

November 1865.

The blossoming summer is over,
The hillsides no longer are red
With billowy stretches of clover.

No longer the woods with their banners
Deep tinted with yellow and red
Build temples for warbling hosanna.

How wise in the Spring-time of gladness
 And summer of blossoming hopes
To watch for the Autumn of sadness.

To sow for a harvest of glory
 Which, gathered and garnered, shall bless
The winter so dreary and hoary.

Thrice happy the pilgrim who never
Forgets the great lessons of time
But lives for the coming Forever,

Godeys Ladies Book

1 Wednesday: a fine day; plowed in A.M. gathered turnips in P.M. have 40 bu. Hannah was over in P.M. a day of toil.

2 Thursday: Cloudy; I went to Belfast carried Fontie home; we had a fine ride going down; I was very sorry to part with my little child for I love her very dearly, she seems almost like my own; done some trading and came homeward through the rain storm; got home abt. 7; brought presents for all the family, consequently all were pleased.

3 Very pleasant: Father & Mother went to funeral at Mcfarlands corner; Rev. Moses Mcfarland, deceased; sermon by Rev. Wm. A. Drew of Augusta; Text "But some man will

say, how are the dead raised and with what body do they come." they said it was a good sermon.

I visited the school in the Hamilton Dist. in P.M. Miss Tilton seems to be doing very well; she needs experience in teaching as much as anything, yet she is doing very well I think. Saw the ruins of Mr. Bowens mill which burnt last night; a shingle and saw mill under one roof; it was still smoking. It is a terrible thing for so much property to be destroyed. It is thought Mr. B's loss cannot fall short of \$1000. A splendid eve. moon at about full. We miss Fontie so very much, I wish she were here again, she is sunshine enough for one house; we shall miss her for a long time to come.

4 Saturday: Cloudy; rainy in P.M. I went to Voses to see if could get boarded, come home by Carrs; Louisa some over with me, she & Ma went to Beans to warp a web. Killed a sheep at night. a dark night.

5 Sunday: Quite pleasant: went to meeting, Bro. Small preached quite well. The Sabbath school closed, respectably. came on to rain at night rained powerfully until about 10 when it came round cold as Greenland. Exavier got the horse to go to school tomorrow.

6 Cold, tho quite pleasant: commenced school in the Vose dist. the school opens very well; I have had 23 scholars today. get my dinners at Mr. Voses.

7 Pleasant in A.M. come up cold and cloudy in P.M. Mother warfed a web. had a pretty good school.

8 Pleasant. Charley Bean goes to school with me, he is a sight of company for me.

9 A nice snow storm; the snow fell prettily all the A.M. it loaded the trees down, they looked nicely. had a very good school today.

10 A very fine day: quite cool. my school has been quite small in consequence of some of the larger ones staying away to work. Father has been gone since monday and Geo. since Tuesday. they are to Lewis's to work. I looked for them home tonight but they do not come.

11 Saturday: quite pleasant: a small school today. Father & George got home at night; got some letters and the paper; read the paper through in eve. This week has gone very quick, it don't seem possible that I have kept a week, but so it is.

12 Sunday: Pleasant: cold for the season. gathered cabbages as they were in nearly the same state as the lost sheep. Louisa was over towards night. a sabbath eve come once more.

13 Cloudy; quite warm; kepet school in A.M. in P.M. the funeral services of grandma G(?)owin were held at the school house; Sermon by Eld. Hamilton Text, "To live is Christ"

etc. we sung three times and the exercises passed off very well. Eld. H. preached a very excellent discourse, I was greatly edified.

14 Warm: quite a full school today. W. A. Bennett was here staid last night, Geo. went to mill.

15 Warm, some cloudy: the scholars were very restless. B. F. Foster applied for a certificate.

16 Pleasant: Lewis worked here plowing. a fine day.

17 Pleasant: “ “ “ ; come in some foggy at night. had a good school to-day.

18 Saturday: did not keep school. went to Belfast got 70cts for potatoes hauld 15 bu. had very good success. got home abt. 8.

19 Sunday: cloudy in morning; a snow storm came on about noon, and I took to Thompsons seasons to see a description of it; “Through the hushed air the whitening shower descends” etc. a very pretty snow storm, maybe 2 inches fell. Alonze Bennett went to Nathans in P.M. “A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content” etc. that so I was reading “Moores Rural New Yorker” all the evening. was very much interested therein, a good paper.

20 A splendid day: the snow which fell yesterday is nearly gone, which S. Parsons has fixed.

21 Rainy: a snow storm in morning, snowed smartly; soon after noon it commenced to rain; rained smartly in the night.

22 A misty morning, clearing up quite pleasant in A. M. Charley did not go to school today the storm scared him.

23 Quite pleasant: had a pretty good school. Miss L. Cookson was to school; she is a gay giddy girl, I must train her a bit if I do my duty.

24 A cold wind from the north: had a good school in P.M. In A.M. Miss L. C. cut on some, whereat I talked some, the good effects were plainly to be seen in P.M. I have a very good school, the scholars are well interested in their books, and are doing well I think may they continue is my wish.

25 Saturday: a small school, tho, pretty good. Father & Mother went to Lewis’s; as he & Hannah went to Unity. we were alone all night.

26 Sunday: we went to meeting but as there was none we called to Wm. E. Polands and then came home; windy & cold.

27 Very pleasant: had a nice school today.

28 Quite pleasant: Lewis came over and he & Geo. finished plowing; quite a cold day.

29 Cool & bracing air: Geo. went to school I went down to Prescott Rowells after school to see to A. Gilcrest, if I could hire him some, a splendid eve, nice moon. We ought to have our Christmas tree on just such a moony evening as this.

30 And swo the last day of November came; cloudy, some flakes of snow fell; had a full school, quite noisy and uneasy as little ones always are. I have got along very well, better than I expected, another day completes the first half of the school. I must urge upon the scholars the necessity of applying themselves diligently to their studies. May we all do our best both teacher & taught then we may do well.