing that He who cares for the sparrows will have some interest in the fate of one like me.

H. M. Howard

29 Friday: quite cold and windy; I was smart as usual. George went to Aarons in P.M. got some groceries and some mail, a letter & papers from Lucy.

30 Saturday; A very cold blustery day. Jackson come over in A.M. he cut wood for us and really was a good Samaritan to us. we were very thankful for there is no one to do any thing out doors but George, as Father is sick he was sick yesterday but is better today. the wind blows chilly and the snow flies like winter.

31 Sunday: quite pleasant and warm. I ate two great roast potatoes & bacon & bread for my dinner; so I am better I guess. so ends March the longest month I ever saw.