

September 1870.

"In orchards gnarled by gales,

How through the umbrage crimson apples glow,

And clear the plaintive quails,

Pipe the rude urchins from their nests below."

1 Thursday: warm & dry as ever; the water is very low in the Cobbossee pasture, none fit to drink, - the cattle are very uneasy; I went to Asa Goins and to Eben Vose's after supper; Lewis went to Freedom in P.M., Eliza staid while he was gone. fires are looming up some tonight, dreary weather this is.

2 Some signs of rain today; Wm. Poland and Charly come over and we dug for water, found some; Wm. & I went on the hill after dinner, some fearful fires were raging all around, up Burnham way it was terrible to see the heavy volumes of smoke rising in various places, - much damage must be done by them. A Mr. Jackson of Morrill was here in morning, bought the heifer, (2yr.old) paid \$27. In P.M. Owen white was here did not buy anything, - we cleared away the foundation of the old wood-house and hauled it away; then it was night again, the days grow shorter fast. Mary & Vesta went over the road visiting.

3 Saturday: a misty moisty day, a fine shower in A>M., I went to Amos's to carry home a pick, - In P.M. we hauled one load manure, Ida May brought up the papers so I read some; come on to rain at night real hard, - a welcome rain, I am very glad to see it,

"After such a drouth as this

It almost always rains."

I got a letter from Uncle George Howard, a very good one.

4 Sunday: awoke this morning and heard the rain pelting against the windows, it sounded very good, after such a dry spell as we have had;- a large amount of rain has fallen, it cleared up in morning, I carried Vesta to Alfreds, she went home today;- I went to Carrs got a letter from Lucy and one from Uncle Jesse. Was at home all day, Amos was in at night. The cattle acted badly today, requiring constant attention.

5 A cool day very windy in P.M., we threshed our grain Geo. Choate & Ed. Rowell are the men,- had abt. 20 bu. a little, am thankful for a little. they went away in P.M., we hauled a load manure and got a load corn, a cool autumnal evening, a nice moon is out making it as light as day almost. Now I have completed my journal up to date and will go to bed for must be up early in morning to attend to my duties. very cool this evening

6 Tuesday: hauled manure today. Sam'l Curtis too dinner with us; Horace helped them thresh over the road. I went over to Lewis' at night, and Horace & I went to Mr. Holbrooks to get a pair boots mended.

7 Very pleasant, but cool and dusty. Mother & I went to Belfast, traded a good deal for us. took dinner at Capt. Beans. had very good success getting home about 9 in evening; Our neighbors over the road were here when we got home; I had a severe headache.

8 Looked like a storm: we hauled manure today, Sammy was over to play with Ralph in P.M. Horace went home at night as their Sunday school propose to go on a ride tomorrow, a fine eve. Lewis called as he was going by.

9 Friday: does not storm yet but threatens to. quite a sunshiny day; I hauled some manure and run after cattle considerable in P.M.

10 A showery day: Lewis went to the saw mill. Ida May brought up the mail, and I read the papers satisfactorily for once, as it was raining; when Lewis came back I went to Carrs with him, got a letter from Lucy; Samuel come home with me and we went to the Centre, mother went to see Mrs Rowell who is sick; got home in a shower, Geo. Clark, Sarah & Hattie & baby come at same time, real wet. were glad to see them.

11 Sunday: cleared up last night; a windy cool day. Geo. & I went to meeting, sermon by Eld. Clark, Subject,- Backsliding,- a very good discourse, as I ever heard from him. the first time I have been to a regular meeting this summer. Come home and after dinner sung a little, and about 4 ½ Geo. and the girls went home,- a cold windy night,- guess there will be frost in the low lands.

12 Very pleasant: State election in Maine. I cut up corn in A.M., went to the Polls in P.M., I missed Father very much, we have been to town meeting so many times together,- but Mr. Carr & Geo. Lewis come over and went with me, I did not feel so lonely as tho, I had gone alone;- a large meeting, nearly all the town were out; so closed the day of another state election, hope we all have voted right. (that is scarcely possible)

13 A fine day; hauled manure; shooked corn in P.M. Mother went to James Twitchells to get Julia Carr to cut her a dress. A fine autumnal day, the trees are just beginning to don their russet garb, and soon they will be again, Autumn is lovely, but soon will be past.

14 A sultry day; hauled manure, - Sam'l Curtis was along in morning; he is the same political foggy he always was. a quiet day, the days now seem very peaceful, here in the old home, quiet reigns supreme; how sweetly beautiful is life when blessed with perpetual contentment.

15 Thursday: was to Alonzo Polands to a husking last night, - after supper we had a game at "goold," I run hard and am very lame today. were hauling rocks, - Mr. Edwin White was here on school business,- Esq. Norton came in P.M. to make us a visit, had a fine chat with him in P.M.

16 A dark cloudy day,- a little rain in A.M. Mr. Norton went away in A.M., we rigged a wagon & hauled manure, went to Alonzos & got the papers, had a good read in them before bed time.

17 A dark cloudy day; I went to Freedom; went to the sawmill and got a load boards as I came home. After getting home, we got in the corn and then it was night, how quickly the weeks pass away.

18 Sunday: a cloudy windy day, without; - a quiet day within; - We were all alone till just as night when Sam'l Berry & wife called a few minutes, they had been to Carrs;- Jackson & Louisa were over a while in eve. a day of rest and quiet, well enjoyed by me.

19 Very pleasant: Mother went to Carrs; I got a load boards in P.M. Dexter come to work on house, a beautiful P.M. the sun shone sweetly around and it seemed like a time when good spirits were abroad. how I always enjoy such a day, it seems almost divinely blest with such a gush of harmony.

20 Tuesday: a fine day; I hauled two loads boards today; we went to husking in eve. at Alfreds had a good time, Dexter went with us, we were pleased to hear Mr. Eells sing a song, it was very good, we enjoyed a pleasant time.

21 Warm, it is getting to be very dry again, fires are getting under full headway again to the northward. some huge smokes are rising, up by Burnham I guess. Mr. Jackson of Morrill got the heifer in A.M. we cleared out the porch chamber for Dexter to lay the floor, it is a very warm day, quite smoky. I got a load boards in P.M., went to school meeting in evening; Voted to have the school commence the first Monday in Nov. or sooner by a week if I wish, -

I am to keep, have 30 dollars per month and they allow me two days free if I need them; a harmonious meeting.

22 Warm and dry; I went to Aarons in A.M., mother and Ralph went to Lewis's; In P.M. we went to fixing the barn,- mending the roof, Dexter doing the work.

23 Cloudy, - a light fall of rain in P.M., we finished fixing the barn in A.M., Dexter & went up to Thorndike in P.M., to Mr. Bumps looked around his barn and premises also took a look at the rail road, much labor has been done, hope the enterprise may prove successful. Went & saw Mr. Elder who is teaching, did not engage him as he does not engage very early. got home about dark.

24 Saturday: a cloudy day, threatening rain. Mother and Mrs Carr went to Uncle Robert Choates visiting, - Dexter went home with them, Mr. Jackson of Morrill got ten lambs, paid 25 dollars for them. a quiet day the crickets are singing merrily, all is still, and a pensive almost sad spirit seems brooding o'er the earth.

25 Sunday: a quiet dreamy day; I was thinking of going to the Centre to Sabbath school, but the feeling to go was not strong enough so I was at home all day, or most of the time,- Mary and I walked down to Alonzos to see Mrs. Rowell, she seems very low & feeble; the sky was o'ercast with clouds, very heavy and black, but no rain, what a terrible drouth.

26 Very pleasant again; we gathered apples in A.M. what had fall off. fenced a little, - In P.M. I went to Folletts at No. Seasmont, got two pigs, one for myself and one for Lewis, paid 3 dollars apiece, Mary went to Mr. Holbrooks where we took tea, got home about dark

27 Pleasant, some cloudy but still no rain;- were fencing in A.M. Mary & I went to funeral at the Knox meeting house, Miss Trueworthy deceased, sermon by Eld. Humphrey Small,- Text,- "If a man die shall he live again," a small discourse, not at all satisfactory to me. had good singing, Miss T. was a fine young lady & will be much missed.

28 Wednesday: another fair day; when will rain come, we need it much; our well here at the house affords no water, and the one at the barn has but about 3 feet in it, so severe and long continued drouth has not been experienced in a long time;- we hope for rain soon. We dug potatoes today, they are about a middling crop.

29 Very pleasant: dug some potatoes,- the horse ran away and I went after her, catching her in Hiram Ellis' field; took her to Bachelders and got her shod, then it was two o'clock when I got home,- Mr. Bachelder discoursed freely on many and divers subjects,- good ideas, but some of his ideas are far fetched and laborious. Eight years ago today little Eva

May was born, how many changes in a few short years, how many who were alive then are gone away from earth forever; change is the universal law of nature.

30 A cloudy day,- I went to Belfast, carried 12 bushels potatoes and 30 lbs. butter, got 50cts. for potatoes and 28 for butter. bought flour for 8.50 and for 1.00. had a very pleasant trip very well enjoyed, got home about 9 in evening, rained a little before I arrived and rained all night I think. another month gone, three more and another year will have passed away.