

November 1864

Sadly the winds are sighing

Summer's gone. Anon.

1 Tuesday: I went to Belfast, had a hard days work as I always do when I go there. got 60 cts. for potatoes. 14 for chickens. Quite cold coming home.

2 Pleasant, but cool; were plowing, in P.M. I went to Cushmans to buy a creature but did not buy. came home round by the Centre.

3 A beautiful day: we hauled rocks. Hattie & Sarah Clark came up. I was glad to see them. Mr. Barteaux & wife were here P.M. & evening. had a good visit from them, very good.

4 A dark morning; came on to storm fearfully about noon and all the P.M. and night the storm was fearful. as hard a wind as I ever heard.

5 Cloudy: I went to Belfast. hard travelling. called on Cousin Hattie Warren.

6 Sunday: went to Silas Bartletts. Filura deceased they carried her to Dover to be buried at her husbands urgent request. took dinner to Carrs.

7 Monday: Cloudy; commenced school in the Vose dist. so called, I am at home tonight, my school opened very well today. have about 25 scholars.

8 Tuesday: I went to Belfast in A.M. got home in season for voting in P.M. Left my horse at E.P. Browns and walked in to the city. had good luck; quite a pleasant time too.

9 Rainy and wet; school was quite interesting.

10 Rainy in A.M. cleared off towards night.

Somewhere in Thomsons poems occurs the sentence,

“Delightful task to rear the tender thought,

To teach the young idea how to shoot.”

Very true, it is delightful to any one if they love the work and not without.

11 Quite pleasant: the threshers are here today J.B. Gethchell & Wm. Furbush. Our grain is very light indeed. In evening went to the meetinghouse to a Christmas tree. it was very interesting.

12 Pleasant day: my school has been quite small today in consequence of a funeral at the meetinghouse. Old Mrs. Vose deceased. one week of teaching is ended.

13 Sunday: a stormy day of rain snow and sleet. I was reading studying & spent the day pleasantly. Lewis was here in afternoon, went down to Alfreds. Alfred starts tomorrow for Iowa. going out to view the country. a day to be remembered.

14 Quite a snow storm: the snow fell to the depth of 6 or 8 inches; as I went to school in morning I saw nature in her most beautiful form, fig. the trees were robed in a dress of white; very pretty to behold. the snow was quite deep, hard travelling.

15 Quite pleasant: very cloudy at night, with strong indication of a storm, I went up to the William's to dinner. was not so tired as I was last night.

16 A cold wintry day; I had a hard time going over to school, the snow was quite deep. Tom & wife went to a levee at Pottles hall in eve. they said they had a good time.

17 Very pleasant: but cold and wintry.

18 Some rain in morning; a real wet sloppy day. the boys had a fine time snowballing; the boys are so fond of play they spring to it quickly when they go out at recess or at noon. J.H. Vose, Martha Vose & Sarah Ingraham there in evening. had quite a good time.

19 Saturday: A sunny day, quite cool tho I came home at night; came by Mr. Curtis's Abby is sick with diphtheria, is some better. Was glad to get home, have staid away three nights. It is Saturday evening now; the pleasantness of all the week, for tomorrow is the sacred day of rest. No thought of care should come in to disturb our repose on this quiet evening.

20 Sunday: "Sweet day: thine hours too soon will cease." Quite pleasant; Mary & I went to Carrs in A.M. they get along nicely with their house. Lewis came over at night' I went a piece with him; C. W. Whitten Esq. was here to get a certificate in the evening. he proposes to teach at White's corner. Success attend him.

21 Monday: quite pleasant, but I have almost forgot it has been so long since it passed.

22 Had a very good school Exavies was over to school.

23 Pleasant. A very full school I had this day.

24 Thanksgiving day in Maine. William & wife went to Morrill to thanksgiving.

25 Pleasant. A full school today.

26 Pleasant, some cloudy; a full school I have this week small scholars are uneasy.

27 Sunday: A rainy day; I went to Jacksons in midday; Jackson, Louisa & Ann Slirah (sp?) was there; came home in time for dinner. Studied some in P.M. and evening. for this week we have had very pleasant weather indeed; I mean the week ending Sunday Dec. 4 My school is prospering quite well.

The last days of November were very pleasant and consequently the small scholars were out in force. The first days of Dec. also until Saturday when a storm of snow, sleet etc. set in terminating in a rain storm. We read in the floor Saturday had quite an interesting season. As nothing special took place this week I will not write a daily record. And leave these lines for a quotation sometime.

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