

November 1868.

From dawn till gray, the mild sweet day
Of Indian summer fades too soon,
But pleasantly o'er land and sea,
Hangs white and clear the hunter's moon.

-----: Whittier

1 Sunday: a dreadful stormy day, the blowing a gale from the south and the rain falling in torrents. No one was here and we went nowhere. a dreary day, water, water everywhere. A book agent was along, staid here last Friday night, I agreed to take a book, "Sunshine & Shadow" he will make a discount of one dollar, and Jackson is to pay for ½ of it. night come down early, dark dismal night.

2 A rainy day: I commenced school today in the Bryant dist. school opened very pleasantly, had 17 scholars today. went to board at Isaac Morse's a very good place. in eve. I went to the barn and husked corn for Mr. Morse we had a fine social chat; snowed in evening.

3 Cloudy did not storm much, kept school in A.M. went to town meeting in P.M. gave my vote for the Republican electors or for W. S. Grant. came home at night. Arthur come too, to work, Prof. Greenleaf staid here all night. he is very punctilious.

4 Wednesday: I must go to school again now. a pleasant day; Arthur commenced work today.

5 Quite pleasant: Our folks took care of boards at Freedom; I went up to Frank Steven's, staid all night, they had a child lying at the point of death; very rainy in eve. a dismal night.

6 Quite cold; the sun shone quite bright. Arthur & Father got the boards at Thomson's mill, they got plank, 120 feet, which I must pay for.

7 A pleasant day but rather cold; I came home at night, have been boarding at Isaac Morse's a very good place, the family consists of old Mr. Morse aged 85, just tottering to the tomb, -- Mr. Morse & wife, Clifton a boy of 12, and Mary a girl of 8 years. Mr. Boulter got a certificate in evening, is to teach in the Vose dist. he is a splendid looking man, 25 yrs. of age.

8 Sunday: a cloudy morn. a snow storm come on at 10 A.M. and snowed all day. I went to meetinghouse, funeral sermon of Edwin Vose was preached; by Eld. Small. not many out. in

P.M. Maria & Louisa come, soon Samuel come and later Jackson dropped in; had a fine social time, they are very gay company.

9 Monday: some rainy, quite a little lot of snow has fallen, 2 or 3 inches I guess. a snowy day. had quite a large school today.

10 A stormy day, quite snowy all day.

11 A very stormy day, a part of the time raining very hard, yet the school was quite full.

12 A bright clear morning, and I was glad it is much easier to keep school in fair weather than when it is very stormy.

13 A pleasant day; had a pleasant school.

14 A pleasant day again, some of my largest boys were gone today, have had a good school this week; have been boarding Antony Morse's a very good place, their family consists of Mr. Morse and wife, John a boy of 12 & Maria about 10. Another girl Eliza lives at John W. Morse's and goes to school, friday night I went up to the meetinghouse to see about the christmas tree, Alonzo Raynes & I went to Freedom, the school closed there today Dr. Billings lectured and Mr. Spruce (?) delivered a poem, they were both very good; I came home and staid all night with Alonzo, and then went to my school again Saturday morning, came home Sat. night. have kept school 11 ½ ds. like the school very well.

15 Sunday: a pleasant day; Jackson went by to get the doctor for Lewis this morning; I must go and see him today. Mother & I went over to see Lewis, he is not very sick. Mother staid all night; Mr. W.E. Poland and wife some over staid just a little while, to tea.

16 Pleasant: Mr. Gray hailed me as I was going to school wanted a certificate for Amanda who is to teach in the Cain dist. I went into Alfreds and wrote it, then went on to school arriving very late, abt. 10.

17 Pleasant: quite clear if I remember aright.

18 A snow storm today; Mr. Morse & I went to Freedom last night, had a very good time. Paid Mr. Banton, planing bill, and Mr. Beal for the rest of the boards. a cold night.

19 Cloudy; quite warm; teaming was quite brisk.

20 Friday: Warm some snowy in P.M. I did not keep school in P.M. went up to meetinghouse to fix the Christmas tree; hung some presents; Geo. Stevenson & I went in to Mr. Evans and got supper; the exercises passed off very well; a prayer by Bro. Small, also a

few remarks, some remarks by J. D. Cookson, singing a few pieces; picking the tree, and exercises were over, I rcd. a book, the complete poetical works of Walter Scott presented in behalf of the school.

21 Saturday: pleasant, had quite a large school today; came home at night. Judson Whitten is buried today, he died very sudden. and E.S. Bachelder has disappeared they say, gone away somewhere; so goes the world. am glad to be at home of a saturday night.

22 Sunday: some cloudy but quite pleasant. Nathan Bennett & Dexter come up, towards night we went down to see Jonathan Bartletts house, Jackson went down with us; it is a nice house, I like it much.

23 I went to school in morning, a pleasant day. went to board today at Mr. John Bryants.

24 Cloudy, I made a broom and swept the house in morning; the scholars slid at noon, I came home at night; quite cold and windy.

25 Wednesday: visited schools today, in A.M. went in Cain dist. Amanda Gray teacher, she is having a good school, is an excellent teacher. I took dinner with Mrs. D.W. Bennett. In P.M. went up to the school in Beals dist. Eliza Goin teacher a small school and not very interesting I thought. yet she seemed to be tolerable busy, a little more diligence would have been better. Miss Goin had her hair in the latest style. braids, coils etc. etc. she was almost a fright.

26 Thursday: Thanksgiving day in Maine. I do not teach today. Jackson was in, in morning. Arthur & I killed a sheep in A.M. was owing him 41\$ for which I gave him my note dated yesterday; came up to Sams stopped a few minutes, then came home, it was snowing quite hard.

27 A blustering morning; I went to school, rode out as far as the watering place with Arthur who went to Freedom to mill; quite a warm pleasant day.

28 A beautiful day: the school was quite lively, I came home at night, walked all the way. was quite tired when I got home. Samuel & Maria went to Mr. Hahns visiting, we were to go with them, but as I did not know it when I came along I refused to go down, so they went alone, really I was so tired I could not, I expect they thought me odd.

29 Sunday: a cold day, I was reading my new book, "Sunshine & Shadow in New York." J.H. Terry was here in P.M., we had a social chat. a cold night, a bright moon, & pleasant evening.

30 The last day of November.