



Hosea Doton's  
Memorandum for 1872  
Transcribed by Scott Fletcher



## Preface

Hosea Doton was born in 1809 on his family's homestead on Cloudland Road in Pomfret, VT. His father, John Edward Doten, was a farmer and surveyor. Hosea attended the Cloudland school and continued to study mathematics and science after leaving school.

In 1829, Hosea Doton began teaching at a school in Pomfret and, the following year, he taught in Woodstock. He continued to teach in area schools and gained the affection of his scholars by interesting himself in their lives as well as their studies. More than one hundred and fifty of his young scholars became successful teachers. He also saw his students, "on the bench, at the bar, in the editorial chair, and in business."

Hosea Doton married Lois Paddock in 1834 and they had a daughter, Abba, in 1840. In 1855, Hosea published a map of Windsor County featuring his surveys of all the towns and villages. After Lois Doton died in 1857, Hosea married Harriet Ware, but she died of fever less than six months after their marriage.

In 1865, Windsor County voters sent Hosea Doton to represent them in the Vermont State Senate. He was re-elected the following term. In 1867, Hosea Doton left teaching to serve as surveyor and engineer for the Woodstock Railroad. He also worked as an engineer for the Northern New Hampshire Railroad.

On July 4, 1868, Hosea married Julia Elvira Wood who he often refers to in this diary as Mrs. D. They lived in Woodstock and faithfully attended the Universalist Church. While working for the railroad, Hosea continued to visit local schools, supervise teachers, and help select textbooks. Through much of his life, Hosea Doton made daily meteorological observations that were published in newspapers and almanacs, and which he submitted to the Smithsonian Institution.

During 1872, the year of this diary, Hosea and Elvira rented a home in Woodstock, VT from Sylvester E. Munger. In June, they moved into a home owned by Charles Fitch where they cared for his mother. In 1873, Hosea Doton bought a house on Pleasant Street in Woodstock from B.S. Thompson.

Hosea Doton died in 1886 and was buried in Woodstock's Riverside Cemetery beneath a marker funded by his students. His obituary in the *Rutland Herald* said, "... first and last, few people in this world accomplish so much in turning men's feet aright as has Hosea Doton."

I have made very minor revisions to spelling and punctuation while trying to retain the original character of the diary. Language, spelling, and punctuation common to the mid-1800s has been preserved.

A glossary and brief notes on people mentioned in Hosea Doton's diaries appear at the end of this transcript.



**Monday 1 January** (Lombard Ink)

Another holy day. The schools are not in session and the children spend the day in sport and amusement. Mrs. Taylor's Izzie got badly hurt while sliding this morning, so that the day is one of some commotion. Cousin Leland has worked here on wood and I have spent the day at my table making deeds for Mr. Billings. I have paid out only three cents today. Saw Spencer and he looks very well for someone so low as he has been. The year has begun quite busily and I think there is work enough to do.

Debit - .03

Rainy last night and nearly so this morning. It remained cloudy till night when it was nearly clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.39 At. Ther. 43.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.65 At. Ther. 46.2

**Tues. 2**

Am at work with all diligence on Mr. Billings' deeds and did not finish them till nearly four o'clock in the afternoon. I went into Polk's office and fixed the seals and stamps on them, and in the evening Polk called on Mr. F. Billings and F.N. Billings and took their signatures to the deeds. Paid postage on box sent and papers & Quarterly 1.48. Saw F. Billings and he is to leave tomorrow for some time and he wishes these deeds finished before he leaves home.

Debit – 1.48

A clear and beautiful day. It was clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.80 At. Ther. 31.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.76 At. Ther. 38.5

**Wed. 3**

Wrote a meteorological article for the papers and carried it to the Age but it was too late for this week so I left it with the Standard and the Post will have it tomorrow. Am very tired and must try to rest. Paid Richmond 35 cents for meat and paid 27 cents for postage stamps. I presented my account against Mr. Billings for work on his jobs of road work etc. and I think I have reduced it down quite small. Presented my account against the school district to Mr. Eaton and received 1 dollar as balance due me after paying my taxes. Paid for groceries 13 cents. Received three dollars of Fred. Billings and paid Leland Doten \$3.35 for sawing wood.

Credit – 3.00, 1.00

Debit – 3.35, .35, .27, .13

Cloudy this morning – 10 stratus. Wind north east. At two o'clock the wind was s.w.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.65 At. Ther. 27.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.55 At. Ther. 35.2

**Thurs 4**

Was some unwell this morning, but Polk called and I went to the office after shoveling snow for a long time. Assisted Polk about his survey for Mr. Daniels. I received of Mr. Billings \$204.80 and I paid the bank \$50.58 for Polk. My account did not include the two deeds that I have now on hand but his account included 3 dollars paid to Leland Doten yesterday. Paid Mr. Knapp 63 cents, and Mr. Billings \$1.50 for tea. Polk paid me for borrowed \$2.25 and I paid 50 cents postage. Received of Polk 58 cents. So I have paid him fifty dollars on what I owe him and I will pay him the balance soon.

Credit – 204.80, 2.25, .58

Debit – 50.58, .63, 1.50, .50

Snowy this morning about ten inches in all, and it made 0.78 inches of water. Cloudy till evening and though the evening was nearly clear, it was very dark.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 34.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 45.2

**Fri 5**

Went to the office with the weekly report of meteorology. Paid Pratt 20 cents for paper. Came back readily and began work at my table. Horace Dunham called soon after noon and chatted a few moments on political matters. Robert's paper is out again and is running very well. He comes out this week on the Windsor County Agricultural Society and I hope he will work a reform in its managements. The society has been badly managed for a few years I think.

Debit - .20

A cloudy morning with signs of more storms. The wind is north this afternoon but there is another dark very dark evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 39.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 46.0

**Sat 6**

In the morning I went to the office and mailed a letter to Secretary French and one to E.C. McClintock of the Wilson, Hinkle, & Co. house at 28 Bond St. New York. Had a long talk with Robert about his paper, etc. Saw Mr. H.S. Dana and had a pleasant and long talk on historic matters, especially on the old artillery company. I was a member of that company from its organization till 1834 or '5, when I left it and trained in our own town. Paid Richmond 30 cents for steaks. Assisted Polk in fixing his gas burner. Paid Bailey 10 cents for Polk.

Debit - .30, .10

Cloudy with west wind. At one o'clock or half past one it began to snow and seems to be growing colder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.95 At. Ther. 35.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.11 At. Ther. 43.1

**Sun 7**

A cold morning. 9 degrees below zero and wind high or strong. Went to the church to wind the clock a little before 9 o'clock and found that it had run very well one full week without re-winding. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from John VI: 67. "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?" He pointed out the office of Christ and the importance of a full belief in his doctrines and precepts and as usual gave strong appeals to newness of life and a firm belief in Jesus Christ. – In the afternoon, he took for a text Col. I: 18. – "And he is the head of the body. the church." The speaker gave his views of what constitutes the church. gave us the bible uses of the term and finds it somewhat different from the usual acceptation of the term. His views were very liberal and, I believe, just. There were four members added to the church Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Murdoch, and Mr. Gillingham. After they received the right hand of fellowship, the church celebrated the lord's supper. The whole was very appropriate and pleasant and it adds four very good names to the church in this place. The evening is very cold and there are signs of a very cold morning.

The morning was cold 9 degrees below zero and appeared to be growing colder. The day was quite clear and the wind N.W. after the morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 20.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.44 At. Ther. 31.2

**Mon 8**

Went early to the Post Office and mailed a Register to Mrs. Whitehead of North Carolina and one to Mrs. Ayers of Potsdam, N.Y. I then went directly to the school and staid about one hour and a half. Heard the Algebra Class and the one in Geometry, and they did very well, all of them. In the afternoon, I called on Mr. Streeter and found him comfortable and I read a long article on Caleb Rich, one of the first Universalist ministers in the United States. Mr. Hewitt called and we had a pleasant

chat for a short time. I paid Mr. Munger \$42.50 for house rent the last half year. Paid 10 cents for lamp wicks.

Debit – 42.50, .10

Cold! Thermometer 24 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock a.m.. It was fully 22 at 7 o'clock. Pleasant in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.57 At. Ther. 12.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.63 At. Ther. 28.5

### **Tues 9**

Paid Richmond for fish 46 cents and paid Billings for kerosene 40 cents. Today I engaged one or two cords of good stove wood of Levi Shurtliff of Bridgewater. The day has been too cold for easy work and I have not hurt myself trying to do hard work. Polk and Abbie came here to dinner. I went to the office about 4 o'clock expecting to find a bundle from the Secretary of the Board of Education but do not yet find it. It is some cold tonight but not quite so bad as it has been. Robert is in his own office now and will probably set up his own paper.

Debit - .46, .40

Cold again. Ther. 21 below zero at 7 a.m.. A few stratus clouds at 7 and more at 2.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 11.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 30.2

### **Wed 10**

Did not start very early in the morning. Wrote an article on H.B. Thompson's road surveys and milestones. Went to the office and found Polk some unwell from bleeding at the nose. Came to the house and began to arrange for work on the Almanacs. Began to rule the calendar pages and will try to finish them this evening. Paid Paul 65 cents for sugar. Paid Billings for cotton cloth and thread \$5.79. Received a letter of Peter Collier of the Bd. of Agriculture & Mining and I must give him all the facts I can in relation to the subjects.

Debit - .65, 5.79

Some cloudy through the day, but not stormy.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 28.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 45.0

### **Thurs 11**

Sent \$2.20 to the Life Insurance Co. as an assessment. Paid 10 cents at the Post Office. Paid Mr. Knapp \$1.50 for the North American for January and 15 cents for envelopes. Received a letter from Norman Perkins and a book from Robt. S. Davis & Co. Am at work on the calendar pages of the Almanacs. Paid \$1.10 for milk tickets. I spent the day on the almanacs ruling the pages and fixing the headings. In the evening I went to the Post Office and got Mr. Miller's readings of the thermometer and fitted out the article for the "Post" that comes out tomorrow.

Debit - 2.20, .10, 1.50, .15, 1.10

Cloudy with signs of storms, and this continued through the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 35.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 41.4

**Fri 12**

Am some unwell this morning, and did not rest well last night. I went to the office and remained there a short time and came home and went to work on the almanac for 1873, and we shall dispatch it at once. I kept at that work through the day. The Post comes out on the agricultural society and its meeting yesterday. Paid 50 cents for sausages at Mr. Richmond's. In the evening, Horace Dunham and family called. The evening was warm but it was dark for the new moon was soon down.

Debit - .50

Tolerably clear this morning and it continued so nearly all day. Very high wind from the west. Clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.86 At. Ther. 40.31

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.00 At. Ther. 44.80

**Sat 13**

Went to work early in the morning, but went to the office before the mail went out. Called on Abbie and she paid me \$1.90, \$1.80 for Geography and .10 for lent. I came back to the house to work on the almanac. Mr. Shurtliff sent a load of wood by his son. Self assisted in unloading it & I threw it into the woodhouse. Mrs. Mellish and Mrs. Buckman called to procure means for "the festival," and I let them have one dollar and shall probably remain at home, and try to get up a good supper. Received school registers from Sec. French.

Credit - 1.90

Debit – 1.00

Clear early in the morning but it soon became very cloudy, and continued cloudy till evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.93 At. Ther. 38.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.97 At. Ther. 51.4

**Sun. 14**

Colder with Northwest wind, but I awoke with a severe headache and did not get up till quite late. At about nine o'clock I went to the church and wound the clock and set it, it having gained about two minutes. Mr. Hewitt spoke from Acts XXIV: 15. "There shall be a resurrection of the dead. Both of the just and unjust." The speaker gave us his views of the resurrection and the state beyond, which will be as he believes a state of discipline and correction, when we shall be free of the gross temptations of this life. His views accord with those of the late Edward Turner and were the same views that Mr. Ballou came out boldly against and his harsh treatment of Mr. Turner was the cause of his leaving the denomination and giving his influence to the Unitarians. In the afternoon we went to hear Mr. Wilder at the Methodist house, who preached from Isaiah LXI: 11. "For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, etc." This of course gave rise to a missionary sermon that to me was not very interesting, yet I was favorably impressed with Mr. Wilder as a man and a preacher. Robert called in the evening, but left before the time for Mr. Hewitt's lecture. Mr. Hewitt was unwell and did not deliver his lecture and the town hall was filled with disappointed people, and in attempting to form a society to be called the Woodstock Temperance Society, an unpleasant feeling was aroused that destroyed the harmony of the meeting and made me wish that I was quietly seated at my table at home.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 34.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 34.0

**Mon. 15**

In the morning I went to the office and saw the new job printing press that Mr. Woodbury has been getting. Bought two book slates of Pratt and paid 1 dollar for them. Paid Mr. Shurtliff 13 dollars for two loads of good dry wood. Mr. Dean will bring me one cord more. In the afternoon I paid Whitcomb 30 cents for flour. I have worked on the Phases of the moon for 1873 and have tested all of them, and they are now copied into the prepared pages. Could not work at all in the evening for I have taken a severe cold, and am now some unwell.



Debit – 1.00, 13.00, .30

Clear in the morning and through the former part of the day. Afternoon some cloudy.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 12.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 32.9

### **Tues 16**

Was some better this morning and I mailed a Register to Mr. Safford and one to Dr. McCollom of Brooklyn. Called at my old office and found that it would be best for me to move my things to some other room. I came back but have done but little today. Tried to work some on my woodpile but could not. Expected a letter from the Claremont Co. but it does not come. Am a little rested this evening. Have done but very little today of anything but have tried to rest.

Cloudy and some cold. Thermometer in the open air -4. Some signs of snow but the clouds broke away towards night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 21.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 35.6

### **Wed 17**

Leland Doten came and piled my wood in the woodhouse and I paid him forty cents and I sent to Vick of Rochester N.Y. \$1.55 for flower seeds. Am some better today than yesterday but can do but little. My work is going very slowly and I make but little progress with my history matter. I went to the office and tried to pick up some of my things and get them out of Mr. Woodbury's way, as he now is getting ready for printing. Felt some better in the evening but did not do much at writing.

Debits - .40, 1.55

Some cloudy and the clouds increase.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 25.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 36.1

### **Thurs 18**

Spent much of the forenoon at the office but not to much profit. Got \$9.70 on coupons. Went to the School house at one o'clock to correct the time. Mr. Barron paid me ten dollars for my services in the Howard matter, and Polk paid me \$1.05 as witness fees in the Clifford case. Polk called on me to have me make some computations for Mr. Henry Johnson, and I worked upon it till late in the evening and found the contents, and left the rest to be done in the morning. Polk and Abbie went to Pomfret to a donation.

Credits – 9.70, 10.00, 1.05

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 26.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 37.2

### **Fri 19 (Taylor's Ink)**

I went to the office early this morning to carry Mr. Johnson's survey to him, and I went again to carry the meteorological report for the "Post". Spent all the forenoon on the railroad papers. Polk paid me one dollar and thirty-five cents for the surveys and I paid Knapp 5 cents for this ink, and I lent 5 dollars to Spencer. Paid Pratt for lot of paper 40 cents. Spent all the afternoon picking up the Railroad papers and putting them in boxes. In the evening we went to see Abbie but returned before 9 o'clock. Festival at the Town Hall and I must own that I have no taste for such.

Credit – 1.35

Debits - .05, 5.00, .40

Wind westerly in the morning but is now in the south. It began to snow about 6 o'clock in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 35.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 41.2

### **Sat 20**

Paid fifty cents to Casey for the school district and 60 cents to Richmond for meat. Mrs. D. went to Taftsville by the stage and came back at night. I worked nearly all day moving things about the office to clear the middle room. I put my table into Polk's office and my book case over it. But I expect my cabinet must be moved soon, but I would not have consented to give up the room if I had supposed I was to be so fully routed out. It has come on by degrees step by step, and the printers need more room daily. Perhaps it is as well for me to move out.

Debits - .50, .60

Five inches of snow this morning and it makes 0.57 inches of water. Cloudy through the day but no storm.

### **Sun 21**

Went to church a little before nine o'clock to wind and set the clock and I find that it gains about two minutes in a week. We went to church to hear Mr. Hewitt and he took as his text: 2 Cor. IV: 18. "But the things that are not seen are eternal." This was the foundation of one of his best discourses. He was some unwell but that only served to give a deeper tone to his feelings and to me his appeals only the more pointed and touching. But few speakers can excel Mr. Hewitt in this particular. The house was very well filled, which served to give encouragement to the speaker. We did not go to the church in the afternoon but tried to rest. There was a temperance lecture at the Town Hall by Mr. Wilder but I did not attend, but I am afraid that the meeting will not be any more respectable than that of one week ago. I have not read or written much this afternoon or evening. It is a very pleasant moonlight evening though some cloudy. I hope Mr. Hewitt will soon be able to continue his meetings through the day, for it seems quite too dull not to attend church in the afternoon. I ought to have heard Mr. Wilder again this afternoon.

Cloudy this morning with a damp westerly wind. It remained cloudy the greater part of the day. The wind continues westerly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.00 At. Ther. 38.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.00 At. Ther. 45.4

### **Mon 22**

Went to the Post Office and mailed five letters, three for myself and two for Amelia. I wrote to Mrs. A.R. Wyatt of Jeffersonville, Illinois and to Mr. Ketchum of Bristol and to Mrs. A.E. Whitehead of Kinston N.C. Paid John Cone 50 cents for fare to Taftsville and back. Also 25 cents to Mr. Washburn for moving my cabinet to the house. Got two quarts of sirup of Billings and paid 55 cents. Moved the cabinet into the chamber and found it to be a hard lift. Got Mr. Devine to assist me at last. Have lifted a little more than I like to lift, but have felt compelled to do it. Am some tired and lame.

Debits - .50, .25, .55

Cloudy again with a nearly south wind.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.05 At. Ther. 36.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.94 At. Ther. 39.4

### **Tues 23**

Went again to the office and returned a can to Mr. Billings. Came back about eleven o'clock and went to work on the almanac. Am lame and tired from my work yesterday. In the afternoon I went to

the office to assist Frank Hatch in his mensuration. Paid my Pomfret state & school tax \$4.11 and I paid ten cents for needles, am too dull and stupid to work today, but must try. Copied the moon's southing for the computations of rising and setting. Some days ago I paid Dr. McCollum 50 cents on acct. and also 15 cents for rye meal.

Debits – 4.11, .10, .50, .15

Snowy this morning but it stopped about noon. Wind west and strong. Afternoon clear but cooler. About one inch of snow.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.74 At. Ther. 38.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.94 At. Ther. 45.8

### **Wed 24**

Paid fifty cents to Paul for groceries. Called at Miss Hayden's school and at Miss Hewitt's and then went to the office. Found my watch one minute fast, and that is running very well. I worked at the house through the afternoon and went to the office in the evening. The day has been too cold for work, though not quite so cold as some of our coldest days. Have begun again to look over Pomfret History. I must look up the Dana family, that is the family of John Winchester Dana. I hope Miss Hemenway will not be ready for our town for a year to come. Postage on Registers 5 cents.

Debits - .05

A clear cold morning. Thermometer not far from zero. The weather has continued clear and cold till this evening when it is cloudy.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.97 At. Ther. 23.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.92 At. Ther. 35.5

### **Thurs 25**

Sent to Simeon Dunham 25 dollars. Worked at the house nearly through the day. Frank Hatch called at the house to write his lessons in mensuration. The weather is some too cold to study or work comfortably. Paid 25 cents to Richmond for meat. Went to the office and got the Standard and some other papers, but went again in the evening for Mr. Miller's meteorology and had an amusing time getting to his book. Went home and made out the weekly report for the "Post," and then finished up the records to this date. Paid 90 cents a few days ago for French's arithmetic.

Debits – 25.00, .25, .90

Some cloudy. The day throughout has been rough and cold. The air has been filled with light angry clouds through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.89 At. Ther. 25.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.78 At. Ther. 38.3

### **Fri 26**

Wrote a letter to Judge Steele on the subject of school books, called on Robert's room but he was out found a few late papers and went home. Paid Baxter 12 cents for three lemons. Went home to work on my table. Frank Hatch called in the afternoon with his lessons. Called on Mr. Streeter and Mrs. D. called on Mrs. Murdock, and we both had very pleasant calls. After supper I went to the Post office and got a letter from Vick. Got the Post, and paid 34 cents for the Galaxy. Came home tired and jaded. Wrote or read but little in the evening.

Debits - .12, .34

Another rough day with cold westerly winds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.83 At. Ther. 28.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.93 At. Ther. 40.5

### **Sat 27**

Spent the greater part of the day at the house. Received a package of seeds from James Vick of Rochester, N.Y. – I do not seem to have any place at the office to work in as all the room is occupied with printers materials. I received another letter from the Life Insurance Association calling another assessment. Enclosed it for the company \$1.10 and shall forward it by the next mail. Received a paper from Mrs. Packard of Enfield, N.H. and I must write to her. – Did not read or write much this evening, but tried to rest and be ready for church tomorrow.

Debit – 1.10

Some stratus clouds this morning. Ther. +12.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.83 At. Ther. 28.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.93 At. Ther. 40.5

### **Sun 28**

Another pleasant sabbath morning and am disposed to rest some today. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from Gal. VI: 14. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The speaker proceeded to point out the differences between the glory of men and the glory of the true Christian and disciple of Jesus Christ, and to point out the superior excellence of the latter over the former. – The singing was excellent, especially the first hymn, for they selected a good tune. In the afternoon he gave us an extempore sermon having forgotten his manuscript sermon. But his remarks were good and were well received and no one felt to complain. He was some amused himself when he found himself without his sermon. In the evening he delivered a lecture on temperance at the town hall to a very full house. The lecture was a little different from most that I have heard on the subject. The pledge was circulated through the hall at the close of the lecture and many additional signatures were obtained. The evening was pleasant, though cloudy and dark.

A pleasant morning. – Some cloudy with slight S.E. wind. Set the church clock. – Found it about three minutes fast. It gains time a little about 3 minutes in a week.

### **Mon 29**

The morning was colder. I went to the office and got papers to examine and then I returned to the house to my work. Worked on the sun's declination and finished the first six months in a very short time. Received a letter from Judge Steele on the perplexing subject of a change of school books. It is perhaps best for me to get Mr. H.S. Dana to look over some of the books with me before I give my opinion on Mr. French's Arithmetic as Judge S. wishes. – Paid for lard 30 cents. Cold and very windy this evening. Thermometer falling and Barometer rising.

Debit - .30

The morning was much colder than yesterday, and with higher winds, which continue to increase till night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.73 At. Ther. 28.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.89 At. Ther. 35.5

### **Tues 30**

Have been looking over French's Arithmetic, and this morning I called on Mr. Dana to have him see the same work and compare it with the New Practical Arithmetic and with White's Complete Arithmetic, but we defer it till tomorrow. Had a talk with Mr. Hewitt on early school days. Had a talk with Frank N. Billings on matters pertaining to the deeds that I have been making for them and on other subjects. Have worked on the Almanac all that I could work, after keeping the meteorology fully read up.

Tolerably clear through the day and some cold. The wind has been westerly through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 24.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 38.0

### **Wed 31**

In the morning, I went to the office and met Mr. H.S. Dana and examined and compared French's Common School Arithmetic with the new Practical Arithmetic now in use in this state and we came to the conclusion that nothing could be gained by a change, and I shall so write to Judge Steele. Paid Mr. Greene for Standard for Wm. Page for this year \$1.50 and paid postage 20 cents for paper and 6 cents for stamps, and paid 60 cents for meat, and paid postage 7 cents, and this draws us nearly to the close of a very good winter month. Called at Mr. Millers in the early evening, and then worked on the Smithsonian report.

Debits – 1.50, .26, .60, .07

Pleasant but cloudy and some cold. Ther. 3 below at sunrise but rose to about ten above in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 25.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 37.1

### **Thur 1 February**

Today I have worked on meteorology and also closed up the Cash Account for Jan and find all right. Wrote to Judge Steele on French's Arith. In the afternoon, I called on Abbie for the Gazetteer, and found her busy and tired, as I judge from her mood. Prepared the meteorology for the "Post." Mr. Billings paid me a few days ago thirty dollars that I omitted to put down in its proper place. I hope to finish his deeds in a few days, though it is pleasant work to try to do work so well.

Credits – 30.00

Thermometer -13 this morning but it soon began to grow warm and before night it was very pleasant. Towards evening the clouds became radiating from east to west.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.39 At. Ther. 17.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.46 At. Ther. 39.5

### **Fri 2**

Ther. -18 at 7 o'clock a.m. I early went to the office with the meteorology and came back early and went to work on Mr. Billings' deed, and wrote it out for the first form. Have been quite still in the house and my writing has gone easily. After supper I went to the office and got the "Post" and a paper from Miss Wheelock, that speaks of a very beautiful parhelion or corona. Paid Pratt for Biographical Dictionary \$11.25, and it is truly a valuable book. Saw Polk at the Post Office but had but few minutes talk with him.

Debit – 11.25

Nearly clear this morning and so it continued till night or nearly so. Thermometer 18½ degrees below zero.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.55 At. Ther. 14.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.65 At. Ther. 37.6

### **Sat 3**

Paid Mr. Jaquith 60 cents for eggs. I also lent Robert fifty dollars on account. Today I have made a full draft of the Billings deed and I hope it will please him. His brother F.N. Billings paid me twenty dollars. After the mail came in I went to the office. Found nothing but papers for my reading. The

snow storm that began at eleven o'clock is now very severe. The wind is strictly N.E. though very unsteady. It is the most dense snow that we have had this winter.

Debits - .60, 50.00  
Credit - 20.00

Dense clouds in the morning which continued to increase till eleven o'clock when it began to snow and it was a severe storm till night. The barometer is falling rapidly this evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.59 At. Ther. 17.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.31 At. Ther. 32.5

#### **Sun 4**

Another sabbath morning and we were called at half past six by the alarm bell for fire. The old gas house was found to be on fire and I went down in the snow and fought fire for a while, and it was soon put out and we went home. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from Matt. XII: 46-50 but principally dwelling on the 50<sup>th</sup>, and of course he gave us a valuable sermon. There were but few at any of the churches today owing to the severe storm. He concluded to hold a meeting again in the afternoon, and he preached from Phil. III: 18. "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now I tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." He gave us another good sermon, but there were but few to hear it. - There was but little passing in the streets for the deep snow prevented. In the evening there was a most beautiful aurora and portions of red light were formed in the south lower than is usual in that direction. How many of these auroral displays we are having within the past few years, and science is beginning to learn the cause.

Last night at 5 o'clock there had fallen 6¼ inches of snow and in the same places in the morning it was eleven inches more making 17¼ inches and it continued to storm a little through the day so that I call it 17½ inches of snow.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 28.67 At. Ther. 33.7  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 28.95 At. Ther. 42.8

#### **Mon 5**

Went to the office and Robert and I moved my book-case to the S.E. corner of the office. It was nearly noon before I got ready to come to the house. - Paid 10 cents for book for Amelia and 9 cents postage. Spencer and Moses Shipman came here to dinner, and we had a pleasant time. I worked about home in the after noon. Robert called in the evening with his Illustrated Courier Almanac. I went to the Post Office for Mr. Miller's notes on the weather in past years. I wish to get up an article for the papers touching upon the severe storms in past years.

Debits - .10, .09

The weather is some warmer and there are some signs of a thaw. The barometer is rising rapidly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.23 At. Ther. 34.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.42 At. Ther. 47.0

#### **Tues. 6**

I usually go to the post office every morning, but sometimes it is dull business. Amelia paid me ten cents that I paid for her book for school notes. I paid 18 cents for 3 doz crackers. We have had the first rain today that we have had for a long time. It began about one o'clock in the afternoon and continued till nearly night. Worked on an article for the paper. Received a full letter from Judge Steele on the subject of school books. I shall try to have Mr. Dana assist in the examinations. He wrote a very pleasant letter. Mrs. Emery (Christian Page) called on us.

Credit - .10  
Debit - .18

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 40.2

### **Wed 7**

As usual I went to the office in the morning. This is the day for the “Age” to come out but I have not seen a number of it for two weeks, I think. In the afternoon I met the selectmen to get an order for work done last summer. After getting it, John Page called to talk about the Jersey cattle and to give me a history of the introduction of them into Pomfret. There is some fear that the people of Pomfret wish to rob him of the credit for the first introduction. Was at home in the evening for I do not go out scarcely at all.

The sky was almost perfectly clear this morning and so at noon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.57 At. Ther. 32.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.72 At. Ther. 42.2

### **Thurs 8**

Sent five dollars to “The Independent.” A most beautiful day. In the afternoon I went with Mr. Chadwick to examine the bridge spot on Mr. Billings’ road. Found the snow about one foot deep, the last snow, in the road. It seemed as though there was much less of it on the highlands than in the valleys. I was too tired to do much in the evening after I returned. The evening was cold and we expected a cold night and a colder morning. How full of changes the weather has been this winter and I cannot call it very healthy.

Debit – 5.00

There was a southeasterly wind through the day that was very chilly and uncomfortable.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.66 At. Ther. 22.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 39.4

### **Fri 9**

Took the time this morning and found my watch nearly right. I fixed a record of the meteorology for the “Post.” Mr. John Page called on me for preparing some facts in relation to the Jersey stock that he introduced into the town of Pomfret. I wrote a long article for him and he intended to carry it to Mr. C. Dana. Paid Richmond 62 cents for meat and 46 cents for Silliman’s Journal, and I also paid 1 dollar for milk tickets, and paid Dana and Newcomb \$3.50 for underclothes. At night we went to Pomfret. I had not been there since Thanksgiving day.

Debits - .62, .46, 1.00, 3.50

The morning was clear and cold. The thermometer was 16 degrees below zero. The wind was N.E. and remained so through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 27.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 42.0

### **Sat 10**

We are at our old home but it is some changed. Father and mother are not here now and every year changes many things with which they were associated. I have been looking about and visiting some and perhaps writing some. In the forenoon I shelled, or assisted in shelling some corn. Tried to write in the afternoon but could not. I called at Spencer’s a few minutes and then Mr. Leach carried us to Woodstock. Got into the snow a little while going down towards the Wyatt place. Got a book and a short note from Mr. Davis.

Very little cloudy this morning and it continued so through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 18.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 29.6

**Sun 11**

A cold but pleasant sabbath morning has come, and we can again go to church. I went down at 9 o'clock to wind the clock and give the time for ringing the bell. Went to church alone in the forenoon and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from 2 Cor. VI: 16, a part of the verse. "For ye are the temple of the living God." The speaker first spoke about the uses of the word temple in the Bible and then of the figuration use as applied to true believers and Christian disciples. In the afternoon He preached from Prov. III: 5. - "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not into thine own understanding." This was the foundation of one of the best and most correct discourses that he has preached in the place. Mr. Leach was down to hear him, and I think he could but like the discourse. Mr. Dascomb is to speak at the Town Hall this evening but we are too tired to go hear him. My time has been very much broken up since Friday night and I am too much jaded out to go out this evening but have tried to get rested for the business of the week. The winter is now more than half gone and how rapidly it has flown.

The morning was tolerable clear and some cold. Ther. About ten degrees below zero. Stratus and cirrus clouds. Wind south west.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.27 At. Ther. 14.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.27 At. Ther. 41.2

**Mon 12**

Mailed Vick's Floral Guide to Mrs. Gookin and paid 7 cents postage and I paid Billings 65 cents for sugar. I spent all day on a weather article for the Standard going back to the early part of last century. Went to the office at night and Mrs. F.N. Billings sent to Mrs. D. a volume of Miss Latimer's work, and it is a beautiful volume. It is the "Idyls of Gettysburg." I think she is now in Philadelphia where she has been for some time. I must try to write some more this evening. But it went very hard indeed.

Debits - .07, .65

The sky was fully obscured by clouds this morning but it soon became very clear. The wind has been southwest through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.26 At. Ther. 29.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.30 At. Ther. 50.0

**Tues 13**

Temperance convention at Woodstock but I did not attend. The day was warm and some thawy and there is a prospect of rain. Horace Dunham and wife visited here though he attended the convention. I mailed a letter to Judge Steele of Hartland on the book question. I hope Mr. Dana will consent to examine the books that are to be considered for introduction by the Board of Education. Have finished an article for the Standard and it is now mostly in type. Clark's minstrels are at the town hall this evening. But we are all at home at work.

Morning warm and some cloudy with SE. wind. More cloudy at noon and full cloudy at night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.30 At. Ther. 28.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.14 At. Ther. 49.8

**Wed 14 (Onyx ink)**

Have spent the morning in shoveling snow, but it comes as fast as I can shovel it. Must work on the almanac today. I began on the Equation of time and worked through months. Went to the office and got proof of the weather article that I had prepared for the Standard, and I brought it to the house and read the proof and returned it to the office. The roads and side-walks are filled with snow so that the walking is extremely bad. But if we escape a wind and a mass of drifts we shall be fortunate. Paid three cents postage. Have done little but reading newspapers this evening.

Debits - .03



Snow five inches deep this morning and still coming. Barometer at about noon 28.51.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.61 At. Ther. 39.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.61 At. Ther. 47.5

#### **Thurs 15**

I use this ink to test its permanency. It does not corrode a steel pen, but it may fade. Did not go to the office till after noon when I got some papers at the "Post" office. Came home and went to work on the almanac and nearly completed the Equation of time for 1873. Paid ten cents for postage stamps. Went to the office in the evening to get papers for mailing and to get the record of meteorology. In the evening I worked out the weekly report for the "Post." Could hardly work in the evening for my head was very tired from my work on the almanac.

Debits - .10

Colder. Ther. Was about 12 below zero and wind N.W. but Mr. Miller has it 16 below and his is right as my ther. Was not fully exposed.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.72 At. Ther. 21.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.77 At. Ther. 41.2

#### **Fri 16** (Mixed inks M&N – A and C equal pts.)

Went to the office with papers for the "Post" and I mailed two papers, one to Salisbury and one for Milwaukee. Paid 45 cents for meat and then came home to work on the almanac. Mrs. Latimer called, and also Mr. Leach. I worked the greater part of the day on the almanac copying work already completed. The almanacs can now be finished in a short time. In the evening I went to the office and was very tired. My supper sits very unpleasantly tonight, and I must not write but little. Mrs. Dunham paid 25 cts for flower seeds.

Debits - .45

Credits - .25

Mostly clear. Ther 6 above zero and is very pleasant. Wind is N.W. – Tonight the wind east. Clouds 9 stratus.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.87 At. Ther. 27.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.91 At. Ther. 48.8

#### **Sat 17**

An uncommonly clear day, but the weather has been growing cold through the day. I worked through the day at the house on the Almanacs for 1873. Had a very pleasant call from Mr. H.S. Dana who has taken my new Biographical Dictionary to examine as he wishes to get one. Mrs. D. and Amelia walked out in the afternoon to do errands. I went to the office after supper but found but little of the mail. I have now no office of my own to go to, and I stay at the house the greater part of the time. A shock of earthquake was heard and felt this morning at about four o'clock.

Entirely clear this morning. Ther. about zero and it grew colder through the day. The wind is north and the day has been clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.11 At. Ther. 29.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 43.6

#### **Sun 18**

Another beautiful sabbath morning and we are preparing for church. I can hardly anticipate the subject that Mr. Hewitt will take up. – Well he spoke from I Cor. XV: 25 & 26. "For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." He first spoke of power and its use for good or bad purposes. Then of the way in which the power of

Christianity manifests itself, and the way in which it overcomes all evil. The singing was excellent and there were some from other churches to hear it. In the afternoon he spoke from 2 Kings VIII: 11. – “And the man of God wept.” This gave occasion to speak of the value of true and pure sympathy, of our love and sympathy for each other and of God's love and sympathy for his children. The house was quite full and all could but be enriched by the sermon, the singing and everything that passed through the day. Got very tired and could hardly read or write at all when I got home from church. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt called a few minutes in the early evening, and the call was very pleasant. Robert called in the evening. He is very much engaged on narrow gauge railroads.

Another perfectly clear morning with N.W. wind. Cool. Ther. 9 degrees below zero. The day is extremely bright. At noon not a cloud to be seen.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 20.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 44.4

### **Mon 19**

Am at work on the almanac and on deeds for Mr. Billings. Mailed a paper to Josiah Crooker. Tried to take the time but had ill luck in doing it. I paid Mr. Richmond for a drying piece of beef \$2.35 and Mrs. D. paid 8.58 for dress at Dana's. I worked at the house the greater part of the day. Mr. Middleton called in the forenoon to return some books that he had borrowed. Edith Palmer called in the morning. Saw Mrs. Wood and Lizzie Gibson at the store. In the evening I worked at my table copying the work on the almanac.

Debits – 2.35, 8.58

Thermometer -11 at seven o'clock a.m. A very few lines of clouds low in the east but they soon disappeared and we had another clear day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 20.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 47.2

### **Tues 20**

Carried deed to Mr. Billings and got description for another deed. I paid Mr. Hatch \$1.20 for a canister of tea and I paid Pratt 15 cents for ink. In the afternoon I made a deed for Mr. Billings and must make another tomorrow. In the evening I had a call from some of the scholars with Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Marble on school matters. After they left, I worked on deeds again. It is a little cloudy this evening but the last few days have been very clear.

Debits – 1.20, .15

Thermometer 11 below zero again at 7 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 22.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 47.9

### **Wed 21**

Am now making deeds for Mr. Billings and members of the family. In the morning I called on Mr. Burleigh on school matters, and soon after noon I went with Frank Hewitt to measure one or two lines on the Billings lot. The day was clear and bright, and very pleasant. I spent the afternoon in writing out the full description of the land to be deeded tomorrow, or as soon as I can finish the writings. I began the work this evening. Paid a boy five cents for finding the clock key that was lost in sweeping the church.

Debits - .05

Cloudy this morning but warmer than some days before.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.80 At. Ther. 32.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.81 At. Ther. 48.3

### **Thurs. 22**

Paid 20 cents to Dana's and four cents for salt, and 20 cents for crackers. Spent all day in writing on deeds & in the evening I made a report for Robert's paper, and I wrote an article on the earthquake. In the morning I went to see the teachers to notify them to close school in the afternoon and the weather was very cold. The supreme court commenced its session for Windsor County this forenoon. This evening there is a festival at the Town Hall, but we could not consent to go for I have no taste for such performances.

Debits - .24, .20

Some cooler this morning and it soon began to grow cold.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.90 At. Ther. 32.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 35.4

### **Fri 23**

Am very tired this morning from my late work last evening. Wrote a short meteorological article and then went to the office and to Mr. Billings to examine the deed made yesterday, and I found it all right. Paid Richmond 45 cents for meat. Paid Leland Doten for sawing wood 3.50. Mr. F.N. Billings called to have me finish the large deed and to have me make another deed for Mr. F. Billings and himself. Was quite unwell in the afternoon and did not write or read scarcely at all. Had a very severe headache. Went to the office and got the "Post."

Debits - .45, 3.50

Another very bright morning but cold. Ther. 23 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 13.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.03 At. Ther. 33.6

### **Sat 24**

Worked all the forenoon on Mr. Billings' deed and took it to him a little before noon. Paid barber 20 cents for cutting hair and paid 10 cts for soda. In the afternoon I worked on the Almanac and some too in the evening. There is to be a lecture this evening on the Vt. Brigade at the Town Hall but I do not feel very much interested in the old scenes of the war. I know we should not forget what it cost nor its effect on the civilization of the country. But we did not go to hear the lecture.

Debits - .20, .10

This morning was more than forty degrees warmer than yesterday.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.91 At. Ther. 27.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.88 At. Ther. 49.3

### **Sun 25**

That day of rest has come again and I must get rested this morning to go to church. In the forenoon Mr. Hewitt preached from John XII: 21. "Sir, we would see Jesus." He first spoke of the effect on us of seeing Jesus if it was for mere curiosity. But to see a man and profit by the seeing we must see or imbibe the worth, the spirit of the man, and so with seeing Jesus. We must look into the spirit, the power the elements of his soul and become like him. In the afternoon he spoke from Romans XIII: 12, 13 & part of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Here we had one of his strongest and most pointed sermons. Some of his appeals were most pointed and searching, and he went through with the whole range of humanity, and laid open all human actions. It was certainly one of the best sermons that he preached in the place. Charles Vaughan and wife came and called on us at noon. – Robert called on us early in the evening. I went to the office and got a book and paper, and borrowed his Observer Almanac for getting chronological matter from. – Am very tired this evening.

Warmer this morning with a little rain. The barometer is falling and perhaps we may get a thaw, - but our thaws close very soon for the mercury begins to rise in the barometer very soon, and this followed by a change of winds and cooler and fair weather.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.73 At. Ther. 30.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.72 At. Ther. 45.4

### **Mon 26**

Have put my energies on to the almanac today and have nearly finished the column of aspects which is always a troublesome column to fill. In the morning I took the time and set my own watch and think I shall try to keep it wound up now. It is almost impossible to keep warm today, so cold and harsh is the wind. The citizens are getting up a railroad meeting and I hope they will get together and have the subject fully discussed and then all try and lift together. If they do that we can have a road.

Cold with very high winds. The sky nearly cloudless and wind high through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 32.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.09 At. Ther. 39.0

### **Tues 27**

The weather is so rough that I shall not go to the office this morning but shall continue my work on the almanac, though it is almost impossible to keep the house warm so as to work easily. At night I went to the office and got twist and buttons and paid 17 cents for them. In the evening I copied the moon's place on all the pages of the Vermont almanac. The evening is cold and we may call this a cold spell.

Debits - .17

Some wind through the night and high winds again this morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.98 At. Ther. 36.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.97 At. Ther. 40.5

### **Wed 28**

Sent 20 dollars to Mr. Dean to pay for wood. Also paid Billings for kerosene 40 cents. Called at Miss Dunham's school and spent all the forenoon. I found her school in good condition. She will have a few scholars that will go forward into the Intermediate school at the beginning of the next year. In the afternoon I visited Miss Hewitt's school and Mr. Burleigh's. I heard the rhetorical exercises and see that they have improved much since I heard them before. I was much pleased with Miss Hewitt's school though she has everything for scholars. Some of her poorest children are making very good scholars.

Debits – 20.00, .40

Cold again but with less wind and the sky is nearly clear, and this continued through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.98 At. Ther. 26.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.05 At. Ther. 41.6

### **Thurs 29**

In the morning Mr. McKenzie I went to the River Street schools and spent all the forenoon. Heard the geography in the Grammar School and the grammar. These schools are doing well, but I cannot think they are quite equal to some others in the district. Got ten dollars of Mr. Billings. Paid 90 cents to Mr. Knapp for arithmetics, and I paid Billings 17 cents twist and buttons.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .90

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.09 At. Ther. 22.6  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.03 At. Ther. 40.0

### **Fri 1 March**

Am not very strong today but I felt obliged to make out the meteorological report for Robert's paper and worked late last evening and late this morning, but I got it ready so that it was set up in time. After this I came to the house and spent the day in copying the meteorology for the Smithsonian Institution & have got it ready to mail tonight. About five o'clock I went to the office, mailed the report and got the "Post" and went back to my own work. Paid Mrs. Palmer three dollars.

Debits – 3.00

Some clouds this morning with wind southwest. Cold. Ther. About 14 below.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 19.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 41.0

### **Sat 2**

Spent the greater part of the forenoon at the office to but little purpose. In the afternoon there was a great railroad meeting, the town hall being packed full, and it was very enthusiastic, for the people are determined to have a road, and I hope they may succeed in raising the money, and then if the directors can make the arrangements with the directors of the central or northern roads. About ten thousand dollars of the required amount was subscribed today, and we may expect much more in one week.

Debits – Stamps for R.R. Certificate, .25. Meat, .55. Shoe strings, .07

Some cloudy in the morning and more cloudy in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 17.5  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.99 At. Ther. 37.0

### **Sun 3**

A warm and quite pleasant sabbath morning, but the walking is very hard for it is so icy. Found the church clock very nearly right, and am glad to keep it so that the church bells will ring at the right time. Heard Mr. Hewitt from Matt. VI: 26. "Behold the fowls, etc." He aimed to refresh our minds anew with the facts of Gods care and watchful eye over us, and of our faith in the fatherhood and parental care over us. A good and profitable sermon. In the afternoon he repeated, by request, the sermon delivered July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1871 from the text found in Micah VI: 8. "He hath showed me, O man, what is good, etc." In this discourse he endeavored to show what constitutes the truly religious man. He first pointed out the obstacles in the way of true Godliness, - what man seems to require of us, and then very forcibly gave us the true test of conversion, which is this, do we love God with all the heart, etc., - and do we love our neighbor as ourselves? This he regarded as the true test of conversion, and the true test of the true follower of Jesus Christ. The whole sermon was one of great and searching power.

Another quite cloudy morning. – wind S.W. Thermometer +9 degrees or very near it. The weather is much warmer than it has been for many days.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.96 At. Ther. 28.4  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.04 At. Ther. 40.5

### **Mon 4**

This has been a very broken day. In the morning Mr. Case called with his son to attend the high school, and I went with him to the school house. I then went back and worked about the house till about eleven o'clock when Kimball came to see me about "nothing" as usual. I now have Frank Hatch in his Algebra and Geometry and he appears to be a boy of great power. Paid Billings 78

cents for sugar & cloves. Jaquith for eggs, 20 cents. Very blustering in the afternoon with severe squalls of snow. In the evening I called at Simeon Dunham's and found the evening quite rough.

Debits - .78, .20

Cirro-stratus clouds this morning but the sun came out at a few minutes past sunrise, but soon was closed in. It began to snow about one o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.94 At. Ther. 30.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.72 At. Ther. 48.2

### **Tues 5**

Started early this morning for Horace Dunham's, and I rode back with him. Town Meeting in Vermont. A very rough day with high winds. I have not been to the Town Hall today. The cold has increased and the day has become extremely cold and rough. At four o'clock afternoon the thermometer read about 8 degrees below zero, and is going down quite rapidly, at 6 o'clock -11½. But after getting down to -12 it remained stationary for some time. The wind continues high and the weather cold. Our cellar is freezing badly.

Thermometer -19½ this morning and the wind west and very high.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.95 At. Ther. 21.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.95 At. Ther. 29.4

### **Wed 6**

But very little stirring for the weather is so very cold. Today I paid Mr. Richmond for meat 65 cents. I have just sent \$1.10 cents to the insurance office at Brattleboro.

Debits - .65, 1.10

Another cold day with nearly the same high wind.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.73 At. Ther. 17.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.95 At. Ther. 31.5

### **Thurs 7**

Called on Mr. Burleigh in the morning. Saw Mr. McKenzie and we concluded to have the schools close tomorrow, so I called at the Intermediate school and the Grammar school to notify them of the close of the terms. Went to the house and worked at my table the greater part of the day. I called on Mr. Tyrrell to make some explanation about his boy's punishment in school. Mr. Burleigh came here to tea and we had a very pleasant time with him. He leaves for home next Saturday as he wishes to be there next Tuesday.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 25.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 41.0

### **Fri 8**

Went to the Post Office and found the engraving from the Independent as I had been expecting. Got Silliman's Journal at Knapp's and paid 45 cents. Left the papers at the office and then went to school, and heard the Algebra, Geometry & Book Keeping, and did not finish the examinations till more than half past 12 o'clock. Found Mr. Parkhurst waiting for me. He remained till after dinner. In the afternoon we went to the Intermediate and the Grammar schools. They all close this afternoon. Mr. McKenzie went with me into all the schools.

Debits - .46

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 30.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 42.4

**Sat 9**

Spent much of the forenoon at the office. Paid Mr. Hewitt 1 dollar for milk tickets, and I received of Mr. Gibson 40 cents for taxes overpaid. In the afternoon a most enthusiastic railroad meeting and the people came forward and filled the amount of subscription called for last summer. It was a very lively and stirring meeting, and after the preliminaries were all closed the work of getting subscriptions went on very rapidly, and the full amount was filled by four o'clock.

Debits – 1.00

Credits - .40

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 18.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 41.0

**Sun 10**

There is no meeting at the Chapel today as Mr. Hewitt is at his son's in Massachusetts. A few minutes before 9 o'clock I went to the church to wind the clock, and the house seemed desolate and lonely. We intended to go to Mr. Wilder's meeting, but the storm prevented. I selected papers for the scrap-book, and preserved all the poetry that had some particular point I put into box and marked it, "Miscellaneous Poetry and Prose Articles." This greatly lessens the amount of my scrap-book matter on hand, and I can soon secure all of it in the book and then keep full pace with the accumulation of matter. Robert called towards night and appeared quite happy over his success in the railroad enterprise. Dr. Clement is to deliver a lecture at the town hall this evening but I am quite too dull to think of going and home is the place for rest. – Yes, a pleasant home is the place where a man can rest when pressed by daily and worldly cares. The evening was dark and stormy. Amelia went to the lecture with Ella Winslow.

Hail and rain in the morning and Snow and rain in the middle of the day. About one inch of hail and snow.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.90 At. Ther. 35.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.63 At. Ther. 46.6

**Mon. 11**

Went to the office and mailed a letter to Mrs. Marcy of Taftsville. Paid 3 cents. After remaining at the office a short time I came home and began to work again on the Almanac. Kept busy at the work through the day. Frank Hatch came to his recitation in the afternoon. Amelia went to Mr. Winslow's in the evening to read with Alice Winslow. The election in New Hampshire tomorrow absorbs all other points in the political world, and we shall be glad when it has passed by. I am opposed to excitement.

Debits - .03

Partially clear in the morning but it became more cloudy in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.08 At. Ther. 37.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 48.6

**Tues 12**

I went again to the office but did not remain there long but came home to work. Mrs. D. went to Horace Dunham's and rode home in the evening. Robert called at night. I mailed letter and Register to Mr. McClintock of New York. – Election in New Hampshire today and a very exciting one. I worked on the moon rising and setting the greater part of the day. News from the election that many of the doubtful towns had gone republican. But it is too early to get reliable news. Paid 5 cents postage on letter and book.

Debits - .05

Cloudy and a little snowy in the morning but cold towards night and windy.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 36.6  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 45.4

### **Wed 13**

In the forenoon I worked at home after going to the office as usual in the morning. In the afternoon, Mrs. D. went with Horace Dunham's folks to see Dr. Russ and folks who are, or have been, quite sick. They came back here about four o'clock and stopped here till nearly night. The day was rather cool for the ride - but they made a pleasant visit. I worked at the house through the afternoon, and Amelia staid at home. I ought to keep a more full and particular account of the weather from day to day so I can write it out.

A cloudless sky at 7 a.m. but before noon the sky was overcast.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.46 At. Ther. 28.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 46.2

### **Thurs 14**

Saw Mr. McKenzie and had a talk with him about a school report to present at the School Meeting. In the afternoon I went to examine the school Registers but they are not yet finished up and returned to the district clerk who must return them with his certificate to the Town Clerk. I wish to make a full report of each term and of each school when I write out the full account for the year. But I have failed to forward the work much today, owing to the lack of the Register.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 33.6  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 54.1

### **Fri 15**

This is one of the most blustering days of the season, and the snow is drifting quite badly. I called at Simeon Dunham's in the afternoon and then came back. Early this morning I finished the meteorological report for the week and took it to the office. There is an intense anxiety to see the "Post" this week for it is sure to answer some of the Standard's remarks in the extra and in the main issue. I shoveled out the road and got very tired in doing it.

Snow  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches this morning but the wind arose about nine o'clock and it blew all day very severely W.N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.97 At. Ther. 39.7  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 45.6

### **Sat 16**

Mailed a letter to the department of agriculture to correct an error in the report published for January. I think my copies are all right. Worked at my table and finished copying the Moon rising and setting for both calendars. Robert's paper makes warm work here in the village and perhaps he has touched a sensitive fiber on railroad matters. I must think the Standard was a little indiscreet in some of its remarks though it is usually quite careful. I paid for meat at Richmond's 25 cents. Our meat bills this spring are very light I think.

Debits - .25

Perfectly clear but some cool with wind westerly or north westerly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 28.6  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 44.3

### **Sun. 17**

It is pleasant again to think of going to Church again at our own house, for Mr. Hewitt was away last Sunday. I went to set the clock and found it had gained about three minutes in two weeks. Mr. Hewitt preached in the forenoon from I John IV: 18. "Fear hath torment." He first pointed out that Godly fear



that is associated with love and is inseparable from it. This is not the fear mentioned in the text. Here is probably meant that slavish fear that is associated with a want of confidence in God and with wrong feelings towards Him as the loving father. In the afternoon he preached from Matt. VI: 10. "Thy kingdom come, etc." I was too tired to grasp the full beauty of this sermon. It was truly rich, and contained many beauties. He pointed out the kingdom and what is meant by it. He then spoke of the will of God. But I do not retain all the argument and tenor of the discourse, but my impression at the time was very favorable. Joanna came down in the afternoon and came here after the services. She has not been here for a very long time and I hope she can make us a visit now.

The morning was cloudy being slightly overcast with light clouds. These increased till it began to snow a very little. During the day there was about three tenths of an inch of snow.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.07 At. Ther. 25.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.89 At. Ther. 44.7

### **Mon 18**

Joanna staid here last night till nearly four o'clock today. I went to the office, got papers at the offices and then came back to my work. Ruled the sheets for computing the Suns rising and setting, and began the work. I received a letter from Mrs. Thompson of Afton Minnesota. She received the papers and Register that I sent to her some weeks ago. Paid Billings 2 cents. I am glad she (Mrs. Thompson) is pleased with the article on Jonathan Ware and his family, published in the first number of the "Post." She must now be quite old.

Debits - .02

A cold and nearly clear morning, and it has grown cold through the day. Wind N. by W. or N.N.W. in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.89 At. Ther. 44.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.04 At. Ther. 45.7

### **Tues. 19**

I began on my almanac work in the morning but spent the greater part of the forenoon in thawing out the water pipes for the lower part of the house. In the afternoon I worked on the almanac very busily, and got the sun-rising and setting for three months and am some tired though I can do twice as much when the work gets into working order. This very high wind has been some troublesome today. Robert called in the evening and seemed quite cheerful and happy. Amelia is away reading this evening. High wind this evening. Mr. Nathan Woodbury saw a robin this morning on the maples near the hotel. Snowy in the morning with an easterly wind but it stopped snowing at 11 o'clock and the wind came round westerly and blew "furiously" all the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.74 At. Ther. 31.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.84 At. Ther. 47.4

### **Wed 20**

Leland Doten came this morning to saw some slabs but the day was too rough and boisterous. I went to the office as usual. Found a letter from E.C. McClintock of New York. He has forwarded a bundle of books from his office at New York, and I expected them tonight but they have not yet come. I worked all day on the sun-rising and setting for 1873, and have it half done, and can finish it very soon. I paid Richmond for meat 25 cents. The evening is cold and windy with the thermometer but little above zero.

Debits - .25

At sunrise the sky was very nearly clear with west wind, but it soon became cloudy with a thin coat of cirrostratus clouds and the same high wind continued. In the afternoon the air seemed filled with fine snow or frost.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.96 At. Ther. 26.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 36.1

### **Thurs 21**

Cousin Leland came to finish sawing the slabs that I bought of Spencer, and I paid him one dollar for the whole. I worked in my room nearly all day. Spencer called in the afternoon and Amelia went home with him, and we were calling the weather quite cool. We are now home alone and it will seem quite strange to be in the house entirely alone. How the cold weather holds on, and I think it will prove to be the coldest winter for a long time.

Debits – 1.00

Clear and cold. Ther. -2.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 23.9  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 40.0

### **Fri 22**

After breakfast I went to the office and met Spencer and we took \$75.00 from the bank, or rather gave our note for three months for that amount, getting \$73.50 of which Spencer took \$25 dollars and I the rest which is \$48.50. I paid for the Galaxy 34 cents. And I paid three cents on a letter. These small sums get neglected quite too often. This morning I prepared Robert's article on the weather and he will give it in full. These articles take time but I believe they are valuable, and will be looked up whenever the subject of temperature or storms is called in question.

Credits - \$48.40  
Debits - .34, .03

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 27.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 44.8

### **Sat 23**

Today I began work on a school report. Paid Mrs. Dana \$18 as interest and paid Billings for kerosene and tea \$1.27. Paid for meat forty cents, and Dana 50 cents for flower pots. Have spent nearly all day on the school matters to no profit. Paid 6 cents for pens. I got the school registers and found them as usual full of mistakes, though I do not blame anyone for them. I should like to know just how the true account would affect the distribution of the money, but no one can now tell. I hope Mr. McKenzie will fix out the school report for himself.

Debits – 18.00, 1.27, .40, .50, .06

Cloudy in the morning with S.W. wind. The wind came round to the S.E. and East before 2 o'clock. It began to snow about one o'clock, and continued through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 29.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.93 At. Ther. 44.0

### **Sun. 24**

The snow is some drifted and there will probably be but few to church. After winding and setting the clock I went to the Episcopal church to see the house, the organ, etc. The whole appearance of the interior of the house is beautiful, and I wish they could have a good speaker. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from John V: 27. "And hath given him authority to execute judgement also, because he is the Son of man." A strong and very argumentative sermon. He showed that the judgements that are so often regarded as the infliction of severe punishments only, are the means of restoring mankind and of building up in his soul the pure spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ. – In the afternoon, he preached from Heb. IV: 15. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched, etc." This was truly one of the best sermons that I have heard for a long time and I hope we can have him repeat it some time when it will be best. He touched most eloquently upon the character of

Christ, and near the close of the sermon he made some most eloquent and touching appeals urging a broader faith and a more fervent and expanded love to God and man. Judge Barrett's lecture at the Town Hall this evening.

Three inches of snow fell last night which makes 0.22 inches of water. It probably stopped showing about eleven o'clock and the wind began to blow from the N.W. but not very strong.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.11 At. Ther. 37.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 49.7

### **Mon 25**

I spent the greater part of the day in preparing a school report, for Mr. McKenzie is obliged to attend a funeral (Mr. Spaulding's) at Quechee. Found myself at work quite late in the evening when I was very tired. Today I paid Mr. Munger at the savings Bank \$18.25 as the semi-annual interest on what I owe them. Got a bundle of books from Wilson Hinkle and Company some of them being very good ones. Paid 10 cents postage, but the express bill was paid through, that is, on the books. I have had many good books from that firm.

Debits – 18.25, .10

Clear in the forenoon but in the afternoon it was hazy at first and then cloudy till night. Wind S.W. in the morning and in the afternoon it was South.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.68 At. Ther. 32.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.60 At. Ther. 51.5

### **Tues 26**

I worked sometime at the house before going to the office, and hope to get that report done soon, but thoughts present themselves as I write. Paid 15 cents to Billings for starch. Came home and I spent the greater part of the rest of the day on work that amounts to nothing to me financially. Took my report to Mr. McKenzie who will present it to the school meeting. Was very much jaded out in the evening and could not work at all, nor could I go to the school meeting. I hope they will get some good officers to take the care of the school.

Debits - .15

A very little snowy in the morning and it continued through the day but it did not gain any on the ground.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 42.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.46 At. Ther. 50.3

### **Wed. 27**

In the morning I went to the street and called on Mr. McKenzie and found that we were again to act as committee of the School District. I went to the office and then went back to my work at the house. In the afternoon we met again at Mr. Foster's and agreed upon the teachers for the next term and perhaps for the next year. Paid Richmond for steak 20 cents. Our folks sent down from Pomfret for us to go up there but we could not go. I called at Simeon's but they were not home. Walking very bad.

Debits - .20

The morning was cloudy with very little wind from the East but in the forenoon it cleared away and there was a slight wind from the S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 40.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 44.2

**Thurs 28**

Paid 42 cents for lemons & lard. I took the time this forenoon and found my watch exactly right. I gave the time to Mr. Randall, and Clark & Randall and Mr. Murdock and they all set their watches and regulators, and we will see now how they keep time. I spent the greater part of the day at home copying the Almanac for N.H. 1873 and have finished that one but must change the work for Vermont and shall soon finish that one. We have had two most beautiful days.

Debits - .42

Another clear and beautiful day but the north wind was a little cool in the forenoon was some chilly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 39.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 54.4

**Fri 29**

Rested rather badly last night and am quite unwell today from a severe cold about the throat and lungs. The walking was bad this morning on account of the new fallen snow. I received a weather map from Mr. Morrill and a letter from Amos W. Warren of Rutland. I have paid 54 cents for sugar and 20 cents for eggs. Got Roberts paper, the "Post," very soon after it was out and find it to be very spicy. The weather is certainly spring-like, and I hope it will continue some days.

Debits - .74

It began to snow very early this morning and continued through the forenoon. The whole fall of snow was  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches which was equal to 0.42 inches of water.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 42.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 55.5

**Sat 30**

This forenoon I paid Geo. Fisher 45 cents for a shelf and a pair of brackets, and I put them up in the east room. Went to the school house with Willie Moon to put up a clock in Miss Hewitt's room. Amelia walked out to Horace Dunham's in the morning. They went to Bridgewater to find Carlie and came back in the evening to stay through the night, and she will have a long time of it I think.

Debits - .45

Clear this morning and it soon began to thaw but the wind came into the north and it was some cloudy and cooler.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 34.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 53.5

**Sun. 31**

Another sabbath day and a stormy one it seems to be. Am alone for now for Mrs. D. is at Horace Dunham's and Amelia is not yet up. – In the forenoon I went to hear Mr. Hewitt. I was too tired to comprehend the sermon, but it was a very good one. There were but few present owing to the storm. In the afternoon I thought of going to the Methodist house to hear Mr. Wilder, but he exchanged with Mr. Dascomb and I went to our own meeting and heard Mr. Hewitt preach one of his very best sermons. His text was Rom. X: 10. – "For with the head man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, etc." The speaker went over the whole ground of the subject of conversion and change of heart, and his views seemed to me very rich and good. I was very sorry not to comprehend more of the forenoon sermon, but my health would not permit it.

A snow storm. At seven o'clock two inches had fallen. It probably began about three o'clock in the morning. Wind N.E. and there is every indication of a large fall of snow.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 37.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.78 At. Ther. 46.9

### **Mon. April 1**

Our spring term of schools begins today and I have given my time to it for the present. There are six schools in the district and all must be watched to see if they begin right. Spent the forenoon in the High School, and in the afternoon I went to the Stanton Street Primary School and found them pretty well drifted in. I wish this school could be under the charge of a good highway surveyor, for it would help the scholars very much. Paid 3 cts. postage. Mrs. Taylor is moving today into a house on High Street.

Debits - .03

Cloudy in the morning and broken clouds through the day. It was some stormy in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.67 At. Ther. 43.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.81 At. Ther. 47.9

### **Tues. 2**

This morning Paul paid me one hundred and 31.25, and it should have been one dollar more but we made a mistake. In the morning I went to all the schools again in this part of the village, yes to all of them in the district, and left the Registers with the teachers. In the afternoon I worked on the meteorological matters and began to make the report for ourselves and for the Smithsonian Institution, but I was too tired and unwell to work at all. Mr. Bradley called to get Mrs. Taylor's wood and the rest of her goods.

Credits – 131.25

Partially cloudy through the day. Cold wind. Barometer rising.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.14 At. Ther. 37.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 49.6

### **Wed. 3**

Worked all morning on meteorological articles for the papers and carried them in. Called at the High School and the Intermediate School this morning. Paul paid me one dollar as error in our work yesterday, and I paid Lewis Pratt on account sixty dollars, and I paid 15 cents for pencil, and I paid Paul 50 cents for tea, and also paid at Post Office 6 cents. In the evening we went to Mr. Benjamin's singing school and found it almost equal to the great jubilee. Did not get home so as to retire to rest till nearly midnight. Clarke & Randall 45.44

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 60.00, .15, .50, .06, 45.44

A cool but pleasant morning. Partially cloudy with cirro cumulus clouds. Wind N. by W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 42.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 50.4

### **Thurs 4**

Of course am very dull today for such an evening is more than I have strength to stand. In the morning I finished the meteorological article for Robert and carried it down to him. I came back and worked on the Vt. Almanac, but the N.H. Alm. is done. Was very dull and sleepy through the day. After supper I went to the post office and to the printing offices to get the papers as they all come out today. Paid 71 cents to Richmond for meat, and 35 cents to Paul for flower pots. Chapman for composition powders.

Debits - .71, .35, 15

A remarkably pleasant day but that cold wind continues.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 54.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 50.0

### **Fri. 5**

Fast Day in Vermont, but I went to the office and paid 6 cents for stamps. Paid Paul 55 cents for a flower pot, and paid Pratt 40 cents for envelopes. A few days ago I paid insurance assess \$1.10 and Edward Barber school tax 2.55. This was paid more than a week ago. Horace Dunham and folks came here and we were very glad to meet them. They staid the greater part of the day and made a pleasant visit. There has been but little stirring for the snow is too deep for ball-playing, the passing is too bad for teams. Robert called in the evening.

Debits - .06, .55, .40, 1.10, 2.55

Tolerably clear and very pleasant.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 42.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 56.8

### **Sat 6**

These are pleasant days but the walking is extremely bad. It is melted so much at the bottom of the snow that it stirs up as loose and mellow as shot would be. I went to the office and paid Pratt 54 cents for parchment paper and I took the balance of a box of envelopes, 50 cents, and I paid three cents at the post office. I looked over and corrected all the cash account for March and have corrected it where it was wrong, and it is now correct up to this date. Was feeling quite unwell in the evening and did not try to write or study at all.

Debits - .54, .50, .03

Cloudy early this morning but it soon gave way and it was a clear day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 39.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 58.1

### **Sun. 7**

Awoke very early with a severe headache and feeling some unwell but did not get up till nearly six o'clock. After breakfast I went to the church to wind and set the clock and see that the bell rings at the right time, as they seem to rely upon it at all the churches. I did not go to church at all for I was not able to do it, but I staid in my room and tried to rest me, but could not avoid reading the greater part of the time. Mrs. D. went in the forenoon to hear Mr. Hewitt and in the afternoon she staid at home. Amelia went to hear Mr. Kidder in the forenoon. It is pleasant to see the rain falling again, for we have had but very little rain for the last six months. I am trying to keep my meteorological matter up to the times fully, and I do not know but I shall take the barometer at the same hours as the thermometer, and then it will be right for the Smithsonian Institution. Robert called in the evening and made one of his very pleasant calls for he is always witty and cunning and musical when things are going right with him.

The morning was cloudy and the weather warm. It began to rain about one o'clock. A rare thing is a little rain. Wind S.W. this morning, but it soon came around to the S.E. or easterly, and the rain continues.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.14 At. Ther. 37.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 49.6

### **Mon 8**

Yesterday morning I paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets. Rested very well last night and hope I can do more today. Went to the office but did not stay long. Came back to work, though it was not an

easy day for work. I paid Mr. Marble for rye meal 18 cents, and also to Mr. Chapman 50 cents for a folder, and nine cents for hooks to hang flower pots and three cents postage. Got a letter from Albert S. Darling, and he subscribes to Robert's paper. Moved a part of my writing materials into the west corner room and I hope it can remain for a time.

Debits – 1.00, .18, .50, .09

Rainy through the night and this morning the rain gauge shows 0.67 inches of rain, and it is still raining slightly. Stopped raining at 8 am.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 43.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 52.6

### **Tues 9**

Rested very well last night but am feeling very lazy this spring. I tried to drive myself to work but it was very unpleasant to do so. I went to the office in the morning and afternoon. The working is very bad, as bad as I ever knew it to be. There was (?). So much for trying to write when the nerves are completely exhausted and are seeking rest. I gave up study in the evening and after nine o'clock I retired to rest and soon found myself resting sweetly. Paid 60 cents for meat, and paid postage on letter 3 cents, and Dr. McCollum \$1.00.

Debits - .60, 1.03

Cloudy – low nimbus covering Mount Tom.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 44.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.05 At. Ther. 52.7

### **Wed 10**

Assisted Robert in moving books and papers into the front office, and now all my things are removed from my old room. I did not expect that I was giving up all my office room last fall when the "Post" was first started, but so I have suffered it to pass along. I have just received a copy of Kidd's Elocution and vocal culture, and I think much of it as a text book. I worked at my table the greater part of the day on the Vt. Almanac. Have corrected the proof of the school order of exercises. I spent the evening on the Almanac.

Morning rainy. River partly cleared of ice, but not fully.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.81 At. Ther. 44.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.96 At. Ther. 51.1

### **Thurs 11**

I called at the school house in the morning and left some books with Mr. Burleigh, and then I went to the office and assisted Robert in arranging his rooms. Nearly all the forenoon passed away before I got ready to go to the house. In the afternoon I worked on the Vt. Moon-rising etc. and finished that part of the work. Spent a few hours on a steel letter folder, which is not a very profitable use of time. Though it is pleasant to make things nice and exact in all parts and proportions.

Cool and cloudy. Wind W.N.W. A few flashes of snow at 8 a.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 41.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 49.1

### **Fri 12**

Arose early and finished out the meteorological matter for Robert's paper, and then carried it to him. Mailed a letter to Wilson, Hinkle & Co. of New York for books, and one to the Smithsonian Institution. Finished the computations of the Almanac and then copied as far as I could. Went to the school house to hear Mr. Dascomb's talk to the scholars. Staid till the close of the school. Afterwards I went

to the office and got the Post and other papers. Tried to copy some of the almanac in the evening but was very much too tired and stupid. Paid Knapp \$1.96 postage.

Debits - 1.96, .06

Clear in the morning and wind N.W. but the cirrus clouds soon obscured the sky. The wind came to the south and it began to rain about 9 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.56 At. Ther. 43.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 57.9

### **Sat 13**

Mrs. D. was unwell through the night from her hard cold and cough but seems better this morning. Paid Billings for molasses 40 cents. I went to the office. Found a package of seeds from Washington, and divided them with Mr. Miller. They are sent from the Department of Agriculture. I have finished copying the Almanac for 1873. The afternoon was a little cooler, but the ice is running in the river very freely. The river is nearly free from ice in this section at least. We are too jaded and unwell to get along very easily.

Debits - .40

A very slight rain in the morning and the clouds soon broke away. Wind S.W. or West. The afternoon was nearly clear. A few cirrocumulus clouds from the west. Ice running very heavily and rapidly and the river is clearing of ice.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 44.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 55.9

### **Sun. 14**

Rested some better last night and went to the church at the usual time to wind and set the clock, and I attended church and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from I Cor. I: 18. – “For the preaching of the cross, etc.” The first question was, What is the preaching of the cross? Then to whom was that preaching foolishness? And why was it so to the Jews and to the Greeks? What is the scriptural meaning of the word to perish? The second part was, Who are the saved? And why was it to them the power of God? It was a good sermon and I tried to comprehend it. – Went to church again in the afternoon and heard one of Mr. Hewitt’s best sermons from Psalms XXXVII: 4<sup>th</sup> – “Delight thyself, etc.” It seems as though no one could mistake the train of the thought in this sermon, for it is plain to know when we delight in all the ways of the Lord even to the punishment of ourselves for our sins and transgressions. This requires in us a perfect faith in the boundless goodness and friendship of our Heavenly Father, and that He seeks at all times our best good. Robert called just before night and made a very friendly visit. I am glad his paper succeeds so well and I think it will pay for itself in a short time.

In the morning it was about 8 cloudy in the 10 scale. The wind was 4 west or a little north of west. It froze some last night. The river is now clear of ice, the great breakup being yesterday. In the afternoon the clouds to nimbus, and the high and cold wind continued.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 41.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 49.1

### **Mon 15**

Sent the Almanac to the publishers this morning, and a letter to Amos W. Warren of Rutland, and staid at the office for a time, and then went back to the house and to work again. I do not work easily for the head is tired though I have worked but little this winter, at least it seems to me. Paid postage 4 cents, and 13 cents for shot to put in the shot cup for my table. Got a letter from McClintock of the Book firm in New York. There is this evening much appearance of a storm. Got very tired in the evening and could work but little.



Debits - .04, .13

Stratus 1. Very pleasant. Wind N.W. but the wind soon veered to the N.E. and the sky was covered with cirro-stratus clouds that increased.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 42.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.08 At. Ther. 52.0

### **Tues 16**

Rested rather badly and awoke with a severe headache. This comes in part from a cold that has troubled me so long. Went to the office found a letter from the Department of Agriculture. They sent two packages of seeds to us but only one of them came. – I begin here with Arnold's ink but it is too pale. This is Taylor's ink and is of deeper color. I paid for meat 28 cents and three cents postage in this place. M.&N. Ink pure. Copied survey of Linden Street, and wrote to the Com. of Agriculture. Paid 20 cents for eggs. We are alone here this evening, and know full well how to prize it.

Debits - .28, 03, .20

It began to snow slightly about 7 o'clock. Wind N. veering N.W. It stopped snowing about 10 a.m. Cirro-stratus clouds through the day. A squall of wind about 8 p.m. Barometer rising. A slight aurora in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.08 At. Ther. 42.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 48.2

### **Wed 17**

Went to the school house in the morning and called on Miss Hayden and Miss Hewitt. I then went to see Polk who is sick and then I went to the Stanton street school. Got wash bench from Sayward & Fisher's. In the afternoon I worked again on the history of Pomfret & Woodstock. Paid Mr. Bradley 25 cents for moving bench, and 10 cents to Pratt for mucilage. Robert is drawing letters for a sign to place over his office windows, and he changes the title from "The Otta-Quechee Post" to "The Woodstock Post," and I do not know but the change is well enough.

Debits - .25, .10

Light cirro-stratus clouds in the morning with W. winds. Very pleasant day, though some cloudy.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 40.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 54.7

### **Thurs 18**

We are all nearly sick with these severe colds that are affecting everyone. Robert detained me to fix letters for his sign and I spent the greater part of the day on them. Am not very well this spring and am getting along very slow with my work. After hearing Frank Hatch's lesson I went to the office and worked on the plan of the letters, etc. Paid Billings \$1.41 for a dress. Came home and in the evening I prepared the meteorological matter for Robert's paper, taking some of the observations at 9 o'clock.

Debits – 1.41

Clear and very pleasant. Wind S.E. Barometer falling rapidly and continued so till night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.21 At. Ther. 43.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.01 At. Ther. 66.2

### **Fri 19**

Did not rest quietly last night and was some unwell this morning. I went to the office to carry the meteorological matters for the paper. Stopped to finish up the drawing of Robert's sign letters, and I hope they are done now. Paid Richmond 20 cents for meat. I called on Polk and found him some

unwell from cold and from distracted nerves. My work at the house does not progress very fast and I do not know when it will, for my time is much taken up with other work. I went to the school house at half past three o'clock to hear Dr. Hazen but he failed to come.

Debits - .20

Cloudy with strong signs of rain. Wind E. At noon the wind changed and the barometer began to rise.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.92 At. Ther. 42.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 54.8

### **Sat 20**

I went to the office and then went to see Polk and found him some better. Called to see Robert's old books. His old Bible, especially, is a choice thing, and I tried to find Mr. H.S. Dana, but he was very busy away from home. Came to the house, but the day seemed almost too pleasant for work. Paid Paul 71 cents for sugar and beans. After supper I went to the office again. Got a Gray's Botany for Amelia. In the evening Alice Winslow came here to read and write and perhaps study with Amelia. They are at work on their compositions and latin and Algebra and Botany.

Debits - .71

Cloudy in the morning. Wind S.W. and the weather quite warm.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 43.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 66.3

### **Sun. 21**

Another most beautiful and pleasant morning. The birds are singing in perfect joy and gladness. Mr. Hewitt is in deep affliction having just had news of the death of his son who has been sick for a long time. He preached this morning from Rom. VIII: 38&39. "For I am persuaded, etc." He made the sermon in some degree applicable to his own state, and made it very interesting. The house was not very well filled though the day was so nice. – In the afternoon he preached from Deut. XI: 21. "As the days of heaven upon the earth." From these words he gave us a remarkably good sermon. He taught us that, although we have in our minds a fixed pan for heaven, it was more a state than a place. He quoted the good old Dr. Watts where he says

"The men of grace have found

"Glory begun below

"Celestial fruits on earthly ground

"From faith and hope may grow."

The whole sermon was a very good one and I retain much of it even now. The day was remarkably spring-like and the snow melted away rapidly. After supper I went with Mrs. D. to call on Mr. & Mrs. Hewitt, and we had a very pleasant call and enjoyed it much. He read to us some of Spurgeon's writings on the state of the damned and it seemed to me to be truly horrid.

The morning was nearly clear and very beautiful, and the same lasted through the day. The afternoon was very warm and the attached therm. Was very high.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 49.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 71.4

### **Mon 22**

Rested badly last night but arose about five o'clock, and after breakfast I took Robert's old bible and took it down to Swan Dana. I had a rich talk with him on the history of Pomfret and Woodstock. In the afternoon I visited Miss Fairbanks' school, and found that she had forty two scholars in all. I came back and went to the office, but soon went to the house. Had a talk with Dr. Sherwin about the books used in school. I paid three cents postage. Have introduced the "Rhetorical Reader," by Kidd, for the higher classes in the High school, and I hope the work will prove to be valuable.

Debits - .03

Thick heavy rain clouds. Wind S.W. of course rain. There was a slight rain about seven o'clock and another between 8 and 9. The amount is 0.11 inches.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.07 At. Ther. 49.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 54.5

### **Tues 23**

Arose at five this morning and wrote a long letter to the Book firm of Brewer & Lileston and sent a Register to the firm for reference to the schools in Vt. I called at Miss Fairbanks' school to see the class of new readers begin. In the afternoon I worked on the biographical notice of Dr. Ware. Paid 32 cents for meat and postage. In the evening I went to the office with Robert and got two quarts of maple sirup, some that had been bestowed on the editor. There is some convenience in being in such a place. I spent much of the evening in writing and in work on the scholar's lessons.

Debits - .32

A few stratus clouds. Wind N.W. Cold for April. The wind was high through the day and there were strong signs of storm.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 41.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 48.1

### **Wed 24**

Arose quite early and went to work on Algebra and other things. After breakfast I went to the office, but soon came back to work. Paid Charles Fisher 75 cents for a wash bench. Received 50 cents of Pratt for surveying, and I paid him 25 cents for the April Galaxy. I also borrowed of Stephen the April No. of Old and New, and I am sure that it is one of the best magazines published in this country. But I was surprised to find a young man like Stephen Pratt reading and admiring so profound a work. But he has just such a mind.

Debits - .75, .25

Credits - .50

Cold. Cloudy. Wind westerly – signs of rain. The upper wind is from the west but the surface wind is easterly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 43.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 56.3

### **Thurs 25**

Received of Henry W. English \$12.65 due from G.W. White's estate. Paid 4 dollars to Mr. Dean for wood in full. Paid McMaster \$1.50 for the Age for one year. In the afternoon I went to the road built by Thomas Leonard last fall to see if the culverts were all right, and I found that two of them must be taken care of or they would suffer injury from the rains and thaws. I had a pleasant walk. There is much snow in the woods yet but it is going off very rapidly. I called and reported to Mr. Billings the state of the road and then went home. Paid 40 cents for kerosene. Paid Mrs. Palmer 50 cents.

Credits – 12.65

Debits – 4.00, 1.50, .40, .50

A very warm day. Clouds from the West, but the lower wind from the southeast, nearly south.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 47.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.14 At. Ther. 59.3

### **Fri 26**

Finished the meteorological report early this morning, and then went to the office. Saw Mr. H.S. Dana at the Post office and had a long talk on Ezra Drew, the Fletcher family, and also the Artillery company and the Pomfret Rifle Co. on our fourth of July. In the afternoon I went to the office soon after noon. I went to have the primary teachers attend the lecture this afternoon. Polk came up to the office but looks very poorly, but I think he will get about again if he is sufficiently careful. Read and tried to write in the evening. I attended the school lecture by Dr. Hazen. A remarkably good lecture. Paid Paul 55 cents for flower pot.

Debits - .55

Warm. Cir.-St clouds from the west. High winds through the latter part of the day. It was smoky and some cloudy.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.99 At. Ther. 56.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.89 At. Ther. 69.0

### **Sat 27**

Mr. R.G. Bugbee a class mate of Mr. Burleigh wishes to make application for the school if we should need a teacher after Mr. Burleigh's term is closed. Mr. Bugbee's address is Bridgewater Vermont. His references would be to the class or the college professors. Mrs. D. and Amelia have gone to Pomfret. I am alone at the house today. Paid Bradley 1 dollar for hauling muck. Arnold and I paid 30 cents to Mr. Jaquith for eggs. I have remained alone here through the day except going to the office. Paid 5 cents postage.

Debits – 1.00, .30, .05

Clear, and a cool westerly wind. In the middle of the day the wind was very high.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 59.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 60.1

### **Sun. 28**

Another extremely beautiful sabbath morning, and I shall expect a full house at church. But in this I was some disappointed for the meeting was rather thin. Mr. Hewitt preached from James I: 16. – "Do not err my beloved brethren." From this he took up the last verse of the same chapter to point out our duty and the requirements if we would live purely religious and Christian lives, and to avoid error. The sermon was a very good one. – But in the afternoon Mr. Hewitt gave us one of his greatest and best sermons. The text was in Rom. XV: 14. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, etc." This text seemed to expand in the heart of the speaker and he gave us one of his broadest and best sermons. It gave him an opportunity to refer to the wickedness in high places, in the great fraud on the government as the result of the spirit of the war, and he pointed out our duty to try to remedy this great moral wrong. Robert called at about five o'clock. I did not read much in the evening but tried to rest.

Clear and very pleasant though there is a cool westerly wind. For the past few days a high wind would spring up about 9 or 10 o'clock and continue through the day. Very pleasant but cool in the afternoon. Wind N.W. – In the evening the wind abated in part.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 29.40

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 29.36

### **Mon 29**

Yesterday I paid Lewis Pratt 35 cents for Old & New. Paid some days ago for March Galaxy – Knapp 34 cents Postage at two times 10 + 3cts. I called on Mr. Burleigh this morning to get some readers that he has and found the new Sargent's Reader to be among the very best that can be found. I got my copy of Kidd's Elocution, for I have not yet examined it. I met Mr. Hewitt and had a long talk with him on some of the incidents of yesterday at church, and am glad to find him so thorough in reading character. I am glad it has so happened that I have had a pleasant confidential talk with him.

Debits - .35, .34, 13

Clear with but a slight wind from the north. Cirrus clouds began to appear in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.48 At. Ther. 50.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 64.2

### **Tues. 30**

Cousin Leland Doten came here to work on his garden work. He fixed the flower beds this forenoon. Paid Paul 18 cents for eggs. Spent the greater part of the day out in the air. Had a call from a bevy of school girls asking for school girls "May Day" and I grant it but they may be called to make up the day. – After supper I went to see the letters placed on the sign for the Post, and after beginning it I left the work for Robert to finish. I am not able to do much this spring but must soon go to work at some profitable kind of work.

Debits - .18

8 Cir.-St. clouds with light wind from S.E. Weather warmer.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.59 At. Ther. 54.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 70.0

### **Wed. May 1**

Paid subscription to Universalist Society. Paid Billings for tea 63 cents. I have moved my writing table into the west room and shall do the greater part of my writing there. This is a peculiar day among the scholars for each class or grade in the aristocracy must be by themselves. I remained at home through the day and have arranged my table in part. In the evening I went to the office and got Mr. Miller's records and worked on the reports in the evening, and nearly finished them after getting the 9 o'clock observation.

Debits – 10.00, .63

Cirro-cumulus clouds overspread the sky this morning but very light, but they increased in density till night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.43 At. Ther. 54.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 67.1

### **Thurs 2**

Finished the meteorological reports and notes for April and carried them to the office. I mailed the Smithsonian report this morning. Paid Billings 20 cents for groceries. In the afternoon cousin Leland came to work in the garden. We got the worst of the work done and it began to rain. Mr. Billings' team was caught in the shower and staid in the bridge some time. Paid 3 cts. postage. After the rain was over I went to the office and found that Gov. Stewart was intending to run for a re-election. The Standard comes out with Mr. Billings' Speech of the State Convention at Bellows Falls.

Debits - .20, .03

Raining this morning with S.E. Wind but the upper wind came round to the S.W. and the cumulus clouds began to run. In the afternoon we had some quite hard showers. 0.35 of rain and 0.42 in all.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 58.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.14 At. Ther. 69.9

### **Fri 3**

Arose quite early and cousin Leland came to work soon after six o'clock. He worked till about 10 o'clock and I paid him 1.50 for work and 25 cents overpaid. Paid 21 cents for lemons, box of blocking & pens. In the afternoon Frank and I went to Mr. Billings' place and laid out some gas pipes around

the house and also we took some lines on his new woodshed. Have just learned that Horace Greeley was nominated as candidate for president at the Cincinnati convention. Paid 50 cents for meat.

Debits – 1.75, .21, .50

Dense stratus clouds cover the sky, but it broke away about noon. Clouds cirro-cu. 4 in the middle of the day. Evening 4 stratus.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 58.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 61.1

#### **Sat 4**

A rainy morning. Worked in the garden door-yard a short time, but must attend the examination of teachers. I called at the house and found the work going on quite merrily. I have met Mr. Wright of South Woodstock and some others. The teachers seemed very busy writing their answers to the set of very poorly selected questions for the examination of teachers. The whole performance seems a very silly farce and I believe the people will soon get heartily sick of it. The law must have some very important modifications before it will be perfect.

It began to rain about 6 o'clock. Rain N.W. At 5 p.m. there had fallen 0.52 in. of rain.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 53.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 64.9

#### **Sun. 5**

Clear and beautiful, but cool. At the usual time I went to the church to wind the clock and see that the bell was rung at the right time exactly. Heard Mr. Hewitt preach from James II: 18. – “Show me thy faith without thy works and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” He first pointed out a true faith and then showed how a living faith should show itself in all our acts and lives, etc. It was one of his happiest discourses. Mrs. Dr. Colton assisted in the singing and it added richly to the choir. We hope she will continue in the place for her assistance is needed. In the afternoon he preached from Isaiah XLV: - “A just God and a Savior.” In this discourse he called up the justice and the mercy of God and showed their effects when taken in connection with the Calvinistic and Arminian notions and faith. It might be called a doctrinal discourse and was argumentative and strong. I paid 25 cents in a collection that was taken up, and though a very small quantity it must do for the present.

Debits .25

Cooler this morning with high North wind. Clouds 1 stratus. – Wind increased in the forenoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 55.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 56.5

#### **Mon 6**

Started early in the morning to go to Pomfret for Mr. Hodges to make some measurements to be used in court today. Had a very unpleasant day. It seems as though Pomfret had fallen in the scale of morals and true nobleness since I was teaching there six years ago. I do regret this exceedingly, for I wish to hold my old native town in sacred remembrance, and see her rise instead of fall in the great scale of nobleness and true worth. We staid till the case was closed and got ready to start for home at about an hour past midnight. Found the folks up waiting for me when I arrived home.

Raining in the morning. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 48.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 56.0

**Tues 7**

Though up so late last night I arose quite early this morning and went to work, but was too dull and stupid to think of anything but the Hodges court. I think I have learned much of Pomfret, much more than I wished to learn, for how pleasant it always is to keep a sacred regard for ones own town and its people. This afternoon I heard of the death of Augustus Palmer and I fitted out some questions for his mother's folks to answer. Paid for soda and cloves 13 cents.

Debits - .13

About 2 cir, clouds and these soon were scattered away and the day was one of the most beautiful in the world.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 62.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 72.5

**Wed 8**

In the forenoon I went with Frank Hatch to lay out an ice house for Mr. Billings and also to examine the gas pipes that they are now digging up. In the afternoon I made computations for the excavation and wall for the ice house and then returned it to Mr. Billings. I came back and began to write on the notice of the death of A. Palmer. Paid for milk tickets 1 dollar, and I paid Paul 17 cents for eggs. Joanna came down from Pomfret to remove a few dogs.

Debits – 1.00, .17

Wind North or N.W. – Some cloudy but a very fine day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 62.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 72.5

**Thurs 9**

Early in the morning I started for the South village to finish Mr. Kendall's survey. Elvira and Joanna went to Horace Dunham's with me. The surveying was on the mountain through the middle of the day, and was very warm. Received from L.C. Kendall \$13.00 for surveying and expenses. I came back to Mr. Dunham's and took some dinner and soon after, came home. I was very tired and my nerves were distracted. I was compelled to do some writing for Robert. I finished it and carried it down in the evening. Paid 1 dollar on subscription to musical instrument.

Credits – 13.00

Debits – 1.00

A slight shower early in the morning. Some smoky. A very warm day. Wind S.W. through the day. Partially cloudy in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 68.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.09 At. Ther. 73.0

**Fri 10**

Arose early and went to work but was too tired to do much. Have tried to get my daily writing up to date, and have nearly done it. Went to the office but soon returned. Paid 32 cents for meat and 46 cents Silliman's Journal. Soon after noon I went down and found a copy of the Post. A very nice paper. I left a copy with Miss Palmer to examine the article on her brother who has recently died. I do not know but I am satisfied with the article, though I would have been glad to have made it a little longer.

Debits - .32, .46

Cir.-cu clouds this morning. A very strong wind through the night N. or N.W. Partially cloudy at noon and full cloudy at night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 70.3  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 73.3

### **Sat 11**

Paid Mr. Burk \$2.50 for use of horse to South Woodstock twice and three cents for mending water pot. And Paid Richmond for meat 50 cents and I paid Paul ten cents for oranges. Received for the calf skin 90 cents. Joanna paid me this. Robert raised the sign for his office and I think it is the best sign in the village. Those pure old letters are rich indeed, though many would not like them. The paper is taking a firm and sure stand, and I hope it will be production of much good.

Debits – 2.50, .03, .50, .10  
Credits - .90

Stratus clouds and signs of rain. Some wind from the South. Towards night the wind was S.E. Cir. St. clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.56 At. Ther. 60.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 70.3

### **Sun. 12**

Joanna is with us now and I hope will stay some days. The beautiful spring time has come and all nature feels it. I went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from I John IV: 21. – “And this commandment have we from him. That he who loveth God, love his brother also.” The text bespeaks the character of the sermon and it was very well listened to by an attentive congregation. The house was quite well filled for the morning service. In the afternoon he preached from Isaiah LXI: 11. – “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.” This was a sermon for the season and was one of the greatest and best he has ever given us. The different seasons were compared to the different stages of human life. The sermon might have been called in some respects a doctrinal sermon but it could not well have been anything else for the text could lead to but one conclusion. The singing was excellent.

10 Stratus clouds this morning. Wind East, but the clouds began to break at 9 or 10 and came from the southwest.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 57.9  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 74.1

### **Mon 13**

Spent the greater part of the day on Mr. Billings' work on the garden lawn and walk and on the ice house. This is nice work to do and must be done with good taste or it should not be done at all. Paid Billings for can of tomatoes.

Debits - .25

8 light cir.-st. clouds. Wind N.E. About 4 cir.cu. clouds at 2 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 64.2  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 70.2

### **Tues 14**

Paid Richmond 46 cents for beef soup. Saw Mr. McKenzie this morning on the school matters. And on the examination of our village teachers. None but Miss Dunham was examined at the regular examination. Joanna went home this afternoon and I think she became some rested while here.

Debits - .46  
Nearly clear this morning.



Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.44 At. Ther. 60.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.47 At. Ther. 69.0

### **Wed 15**

After breakfast I went to the town clerk's office to look for some more of the deeds of the Judge Hutchinson lot in the corner of Elm and Court Street. I have found the deeds of nearly all the lot but there is one piece that I do not find. Paid three cents postage. Also paid for neck tie 15 cents.

Debits - .03, .15

Cloudy cir.-cu. Clouds 8. Wind N.W. 3.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 62.3  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.48 At. Ther. 66.5

### **Thurs 16**

Robert paid me \$16.39 for the Claremont Mfg. Company and Mr. Hodges paid me \$2.50 for fees and work. I paid Pratt 30 cents for red ink. Made computation of Mr. Daniels survey that Polk made yesterday. I also wrote a deed for Orlando Richmond and others and also two deeds for George Fisher. I also went to Mr. Billings and laid out the work for the wall to the ice cellar and the octagon house.

Credits – 16.39, 2.50  
Debits - .30

Clear this morning but a high north wind is blowing. 5 cirro.-cumulus clouds at 2 o'clock. High north wind through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.43 At. Ther. 59.4  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 56.5

### **Fri 17**

In the morning I went to run a line for Mr. Shubeno on the old school house lot. Frank Hatch was with me. I had some difficulty in finding the old line of the Chaplin farm, but I think I have found it correctly. If I have, Mr. Kent has got over the line some 3 or 4 feet in some places. In the afternoon I went to the school house to hear Polk's lecture on coins and their important uses. The lecture must be heard to be appreciated. I think the boy did remarkably well. Shubeno paid me 1.50. Paid Billings for sugar and tea.

Credits – 1.50  
Debits – 1.39

Clear with N.W. wind.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 60.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 64.4

### **Sat 18**

Paid Paul for vinegar 14 cents and I received from G. Henry \$2.00. Went to the office in the morning and then went to Mr. Henry's to run a line and to run two or three lines of levels. Frank Hatch was with me. In the afternoon I looked up the deeds about the Barker property to find an exact description, but it was a very difficult thing to do. I could find no full and perfect surveys of the property at all. I am too dull to write more this evening. Paid \$5.82 to Mrs. Churchill.

Debits - .14, 5.82  
Credits – 2.00

Clear in the morning. Wind N.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 61.1  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 72.8

### **Sun. 19**

A cool morning with signs of rain. Another sabbath morning and we ask ourselves what subject will Mr. Hewitt take up today. We went to church and heard a Mr. Page from Charlestown, N.H. He spoke from John X: 10. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." From these words the speaker gave us a very excellent discourse. He pointed out our duties in order to obtain that life. The speaker was afflicted with a sore disease of the lungs that nearly prevented his speaking for the past 12 years. He is to speak again this evening at 5 o'clock. In the afternoon Mr. Hewitt spoke from these words "And I will give you rest." Matt. XII: 28. This was a very appropriate sermon to follow the one by Mr. Page this forenoon. This rest and how to obtain it was the question that the speaker answered. I went in the evening but the storm prevented the lecture. Paid the speaker fifty cents. He was in some poor health and it was very difficult for him to speak. Robert called in the evening. The rain has somewhat abated.

Debits - .50

10 stratus clouds early this morning. Cool with westerly wind but the lower clouds seem to be moving from the southeast. It began to rain about 9 o'clock and at 6 p.m. there had fallen 0.74 inches.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.01 At. Ther. 60.9  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.81 At. Ther. 64.0

### **Mon 20**

Paid Billings 63 cents for tea & bags 2 cents. I went to the office and then to the old school house lot to examine the lines. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Pratt went with us and after some talk we set some posts for the corners and hope we have settled the difficulty. In the afternoon I called at the school house to see about the scholars who have the whooping cough. I then went to Mr. Billings work to examine it and to see about laying out some walls about the woodhouse. Polk is preparing his article on Vt. Coins for the post.

Debits - .65

Partially cloudy this morning. Cir.-cu. 5. Wind W. Cumulus or cir.-cu. Clouds with showers in the afternoon. 0.20 inches of rain today.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.85 At. Ther. 68.1  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.86 At. Ther. 66.6

### **Tues 21**

Cloudy. I went to the office and saw Mr. Billings and I must go this afternoon and look over the work at the bridge. Paid Richmond 40 cents for meat. In the afternoon I went to the work at the bridge and took the levels for the work of repairing the road and the ground between the bridge and the upper road. It was very warm towards night and I was tired. Miss Hewitt called to be released from her school duties, as she wishes to go west this summer, and perhaps she will go. I put here "paid for shoes" about 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1.10.

Debits .40, 1.10

Cloudy and cool this morning. Wind W. But in the afternoon it was from the N.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.00 At. Ther. 64.7  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 69.2

### **Wed 22**

Went to the office and met Mr. Billings at the bank and he wished me to take charge of repairing the highway in the corner by the Elm Street bridge. I paid Sayward and Fisher 20 cents for two shelves

and Pratt 5 cents for ink. I received of Mr. Barker one dollar for surveying on his house lot. I worked on Mr. Billings plan of the road near the Bridge. In the evening I worked on the meteorological report for the last week, and I finished it nearly ready for the paper.

Debits - .20, .05  
Credits – 1.00

A very clear morning. Wind S.E. but the sky was soon covered with Cir St. clouds that changed before night to cumulus.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 64.7  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 69.2

### **Thurs 23**

This morning I met Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Hoisington, and we let him the job to build a wall near Mr. Billings' woodshed. He is to excavate for the wall at 15 cents a yard and \$2.50 for building the bank wall. If there is rock to be blasted out he is to take it out and use the stone for the wall and the space is to be measured as earth excavation. I paid Chapman for soap and camphor 33 cents. I also paid Randall and Moore \$2.25 for a gold pen.

Debits .33, 2.25

It began to rain soon after midnight and continued to rain till nearly night. Wind East 2. – In the afternoon the wind came to the N.W. and it stopped evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.03 At. Ther. 65.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.07 At. Ther. 67.8

### **Fri 24**

Went to the office and to the work on Mr. Billings' woodshed. Frank Hatch went with me and we took the surface level and are now ready to lay out the work. In the afternoon I went to the work on the road by the bridge. About half past three o'clock I went to the school house to hear Mr. Middleton's lecture. I met Mr. Hewitt at the door and went with him. The subject was "Knowledge" and he first gave the three methods of acquiring it, viz: History, Observation & Experience. Paid Pratt \$1.25 for Maurice and Richmond for meat .25.

Debits – 1.25, .25

The sun rose clear but was soon obscured by clouds. Wind N.E. Some clouds through the day Wind N.E. at 2 o'clock but it came round to the S.E. before night. Evening very dark.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 60.1  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 70.2

### **Sat 25**

In the forenoon I worked on Mr. Billings' road, and we also went to the woodshed and laid out the work for Mr. Chadwick to begin his excavations, and I can lay out the wall too when he is ready for it. In the afternoon I could do but little for the weather was too warm and too muggy. The air was close and stifled so that there was a general complaint of stupefaction and drowsiness. Paid Billings 17 cents for eggs. Charles Fitch called on me and is talking about leaving home for a while.

Debits - .17

Clouds this morning 10 stratus. Wind S.E. Afternoon wind S.W. cirro. cum. clouds 5. Clear in the evening with W. wind.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.07 At. Ther. 63.3  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.08 At. Ther. 74.1

## Sun 26

Another very beautiful sabbath morning and Nature is seen in its loveliest mood. In the morning I set the clock at the church and I must start the pendulum for it gains about two minutes in a week. Mr. Hewitt preached from I Cor. I: 21. – “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” I think this seemingly obscure passage of scripture was made very plain by our speaker, and he has our thanks for the effort. In the afternoon he preached on Matt. XIII: 27. “Sir didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares?” This might be called a doctrinal sermon, and so it was, for it was full of sound doctrine. The tares of false doctrines have and will continue to choke the wheat and hinder the spread of gospel truth. The world has long groaned under the pressure of pernicious error under the name of truth, but I hope such days are drawing to a close. – In the evening we walked over to Simeon Dunham’s, but he was away and we came back having had a pleasant walk.

Early in the morning clear. – At 7 o’clock 8 cloudy. Wind S.W. 2. – but by noon it was in the north.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 61.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 71.1

## Mon 27

Worked in the garden till breakfast and then went to the office and to Mr. Billings’ work at the Elm Street bridge and at the octagon house, etc. I came to make two or three deeds for them, that is, for a part of the heirs to the remaining part. In the afternoon, Frank Hatch and I went to the Myers lot and ran the line between Mr. Billings’ land and Mr. Myers’ lot and left stakes for guides to making wall. With Frank’s work I made a full days work. Amelia has been out of school the first day in two terms. Rainy.

Clear early and cir. clouds at 7 o’clock. Wind NE. Afternoon cloudy 10. Wind S.E. 4 showers. It began to rain at 4 p.m. and continued to rain in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 67.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.06 At. Ther. 71.8

## Tues 28

I went to the office and it soon began to rain and it was showery through the day. I called at the Town Clerk’s office to examine the records of deeds and found a full description of the house lot now occupied by Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Allen. I then went to the work at the bridge and also at the barns. I took some measures and in the afternoon I took the transit, laid out the shed and tested it by the direction of the barn and made them coincide. Paid 15 cents for stamps and 25 cents for meat.

Debits - .15. .25

Rain till about five o’clock in the morning when the higher winds were from the west and the sun broke through the clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.01 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 69.0

## Wed 29

I went early to Mr. Billings work, and met Charles Fitch and closed a trade with him, so that I go there and board his mother. I have the use of his house and garden and board his mother and he pays me one hundred dollars a year. Sent Polk ten dollars for a few days. Paid 24 cents for rice. Took levels at the Pratt bridge, and in the afternoon I searched the records to find a list of the conveyances of Wm. H.H. Slayton’s house lot in order to make a deed of it for F.N. Billings.

Debits – 10.00, .24

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 66.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 66.1

### **Thurs 30**

In the morning we made a survey of Mr. Slayton's lot and found some difficulty about the south west corner. Mr. Billings has bought it of Mr. Slayton and I must make the deeds soon. It has cost some time to trace out all the conveyances that have been made of that lot, and I have eight or ten. I spent the afternoon in writing to make out a description of the land. This is "decoration day" a day set apart for the purpose of decorating the soldiers graves, those who fell in the late war. Mrs. Dunham called.

Nearly clear this morning but the clouds soon began to gather and continued to increase in density till it began to rain at about 4 o'clock p.m. Wind S.W. but the lower clouds came from the S.E. at night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.42 At. Ther. 68.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 71.9

### **Fri 31**

Am very busy with my deed writing, and I went to the office this morning, but am excused from the field work till the writing is done. Spent nearly all day at the house. In the evening I carried the deeds to the office and Polk assisted me in finishing them. Paid 17 cents for eggs and 87 cents at Jones's store. I am glad to get these deeds off of my hands, like the flies in the fable another hungry swarm is ready to come as soon as these are done, but I am tired of writing and searching records so much. I have had very good success in all of it so far.

Debits - .17, .87

Some rainy through the night and this morning. Wind S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 62.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 68.6

### **Sat June 1**

Started very early for the work and laid out the fence line near the Pratt bridge and took the levels for setting the posts. Have not worked easily today, but have got along with it very well. I paid 29 cents for meat and Billings 54 cents for sugar. Got some rested at noon, and went to the office to search the records more for deeds of the Mason lot now occupied by Mrs. Bailey & Mrs. Allen, and after that I went to the work at the Pratt bridge and to the Iron bridge. Am too tired to work this evening.

Debits - .59, .34

Cir. cum. 1 early in the morning but the sky was soon overcast and it began to rain about 2 o'clock. Wind S.W. veering west. – N.W. in the p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.01 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 69.0

### **Sun. 2**

Rested very well last night and we are favored with a beautiful June morning. Last Sunday I started the regulator to the church clock and I found it about a minute and a half too slow today. In the forenoon Mr. Hewitt preached from Matt. IX: 36. – "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion, etc." The speaker called up some incidents in the life of Jesus where he restored sight to the blind, the dumb he caused to speak, and then exhorted his hearers to have a like compassion on our brethren here. In the afternoon he spoke from Lev. XX: 7. – "Sanctify yourselves therefore and be holy: for I am the Lord your God." This sermon was an expansion and application of the text to the moral and religious character of mankind. The whole was bold and strong showing us that without this sanctification no man could be saved or be happy here or hereafter. A bold and truthful sermon. Paid Mr. Hewitt 50 cents for milk ticket.

Debits - .50

Early in the morning clear but at 7 o'clock 4 cloudy Cir. cu. – Wind N.W. cool. – A beautiful day but cool. The wind continued N.W. till night. Clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 66.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 68.8

### **Mon 3**

Started in the morning to lay out the fence near the Pratt bridge and I staid there till I thought the work would move on correctly. I also laid out the road at the red bridge or iron bridge. I spent all day on Mr. Billings' work. He left for New York this forenoon, and he looked over his work and gave directions just how he would like to have it all done. I am trying to have all his work done exactly to his mind. Abigail came down just before night and will stay with us a few days. Paid 15 cents to Mr. Eaton for mending boots & 2 cts. postage.

Debits - .15, .02

A clear morning. Wind N.E. In the evening the wind was S.W. 3 cirrus clouds at 2 p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.44 At. Ther. 64.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 69.2

### **Tues 4**

Arose quite early to write out the meteorology for May and fit it for the papers. Left it with the Age today, and shall let the Standard have it tomorrow and the Post afterwards. In the morning I went to the work at the Iron bridge and then to the Pratt bridge and afterward to the woodshed, and back to the Iron bridge and it was then about noon. In the afternoon I went again but the rain soon drove me in. Called on Robert in the evening. He is some unwell and I am fearful his business is not suited to his health.

Partially cloudy Cir. cu. 5 Wind W. 2. The wind very soon came around to the S.E. 3 and the clouds became dense and it began to rain at 4 p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 61.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.46 At. Ther. 69.9

### **Wed 5**

Am not well today and do not go out to the work. I went to the office, got my meteorology article from the Age and revised it for Mr. Greene who will publish it tomorrow. Polk went to Middlebury last Monday and is expected to be at home tonight. The rain makes it a little unpleasant for him but I hope he will come. I spent the greater part of the afternoon at the house. Robert came to get the Posts version of Sumner's speech. I went with him to get the meteorological record at Mr. Miller's. Paid 13 cents for cream of tartar Mrs. Palmer, Dana & Miss Martin.

Debits - .13, 1.33

Rainy through the night and it still continues. At half past 6 a.m. there was for the whole storm 0.87 inches. Wind N.E. It stopped raining at 4 o'clock p.m. 0.14 of rain since morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.96 At. Ther. 57.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 68.1

### **Thurs 6**

Arose early and wrote out the meteorology for the past week, and went to Mr. Miller's for the last night's record. Went to the Standard office to read the proof of the meteorology. I went to the work on Mr. Billings' place as far as the Pratt bridge. Was out in the rain nearly all the forenoon. In the afternoon I worked in the house the greater part of the time. Paid Richmond for lard 52 cents. Staid

at the house in the evening and am some tired but am feeling much better than for the past few days.

Debits - .52

Cloudy in the morning and it continued so till it began to rain till 6 a.m. Wind N. and it continued so till nearly night when it came to the west.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 57.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 69.1

### **Fri 7**

Rested very well last night and arose quite early and began my work. Soon after breakfast I went to the office, and then to Mr. Billings' work. Took levels at the bridge and afterwards at the shed. Spent the forenoon on these levels. In the afternoon I searched the records to find the deeds to Mr. Watt's land, and found the chain of title. Examined the work at the bridge and came home. Have spent some more than half a day on the work. Mr. Bugbee called to see about school, as he has made an application for the one in the village. Paid for kerosene 40 cts.

Debits - .40

Cumulo-stratus clouds 4. Wind W. 4. – Strong signs of showers. Afternoon wind S.E. Dense clouds through the day but no rain.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 67.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 73.0

### **Sat 8**

Dense clouds in the morning. It began to rain at half past 6 or 7. Went to the office to see Polk about the form of paper to go with Mr. Slayton's deed as collateral with it. I came to the house and wrote a form of the article and after noon I went there again but Polk was too unwell to give much attention to it. I wrote nearly all day. Am too tired to go to Mr. Benjamin's concert this evening. Mr. Leach called just before night for Abigail, but she will remain a few days longer. Paid 20 cents for eggs and lemon. I hope the concert will be well attended for I am glad to have the young people encouraged in singing.

Debits - .20

10 stratus clouds with strong signs of rain. Wind S.E. It began to rain about 6½ o'clock and the rain continued through the greater part of the day. Wind East.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 65.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.98 At. Ther. 69.8

### **Sun. 9**

I took the time this morning for I wished to set the church clock. It was very damp in the church in the forenoon. Mr. Hewitt spoke to us from I Tim. II: 5. – "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men." This of course led the speaker to speak of the true position of Christ his nature and office in the moral government of the universe. He is not a Trinitarian in the modern sense of the term, but the text alone gives his view of the subject. – In the afternoon he spoke from Acts V: 29. – "We ought to obey God rather than men." From this text he gave us a good strong logical sermon, one of rare power and value. He made the will of God the whole foundation of moral duty, the base of all moral law. This is doubtless the true view of moral law and the foundation of moral science. It is really refreshing to hear such sermons for they are strictly logical and are most truly instructive. After meeting here Mr. Hewitt went to Pomfret and preached to my old townsmen and I am sure they would profit by it. I am afraid that Pomfret has been falling back for a few years back, judging from what I witnessed there not long ago.

Dense cir.-cu. Clouds in the morning 10. – Wind at the surface S.E. upper wind W. and so it continued till night. A few stratus clouds in the afternoon and evening. Beautiful and brilliant aurora in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.06 At. Ther. 65.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.09 At. Ther. 78.8

### **Mon. 10**

Carried papers to the office and took some counsel about the proper form. Came to the house and wrote till I finished Mr. Billings' deeds. I fitted them together and took them to Mr. Billings and they were finished up and I lodged them in the Town Clerk's office. I must now take up the deeds from the part of Billings' heirs to the remaining part.

Paid 40 cents for meat and 9 cents for lemons. Have become very tired and jaded, for I have all now before me that I can do.

Debits - .40, .09

### **Tues 11**

Corrected the line between Mr. Billings and Mr. Myers. I found the old line badly run up the mountain, the old line running 6½ feet too far to the north on the side of the mountain. I received of F. Billings five dollars on account, and I paid F.N. Billings \$3.80 for flour, and I paid Mr. Burk 75 cents for horse hire. Was very tired in the evening. M.&N. had a long talk with Lester Miller about his Safford visit. He saw Henry Safford at his father's before he came home. We rode to H. Dunham's and to Pomfret and had a pleasant ride. But it was some tiresome.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 3.20, .75

Dense Cum.-St. clouds 10. Wind 2 N.W. 4 N.W. at 2 p.m.- At 2 p.m. a slight shower. Nearly clear in the evening West wind 1.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.06 At. Ther. 72.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 73.0

### **Wed 12**

Started for the office and met Mr. McKenzie and he gave me a line from Mr. Montague the town superintendent of schools, and he proposed to meet the teachers today at the school house, and I notified the teachers as soon as I could, and we all met at the room of the Intermediate School and spent an hour very pleasantly. I was very tired in the afternoon. I paid 6 cents for lemons. The great circus and menagerie at Woodstock.

Debits - .06

The sun rose clear but soon went into a cloud. 10 cloudy at 7 a.m. with squalls of rain. Wind S.W. 4. – At 2 o'clock 6 cum.-st. Wind 4 S.W. – Slight showers. Hail storm at 8½ o'clock p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 70.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 78.2

### **Thurs 13**

Did not go to the office for I am just beginning to move our goods to Mr. Fitch's place on the north side of the river. We got Mr. Bradley to assist us and he moved the book boxes first and thought them very heavy.

Clear this morning. Soon Cir.-St. clouds began to form, which continued till nearly night. – A very slight shower at 5 p.m. – Wind S.W. through the day. 0.57 inches of rain.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 73.3



Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 73.7

#### **Fri 14**

Our rooms were very much stirred up this morning and we managed to get the beds, the bureau, and some of the tables off so that we could go ourselves this afternoon as Mrs. Fitch went this morning. She goes directly to Boston to meet Mr. Fitch as he is engaged in the Custom House. We got Mr. Burk to carry us over about three o'clock and are now beginning a stay with Mrs. Fitch for a time but no one knows how long. We began to buy milk of Mrs. Moore today getting one quart a day.

10 cloudy this morning. Wind westerly. Showers in the afternoon from 2 to nearly four. Cloudy through to the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 73.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.05 At. Ther. 72.5

#### **Sat 15**

I went to Mr. Billings' work this morning and spent about half the forenoon on the different parts of that work, and Mr. Bradley kept the moving going as much as possible. After moving one load to our new place in the morning, I prepared for moving my cabinet to the school house for I have determined to present it to the High School. Mr. Burleigh the teacher assisted us in putting it into the School House. Got 10 dollars and paid Mr. Bradley 5 dollars.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 5.00

Nearly clear this morning. Cooler with North wind 3. – Afternoon Wind W. 2- Cirro cumulus clouds 4 or 5. Radiating stratus clouds in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 71.0

#### **Sun 16**

We are now seated at Mr. Fitch's place and we ought to be quietly settled too, but it takes time for that. We are so very tired that we shall not attempt to go to church this morning most certainly. I have some fears that we shall not find it convenient to go to church every Sunday from here. Perhaps the folks and Mr. Hewitt can get along without us but I do believe we should be missed some from our accustomed seat. I am very sorry we cannot hear Mr. H. every day that he speaks from that desk.

10 cir.-st. clouds. Wind W. 2. The clouds are slight and the sun shines through them.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 69.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 72.8

#### **Mon 17**

Paid Geo. Paul 56 cents for fish and paid Richmond 25 cents. I went in the morning to the woodshed and before noon Mr. Bradley and I went to the house and got a load and moved home, which is the last load for Mr. Bradley to move. Frank Hatch and I spent the afternoon at the woodshed laying out work and taking levels. The work was for the walls along the woodshed road, and I must see that the wall is sunk low enough to make it safe and secure from frost and freshet. Am hardly able to work at all but must not fail to keep work going.

Debits - .56, .25

Partially cloudy in the morning. Wind northerly or N.W. 1 - Cir.-cu or stratus clouds through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.47 At. Ther. 61.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 73.1

**Tues. 18**

Did not go to the office in the morning but assisted in the garden and in the house. I also computed and corrected the levels taken about the woodshed and Mr. Chadwick's work. Paid Mr. Bradley in full as balance for assistance in moving 3 dollars. Paid Billings for molasses 40 cts. Paid Rich. for meat .25, Pratt .28. Worked only a short time for Mr. Billings but Frank Hatch is working for me on that work. He gets along most admirably with his studies and will make a good engineer or surveyor for he has a strong business talent.

Debits – 3.00, .40, .28

Morning clear. Forenoon cum. Clouds 7. Early wind E. 1. Later W. with heavy clouds. Afternoon Cum. S.E. clouds 8 or 9. Winds S.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.54 At. Ther. 65.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.58 At. Ther. 77.5

**Wed 19**

We are pretty fully settled at the C.G. Fitch place or rather the Woodward R. Fitch place. I remained home to work in the garden in the forenoon, but in the afternoon I went to Mr. Chadwick's work at the woodshed. I then went to the office and made two deeds for the school district. It is for exchanging land with the Catholic Church, and I made a survey so that I could describe the land. After I came home Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt called. I was glad to meet them for we are not yet fully at home here.

Partially cloudy. Cum.-st. 6 – N.W. 1. – This continued through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 70.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.48 At. Ther. 78.0

**Thurs 20**

County Convention at Woodstock to nominate County officers. A very full meeting, and one that shows more of the intrigue and impurity of elections than any that we have had for a long time. I worked at home through the forenoon and in the afternoon I examined a class in Mrs. Dunham's school and found it admirably fitted to go forward into the Intermediate school. Paid Richmond for meat 25 cents.

Debits - .25

10 cloudy. Cir.-cu. Clouds. – Wind N.W. 1. The clouds assumed the cirrus form and continued so through the afternoon. Wind N.W. A very light rain this forenoon, but not enough to measure.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 67.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.51 At. Ther. 77.4

**Fri 21**

I visited the work at the woodshed in the morning and then went to the River St. Primary school, and examined a class of candidates for admission to the Intermediate School. I then went to the office but soon left for home. Worked half a day for Mr. Billings. Paid Paul for sugar 26 cents. The shower in the afternoon was more to the north and east of us, and the lightning darting at long distance on the surface of the clouds from one cloud to another or from the clouds to the earth was very beautiful. The clouds were a bright orange hue as the cloud approached.

Debit - .26

Morning clear and no wind. Cumulus clouds 5 at 2. The higher clouds move from the west. Very heavy cumulus clouds in the afternoon. A thunder shower at 7 or 8 o'clock. A very hot day. Ther. 93.5

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.47 At. Ther. 70.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 87.5

### **Sat 22**

This morning I took a walk to find my hoe but could not find it. I am sure I left it in the carriage house. Worked a part of the day for Mr. Billings. I went in the evening to attend a concert but the work went all right and I did not get to the house before the work was done. After a short and pleasant talk with Mr. H.S. Dana on political matters, I then left for home. Robert came home from Pomfret where he had been to attend a concert to select delegates to attend the state convention at Montpelier.

4 light cirrus clouds. Wind N.W. It began to rain at 2 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.42 At. Ther. 71.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 72.0

### **Sun. 23**

I walked to church alone this morning and heard M. Hewitt from I Cor. XV: 44. Last clause, "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." The sermon was made up of proofs and explanations of these two bodies. He does not seem to hold the Swedenborg notions of three bodies in one but the two distinct and separate, that is, may be separate. There were no services at the Chapel in the afternoon and we went to hear Mr. Wilder at the Methodist house. He preached from Hosea VI: 6. – "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice: and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." I had never heard from him any but one missionary sermon before. He brought the subject of earnestness and sincerity very forcibly before his hearers and it was ably done. I think they will never find a better speaker in that place, and I wish they could keep him longer, but I suppose they can only keep him through the year.

A few stratus clouds in the morning. Wind N.W. 1 – In the middle of the day the clouds were cir.-cu. from the S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 67.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 87.3

### **Mon 24**

Arose in the morning about half past four o'clock and went into the garden. I was quite unwell and could hardly walk to the office but I succeeded in it very well. I spent about two hours on the computation of the earth work at the woodshed. Got ten dollars of Mr. Billings and I paid Mr. Knapp 50 cents subscription and 46 cents for Silliman's Journal and 4 cents postage. Quincy Page called this afternoon on his way from the Jubilee at Boston. He lives at Three Rivers P.Q. – His place is directly on the bank of the St. Lawrence River.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .50, .50

6 Cloudy stratus clouds. I can hardly tell the direction of the wind where I am now. It began to rain at 2 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 68.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 73.1

### **Tues 25**

I worked in the garden a short time this morning and then went to the village. I called at the Intermediate and Primary Schools. Took 4 cents of Mrs. Fitch and paid 20 cents for meat (veal) and 12 cents for crackers. I came home and worked in the garden a short time in the rain. Did not go to the office in the afternoon but wrote some and did chores about the house. The people are starting for the State Convention at Montpelier tomorrow. The rain is a little unfavorable for getting together.

Credits - .04

Debits - .32

Rainy early in the morning and it continued to rain some through the day. The wind was west or N.W. in the afternoon but it came round to the S.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 69.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 77.1

### **Wed 26**

Paid Paul 80 cents for apples & 50 cts. for wash board. Paid Billings 88 cts. for tea.

Debits – 1.30, .88

Rainy through the night and this morning. 0.34 in. in the rain gauge. Wind S.E. 2.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.39 At. Ther. 68.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 70.1

### **Thurs 27**

Paid Mrs. Martin for work 75 cts. Paid Billings for sugar 27 cts.

Debits - .75, .27

Cloudy – Stratus – Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.42 At. Ther. 69.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 76.4

### **Fri 28**

In the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work near the woodshed. I got 1 dollar at the Post Office and sent 1.10 to the Life Insurance at Brattleborough. I am dull today for I arose soon after four o'clock and went to work. Mr. Billings came to the work at the shed and called it all very fine. I went to the office and saw Abbie and she says that Polk is some unwell. His nerves are very sensitive.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 1.10

Cumulus clouds – Wind westerly. A shower and heavy thunder at 11 o'clock a.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 69.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther.

### **Sat 29**

Arose at half past four and began my days work, but it soon became very warm. After breakfast I went to the shed and after looking at the work I went to the office and back home a little before noon. I met Mr. Billings near the bridge and we had a talk about the road and the finish of the bank between the roads. The afternoon was extremely warm. Alice Winslow staid with Amelia last night.

Foggy but clear above the fog. Cumulus clouds in the middle of the day. Thunder almost constantly in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 70.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 83.5

### **Sun. 30**

A beautiful sabbath morning the closing day of June. The weather is very warm but we concluded to walk to church but Elvira rode with Spencer. In the forenoon, Mr. Hewitt preached from Eph. V: 20. "Giving thanks always for all things to God and, the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The speaker dwell on the subject of ingratitude, and on the importance of cultivating a spirit of

thankfulness at all times for blessings received. We should try to realize fully the blessings conferred upon us, etc. – At noon we went to Simeon Dunham's and staid there through a plentiful shower. – In the afternoon he preached from Luke X: 42. "But one thing is needful. He gave us a very excellent sermon and set forth the truthfulness of the text most forcibly. It seems as though no one could hear such a sermon without feeling the force of the truth that "one thing is needful." Today closes the month of June and thus about one half of the year has gone.

A very clear morning but the cumulus clouds soon began to form and there was a shower about noon. Some slight showers in the afternoon at a distance. Wind S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 74.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 87.5

### **Mon July 1**

Mr. Bridge paid me \$9.90 due Kimball Perkins on Stephen Raymond's estate, and I paid Taft and Sprague \$3.75 for Kimball's boots. I paid Billings 62 cents for tea.

Credits - 9.90

Debits – 3.75, 62

### **Tues 2**

Miss Martin washed here and we paid her fifty cents. I paid Spencer towards what he paid at the bank three dollars.

Debits - .50, 3.00

Early in the morning clear, except for a few cumulus clouds. High wind in the night. Wind N.W. this morning but it soon came round to the west.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 78.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 84.5

### **Wed 3**

I prepared meteorological matter for Mr. Greene. His paper will come out today or tomorrow is a holy day and must be respected. I called at the school house in the forenoon but did not remain to hear the Latin classes. In the afternoon I heard his Geometry class and Algebra class and they did very well, that is the most of the class did well. Paid Jones for dress goods \$3.05.

Debits – 3.05

Partially cloudy Cum.-St. 6. Wind S.E. 3. Thunder showers in the afternoon, Wind at 2 N.W. and afterwards S.W. It began to rain soon after 1 p.m.

### **Thurs 4**

No celebration at Woodstock except what the boys make. I spent the forenoon on the meteorology for the paper. Elmer Smiley came here and took dinner. Alice Winslow came in the morning and staid with Amelia till towards night when Amelia went home with her. I worked in the garden some in the afternoon. Paid Richmond for meat 28 cents.

Debits – .28

3 cir. str. clouds with cumulus near the horizon. Wind W. A shower at 11 a.m. Raining at 2. Heavy thunder. Showers towards night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 75.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 74.1

**Fri 5**

I went to Billings' work in the forenoon and then to the office. Met Mr. Burleigh and had a long talk with him on the school subject, and I am sure he is quite well posted on the subject of teachers. I am sure Mr. Wright would teach a very good school. Mrs. D. and Amelia went to Horace Dunham's and Joanna came and staid here through the day.

Early in the morning dark cir. str. clouds. 2 cir. cu. at 7. Wind N.W. Heavy showers about us with thunder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 73.9  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 77. +/-

**Sat 6**

I went to the office first and then to the work at the shed and must go there again in the afternoon. Met my friend Edward H. Williams of the Baldwin Locomotive works. He gave a book that they have been getting up and it was a very beautiful thing, containing a great many photographic view of their engines. Paid Richmond for meat 25. Paid Mr. Eaton for mending A's boot 10 cents. Paid Billings for sugar 40 cents.

Debits - .25, .10, .40

Clear in the morn. 4 cirrus at 7. Wind N.W. and very clear in the afternoon. No rain today.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 67.4  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 73. +/-

**Sun. 7**

I did not feel able to walk to church this forenoon, and we concluded to stay at home and try to rest. Mr. Burk came and carried Mrs. Fitch to church. We have tried to make it a day of rest truly and have in part succeeded. Mr. Burleigh called in the afternoon and left about three o'clock. Mr. Leach and Electa called on their way home from church. Mr. McKenzie called towards night to talk of school matters. Alice and Emma Winslow called to see Amelia as she is to leave for home tomorrow. The day has been very fine and it must be a very favorable time for vegetation.

Cirro.-stratus clouds 8 in the morning. Wind N.W. The day was warm but the air was pure and good. There was a slight shower at about four o'clock with thunder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.51 At. Ther. 77.5  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 81.5

**Mon 8**

Amelia started for home this morning. I paid 9 cents for stamps and 20 cents for meat. I walked over to the village and saw Edward Williams and had a talk with him on the watch question. He carries a Chs. Frodsham watch worth about 450 dollars. He says his watch is rated to lose three tenth of a second daily and that is about as near as they can get it. He spoke very highly of the Howard watches. I paid Post office for borrowed 1 dollar and paid 20 cents for meat and 10 cts. postage. Worked on the proof for the almanac for N.H. 1873. Pd. Chapman for starch etc.

Debits – 1.00, .30, .25

Cumulo-stratus clouds 6 this morning. Wind westerly. At 11 o'clock a thunder shower formed in the N.W. Showers in the afternoon with thunder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.53 At. Ther. 65.6  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 67.5

**Tues 9**

Finished the proof reading of the N.H. Almanac and mailed it to the Claremont company. Paid 10 cents postage. I came back to my own table to work after going to the work at the woodshed. Spencer called and I paid him 25 dollars after getting 30 of Billings. I rode to the Post office and we got a letter from Amelia sent from the Potter place where she left the cars. I wrote to the Claremont company this morning and may very soon get a revised proof of the almanac pages. Showers all about us but none here. A warm day. Paid 60 cents to Mrs. Martin for washing.

Credits – 30.00

Debits - .10, 25.00, .60

Foggy early but cirrus or cumo stratus clouds in the forenoon. It began to thunder very soon after noon but the showers all went north or south of us. Cumulous clouds through the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.51 At. Ther. 77.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 81.5

**Wed 10**

Went to the work at the woodshed and then got Frank Hatch and took levels for the top of the wall. It had then become nearly noon and I came home. Had a talk with H.S. Dana and also with Robert Perkins on political topics. Have just learned that Horace Greely is nominated at the Democratic convention at Baltimore, and he will probably be elected. I paid F.N. Billings \$2.05 for wheat meal and groceries.

Debits – 2.05

Cir. St. clouds higher from N.W. Lower clouds from S.W. 9 cir. st. at 7. The cum. Clouds increased and it began to thunder at noon and to rain at 1 p.m. Wind westerly. A heavy shower with thunder near midnight.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 70.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 77.0

**Thurs 11**

Early in the morning I prepared the weekly meteorological report, and after breakfast I carried it to the office. I went to the woodshed to see to the finishing of the front wall ready for the timbers for the platform. I paid Richmond 36 cents for meat bought yesterday. I went to the office and walked home in the evening. I paid 12 cents for lemons.

Debits - .12

8 cirrus and 3 cumulus clouds. Wind N.W. 3. At two the cumulus changes to cirro-cum. And the wind is quite strong from N.W. A good hay day and no rain. Wind N.W. 3.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 75.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.21 At. Ther. 84.8

**Fri 12**

Spent the morning in reading the proof for the almanac for 1873, this revised proof. Went to the woodshed and then went to the office and again at the work at the shed and then to dinner. After dinner went with Frank Hatch to measure the wall at the shed and then we went to the office to prepare for the computations. I went into the Turner room but cannot say that I want to go there for it is up two flights of stairs.

8 cloudy cumulus and stratus 1. Cumulus clouds increased and showers began to form at one o'clock p.m. and it began to rain at two o'clock. Very heavy showers between 6 and 8 o'clock. Heavy thunder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 69.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 78.9

### **Sat 13**

Sent Almanac papers to Claremont and paid 6 cents postage, and I paid Richmond 49 cents for meat. Received as interest at the bank \$10.10 on coupons. I also paid 20 cents to boy for cleaning office. Paid Mrs. Moore for milk, or to go towards paying for milk that we have of theirs two dollars.

Credits – 10.10

Debits - .06, .49, 2.00

### **Sun. 14**

Mrs. D. rested very badly through the night and is quite sick this morning. After breakfast I went for Dr. McCollum and he came soon after noon. Of course we did not go to church but have spent the day as well as we could. I have read some in the April No of the Quarterly. I am some fearful that we shall not get to church for a long time to come, for Mrs. D's health is extremely bad for the season is warm. I do not find this place to be so much more healthy than where we have been living.

Very light cirrus clouds at 7 o'clock and a few stratus clouds in the east. Cumulus clouds formed in the middle of the day and cum. Stra. Was the prevailing cloud. Wind N.W. though it was easterly for a time in the forenoon at the surface. The clouds were from the N.W. through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 61.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 78.9

### **Mon 15**

I went to the work at the Woodshed in the morning and to the meadow to find Mr. Hoisington to direct about the earth fill at the bank wall at the shed. I then went to the office and computed the earth work and wall. In the afternoon I got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burke and we rode to Pomfret, and made a good long call; and when we came away we brought Abigail with us. Mrs. D. stood the ride very well and I hope she will be benefitted by it. Paid Paul 18 cents for crackers. Extremely warm weather but the showers make it very bad getting hay.

Debits - .18

6 cirrus clouds at 7 a.m. Wind N.W. 1 but the surface wind is east this morning. At 2 p.m. there were a few cumulus clouds but the cirrus prevailed. At 9 p.m. 2 cirrus. Wind W. or N.W. or no wind for it is not perceptible.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 70.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 78.0

### **Tues 16**

Mrs. D. is some better this morning. The air was very close early, but now (8 a.m.) there is a slight breeze that makes it quite pleasant. In the afternoon Frank and I went to Mr. Billings to take levels about the green house. Mr. Cruikshank was with us and directed about the work. Afterwards I went to the office and fitted a sketch showing the surface of the ground and also the level points about there. He sends it to Boston tonight so as to get the plans perfected. Paid Billings \$1.15 for tea.

Debits – 1.15

7 cirrus, increasing wind S.W. Showers but they nearly all passed north or south of us. Some thunder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 73.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 80.3



**Wed 17**

Went to the office and found it looking very clean and clear. Frank Hatch has the care of the office and I hope he will improve the appearance of it. Saw Dr. Richmond at M. Chapman's drug store. A very warm day and I hoed in the garden till about four o'clock and then went to the office and to see Polk who is unwell. It began to rain before I was ready to start for home, and I came in hardest part of the rain and got home at about eight o'clock. Paid Billings for salt 15 cts. I paid Mr. Emerson one dollar on a subscription to buy a cow for Mrs. Dana.

Debits - .15, 1.00

1 stratus clouds Wind S.W. About 9 o'clock the cumulus clouds were forming Slight showers around us in the afternoon. Towards night the cumulus clouds increased and a heavy shower came up from the S.W. at 7 o'clock and rained till about 10 = 1.27

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 76.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 85.5

**Thurs 18**

Rested badly through the night and am some jaded out this morning. After breakfast I went to the office and then called to see Polk who is some better. Got a small piece of steak and came home. Worked in the garden for a time and then worked at my table. Have felt quite unwell through the day and of course my work has suffered accordingly. I begin to think we are not iron or stone. Was too unwell to go to the office and besides it was too rainy.

Cloudy with a very little rain at 9 o'clock. Wind easterly. It began to rain again at three o'clock. A very heavy shower in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 77.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 75.6

**Fri 19**

Was very unwell through the night and this morning but was better through the day. I walked to the village in the forenoon and carried the meteorology to Robert. Came back about noon and after dinner I hoed in the garden and got very tired. Paid Mr. Bradley 2 dollars towards drawing the wood. Paid 12 cents for postage stamps. Went to the office to get the "Post", and rode home with Spencer. The weather is much cooler and more pleasant but I am fearful that it is unpleasant.

Debits – 2.00, .12

Cir.cu. clouds 4 at 7. Wind N.W. 3. Clouds disperse some and wind continues N.W. Nearly clear in the evening. No rain.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 74.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 80.6

**Sat 20**

Arose about 5 o'clock and hoed in the garden till breakfast time. I then went to the office and spent the forenoon in moving things from the house. Paid Billings 90 cents for a large jug. Paid Paul for fish 61 cents. Sent Abbie's things down to her and the house is nearly clear and I think Mr. Chamberlin's folks will go into it. In the afternoon I worked in the garden till about four o'clock when I walked to the office, got a letter from Amelia. I am glad to have Saturday night come.

Debits - .90, .61

A clear sky. – Wind N.W. but it changed to S.W. at ten o'clock a.m. 3 cloudy at 2 o'clock cir. cu. clouds. At 9 o'clock 8 stratus clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 67.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 75.4

### **Sun. 21**

Another sabbath morning but we cannot go to church for we are not able. Mrs. D. is some better than she was last Sunday but is gaining very slowly. It is now past three o'clock p.m. and I have divided up my time between chores and miscellaneous reading. I have not yet taken up any valuable and systematic reading and cannot say that I have grown very much wiser as the day has passed along. But I am getting a little rested and I am very glad of that. In the afternoon I read more in the Quarterly and there were some letters from John Murray & Charles Richards to Edward Turner and they again called my attention and thoughts to him. From the earliest impressions that I received of Mr. Turner I have had a deep affection for the mind that could make so good an impression. From the first I have regarded him as one of the best of men. Fifty years ago I used to read his letters and they always touched the heart. I wish he could have seen this our day when his views have triumphed in the denomination over all other notions.

Stratus or cirrus clouds this morning with S.E. wind – 3 or more. At 2 p.m. it was 2 Cir. St. 10 and increasing in density. Wind S.W. 4. Signs of rain. The clouds continued to increase in density till night. Wind S.W. but not so strong.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 67.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 74.4

### **Mon 22**

Went to the office and met Mr. Lockwood and went to Mr. Billings' work and spent the forenoon leveling about the site for the green house, etc. The work seems almost impossible for the plan does not fit the ground. Got 15 dollars of F. Billings and then paid F.N. Billings 12½ dollars for a barrel of flour. I paid 2½ dollars to Mr. Bradley for moving wood and other things. Paid 10 cents for fly paper and \$1.96 for N. American and Silliman's Journal. I cannot afford to take both of those papers. Paid 5 cents postage on Post sent to Mr. Safford.

Credit – 15.00

Debits - 12.50, 2.50, .10, 1.96, .05

Nimbus clouds and rain. Wind S.E. – At 9 a.m. the sky became clear but broken cir.cu. clouds. Wind N.W. 4. Evening cool and mostly clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.00 At. Ther. 70.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 75.8

### **Tues 23**

I went to the woodshed to lay out more of the bank wall and then went to the office passing by the green house place. Mr. Billings, Mr. Faulkner, and Mr. Cruikshank were there. I got the instrument and went there and worked through the day. In the afternoon we leveled for all the walls that crossed the ground Mr. Faulkner left about three o'clock for Boston. He is doubtless a very good landscape architect and that is a profession by itself. Mr. Cruikshank a good one practically. Paid 5 cents for salts.

Debits - .05

A few stratus clouds. Wind N.W. The clouds have been stratus nearly all day and the wind N.W. Rain late in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 65.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 72.0

### **Wed 24**

Paid 27 cents to Mr. Billings for sugar. Paid 25 cents for rhubarb at Chapman's. Met Mr. Cruikshank at the Green house this morning and worked with him setting up the pits for the walls and we also

leveled over the roads by the Green house and made profile of the line. I find there is much to be done there. Paid express bill on box of blue berries from Salisbury.

Debits - .27, .25, .30

Raining early in the morning. 8 Cir. cu. clouds at 7. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 73.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 73.0

#### **Thur 25**

Early in the morning I wrote the meteorology for the Post and called on Mr. Miller to get the readings of the thermometer. In the afternoon I went with Frank Hatch to set up the lines of the Green house and the Alley, etc. After finishing up these lines I got a horse and top buggy and rode with Mrs. D. to Horace Dunham's and came back in the evening. Got Roberts flute and spy glass.

Nearly clear with 2 N.W. wind. - Cir. Cu. clouds in the middle of the day and 6 stratus in the evening.

#### **Fri 26**

I went to work at the Green house and met Mr. Cruikshank and he told me about the work that is to be done while he is away. I then went to the office. Paid Richmond for meat 99 cents after I had received of Mr. Billings ten dollars. I also paid Chapman 84 cents for Mrs. Fitch. And in the afternoon I paid George Paul 28 cents for sugar. Worked in the office and cleaned the level and the tripod to the transit. The rain prevented all field work. Found a note in Polk's office Mrs. Smith against her husband for abuse, and he was fined ten dollars.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .99, .84, .28

Clouds 10 stratus. Wind N.W. but it soon changed to S.E. and it began to rain about 8 o'clock a.m. and rained some through the day. Thunder with heavy rain in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 64.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.09 At. Ther. 69.5

#### **Sat 27**

I went early to Mr. Billings work and he wants I should superintend the whole work about his green house especially while he is away. I remained there through the day. At night I got boots from Mr. Eaton and paid him five dollars and am to pay two more for them. I also paid Billings 88 cents for tea. There were but nine hands at work on the Green house grounds but we are to have many more next week. The work will be extremely laborious, but when I fully understand the plan of the building in all its parts I have no fears that I could give the measures right.

Debits – 5.00, .88

Wind N. and cooler. Cloudy this morning but it soon broke away. 8 cloudy at 7 a.m. 3 cloudy at 2 cir. cu. – Evening mostly clear. A very beautiful aurora in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 66.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 72.5

#### **Sun. 28**

A beautiful sabbath day. The weather is cool and clear, and how autumn like it is! We do not go to church for Mrs. D. is not able to go. We miss those good sermons that we are accustomed to hear from Mr. Hewitt. I always intended to keep a brief account of the important points in all his sermons, and note them down in this book, and on this account I miss them very much. His sermons are as logical and perhaps as deep and thorough as any that I have been accustomed to hear, and seem always to come from a feeling heart. He is now on his second year and I have hardly heard him

express a thought that I could not heartily endorse. He recently had a call from a friend of his in Dover, N.H. The gentleman called to see Mr. Billings' work. We are just beginning a very heavy piece of work, and I do not know how it will come out, but let me have the architect's work so that I can have the measures.

Cir. cu. clouds in the a.m. Wind N.W. 2 – Very nearly clear at noon. Beautiful. Some cloudy in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 67.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 73.4

### **Mon 29**

Left home before 7 o'clock for Mr. Billings' work and remained there till some after noon. Got there again a half past one and staid till night. A shower drove us from the work and I went to the office. I paid 6 cents for a ball of wicking. The work is going slowly but I do not know but it is as fast as could be expected.

Debits - .06

Rain about 2 a.m. 0.20. A cloudy day with thunder and rain at 6 o'clock p.m. and continued. 0.40 inches during the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 68.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 74.0

### **Tues 30**

Again I went early to the work at Mr. Billings' green house.

Some rain very early. Wind N. Heavy cumulus stratus clouds 7. 0.09 of rain this morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 73.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 74.0

### **Wed 31**

Leland Doten came here to work in the garden. Mr. Howe came to trim the hedge, and I went early to Mr. Billings' work. Have laid out some of the lines with great care. I paid Paul 58 cents for groceries and I paid 20 cents for steak. In the early evening I called on Dr. McCollum and got two bottles of medicine for Mrs. D. Am very tired and jaded out tonight and can hardly rest at all. Tried to do something towards the meteorological report but was much too tired.

Debits - .58, 20

7 stratus clouds at 7. Wind N.W. 1. Cir. cu clouds 5 at 2 p.m. – Stratus clouds in the evening 6.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 61.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 72.1

### **Thurs August 1**

A very beautiful fall day. I went early to my work at Mr. Billings' green house, as there are now more than twenty men at work at that place. Cousin Leland is here at work again in the garden, and Mr. Howe is trimming the hedge. Paid Billings for sugar 40 cents and rode with Spencer and left it in his wagon, but he will bring it down again when he comes down again. I am glad to find a chance to ride home for the walk is considerable after standing or being on my feet through the day.

Debits - .40

Clear in the morning with N.W. wind. A few cir. cu. clouds in the middle of the day. Evening entirely clear excepting one or two very delicate lines of stratus clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 64.5  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 68.0 +/-

### **Fri 2**

Got 15 dollars of Mr. Billings and paid Leland Doten 5 dollars. He charged 3.25 for two days work so I over-paid him 1.75 but he retained the change as he did 25 cents over before. I paid Billings for sugar 40 cents, also paid 15 cents for stamps and 37 cents for meat. I worked through the day on the work at the Green house, and got very tired. There is some work in managing that job to keep everything moving, but I do not have the care of the men only to keep the work laid out.

### **Sat 3**

I ate breakfast early and went to the work at the green house. Found that Mr. Billings came home past night and he was on the work nearly all day. Sent to Polk five dollars till Monday. I bought fish of Paul but did not pay for it. The work has gone very pleasantly today, as Mr. Billings has been on the ground nearly through the day. Abigail went home. I think she has been here a little more than two weeks. One of Mr. Leonard's girls comes here now and I think she will stay here for a few days.

Debits – 5.00

Showers frequent through the day. Wind S.W. generally. Hard showers towards night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 65.0 +/-  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 75.0

### **Sun. 4**

A beautifully still and quiet sabbath morning, and I wish we were able to go to church again.

Cirro-cumulus clouds that soon changed to cumulus. 8 at 7 a.m. Wind 2 N.W. – A beautiful sabbath morning. The middle of the day was partially cloudy but the evening perfectly clear.

### **Mon 5**

Went again to my work at Mr. Billings'. Mr. B is at home and is ready to see to his work. The job is a great one but I think we can do it well if the architect himself comes to the work and gives some particulars. I paid 10 cents for fly paper. Spoke to Leland about the money paid him last Friday but he seemed to be ignorant of the whole matter. I rode home with Mr. Church. Mr. Cruikshank came home tonight from Boston, or from his home in Chelsea, Mass.

Debits - .10

Clear and beautiful morning. Wind W. Some clouds at noon but clear in the afternoon.

### **Tues 6**

Paid Mrs. Martin three dollars and paid Paul 84 cents for molasses and fish.

Debits – 3.00, .84

Cloudy in the morning with strong signs of rain. Wind westerly through the day. Very warm.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 66.4  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 75.4

### **Wed. 7**

Paid 30 cents for can of tomatoes. Spent the day at Mr. Billings' work and have found the weather very warm. The air seems more oppressive than the same temperature earlier in the season. Warren Winslow and wife visited here. She was Rosina Wood and they came here to celebrate her birth day. I rode with him to Woodstock and then went to my work at the Green House.

Debits - .30

Very warm. 2 str. clouds. Some more cloudy in the middle of the day. A few stratus clouds in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 66.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 79.5

### **Thurs 8**

A very warm day. I went early to the work and then went to the office. I began my writing at half past three this morning, and wrote a deed at home in the afternoon. I paid 62 cents for half pound of tea. Miss Harriet Gardner came this afternoon and will stay with us a few weeks. She visits her sister who lives with us. Received a paper from Miss M.R. Wheelock containing her address to her graduating class.

Debits - .62

A few cir.cu. clouds at 7 with very slight wind. Cum. St. clouds at noon. A very warm day. A thunder shower at 3 o'clock a little north of us.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 69.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 80.0

### **Fri 9**

Another very warm day, and is said by the workmen to be warmer than yesterday. The heat is truly oppressive. Mr. Williams from New York and Mr. Hitchens are here talking of the green house and trying to make some alterations in the general plan, and I hope they will do it. I paid for meat 25 cents.

Debits - .25

A foggy morning with westerly wind. Cirrus clouds. – Cumulo stratus clouds were gathering fast. A Thunder shower in the afternoon. Evening nearly clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.51 At. Ther. 72.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 79.0

### **Sat. 10**

Another warm morning but there is a little more air stirring. – The day has been very uncomfortable on the S. side of the hill by the green house. I took ten dollars of Mr. Billings, and paid six dollars for a coat and three dollars for an umbrella, Received three dollars of Polk as a part of what I lent him.

Credits – 10.00, 3.00

Debits – 6.00, 3.00

Very light cirro. stratus clouds. Wind westerly. Cumulus clouds at noon and heavy cumulo stratus in the afternoon. Thunder showers at 5 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 70.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 77.0

### **Sun. 11**

Mrs. Fitch was unwell in the night and in the morning I went for Dr. McCollum. He came about ten o'clock and will come again tomorrow in the morning.

Cloudy with cumulo-stratus clouds 10. – Slight S.W. wind. – At 2 p.m. there were strong signs of showers. – 8 cum. st. clouds with SW wind. The showers began to form at three or four o'clock and it began to rain about five p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 73.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 78.8

### **Mon 12**

Worked rapidly on the chores till I got ready to go to Mr. Billings to work. Mr. Lord of New York and a Mr. James Williams are on the ground, and the whole work of the green house is to be changed. Paid for meat 28 cents. Mr. Lord left for home this evening.

Debits - .38

Ten cloudy this morning but it began to clear away before noon. Wind S.W. – Evening cloudy cum. st. 9.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 71.8  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 78.8

### **Tues 13**

Paid 15 cents for small screw-driver. Paid 10 cents for chamomile blows. Mr. Billings and Mr. Williams left for New York.

Debits - .15 .10

10 low stratus clouds. Wind not perceptible. Thunder showers at 6 o'clock p.m. Wind W.S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 70.0 +/-  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 75.8

### **Wed. 14**

My work changes but very little from day to day for it is all on the green house. I should be glad to rest for a day or two but can hardly find a time when I can do it. Horace Dunham and Carlie called in the evening. Carlie remained here.

Cloudy with signs of rain. Surface W. S.E. but the higher wind N.W. Very hot and sultry. It began to rain about noon and ended about 7 p.m. Distant thunder.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 72.0 +/-  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 76.1

### **Thurs 15**

Went early to Mr. Billings' work and laid out the octagon part of the house and set up the lines of another wall and the masons are now at work upon it. Paid Mr. Jaquith 50 cts for apples and I paid 40 cents for sugar. I wrote very rapidly to get the meteorology for Mr. Woodbury to use in the "Post." These weekly reports take some time but I like to keep them along.

Debits - .50, .40

A very warm morning, but there is a little more air stirring. Cloudy through the day. Wind S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 71.0 +/-  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 77.5

### **Fri 16**

Got ten dollars of Mr. Billings. I went to the work early. Expected Mr. Billings this morning but he did not come. I staid at the house till noon and then left for dinner. It began to rain about 11 o'clock and the storm increased till night. I went to the office at three o'clock and measured a wall for Mr. Ford and Mr. Foster. Paid 20 cents for lemons and got shoes for Mrs. D. but did not pay for them.

Credits – 10.00  
Debits - .20

Clouds 10 stratus. Wind S.W. – It began to rain at 11 o'clock a.m. Wind veering S.E. It continued to rain.

### **Sat 17**

Rested well last night but I have a dull headache. Perhaps have taken cold. It seems as though the rain might give us a short time to rest, but it may clear off. Afternoon was very warm and after the sun began to shine it was hot. I paid \$2.30 for boots, and 35 cents for steak, and 10 cents for pins. Mr. Williams came in the afternoon and we had a thorough look over the whole Green house lot.

Debits – 2.30, .35, .10

Clouds 10 nimbus. rainy this morning. – It stopped raining 10 o'clock a.m. Wind N.W. Evening very pleasant. 3 cir. cu. clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 72.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 75.5

### **Sun. 18**

Rested badly towards the latter part of the night, and am very tired this morning. We cannot yet go to church but hope that not many more weeks may pass before we can go.

10 cir.cu. clouds – Foggy. – 5 cir.cu. clouds in the middle of the day. Wind S.W. Evening 10 stratus clouds. A slight shower at eleven o'clock in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 69.5  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.46 At. Ther. 68.1

### **Mon 19**

Paid French & Roger \$2.50 for a coat and I paid Paul for sugar & rice 63 cents and 10 cents at the P.O. Mr. Williams was with me till 11 o'clock and then he and Mr. Billings started for New York. It was a bad day for work among the hands, though they got engaged in the afternoon.

Debits – 2.50, .63, .10

Partially cloudy stratus clouds wind S.W. 1. Some stratus or cir. st. clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.47 At. Ther. 74.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.55 At. Ther. 73.8

### **Tues 20**

Today I took five dollars of Mr. Billings and paid it as I wish to pay it for necessary things for the family. I paid Mrs. Moore 3 dollars towards milk and butter and it very nearly pays her up to this date. Paid ten cents for yeast and paid 15 cents for pencil.

Credits – 5.00  
Debits – 5.00, 3.00, .10, .15

A few cum. st. clouds in the morning, and then stratus prevailed through the day. Wind S.W. though the surface wind was at times easterly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.60 At. Ther. 67.6  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 75.6



**Wed 21**

Paid 63 cents for tea at Billings, and I paid 20 cts for meat. Received a telegram from Mr. Williams about the octagon house, and I think we can now go on with the work safely and understandingly. It is certainly a very complicated piece of work, but it has been studied out and I think it can be seen through again. The walk to the village is long but I go over it four times a day generally.

Debits - .63, .20

Thunder showers through the latter part of the night and this morning. Showers in the forenoon. Wind S.W., in some places in the S.E. Cloudy through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.51 At. Ther. 71.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 77.0

**Thurs 22**

Did not go to the work very early on account of the rain. I laid out the octagon angles, N.W. side, but the rain prevented the work from going on. Got five dollars of Mr. Billings and paid Chapman \$1.50 for a syringe and 25 cents for fly paper, and fifteen cts. For cream tartar, & 3 cents postage. Paid Myers 50 cts for mending coat. The air is much cooler towards the setting sun.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.50, .25, .18, .50

Rainy during the latter part of the night and this morning. Wind S.E. Thunder at 7 or 8 o'clock a.m. and this continued nearly through the day. – 0.73 inches of rain.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 73.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 71.6

**Fri 23**

A very beautiful It seems now like having fair weather. Paid for steak and tomatoes 50 cents. I paid Billings for basket and sugar \$1.15 and I walked home very tired. The work has gone well, and generally it has gone very well. But there will be days when it all comes to disadvantage as it did last Monday. When the hands are all at work in one or two places they will get in each other's way, and then the work must suffer.

Debits - .50, 1.15

Clear. Wind N.W. – No rain. Clear through the day and evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 67.8 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 73.1

**Sat 24**

Walked to my work quite early as Mr. Billings and Mr. Williams are both there now. I paid 50 cents for steak and coffee. Frank Hatch brought me home and I was very tired. The heat and the rains have been almost too much for me. The work has been going well for a few days. I had paid out for meat, postage, and sundry articles of groceries that had not been inserted in this account. This brings my book to balance.

Debits - .50, 2.12

Clear in the morning but a few cirro and cirro-cumulus clouds in the middle of the day. Stratus clouds in the evening. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 63.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 76.1

**Sun. 25**

Another pleasant and beautiful sabbath morning. The air is clear and still and autumn like, and the whole scene seems to bring up the past and gives it a tinge of melancholy. How soon on such a day we are thrown into a sort of poetic reverie and everything is seen through the imagination. We cannot go to church and Mrs. D. is not able to take her walks through the fields. I went to the upper parts of the lots where I used to cross fifty years ago when going to and from church as we used to do to hear Mr. Chapin. I heard very little but Congregationalist preaching in those days. – My walk led me to the summit where I could overlook a great part of the basin in which Woodstock is situated, and to survey the whole again was pleasant. The Sunday ramble was a very profitable one, at least it seemed so to me. Robert called in the evening and we had a pleasant hour. The evening was very warm.

Cirro-cumulus clouds with very little perceptible wind. – 6 cloudy at 2 o'clock. Thunder in the middle of the day. 10 cloudy in the evening. Wind S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 78.4

**Mon 26**

Went early to work and met Mr. Lord and Mr. Williams at the laundry, and I got a very full account of their plans for the green house, etc. Mr. Lord is a very great architect, though a very plain man. From a short acquaintance I am led to think very much of him. I paid 36 cents for meat and 40 cents to Paul for molasses and 6 cents postage. Saw Dr. and Mrs. Hazen at their door and they always urge us to call. Was late in getting home for I was very tired.

Debits - .36, .40, .06

Rain about 2 o'clock this morning. Foggy in the morning and partially cloudy. Wind S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 68.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 78.1 +/-

**Tues 27**

The barometer has been falling rapidly and we are expecting a rainy day. A beautiful rain at 8 o'clock. Showers in the forenoon so that I did not go to the village. It stopped raining about the middle of the day, and it soon became cooler and more pleasant. The great London circus at Woodstock. I walked to the village and paid 40 cents for kerosene and 9 cents for stamps. I called on Abbie and on Mrs. Perkins. Brought kerosene home by hand, and newspapers besides. Saw Wallace Ware a few minutes this afternoon.

Debits - .40, .09

Light rain this morning.- Wind S.W. It began to rain at 7 a.m. Showers in the forenoon. Afternoon cooler and clear. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 68.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 67.0

**Wed 28**

Paid ten cents for meat and Billings 40 cents for sugar. Worked through the day at Mr. Billings' work and in the evening I paid 87 cents for tea. In the forenoon Mr. McKenzie and I called on Miss Fairbanks and engaged her to teach the School Street primary school, and the schools are to begin next Monday. Did not get home till quite late for after the work is done I must go to the post office and get the mail and do other necessary errands. Took ten of F. Billings on account.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .10, .40, .87

Partially cloudy, 8, in the morning. Wind N.W. Cooler. 4 cir. cu. at 2 p.m. but clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 58.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 66.2

#### **Thurs. 29**

Went to Mr. Billings' work in the morning, and then to Mr. Charles Fisher's to run the lines of his house lot on Central Street. Paid 11 cents for meat and I paid Mr. Holmes 50 cents for road breaking and paid 10 cts for laundry blue and 46 cents for Silliman's Journal and paid 37 cents for rice. I have worked but little for Mr. Billings today but spent much of the afternoon in looking for land records. – Gen. J. Kilpatrick is to speak to the liberal Republicans and the Democrats this evening at the Town Hall in the village. Paid Mrs. Martin 75 cents.

Debits - .11, .50, .10, .46, .37, .75

6 Cumulo stratus clouds in the morning. Wind W. and similar clouds prevailed through the day. Strong signs of rain at night. The surface wind has been N.E. a part of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 70.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 68.1

#### **Fri 30**

The heavy rain will prevent my being obliged to go without it stops soon for the men will not work. I remained at home till nearly 4 o'clock p.m. and then I walked to the village to get the mail and the papers. Paid Billings 25 cts for Ferine. Heard about the lecture last evening and I found that it was more than I had expected. Have tried to rest me today and have in part succeeded. The weather was nearly cold enough for a frost, but the clouds may prevent it tonight.

Debits - .25

Very rainy through the latter part of the night and this morning. Wind S.E. 3. Stopped raining about five o'clock and the rain measured 1.40 inches. Cool with N.W. wind in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.99 At. Ther. 63.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.90 At. Ther. 64.5

#### **Sat 31**

There have been no frosts this month and corn is ripening off fast and will be a good crop. – I went to Mr. Billings' work in the morning but the hands are mostly engaged in shoveling and there is no work to lay out now. I paid 2 dollars for the Springfield Republican and three cents postage on letter. It pays for the daily for three months and I do believe I shall continue to take it. It is probably the best newspaper published in New England, and seems to be perfectly reliable. Again we have Saturday night.

Debits – 2.00

Nimbus clouds 10. Wind N.W. Slight rain in the morning. The weather continued to grow cooler.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.92 At. Ther. 59.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.04 At. Ther. 65.0

#### **Sun. September 1**

Another beautiful and very pleasant Sunday, and I wish we could go to church, for Mrs. D. said today that she was "hungry for a good sermon." Miss Gardner went to church in the afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin called here and we all had a very pleasant chat, and we were very glad to see them. Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Clark called to see Mrs. Fitch and they left a little before night. I have read but very little today but have had my thoughts on the beauties and riches of creation for the air has been so clear that no one, it seems, could hide himself so as not to drink in the richness of all

these beautiful views. Mrs. Bridge called and made a short stay with Mrs. Fitch. – Amelia came last night and has been some unwell last night and today.

10 cumulo stratus clouds. Cold N. or N.W. wind 3. At 2 p.m. 4 cir. cu. clouds. Wind N.W. 4.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 63.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 67.5

### **Mon 2**

Schools begin today and I called at the work at Mr. Billings and then went to the school house and met Mr. Worthen. I spent all the forenoon at school and did not get home till about 2 o'clock – and was sent for to go to Mr. Billings' where I spent the afternoon. Paid Pratt 2.75 for books for Amelia. Called for Dr. McCollum for Amelia who is some unwell. He finds that she needs some treatment to avoid a fever with which she seems to be threatened.

Debits – 2.75

Partially cloudy cir. st. 6. Wind S.W. but the wind came around to the N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 67.4

### **Tues 3**

First flakes of snow. Freeman's meeting Woodstock elects Dr. Boynton, Dr. Powers being the next candidate. Paid Mrs. Martin 50 cents for washing and I paid four cents postage and 30 cents on Springfield Republican. I attended the meeting a short time and voted a part of the tickets to be elected. The day is very cold and there must be a frost I think. I rode home with Mr. Holmes, and was very tired. Got thirty dollars from Mr. Billings so as to pay Spencer a part of it.

Credits – 30.00

Debits - .50, .84

3 cu. st. Wind North. – Cirro str clouds through the day. Very slight snow. Only a few flakes seen. A cold north wind through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 69.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 68.4

### **Wed 4**

Have been detained the greater part of the day at the green house. I paid Spencer \$25.00 to apply on what he paid for me at the bank. Paid 67 cents for sugar, and I paid 30 cents for meat.

Debits – 25.00, .67, .30

7 cum. st. clouds. Wind N.W. 2 and this continued through the day. A slight frost this morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 54.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 69.0

### **Thurs 5**

Went to the P.O. very early to find some plans from Mr. Williams, but no plans came. I went to the work at the green house and laid out a part of the reception room. I paid 67 cents for tea and 10 cents at the Post office.

Debits - .67, .10

10 stratus clouds. Wind W. 2. Cum. stratus clouds 10. – that continued till night. Very still tonight.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 56.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 67.4

### **Fri 6**

Paid 6 cents for postage stamps, and that is all that I have paid out today. I went to the office early expecting to find a letter from Mr. Williams on the subject of the green house, but no letter or plan came. I laid out the work as I thought best and I hope it will be right. The forests are as green as they were in June or July and only a few touches of autumn color can be seen.

Debits - .06

9 cir cu clouds and 2 W. or N.W. wind. Warm in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 64.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 73.4

### **Sat 7**

Paid 69 cents for calico for Gertrude Winslow. Mrs. D. and Amelia went to Horace Dunham's on a visit and I think they had a good visit. I worked through the day at Mr. Billings' green house. In the afternoon Mr. Hubbard of Bridgewater called to take the job of finishing the road through the sugar place. After finishing work I went to the P.O. and found the life of Henry Wilson from Mr. Safford. "How pleasant is Saturday night." For we can go home and begin to rest.

Debits - .69

9 stratus clouds. - Wind S.W. At 2 p.m. cum. st. clouds. wind S.W. 4. - In the evening stratus clouds 1. A very warm day. Ther. 82 at Mrs. Fitch's.

### **Sun. 8**

Awoke quite early and the morning was very pleasant, though after the sun was up the heat was very oppressive. For a time in the middle of the day the air was so sultry that it was almost difficult to breathe freely. The showers in the afternoon made the air a little better and this evening it is quite pleasant. Alice and Ella Winslow called to see Amelia and Robert called to see us. I have spent the day in reading and writing, but how much I can remember of what I have written or read I do not know. I regret that we cannot go to church every Sunday but we cannot now. The day has been very close and some rainy since three o'clock.

7 cirro stratus clouds and very warm. The early morning was very pleasant but the heat was soon oppressive. About 2 p.m. it began to thunder in the north west and north and we had frequent showers and some thunder in the afternoon. It began to rain at three p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 67.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 81.1

### **Mon 9**

I went again early to Mr. Billings' work and very soon Mr. Billings and Mr. Williams came, and the work was soon started with a nervous earnestness. Mr. Lord came in the afternoon with the masons who will begin the brick work in the morning. I find that all the work I laid out in the absence of all plans is right or very nearly so. Frank Perry fell and hurt him rather badly on his shoulders and head. I went to the office in the evening to hear Frank Hatch's lessons. Paid 32 cents for meat.

Debits - .32

10 nimbus clouds and rain early in the morning. Cirro cumulus clouds through the day with S.W. wind. Cumulo stratus in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 69.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 71.8

**Tues 10**

I went early to the work again and the brick layers are at work. I was obliged to lay out some very difficult work. The work for the north side of the octagon building is some difficult to determine but I think it is laid out as it should be. Paid 15 cents for watch key and 15 cents for a small bag of salt. Paid Mrs. Martin one dollar for washing.

Debits - .30, 1.00

9 stra. or cu. st. clouds at 7. - W./S.W. - 10 cir cu at 2 o'clock and 10 stratus - A hard shower late in the evening and rainy from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.65 At. Ther. 68.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.64 At. Ther. 67.5

**Wed 11**

Went to the work very early and found Mr. Billings at home and on the grounds but cannot stay till he leaves for I must go to the office. I paid 81 cents for sugar at Billings. The forest leaves are beginning to put on their autumn hue and very soon this dense green will be gone. I have had but little time to notice such things.

Debits - .81

10 nimbus clouds in the morning. Wind S.W. Cloudy through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.63 At. Ther. 63.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.53 At. Ther. 67.4

**Thurs 12**

Paid Paul 70 cents for molasses and 40 cents for eggs. I got of F. Billings on account Twenty dollars, and I soon paid Mr. Hatch five dollars for levels. Mr. Billings starts for California today. There are strong signs of rain today.

Credits - 20.00

Debits - .70, .40, 5.00

Rainy this morning. Wind S.E. 2. - At 2 p.m. cir. cu. clouds or stratus 10. Only partially cloudy in the evening. Wind S.E. through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.51 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.41 At. Ther. 72.0

**Fri 13**

Rainy in the morning but I went to the work at Mr. Billings and we were there a part of the forenoon, but it began to rain about ten o'clock, and I went to the office where I staid till past noon. I got a T square of Isaac Fisher, and I paid him 10 cents for fixing drawing board. I paid D. McCollum seven dollars on account and I paid Montague 10 cents for drawing paper and 10 cents for salerates.

Debits - .10, 7.00, .10, .10

Slightly rainy in the morning but it did not rain very hard till about ten o'clock. Wind easterly and perhaps S.E. a part of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.27 At. Ther. 69.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.33 At. Ther. 71.5

**Sat 14**

Have worked all the week for Mr. Billings. Mr. Williams is present and the work goes well. I tested some of the points that we had fixed and corrected them. I paid Billings \$4.31 for wheat meal,

oatmeal sugar, etc. and paid Bradley 25 cents for cartage. And so closes the week and I am glad to look to Sunday as a day of rest. The work increases rapidly at Mr. Billings, and we hope to have the Green house done before cold weather drives us off.

Debits – 4.31, .25

10 cloudy with stratus clouds. Wind W. 2. Partially cloudy through the day. Wind N.W. 2 in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 64.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 67.8

### **Sun. 15**

Another sabbath morning and how cool compared with one week ago. These Sundays are pleasant and we ought to rest from our labors and also try to rest the mind. We do not feel strong enough to walk to church and therefore we remain quietly at home. It seems a long time since I heard Mr. Hewitt preach and as soon as possible we must go to church. We have not heard Mr. Hewitt since we came here except once. He was absent once when we walked to church but we then heard Mr. Wilder. Since then we have not been to church. The forests have just begun to change their hue and a few trees are quite gay in their colors, if such can be called gay. There is a melancholy beauty about it, and the sense of sadness cannot be hidden or eclipsed by any other season. Robert called at night and staid a few minutes. He thinks of making his paper more strong and I hope he will buy the Age power press.

8 cirro. stratus clouds this morning. Wind N.W. 2. – The clouds continued to increase in density till nearly night. The N.W. wind continues 2. Towards night the clouds broke up into a “mackerel sky.”

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 63.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.43 At. Ther. 62.8

### **Mon 16**

A very dull day. I walked to the village but found no one at work on the Green house work, but I saw Mr. Williams who is very patient in the rain. I paid 24 cents for meat and also paid 50 cents for a grammar book. I walked home through the mud and water. It is very hard walking on these rainy days. Paid one cent postage. In the afternoon I went again to the office heard Frank Hatch's lessons and came home. Rode with Mr. Leonard. Amelia stays with Emma Blake tonight.

Debits - .24, .50, .01

It began to rain at 5 a.m. Wind easterly. Afternoon rainy. Wind east. Nimbus clouds till night and easterly wind but there has been but little rain in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 59.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 63.7

### **Tues 17 (Taylor's Ink)**

Must write today to Bishop Goesbriand and send him a deed to be signed and returned. I went to the office this morning, and then to the work on the hill.

Some rainy through the night and this morn. Wind S.E. 1. – It continued rainy through the day. Wind S.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 60.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 67.6

### **Wed 18 (M.&N.)**

Worked in the garden a short time this morning, then went to our work on the hill. Mr. Hoisington has gone to Claremont to attend a fair and has left the work with Frank Hatch for very good reasons. In

the morning the work did not go so well but it got into shape before noon. I went to the office after I had finished the work and heard Edson Munger's lessons. Have paid out nothing today.

8 cum. st. clouds 2. Wind E. – Higher wind W. 2. Cum. st. clouds 5 in the afternoon. Clear in the evening. Wind W. – It stopped raining this morning about five o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.24 At. Ther. 63.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 71.8

#### **Thurs 19**

Paid Richmond 59 cents for meat. Mrs. D. gave me 20 dollars and I got 10 dollars of F. Billings, and I paid 15 cts for cassia and paid Paul 35 cts for vinegar. I paid Mr. Eaton for boots twelve dollars, two dollars of it being for boots bought some time ago. The work at the Green house does not go right the window frames are too high for the wall. Sent a telegram to Mr. Williams and he will be here tonight or tomorrow morning. The rain prevents the work from going very rapidly.

Credits – 20.00, 10.00

Debits - .59, .15, .35, 12.00

10 stratus clouds wind S.E. – It began to rain about half past 9 o'clock a.m. At 2 p.m. the clouds were some broken. Thunder showers between 7 & 8 p.m. north and south.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.08 At. Ther. 62.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.01 At. Ther. 65.1

#### **Fri 20**

Some cooler this morning. I went to the work quite early. Received a telegram from Mr. Williams but cannot reach him in reply. I have had the window frames cut down, and have raised the brick wall of the octagon and have laid out the work for the skew-back. Mrs. D. and Mrs. Gardner have been to Taftsville on a visit but are at home this evening. I paid 23 cents for sweet potatoes. I saw a son of Edward Williams at the green house.

Debits - .23

8 Cum. st. clouds. Wind N.W. 3 – A very little rain at about half past seven a.m. Cloudy through the day and cool.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 59.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 62.0

#### **Sat 21**

Saw Edward Conant for a few minutes at the office and was glad to meet him. He does not approve of the recommended books, some of them, for our schools. We see no need of a change in Arithmetics. I spent the day at the work at Mr. Billings and I have made out about five days this week. Paid 80 cents for tea and ginger and nutmeg and 5.50 for a hat of French and Rice, and I am now paying out money about as fast as I earn it.

Debits - .80, 5.50

1 Stratus cloud low in the east. Wind N.W. Nearly clear through the day. Wind S.W. in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 53.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 68.0

#### **Sun. 22**

A very pleasant and most beautiful Sunday morning and we have resolved to go to church today. We started at about ten o'clock and walked over at the call of the good old chapel bell. In the forenoon Mr. Hewitt preached from Luke XIX: 42-44 – "If thou hadst known, even thou, etc." This text led him



through the account of the destruction of Jerusalem as recorded in Josephus. He also spoke of the threatenings of Jesus that they were all temporal. In this he was very clear and critical. In the afternoon he spoke from Prov. X: 28 – “The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.” A valuable sermon. The singing was superior. Mrs. Chandler came down from Bridgewater and she certainly did some of her best singing. The voluntary at the close. The Jubilee singers from Nashville, Tenn. sang at the Cong house this morning and again in the evening. Joanna came in the afternoon to hear them but was obliged to stay till evening. Mrs. D went with her and I am left at home nearly alone.

The sky is very thinly overspread with cirro stratus clouds in the morning but it was nearly clear in the middle of the day. Wind S. or S.W. – Some smoky. The foliage continues to be a dense green except in some of the earlier forests where the colors begin to show themselves some.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 55.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.43 At. Ther. 75.1

### **Mon 23** (Taylor's ink)

I went early to the work and found that Mr. Winslow had begun the work on the new road by the garden. I worked the levels that I took Saturday. And in the afternoon I went with Mr. Williams and laid out the road by the green house. Paid 60 cents for meat and paid 65 cents for sugar at Billings. The Windsor County fair begins tomorrow and the people are flocking in from all quarters tonight. I am really tired tonight for the day has been warm and the work hard.

### **Tues 24**

This is the first day of the Fair, and I think the showing is very good. A part of the workmen left today and more will be away tomorrow. If the weather should be fair there will be a great gathering of people and stock. I do not think the show at the hall will be equal to some other years. The work has gone well at the greenhouse and I hope it will tomorrow. Mr. Williams left this morning for New York but will be here again Saturday morning. The band did well this afternoon. Paid fifty cents for tickets to the Fair and 14 cents for sweet potatoes.

Debits - .50, .14

Some fog-like clouds in the fore part of the day. Wind S. 2. – Afternoon, wind S.W. and partially cloudy. Evening the clouds continue 6 str. Wind S.W. 3.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.62 At. Ther. 66.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.63 At. Ther. 72.0

### **Wed 25**

The work has been some dull at the green house for many of the hands have gone to the Fair. This is the second day and the Fair ground seems very lively though it is generally thought that the show and attendance was some inferior to last year. I remained at the work nearly the whole day. I lent my level to Mrs. Hoisington to look from her window on to the Fair grounds. Levi Hazen called with some blocks cut from a tree in Sharon to get my opinion on them.

10 stratus clouds in the morning. Wind S.E. 3. Cloudy the day and dense clouds in the evening. Wind S.W. 3. – Strong signs of rain.

### **Thurs 26**

The hands worked this forenoon and I staid on the ground till noon. In the afternoon I took my level and went to the office to clean it up and after the mail came in I carried my Level home to put it in order. This is the third day of the Fair but I have not been there.

A heavy thunder shower about one o'clock this morning. There fell 0.88 inches of rain. There were some light showers during the day. - Wind S.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 66.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 68.0

### **Fri 27**

It was so rainy this morning that the brick layers suspended work till noon. They worked till night and are nearly out of work now. I must lay out some work for them in the morning and keep them at work till the great walls are done, so that they can run up the solid brick wall back of the grapery. The rainy weather has been quite discouraging.

Nimbus and a little rain early in the morning. Wind west. Cloudy through the day.

### **Sat 28**

Paid Billings 67 cents for kerosene and sugar, and I paid 27 cents for meat. Postage three cents. I finished the reading of the proof of the Vt. Almanac. The masons have no work before them this afternoon. But I have no difficulty in finding enough to do. I am very tired this afternoon for I have been very busy all through the day. Carlie Dunham was here in the afternoon, and her father came in the evening. Amelia has gone to Pomfret, which leaves us nearly alone.

Debits - .67, .27, .03

Clear and some cool but I have seen no frost. Very nearly clear through the day. Wind W. or N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 58.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 67.8

### **Sun. 29**

A very beautiful autumn morning, though some cool it is still pleasant. I think we shall go to church this forenoon at least. The forests are slowly changing their colors though the dense and deep green very much predominates. The prospect is favorable for having very bright colors at the usual time or a little later. Must now get ready for going to church. I got Mr. Burk to carry us to church and we heard Mr. Hewitt from Acts VI: 4 – “But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.” The speaker confined himself mostly to the last clause of the text and gave us his own views of the nature and duty of the profession. The strong appearance of rain sent us home at noon and we lost the afternoon sermon. The rain did not come however till after the time for meeting. I paid Mrs. Moore five dollars towards the milk. This, as she keeps the account, overpays her about fifty cents. Have done some chores about the house and am some tired tonight. The prospect now is a rainy night.

Debits – 5.00

Cool and 9 cloudy cirro-cumulus. – Win N.W. or W. – It soon changed to S.E. 3. At 2 p.m. 10 cum. stratus clouds. It began to rain at 3 p.m. very lightly and it rained at night. – Wind S.W. in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.42 At. Ther. 56.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 67.6

### **Mon 30**

Paid Billings 80 cents for cloth & 14 for thread, and 23 for meat at Richmonds. The work at the green house goes well today and I hope it will continue to go so. I got Polk to assist me in the afternoon. I wished to test all the centers so that I could set up all the lines with confidence. I found that I could trust the little level as well as the larger one, for the glass tube is most perfect in it.

Debits - .94, .23

10 cloudy very early and it continued the greater part of the forenoon. Wind W. Nearly clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 61.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.27 At. Ther. 67.0

### **Tues 1 October**

I went to the work quite early and began to test the center points. I laid out the piers across the cellar by the boiler stand. Have today turned the west end of the grapery wall and that part will soon be done. I have paid 42 cents to Paul for groceries and 75 cents to Mrs. Martin for washing. I am detained at the green house now very closely, and can hardly get a moment of time to do chores about home. This morning I received of F. Billings five dollars on account.

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .42, .75

10 cloudy with stratus or cum. stratus clouds. 10 cloudy at 2 p.m. Wind west 2 through the day – evening nearly clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 65.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 66.4

### **Wed 2**

Paid F.N. Billings 80 cents for sugar and took it home at night. The work is now going well both at the green house and the road where Mr. Winslow is at work. Mr. Williams is not here now nor have we any one over the work to see that every thing is going right. Mr. Hoisington has the full charge of all the hands, and keeps the work moving.

Debits - .80

Cum. st. clouds 8. – Wind N.W. 3. Slight showers or squalls of rain during the day. 8 cloudy at two o'clock but nearly clear in the evening. Cool with signs of frost.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.09 At. Ther. 59.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.14 At. Ther. 65.5

### **Thurs 3**

Got five dollars of Mr. Billings and paid F.N. Billings for tea, and I paid ten cents at the P.O. for cent stamps. Paid Richmond fifty cents for meat. Today the masons have begun on the long wall south of the alley and are now preparing the foundation. Gertie Winslow has gone home today. Paid her \$1.50

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.50, .10, .50, 1.50

The sun rose clear but was soon obscured by clouds. Dense cu. st. clouds and rain followed at noon. Showery in the afternoon. Wind S.W. 2.

### **Fri 4**

This evening I got of F. Billings Twenty Five dollars. I went to the road work in the morning and then I took the measure of the alley making it 104 feet 3 inches from the reception room. Towards night I got word from Mr. Shaw to meet him at the Junction tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, quite an early hour for me to start. I called on Mr. Dana and Mr. Clarke and we made arrangements to start at five in the morning, but it will be cool riding at that hour if it should be foggy or frosty.

Credits – 25.00

Cir cu clouds 5 at 7 a.m. Wind N.W. 4 cloudy at 2 p.m. and nearly clear in the evening. Stratus clouds 6.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 67.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 68.0 +/-

**Sat 5**

Started in the morning at about five o'clock for the Junction and got there about half past seven or eight. Called at Mr. Dewey's on our way down. Met Mr. Shaw soon after we came to the hotel and we soon started up the line of the road. We were some wet when we got the Champion fill. At the Shallies' Hill summit we met Mr. Dewey, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Pratt and we made a thorough examination of the cut and then came to Mr. Dewey's and took dinner, and then started for Woodstock. We looked over all the road and came to Woodstock at about five o'clock. Paid 28 cents for meat.

Debits - .28

Very foggy in the morning but as it broke away there were about three or four cir. cu. clouds. Dense clouds in the afternoon and evening. Wind S.W. through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 60.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.53 At. Ther. 67.5

**Sun. 6**

What a beautiful autumn morning, but I did not go to church for I must go to Pomfret where I have not been for many months though within less than two miles distant. We started off on foot, but soon met a horse and carriage to carry us up. We spent the day at the old homestead. There are many things that seem like home there but there are many others that do not seem so. I miss our good sermons very much and hope we can go to church next Sunday.

8 cloudy at 7 a.m. cir. cu. Wind 3 S.W. At 2 p.m. 10 cir st Wind S.W. The day was very warm and pleasant and some smoky.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 66.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.39 At. Ther. 71.2

**Mon 7**

Went early to the work at Mr. Billings but found but few of the masons and stone layers at work. The bricklayers have all been away on a bust, or something worse, and I have but little faith in their work. I am quite sure that our masons here would be more profitable help. I laid out the north octagon or so far that I can finish it very soon. Mr. Williams is at the work today but goes away in the morning. I paid 45 cents for meat. Very dark in the evening. A thunder storm in the evening.

**Tues 8**

A rainy night especially in the first part, and some wet this morning. I hastened to the work through the mud and went to the green house. I paid 46 cents for meat at Mr. Richmond's. Paid Chapman for Troches 1.25 and 15 cents for ear spoon. Have taken a very severe cold and am some unwell and it is not easy for me to attend to the work as I am now doing.

Debits - .46, 1.40

10 nimbus clouds. Wind N.W. – At 2 o'clock p.m. 8 cir cu clouds Wind N.W. Nearly clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 64.3 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 68.6 +/-

**Wed 9**

By an arrangement made last night with Mr. Pratt we started to run the line over Shallies Hill. Polk, Chamberlin, Simeon Dunham, Frank Hatch and myself started about six o'clock and we had most extremely good luck in finding all the old bounds. We finished the work at about three o'clock and soon started for home. The day was one of great beauty, and how gorgeous the forests are beginning to look. I paid Paul for sugar 65 cents. Walked home very tired from the ride and the work over the hill.

Debits - .65

Some foggy in the morning. 6 cirro cum clouds Clear in the afternoon and evening. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 65.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 66.4

#### **Thurs 10**

Today I have paid my highway tax 1.94 and six postage making 2 dollars, and I paid Mr. Burk in full three dollars. The autumn colors are very bright today and perhaps this is the brightest day. I spent the day on Mr. Billings' work and it is going very well. I went to the village after I finished the work for the day, and it soon began to rain. I rode home with Charles Vaughan in a hard rain, but we were some protected and did not get very wet. Brightest autumn day colors.

Debits – 2.00, 3.00

Very clear in the morning and through the day till nearly night. At about four it began to be cloudy and by five it began to rain. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 58.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 67.0

#### **Fri 11**

I did not hurry this morning about getting to my work about the green house. I went there at about eight o'clock, and began to lay out work and continued to do it till nearly noon. I was very much driven with the work and could find but little time to rest the brain. In the afternoon I found but little time for play. Paid for meat 24 cents. I walked home rather late for me and very tired and cold. Set our cooking stove in the dining room and have found it much more comfortable.

Debits - .24

A hard frost this morning. Wind N.W. 3. Cold through the day. cum. stratus clouds predominating.

#### **Sat 12**

Paid Billings for gloves 2.50 and I paid Paul for sweet potatoes 24 cents. Did not get to the work till nearly eight o'clock. Set stakes for road round the garden at Mr. Billings. I was kept there nearly all day but found time to go to the caucus to choose delegates to attend the district convention to nominate a candidate for member of congress. Went back to the work and Polk went with me. Am some rested as I write this evening.

Debits – 2.50, .24

A very severe frost. Ground frozen  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch. Partially cloudy in the morning cu st. 3. Cir st at 2 p.m. 10. Clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 57.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.43 At. Ther. 65.7

#### **Sun. 13**

Rose very late for we were very tired and quite jaded out with hard work. My evening work is tiresome after being at the green house through the day. – The clouds this morning gave strong signs of rain before eight o'clock. The day is dark and rather gloomy and the thoughts and the imagination draw round the home circle in a homely cot with all the ardor of younger days. We all remain at home today and reading and writing seem to be the business. I think I have rested more today than usual, and hope I can begin work tomorrow with renewed energy. I longed to be at church this morning when I heard the deep tones of the Chapel bell. There are very many pleasant associations clustering around its deep and mellow tones, and it carries one back to the early days of

the church when many who are now quietly sleeping were gathered at its signal call. They sleep in peace in a higher and purer atmosphere than that of earth.

10 stratus clouds. - Wind S.W. – It began to rain at 8 o'clock a.m. and continued through the day. Dense nimbus clouds at 2 p.m. Wind scarcely perceptible. Very rainy in the evening with strong easterly wind.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 60.5  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 64.3 +/-

#### **Mon 14**

I went to the work but there was but little work going on for the rain of yesterday persisted. Mr. Williams was about through the day and the work moved some. Mr. W. is somewhat discouraged by the slow progress in the whole work. Paid 27 cents for postage stamps, and 1.20 for stocking yarn. We are expecting Mr. Billings in about ten days and hope the grading around the building and the roads will be completed before that time. The aurora this evening is most beautiful.

Debits - .27, 1.20

10 nimbus clouds at 7 a.m. Wind N.W. Snow on the hills that remained through the day. Beautiful aurora in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.80 At. Ther. 58.4  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.85 At. Ther. 70.3

#### **Tues 15**

Did not start very early from home to go to my work. Mr. Williams was there till about eleven o'clock when he started for New York. Paid 90 cents for white stocking yarn, and paid Mrs. Martin 1 dollar and I paid Richmond for meat 31 cents. The masons have begun on the north wall of the bowling alley, and we set the window frames today for the cellar.

Debits - .90, 1.00, .31

Wind west through the day. 6 stratus clouds in the morning. Cum st. clouds in the afternoon and partially cloudy through the day. Wind west. The snow has disappeared today.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.06 At. Ther. 66.7  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 67.8

#### **Wed 16**

I went to the work about 8 o'clock and found everything going with energy. The strong appearance of storm has kept me away from laying out any new work. Charles Fitch came this forenoon from the Junction – I paid 30 cents for meat and 12 for potatoes. In the afternoon I paid 37 cents for molasses. Charles Fitch called on us in the afternoon with Frank Clarke. Had a very tired afternoon but got rested before evening. The surveying work at the green house is so far advanced that the centers and points for laying out the grounds are no more needed.

Debits - .30, .12, .37

10 stratus clouds at 7 a.m. Wind west. At 2 p.m. wind E. and it was S.E. in the evening.

#### **Thurs 17**

I went again to the green house but I find that my work is not so constant for the lines are all fixed and cannot now be easily moved. Mrs. D. walked to the village and back. – I received of Fred Billings \$28.52 and I paid just the same amount to F.N. Billings.

Credits – 28.52  
Debits – 28.52

Morning clear, but it soon became cloudy, and the afternoon gave signs of an approaching storm. – It began to rain soon after 9 o'clock, evening. 0.08 inches of rain fell.

### **Fri 18**

I did not go very early to the work, but began a new line of chaining from Mr. Billings' front door to Mrs. Allen's, and we made the first distance 2827 feet. The afternoon was too rainy to work and I remained in the office till nearly night. I paid Mr. Knapp 92 cents for two Silliman's Journals and 80 cents express and 50 cts cartage on box of grapes and cranberries from Salisbury, N.H. Mr. Bradley brought the box late in the evening.

Debits - .92, 1.30, .40

Cloudy and some rainy. Wind easterly through the day – A rainy afternoon and evening. 0.16 inches fell. – Wind easterly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 64.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.38 At. Ther. 72.0

### **Sat 19**

Sent \$2.20 cents to Life Insurance Co. Brattleboro Vt. Paid for meat, sugar and lemons 64 cents. – Charles Fitch was here the greater part of the forenoon fixing things for winter. Frank Clarke and I went to the Junction to meet Mr. Shaw but did not see him. But I received a letter from him giving his estimate of the cost to get the cars into Woodstock; And after we came home we learned that Gov. Smith had consented to have the Woodstock people contract with the Northern R.R. Co. or any other Co. to run their road or to build & run it. I hope this is true. Eliakim Johnson died this morning.

Debits – 2.20, .64

Very clear this morning. Partially cloudy through the day. Wind N. and some cool.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 62.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 65.7

### **Sun. 20**

The fall of the year is fast coming or is now actually here. The high wind is fast sweeping the leaves from the trees and they begin to look cold and cheerless. We ought to have gone to church today to hear Mr. Hewitt, but we are much too tired to stir. Have done some chores about the house and have spent some time in the garden for I have not been able to get anyone to harvest the garden vegetables. We must think the autumn is a pleasant one for the frosts and snows have kept away some and though it is now the 20<sup>th</sup> day there has been no snow of importance. Am very tired from my ride to the Junction yesterday. – I tried to do some writing in the evening but could neither read or write. – Mr. Thomas Rice called on Mrs. Fitch and Miss Gardner. He came to Woodstock to attend the funeral of Mr. Johnson. I think the funeral will be attended next Tuesday, and in the forenoon. His sudden death strikes the village with gloom for he was a remarkably congenial and social man beloved by all who knew him, and the bank directors must look a long time to find one so well fitted to the place.

Partially cloudy with cir. cu. clouds. – Cool north wind 3. – The weather was more mild towards night, and the wind came more westerly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 53.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 64.0 +/-

### **Mon 21**

I went to the office with letter for Mr. Shaw in reply to one from him Saturday. Was called immediately to the work at the green house. I paid 37 cents to Billings and 22 cents to Richmond for meat. – I got of F. Billings 15 dollars, and paid to French & Royce \$11.50 for coat. Paid Paul 22

cents for eggs. We also paid Mrs. Palmer one dollar and 77 cents to Jones and 30 to Mrs. Churchill. I spent the afternoon at the green house in leveling over the front grounds. Eddie Leonard assisted me in laying out the cross-sections.

Credits – 15.00

Debits - .37, .22, 11.50, .22, 2.07

1 Stratus low in the east. (Conn. River fog?) Wind easterly in the morning but moves N.W. in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 49.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 69.0

### **Tues 22**

Paid Miss Moore for butter 25 cents. – I went to the woodshed to see Mr. Chadwick's wall and then to Mr. Winslow's work. I run the level over the work that I staked out yesterday, and also run a road line to the garden house or the old woodshed. Edward Leonard assisted me in taking the levels, and he makes a very good rod man. He makes but very few mistakes in reading the rod, and I think his work very reliable. The evening is very dark and warm for the season. Miss Ellen Leonard died this evening at 20 minutes before 7 o'clock.

Debits - .25

2 stratus clouds at 7 a.m. – No perceptible wind. – It was probably S.W. 1 and so it continued through the day. 4 cloudy in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 60.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 70.8

### **Wed 23**

Went to the village in the morning and to the green house work, but it soon began to rain, and after laying and some work for Mr. Chadwick I returned home. Many of the folks have gone to the Convention at the Junction, but I went to the village again and called on Abbie who is some unwell. I came home and went to Mr. Leonard's. They will have the funeral at Burlington and will go tonight and be there in the morning. Did not get the mail from the post office for I was too lazy to go to the village a second time this afternoon.

Nimbus clouds 10. Wind S.E. in the morning 1. It began to rain about eleven o'clock and rained some through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.55 At. Ther. 68.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.63 At. Ther. 70.0 +/-

### **Thurs 24**

Paid 24 cents for meat and paid Billings 40 cents for sugar, and I paid Mr. Knapp \$1.50 for North American. Started for Bridgewater but found a letter afterwards setting the time of going and I spent the day at Mr. Billings' green house and the roads about it. Mr. Lord's men are now coming to put on the glass part of the buildings and I expect some clashing of measures, but I hope it will go well.

Debits - .24, .40, 1.50

1 stratus clouds in the morning. Wind N.E. Afternoon clear with wind N.W. but very clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.86 At. Ther. 58.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.80 At. Ther. 68.3 +/-



**Fri 25**

Rode to the village with Frank Ainsworth and soon went to the green house to work. Have watched the work on the road and on the walls of the rosary. Mr. Montague is assisting in repairing or raising the walls of that part that was too low. I have given the levels correctly that will give to them a uniform slope to the west.

Cloudy. The stratus clouds were very beautifully streaked with red at sunrise. Wind N.E. and it remained so through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.73 At. Ther. 62.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.59 At. Ther. 69.6

**Sat 26**

I paid 22 cents for coffee that I got of Geo. Paul last Tuesday, and 49 cents today for sugar & salerates. I also paid 15 cents to Montague for pencil, and I paid 26 cents for steak. I was too tired and lazy to go to the office in the afternoon and I did not get the mail for tonight. The hands left the work at about half past nine o'clock in the forenoon on account of the rain. It gave me time to be rather stupid and lazy, and I improved it very well. A very rainy and dark evening.

Debits - .22, .49, .15, .26

Nimbus clouds. It began to rain in the night Wind N.E. Rainy through the day and evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 66.8

**Sun. 27**

This was a very fine morning to rest but one almost dislikes to get up, so well fitted is the rest for the air. The weather is so wet that one can hardly think of going out today, and yet many will go to church. There is a gloom, a sort of silence and stillness about such a day with "wind east", and one does not feel well or strong and energetic. The muscles of the body seem relaxed and the mind seems equally so. My reading has all been miscellaneous, no one subject has fixed itself upon the mind calling for its utmost attention, but the reading has been miscellaneous.

A full rainy day with easterly wind, though very slight. The ground seems to be fully saturated with moisture.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.03 At. Ther. 73.0

**Mon 28**

Went to the work in the forenoon and remained there the greater part of the forenoon.

10 cloudy. Cum. stratus clouds. Wind N.W. Clear at 2 p.m. and so in the evening. Slight aurora. Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.54 At. Ther. 65.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.77 At. Ther. 69.0

**Tues 29**

In the morning I went to the work and made myself ready to go to Bridgewater to attend the arbitration with or rather between Gen. Mower and Lyman Southgate, but was detained by the work till nearly eleven, and then could not get a horse to go with as nearly all the horses are sick with the great horse disease that is making such havoc among the stable horses in this country. Got ten dollars of F. Billings. Paid F.N. Billings 56 cents for fish. H.F. Dunham and Carlie came here in the evening and Carlie remained through the night. Lyndon A. Marsh died this evening.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .56

Clear at 7 a.m. Wind N.W. It remained clear through the day. The air was cool and but a little warmer than yesterday.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.83 At. Ther. 53.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.91 At. Ther. 71.0

### **Wed 30**

Laid out some work for Mr. Chadwick and then went to the road work near the green house. The iron braces were put on beams to support the arches to the floor. I paid 50 cents for tin pail and paid 56 cents for molasses. I watched the work very fully and closely and became very tired before going home. The evenings are cool and “dark and dreary”. I paid ten cents for apples. The boys often supply us with such things.

Debits - .50, .56, .10

Clear again this morning, and it continued so through the day. Wind has been N.E. a part of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.90 At. Ther. 56.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.74 At. Ther. 68.0

### **Thurs 31**

Ground frozen nearly two inches deep this morning. I went to the work at the woodshed and then to the Green House. I got \$27.00 of F. Billings, and paid F.N. Billings for flour 12 dollars, and paid C. Montague \$12.75 for Enthopper’s Manual of Topography. I also paid Billings 44 cents for sugar and Richmond 27 cts for steak. After leaving the work I finished the Slayton and Billings deeds and delivered them to their owners. I then went to the office and heard Mungers lessons, and I then went home in the dark.

Credits – 27.00

Debits – 12.00, 12.75, .44, .27

Stratus clouds through the day and strong signs of storm. Wind S.E. a part of the day. Very dark in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.52 At. Ther. 61.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 67.0 +/-

### **Fri 1 November**

Rainy and I staid at home and slept and rested. In the afternoon, Mr. McKenzie sent for me to visit schools with him this afternoon and I went and we visited Miss Hazen’s school and the High School. Mr. Middleton delivered the address before the school, and he took for his subject, “Man”. – He managed the subject very well and made a very good impression on the scholars.

Rainy this morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 65.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.15 At. Ther. 68.0 +/-

### **Sat 2**

I got at the bank sixty five dollars discounting 8 percent = 63.70. Paid interest to savings bank \$18.36 and paid Munger house rent \$42.50. – I also paid Billings for tin etc. 1.62. – and besides this I paid Richmond for meat 28 cts. Afternoon paid Richmond 55 cts for sweet potatoes and meat. In the afternoon I worked on the road work north of the alley.

Credits – 63.70

Debits – 18.36, 42.50, 1.62, .28, .55

Cum. Stratus clouds. Wind N.W. – Very slight squalls of rain this forenoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 71.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 73.0 +/-

### **Sun. 3**

We do not go to church today but are trying to get rested, but Horace Dunham called for us and we went there to notice her 32<sup>nd</sup> "birth day." The day was passed very pleasantly and not, I hope, unprofitably.

### **Mon 4**

8 Stratus in the a.m. Wind N.W. Cirrus clouds in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 66.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 70.0

### **Tues 5**

Mr. Billings came home from California and Oregon this morning, and has been about the work this forenoon. Got of F. Billings 5 dollars on account and paid French & Roger 1.50 for gloves and paid 44 cents to Paul for groceries, and I paid Mrs. Martin one dollar for washing. Am now concentrating the work on the road near the alley and it is very dangerous blasting the rocks there, so near the tin work.

Credits – 5.00  
Debits – 1.50, 1.00

Some clouds this morning with N.W. wind. Cirro stratus clouds 8 at 2 p.m. and 10 stra in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.60 At. Ther. 68.0 +/-  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.64 At. Ther. 72.3

### **Wed 6**

Hurried off in the morning to the work at Mr. Billings' green house. Went first to the woodshed to see Mr. Chadwick's wall, and I measured it in the afternoon and found 36 cubic yards of wall and 25 yards of earth. I went back to the road work and continued there till night. The election news begins to come in and it seems quite favorable for the re-election of President Grant. Paid 27 cents for sweet potatoes. Did not wait for the mail for the team was more than half an hour late. A very dark evening.

Debits - .27

Cloudy, nimbus and some rain. Some rain through the day. Wind S. Nimbus clouds through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 64.1 +/-  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.39 At. Ther. 68.5

### **Thurs 7**

Spent all the forenoon on the meteorological matters, fitting them for the paper and for the Smithsonian Institution. At three o'clock I went to the office and to Mr. Billings' work where he has made some very material changes in a part of the work, to avoid so much of the blasting as would otherwise be necessary. The evening is very dark notwithstanding the age of the moon.

Rainy. – Wind S.E. – The rain continued till three o'clock p.m. and some showers after.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.01 At. Ther. 65.0  
Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.75 At. Ther. 70.0

**Fri 8**

Cold and cloudy – with N.W. wind through the day. Cum st clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.72 At. Ther. 62.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.92 At. Ther. 63.3

**Sat 9**

Paid Mr. Collins for meat 75 cents. My work is all at Mr. Billings' and there is such a sameness about it that I find but little new to write.

Debits - .75

Cold with N.W. wind. Cloudy till night. Cum. st. clouds.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.10 At. Ther. 54.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 55.1

**Sun. 10**

The morning was too pleasant to allow me to stay in the house and I "fixed up" and walked to church. I heard Mr. Hewitt preach from Acts XVIII: 9: "Be not afraid but speak and hold not thy peace, etc." This text led him to look into matters of belief and into the truths of his own denominational belief, etc., and he also touched upon metaphysical and moral points, which made his sermon a very interesting one. I am sure his people are aware of his superior power as a speaker, and as a teacher of spiritual things. In the afternoon he went to Pomfret to preach the funeral sermon on the death of Fred Perkins, Albro Perkins' second son.

Clouds 1 stra – in the morning – 2 cirrus at 2 p.m. and clear in the evening. A pleasant aurora in the evening – faint nebulous lights, with some faintly defined streamers. Wind westerly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.41 At. Ther. 47.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.48

**Mon 11**

I went to Mr. Billings' work in the morning, first to Mr. Chadwick's road and then to the green house. Mr. Lamb soon called for me to go to Bridgewater to try to settle the controversy between Mr. Southgate and Lyman Mower. We got to the top of the hill by 2 o'clock p.m. and spent about two or three hours on the lines. We then returned to Mr. Lamb's and I took supper with the "chum", Mr. L. who was selected to act with me in the settlement of this controversy. Rode with Mr. Burk in the evening and arrived home about ten o'clock.

Pleasant in the morning, but it soon became more cloudy. Wind S.W. in the forenoon. East wind in the afternoon. Rain began at 4 o'clock p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.60 At. Ther. 60.8

**Tues 12**

I took fifty dollars of F. Billings and paid forty of it to F.N. Billings for two shawls. I carried one to Abbie and the other to Elvira. I paid 45 cents to Jones for lamp burner and 40 cents to F.N. Billings for kerosene. The hands did not work in the afternoon, but I went to the office to copy field notes that I took some days ago.

Credits – 50.00

Debits – 40.00, .45, .40

Nimbus clouds and a little rain but it began to rain about half past 9 o'clock a.m. and continued to rain till nearly 10 in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 62.6

**Wed 13**

Paid 40 cents for twine and salt.

Debits – .40

4 stratus clouds – Wind W. 2 – Clouds increase through the day. Beautiful cir. cum. clouds in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.42 At. Ther. 62.3

**Thurs 14**

Paid Billings 74 cents for raisins and sugar. Spent all the morning on the meteorological report for the week and then went to Mr. Billings' work. Am trying to have the rock all out at the road near the alley. Paid Mrs. Moore for milk 3 dollars but I owe her now 76 cents as I have it.

Debits - .74, 3.00

Dense stratus clouds. – Wind S. very early but changed to N.E. in the forenoon. It began to rain and snow about 9 o'clock a.m. – Rain in the middle of the day and snow in the evening. 1 inch fell.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 62.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.30 At. Ther. 64.0 +/-

**Fri 15**

I went to Mr. Chadwick's work near the woodshed, and then I went to work on and around the green house. I went to the office and got the level and then went to Quechee with Mr. Leonard to lay out a borrow pit near the church. The day was some cold but I finished the levels before night and then Mr. Leonard and myself started for home. Was some cold on getting home but think I have not taken cold. This is about the first cold morning that we have had this fall.

9 cu.,st. clouds – Wind W. and this continued through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 58.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 68.0

**Sat 16**

In the forenoon I went to the woodshed road and the green house. Went to the office and to see Robert and then back to the green house and home to work on the banking of the house, setting up stoves, etc. Was extremely tired when night came. Joanna called on her way home from the village. Carlie Dunham went home this afternoon.

A clear frosty morning with N.W. wind. Wind changed to W. and the weather softened down some.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.34 At. Ther. 57.9

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 69.0

**Sun. 17**

Clear and cold this morning. We thought of going to church, and though the air is cold we started. Heard Mr. Hewitt from John IV: 13, 14: "Whoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again etc." A very good and profitable discourse. In the afternoon he preached from James IV: 7 – "Submit yourselves therefore to God." Here was another good valuable discourse. At noon we went to Simeon Dunham's and made a very pleasant call. On starting from church Mr. Seavey was thrown from his wagon and his shoulder and back were some hurt. – I called on Mrs. Martin on my way from church, and in the evening I went to see how badly Mr. Seavey was hurt, and found him sitting up but some lame.

Clear except a few banks of clouds on the mountains. Wind W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.55 At. Ther. 56.1

**Mon 18**

Some unwell this morning so that I did not go to the work. But my part of that work is nearly done and I can leave very soon. Mr. Bush worked about the barn and yard, preparing for winter. Our folks sent down butter and apples and Electa will come soon to assist in some of the work. Wrote to Mr. Shaw of the northern railroad, about the work on the Woodstock road. Have spent the day in chores about the house.

Cold N.W. wind – 3 cir st clouds. Clouds increased through the day but were less dense in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 35.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 60.0

**Tues 19**

Though quite unwell I walked to the village. Paid Chapman 80 cts for soap and corks. Paid Paul 40 cts for molasses, and Richmond 28 cts for meat, and paid 6 cts postage. I called at the work at the green house and also on Mr. Chadwick's work. He finished a job of road-making, and wished to have it accepted. The ground is now frozen about three inches deep in the roads, but grass ground is frozen but little. No snow here in the fields but the hills are covered.

Debits - .80, .40, .34

8 cir. st. clouds early in the morning. Dense stratus clouds nearly closing down in the east.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 35.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.25 At. Ther. 60.0

**Wed 20**

Went to the office in the morning and was called to go to Mr. Lyman Cobb's to make a survey of two pieces of land that he had exchanged with his father a long time ago. – Mr. Cherbeno worked here on the woodpile and house banking. The team came from Pomfret to clear the earth closet. I rode down from Mr. Cobb's with his brother. Found the snow on the hills one or two inches deep. The weather is growing colder and we can surely think that winter has begun. Hermie Dunham came this morning.

Cirro. cumulus clouds with west wind this morning. – Wind changed to N.W. Squalls of snow towards night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 59.0 +/-

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.22 At. Ther. 64.0

**Thurs 21**

In the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work and then to the village. Got 15 dollars of F. Billings. Paid F.N. Billings \$1.92. I also paid Mr. Cherbeno 3 dollars, and am to pay him 50 cents more for sawing wood etc. Barron & Hodges have a court at French's office and I was called in the evening to try an impeachment of Mr. Hodges. A very exciting case.

Credits – 15.00

Debits – 1.92, 3.00

Clear except a few stratus clouds low in the S.W. – Wind N. – At 2 o'clock p.m. 10 cir. st. clouds with N.E. wind. – Clouds increased in density till night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.44 At. Ther. 51.0

**Fri 22**

Hermie Dunham left for home. I staid at home in the forenoon, but in the afternoon I went to the village and I paid barber 20 cents and I paid Richmond for steak 45 cents. I called to hear Munger's

lessons and did not get ready to start for home till the snow was two or three inches deep. Mrs. Fitch's stove was fixed today and we put fire in the sitting room for the first or nearly so.

Debits - .20, .45

10 cirro stratus clouds N.E. Wind. The clouds increased in density till night. It began to snow at 5 p.m. and snowed till late in the evening. Perhaps 11 o'clock.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 51.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.13 At. Ther. 65.5

### **Sat 23**

Cloudy stratus in the morning. Cir. cu. in the middle of the day. Wind westerly.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 64.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.35 At. Ther. 66.5

### **Sun. 24**

The weather seemed so pleasant that we concluded to walk to church; so we started a few minutes past ten o'clock. We heard Mr. Hewitt preach from Psalms CXXVI: 5 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." This called the remarks that the ways of Providence were often hid from us, and were only known to him who orders all things. At noon we called on Mr. McKenzie and had a very pleasant time. Went to the post office and found a circular from the Meneeley bell company. A most valuable pamphlet. In the afternoon Mr. Hewitt preached from II Timothy III: 16. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, etc." The speaker did not dwell upon the first part of the text to prove the divine authenticity of the scriptures, but proceeded to notice the four things in which the scriptures were profitable to men. He gave us a remarkably good discourse. We walked home in the mud and water, calling on Mrs. Martin as we came along, and paid Mrs. Martin 1.50 for work.

Debits – 1.50

6 cirro stratus clouds, very light, in the morning. Wind N.W. 2. – Clouds increased in density through the day. Appearance of rain.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 51.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.47 At. Ther. 70.6

### **Mon. 25**

Went to the village this morning and paid 25 cents for sausage. A very warm thawy day, snow nearly all gone. Saw Robert and he was trying to get a stove for his middle room in the office. Walking was extremely hard for it had thawed so as to be very slippery the greater part of the way. Called at the office and found Polk preparing his brief in the "Mink case." – a case between Mr. Hodge and John Barron. In the afternoon I worked about the house fixing for winter.

Debits - .25

Cloudy with S.E. wind. The clouds broke away about noon and the wind came S.W. veering N.W. – Very high wind in the afternoon and evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.18 At. Ther. 60.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.00 At. Ther. 60.5

### **Tues. 26**

I went to the office in the forenoon and home at noon. In the afternoon Polk and I worked on Mr. Billings Greenhouse lot taking the bearing of all the new gas pipes, water pipes and drain pipes, to put in the general plan of grounds. The afternoon was very cold and Polk became much chilled.

Cloudy through the day. Wind southerly. Increasing cloudiness. It began to snow at 6 o'clock p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.37 At. Ther. 58.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 67.4

### **Wed 27**

Five inches of snow last night, and it snows some this morning, but very slightly. I paid F.N. Billings three dollars and ten cents for wheat meal and sugar, and paid Richmond for pork steak 30 cents, and paid Mr. Bradley for cartage 25 cents. And I borrowed of Polk 50 cents and paid the same to Mr. Cherbeno.

Credits - .50

Debits – 3.10, .30, .25, .50

Slight cirrus or cirro stratus clouds through the middle of the day but nearly clear in the evening. Two inches of snow fell last night. Wind S.E. in the morning and at 2 o'clock p.m. but in the evening N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 56.7

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.31 At. Ther. 65.2

### **Thurs 28**

Thanksgiving Day. – We went to Pomfret about noon. It seems a long time since I have been there to stay very long. I paid 35 cents for eggs and I paid Mortimer for help last week. We thought more of the management there than we have for a long time before. We remained there till nearly dark and then I walked home. The rest rode with Mr. Leach. I have enjoyed the visit today much better than I have for a time since father and mother were there.

Debits - .35

6 stratus clouds in the morning, 4 cir. cu. in the middle of the day and 10 cir. st. in the evening. Wind 2 N.W. through the day.

### **Fri 29**

Am 63 years old today. A long life but how short to look over it. I went to the village and carried the meteorological report for the week. Got a gallon of kerosene of F.N. Billings paid 40 cents. The snow fell very fast while I was at the village. Full nine inches fell in the time. The whole amount of snow fallen today is 16  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. I did not go to the office this afternoon for the snow is too deep. I spent the afternoon in doing chores about the house and door yard. The weather does not seem to be very cold, but late in the evening it was much colder. Horace Greeley died at ten minutes before seven o'clock this evening.

Debits - .40

It began to snow probably about 2 o'clock in the morning, and it continued through the day. 16  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches fell during the storm. Strong N.E. wind through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.11 At. Ther. 38.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.92 At. Ther. 57.0

### **Sat 30**

This is one of the roughest days that I have seen for a long time. A strong west wind is blowing almost constantly and the snow is drifting on the road. Have done but little today but try to keep every thing comfortable around me, but the depth of the snow makes it difficult to do much. I paid Dr. Cotton one dollar for Joanna. Have failed to keep my cash account very accurately, but have balanced it this month and hope to keep it better hereafter.

Debits – 1.00



Stratus clouds and a high westerly wind through the night and this morning, and it continued through the day. Squalls of snow in the afternoon.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.68 At. Ther. 47.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.76 At. Ther. 35.0

### **Sun. December 1**

Awoke this morning with a very severe headache and sickness at the stomach. Was compelled to give up all reading and study, and to let the brain get rested. There was no meeting at the Chapel today, so we should not have gone to church if the roads had been even so good. Was quite unwell through the day and kept to my room the greater part of the time. To be deprived of all reading and study is not very pleasant, but we are all compelled to yield to it and submit to it without a murmur is duty if possible. I think of Mr. Streeter whose life has been his perusal of books and deep study, now he is deprived of it, that is, of the power to read or write. His mind is clear and vigorous and his anxiety to read and write are as ardent as ever, but he can do neither very much. I have not seen him for a long time and ought to call on him the first opportunity.

Cloudy. Cirro. stratus 10. Wind S.E. 9 cloudy at 2 o'clock and 10 cirro stratus at night. The roads are much drifted up.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.03 At. Ther. 35.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.13 At. Ther. 35.1

### **Mon 2**

Went to the village this morning after shoveling out the roads about the door yard. Mr. Cushing died this morning of apoplexy it is supposed. He was about 80 years old, was a very active and useful man and will be much missed in the town. Paid Richmond for lard and steak one dollar and 12 cents. I also got of F. Billings \$19.50 and paid the same sum to F.N. Billings for under clothes. This is a more expensive suit than I am able to have, but my friends do not think so.

Credits – 19.50

Debits – 1.12, 19.50

Cloudy and signs of storm through the day. Wind S.E. – It began to rain at about 8 o'clock p.m. and soon changed to snow.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.02 At. Ther. 42.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.88 At. Ther. 39.0

### **Tues 3**

Paid Amelia 1.05. Spent the greater part of the day about the house in doing chores and some writing. Mrs. D. is trying to do the washing for we cannot get Mrs. Martin to do it.

Debits – 1.05

Cloudy through the day with westerly wind. Squalls of snow in the morning. Two inches of snow fell last night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.88 At. Ther. 38.8

### **Wed 4**

I worked at home through the forenoon and till about 3 o'clock when I went to the village. Got ten dollars of F. Billings and paid my town tax in Woodstock \$8.11 to Mr. Hewitt. Also paid Richmond 45 cents for meat. I find myself very lazy this winter and do not think I shall shovel snow very much if I can avoid it. But we cannot always do as we would.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 8.11, .45

Squalls of snow this morning. Wind N.W. 5 cir.cu. clouds at 2 o'clock p.m. evening nearly clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 37.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.39 At. Ther. 36.8

#### **Thurs 5**

Carlie Dunham came for Mrs. D. in the morning, and carried her home for a visit. I rode to the office with them and came back about eleven o'clock. I went to work on the meteorological report for the week and finished it a little after three o'clock p.m. Soon after four o'clock I took it to the office as soon as possible so that it can be set up for this week's paper. Got three qts. of molasses and a pound of salerates at Paul's but did not pay for them. Paid Billings 62 cents for tea.

Debits - .62

Cir. st. clouds. Wind S.W. 2. Signs of storm. Clouds increased in density through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.40 At. Ther. 33.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.76 At. Ther. 31.6

#### **Fri 6**

Arose this morning some stupid and dull and hardly feel able to work at all, but I copied the meteorological report for the month of November and towards night I carried it to the post office. Mrs. D. got Vick's catalogue of flowers and flower seeds and bulbs. In the evening I bought four stereoscopic views of a peddler, and paid \$1.15 for them.

Debits - 1.15

Nimbus clouds. Very slight snow. Wind N.W. Squalls of snow in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 43.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.44 At. Ther. 41.5

#### **Sat 7**

Worked nearly all day in the plan for Mrs. Allen's house and lot and was very tired when I left the work to start for the office. Carried the meteorological report to the post office and Mr. Mitter's letter and papers. Got a pair of boots and a pair of rubber over-shoes for which I pay: boots 11 dollars shoes 2¼ making the sum of \$13.25 cents that I am to pay very soon. Got steak and paid 30 cents to Richmond.

Debits - .30

2 stratus clouds. Wind N.W. 2 Cir. cu. clouds at 2 o'clock, and nearly clear in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.46 At. Ther. 31.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 33.0

#### **Sun. 8**

I arose with some headache in the morning, but it gradually wore off and this evening am nearly free from it. The day has been very stormy and I think it snowed without a moment of cessation since it began this morning. It has been a very severe day for going to church and we did not try to go. We can almost call it a gloomy day, for it has been right to produce melancholy. We must try to have our situation such that we can go to church.

Nimbus clouds. It began to snow at 6 o'clock a.m. Wind N.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.04 At. Ther. 30.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.84 At. Ther. 38.5

**Mon 9**

The winter term of school begins today, but I have not been there this forenoon. – Nor did I go at all. I was detained at the barn a long time and was then too tired and too unwell to go to the village. In the afternoon I worked on Mr. Billings' drawings for the deed to Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Allen. That deed has not been fully finished.

Snowy this morning, though it had stormed but very little through the night. Wind S.E. 1. Snow 1¼ inches at sunset.

**Tues 10**

A cold rough morning. Too cold to stir, but after doing the chores around the house and door yard I started to see to the schools. I first went to the River Street Primary school and found 28 scholars. I then went to the office, and when the schools began in the afternoon, I went to the School Street Primary. An excellent school. I then went to the Intermediate school then to the High School. Did not get home till quite late in the afternoon.

A cold rough morning. Wind N.W. 4. The wind continued to blow through the day. At night clear and cold.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.90 At. Ther. 24.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.16 At. Ther. 28.8

**Wed 11**

Worked about the house in the forenoon, but went to the schools in the afternoon. Got books for indigent scholars and left them with the teachers. Visited the Stanton Street Primary school and found it quite full. A very pleasant day, but there is some appearance of storm. In the evening Horace Dunham and Caroline came and made an evening visit. – Paid Richmond for sausages 30 cents.

Debits - .30

1 stratus clouds in the morning. Wind N.W. and cold. Ther. 3 below at 7 o'clock or at half past 6 o'clock a.m. – 1 stratus at 2 p.m. 6 cir. st. at night.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.36 At. Ther. 21.4

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.43 At. Ther. 26.7

**Thurs 12**

Very cold! -17 by ther. I walked to Woodstock for the meteorology of the week. Paid Paul 40 cents for sirup & coffee.

Debits - .40

Ther. -17 at 7 a.m. – 3 stratus clouds. Wind 3 N.W. which continued through the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.49 At. Ther. 17.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.28 At. Ther. 17.6

**Fri 13**

Cold! Ther. -19 at 7 o'clock, but it soon began to get warmer. Got ten dollars of F. billings and paid \$1.65 for lamp burner and kerosene; - and paid Randall & Moore 75 cents for pliers. Paid Richmond 30 cents for steak.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 1.65, .75, .30

Ther. -19 at 7 o'clock in the morning. Partially through the day. - Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.17 At. Ther. 15.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.08 At. Ther. 17.4

#### **Sat 14**

Rode to the village with Dr. Boynton and had a short talk with him on the subject of school legislation. I got Bradley to move bedstead and chairs from the Munger house. I paid Billings 70 cents for stockings and one dollar thirty five cents for sugar, and Chapman 27 cts for glycerine, and Richmond 1.50 cts for meat.

Debits - .70, 1.35, .27, 1.50

1 inch of snow fell this morning. - Strong N.W. winds 3. – Weather cloudy in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 35.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 35.3

#### **Sun. 15**

Another very pleasant sabbath day when we cannot go to church for I am not able to go owing to a very severe headache again. It seems to be the fate every Sunday for me to get a rather severe headache as I did in childhood days. I can well remember the severe headaches of those days, even when not more than six or seven years old a periodical headache that would come on Sundays. I never could account for it but it was so.

Partial cloudiness. Cir cu 8 at 7 a.m. – Temperature a little above freezing point through the day. 3 cir cu at 2 p.m. and 2 stratus in the evening. – Wind N.W.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 28.95 At. Ther. 30.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.20 At. Ther. 36.9

#### **Mon 16**

Walked to the village to see Eddie Munger. I paid Richmond for eggs 35 cents, and Paul 15 cents for box of table salt. I understand the new bell for the school house has come, but I have not heard it at all. I hope it is a good one. Was some disappointed at being defeated about getting a West Troy bell, for the old Meneeley firm was the most flattering for their reputation was the very best.

Debits - .35, .15

3 stratus clouds at 7 o'clock. – Wind N.E. Clouds increase in density. It began to snow at 8 p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 21.3

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.29 At. Ther. 30.0

#### **Tues 17**

I worked about home and on the Mr. Billings plans nearly through the day, and towards night I went to the village to finish the deeds but Polk was away and I brought it back. I paid 92 cents for two numbers of Silliman's Journal. Have been some better that for the past few days. Miss Gardner paid us sixteen dollars as the balance for her board.

Credits – 16.00

Debits - .92

10 cir, stratus with westerly wind. Only a few cir cu clouds in the middle of the day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.26 At. Ther. 27.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.46 At. Ther. 33.5

**Wed 18**

A cold morning with thin cir. st. clouds. Miss Gardner starts for Brooklyn this morning at ten o'clock. The snow began to fall soon after and the afternoon was some unpleasant. I paid of Mrs. Fitch's money 8 cents for paper and stamps. I went to the office to finish some papers, but spent the time in writing for Polk on the Isaac King and Thacher matter. Came home in the evening in the snow.

10 cir st clouds. Wind N.W. 2 – It began to snow at 11 o'clock and continued through the day. Wind N.W. 2 – One inch and a half of snow fell.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.42 At. Ther. 19.1

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.06 At. Ther. 27.5

**Thurs 19**

I spent the forenoon on the meteorological matters and finished them in a few hours, and after dinner I took them to the village. Had a short talk with Robert on the purchase of the Thompson place. Mr. Clarke has written to Charles Fitch about selling his place, but I do not think we are able to buy it. Abigail came down from Pomfret and will stay a few days. She has not been here for a long time or since last summer when Mrs. D. was so unwell.

2 stratus clouds. Wind W.N.W. 3 – In the middle of the day there were but few clouds but they increased rapidly in the afternoon and evening. The storm began some time before midnight from the S.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.50 At. Ther. 29.2

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.60 At. Ther. 29.5

**Fri 20**

I began my days work by shoveling snow from the paths about the house. Amelia staid with Alice Winslow last night so she will get to school without much trouble. It takes nearly all my time to do chores about the house so I get but little time for reading or writing. Abigail staid here through the day. Amelia came from school riding with Dr. Richmond's scholars. The snow is very heavy and it takes more strength than I have to shovel it.

Snow six or seven inches deep this morning. Wind S.E. – The snow continued till about three o'clock p.m.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.12 At. Ther. 25.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 28.92 At. Ther. 33.0

**Sat 21**

A beautiful morning and not very cold. Mrs. D. is badly afflicted with the toothache. Got Mr. Burke to carry her to the dentist in the afternoon. I went to the village and paid Billings \$1.35 and paid Knapp for Taylor's ink 5 cents. I have spent the afternoon at home, and have tried to write some but have not succeeded very well. Abigail is here yet and I think will remain a few days. The evening was most remarkably pleasant. Paid Dr. Williams.

Debits – 1.35, .05, .25

Slightly cloudy this morning and middle of the day, but nearly clear in the evening. Wind W. – A very pleasant day.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.32 At. Ther. 32.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.23 At. Ther. 29.9

**Sun. 22**

Another sabbath morning but we cannot get to church today for the roads are almost impassable and we have no way to go except to walk. The morning is very rough and it is all that we ought to do to stay by the fire. There has now been about four feet and a half of snow this winter and if the storms

continues as they have begun it will surely be a snowy winter! – Mr. Leach called on his way home from church, but Abigail did not go home with him. The thermometer is falling very fast and it seems as though we should have a cold morning tomorrow. How severely the winter is beginning upon us! It seems as though we had never known so much snow so early in the season.

2 stratus clouds this morning with high N.N.W. wind. The air soon became filled with fine snow or frost and seemed like the cirrus clouds only they were here near us. Very clear in the evening and cold.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.19 At. Ther. 20.8

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.33 At. Ther. 18.3

### **Mon 23**

The very slight storm of fine snow made it so unpleasant that I only went out to do the chores. Amelia went to school in the storm. There was but little stirring through the day. I finished the deed for Oliver Billings and his sisters and will leave it at the Town Clerk's office tomorrow. I have copied off my account against Mr. Billings and find that my work for him for the year amounts to 651 dollars. I do not go to the village this afternoon and so shall not get the mail from the office. Snow is now 2½ feet deep in the fields.

A very fine snow and very slight. Wind S.E. in the morning. - Full nimbus clouds through the middle of the day.

### **Tues 24**

Cold! A heavy N.W. wind. Spencer called in the forenoon and I rode with him to the village. I paid Randall & Moore three dollars for a napkin ring, and Mr. Bailey two dollars and a quarter for spoon for Abigail, and Richmond 24 cents for crackers, and Montague 2 dollars for a Nautical Almanac. Rode back with Spencer and after doing the chores about the house and barn I went again to the village, but to no purpose for the trains are late and no mail will come till late in the evening. Am really some tired this evening.

At

2 p.m. 0.0

3 p.m. -3.0

4 p.m. -6.5

5 p.m. -11.0

6 p.m. -17.0

7 p.m. -21.0

8 p.m. -24.0

9 p.m. -27.0

10 p.m. -30.0

11 p.m. -32.0

12 p.m. -33.0

Debits – 3.00, 2.25, .24, 3.00

Ther. – 10.5 at 7 a.m. Clear and cold through the day. Wind N.W. – At 8 o'clock p.m. Ther. -24.0

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.45 At. Ther. 15.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.53 At. Ther. 19.0

### **Wed 25**

Extremely cold this morning and so through the day. The several readings of the thermometer can be seen in the column at the right. Rode to the village this morning with Fred Doten and then we rode to their house to a Christmas supper. We found our folks there and we had a very pleasant time. Fred brought us home in the evening and we found it some cold still. Amelia remained at home for she expected Alice Winslow to spend the day with her.

At

5½ a.m. -41  
6 a.m. -40  
6½ a.m. -41.5  
7 a.m. -38  
8 a.m. -35  
9 a.m. -28  
10 a.m. -17  
1 p.m. -11  
4 p.m. -17  
6 p.m. -18  
7 p.m. -19  
7½ p.m. -19.5  
8 p.m. -18  
8½ p.m. -19.3  
9 p.m. -20.4  
10 p.m. -22

Cold!!! Ther. - 38 at 7 a.m. Radiating clouds. Wind N.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.60 At. Ther. 6.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 29.54 At. Ther. 3.0

#### **Thurs 26**

Went early to the office to get Mr. Miller's readings of the thermometer and found Robert in his office. Got the latest Tribunes and Heralds to get an account of weather in other parts of the country. Paid Billings 50 cts for kerosene & pepper and Richmond 49 cts for sausages. I spent the greater part of the day in writing on the meteorological report for the week. Late in the afternoon I carried it to the office. Did not find Robert but I left it with the printers. Snow is falling quietly and it appears like a severe storm. Miss Gardner sent us five dollars.

Credits - 5.00

Debits - .50, .49

Thick cir, st clouds. - Wind N.E. - Clouds increasing. It began to snow about noon and continued till late in the evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.37 At. Ther. 46.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 28.99 At. Ther. 72.0

#### **Fri. 27**

Spent nearly all the forenoon in doing chores about the house. And door yard. Soon after dinner I went to the village to get papers but they were not out till nearly night. I get but very little time for study or for writing and can only get the odd chores done. In the evening Fred came down to get chickens and took 17 and there must be 15 or 16 left. Late in the evening it seemed to be much warmer. Polk and Robert gave me the pen that I am writing with.

Cold with about three and a half or four inches of snow. The wind blew through the night and the weather is very cold this morning.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.03 At. Ther. 71.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. - 28.93 At. Ther. 76.6

#### **Sat 28**

1 stratus cloud this morning. Cold N. wind.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. - 29.19 At. Ther. 61.2

**Sun. 29**

Another sabbath day spent at home at my table. It is not the best way that a Sunday could be spent, though there may be worse ways in the world. I am writing now with a new pen, a Christmas present from Polk and Robert. They delight in making presents and so do all of us who look above self. It is a very easily working pen but is a little coarser than we are accustomed to write with, but by getting accustomed to it I think it will run very easily. This is the last sabbath of the year and we ought to make it the best one, otherwise are we sure that we are improving?

“Count that day lost whose low descending sun,

“Views from thy hand no worthy action done.”

So we may count that year lost if its close does not find us better than its beginning.

Partially cloudy through the day. Stratus clouds. Wind N. or N.W. through the day and very cold. Evening very clear.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.51 At. Ther. 55.5

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.60 At. Ther. 76.0

**Mon 30**

I worked through the forenoon on the meteorological matters for my own use and for the papers, but the weather is too cold to do much. In the afternoon I walked to the village for books and papers. I called on Abbie but I did not find Polk. Got papers for reference about the storm and the cold weather. Amelia came home from Mr. Winslow's where she went in the afternoon yesterday.

A very few stratus clouds in the forenoon. But little wind and that changes some. The thermometer is falling rather rapidly this evening.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.78 At. Ther. 66.0

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.75 At. Ther. 70.6

**Tues 31**

Again we have come to the closing day of the year. It has been rough all day, and being so cold it makes the storm quite dubious and dreary. Sent to Life Insurance Co. 1.10 as assessment for Eleazar Ball. In closing up the year's account I carried forward \$12.47 which I charged as money on hand.

Debits – 1.10

It began to snow at 6 a.m. and continued till about 3 o'clock p.m. 2½ inches fell. Wind N.E.

Bar at 7:53 a.m. – 29.48 At. Ther. 61.6

Bar at 4:53 p.m. – 29.47 At. Ther. 66.0

## Note

See notes for Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> of this book. At 7 o'clock in the morning there was the most beautiful phenomenon of radiating clouds (polar bands) that I have ever witnessed. The lines were near together and divided very uniformly when viewed on a transverse line passing through the zenith. The radiating points were in the horizon and so situated as to have the middle line run in the direction W.N.W. and E.S.E. the points being at those points in the horizon. The phenomenon appeared in its purity at just 7 o'clock a.m. which was nearly the moment of greatest cold, probably ever known in Vermont. It continued a few minutes and then broke up into the ordinary cirro-cumulus clouds and made almost a “mackerel sky.”



## People

Frank Noble Billings was a dealer in groceries and dry goods. He operated the Jones & Billings store in Woodstock from 1854 until it was destroyed by fire in 1860. He opened a new store in the Woodstock's Phoenix Block and operated it until 1894. His son Franklin S. Billings was governor of Vermont from 1925-1927.

Frederick H. Billings was a lawyer and financier who first became successful in California at the time of the gold rush. Billings was a millionaire by age thirty through legal fees, business investments, and real estate. In 1869, Billings bought the former home of Charles Marsh in Woodstock and implemented new methods of farming and conservation. He was a major investor in the Northern Pacific Railway and served on the board when the railroad completed its line from Minnesota to Seattle, WA in 1883. Billings was involved in civic and charitable activities until suffering a stroke in 1889. He died the following year.

James Knox Polk Chamberlin was a student of Hosea Doton and later married his daughter, Abbie. He was an attorney with an office in the Phoenix Block in Woodstock.

Captain Seth Conant was a neighbor of Hosea Doton on Cloudland Road in Pomfret.

Henry Swan Dana was born in Woodstock in 1828. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1849 and became a teacher. He published an account of Woodstock's first meeting house in the *Vermont Standard* and was encouraged to write a history of the town by his schoolmate Frederick Billings. Dana's *History of Woodstock, Vermont* was published in 1888 with funding from Mr. Billings.

Abigail Everts Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in 1817 and died in 1900.

Electa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret in 1813 and died in 1898.

Joanna Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, VT in 1823 and died there in 1908.

Sorell, Franklin, and Orlando Doten were sons of Isaac and Rosilla Doten of Barnard.

Abbie Doton was the daughter of Hosea Doton and his first wife, Lois Paddock Doton. She married James Knox Polk Chamberlin. Abbie was a teacher who became librarian at the Abbott Memorial Library in Pomfret.

Julia Elvira Doton was the third wife of Hosea Doton. She was born in Hartland, VT in 1840 and died in Woodstock in 1910.

Spenser Doten was Hosea Doton's brother. He was born in Pomfret in 1811 and died there in 1891. Spenser spelled his name Doten as did Hosea Doton's sisters.

Horace F. Dunham was the brother of Simeon C. Dunham and the husband of Elvira Doton's sister Caroline. He was a surveyor who worked with Hosea Doton on the Woodstock Railroad.

Simeon C. Dunham was the brother of Horace F. Dunham. He was a businessman and community leader in Woodstock.

Amelia Gookin lived with Hosea Doton and his wife Elvira during the 1872 school year and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1874.

William Henry Harrison, known as "Old Tip" became President of the United States on March 4, 1841. He died thirty-one days after his inauguration.

Zerviah Harvey was the wife of Nathan Harvey and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois.

Frank Hatch was president of the Windsor County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Felicia Hemans was an English poet. Hosea Doton bought books of her poems for his daughter Abba, and Hosea framed a portrait of Mrs. Hemans done by Caroline Wyatt, which was presented to the Abbott Library in Pomfret in 1909.

Delia Hewitt was the daughter of William R. Hewitt. She was a longtime teacher in Woodstock.

Elisha Hewitt was born in Pomfret, VT in 1805. He passed his early life on a farm and went to Plymouth, MA to read theology in 1827. He was ordained in the Universalist Church in Plymouth, and preached in Hanson, MA until 1870 when he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1872, he accepted a call to Woodstock where he preached for seven years before retiring in Massachusetts. He preached frequently in Vermont before his death in 1897.

F.D. Maurice was an English theologian, professor, and proponent of Christian socialism. He wrote nearly forty books with a focus on the poor and working classes.

John Paddock was the father of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock.

John Paddock Jr. was the brother of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock. He was a peddler who sold goods from a wagon. Hosea made coffins for two of his children who died in 1842.

Lucy Vaughan Paddock was the mother of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock. Hosea refers to her as Mother Paddock.

Henry Page was the husband of Hosea Doton's sister, Sarah.

Patience Paddock Perkins was the wife of Alva. C. Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. Her son Robert A. Perkins founded the Woodstock Post in 1872.

Lucy Paddock Perkins was the wife of Nelson Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock Doton.

Nelson Perkins was the husband of Lucy Paddock, sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. He was the brother of Alva. C. Perkins.

Robert A. Perkins founded the Otta-Quechee Post in 1871 and served as editor and publisher. The name was changed to the Woodstock Post in 1872 and it was published until 1875.

Lewis Pratt Jr. owned a bookstore in Woodstock where Hosea Doton had an office for surveying and engineering. He founded the Vermont Temperance Standard in 1853 and managed it until 1854. The name was changed to the Vermont Standard in 1857.

O.L. Richmond was a dealer in beef, pork, lard, mutton, poultry, tripe, sausages, candles and all kinds of provisions usually kept in a country market. Old Stand, Central Street, Woodstock.

Samuel Thomson was a proponent of herbal medical practices in the early 1800s.

Joseph Vose was the brother of Hosea Doton's mother, Elizabeth Doton.

Otis Winn was the father of Spenser Doton's wife Charlotte. He sometimes worked for Spenser and Hosea Doton.

H.L. Williams M.D. operated Williams Dental Rooms in the Stone Block on Elm Street in Woodstock.

## Glossary

Azimuth – one of two coordinates, in addition to altitude, used by an observer to chart the position of a celestial object in relation to a fixed position, usually true north. Hosea Doton calculated the azimuth of the North Star, which varies from  $002^{\circ}$  to  $358^{\circ}$  during the year.

Book slates – Two pieces of slate that can be written on and erased, hinged with a cloth binding.

Chaise – A carriage for one or two people, sometimes with a folding top.

Cock – A stack of hay.

Cutter – a light sleigh with a single seat and usually pulled by a single horse.

Equation of time - The equation of time describes the discrepancy between apparent solar time and mean solar time. The equation of time values for each day of the year were often reported in almanacs.

Grapery – An area or building where grapes are grown.

Mensuration – The use of geometry to measure areas or volumes.

Parhelion - an atmospheric optical phenomenon that consists of a bright spot to one or both sides of the Sun.

Parley's Magazine – A publication for children and youth issued from 1833 to 1844.

Salerates – Bicarbonate of soda used to help bread and cakes rise.

Sector – A tool used for measurements and calculations. Sometimes called a *proportional compass*.

Shoat – A young pig, especially one that is newly weaned.

Sled rave – Runner for a logging sled.

Southing of the moon – When the moon appears to the south of an observer.

Swill – Liquid food for animals.

Taking the time – In the 1800s, towns would set clocks at noon when the sun reached its highest point in the sky.

Thill – Either of the pair of shafts from the front of a carriage or sleigh between which a draft animal is harnessed.

Transit – A telescope with a level used by surveyors to lay out roads and building foundations.

Vendue – A public sale or auction.

White lead – A mineral that was mixed with water for use as paint.

Winnow – To remove chaff from a grain or other crop.