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JANUARY 1863

Thursday, January 1, 1863

Very pleasant. Good traveling, but little snow on the ground. I am teaching at Wadley Falls. I attended a Festival at Mr. Cartlands, received 30 letters. The house was crowded, had singing. L.W. Thompson played the melodean for us.

Friday 2

Very pleasant. Am feeling somewhat stupid. Hosea Snell the super intending committee visited my school. I came home, had a sing. Mr. Thompson & Rev. J.D. Davis played. Levi Piersons folks and Daniel Dow called.

Saturday 3

Beautiful day. I went to a prayer meeting at Miss Davis's. I had a good meeting on my way over. There did not seem to be so much feeling as usual. Mr. Comings took an active part. Benton went to Newmarket.

Sunday 4

Beautiful day. I went to church. J.D. Davis preached text in forenoon Matt 5.48 afternoon John 12.24, A very full house. Meeting at the church this evening. J.D. Davis called. L.W. Thompson played the melodean for us.

Monday 5

Beautiful day. I came down to school. Sylvia Griffin came over and spent the night at Mr. Lawrences. There was a singing-school commenced at the Union meeting house--kept by Mr. Bilson of Epping.

Tuesday 6

Cloudy but warm. I called up to Davis Thompsons at noon. Uncle J. Gile and B. Dow Matthews called at Mr. L's in the evening. Rained a little in the evening. Several of my scholars went up in the Lang school-house to a spelling-school.

Wednesday, January 7, 1863

Pleasant, a little colder. The ground is just coated over white. Howard Glidden and Albert Norton visited my school in the forenoon. I went home at night with Davis Thompsons folks, came back and spent the night with them.

Thursday 8

Pleasant. I had to punish a scholar which was no pleasant task. Mr. Lawrence went down to Mr. Thompson's to a prayer-meeting. The "Teachers Meeting" is at M.A. Cartland's to night. Uncle Abbot called. I went to singing school.

Friday 9

Pleasant. Am glad to close school 'til Monday. Henry and I went down to (?Thoreau?) Hoitt's in the evening, Henry spent the light at Mr. Lawrences, Moses Cartland and Pliny Earle were at Mr. Hoitts. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Henry is quite pleased with Bill.

Saturday, January 10, 1863

Cloudy. Henry brought me home this morning. Mrs. Haines and Cornelia Haines spent the afternoon at our house I was surprised to see them. There is a meeting at Davis Lang's but it storms so we do not go.

Sunday 11

Pleasant. I went to church. There was a full house, many from Nottingham. Mr. Davis preaches an anti-slavery sermon which did not please many. I went to Mr. Dows to the evening meeting. Mr. Thompson came up.

Monday 12

Pleasant. a little cooler. I came down to school this morning. G.F Wilson, Howard Sheldon and cousin Henry came in to school. I went to singing-school in the evening. There was a full school. Our books "Sabbath Harmony."

Tuesday, January 13, 1863

Beautiful day. My scares in the school-room have not been so perplexing as yesterday. Mr Lawrence went away. I spent the evening alone, making wreaths reading &c. Frank Lawrence called.

Wednesday 14

Snowed a little all day. I had but a few scholars. I am glad to think this is the last week. Frank Lang and Hannah Harvey were married last Sunday at Exeter. Have gone to keeping house.

Thursday 15

Rainy and warm, snow is going very fast. I am making needle-books pin-cushions &c. A protracted miller meeting commences to night at the "Union House." Mr Grant of Boston is their principal speaker.

Friday, January 16, 1863

Rainy. Dow Matthews spent the afternoon in my school. I received \$18.00 for my six weeks labors to-day. Read one of "Spurgeon's" sermons in the evening, it was good. I praise God for my deliverance.

Saturday 17

Fair but windy. My school closed today to my great joy. Hosea Snell and Moses Cartland visited it. Moses took tea at Mr Lawrences. I went to meeting in the evening. the house was crowded.

Sunday 18

Pleasant. I went to church an advent minister preached Mr Grant of Boston. House was crowded gallery and all. I staid alone in the evening. Elijah Stevens, Amos Piper, and Wm. Marden called

after meeting.

Monday, January 19, 1863

Beautiful day. Father and Mother went to New Market. I was making wreaths most all day. I went to singing-school in the evening. I received a mysterious love letter from some one in Lee. I am quite puzzled.

Tuesday 20

Cloudy. Mother and I washed. Father and Mother went down to Davis Thompsons. Clara Gile came down. I am knitting Benton a neck-tie. We sung and played and had a good time in general.

Wednesday 21

Cloudy day. Was not doing much all day except practicing on the melodean. Mr. Thompson had a spelling-school. I gave Benton his neck-tie.

Thursday, January 22, 1863

Cloudy. Mr Thompson did not come home to tea. Have been filling out my register. Benton went to singing-school but it rains so the teacher did not come.

Friday 23

Beautiful day. We looked for Mrs Dow but she didn't come. Mr. Thompson went home in the evening with his father. His father is a very pleasant man.

Saturday 24

Beautiful day. Benton & I went to NewMarket in the afternoon. Called to Clintons and Uncle Benj Haleys. We came back to the singing school--were not many present.

Sunday, January 25, 1863

Cloudy morning came off pleasant at noon. I went to church text in the forenoon dont remember. Father and Mother went to Obadiah Davis's to meeting in the evening. Dow Mathew is not coming here to meeting on account of last Sunday's sermon.

Monday 26

Pleasant. In the afternoon I called on Mr Palmers he is happy and willing to die. I then visited the school, and call on Mrs Frank Lang and on Mrs Davis Lang but did not find her at home. I took tea with Geo Plummer. Ann Little was there Mr T. came down to tea. We all went to singing school and came home in the rain.

Tuesday 27

Snowed a little all day. Mrs O. Davis was to have a sing to night but none of us will go and I am glad of it. cleared off in the evening. We had a nice time in the eve.

Wednesday, January 28, 1863

Cloudy. Mr Thompson Benton and I went up to Capt Smiths to a sing. Mr Davis was there and we had a nice time. Stormed hard in the evening when we came home.

Thursday 29

Snowed very fast in the morning. I spent the fore noon at Mr Dows had a first-best-time. We all went to singing school but our teacher did not come so we sung a little and came home about 8'0 Clock.

Friday 30

Beautiful day and fine sleighing. I spent the day at Davis Langs and went from there to Grandfather Giles to a meeting. Mr Thompson dined at Mr Langs. Uncle B.F. & Harrison Haley with their wives called to our house.

Saturday, January 31, 1863

Very pleasant. Benton & Mother went to Newmarket. I was alone all the fore noon. Grand sirs folks came home with Uncles B.F. & Henry Haley. Father & Mother & Frank went to Wier Davis's to a prayer meeting. I received a present of a nice pair of boots.

## FEBRUARY 1863

Sunday, February 1

Very pleasant. I went to church Rev. Mr Hanson preached. Uncle Knowles folks came down. Davis Langs folks spent the evening at our house. Uncle Abbott and all the boys came up. Mr Thompson came up and played for us.

Monday 2

Pleasant. We all went to singing school. quite a number of spectators in. James & Mary Butler Joe B, and Mary True, Jay Tuttle and Joe Cilley came down to singing school. J. Tuttle's school closed Friday. He did not like [the school?] and he was not liked. Sorry for him.

Tuesday, February 3, 1863

Cold and cloudy. Delia, Benton and I spent the day at James Butlers. had a nice visit. called on Mrs Cilley and Mrs Rundlett There is a meeting at Davis Lang's to night. They are having a social dancing school on the square. Jimmie gave me his photograph.

Wednesday 4

Fair but extremely cold. So cold the boys froze their noses going to school. We were at home all day and in the evening. I wrote to Sarah Cilley. She is in Chelsea Mass.

Thursday 5

Cold and cloudy. Commenced snowing in the afternoon. Father and Mother went down to the Thom. Chesleys in the afternoon. We do not go to singing school. I wrote to Geo Mathews.

Friday, February 6, 1863

Rained all day. Sarah Knowles & I wrote to some stranger soliders mine was William Henderson Co K 48th Reg M.V. Sarah's was Hollis Hersey of the same reg. Mr T sung and played in the evening.

Saturday 7



Very pleasant. Uncle Knowles and John Haley came up. Mr T. went to Newmarket & came back again. Father & Mother went to Newmarket. We all went to ride in the evening. Father & Mother spent the evening at John Chesleys.

Sunday 8

Beautiful day. We all went to church Mr Davis preached a wonderful sermon. There were a great many present. There was a prayer meeting at Mr Dows Sara and I did not go. I was doing wrong in not going. And I am sorry for it.

Monday, February 9, 1863

Cloudy. Mrs Glidden and Arianna spent the afternoon at Grandmother Haleys. It snowed at night so we could not go to singing school -- I think some people are more show than substance.

Tuesday 10

Very pleasant though windy in the afternoon. Mr Davis called in the forenoon. Grandmother and Aunt Almira spent the day at Mr Dows. Father & Mother spent the evening at Mr Buttman's to a party.

Wednesday 11

Pleasant. Uncle Benj Haley and wife came up. We had an invitation to Arianna Gliddens but we did not go. We had a very pleasant time in the evening. Mr Thompson and I sang some for the company.

Thursday, February 12, 1863

Cloudy. Uncle Benj's folks went home. Sarah and I went to the P.O. in the morning. Cousins James and Mary Butler spent the day with me. Grandmother is sick abed. Aunt Almira is so hoarse she cannot speak aloud.

Friday 13

Pleasant. Uncle Knowles came from Exeter and they all went home. Henry Haley came up. Jim Butler called. Mr Dows folks came up and spent the afternoon. Mr Thompson went home from school. I rode up to Frank Lawrence's didn't stop.

Saturday 14

Pleasant. Grandsir went to Newmarket in the forenoon. Mrs. J. Cilley and Nettie spent the afternoon with us. Father and Mother went to Newmarket in the afternoon. Mother got a set of under teeth which will be very becoming when she gets used to them.

Sunday, February 15, 1863

Cloudy. Father and Benton went to church. Mr. Boutell preached. Benton and I called up to Grandsir Giles. Johnnie Haley came up for Grandsirs folks. Mr Thompson came up in the evening. There was an evening meeting at the church. I was sorry I did not go. I fear I am too much of a (sectarian?). I shall try to over come such feelings.

Monday 16

Pleasant. Benton and I commenced to go to Moses Cartlands school. There are 35 scholars. We read the 4 chap. II Corinthians I wrote a lot of questions. I stopped and walked to the singing school with the girls. There were spectators in. James Butler called in the morning. Such another teaser I never beheld. he wished me to go to Northwood with him.

Tuesday 17

Pleasant. We are studying our general questions. Father and Mother called to Mr Dow in the evening and the boys with Mr. T. went to the spelling school. I spent the evening alone.

How many vain thoughts come into our mind, we should try to keep our minds fixed on our future being and prepare ourselves for it.

Wednesday, February 18, 1863

Pleasant. We came over to school quite early. I called to Johnathons and engaged a room for Nettie Cilley and myself next week. We recited a very interesting lesson of general questions this morning. Mr. Cartland visits Mr. Thompsons school in the afternoon so we were left to ourselves. I wish I had more confidence to answer questions in school and that I had a better memory too. Amos Piper and Eliza Cleary spent the evening with

us. Father and Mother went down to Mr. Dows.

Thursday 19

Rained all day. I did not go to school on account of having a very severe cold. Mr. Thompson's school closed we shall miss him very much he is such good company. I practiced on the melodean most of the day. The Piper boys spent the evening at our house. We had some music in the evening and I suppose we shall not enjoy any more sings together. I shall miss them very much. Benton did not come home. There was no singing school on account of the storm.

Friday 20

Beautiful day. I rode over to school with Mr. Thompson. I expect it will create stories but don't care. He visited Mr. Cartlands school. We came home at night and left the school house alone. Mr. Cartland gave me his photograph. Mr. Thompson's father came up for him but he did not go home. It begins to look quite like spring. The water runs like a brook in the road. The evening passed away very pleasantly we had music and &c. I have found out the author of my mysterious letter.

Saturday, February 21, 1863

Extremely cold. I have been cooking most of the forenoon. Mr. Thompson was filling out his register. He left in the afternoon for home leaving his melodean and trunk behind. In the evening Benton and myself went up to Mr. Buttman's to a sing. Mr. Pike and Geo. Smith were over from Epping. We had a nice sing. On our way up we called to Frank Lawrence's his wife is sick. Sarah Hill was there she accompanied us over. I saw "Tom Thumbs" photograph.

Sunday 22

Very cold and cloudy. I went to church. The traveling was exceedingly rough and never was the ground so hard and rough before to my knowledge. Mr. Davis preached two excellent discourses. We had some new Hymn Books. Geo. Smith and Mr. Pike helped us sing. Mr. Davis spoke to me of a church organization and of my being baptized. Oh that God will fit and prepare me for that ordinance. I pray God that I may never backslide, better that I never commenced than I do so. I received

a letter from Austin.

Monday 23

Pleasant. I did not go to school on account of my having a severe cold and sore throat. I am making a scrap book. Benton stopped to the singing school. Frank went down from home, Father and Mother went over to John Mathes. I spent the evening alone, it was rather a long one to me. I received a letter from A.C. Haines and one from Wm. Henderson. He is a member of the South Church of Boston and a Brass moulder by trade. He wrote a very good letter of five pages.

Tuesday, February 24, 1863

Cloudy. Mother washed. I did not go to school. I am at work on my scrap book again. Wrote Sarah Knowles. Benton did not come home after school. Father and Mother went up to Capt. Smiths and spent the evening. Frank and I staid alone. my throat is worse. I do wish I was able to go to school but I must be patient--I suppose though it is hard.

Wednesday 25

One of the most beautiful days I ever witnessed and I cooped up in the house. My throat is not better so I am obliged to leave my school another day. I sewed a little in the forenoon. Father and Mother went to Newmarket in the afternoon. I busied myself in writing to Tucker and fixing my scrap book. I do wish some friendly face would look in on me in my loneliness this afternoon. Benton came home from singing school.

Thursday 26

Pleasant in the morning stormed in the afternoon. Mr. J.B. Thompson and Valentine Smith took dinner at our house. I did not go to school my throat is no better. The evening finds Joseph Davis here with Benton. I wrote again to Henderson and closed the correspondence.

Friday, February 27, 1863

Stormed in the forenoon. cleared off at noon. a splendid afternoon.

Father went to Wadleys Falls. I received a letter from Sarah Knowles. She has had an answer from her letter. I recieved five letters from "Walnut Grove" and was very grateful for them they were from, they were from H.G., A.N, N.L. and Francena. Benton went to Nottingham to a Copper Head Lecture. Chas Piper spent the night here. I made a watch case.

Saturday 28

Pleasant. My throat is much better. I was cooking all the forenoon, in the afternoon I busied myself pasting in my scrap book and writing to a school-mate at Walnut Grove School. Father and Mother went to Davis Langs and spent the evening. Benton went to the meeting house expecting there was a singing school but there was none. He returned about 8 o'clock and brought Mr. Thompson home with him.

MARCH 1863

Sunday, March 1

I rose at 7 1/2 and found it snowing right smart as the southerners say. I guess we are going to have our winter snow. My throat is most well. None of us went to church. Mr T. remains with us today. I am not able to read much on account of having weak eyes. The day was rather long. I have a good chance to ----- but do not improve the precious moments as they fly. I ought to fix my thoughts on more substantial things than I do sometimes.

Monday, March 2, 1863

Beautiful day. Benton Mr T. and myself came over to school this morning. I was glad to get out of doors and take a sleigh ride. There have some new ones came into the school among them Clara Gile and Jennie Kelsey. The day passed away quietly in the after noon Mrs Young & her daughter visited our school. I am going to stay over here with Jennie Kelsey to night- as the scholars here are going to have a little "town meeting" at the school room in the eve.

Tuesday 3

Commenced to storm in the forenoon and continued through the day. We are planning some dialogues to speak tomorrow. I have been very busy copying this forenoon. Mr C. went to visit a school in the afternoon the school was very quiet. We were all busy writing compositions or rather a story about the outwitted Lawyers. In speaking of the Bible we have several definitions. The written law of God. A great code of morals. The noblest monument of literature and poetry. The repository of eloquence. A fountain of philosophy.

#### Wednesday 4

Beautiful day. Mr C. went to visit some schools again this afternoon. We had four visitors in the afternoon our declamations came off. I did better than I expected to it being my first effort. Had several dialogues and some single pieces. John Thompsons folks and J. Chesleys folks spent the afternoon and evening at our house. I have been writing to friends. Haines gave Sylvia an invite to write so she is busy writing him.

#### Thursday, March 5, 1863

Very pleasant and nice sleighing. The boys walked over to school. I rode over with Father and Mother they have gone to Nottingham Square. We had an interesting parsing lesson. Mr C spoke of the negro race saying their color is in their under skin and that their outer skin is as transparent and white as our own. Jonathon gave all the girls a sleigh ride over to Mr Daniels in Barrington there were 13 girls in one team of 4 horses. Howard and Frank Dame came over, got horses at 12 1/2 & found Albert and Wells Norton and John Pickering at the school room. We had a splendid ride and a nice time there nice treat &c. &c.

#### Friday 6

Cloudy storms a little. I am feeling rather stupid I stopped at the schoolhouse all night. We recited our general questions this morning. Mr. C gave us another general lesson in Geography we chose sides in reciting it. One definition brought up the difference between a Bachelor and Benedict the latter is a married man. I came home with father as he and Frank came from Newmarket. I went up to Davis Langs to a prayer meeting. Father sat up with Mr. Palmer. Benton went to singing school, teacher did not come.

Mr. Davis called.

Saturday 7

Commenced snowing in the forenoon. I have been sewing part of the day and writing for our Lyceum paper. Grandmother and Grandsir came home with cousin Johnnie. Reading of Robert Boyle it says we are the secrets of five. air water, animals, vegetables, fossil: so that from his works may be deduced the whole system of natural knowledge.

Sunday, March 8, 1863

Snowed hard all day. I did not go to church. Spent most of my time in reading and playing on the melodean. The Bible is the study of a lifetime there we are very ignorant concerning it. "It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter." I'm reading history I found that Gen. Oglethorpe was the founder of Georgia Daniel Boone of Kentucky. St. Paul was a very learned man and was noted for his orational prowess. Cowper was an English poet of geat note born 1751 in Bedfordshire.

Monday 9

Very pleasant. It has cleared off pleasant this morning. Johnnie went home. Benton and I came over to school the snow was very deep. there were not many out to-day. The boys all went to a "Caucus" in the afternoon. Francena and I copied our registers over. No pleasant job anyway. We went home by the singing school but found so few we did not stop. Jennie Kelsey came down tonight. have written a composition for the paper on "The Power of Music." I can say my composition is original if it is not so very nice as some folks.

Tuesday 10

Beautiful day. All the folks have gone to town meeting. I came over to the "Grove." We have been fixing our our "Lyceum Paper" entitled the "Nutshell." we have all been writing for it. evening came and with it not our Lyceum the disputants not being present we had some speaking by ourselves the evening passed very pleasantly. I spent the night over here. Our town went democratic as I expected. The young girls went to ride in the

evening with Col. and Stephen Davis. was astonished at it.

Wednesday, March 11, 1863

Beautiful day. Our parsing lesson was one of "Thompson's hymns". Thompson was the son of a Scotch clergyman was born 1700. Wrote the seasons. I was not a little surprised to see cousin Henry step into the classroom when I thought he was in Boston. Ira Hoitt and his sister Mary visited our school. Our Lyceum came off this evening. Henry went down and got Belle Hoitt came up to our house and spent the night. The disputants were not present so we read our papers and had some declaiming. The evening passed away very pleasantly.

Tuesday 12

Fair but very cold. I came over to school with Henry when he came to carry Belle Hoitt home. they came into school a little while. We had a little dispute or debate the question was "Is 1700 in the 17th or 18th century." We decided it belonged to the 17th. I went home before school closed with Father as he came home from Newmarket. Benton went to the singing school. Grandmother spent the day at Mr. Buttman's.

Friday 13

Fair but very cold. Father drove us to school. We are preparing another dialogue. Daniel Dow came into school in the afternoon. We that sing went on the platform and sang several pieces, something we never did before. Father came after me. He and Mother sat up with Mr. Palmer. He is very low. I sat up and wrote until 11 o'clock.

Saturday, March 14, 1863

Exceedingly cold. I cooked all the forenoon. In the afternoon Father and Mother to went the funeral of Mrs. Isreal Langley of Nottingham. In some general questions I find that Lewis Cass lives in Michigan, William C. Bryant New York. he is editor of the "evening post." Chas Sumner in Boston J.C. Breckinridge in Kentucky. Jas. Buchanan in Penn. Ralph W. Emerson Concord Mass. James van Buren. New York.

Sunday 15



Very pleasant. I went to church. Mr. Boutell preached. quite an interesting discourse. he advocates the "sleeping doctrine ("). Clinton and wife came up. she has a new set of false teeth. Benj. Stevens one of the returned of the 29th N H reg. he gave quite an interesting account of his travels. Old Mr. Palmer died last night. poor man. he has got through none ever were happier.

#### Monday 16

Very pleasant. I moved over to Johnathons & cousin Nettie Cilley came down to room with me. We have a very pleasant room all carpeted nicely an open fire & everything comfortable. The singing-school met at the school-house. The Burleigh girls were up from N. Howard and Mr. Bilson had a little dispute. Bilson altogether in the wrong though.

#### Tuesday, March 17, 1863

Very pleasant. We had an interesting parsing lesson in the recitation room. Francena and [I] went up to the funeral of Mr Palmer we being sent for to sing. The house was more than full Father and Mother went to Northwood. Our Lyceum met in the evening. They voted not to have visitors and several that were present left the room. Elsie Jones and Mrs. Randall were present. We read our paper, but the boys did not speak on the question.

#### Wednesday 18

Very pleasant. We rose at 6 1/2 o'clock. Came down to school and had a lesson on criticising sentences, which was very interesting. In the afternoon we had a spelling lesson. I missed 12 which was least of any one. Also a lesson in definition which I wish to remember. Mr C. came along and examined our diaries. We had a reading lesson in the recitation room and had considerable fun over it. The members of our Lyceum met had their debate. We had a little surprise, John Haley, Belle Buttman, John Cilley, Mary Butler, Joe Bartlett & Mary True Scales.

#### Thursday 19

Beautiful day. We had some general questions in grammar. The questions discussed last night. Resolved that slavery is a greater evil than intemperance. Decided that intemperance was the greater. True Thompson on the affirmative Howard and Frank

Dame on the negative. The singing school met to night. I enjoyed it very much. Dow Mathes called at the house. Happy are some folks.

Friday 20

Very fine day. The two Griffiths boys Will & Ed visited the school, also a Miss Young. Hattie Blake came down for Nettie she went home 2 o'clock. Nat Demerritt the plague of all the girls came into school. Friday night has come round again I came home and found Mr Bennetts folks Uncle Abbotts folks and Uncle Knowles folks at our house there is a meeting to Wier Davis; Uncle S.A. and I had a nice sing.

Saturday 21

Very pleasant. I helped Grandmother wash in the morning. In the afternoon Benton and I went down to Mr Haines. I had a very nice visit. They wish me to come down and keep the school this summer. Benton went down to the village, Johnnie came up with us. There was a meeting at Davis Langs. Should like to have gone but didn't get home in season. We found Uncle Georges folks here.

Sunday 22

Beautiful day. I went to church. Uncle Harrison's folks came up in the afternoon. We met to see about forming a church but no decision was made. Lawrence Sanborn was at church. Uncle S.A. and B.J. came and spent the evening. Mr. Thompson came over to spend the night. It does not seem as I wish Sunday night to be with me, I would rather be quiet. There is a meeting at J. Durgin's I very much wish I could go.

Monday, March 23, 1863

Very pleasant. Uncle Harrison's folks left for home and Geo's folks for Newmarket. I came over to school. Found Nettie here too. The great ride is being discussed. Nettie received an invite from Benton and I one from Dow Mathes. We went to Durham to Valentine Smith's Six couple of us. He has a large telescope but on account of the dimness we did not see the moon. We looked at Saturn and Jubiter. I enjoyed the ride very much. Got home 11 1/2. Dow stopped an hour. Francie and Thompson,

Beccie and Joseph, Stephen and Jeannie, Col. Davis and Emma.  
Howard on horseback.

Tuesday 24

Pleasant, seems very much like spring to-day. Mr. Cartland was only in the schoolroom about an hour. Mr Thompson pretended to dominate over the school, but he was not very much respected as a teacher. Nancie and I had a good time laughing most of the afternoon--I am ashamed to say. Francena was writing for the "Nutshell". I wrote a piece on tobacco. Nancie and Francena called on us after supper. We had our Lyceum in the evening. Question Resolved that woman has more influence over community than man--affirmative beat. Our Lyceum is more like children's play than anything else.

Wednesday 25

Rainy day. I have a severe sick headache which makes me feel not very brilliant. We had an interesting lesson in Philosophy to day. Still continues the storm this evening so they do not have their singing-school. Nettie went down and staid a little while I did not go. Dow Mathes came in and staid till 10 1/2 oclock. We had quite a shower in the evening accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Thursday, March 26, 1863

Cleared off beautifully this forenoon. -- In the afternoon we recited a lesson from the Compendium on Ebenezer Elliot--called the Corn Saw rhymer--he made it interesting by reading a sketch of him of Whittier's. We had a singing-school. Nettie and I called on Rebecca and Jennie--Annie Gile has come down to board with them. I received a paper containing some shells from Fortress Monroe--Joseph Davis and Rebecca are quite social--well matched, I think. Stephen and Laurie better--

Friday 27

Pleasant. O time stay thy hand--Where does time go to so fast? Nettie and Nancie and I went up to the old beach where is recorded a hundred names of old scholars last night--this morning Nettie and I went to walk up to Mr. C's. Frank D. expressed his mind quite freely concerning Bell. I do wish some literary folks

would take a few lessons in neatness. What an improvement that might be. We recited our general questions-- I came home after a week of pleasure and study to attend to the duties of the house keeper.

### Saturday 28

Cloudy. I felt rather stupid--I engaged to teach the school in our district for 8.00 pr. week and board at home. I have had a nice time playing on the Melodean.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing  
Drink deep or taste not the Pyerian Spring."

Pope

A couplet that Uncle Jonathon quoted to me concerning some people who make a great show and are quite ignorant.

### Sunday, March 29, 1863

Cloudy. Father and I went to church. A.J. Davis preached. The sermon was very good! The traveling was very poor some went in wagons and some in sleighs--no meeting appointed to night. I should really like to go to a prayer-meeting. Have been reading about Addison an English writer. No one came in all day. Something unusual at our house--it does one good to have a quiet Sabbath now & then.

### Monday 30

I came down to school and to my home at Jonathon's--I like house-keeping on a small scale very much--We have just been reciting a lesson in the gods and goddesses in Mythology which was quite interesting. Hannah Lang spent the afternoon in school. Oh! how much some folks can affect. We came to singing-school in the evening. Frank Dame brought Melinda Jenkins up--Albert D. and Emma Young were quite social. Nettie and I conclude that we are to be among the left as far as beaux are concerned. Who cares I don't!

### Tuesday 31

Cloudy. Nancie and Francena called for us to go to walk and we were just taking breakfast so did not join them. We went alone

just before school. In our Bible lesson Mr. C. had Nancie, Francena and myself upon the platform to pronounce for the others. I felt rather green which is no new feeling for me. Frank D. came along at recess and we had quite a colloquy. I suppose I do wrong in making fun of him and Bell but it is innocent sport. Commenced to snow in the the afternoon. Our Lyceum came off at night. Question Resolved that the farmer is more benefit to community than mechanic.

Wednesday, April 1, 1863

Beautiful day. I have played lots of Apr. fools on the scholars. have been fooled once. It looks beautifully out the trees are loaded with snow. Isaac brought us down it was so snowy. Evening came and the singers from the vicinity of Bald hill and Bacon hill met for the singing-school. Jay Tuttle was down--he appeared rather cool to Nettie and myself. Dow called in a few minutes and whittled us a nice lot of shavings.

Thursday 2

Stormed in the morning--cloudy all day. The large boys were all absent in the forenoon--it seemed as though half the house was gone. I have an awful head-ache. I came down at 6 oclock in the morning to rehearse our dialogues. We had a public Lyceum at night--had singing declamations dialogues &c. Thompson astonished the natives by a piece. I was happily disappointed in our exercises.

Friday 3

Beautiful day. Benton came over. Mr. Cartland gave us a lecture in the morning. We read the 33rd chapter of Deuteronomy the same was read a year ago tomorrow which was the last day of school. A day which will long be remembered by me. For a spelling lesson we wrote each a description of some one scholar in school. My subject was Mary True Dow. Several of the large boys left to night--It seemed too bad to separate such a united and pleasant school.

Saturday, April 4, 1863

Cold and cloudy. I cooked in the morning--in the afternoon Laurie Lawrence came down and Frank in the evening. My heart is sad

thinking how soon our school is to close and perhaps we may never meet again--how sad a thought.

I gave .25 cts toward an album for photographs for Rev. Mr. Davis. Laurie prefers not to have her name among the others. seems rather strange to me. Moranda Gerrish gave Mr. Davis a nice pair of embroidered slippers.

#### Sunday 5

Stormy day. Have been reading all day a book entitled "Our Parish" by Geo Canning Hill. The book is one that will interest for a time but not leave a lasting impression for good. Father & Frank went to the Lawrences in the afternoon. There was no meeting. In the evening I wrote a composition on parting. The day is soon to come when our pleasant school will close--Oh! that schooldays could always last. perhaps it is better as it is.

#### Monday 6

Fine day. The schoolroom looks very desolate so many of the large boys having left. Everything looked cheerful and pleasant as Frank and I rode along on our way to school this morning. it really seemed spring like to hear the robins singing. We had our singing-school--quite a number were present. We are to have but one more night--and that when it comes better traveling. Dow Mathes called and whittled us lots more shavings. He invited us to spend the day there Thursday next. We accepted.

#### Tuesday April 7, 1963

Storm-storm-stormy. Rose at 6 o'clock. got my lesson in general questions and came down to the school-room at 8 1/2 leaving cousin Nettie writing to Dow. Evening comes and the storm has abated a little. Howard came up in the afternoon. Nettie did not come to school in the afternoon--she was sick. We had our Lyceum in the evening--no debate though--The paper was read by Sylvia and Belle and the girls spoke single pieces each. I spoke one entitled the "man I like". I was very much frightened but didn't break.

#### Wednesday 8

Stormed in the morning but cleared off by noon. Nettie did not come down to school for all day. Anne Cartland is at the house.

I do not think she is as kind-hearted and agreeable as Aunt Phebe. the more I see of her the better I love her. Dow Mathes came over and spent the evening. I think there is love on both sides between him and cousin Nettie. I have been studying the character of glorious old John Milton. I admired--very much.

Thursday 9

Beautiful day. Dow Mathes came up for us to spend the day at their house; got here at 8 o'clock--we went down Jos. Bartlett came down and spent the day too--had a pleasant visit came home at 7 o'clock. There was a great wonderment among the scholars to know what had become of us. I received a letter from Portsmouth Grove R.I. from a sick soldier I know not who. We had our debate which was deferred. William Lane spoke with Frank Dame on the affirmative side of the question--Did best of anyone. Question was Resolved: that married life is preferable to single. Decided in the affirmative.

Friday, April 10, 1863

Somewhat cloudy. We are both feeling rather stupid this morning, but we got all cleaned up nicely and came to school. lots of girls went to walk up to the old Beach. We received our grammar lesson with considerable interest. Came off pleasant in the forenoon and we all went out on the piazza of the schoolhouse and had a nice time rather childish but we enjoyed it. We are planning to give a supper to Mr. C on Wednesday evening next.

Saturday 11

Very warm and smoky. seems very summerlike. I am feeling rather miserable with a dull sick headache. The boys have gone to C.H. Tuttle's auction and father and mother down to old Mr Thompsons. Mr Thompson came here to dinner. We sat down and had some music and then he took his melodean away with him. how I shall miss it, more than some people.

Sunday 12

Beautiful morning. I went to walk before breakfast down in the pasture by the old brook where the ivory leaves grow--many are the times I've played there, the place will be long remembered by

me. I wrote J.D. Thompson. Oh! how kind God is to give us such blessings--I cannot thank Him enough. I feel that I am an ungrateful girl.

Monday, April 13, 1863

Beautiful morning. I came over to school through mud and water. I have been writing all day copying from the other papers to keep. We had a nice time playing on the platform. We had our Lyceum tonight--most of the boys came. Albert Norton does not make as good a president as our vice pres. Howard. Sylvia and Francena read the paper--Benton was to speak on the question but could not muster courage.

Tuesday 14

Beautiful day. David Stevens visited our school yesterday--and we had a nice time playing ball. Frank Dame gave us a call after school. Tonight our supper came off at the school-room--was quite a surprise to Mr. C & family. There was 30 or more present--we invited some boys that had been to school here. Nancie and Howard and myself stole out and carried a pail full of cake up to Moses house. we had some plays and the evening passed off very quietly. I was one of four committee of arrangements.

Wednesday 15

Cloudy. Have been rehearsing pieces to-day some company in. In the evening we had a public exhibition of our Lyceum had quite a large audience. Dow Mathes and Jay Tuttle gave us a call after it was over. I do feel quite relieved having got through my pieces so nicely. Sam French was invited and he came--seemed quite happy. (See last row?)

Thursday, April 16, 1863

To day was to be Fast Day in N.H. but it has been post-poned never the less we read our chapter 58th chapt. of Isiah. We are having a cold rain-storm. Sam French came down with a splendid lot of apples and spent the intermission with us. We had quite a nice time and he seemed to enjoy it too. I have been writing all day from others papers. At night we both came down to the



school-room and had a good time by ourselves. Frank came up and we had a nice cosy time by ourselves.

Friday 17

The storm still continues and we live here as cosy as can be though it, at noon we all went down to the Pellise hill to see the bridge that was washed away. Oh what a mighty rush of waters! how many thoughts come crowding into my mind. Nat Dame (?) it came in. Our school was to close today but Mr. C. wishes us to stay one day more. Oh, how hard it does seem to tear away from the old school-room.

Saturday 18

Pleasant. The day in which we must leave our Walnut Grove home has at last arrived. In the morn we cleaned up and went down to the school-house. Beccie, Laurie, & Frank were calling up spirits and I saw with my own eyes the table rock and Frank parylized. We then went to walk down to the bridge and over where a mill had washed away--such another splendid sight I never saw. Mr. C. came to meet us. We staid at the school-room 3 hours and wrote and talked, then after dinner went to walk again up to Danl. Emersons and Obediahs--Mr. C. went with us w/out any invitation.

J.M. Buckly spent the night at our house, Grandmother went to Northwood with Uncle Abbot.

Sunday April 19, 1963

Mother has been quite sick, threatened a fever. Sunday morning again. I am feeling rather doleful, I went to church Geo. Smith and Mary Allen that was appeared bride and bridegroom today. 13 of the Walnut Grove pupils were at church today, we all stood in front at noon with Moses in our center quite a pretty picture I imagine. All told me how sad I looked, Well! I did feel sad I live in anticipation, Tuesday eve we are to meet at Mr. C's. Mrs. Dow called up after meeting saying that Uncle Geo. is sick with the lung fever.

Monday 20

Cloudy. I washed in the morning and cleaned the front chamber in the afternoon. Uncle Benjamins folks came here to dinner on

their way home from Northwood. Oh! dear me, I do wish I were at Walnut Grove but fate would have it otherwise, Benton and Grandsir went to Newmarket. In reading today I found out the meaning of impromptu it is an extemporaneous lecture, an unstudied speech. It is 8 o'clock and I am about to retire.

Tuesday 21

Beautiful morning--I woke up praying--Father made soap. I have been cleaning house. Rev. Mr. Davis called. I came in the sitting room with my old dress on and called myself Bridgett, he seemed quite pleased. Frank Dame came up here on a gig Benton went over to Mr. Cartland's on that and Frank D. and I went in the wagon, all the scholars were there. Isaac Daniels took pains to come six miles. Nettie Sarah and Mary True came down, we had a nice time seeing each other, our Lyceum is closed. Nancie invited all at her house on Fast-day, 30th.

Wednesday, April 22, 1868

Another beautiful day had past and gone, and what have I accomplished? Well, I have been cleaning and cooking and mending gloves. Benton went over to Uncle Jonathons this morning to work, I think he will find it a nice place. Mother does not have any appetite at all and therefore does not do any work about house, it comes rather hard on me but I shall go as far as my strength allows.

Thursday 23

Very warm and pleasant. It is a fact I do feel blue to-night. (I have just been writing A.C. Haines--poor fellow) Aunt Eliza and Betsey Kelsey spent the day here. Father has been to Newmarket Durham & all around. I should like to go over to Nancie's but cant.--Oh deer I am lonesome--how I wish I was at Walnut Grove again and all my school mates were there too.

Friday 24

Cloudy-- I washed the curtains and counter panes that belong upstairs--I ironed them put them up got through at three and Obediah Davis' folks came to spend the afternoon-- she brought

over a pretty "snow ball tree" --mother's appetite is very poor she has not eaten the value of one meal in a fortnight--I'm reading in the "Compendium"--Ledyard was native traveler--he made a canoe from the trunk of a tree and sailed alone from Dartmouth College at Hanover N.H. down the Conn. river to Hartford Conn.

Saturday, April 25, 1863

A very hard storm rages. I had a beautiful night's sleep and did not arise very early within the forenoon I baked--Benton went over to Wier Davis and spent the day. Father went down to Mr. Davis in the afternoon. Joseph Burley called--I have been reading the old English reader and find many good pieces from old English writers Cowper, Pope, Addison &c. Noah Webster was a native of Conn -- his dictionary was a work in which he was engaged for 20 years. What a benefit it has been and now is.

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Sunday 26

Cold and cloudy. I arose at 6 'oclock. Grandmother and the rest of us went to church. We had a very interesting sermon from a text in Psalms 139.14-- it was concerning our bodies and &c. Mr Davis called in the morning on his way to church. There was a 5 oclock prayer meeting at the meeting house. How much happier a person feels when they do their duty as God requires. They feel the blessing descend on them.

Monday 27

Beautiful day. I washed and have been busy all day. John Willey from Uncle Sam'l Haley's called in--he is a great news carrier. we had all the news in general. He deals largely in "hyperbole." I have just been looking over that beautiful poem of Bryants-- "Thanatopsis" and think I shall commit it to memory. It speaks of the earth as the mighty sepulcher of the dead. May I approach my grave "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams." "Bryant"

Tuesday 28

Very warm and pleasant. I went to NewMarket and got my hat pressed over in the afternoon. Grandsirs folks went over to Wier Davis's. Aunt Almira, Sarah and Frank Knowles came down. after tea Sarah and I called up to Frank Lawrences. coming home we met Benton going to singing school and it being the last night we went with him. We went to ride over to Walnut Grove. Mr. Bilson had a Seraphim and we had a nice sing--quite a concert. Epping singers were over--Belle Buttman sang several pieces which were very pretty.

Wednesday 29

Cooler and a little cloudy. Grandmother with aunt and Sarah went to Newmarket. Mr. Davis called this morning. B. van Dame came and spent last night--he left this morning for Mr. Dows. Aunt left Sarah and went home this afternoon. I do hope it will be

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pleasant for two days to come--for many's sake.

Thursday 30

Beautiful day. This is our national Fast day and also our State Fast. I went to church in the morning and from there I went over to Nancie Thompson's. all of the Walnut Grove school-girls were there and spent the afternoon in the evening [with] Mr. Cartland and an old scholar of his Chas. Tilton of Danvers Joe and Stephen Davis and Benton came in the evening. we all went to walk at twilight and got some plums. Mr. C. and I went together and a sociable chat we had too. I do love and respect him next to my own father. Mr. Tilton and I had quite a talk concerning him and his school and things in general. We left at ten and had a pleasant walk home across the string-piece.

Friday May 1, 1863

Beautiful day. I went to a May party at "Walnut Grove" The scholars were all there and the three Miss Osburne's from Dover--with whom I was much pleased. Mr. Tilton remained with us during the day. We went Maying at 11 Mr C. and I walked home together and after we got to the schoolroom I was chosen "Queen" and Frank Dame King. we presided over the refreshments. went all to walk up to the old Beach then all to ride Frank Belle and I went up by Uncle Kelsey and down over Lee Hill. Benton waited on Nancie Thompson home and Frank, the Queen. I gave my crown to "Aunt" Phebe I gave Uncle Jonathon a "port-monia" Never saw Jennie look prettier and Beccie seemed rather cross about something.

Saturday 2

Very warm--am feeling somewhat stupid. William Furber called in the forenoon & Mrs. Dow in the afternoon--she seemed very sober about something--Benton is continually talking about going to sea. foolish boy he'd better wait a year or two.

Sunday 3

Very pleasant--I walked to church with Benton. called in and went

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with Nancie and Sylvia We had a very full house--Mr. Davis gave liberty at the close of service in morning and several spoke--I think evening meetings are more appropriate for exhorting--Lawrence Sanborn was there his school term has closed. Frank Dame was at church. He came up and took tea with Benton after meeting --I did not go to a meeting at 5 oclock at the meeting house. Rev. Mr. Davis and Lawrence passed a part of the evening here.

Monday 4

Rained in the afternoon-- Father and Frank went to Wadley's Falls in the morning--Benton commenced work at John Chesley's. I received a letter from Austin. Mrs. Cilley came here from Newmarket and spent the night.I answered my letter in the evening.

Tuesday 5

Cleared off in the morning-- Mrs. C. (illey) went home--Frank Lawrence came down after mother as Fannie was sick with a sore throat. Uncle J. Kelsey called, Mother spent the afternoon at Mrs. B. Dows. Albert Norton has a party of the scholars with Moses. Frank Dame gave me an invitation to go, but he does not come so I shall be disappointed--perhaps it may be all for the best.

Wednesday 6

Cold and cloudy--commenced to rain in the evening--Mrs. Davis Thompson and Abbie Davis spend the day here--we dined at Grandma's. Abbie is going to Berwick soon to learn a milliner's trade--Mrs T. is rather to (sic) lively to suit my fancy. no two people are just alike. They are having levees at Newmarket.

Thursday 7

A rainy day. I have learned a part of "Gray's Elegy" -- Mother and I have been cleaning house--Oh dear me the time begins to drag. I wish Benton was at home. I have been studying the life and character of Oliver Goldsmith. He was born at Pallaston Ireland 1728--was a poet, novelist, historian and essayist. he wrote that beautiful poem the "deserted Village.(")

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Friday 8

Very pleasant. Sister Nancie Thompson called over in the morning. Mrs Matthews sent for me to spend the afternoon at their house--but Sarah Knowles came in the stage so I did not go. Father and Mother went to Newmarket-- Mrs Wm Norris came here at night--Aunt Almira came down too. I wrote to Ellen Smith. I am a negligent girl about writing.

Saturday 9

Another beautiful day has past and gone and left poor me feeling somewhat blue. Aunt Almira Knowles and Sarah went home to night. Cousin John came up and Mr Norris came to spend the night. I called up to Frank Lawrences. They went to ride up to Mr Hills. I suppose Benton will come home to-night-- I want to see him very much.

Sunday 10

The warmest day we have had. Mr Norris' folks left for home today Benton and myself went up to Nottingham Center to Meeting. Nettie and I went to walk at noon and had quite a chat. Dow was up there. Clinton and Sarah Haley came up. all left at night. Father and Mother called down to Mr Dows.

Monday 11

Very warm. we washed in the morning--and sewed in the afternoon. Grandir and Frank went to Newmarket Grandma went down to Mrs Dow's. Nancie Ellen and Sylvia called over this afternoon. It really seems good to see some young people. I was beginning to feel lonely.

Tuesday 12

Cloudy. I ironed in the morning and then went over to Wier Davis' and spent the remainder of the day. Mrs Davis Thompson Mrs Pierson and Ann Maria Davis came in the afternoon. On my way home I called into Mrs Dows. The news is that Richmond is taken. I hope it is true.

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Wednesday 13

Cloudy in the morning, commenced raining at noon. Mother and I sowed our flower seeds. In the afternoon I came up to Uncle Kelsey's with Father. I commenced this morning to read Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" Hiram Kelsey is quite sick. Dr, Folsom came up at night. I am sorry Jennie K. is away. she went to Newmarket yesterday to spend the week.

Thursday 14

Cold and cloudy. Hiram is no better. Dr. Folsom came again this morning. I came over and called on Miss Beccie Harvey. She looked no smarter than anybody else. from there I went to Aunt Rebecca Giles and dined--a miss Fanny Bryant was there from Plaistow; in the afternoon I came to Grandsir Giles--took tea there. called in to Uncle Jacobs--Ed Mead and wife were there--mother and Frank came up and I came home--gladly.

Friday 15

Cold and cloudy. I went down to John Chesleys and spent the afternoon Francena and Belle Sawyer came up and I went home with them and spent the night. I had quite a nice visit at Mrs. Chesleys. They have a smart family of children--but--Oh dear me! I should be crazed by so many.

Saturday 16

Beautiful morning but came up cold and cloudy in the afternoon. I went to boat ride with the girls--enjoyed it very much. to Elder Isreal Chesley's and dined and came up to Mr. Cartlands to a teacher examination. I had a very bad attack of sick headache Mr. Cartland brought me home I was so sick. I joined Uncle Geo. Haley's folks here.

Sunday 17

Sunday cold and cloudy. I went to church. I hardly knew Mr. Davis for during his absence of two weeks he had his whiskers shaved off. Uncle S.A. Haley and Aunt, cousin Johnnie and Mrs. Thompson came up. I came to Newmarket at their earnest request.



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found Laura Stevens there. We went in town at night and when we came back we walked down to Fannie Young's had a very pleasant call--she and Emma came part way back with us.

### Saturday 23

Beautiful day. Quite comfortable weather this. I came over to Uncle Benjamin's to dinner and up to Uncle S.A's to tea. Benton came down in the afternoon. he and Frank Dame rode round together all after noon. In the evening we went over to Fannie Youngs--several of the scholars came down--fourteen of them.

### Sunday 24

Cool and cloudy. I went to church quite a full house. Text in the morning Psa. 10.15 in the afternoon Psa. 23 1.2.8. There was a new class formed made up mostly of Mr. Cartland scholars, gentlemen and ladies both. We have him for a teacher. I think it may be quite interesting for us it really seemed like old times to see and hear him talk. I went to the prayer meeting at 5 o'clock. Had a good meeting.

### Monday, May 25, 1863

Cool and cloudy. I commenced teaching the school in my own District. had 21 scholars. I dreaded the commencing for I could hardly make up my mind to open with prayer but I did and I think I shall succeed better by so doing. I called to Mr. Buttman's--Mr. Davis called but did not stop nor does he ever. He need not be frightened I'm sure.

### Tuesday 26

Beautiful day. have got along nicely with my school. After school I went up to Davis Langs to a prayer meeting, we had an excellent meeting though but few were present. Came home and the news came that brother Benton has "run off"--he left Sunday night but we expect him back. Left Newmarket yesterday morning.

### Wednesday 27

Beautiful day. had another pleasant day in school. my throat is

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Monday 18

Beautiful day, Aunt Mary Ann Haley went to Boston with Mrs Thompson--I went to the depot to see the Clintons little Amy, Sarah has gone to Haverhill with it to see her mother. I went down town in the morning. called into Uncle B.F. Haleys. Uncle Geo's folks were there. in the afternoon I went in to see Fannie Dow. She won't live long. In the evening Johnnie and I went to hear a ventriloquist & see some legerdemain.

Tuesday 19

Very pleasant. I came down to Uncle Benjamins. I took my little cousin Charlie out to ride. new amusement for me. Aunt Abbie is making a beautiful all wool delaine dress tan color striped with black. I called into Mrs. Piersons. What an unhappy women she must be, she is so jealous of wealthier people, especially relatives that don't happen to call.

Wednesday 20

Very warm. Aunt B.F sewed all day and I took care of baby Charlie. Oh deliverance! it is the hardest work that I ever did I believe. I took him out to ride again. I went out in the morning and did some shopping. Cousin Johnnie came down for me --John Haley's daughters from Dedham came with Aunt Haley. Alice Haley is 1/2 head taller than me and weighs 180 lbs. perfectly monstrous.

Thursday 21

Exceeding hot. Have suffered more with heat than I did all last summer. Alice, Augusta, and I went to walk in the morning. Augusta and I went down town at night and called at Uncle B.F. Haleys and Mr Piersons. After we came back we had quite a sing. The girls sing and play very nicely.

Friday 22

Warmer than yesterday. I should think we were having our warmest weather in May. I came over to Aunt Harvey's and

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some sore caused by talking I presume. had another scholar. The news is true I suppose about Benton's running off though he has said many a time he was going off because he doesn't like farming. I do hope he may see his folly & return.

Thursday, May 28. 1863

Very warm. have got along very nicely today but I feel very tired to night--it is so very warm. Charlie Cartland called in and brought me three letters--one from Benton, he said he was tired of work and he was going to visit, heard again he was in Boston. another was from Ada Perkins and the other from my teacher "Moses." Fannie called down at night. Mrs Buttman spent the afternoon here.

Friday 29

Mrs Buttman spent the afternoon here Very smokey so smokey the sun does not shine through it. I was surprized by seeing B.F. Dame he came up in the stage and came in school to tell me where Benton was. He is in Boston. I am afraid he will enlist. I do hope not for he does not realize what a step he is taking. Rev. Mr. Chesley and wife spent the day at the house. Mrs Dow took tea here. I called on Mrs. Hannah Lang.

Saturday 30

Warm and windy. Alice and Augusta Haley spent the day with me. They came from Newmarket last night with Johnny Haley. We looked for Benton home last night but he did not come. I fear he will not come. I shall not worry about him for it will do no good but leave him in the care of the Almighty, who careth for all.

Sunday May 31, 1863

Beautiful day. Augusta went to church with us. We had quite a full house. The Sabbath school is getting to be quite interesting. Clinton, his wife, baby and nurse with Johnnie all came up and spent the day. I do not enjoy Sunday visiting as much as a great many. We had a Sunday school concert at 5 oclock. Each one gave an account of his or her class had singing and remarks from several. I received a nice long letter from Francena and gave her

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one in exchange.

Monday, June 1

Beautiful day. I rode up to school and Frank went to carry Alice and Augusta over to see their Grandfather Gordon Haley. Bessie Cartland spent the day in school. I called into Fannie's on my way home. I went down to Mr Dows to a sing. Mrs. Lang and Mr. Pike were there besides myself. We had a beautiful sing. Benton came home from Boston. was glad to see him at home again.

Tuesday 2

Pleasant. quite cool. Benton carried me up to school. Mr Cartland and Carrie came into school this afternoon. Mr Davis came up and brought me his photograph. Mother and Grandmother went down to Mr. Dows to a prayer meeting. I received a letter from Mary Butler last night. Have just been writing Sarah Knowles and Francena. I fear my letters are rather nonsensical.

Wednesday 3

Beautiful and cool. Uncle Gordon Haley and Nancie Thompson came into school, I wish the school appeared as well when company is in as at other times. Nancie came home from school with me and took tea we had a nice cosy chat. The report is that L.D.S. (?Lawrence Dow Sanborn) is married and I am inclined to think it is true. What an awful blow to Mrs Dow. She would disown him and not to blame either I think.

Thursday 4

Pleasant, got along nicely in school Oh dear--I wish I could do more to make the chicks interested. What amusing incidents happen sometimes- patriarch pronounced partridge - dak duck. I would like to laugh sometimes but must preserve my dignity or all is overboard. Francena came from her dinner and found a hot fire built and burning nicely. how provoking really.

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Friday 5

Somewhat cloudy. I commenced school at 8 1/2 o'clock. let out at 3 came home & went to Dover. I enjoyed the ride very much it was so shady. Trees are so beautiful I think they ought to be set out all along the roads. Had a nice time at Harrisons. had pine apple in the evening for a treat. I think Dover is rather a still place for a city--should not like to live here.

Saturday, June 6

Cloudy rained part of the day. I had my photograph taken I expect it will be an awfully homely picture for "like begets like". Jennie Grandmother and I went down to the store. I called at J.P. Whitney's music rooms and looked at his melodeans think I shall have one next week. We came home at night. Called to see Geo. Matthews but he had gone to Newmarket. Right glad was I to get home. give me my country home before a city home.

Sunday 7

Rainy day. I suppose the rain is needed very much but for myself I didn't want to see it today for Mr. Cartland was going to deliver an oration on "The mission of poetry" at Lee Hill and I wished to hear it. I spent the day in reading it is a long day for me. I dislike to stay away from church--the whole live long day.

Monday 8

Rainy day. I rode to school. Grandmother rode up to Franks and Fannie is quite sick. I dreaded to come into school this morning but it rained most all day and I enjoyed it. I like rainy days in school once in a while. Some amusing incidents occur sometimes Abbie Piper called patriarch partridge another called our Governor Columbus. Miss Marston is rather a sensitive mortal and rather scornful.

Tuesday 9

Rainy again today. cleared up at night with a splendid shower. Everything looks as green as a cucumber. I called in to Fannie's

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morning and night. I am at work on my new dress. Oh what a bother it is to make dress sleeves. I should not make a very nice milliner and dressmaker. We heard of the death of Sarah Kelsey of Nottingham and Sarah Walker of Newmarket.

Wednesday 10

Pleasant but rather warm. I went down to spend the night with sister Nancie. I could not enjoy my visit as well as usual for I had a severe sick head ache. I found my schoolroom duties rather tiresome today. I believe I will never try to teach again for I feel myself entirely incompetent to teach the little minds. Oh that I had more energy. I know my fault.

Thursday 11

Pleasant. I arose quite easily and came home to breakfast. Frank came after me saying that Uncle Woodman's folks were here. I had a jolly time with them. They with Father and Mother went to the funeral of Mary Kelsey. I called into Mr. Buttman's as I came home. There was a funeral of a Mr. Burnham who came home from the war today at Epping.

Friday 12

Cloudy morning. Mother went up to Frank's. Father and Frank went to Dover to get my melodean but it did not come. I was not a little disappointed. In the afternoon mother went down to Uncle Samuel's. it came on very rainy. I trudged home in the rain. A young gent held an umbrella over my head part way. quite romantic I thought under the circumstances--it was Amos Piper. I got nicely wet through.

Saturday 13

Rainy in the forenoon, came off pleasant in the afternoon. Father Benton and I went up to Sylvester Thompson's funeral he was a soldier in the 13th Reg. he was buried under arms, it was a solemn sight. The town hall was full and as many outside. Sarah Walker was buried today. Her loss will be deeply felt, she was very much beloved by all. Uncle Knowles's family came down to spend the Sabbath. Johnnie came up. Sarah Bentley and Mattie

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Haly called.

Sunday 14

Beautiful day. I went to church, the house was full. He preached a sermon to the Sabbath school, quite interesting. Uncle S.A & BF Haley with their families came up. also Clinton and wife. 12 beside our own were here. I am glad to sit down in a little quiet. Oh dear me! Can nary any day but Sunday - give me rest. God made the 7th to rest in, and think on holy things, things pertaining to our future but little time I had today.

Monday, June 15, 1863

Rained a little in the morning came off very windy - I called in to Fannie's--Mary & Belle Buttman spent the afternoon at Grandmothers. Mr Dow called up - have had a pleasant day at school--have enjoyed my work to-day. can say for one day I like it for the chicks begin to feel some interest. Uncle Jonathan and Carrie Cartland came over and gave me an invitation to go to Concord.

Tuesday 16

Very windy all day. Grandsirs folks went to Northwood--I got along nicely today in school--have some block head to deal with among the others. excellent discipline for me. I called into Fannie's on the way home. I have dismissed my school until Thursday.

Wednesday 17

Cloudy morning--came off pleasant, I went to Concord with Jonathan and Carrie Cartland. C. is a very handsome city--an immense number of people from 30 to 40 thousand. I heard Gen. Butler and a Mr. Blair from Missouri speak. we visited the state house, a fine building--dined at the Phenix hotel. I enjoyed the day very much--and the ride too--saw a very fine looking little fellow going up who quite took my fancy.

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Thursday, June 18, 1863

Pleasant. I called into Fannie's going up. I am somewhat loth to go into the school room again today. The day has passed away very pleasantly. I went up to Mrs Langs to a prayer-meeting. Came down with Fannie and spent the night--Sarah Hills staid there too. We had a very pleasant time. Frank has not got home from Concord.

Friday 19

Pleasant, I have felt extremely cross in school today-- had a new scholar Albert Gile--I should really like to shake some of the little ones some times. Received papers from Mr Cartland contrary to an account of the "Allumni" association in Providence. Abbie Ewen came down to spend the night with me. Fannie called down a little while in the evening with Frank.

Saturday 20

Cool and pleasant - I had a school to make up for Wednesday - Jennie Kelsey visited the school. Laura came to the house and made a visit. Grandsirs folks came from Northwood--I am glad it is Saturday night for I wish to have a rest. four weeks have passed and I do hope I may succeed well by Gods help I'll try to do well.

Sunday, June 21, 1863

Cool and cloudy. I went to church some were not pleased with the afternoon discourse, but where one goes too (sic) or three come - never did the people seem so united as now I hope it may last. I went to the 5 o'clock meeting. We had a blessed meeting. the spirit of God rested on us. O may it ever be so. The day passed away and we had no company for a wonder. how strange!

Monday 22

Cloudy - I rode up to school, had 21 scholars only a few disinterested me How much patience, perseverance and all the good grace combined to keep school--I think I never will keep another school. but one cannot be idle--this is a world of trials--



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put upon me what thou wilt--Lord only save me in thy Kingdom at last.

Tuesday 23

Pleasant. I got along nicely today. Oh dear me it is hard work any way I do not see why my locks do not turn grey and I grow old faster, it is enough to wear anybody's nerves out. Uncle Knowles called to the school house. I wish sometimes I might have some company. I sat down and wrote Francena a long letter. I enjoy writing her.

Wednesday, June 24, 1863

Pleasant. I got along comfortably in school after it was done Benton and I rode down to Mr. Haines and took tea and from there to the village. I called to Uncle S.A. & BF. Haley's and on my way home called at Emma Perkins. I enjoyed the ride very much.

Thursday 25

Beautiful day. Bell Buttman came into school, we took tea at Mr Langs. Mrs Dow and Mr Davis were there too. Oh, how thick. I hope it will be lasting. We all went in to Mr Palmers to a prayer meeting. spent the night with Bell. I don't see how anybody can talk and slander as I have heard and then pray so good in a prayer meeting. I do hope I can keep my tongue bridled. it is hardly safe for one to think now-a-days.

Friday 26

Pleasant. Charlie Cartland & Emma Young visited my school. Elder Davis and Mrs Dow called up to Grandmothers. He came out here, had quite a sociable time. I gave him a bouquet and a piece of Syringe (?) to find out the sentiment--it is memory. how dared I.

Saturday, June 27, 1863

Beautiful day. I have had a nice rest from my school. have been making me a bead net. Grandsirs folks went up to Mr Bartletts.

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Sunday 28

Beautiful morning. How I love a quiet Sabbath morning. everyrthing seems to speak of the beauty of God. P.M. Have been to church all day. Mr Davis preached to the young men in the P.M. a splendid production too it was. We had 18.00's worth of new books brought in to our library. Cousin Johnnie came up after Grandmother. Jay and Ann Tuttle called down. I got my photographs. They are real good.

Monday 29

Very warm- I have enjoyed my self in the school room very much this day. I came over to Obadiah Davis's and spend the night. I called over to Jonathans. Moses - dear man - is dangerously sick with a lung fever at Pawtucket R.I. Oh! how we could give him up. he is very much beloved in town and would be very very much missed.

Thursday, June 30, 1863

Pleasant. came up from Mrs Davis and had a nice days work in the school room. come home to night very weary Oh dear me it is so tiresome walking but then, its no use to complain. I called into Bell Buttman's. Bless me! I am begining to think She and Geo Smith are all done with each other. He does not seem quite so attentive now-a-days.

Wednesday, July 1

Very warm. I came down to Mrs Lawrences to spend the night read all the way down so the way did not seem so long. I am having a very nice visit. I do not enjoy going out to spend the night but this is an exception. Mr Cartland is no better. Oh do hope he will get better but I do not think he will poor man. met Ann Tuttle coming from her school. I like very much to talk with her.

Thursday 2

Pleasant. I have had a nice cosy chat with Mrs Lawrence this

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morning. I like her very much I think she is a good woman. I came up with Mrs Sawyer who was going to Nottingham. I had a good laugh in my sleeve to ride with their fiery horse it is so swift: what fun. It was beyond my comprehension to see him go wonderful! Wonderful. Mattie Haly called up to night.

Friday, July 3, 1863

Cloudy. I am quite miserable this morning - Benton drove me up to school. Not many scholars today. Lucky for me I am sick. Came near fainting twice in school. News came that my melodean is at Newmarket tonight. I thought of going to Northwood but not feeling able. Shall spend the 4th at home.

Saturday 4

Beautiful day. Cousin Henry Haley came up and got Grandsir. Uncle Geo Haley's family came down & stayed here and he & Byron went to Newmarket. Benton and I went over to West Epping to a "pic nic" were but few present came home by Nottingham Sqr called to Mr Bartletts. I did not enjoy myself at all. Father went to get my melodean but it didn't come.

Sunday 5

Rainy day. This seems quite refreshing after having it so dry. Uncle Geo's folks spent the day here. I read and wrote all day, at night we saw a black speck in the north about the size of a man. it seemed to move eastward and drop to the earth quite sudden at last. We supposed it must be a balloon. could not account for it otherwise.

Monday, July 6, 1863

Pleasant. Uncle Geo's folks went home this morning. Johnnie came home with Grandsir. Grandmother is lame and not able to come. Johnnie came for me to take me home from school. Mr T brought True Thompson up to make a visit. I think he took a queer time for a visit this season. The awful news of dear Mr Cartlands death came to night. he died last night. his body reached here to night Oh how sudden! why was he taken away? Benton & I called down to Uncle Johnathon's to-night.

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Tuesday 7

Very warm. Mrs Dow called in the morning. Why does she speak against Mr Cartland. Never did I hear him talk against another as I have heard some people who profess great things. never did he slander people behind their back. He was a noble man. I can believe he rests in Heaven. dear teacher has gone Oh! can I realize my loss?

Wednesday 8

Pleasant. I closed school and went to the funeral of Mr Cartland. I called over last night. they felt very bad. Oh, it seemed so hard to give him up, his last advice he sent to us was: "Seek for substance and not for show." He died very happy repeating the 33 chapter of Isiah. The scholars followed directly after the mourners. after we came back Johnathon and to (two?) quaker women talked to us. How kind in them to console us.

Thursday, July 9, 1863

Rainy day. My melodean came last night--but I cannot bear to play anything but that which is solemn. How hard it seemed to go into school this morning--Oh dear Mr Cartland how much I have thought of him today--I received a letter from Sylvia Griffin she is in Exeter, she did not know of Mr C's death. How kind in Johnathan to be so mindful of us scholars. he reserved a room for us and we followed directly after the mourners.

Friday 10

Rainy day today. Teaching is a sad employment for me. How I wish one of my sister school-mates could be with me now to sympathize with me in this great affliction. If I feel so bad how must his children feel--darling ones I do pity them--poor orphans that they are. Mrs Dow called up. She said that Lawrence was going in the army very soon. She spoke very well of Mr C. tonight. She knows she had better (mind?) her time here.

Saturday 11

Pleasant - Ah! me I thought I could rest from my labors today but

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work on every hand stares me in the face. Charlie Cartland called up. I finished a letter to Francena of 19 pages. I wrote to Mrs Joseph Cartland and recieved a letter from Ada Perkins.

Sunday, July 12, 1863

Very sultry. I went to church and after meeting Francena and I went over to dear Mr Cartland's grave and to the school room. Oh how solemn everything seems over at the Grove. called in to Johnathans. He said Moses left \$5000 in money for the children. The Friends at Providence are going to educate Carrie. We came over to the 5 o'clock meeting \_\_\_\_\_ tonight at five o'clock Mr Cartland died. Uncle Ben brought Grandma home. Henry came up.

Monday 13

I went into the school room rather late this morning but this day has passed off very pleasantly and quietly. I have enjoyed myself teaching today, though I did not feel well. Aunt Almira Knowles came down. Henry went home.

Tuesday 14

Rainy day -- Aunt did not go home as intended. I am improving my time reading library books I brought home 22 to cover from the Sabbath school. Grandmother is quite lame. I fear she will never get over it. Alas, how time passes a few more years and some of us will be passed away. How sad to think of these things and yet they must be.

Wednesday, July 15, 1863

Cloudy. Aunt Knowles returned home this morning I rode up to school with her. On my way home I called into Mrs. Pipers and into Fannie's. Fannie and I had quite a discussion concerning Mr. Cartland. I do sincerely believe he was a Christian. Mrs Dow said Oleve was huffy she went right off and left her because she began to talk against Moses. poor woman is all that I can say.

Thursday 16

Cloudy morning. Came off clear in the afternoon. I went to

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prayer Meeting at Chas Palmers and from there up to Uncle Jacob Giles and spent the night-- I looked for Mr Davis in to school but he did not come. we had an excellent meeting. Oh I do enjoy these little prayer meetings.

Friday 17

Rainy day. I think we are getting dull weather to our satisfaction. I rode to school. Have had a very good visit. Mrs. Nealey from Min. was there. I was treated very cordially. Oh how changeable some people are. Benton came into school a little while. Father and Mother went down to D. Thompsons. I received a letter from Mrs. Joseph Cartland. Prov. R.I.

Saturday, July 18, 1863

A very rainy day-- I am beginning to be heartily ashamed of writing in this book for nobody can read it but myself nor do I wish them to at present. The news comes that Mr. J.D. Davis our minister is drafted. I do think it is awful--this draft--I really do not see how we can spare him but I am afraid he will go. -- The people seem to think that Mrs. Dow rules the roost in some things--too true I'm afraid.

Sunday 19

Showery. "This is the day the Lord hath made." I wish to leave this vain world behind and consecrate myself more fully to the cause of Christ. Mr. Davis seemed very sad poor man I pity him -- his sermons were very touching his texts Isa. 61: 1,2,3 P.M. Acts 17:31. I received a letter of 24 pages from sister Francena. Fannie Y. and she proposed that we sisters Nancy Bell Sylvia Fannie herself and I spend an hour every evening at 8 o'clock in reading the Bible and in prayer. I shall fall in with it. We may do some good.

Monday 20

Cloudy. I rode to school with Grandsir--kind old gentlemen. worked real hard walked home and went to writing. Uncle Jacobs folks and Mrs. Jos. Nealey of Min. called. I have been reading "Pride and Piety. It is real good.

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Tuesday, July 21, 1863

Cloudy morning came on raining very hard at noon--what dull cloudy weather we are having but the saying is every cloud has a silver lining. Father came for me when it rained the hardest and I had a nice ride home in the rain.

Wednesday 22

A beautiful day--seems really pleasant to have a bright day. I had only 11 scholars but found plenty to do. It is amazing to see what an attachment there is between Levi P. and Abbie E. I do think they are two little beauties. I called up to Mrs. Lang, but she was not at home. I called in to Mrs. Palmer and then came home across.

Thursday 23

Beautiful day. I got along nicely in school. received letters from Mr. Tucker and one from Charles Tilton an old scholar of Mr. Cartland's. I went home from school and wrote until dark. I took a horseback ride up to Frank Lawrence and down to Mattie Haleys. I enjoyed it very much. I did not get much time to practice on my melodean--shall have writing to do until school closes.

Friday July 24, 1863

Very pleasant. I had only 9 scholars in the afternoon. I hardly know what to do with myself. Hannah and Rebecca H. came in; in the morning at the comencement by Gods help we had our morning devotions. In the afternoon Nancie Thompson--Ellen and Fannie Young came in I enjoyed their visit. Benton and I took a horse back ride to the P.O. on our way home we called in to Mr Thompsons.

Saturday 25

Cloudy. I worked all forenoon and in the afternoon Fannie Lawrence and Sarah Hills, Nancie and Ellen Thompson and Fannie Young spent the afternoon here. my melodean troubles me exceedingly--the keys clutch down badly. Fannie Young spent the

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night with me. she seems a great deal better than she used to. I think she is a fine girl.

Sunday 26

Rained hard this morning but came off pleasant, so we all went to church. Mr. Davis preached two excellent sermons. The house was full in the afternoon some expecting he going to preach his farewell sermon--he has received no official notice and will not go until he does. Albert Norton and Elijah Stevens came over and staid until 5 o'clock. I did not go to meeting tonight.

Monday, July 27, 1863

Very pleasant morning--came up a hard thunder shower in the afternoon. I went up to Davis Langs and spent the night. I had a bad sick head ache or I should have gone up to Moses Thompsons. I was truly glad of an excuse. Had quite a nice visit --heard lots of news.

Tuesday 28

Pleasant. I have thought something of having an exhibition or rather an examination. I am really thankful school is going to close next week. I am really a heartless girl--I do not like to have a lot of dirty children hovering around me. it makes me long to get out of school and (go) home.

Wednesday 29

Rained until three o'clock. "How pleasant the life of a schoolmarm ain't at all times. I am reading "The little shoemaker". Abbie Piper came down and took tea. I do not like some children and some I do.

Thursday, July 30, 1863

A poor hay day--showers in the afternoon. I came down to Frank Langs and made a call. From there Bell Buttman and I went up to Davis Langs to meeting but showers prevented so we had no



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meeting. Geo. Durgin came into school. Things passed off to my satisfaction--he praised the school. Cousin Jon Haley came up and spent the night. Father went up to Dover--got me two sheets of music. Drafted in this Army (?) and Kingdom coming.

Friday 31

Cloudy. Showers in the afternoon. I had only nine scholars. I hardly knew what to do with myself. Laura Kelsey visited me this afternoon. I called into Frank Langs. Father came for me to go into Newmarket but I didn't go. Grandsir and Johnnie went to Northwood this morning. I have been copying my register tonight. I dread the remarks awfully. I received an excellent note from sister Nancie--dear girl she is. Oh that I was half as good.

Saturday August 1

Cloudy. Father and I went to Newmarket. Grandmother is very lame. I am afraid it will prove fatal. In the afternoon, father and mother went over to Obadiah Davis's. Frank Lawrence called at night. Aunt Jane Harvey, her little girl and Miss Anne Ham came to spend the night. My melodean troubles me much. I received a paper from Benj. Chase jr Bonds Village, Mass.

Sunday 2

Very warm. Benton Miss Ham and myself went over to Walnut Grove to a Quaker meeting. I shall always love and respect them. so humble and devoted. 10 of us visited Moses grave. How solemn and sad it seems over their. (sic) I feel that I am made better by every visit there. Aunt Harvey went home this afternoon. Father and Mother went down to Mr. Dows.

Monday 3

Very warm. My last Monday at school. Susan Willey visited my school. Coming home I stopped to Frank Lawrences and took tea. Miss Leavit has stopped a year in Georgia teaching she gave quite an account of their manners and customs. Francena commenced a school in Nottingham--good courage she.

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Tuesday 4

Pleasant. I called into Fannies. Grandsir and John came home John carried me up to school. I called up to Davis Langs in the morning. Nancie Thompson and Abbie Davis came into school and after school came home with me and took tea. Abbie is going to spend the night.

Wednesday, August 5, 1863

Pleasant. Fannie, Miss Leavit and myself went blueberrying after school down in "Cooks" did not get many. Mr Davis and Susan Sanborn are riding out quite smart. he is not going to war. I suppose some folks will tell him to practice more and preach less.

Thursday 6

Cloudy. Today is appointed by President Lincoln as national Thanksgiving for our late successes in battle. I hope we not crow too soon. I spent the day at home.

Friday 7

Pleasant. My school closed today. I am sorry for now I've nothing to do--in which I am very much interested. Called all along on the road. I am glad to get rid of my long tiresome walks--but I expect to be lonely for some little time. my school has been very pleasant.

Saturday, August 8, 1863

Rainy day. Father and Mother went up to Uncle Kelseys. I filled out my register--gave Benton a lecture. Oh dear me! I never see such a boy in the world. I wish he would work and have some ambition. I shall hope on hope ever. I practiced on the melodean some this afternoon.

Sunday 9

Very warm. I went to church. Mr. Davis preached very excellent sermons. This last week I have been reading Marcus

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Warland a splendid sermon and "Agnes of Sorrento" (Sorrows?) by Harriet B. Stowe. I did not go to prayer meeting. I wrote a letter to cousin Henry.

Monday 10

Pleasant. Worked all day. Seems quite a relief not to go to school. Ah how often I think of my beloved Teacher--could I once more see thy dear face and hear thy voice how thankful should I be. I could now appreciate his instruction.

Tuesday, August 11, 1863

Pleasant I called up to Frank Lawrences in the morning. in the afternoon Fannie and I went up to a prayer meeting. I feel that I am an unworthy Christian. My life doesn't come up to the standard that I wish it to. Aunt & Sarah Knowles came down this evening.

Wednesday 12

Beautiful day. Aunt & Sarah left for Newmarket. I went to walk at eve and got some Everlasting for wreaths. I had a nice time thinking of the days that are passed and gone. Oh that I might live my school days over again at dear old Walnut Grove. Long shall those days live in my memory.

Thursday 13

Pleasant. Mr. Dows folks the minister and Sirs all went to the beach yesterday. I received a long letter from Francena. Oh she is a dear girl. She will make a glorious woman. She writes beautiful letters. I went up to Frank Lawrences to tea Susan Sanborn and Mary Chase were there also Sarah Hills and Mrs. Melid.

Friday, August 14, 1863

Beautiful day. Father and Frank Knowles went to Newmarket. Sarah and I went to ride and called over to Walnut Grove. I do love to visit that dear old schoolhouse. Gave Carrie my

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photograph. Should like to have visited the grave but did not have time. I went down to Mr. Davis to prayer meeting--stopped in the evening and heard Mr. Davis play the violin. Sue came half way home with me.

Saturday 15

Beautiful cool weather we are having I worked all the forenoon hard in Grandmother's room. In the afternoon I went to the funeral of dear little Fannie Dow. She looked very beautiful covered with flowers but she was the prettiest flower. James Butler and wife, Abbie Lawrence, and Uncle Abbot's family came home after the funeral. Henry came and brought me home. Mr Davis and Sue Sandborn came up in the evening.

Sunday 16

A fine morning this. Uncle Benj. Haley is here sick! Benton went to Northwood after Aunt Abbie. Rev. Mr. Stearns of Epping preached today. I liked him much. Francena Sawyer came up and was to go to the 5 o'clock meeting but it rained hard so she is to spend the night we had a nice chat. She is an ambitious girl. Benton went to Northwood and got Uncle BF's wife.

Monday, August 17, 1863

Pleasant. Uncle Benjamin Haley's folks spent the day here--we went and got some blackberries to eat in the afternoon. Oh dear me! "I'm blue as the skies above me" What is the use of living I can do nothing that amounts to anything--housework, from one days end to another. Fannie called down. Mrs. Dow rode up to see Grandmother.

Tuesday 18

Pleasant. Have been to work all day. There was a prayer meeting to Chas Palmers but I didn't go. Several were anxious. I hope all sinners will feel their need of a refuge and flee from the wrath to come.

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Wednesday 19

Pleasant. I spent the afternoon with Mary Chase. She has a fine piano. Mary is a smart girl--so ambitious. She has some fine paintings and frames of her own make. On my way home I met Mr. Davis and Sue Sandborn they had been after the cows. strange, strange, strange !!! I cannot see through their plans.

Thursday, August 20, 1863

Very warm. Aunt Kelsey and Miss Louise Kelsey called in the morning. She is such a little darling--and such a talker I never saw. In the afternoon I went up to Uncle Kelsey's and spent the afternoon. There is a great difference between city and country people. I would like to spend a winter in the city for my manners need polishing.

Friday 21

Rainy all the morning. I went down to Mr. Dows at night with Mrs. Lang and Mary Palmer. We did not have much of a meeting--Josiah Thompson spent the evening here. he looks quite soldier-like.

Saturday 22

Cloudy. Father and Mother called up to grandsir Giles. Geo. Stevens and his father called here Geo is a fine looking gent but I cannot like him he is such a strong Copper-head.

Sunday, August 23, 1863

Pleasant I went to church here half a day-- a very full meeting in the P.M. Benton and I went to Nottingham from church we went up to James Butler's by the earnest request of cousin Jimmie and Mary. We went at 4 oclock to hear the funeral sermon of Lem'l Simpson who died in the army.

Monday 24

Pleasant. We have been busy all day washing and cooking. Oh dear me. I do dislike doing so much house work. A little will do

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very well. But there is no end here. I think I'd better live an "old maid" if I can't have someone do my hardest house work.

Tuesday 25

Very windy came up a very heavy shower at noon. Jimmie Butler and J. Tuttle called. Ward and Abbie Furber spent the day here. Uncle Harrison and family and Mrs. Hurd came to our part to stay a few days. In the evening Jimmie Butler came again and we called up to Uncle J. Kelseys -fine ride!!

Wednesday, August 26, 1863

Rained all the A.M. a poor time for Camp Meeting people. Daniel Dows folks and Sarah Bartlett spent the day here. the men all went to C.M. in the P.M. Mrs. Dow called Ward F. left. We had a nice sing in the evening.

Thursday 27

A gay day this has been. We all went to Camp Meeting. I met Chas. Tucker and had a long chat with him--he is very handsome and aristocratic. The "Square" people were there in the afternoon and evening. Jay and Mary Jimmie & I had a fine time and according to all appearances the others did. On coming home I found the house full and slept on the sofa.

Friday 28

The day is past and gone and I am as blue as the skies above me. I have been to C.M. all day I was introduced to James Dixon who they call so smart we were together listening to the sermon and chatting half the afternoon. I afterwards met Jimmie and we walked and talked and he brought me home. Oh! dear me !!!

Saturday, August 29, 1863

Cloudy. Uncle Geo's folks went home Frank and I called down to Mr. Lawrences and then took tea to Davis Thompsons. Have been very sober and dull all day. I am becoming very cold and distant even to dear friends--how unlike

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the example my teacher set before me. I must change my manner and be more friendly and less cool.

Sunday 30

Bright day. Father Mother and I went to Lee Hill to church. It has not seemed like the blessed Sabbath to me. my thoughts have been wandering far from God and heaven. my mind will roam over past scenes- I met Mr. Davis Drew at church he was extremely polite and quite social. I also met mother's cousin Abbie Parsons. Clinton's folks came up. seemed quite happy.

Monday 31

A nice cool day. More company-- Jeannie Kelsey and her two cousins Louise and Kate Kelsey of Cambridge spent the afternoon here. Nancie and Ellen Thompson called over. Louise gave me her photograph I like her very much better than Kate. Mother called down to Mr Dows. Grandmother is very lame.

Tuesday, September 1, 1863

Pleasant. At night Benton and I took a horseback ride up to Uncle John Kelseys. I enjoy riding horseback very much but I am not as an accomplished rider as my Grandmother used to be I have been cooking of our "pic nic" tomorrow for the Sabbath school.

Wednesday 2

A capital day for our ride. 9 o'clock found us at the Union in readiness. A large team carried 20. Uncle Jonathans team carried Nancie & Ellen Thompson & myself the others went in single teams. We went to South New Market the old Camp Ground and had a dinner and came home by the new Camp Ground. quite a long procession of us. I went up to Mrs Cartlands and spent the evening. Chas. Tilton's folks and Jos. Cartland's folks were there.

Thursday 3

Pleasant. Benton brought me to Nottingham Square this morning. In the afternoon Nettie Sarah Mary True and I visited Beccie's

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school Three of the Cilleys from Exeter spent the night here.

Friday, September 4, 1863

Pleasant - a company of the Square people went on a fishing excursion We had a long march climbed a high fence (but had a nice time after we got there - had a splendid dinner in the forest. Dow Mathes drove for Sarah Nettie & myself in his double carriage The Cilley's left today for Exeter.

Saturday 5

Beautiful day. I have been paid dearly for my yesterdays time by a real sick headache. We called on Mary True Scales in the P.M. Benton came up at night and I came home. Jimmie Butler is coming home to spend the winter. Jay Tuttle called.

Sunday 6

Pleasant. I went to church. Wm. Davis preached - rather slim sermons I thought. Jacob Blanchard took tea with us. Dow Mathes and Joe Bartlett called. What confounded fools folks are to say I am engaged to J.C. when I hate the sight of him

Monday, September 7, 1863

Pleasant. Grandmother is gone to Northwood - We washed and in the P.M. father and mother went to New Market. I am reading Country living and Country thinking by "Gail Hamilton" Abba Gail Dodge.

Tuesday 8

Pleasant. I worked hard all day Mother and Benton went up to Uncle Stevens' so I was left in the house all alone. Should liked to have had most anybody for a caller but company never comes when we want them - when it rains it "pours" with our company.

Wednesday 9

Pleasant. "work, work, work from morning 'till night - I think I am getting to be quite a good housekeeper. But I do not think of



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getting married at present.

Thursday, September 10, 1863

A fine day this. Mrs Wier Davis called in the morning. Mother was trading all the morning with a tin pedler -- like to have bought cart and all. I wrote to Miss Shapley an old Schoolmate of Bye.

Friday 11

I rode down to the P.O. on horseback and got a letter from Louise Kelsey called to Mrs Lawrence's. I enjoyed the ride much. In the evening I went with Father & Mother to a sing at Mr Dows. Susan S. remains there now. I met Francena there.

Saturday 12

Very warm- I spent the PM with Nancie Thompson. I came home in the dark--wet my feet and had quite a time stumbling over stumps & etc. Shall look out to start for home earlier another time.

Sunday, September 13, 1863

Rained a little during the day. I persuaded father to go to church had meeting only half a day Cousin Henry and Mr Thompson called up. Henry has enlisted in the 2nd Reg of Mass. Cavalry. Mr T. is a great talker and he says he has been in the service 11 years. Mrs Hund sent me two pieces of music for which I feel very grateful.

Monday 14

Pleasant. Aunt Kelsey spent the afternoon with us. I have been making grape jelly. the first I ever did.

Tuesday 15

Pleasant. I came down to Mrs Haines with Grandsir. Alanson is looking poorly - spend the night here they urge so hard. I visited the school this P.M. The teacher is not liked very well.

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Wednesday, September 16, 1863

Very warm. I came down to Uncle Abbots. They went to Dover in the P.M. and I spent it at Uncle Bens. Abbie and I rode up to the junction to carry her mother. Johnnie came down and waited on me up to S.A.'s like a gent.

Thursday 17

I called into Plummer Dows in the A.M. met with Mrs Hamilton Towle liked her much. Aunt Haley and I spent the P.M at Clintons. Uncle & Johnnie came up to tea and we all came home.

Friday 18

Cloudy day - I came up to cousin Clintons and spent the day. I bought me a new all wool delaino and a pair of kids to match. Benton came down tonight. I am going to spend the night at Clintons.

Saturday, September 19, 1863

Cloudy. I came up to Uncle S.A Haleys. He gave me a very handsome Photograph Album that holds 40. Benton went over to Durham and did not come back until dark and we had to come home in the rain.

Sunday 20

Cloudy. We went to church & came home in the rain. I wrote to Mary Butler and Louise K. I did not go the Prayer meeting on account of the rain. I hope to go to one this week. I think they are a great benefit to me.

Monday 21

Pleasant. Benton and I called up to Daniel Tuttle. Jay starts for California next Thursday with Horace Scales. he promised me his photograph. He and a Mr Thaxter entertained us with music from the violin and Guitar.

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Tuesday, September 22, 1863

Very windy. I made some wreathes and crosses of evergreen. I have been fixing my wine colored dress over. Grandsir and Grandmother came home from Northwood. Grandsir seems much happier at home. Grandma fails fast I can see.

Wednesday 23

An awful frosty morning - I am going to have a sing tonight. Mr Davis came up and said he can not come. I shall not invite him again very soon I think. He stopped to dinner for a wonder. Eve. I am very blue. nobody but Oliver Hills & D. Langs folks came - It is very provoking.

Thursday 24

Pleasant. I came up to Northwood as I have done many times before with Aunt and Frank. Sarah and I rode out with Ellen Hill she acted like a witch. I won't go with her again. Orin Tasker came in & played all the evening on the piano. Sarah has Dr. Hansen's wife's piano. I enjoyed the music exceedingly.

Friday, September 25, 1863

Rain rain rain all the day long. Aunt Almira Sarah and myself called up to Uncle Geo. Haleys. The remainder of the day and the evening we spent cooped up in the house.

Saturday 26

Cloudy all day. Benton and Frank came up and Sarah with us spent the afternoon at Uncle Geo. Haley's. David Smith is there on a furlough. After supper we went up to Uncle Henry's and spent the night. I received a letter from Francena.

Sunday 27

Fair and windy. We came down to Uncle Knowles. We went to the F.W. Baptist in the A.M. Benton Sarah and I went up to the Congregational meeting in the P.M. Mrs. Tucker gave me a very cordial greeting. Ellen H. came in in the evening. I played 2

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hours or more in the evening & we sang.

Monday, September 28, 1863

Beautiful morning. Joseph Grace and Mattie Tucker have been riding out--going to be a match right off I guess. P.M. Aunt, Sarah and I called up to Mrs. Buzelle's and Mr. Tuckers--enjoyed myself highly. We came home in the evening.

Tuesday 29

Beautiful Autumn day. Oh how I long to go out in the forest. Benton and Grandmother went over to Raymond. Carrie Cartland called over while Phebe went to Ensign Dow's. Uncle Geo. Haley came down.

Wednesday 30

Pleasant. Aunt Furber and Aunt Betsey came and spent the day. Aunt Mary Ann and Johnnie came up to tea. I had a terrible sick headache. The Episcopal Society of Epping have a Levee tonight.

Thursday, October 1, 1863

Pleasant. Frank, Mother and myself went to New Market. I got my new dress fitted took dinner at Uncle Benj's Mother and Frank went to Aunt Harvey's and dined--came home at night tired enough. It is hard work to do shopping.

Friday 2

Cloudy. Sewed all day. I am robing my body while my mind remains unrobed. I must try to read more. My compendiums lay untouched. Aunt Furber left today.

Saturday 3

Clouds seem to hover over us but they have a silver lining like all clouds. The darkest hour is before light and I suppose it is so in many things through life.

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Sunday, October 4, 1863

Everett Fogg an old school mate of Benton's and mine came over from Epping and went to church with us. I was introduced to John Rowell a friend of the late Moses Cartland. Mr Davis preached a rather hard sermon for nervous people.

Monday 5

Pleasant. I called over to Abbie Davis's. Grandmother spent the day at Mrs Dows. Everett Fogg left this morning. He is a nice little fellow and ambitious to become smart. He sings prettily. I spent the night up to Frank L's.

Tuesday 6

Pleasant. Carrie Bessie and Charlie Cartland came over and spent the afternoon. Uncle Jonathan sent me a copy of the letters of Ada Parker. Carrie is a real nice young lady.

Wednesday, October 7, 1863

Pleasant. I am just as busy as I can be. Benton and I intended to go up to Epping to hear a lecture from Mr Shepard but it rained at night. I went up to Fannie Lawrences and staid. Frank is gone.

Thursday 8

Rainy day and I am glad of it for I don't want to go visiting. Spent the day with Fannie and night as Frank does not come home. We are having a fine time.

Friday 9

Fair and bright. I came home and then walked down to Mr Lawrences and dined from there Nancie T. and I went over to Mr Mathes' where with the Cartland children we spent the P.M. Benton came in the evening. Dow and I had a good chat.

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Saturday, October 10, 1863

Beautiful day. I took a tramp in the woods all alone. I enjoyed it exceedingly-- Oh how beautiful is Autumn. It reminds us of things sad. The falling of a leaf speaks to us of death. We soon must die and wither as a leaf.

Sunday 11

Cloudy and cold. Rather against my inclinations I attended church. Rev. A.J. Davis preached. I like to hear J.D.D. better but I like A.J. as a man quite as well. Cousin Johnnie Haly came up to church. I didn't go out at night to prayer meeting.

Monday 12

We are to work in right good earnest. I have taken up the parlor carpet and this PM Mother and Grandma are quilting. I suppose the gossips are busy or will be when they hear we are quilting. Well people will know when I am married but that won't be for many years.

Tuesday October 13, 1863

Pleasant. Ironed and quilted all day but myself. I am embroidering a skirt for Carrie Cartland. Mrs Lang called to beg of Grandma for the ministers salary. Father gave twenty dollars and she thought that was enough for all.

Wednesday 14

A lovely Autumn day. Mrs. John Dow came down and spent the day. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Sargent called. The third quilt is ready to go in. Really a good stock I am having in readiness for my special occasion.

Thursday 15

Another splendid day and I called over to the Cartlands. I met a Miss Sawyer of Boston there. Nettie Cilley came down while I was there and came home with me.

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Friday October 16, 1863

Cold and cloudy. Cousin Nettie and I called down to Mr. Lawrences but Mrs. L had not returned from Boscawen. I received a letter from Louise Kelsey and from A.H. We visited the North River School and called to Daniel Dows. Mr Davis called at night.

Saturday 17

Very rainy all the A.M. Cleared off in the P.M. and Nettie and I went to Mr. Dow's--a real old folks visit. Mr D. was gone. Sarah Hills spent the P.M. with Grandma. She came down to meet us and a bob tailed cat followed us all home. Nettie went home tonight. Benton \_\_\_\_\_ Newmarket.

Sunday 18

Very pleasant and warm. Mr Davis preached an excellent sermon this morning everyone liked it. In the P.M. he touched a little on polotics (sic) which I do not like any better than some other people. I went down to Mr. Thompsons to prayer meeting.

Monday October 19, 1863

I was up bright and early and went to work. I am thinking of going to Providence to school with the Cartland children. I sewed all day beside doing my housework. In the evening I read to Grandsir in Barmn's Life written by himself and a funny thing he is.

Tuesday 20

A fine day. I am as busy as a bee. In the afternoon I rode down to Mrs. Lawrences and called Francena came along and we went to Walnut Grove to see about going to school and Johnathon promised to apply for us.

Wednesday 21

Very pleasant weather this. Indian summer I think it must be Wier Davis and wife came over and spent the evening. I am really

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afraid we shall get cheated of going to school after all I dread to go on Grandsir and Grandma's account--fearing I should never see them again. Oh a sad thought it is for me soon the(y) must go the way of all the earth.

Thursday, October 22, 1863

Cooler. I dread the winter very much. I should like to go South if all was peace and harmony as it should be. Thomas Haley called and I did not know him. Benton and I went to Newmarket and came back to Mr. Sawyer's to a meeting. Reverend J.B. Davis preached and I liked him exceedingly well.

Friday 23

Cool and somewhat cloudy. I fear we are going to have another Saturday's storm. Mother went up to D. Lang's in the A.M. and I was all done. Grandfather made me a present of a nice cloak when I get ready for it. Oh what a blessing to have kind friends.

Saturday 24

Cloudy. Father and Mother started for Northwood and Deerfield and there is no one left at home but Grandsir Frank and I. I don't admire housekeeping for any body else very much (as much as to say I'd like it better for myself.) Well I should.

Sunday, October 25, 1863

Pleasant. Benton went to Nottingham to meeting. Frank went to the funeral of Fanny Blaisdell only child of Geo. Blaisdell. I staid at home for a rarity on Sunday.

Monday 26

Beautiful day. I am left all alone something new for this house to be vacated. It seems good to have a quiet once in a while. I am really afraid I shall get cheated out of going to school now. I am so sorry!



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Tuesday 27

Pleasant. I had several callers but no visitors and was alone all day until night. Father and Mother came home having had a nice visit all around. Last evening Frank & I went down to Mr. Dows to meeting. J.B.Davis preached.

Wednesday, October 28, 1863

Pleasant.

Thursday 29

Beautiful day. Have been fixing my winter bonnet it is a rather odd concern some would say but so much the better. It costs me .30 only. Fannie came down and took tea. She wanted me to go up and spend the night.

Friday 30

Cloudy. I went to New Market and got a new cloak with the X that my benevolent Grandfather gave me. If I only had money plenty I should like to buy lots o'new things but I must put up and be thankful with what I have got.

Saturday, October 31, 1863

And the last day of another pleasant month has past and gone never more to be brought up only our thoughts and doings will all be brought to light that day when we must appear before the great--Tribunal.

Sunday, November 1

I went to church wore my new winter suit. I hope I was not too proud of my new cloak. I was introduced to Mr. Waterhouse of Barrington he was all-killing sociable I could not get away from him, he wished me to take a school at Barrington.

Monday 2

Father and mother went off to Grandsir Giles in the evening.

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Cousin Jimmie Butler and Mary True Scales came down and spent the evening. He is just as handsome as he can be. Perhaps I think so more than any body else.

Tuesday, November 3, 1863

Pleasant. Benton and I went to Mr Thompson's to meeting in the evening. there were but few present. Many unconverted young men whom I wish to see praying and praising their father in heaven. Mr Davis called.

Wednesday 4

Pleasant. Father and mother spent the evening at Wier Davis's - Benton is down at "Little" John Dows to work a few days. we miss him if he is not so agreeable sometimes.

Thursday 5

Cloudy day but came off pleasant in the evening. We had a meeting of our choir here. Mr Davis is the whole life of a company. Francena came up. she has got enough for to have a school at W. Grove.

Friday, November 6, 1863

Pleasant. Uncle Caverly called. he said Sarah was anxious for her soul's salvation she rose for prayers in meeting. I am very glad I have wished for the same. Father and I went to D. Langs to a prayer meeting.

Saturday 7

Cloudy. Father and mother went to New Market. Saturday night has come again Oh how fast we are passing on in life. The tide of time is bearing us onward and where will it end! What will be my end!

Saunday 8

Cloudy sky but I hope our minds will not be cloudy on God's holy day. Mr. Davis preached the beleif (sic) of the F. W. Baptists.

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I believe it all. I think I should rather join that church than any other.

Monday, November 9, 1863

Pleasant. Uncle Abbots came here to tea. Uncle had been round assessing and Aunt rode with him. I guess I shall go next time. I should enjoy it exceedingly. Uncle S.A. is my favorite man. O that I may be as fortunate in getting a husband.

Tuesday 10

There is a prayer meeting tonight at Mr. Dow's but I am not going. Oh! what a world this is. People in one part thinking only of worldly pleasure while a few humble ones are seeking for pleasure to come in Eternal Life. Let me be one of the latter.

Wednesday 11

How little I appreciate all the blessings that are bestowed, how ungrateful I am. how many poor are suffering with cold and hunger and sickness while I have a good home and kind friends. Oh may it always be so though I little deserve it.

Thursday, November 12, 1863

Very warm. I walked up to Davis Langs and spent the afternoon there on my way I called into Mr. Pipers I met Fannie Lawrence at Mrs. Langs. There was a sing there in the evening. Mr Davis and Wm. his brother were there. L.D.S. poor fellow! was there. I am sorry for him.

Friday 13

Pleasant. Father and mother went to Dover had there (sic) photo's taken. I received a letter from J. Tuttle and Louise Kelsey. J. sent me his photo. a fine looking fellow he! Mrs Frank Lang called and invited me to go with her after Beccie at Epping. We visited her school took tea at Mr. Wiggins.

Saturday 14

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Cloudy. Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Batchelder spent the afternoon here. Mr Davis came up and took tea. We practiced an anthem for ordination. I have got to commence it alone. "How beautiful upon the mountains." How little confidence to be put on some people.

Sunday, November 15

Rained hard all day. no meeting. I wrote to Carrie Cartland at Providence and read part of the day so it did not seem so very long. I would rather have pleasant Sabbaths but God's will and not mine always and I must be cheerful.

Monday 16

Rained about all day--in the evening father and I went to Davis Thompsons to practice the tunes for ordination we came home in the rain. I enjoyed it much more I presume than the driver. Howard Glidden and Jacob Blanchard called.

Tuesday 17

Rain! rain! rain all day long and work! work! work all the day long. How happy is the person who is blessed with a contented mind, not always longing for things beyond our reach or for positions which they are not competent to fill.

Wednesday, November 18, 1983

Cloudy. Our minister J.D. Davis was ordained the services were interesting-- very. The singing was very good considering all. I was not as frightened as I might have been commencing all alone. Benton and I spent the evening at John Cilleys. Jimmie Butler and Dow Mathes spent the evening there too. They formed a church yesterday for all it rained so hard.

Thursday 19

Very warm. Jennie Kelsey and Laura Stevens spent the afternoon and evening at the meeting-house there was a church meeting and we that had been converted told our experience. How I did it I know not for I had no strength of my own.

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Friday 20

Pleasant. I was up bright and early and rode over to Epping with Jos. Cartland where I met Francena and Belle Sawyer and we all went to Manchester to the N.H. Teacher's association had a splendid ride up conversed with a soldier a long time. He bought some apples and treated us. Also conversed with an elderly gentleman he was an old teacher. We boarded at the City Hotel. The meeting was exceedingly interesting. (over to the last note?)

[Note: see final memorandum sheet, reprinted below]

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November 20th I went to Manchester with Jos. Cartland and the Sawyer girls. We visited to (a) Nunnery, went to a oyster supper at a salon given by the Manchester teachers teachers (sic). We boarded at the City Hotel became acquainted with several people a Miss Burnham of New Boston, Carrie Paige of Weare, Miss Shed of Merrimack, Caddie Gove, Mary Osborne, a Mr. Tash and Brewster of Dover, Charlie Paige and Rodney Chase of Weare. We came home Saturday night in the rain. had a capital time.

Saturday, November 21, 1863

Cloudy. I was happy to meet a cousin Saml. Haley of Andover at our boarding house. he went with us to a gun manufactory and walked about considerable to see the Lions. The association adjourned sine die this noon. We came home at night.

Sunday 22

Beautiful day. I attended church as usual. Rev. Mr. Plummer preached for a rarity. Dow Mathes attended meeting here. A Mr. Page is stopping at our house he seems to be quite intelligent. How pleasantly the days are passing by and am I growing any better?

Monday 23

Pleasant. Father and Mother went up to Uncle John Kelsey's. Laura sent me her photo. Cousin Jimmie and Mary Butler spent the evening at our house. I was alone and glad to see them. Jim

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gave me an invitation to his party on Friday.

Tuesday, November 24, 1863

Rainy day. An invitation to a party does not give me the thrill of joy it used to, old things have passed away and all things have become new. I do consider it a sin for a person who professes to be a christian to make a practice of attending large parties for God is not blessing them in so doing.

Wednesday 25

Beautiful day. Father went to Newmarket. Josiah Thompson came up and spent the evening--Father and Mother spent the evening at Mr. Dows. Lawrence D. Sanborn has gone to New London to school again.

Thursday 26

Very pleasant. Thanksgiving has again come round and brought the Haley family together once more Harrison's wife excluded. It does not seem like Thanksgiving it is such a beautiful day.

Friday, November 27, 1863

It seems like a September day. The folks have all left except Johnnie. Benton Johnnie and I came to Nottingham tonight to Jimmie Butler's party. Johnnie carried Belle Buttman. I came not to please myself but my dear cousins Jimmie and Mary.

Saturday 28

Came on raining at 10 o'clock. The party passed off gloriously. There were 40 present. had a splendid treat. I was introduced to Geo. Perce one of Jimmie's class-mates in Coll. Sarah and Nettie looked very pretty in their new silks. I was dressed very plain but I felt just as well. I am enjoying myself finely with Mary and Jimmie.

Sunday 30

A pleasant morning. Jimmie brought me down to meeting. Sarah

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Nettie and Mary True came down to church there being no meeting in the evening. Have decided to go to Ipswich with Mary Butler.

Monday, November 30

I commence operations to get ready to go to school. Quite a new start for me. The school commenced at Walnut Grove today. Mr. Gibson of Deering N.H. teaches. Oh how different it will be from last year, Oh could Moses have been spared a little longer but God new (sic) best.

Tuesday, December 1, 1863

The scholars at the grove do not seem pleased to have me stay away but I think it will be for my good to go away to school although I should enjoy it much to go over to dear old Walnut Grove. I'm somewhat afraid it would please J--- too much.

Wednesday 2

Windy but sunshiny. Grandmother and I spent the afternoon at John Mathes's, had a nice visit as usual. Mrs. Matthews is an excellent minded woman. I never tire of hearing her talk. She reads a great deal and is well posted on everything.

Thursday 3

Very cold. I rode over to Walnut grove and visited the School. I was much pleased with Mr. Gibson, their teacher. Benton goes. Oh what a change since one year. It seems as though Moses cannot be dead. No one can fill his place as a teacher. Benton and I spent the evening at Mr. Buttman's.

Friday, December 4, 1863

Very warm. I went up to Davis Langs to prayer meeting. A prayer meeting is a precious place to me. Mr Davis called, Mr. Paige Captain Smith and Ensign Dow called. Gentlemen seem to be quite plenty today, but unfortunately most all old ones.

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Saturday 5

Pleasant. I went to Newmarket with father, dined at Uncle Abbots got Fannie Dows photo. In the evening Benton and I called up to Mr. Butlers. Mary and I talked over matters and things concerning school &c.

Sunday, December 6, 1863

A beautiful day. Mr. Davis, Mrs. Lang Mrs. Burnham Miss Edgerly and myself followed our Saviour into the water in baptism. It was a cross but "no cross no crown". We four joined the church and joined in communion with them. A solemn and great step to take, may God help us.

Monday 7

Very pleasant. I commenced to pack my trunk a trying job for me. I called down to Uncle Saml. Haleys and took tea to Mrs. Dow's with Susan and J.D.D. Frank Lawrences folks and Laura Norris spent the evening here came to bid me good bye. kind friends.

Tuesday 8

Very warm and pleasant. Mrs. Matthews came up and brought me a book to carry with me, and bade me an affectionate "good bye" very kind in her. Johnnie Haley came up. Father went to Newmarket. Mr Gibson and Eugene Hanson spent the evening at our house. was pleasant to see Mr. G.

Wednesday, December 9, 1863

Cloudy. I came to Ipswich Mass. the first time of my going away from home. It was hard leaving. I had a pleasant ride here with cousin Mary Butler. Ipswich is a very pretty place. I think I shall like (it) much. My bedfellow is a Miss Metcalf.

Thursday 10

Cold. I should not object peeping into home this A.M. I feel like a stranger in a strange land. I have got classed partly. Oh dear I



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do feel some what lonely. I like my boarding place very well but it is not like home by any means.

Friday 11

Pleasanter than it has been because it is not so cold. I have just commenced in my studies French History and Music. The Miss Sanfords came last night. I am to sit with them. I like the girls in the other house very much and would quite as lief room there.

Saturday, December 12, 1863

Snowed last night and has rained most all day. Today we have to ourselves to bathe, mend and clean up in general. I called down to Mary L.s took my first music lesson and at 4 o'clock Mary Butler and I went to the seminary to a prayer meeting held by the girls and some of the teachers.

Sunday 13

A rainy day. I went to the Congregational church it is a splendid church and the preacher is very smart. Rev. Mr. Southgate. His text was 1st Kings 19.13 What dost thou here Elijah! Text in the afternoon 2 Cor. 1.17.22 I(t) rains enough to make one homesick. but I feel more contented tonight than here to fore.

Monday 14

Rained hard all day. I have studied hard all day and evening as hard as I can but we have such hard lessons that it takes more time than I have. Oh dear could I but look in the sitting room at home! I wrote to Carrie C.

Tuesday, December 15, 1863

Very cold and windy. I am feeling quite bright. Oh! it is my prayer that I may have health and strength to go through with the work that is placed before me. I haven't spoken to but one man since I came here. I'm afraid I shall'nt know how to appear by the time I go home.

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Wednesday 16

Pleasant day: welcome fair morn! I cannot say my soul is my own here. I am driven so by study and then do not have lessons to satisfy me. I received a letter from Francena and Nancie. dear girls could I but see you at Walnut Grove tonight.

Thursday 17

A cold raw day. Commenced snowing at noon. I go to Mrs. Cowles to practice every day called in to see Mary L. B. and Fannie Gulager. I slept in the other house last night. I do feel a little homesick but I will try to be cheerful.

Friday, December 18, 1863

Rain and sleet. Mrs. Cowles says we may keep house and write compositions a thing that I dread exceedingly. I took another music lesson at 10 and practiced 2 hours. The subject of of my compo.(sition) is "The Love of Money. I spent the night with Mary Butler.

Saturday 19

Cloudy. We all went to the Sem. and got the topics for our Sunday Bible lesson. I did not go to meeting tonight but staid with cousin Mary B. I am afraid she is going to have a fever. I partly wrote my history of the Crusades for Monday. Recd. a letter from Sarah Knowles.

Sunday 20

Cloudy. I have a severe cold and am quite unwell consequently I can not go to church. My roomates Mary and Corda Sanford are very kind to me. Oh! How much would I give to go to church at home this Sabbath day.

Monday, December 21, 1863

Cold, but the sun shines this A.M. I went to school although I had a severe cold. Today is the shortest day of the year, but I do hope that as the days begin to lengthen the cold will not strengthen for

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it is very cold now. Mary Butler is a little better but looks badly now.

Tuesday 22

Beautiful day. I went to school as usual. We partly recited our bible lesson. At night some of us young ladies went (sic) to walk. I enjoyed it exceedingly and it is just what I need. I called in to Mary's several times. I staid with her last night awhile.

Wednesday 23

Pleasant. The same routine over and over from day to day. Rise at 6 1/2 breakfast at 7 go to Sem. at 8 3/4 dine at 1 1/2 go to sem at 2 and practice until 4. I went to meeting Mrs Cowles talked to us. I tried to have some of the girls go but they would not.

Thursday, December 24, 1863

Pleasant. We have all been Christmas-hunting and come home with a lot of pretty things to fill each other's stockings tonight. I gave cousin Mary Butler a bottle of cologne. I received a letter from Austin and right welcome was it too.

Friday 25

A merry christmas to all. we all assembled in one room and opened our stockings and lo and behold there came forth a multitude of presents from each girl. We gave Miss Manley a silver napkin ring and butter knife Mrs Cowles good soul gave us the whole afternoon and evening. We had tableaus in the evening. They were splendid.

Saturday, December 26, 1863

A lovely day. I called on Sarah Lord and Nellie Kilburn with Mary Butler. I wrote Austin and sent a little pair of mittens to him. I received letters from Louise Kelsey and cousin Jimmie Butler Oh! did I not rejoice? It seems almost like seeing a friend to get such good letters as both of these.

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Sunday 27

Snowed furiously all the morning but cleared away in time for church. The text was Saml. 2.8. I did not know the speaker his manner was very peculiar. How much should I like to hear my own pastor J.D.D. this day. but God has sent me here. I have no doubt of it and there is a work for me humble though it be, by his help I will do whatsoever he desires me to. The minister was Mr. Tenney of Manchester Mass. his sermons were splendid afternoon and evening. I went in the evening.

Monday, December 28, 1863

Cold and Cloudy. Commenced storming at noon nevertheless we had to run to and from the Seminary. I wrote Benton and Carrie Cartland's letter of this A.M. I answered for New Years. She sent John Rowells photo. We had a prayer meeting at our room, it seems really like home.

Tuesday 29

Very slippery but fortunately I have not fallen. I was surprised to receive a letter from Joe Dow asking me to write him New years which I am going to do. I received a letter from home sweet home. Wrote to Nancie Thompson and Dow Mathes.

Wednesday 30

Beautiful day. The year is almost past and gone and how little have I done to benefit my fellow creatures. I feel myself one of the most unworthy of mortals and if I had not God to sustain me, I should despair sometimes. It is my desire to try at the beginning to do all in my feeble power to work for Christ who has done so much for me. I wish to make that my whole aim to live for his glory. We had a meeting tonight Mrs. Cowles talked to us. She is a dear woman.

Thursday, December 31, 1863

God has in his mercy spared my seemingly unprofitable life another year and tonight as the curfew tolls the knell of parting day I think perhaps this may be the last night of a year's end that I

shall see. How free has been my life from trouble thus far but perhaps before the last night of another year comes some dear friends may be laid away in the silent tomb doubtless such will be the case. What have I done to honor my savior this past year. Ah I have come far (short?) of the true standard. I have done many things that this night I feel sorry for and by God's help I will never do again.

Resolved that from this time hence forth I will try to speak not against any one and try to treat every one Christ like.

Resolved that I will do all I can to promote the happiness of my fellow beings. And always speak a word for Christ when I can.

### Memoranda

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Miscellaneous: The Erie canal is the longest. situated in N.Y. 36 miles.  
Groton Water Works are in New York.  
Fairmont " " in Philadelphia  
Cochituate " " Boston  
Mt. Auburn cemetery, near Boston  
Greenwood " " New York

December 31st What a change from a year ago this night. Ah I well remember. dear Mr. Cartland was alive and I was gaily writing letters for the Festival, now he is gone to his rest, his children gone away. I am in Ipswich Mass. and some of the girls are attending school at the dear old grove.

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Walnut Grove Apr 15th 1863. We had a public Lyceum or it might well be called an exhibition -- had singing declamations recitations reading of papers by Nancie Thompson and Francena Sawyer. charades &c. the schoolroom was quite full. Everything passed off very quietly and good order was kept. I conjured up a piece and called it a visit to grandmother's 20 years ago. We rigged up an old fashioned (sic) rig. Nancie was grandmother, Nettie Fannie and myself girls going a visiting and Stephen Frank and Howard our beaux coming to go home with us. it took very well with the audience.

April 18th Was a sad day to me. I could not have felt worse if we had

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been having a funeral, many were the bitter tears I shed at parting--something unusual for me. I came home with a heavy heart, found Rev. J.M. Buckley at our house, he sails for Europe May 9th.

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I promised to write Nancie Thompson and Francena Sawyer one year from today. See N.H. April 1st 1863 also Nettie Cilley April 17th. I promised to write Sylvia Griffin one year from today, God permitting.

[Accounting Log Starts from Ipswich Seminary starts here]

Dec. 9th	Cash on hand		30.99
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" "	Diary	.33	
" 11	Clothes Wash	.33	
" 16	Tuition	18.00	
" "	Postage		.50
" 17	Librarian	.15	
" 22	Confectionary	.08	
" "	Elastic	.03	
" 23	Present for Cowles	.25	
" "	Mrs. Hanley	.22	
" "	present-girls	.50	
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Cynosure - North Star

My dear friend and teacher Moses A. Cartland died Sunday July 5th at Providence R.I. He went to meet with the Alumni Association and to deliver an oration it was to (sic) much for him. he was taken with lung fever and never returned. Carrie and Charlie were with him the last week he was sick a fortnight. Oh can it be that I shall never see his dear face again, and hear his kind greetings? All honor to his memory. He leaves 5 children fatherless and motherless, but never will his scholars see them suffer. He was a man beloved by everyone --no enemies. and none but

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what loved him excepting one of our neighbors and never shall I forget it in her.

July 9. Oh! how hard to be reconciled. how hard to give Mr. Cartland up. but I feel confident he rests in Heaven. He died happy, wished his children to get religion, not for show but to have it in their hearts. There was no one on earth that I could go to with so much freedom for instruction or advice--but now all seems a blank--how hard to sever the ties of such close friendship. All the last winter scholars felt very deeply--Nancie and Sylvia were not there. I dread commencing my school again for I looked to him for advice he was a kind committee.

November 20th I went to Manchester with Jas. Cartland and the Sawyer girls. We visited to (a) Nunnerry, went to a oyster supper at a salon given by the Manchester teachers teachers (sic). We boarded at the City Hotel became acquainted with several people a Miss Burnham of New Boston, Carrie Paige of Weare, Miss Shed of Merrimack, Caddie Gove, Mary Osborne, a Mr. Tash and Brewster of Dover, Charlie Paige and Rodney Chase of Weare. We came home saturday night in the rain. had a capital time.

[Another short Account Log ends the Memorandum Pages]

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Back Facing Page:

Pax vobiscum  
Letters I have to ans.  
Sylvia  
Austin  
Louise  
Carrie

Books that I want,

Diary of Sarah Olevia Haley

Eyes and Ears by N.W. Beecher  
Timothy Tilton's Letters

Inserted Note Sheet:

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Polar circles are 28 1/2 degrees from the pole. It is the limit of sunset.

General Stonewall Jackson  
T.J. Jackson  
recently died.

General Burnside a native of Rhode Island.

Valond  
loyal, true, faithful.