

November 1870.

And the night shall be filled with music,

And the cares that infest the day,

Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,

And as silently steal away. :Longfellow.

1 Tuesday: some snow on this morning; we plowed in the little field, a nice day to plow; Rhoda Choate was over, took dinner with us. In evening Horace and I went to see about school affairs in the Sproul dist., called to Alfreds; Gilbert Sawyer is buried today, has been sick some time, but died suddenly. a beautiful evening as ever was, a pretty moon.

2 A fine day; we plowed, mother went to see Mrs Rowell,- In evening we went to Terrys etc., some fog come flying in betokening a storm.

3 A very rainy day: we hauled manure all day,- there was some smart showers, and a rainy night set in. wind changed in evening to the west and rained slowly all night; a rough spell of weather as we often see. Father would have been 74 years old today if he was alive, but he has passed to spirit-life,- there among old friends he celebrates his birthday in a manner more enjoyable than ever he did in earth life.

4 Friday: an awful wind from the west; I went to Dan'l Atkinsons, then to John Lambs, paid a note due Mrs Lamb of a hundred dollars, money hired last spring. we hauled manure in P.M., a cold windy night; Horace and I went to Centre in eve., S. B. Rollins is having a singing school there, quite a large one.

5 A pleasant day; we hauled manure from the barn-yard ESq. Dodge was here in morning, also Fred. Bachelder, their business was not very important; Horace went home at night.

6 Sunday: A fine Sabbath; I called to Amos' and to Alfreds in morning; Louisa was over, we went down in P.M. and fixed fathers grave; putting some spruces down, and boughs on the grave; fixed up the fence around the graves. Father and Grandmother repose in peace and security side by side, their graves look very well now; Samuel & Maria went to the Centre to meeting, Eld. Varney was there.

7 Quite pleasant; Mr. Clements had the horse to Belfast we hauled manure in A.M., finished getting it out of the barnyard in P.M., it makes 65 loads we have hauled this fall, a great pile of manure. sold a pr. 2 yr. old steers to Twitchell \$45.

8 Pleasant: Mayo Clements come home with horse in morning; we sawed wood in A.M., hauled wood in P.M., Mary went to S.B. Rollins and I went in evening a good visit. a fall of snow in eve. quite deep when we come home.

9 Wednesday: the snow-storm turned to rain, and it was a very rainy day; we sawed wood in wood-house;- Lewis helped Amos butcher. Geo. Choate got his steers in P.M. a rainy dull day, and a dark stormy night.

10 A cold, windy, squally day; some severe snow squalls. We sawed wood at old house and hauled it into the wood house; night come down cold, windy, and austere.

11 A cold morning; I went to Belfast, carried potatoes butter etc., a dreadful windy day, cold and desolate. I took dinner at Capt. Beans; got flour for 8.50 corn 1.00. got home at 9 in eve., a hard days work.

12 A rainy forenoon; I went to mill in P.M., getting home in evening; so closes my days of laboring, for the present, next week I must go to teaching; a pleasant eve.

13 Sunday: a busy day; one Mr. Gordon and Mr. Hall come,- Mr. Hall to be examined proposing to teach at Ranlets cor. after a careful examination I refused to give a certificate as his qualifications were very poor. Olive Foster was over to get a certificate, proposing to teach in her own dist., towards night I went to consult Mr. Terry and as the -or some of the dist. are opposed to Live's teaching we gave permission for her to commence on certain conditions, I went to Mrs Fosters in evening;- Horace went with me, I was tired enough when I got home. a fine evening.

14 Monday: commenced school here in our dist., had thirteen scholars today; a little school,- very pleasant. Lewis bot. a cow (Bridget) I was sorry to sell a cow but have not hay enough am afraid to winter all the stock and can spare a cow as well as anything. Horace went home he has been a good faithful boy, only his being homesick has been some damage to us. but he is a good boy.

15 A fine mild day, a flurry of snow last night. school went very well today. a small school but pleasant.

16 Very pleasant: we had a nice game at ball at noon. a beautiful day; almost too pretty for November.

17 Another beautiful day: had a good school in A.M., - went to funeral in P.M., Levi Bartlett deceased services at the house, sermon by Eld. Clifford, text,- "May I die the death of the Righteous" etc., pretty good singing. the deceased looked very natural,- he has been a very great sufferer, having the dropsy, but he has got through that at last with all his sufferings and rests in peace. We went to singing school in evening, at Centre,- S.B. Rollins teacher, a very good school, had a nice sing.

18 Somewhat cloudy today; school went very well. looks like a storm tonight, dark come down early.

19 A dark cloudy day, coming on to snow in P.M., a pretty little snow storm to come from school in, Lewis had the oxen today. had a nice game at ball at noon.

20 Sunday: a pretty sunny day; snow on the ground,- there fell a number of inches last night. Samuel & Maria went by riding in a wagon, pretty rough travelling I think. the sun shines in very prettily today. we were at home all day; a very agreeable day. Heard that Old Mr. Morse was dead, buried today.

21 Cloudy, very thick in P.M., I visited schools first in the Sproul dist. where I staid a few minutes, Miss Olive Foster teacher,- school very small, things appeared very well; then I went to the Bickmore dist. J.D. Cookson teacher, - I found Mr. C. hard at work, the school doing very well,- took dinner at Eld. Hamiltons and then went up to Ella Thompsons school in Beals dist. Ella is doing very well I think; after school I had one of the hardest walks I ever had getting home, muddy, some snowy, and I was tired enough. I called at N. Averells paid a note of \$28.50; so I owe one man the less, thanks be to a kind Providence.

22 Quite pleasant: had a good school; all there.

23 A very rainy morning; freezing as it fell, awful slippery, cleared off in A.M., Ambrose Howard was down today, had a pretty good school.

24 Thanksgiving day; school did not keep, a windy day. I went to Lewis's at night. I have thought much of father today. the first thanksgiving day that he was absent.

25 Friday: A beautiful day: had a good school: a nice game at ball at noon; a beautiful sunshiny day.

26 A variable day: some rainy, some sunshine, and some dark and cloudy; a pretty good school; had a very good exercise in concert reading in P.M., a pleasant saturday night; the close of care for another week.

27 Sunday: a cloudy morning; but cleared up sunny in A.M., Louisa and Sammy came over; Louisa and Mother went to see Mrs. Rowell in P.M., she is very miserable; Charley Howard come over brought me some mail; said they wanted the hog next Thursday; I spent a very agreeable evening reading a batch of papers Nahum sent me.

28 Quite cool; Lewis come over in morning got the oxen to work today. Charley drove them home at night on horseback. a pleasant nightfall,- I went to look up the sheep. a pleasant evening.

29 A snow storm set in at early morning; snowed merrily all day; Lewis had the oxen, Ambrose Howard come up staid all night. I went to Centre in eve.

30 November ends today: I did not keep school; we killed the hog and four sheep; Lewis helped & Ambrose. We had good luck getting home at early nightfall. a day that will be remembered by me. Samuel Rollins went to mill; for himself & us with our horse.