



Hosea Doton's Daily Journal for 1871

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Preface

Hosea Doton was born in 1809 on his family's homestead on Cloudland Road in Pomfret, VT. His father, John Edward Doton, was a farmer and surveyor who lived on the farm now known as Sleepy Hollow. Hosea attended Pomfret School No. 2, which still stands on Cloudland Road, and continued to study mathematics and science after leaving school. Hosea began teaching in Pomfret schools in 1830.

Hosea married Lois Paddock in 1834 and they had a daughter named Abba on August 1, 1840. Hosea called her Abbie throughout his diaries. Lois Paddock Doton died on February 2, 1857.

On May 28, 1858, Hosea married Harriet Ware who was a former student and daughter of his neighbor Henry L. Ware. Harriet was gifted in math and became an assistant to Hosea in the classroom. She was one of few people who could help Hosea calculate the positions of the sun and moon each year for *Walton's Vermont Register and Farmer's Almanac*. Hosea was devastated when his "dear Harriet" died of fever on November 18, 1858. They were married less than six months.

On July 4, 1868, Hosea married Elvira Julia Wood who he referred to in this diary as Mrs. D. Like Harriet Ware, Elvira shared Hosea's interests and was able to help him perform his calculations for the almanac. In January 1871, Hosea and Elvira were renting a home at 7 College Hill Road in Woodstock owned by S.E. Munger who operated a clothing store in Woodstock. On February 6, Hosea notes that they share the home with Mrs. Taylor who sometimes does laundry for them.

In 1871, Hosea was a member of a committee that managed Woodstock's primary, grammar, intermediate, and high schools. He often mentions visiting classes, hiring teachers, and choosing textbooks. Hosea also does surveying for Frederick Billings who is building roads, bridges, and culverts on his property and adjacent farm. He is also asked to prepare deeds for land Mr. Billings is buying. He also continues to prepare monthly meteorological reports for local newspapers and the Smithsonian Institution.

On most Sundays during the year, Hosea and Elvira attend morning and afternoon meetings at the Universalist church in Woodstock where they hear uplifting sermons by Mr. Elmer Hewitt. There are a number of concerts and performances at the town hall, which Elvira sometimes attends alone or with a young family friend named Amelia Gookin. Amelia's family lives in New Hampshire, but she stayed with Hosea and Elvira from May to October, 1871.

In 1871, Hosea Doton frequently notes that he is not sleeping well and is plagued by headaches and colds. But he typically fills each day with work at his home and office, as well as with visits to the schools and to Mr. Billings' various projects. He also enjoys gathering local history about Pomfret and Woodstock from friends including Charles Marsh, Henry Swan Dana, and Robert Perkins.

In June, Hosea wrote a memorial for his former neighbor Norman Bridge, which appeared in the *Spirit of the Age*. When Hosea's friend Robert Perkins published the first issue of the *Otta-Quechee Post* on September 15, 1871, it carried a moving article by Hosea on Camilla Ware of Pomfret who died on August 10 of that year.

This is one of twenty-two volumes of diaries by Hosea Doton housed by the Pomfret Historical Society in a small brick building next to the Pomfret Town Hall. The building was erected in 1904 by some of Hosea Doton's former students, dedicated in his memory, and used to store Pomfret's original charter from 1761.

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

Sun. January 1

A new year begins very pleasantly and, though cloudy, it is not cold. At the close of the year, we take a review of the past and fix our judgment on every important act, and the future is looked over with hopes, anxieties and fears. We find but little time for good and profitable reading for the hurry of business engrosses too much of the mind and leaves but little for thought and meditation and study. Am trying to rest some today but do not succeed very well. In the afternoon Polk and Abbie and Robert came here and took supper and went away in the early evening. They seemed to pass the time very pleasantly, and I think they did. The weather was very cool in the evening and the minimum thermometer must be down some below zero, I think. But how dry the earth is: There is but very little water in the wells or springs, and I do not now see how water can be got for man or beast unless the ground should thaw out and the rains come in sufficient quantities to fill the wells and springs.

Mon. January 2

About one inch of snow fell last night and this morning which, with what we had before, makes very good sleighing. I went to the office to mail a letter to Amelia and had a long talk with Mr. Billings about Mr. Fitch's and Mr. Brigg's land. I spent nearly all day at work on the report and have nearly finished it. The weather is some cool but very unsteady. The wind is strong from the S.W. this evening and seems a little warmer than in the day time. Must work this evening on meteorological matters. A very high wind this evening.

Tues. January 3

The wind blew most severely through the night, but it almost entirely ceased at 7 o'clock. Sent to Claremont for my registers by Mr. Fay who is going there and back directly. Paid Billings one dollar for sugar, and 12 cents for postage stamps. Saw Mr. Dewey and Mr. Merrill at the office on railroad matters, and Mr. Dewey will confer with Mr. Stearns about building the road. I hope something will be done, and have some faith that it will be so. In the evening we called on Robert and had a very pleasant time. He did his best to entertain us and make the time pleasant.

Debits - 1.00, .12

Wed. January 4

Arose very early and tried to finish up my writing for the paper this week, and soon after eight o'clock I went to the office. Sent yesterday for the Registers and expect a bundle of them today. Charles Fitch called for me to run out the lot that he sold to Mr. Billings, and though the thermometer stood at 10 degrees below zero this morning, we soon left for the mountains and we had a pleasant day to do the work in. We came back just before night and I took supper at Mr. Fitch's and came home early in the evening. Paid Greene \$1.50 for Wm. Page paper and 20 cents postage.

Debits - 1.50, .20

Thurs. January 5

Cloudy and stormy a very little this morning. Went to the office quite early to get the registers that came by Mr. Fay, and I also found five dozen at Mr. Pratt's forwarded to me from Claremont. I paid postage and box rent on Independent and Univ. Quarterly that is, \$1.00 box and 20 cents for Ind. & 8 cents for the Quarterly. Have been some unwell through the day. Computed the survey made yesterday. Called on Abbie in the forenoon, and I think she has got, by my assistance, some warm clothing for Polk. Am very tired and lame this evening. The weather is some warmer and perhaps a slight rain is coming.

Debits - 1.28

Fri. January 6

A warm morning and some thawy. Went to the office to do something about Railroad report and to make deeds for Mr. Fitch and Mr. Billings. Staid in the office till nearly noon and we then went to Mrs. Perkins to

take dinner. I called on Abbie a few moments. I came to the office again in the afternoon. Paid Mr. Richmond's bill for meat \$2.86 and I paid Pratt 18 cents for Almanac. Paid for braid, thread, etc. 59 cts, and I paid Mr. Darby 1 dollar for he has been unable to work for a long time from an injury to his hand. Did not attend the lecture this evening.

Debits – 2.86, .18, .59, 1.00

Sat., January 7

Mailed the meteorological report this morning and went to work on the report, and I spent nearly all day at the office. Paid Billings for dresses \$2.37, and Pratt for this ink 10cts. Norman Paul paid me \$100.00 on note. Mrs. Dunham came in the afternoon & Mr. & Mrs. Leach were here to dinner, and went away about four o'clock. Horace Dunham called quite late in the evening. The air is cold and it must be cold in the morning. I took the time and found my watch running admirably. I went to the office in the evening but did not stay to work, as the weather was very cold.

Credits – 100.00

Debits – 2.47

Sunday, January 8

A cold morning, the Thermometer standing at 12 degrees below zero, which is nearly as low as it has been any time this winter. We have anxiously waited for today to hear Mr. Hewitt preach. He came to Mr. J.D. Hewitt's, I think, and was at church quite early. Although the morning was so cold, there was a very good number in the forenoon and a better number in the afternoon. He gave us two very good discourses, and I think they were well received, and I hope the society will be able to hire him for a year at least, and to do so, all must do what they can. His three brothers came to hear him and many of his relations and friends came from Pomfret and Barnard. Lucian Hewitt came to see us at noon, and I had not seen him for a long time. He is growing old like the rest of us. I try all the different pens this evening for my nerves are not easily suited. I cannot see as this ink affects a steel pen at all, and if so it must be quite valuable. We are quite dull this evening and must soon retire to rest. Joanna was at church and we hoped that she would come and stop with us a few days.

Monday, January 9

Thermometer -5 and the wind strong in the north, which makes it a very unpleasant day to be out of doors. I went to the office and built a fire but did not go to work for I had too many chores to attend to. In the afternoon I called on Mr. Streeter and found him feeling very well for one so out of health. His conversation is very interesting for he is and has long been well and intimately acquainted with our greatest and best men. I was glad to find him in so fine spirits. I carried Mrs. Perkins' spectacles to her and hope they will fit her case. No letters nor papers at the office tonight. Evening very cold. Paid Clarke & Randall fifty dollars.

Debits – 50.00

Tuesday, January 10

The morning was a cold one, the thermometer standing at 7 o'clock at 16 below zero, which is cold enough for our own whims. Went to the office early in the morning & soon got a revised proof of the report. After correcting this I went with Mr. French to visit the grammar school as there was a scholar dismissed yesterday, and we must either keep him out or restore him to his former place in his class. We placed him back in the class after full consultation. Heard the scholars read and I had a pleasant time and I hope the scholars did. Not very cold this evening. Paul 5 cts for deeds.

Debits – .05

Wednesday, January 11

Woodstock Railroad Stockholders' meeting this afternoon. In the forenoon I went to the office and saw Mr. Dewey and some others of the railroad corporation were about the village and there was a meeting of the directors at about ten o'clock. I staid about the house and drew a sort of plan of Mr. Myers' pasture,

and in the afternoon I called on Mr. Myers to see about buying it, but could not make any trade at this time. I paid house rent to Jan 1st \$42.50, and for students lamp \$7.00, and for meat 25 cents and 25 cents for a for a work basket. Mailed letter to Asher, Adams & Higgins of New York on Railroad matters. Saw Mr. Billings this evening.

Debits - 42.50, 7.00, .50

Thursday, January 12

A cloudy, though not stormy, morning. There was a meeting of the Windsor County Agricultural Society this afternoon, but I could not attend, and I remained at home and prepared a plan of the land sold by Charles G. Fitch to Frederick Billings, and I must soon make a deed for them. Today I have paid for kerosene 40 cents to Billings, and we have paid 25 cents for eggs. – This afternoon I called on Mr. Streeter again and I am afraid it is too much for him to talk with me so long. I carried an inkstand for him to use, and I hope he will find it all right.

Debits - .40, .25

Friday, January 13

The morning is quite warm and cloudy, but there is not much sign of a storm. I went to the office and to Pratt's and got some good wrapping paper, and I tried to make a deed for Mr. Fitch, but was hindered. Mrs. F.N. Billings called to see us about Mrs. Ayers who is sick at Miss White's. In the afternoon we rode to Pomfret to see the girls and we did not get home till nearly dark. I paid Mr. Burk for use of horses three dollars & seventy-five cents. Paid for envelopes & stamps 70 cents, and Pratt for paper 15 cents. The evening is dark but warm and pleasant.

Debits - 3.75, .70, .15

Saturday, January 14

Am at work on Charles Fitch's land sale to Frederick Billings, and have concluded to write out a deed in full for I do not like the blanks that we have. Dr. Russ called to talk about Mrs. Ayers' health, for she is sick at Miss White's. Paid Billings for Molasses & a faucet 40+15=55 and I paid Randall for glasses 2 dollars. Mrs. D. called on her aunt Caroline and on Mrs. Billings at her house. I sent for a Nautical Almanac some days ago but it did not come till tonight, but I am glad to get it even at this late hour. The evening is some cooler, but dark, foggy.

Debits – .55, 2.00

Sunday, January 15

There is a slight rain this morning and the clouds hang on the hills. The rain will be greeted with a smile of joy, for the cisterns are dry many of them, and people began to suffer very much for water to use for cooking and for washing. – The day has been cloudy and thawy, and if there had been snow enough the streams would have swollen some. We have staid at home and in the house all day except my going to the office in the morning. I found my Nautical Almanac for 1872 and paid him, i.e., Stephen Pratt 2 dollars for it and 9 cents for a bottle of Thaddeus David's ink. I wrote a full letter to cousin Joel Doty of Waterbury Center, and I have put five registers in wrappers to mail tomorrow. Robert called here towards night and we are glad to see him for he appears to enjoy himself so well when he is here. I spent the evening in resting and in writing, and have read some, but I cannot say that I have read any very strong articles. The evening is very dark and cannot be otherwise for the clouds are very dense, and it seems as though it must rain before many days. Am trying to write a good letter to Mr. Streeter.

Debits – 2.09

Monday, January 16

This is the first rainy day that we have had for a long time, though there has been but little rain fallen. This evening it measures in all just half an inch. I have worked on the Solar tables for Concord, N.H. We shall work the N.H. Almanac first I think. Mr. L.S. Derby who has been boarding here for a few weeks paid his

bill today which was \$17.00 and he paid 6 cents for envelopes. I paid Mellish 34 cents for oysters & crackers and Billings 8 cents for thread, & Knapp .25 for Univ. Reg. Paid barber 15 cents for cutting hair. Robert called this evening. The roads are very slippery and the walking bad. Got a paper from Ohio.

Credits – 17.06
Debits - .34, .33, .15

Tuesday, January 17

Received of the bank on coupons nine dollars eighty cents, and I paid Clarke and Randall for forks \$13.75; and paid Pratt for Wallet \$1.60. Today I have just begun the computations for 1872, which is some in advance of time. I have been preparing some Solar tables for Concord, N.H. and have finished them today; and I have begun on the Phases of the Moon, and have nearly finished them for the N.H. Almanac. Mr. Derby did not leave till this morning, and has now gone to Hartland and Quechee, and from there he will go to Lyme, N.H.

Credits – 9.80
Debits – 13.75, 1.60

Wednesday, January 18

The day has been much cooler, and it seems to be growing colder still. I went to the office and then went to see Abbie. She and Polk came here to dinner and they also were here to supper. Mrs. D. and Abbie spent the afternoon and evening in making and returning calls; and a little before nine o'clock we went to the post office and Abbie went home. Today I paid Mr. Thompson \$1.50 for an ash pail and we put it to use very readily. I am now (10 o'clock p.m.) writing out this note and shall soon leave my work and go to bed.

Debits – 1.50

Thursday, January 19

Another cold time seems to be at hand, for we have another clear and cold morning. Thermometer 6 degrees below zero at about 7 o'clock, but Mr. Miller does not get it so low by about two degrees. In the afternoon I went with Mr. Johnson to take some measures on his meadow to see if a half mile trotting course could be got there, and I found that such could be got there. Nearly two weeks ago I paid Marble 25 cents for meat, and I paid for postage, etc. 18 cents.

Debits - .25

Friday, January 20

The day is some warmer. I am at work on the almanac and must drive the work as rapidly as possible. At about noon, Mrs. Marcy from Taftsville came with her sister and Mrs. D. went with them to Horace Dunham's for an afternoon visit. In the evening we listened to a lecture from Dr. Henry Boynton on the subject of the effect of climate and external circumstances on vegetable and animal life. The lecture was a very good one & was well received. Finished a plan of Chs. Fitch's land and a deed of it to Frederick Billings.

Saturday, January 21

In the forenoon I worked on the almanac papers, and finally we concluded to go to Pomfret, as I wished to take a few test measures. Got Mr. Fay to carry us to Pomfret and I paid him fifty cents; and I got Mortimer to go with me to assist in making the measurements that I wish to make, and I paid him twenty five cents for his work. Spenser and Cynthia came in the evening and we had a pleasant chat. It was pleasant to be in my old room again where I have spent so many hours in study.

Debits - .50, .25

Sunday, January 22

Rested in our own quiet chamber where we had not been for a long time, and did not take breakfast till about nine o'clock. The morning is much cooler and the weather seems to be growing colder. I staid in my chamber much of the time today, but have read but very little. About four o'clock I started to walk to Woodstock and the thermometer was about four degrees below zero. At Charles Fitch's, the thermometer stood at two degrees above zero. Came home and tried to warm the house or a part of it but found it rather difficult owing to the strong wind. Am at home once more and we have become warm and the house is some warmed. The evening is very cold, thermometer 12 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock evening, but who can guess how it will be in the morning. This seems to be one of the cold times in the winter. The house was cold when we came from Pomfret and will be some colder than usual on that account.

Monday, January 23

Thermometer at 5 o'clock -21 of course a cool morning. Poor people and poor cattle must suffer without good care. At 7 o'clock the thermometer indicated -22, and it was -22 on South street, but generally they were not quite so low. I staid at the house and finished deed & plan for Mr. Briggs and Mr. Billings. Cold through the day, but I carried the papers to the office and left them with F.N. Billings. I paid fifty cents for having my glasses fixed, and fourteen cents at the post office. Thermometer at 8 p.m. -10, at 9 p.m. -9½ so it is beginning to rise a very little, and may be higher in the morning.

Debits – .50, .14

Tuesday, January 24

At 6 o'clock a.m. ther. -6, so the weather is a little softer, and the thermometer rose quite rapidly. I spent the day in writing on deeds and in work on the almanac. I have re-computed the lot that Mr. Fitch has sold to Mr. Billings to make it correspond with my corrected measurement and have made the deed accordingly. Paid Paul 20 cents for coffee. Towards night the weather was growing warm, and I hope it will be warmer tomorrow. It snowed a little through the day and there fell about two inches of very light snow.

Debits – .20

Wednesday, January 25

Thermometer +6 at 7 o'clock and +3 at 9 o'clock so it is growing cold, and it continued to do so till night when at 9 o'clock it read 16 below zero. I went to Polk's office in the forenoon and met Mr. Billings who examined the deeds that I made & was pleased with them. Charles Fitch & Frank Clark also came and I spent the forenoon at the office. In the afternoon I worked on the Almanac and computed the Sun's declination. A very cold day. Paid Billings 40 cents for brown cambric for table spread, and Hewitt 1 dollar for milk tickets. Thermometer -18 at 10 o'clock p.m.

Debits – .40, 1.00

Thursday, January 26

Very cold and cloudy this morning, and the thermometer continued below zero through the day. At 2 o'clock it was 6 below and at 7 p.m. it was 8 below. It began to snow a little before noon and has continued so through the day. I spent the day at the house and at work on the almanac for 1872. It is evening now and very cold and stormy. The springs are failing and there is but little water to be found for cooking purposes.

Friday, January 27

The wind was Northwesterly this morning and it was some too cold to snow freely, though there was about four inches of the last snow, and about two inches of that of a few mornings ago. Paid 84 cents for postage stamps, and Mr. Ovid Thompson paid me two dollars for surveying on Mr. Bryant's land. Mrs. D. went to Taftsville with Horace Dunham's folks. I made a survey for Mr. Hardy near the jail lot and must make a plan of the work. The evening is not quite so cold. The drought increases and people are obliged to use melted snow for cooking purposes as well or spring water cannot be had to any great extent.

Saturday, January 28

Went to the office early and found that there was an attempt to rob the Bank last night, but the attempt was a failure as far as money is concerned. I am at work on the Sun's southing today and have copied it into the calendar pages. Paid Billings 25 cents for groceries. The weather has been some cold, wind northerly and not very cloudy in the middle of the day. The evening is some cool and cloudy. Some news from the burglars. They came from Rutland in the evening and must have gone back in the latter part of the night.

Debits – .25

Sunday, January 29

Rested this morning till quite late and after day light I found it snowing very rapidly. There had fallen about three inches and two more fell during the day. The three inches of snow when melted made 0.21 inches of water, and the two inches would make about 0.15 = 0.36 of water during the day. – Polk and Abbie came here last evening and will stay till Monday. Elvira and I have both had a severe headache through the day but are some better this evening. I sat up and worked on the almanac in the evening and nearly finished the column of aspects. The weather is not very cold but it has not snowed much this evening. I have not read any today for my head has been too much confused and has ached too much. Robert called a short time in the afternoon and appeared very cheerful and in good spirits. We have melted snow to get water to use for all kitchen purposes. The drought is much more severe than at any time before for the last six or eight months and indeed I have never known it to be more severe.

Monday, January 30

A cloudy morning with some wind from the southwest. I remained at home in the forenoon and worked on the Calendar for New Hampshire. Wrote to Charles Marsh last week on the subject of making Woodstock a signal station in meteorology, and hope he will succeed in procuring the appointment for some of us. Abbie and Polk came back here to dinner, and it seems quite pleasant to have them call on us freely. Paid Billings for tea 33 cents, and find it of a much better quality than the kind now using. Abbie 10 cts.

Debits – 0.33, .10, .03

Tuesday, January 31

A warm day and the snow is leaving us very rapidly. We brought water from the lower part of the house and put it in the cistern so that there is now a very fair quantity for this season. Have not been very well this week and perhaps should attribute it in part at least to the warm weather. We are now almost entirely destitute of water for cooking purposes; have melted snow for some time for that purpose, but it is not quite so good as pure spring or well water.

Wednesday, February 1

Went to the office this morning to get Mr. Miller's Thermometer readings, and at noon I called on Mrs. Miller to get some corrected readings. The day has been warm, and the sleighing is leaving us rapidly. Mortimer called and left beef, and I fear it will not keep well through the thawy weather. Paid Billings 40 cents for kerosene, and paid Richmond 37 cents for sausages. Spent a part of the day on the meteorological report, and the rest of the time on the almanac. I ought to have finished the New Hampshire calendar this week.

Debits – .40, .37

Thursday, February 2

Arose this morning quite early and copied and finished the meteorological articles for the paper of this week, and took them to the office. Paid my Woodstock state tax \$5.60 to Mr. Roger. I also paid Knapp 90 cents for two nos. of Silliman and paid Pratt 40 cents for inkstand, and 58 cents to Billings for sugar. Also paid Mrs. Palmer for wash \$7.00. Have felt quite well for work and have been driving the work on the Almanac for 1872. Have spent but few minutes at the office today. Severe squalls in the evening.

Debits - 5.60, .90, .40, .58, 7.00

Friday, February 3

Cooler this morning but not cold. I went to the post office and then called on Abbie and found her rather low-spirited. Lent her two dollars to help her about getting some work done. Came back and worked through the rest of the day on the almanac, and I hope to get it done in a few days. In the evening we attended the lecture by President Angell of Vt University. His lecture was one of the best that we have heard during the course this winter. The evening is cool and the weather is becoming colder.

Debits – 2.00

Saturday, February 4

Went to the office in the forenoon and took an observation for the time and found my watch about 23 seconds too fast. Clarke & Randall set their clock. Mr. Gordon paid me \$4.75 for fifty registers. Bought some old wood of Mrs. Taylor and paid her 50 cents. The thermometer again below zero and it continued to go down till evening. At 8 o'clock p.m. it read -14 and at 9 o'clock -16. This is falling quite rapidly. Have worked rapidly on the almanac since noon, but did little in the forenoon. Robert called this afternoon.

Credits – 4.75

Debits - .50

Sunday, February 5

The night has been very cold and the thermometer this morning reads -20 degrees very nearly. Besides being so cold the wind is really severe. I did not go out in the forenoon at all but soon after noon I went to the office and to Dr. McCollum's office for Mrs. Taylor. I wrote a long letter to Edward Conant on the subject of Vermont mountains, and I also wrote a long letter to Levi Hazen, but shall not mail it to him till it is re-written. In the evening I went to find Dr. McCollum and to Charles Chapman's drug store and paid 20 cents for sирrup. Robert called again this evening. It is not quite so cold as it was in the middle of the day. It is now 9 o'clock and I must retire to rest. My reading through the day has been quite promiscuous, for I have hardly kept my thoughts on any one subject. I think the arrangement to have Silliman's Journal published monthly is an improvement and will contain more fresh reading matter. The first two numbers are very good.

Debits - .20

Monday, February 6

The morning is cool. Thermometer is 9 or 10 below zero. Arose quite early to begin my writing. Wrote till breakfast and then went to the office with letters. Came directly back and worked on the sun-rising, etc. through the day. At night I went to the office. Received a letter from Henry Vail and must answer it soon. A cold day but not so cold in the evening as it was in the morning. Am quite unwell with a cold taken on going to the lecture last Friday evening. Mrs. Taylor handed me five dollars to pay to Mr. Munger. I paid it to him in the evening. The money was to pay house rent.

Tuesday, February 7

Not so cold. Thermometer only three below zero. Did not start very early this morning, but went directly to work on the almanac. It has been growing warmer all day, and at night is quite comfortable. Got a letter from Amelia and find that they have cold weather there as well as here. I have finished and have copied the sun-rising, etc. for Vermont and New Hampshire and have copied all that for N.H. and the other is all ready to work out the Vermont sheets at once. Robert called in the afternoon. Have not seen Abbie for some days, but they are doing well I think. Some warmer this evening. Gov. P.T. Washburn died one year ago today.

Wednesday, February 8

In the morning I went to the post office and met Mr. H.S. Dana and we had a chat on Mr. Miller's poem in memory of Gov. Washburn and then I went to Mr. Dana's store and met Mr. C. Dana & Dr. Boynton with H.S. Dana, and this was a rich treat, but I was compelled to leave them. Paid Billings \$1.40 for tea and pepper, and \$1.25 for some cut glass, and I paid Chapman 65 cents for Mrs. Taylor. Have been three

times to the office today and do not go down this evening, but must try to forward the work on the almanac. I can work on the Vermont this evening. About 1¼ inches of snow.

Debits – 1.40, 1.25, .65

Thursday, February 9

Warmer this morning. I arose early and wrote a long letter to E. Conant of Randolph. I went to the office and came directly back to work on the almanac. I paid for tracing paper \$1.75 cents and have found it a very superb article. At noon I called on Abbie with an errand from Mr. French which was to have her assist Mr. Ballard next week. Took a ride with Judge Barrett in the afternoon and had a good talk with him on the character and genius of B.F. Mason. Am very tired this evening.

Debits – 1.75

Friday, February 10

A slight squall of snow in the morning and the Rutland stage started on runners, a rare thing this winter. The wind is blowing fresh from the west and the weather is becoming colder. Mr. Perkins brought me a load of wood and I put it in the woodhouse. Squalls of snow all through the middle of the day. Paid Mr. French for Mr. Lee's new work of travels \$1.50. He has made a very interesting book. Received a letter from E. Conant in reply to mine of yesterday, on the subject of mountains. I must write to him once more on that subject and on the subject of climate. A bright aurora in the evening.

Debits - 1.50

Saturday, February 11

This is a very fine day and we concluded to ride to Pomfret in the afternoon. I called on Abbie in the morning and she is preparing for teaching next week. I drew a plan of the line between the Jail lot and Gilman Henry's lot and I have some computations to make for Chs. Fitch. Mortimer called for us in the afternoon and we rode to Pomfret and I soon went to work in my chamber, and it seems like home to be here with my best books. Electa is with Louisa in Bridgewater who is very unwell. There is much appearance of storm this evening.

Sunday, February 12

Rested in my own chamber, or rather in the chamber occupied by my books & furniture. There was a very strong appearance of snow early this morning, and about nine o'clock it began to snow very moderately at first, but it soon increased to a severe storm. I staid in my chamber the greater part of the day, reading and writing. I wrote a long letter to Quincy Page, but must revise it before I send it to him. I had a call from Spenser and he called again in the afternoon and wished to let me have some money. He paid me \$40.96 cents in all and I paid out of it a school tax that he holds against me of \$5.34, I think. It is understood that he pays the interest on a note that I hold against him up to the first of March and reduces the principal to \$100.00. I think this is not good business for Sunday. The indorsement is dated the 11th. – It has continued to storm through the day, and the snow is more than half a foot in depth. I have just taken one of the M.L. Leman pens to use and I do not know but they are very good pens.

Credits – 40.96

Debits – 5.34

Monday, February 13

A clear and beautiful morning with nine inches of snow on the ground. Soon after breakfast we started for Woodstock. The going was some improved by the snow, but needs to freeze. Found Mrs. Taylor quite sick, more so than last week. Paid Abbot 62 cents for Mrs. Taylor for sugar & kerosene. I drew another plan for the county of the line between the jail lot and Mr. Henry's lot, and have left it with the county clerk. Mrs. D. has been assisting in the care of Mrs. Taylor since she came home, and is there now at ten o'clock nearly.

Debits - .62

Tuesday, February 14

A cold morning with signs of snow. I went to the office in the morning and met Charles Fitch and gave him his old plan of his farm. Paid Polk 25 dollars that I borrowed of him a long time ago. Paid George Fisher eight dollars which settles his account. I also paid Pratt eleven dollars and fifteen cents on account. Began to work on the almanac and was called away to make a small survey for Mr. Daniels. It was running out five acres from the Soul farm near Mr. Cone's. It began to snow about noon and continued till night. Came home a little before night. Carlie Dunham called.

Debits – 25.00, 8.00, 11.15

Wednesday, February 15

Cloudy in the morning but the day has been extremely beautiful. Towards night it began to grow cloudy as it does before a snow storm. – I finished a plan for Mr. Thompson of the land I measured yesterday. Mr. Daniels paid me four dollars for the surveying, plan and deed. In the afternoon I worked on the Moon-rising and setting and have finished all but December, so I must finish that tomorrow which will complete the almanac. The evening is hazy and is preparing for more storm.

Credits – 4.00

Thursday, February 16

Mailed a letter to Quincy Page at Three Rivers in the Prov. of Quebec. Arose with a severe headache and it does not leave me. I am using Maynard & Noyes Ink on this page, but have been using David's School Ink. Finished the Moon-rising and setting this afternoon and when it is copied the New Hampshire calendar will be completed, and I must very soon finish that for Vermont. The town of Woodstock paid me three dollars for my survey of Lincoln Street the 6th of December.

Credits – 3.00

Friday, February 17

A beautiful day. Went to the office in the forenoon and took the time and found my watch right again. It runs as correctly as any clock in the place. Came to the house and worked on the almanacs (k extra) nearly through the day. The New Hampshire calendar is done and the Vermont can be finished in a few days. But I cannot do the work as it is now for the former price and must write to them to that effect. There are strong signs of rain and it may come before tomorrow. Spent the evening at my writing table as usual.

Saturday, February 18

Did not rest well last night, and am not well this morning. Found the snow about nine inches deep and at 8 o'clock it changed to rain, and we had a very rainy day. I worked on the column of aspects to make it more full. There is but little stirring in the streets today, for the rain and the snow make very bad passing. A change of pen sometimes improves the writing though not in this case. I have paid 14 cents for groceries for Mrs. Taylor today. The wind is blowing fresh from the south-west, but it is still thawing at 8 o'clock. Paid Mellish for lemons 20 cents.

Debits – .14, .20

Sunday, February 19

The snow and water have all frozen this morning and the weather is much colder. The sky is three quarters covered with dark stratus clouds, though the Sun shines at times cheerfully from among them. I have not tried the walking but it must be very bad, and we judge by the appearance of those who are attempting it. We have spent the day at our own table, reading and writing, and so the day has passed quietly, pleasantly and, I hope, profitably. But my reading has been quite miscellaneous. Mr. Lee's new work giving a full account of his travels in the East is very attractive and I have tried to learn more of the country about Jerusalem and of the city itself than I have known before. He gives a very full description and with what I can get from other sources, we have a good description of the place. Polk and Charles Marsh called here in the evening. The weather is becoming cooler and more rough and windy. Paid Mr.

Hewitt for milk tickets one dollar. Our time is somewhat interrupted by sickness in the lower part of the house.

Debits – 1.00

Monday, February 20

Some cooler this morning and the roads are very smooth and icy. I mailed a letter to Amelia, one to Mr. Saml. Wood, and one to Mr. Lee of Canton. His book is so interesting that I could but make an acknowledgement of it. I think it is very fine. I paid Billings 73 cents for sugar, and 1 cent postage. Met Mr. Merrill and Mr. Clarke & Mr. Dana on railroad matters and there seems to be some prospect of having the road finished next summer. – Moved one of my tables into Polk's office and think it will be a good place to work. Worked on the Vt. Calendar in the evening.

Debits – .74

Tuesday, February 21

A cool, but clear and bright morning. Paid Dana & Newcomb for Abbie \$4.80 and Pratt for ink ten cents. This morning I moved my clock into Polk's office, and shall begin my drawing this afternoon. I did not begin my drawing for I am not feeling very strong. I have worked very busily on the almanac till it was finished and now I have only some copying to do to finish both Almanacs, that is, the Vermont & New Hampshire. There is a prospect that something will be done before long to start the work on the railroad once more. A rather faint aurora in the evening.

Debits – 4.80, .10

Wednesday, February 22

Cold. – Thermometer -13. Sky cloudless. Am not feeling very well for I have had too much writing to do for the past few weeks. I went to the office and began to work in Polk's room at my window, and it is a very pleasant place. I paid Pratt for a quire of nice English paper and envelopes 75 cents and I paid at the post office ten cents for stamps, and we received for ashes \$1.40, and paid for a pair of mittens fifty cents. Mr. Sanders came from West Windsor. Ball in the evening. Polk and Abbie took dinner with us. Paid Billings for salt.

Credits – 1.40

Debits - .75, .10, .50, .18

Thursday, February 23

Cold. Thermometer -12½, but the day has been very pleasant. We went to North Bridgewater and found Louisa very low, and it seems as though she cannot recover. Paid 35 cents for lemons and oranges, and 10 cents for postage stamps, and forty cents for pens, and also I paid for horse hire at Fay's \$1.25. – I am trying the Spencerian Bank pen a kind that I have never used. This runs very smoothly over the paper but I am not accustomed to using one like it. The evening is some cloudy and cool.

Debits - .35, .10, .40, 1.25

Friday, February 24

The morning was much warmer and more pleasant, but I awoke with a very severe headache, and it does not leave me. I went to Taftsville with Mr. Hathaway to take some levels on the river below the dam, and found about eleven feet fall in going from the bridge to the rocks near the old house spot. Joanna called to hear from Louisa, and then left for home. In the evening I wrote a paper for Mr. Hathaway to get assistance about his mill work. I hope he will get help & build a good mill. He is probably able to do it without assistance.

Saturday, February 25

A warm bright morning and I went to the office to work on the plan of the Hartland Cemetery. I bought an excellent load of wood of Mr. Shurtliff, and I paid him 7 dollars for it. There is no cheat about his wood. In

the afternoon I worked on the plan of the Cemetery. I also went to examine the culvert by Mr. Merrill's and it seems to be filled with ice. I called on Abbie and she talked about her school and the exhibition at the close of the term. I think the passing is the worst I ever knew. Water, ice and snow abound. Cooler at evening. Paid at the post office ten cents.

Debits - 7.00, .10

Sunday, February 26

Corydon Leach has been here since Friday night and this forenoon left probably for home. Soon after noon we went down to Polk's and staid there till night, but in the time Polk and I went to the culvert and to Thomas Leonard's to get him to clear the Hewitt culvert of ice. The whole of that culvert seems to be filled with ice, and if it is so it will be no light job to clear it. We did not leave Polk's till past seven in the evening when we walked home through the loose ice water and mud. I have made but little progress with stated reading today, when I ought to have read a hundred pages or more. We do not hear anything from Louisa today, but we cannot expect to hear of much improvement for her disease is too deep-seated to admit of being reached. Abbie seems very much pleased with her success in teaching & I hope she will continue in it for a time at least. Am some tired from my walk and from my work at the culvert, but I hope Mr. Leonard will clear it as soon as may be, for it may storm before tomorrow.

Monday, February 27

A shower about six o'clock this morning. Did not rest very well and am tired this forenoon, but I was obliged to go where the work of clearing the culvert was going on. After that I worked in the office and about there till noon. Drew a plan for Mr. Hathaway. It was for his mill dam across the river below Taftsville. In the afternoon I worked on the almanac for Vermont. The wind is more northwesterly and is much colder than for the past few days. In the evening I wrote a letter to Henry Vail on the subject of a map of Lake Champlain. Saturday paid Mrs. Russell 50 cents.

Debits - .50

Tuesday, February 28

Cooler this morning and I early this morning went to the office and to the culvert near Mr. Hewitt's. Worked about half a day on the cemetery plan This morning I mailed a letter to Henry Vail. Wrote and mailed a letter to Charles Marsh about the signal service, etc. Abbie is finding some of her boys a little faulty about their gymnastics. They dislike the exercise very much. I am very tired this evening and have some headache. Paid Isaac Fisher thirty seven cents for fixing drawing board, and paid 3 cents postage. Robert called in the evening.

Debits - .37, .03

Wednesday, March 1

The weather is warm this morning but became colder and very windy before night. – Sister Louisa, Mrs. Leach, died last night at about 5 o'clock. She was constitutionally feeble, but has kept along till the past year, when her disease took firmer hold. The funeral is to be attended at the house tomorrow. Elvira went to Horace Dunham's this morning and returned this afternoon. Paid postage 3 cts. & Randall 10 cts for mending pin. Levi Hazen called at the office. Mr. Chamberlain called to see about buying a house. We shall probably do it sometime.

Debits – .13

Thursday, March 2

Mailed the meteorological report for Feb. this morning. About half past eleven, we started for North Bridgewater to attend the funeral of sister Louisa. We were a little too late but it occasioned no inconvenience. Mr. Kidder made some very good remarks, and such as we all know and feel to be true. Abbie went with us and we had good success all the way. I have done nothing on my drawing today but may have gotten some rested. Wrote three letters in the evening, – one to Albert Darling, one to Mrs.

Page and one to Joseph Page. Polk called in the evening about Daniel's deeds, etc. Paid Knapp 46 cents for Silliman.

Debits - .46

Friday, March 3

Rested badly last night and am tired this morning but I went to the office. I could not work at my drawing, and soon came back to the house. It began to rain about ten o'clock and continued to rain till about 7 o'clock in the afternoon. Polk and Abbie came here to dinner and had a very pleasant time. In the afternoon, Mrs. Fitch was called to assist in the right rehearsal of pieces for the exhibition. Paid Mr. Bailey 25 cents for fixing umbrella. Wrote or read but very little in the evening for I was too tired and jaded out. Paid six cents postage on Canada letter.

Debits - .25, .06

Saturday, March 4

The morning was beautiful and remarkably spring like. I took the time and found my watch ten seconds too slow. Mr. French called at the office to speak of schools, etc. In the forenoon I called on Judge French and he paid me five dollars for fixing the line between the jail lot and Mr. Henry's tavern lot. Mr. Ballard called and we had a pleasant chat on school matters and I believe he is teaching a very good school. Perhaps a little more rigid discipline might be an improvement but his teaching is good.

Credits - 5.00

Sunday, March 5

This is one of the most lovely days of the season, and we thought too fine to allow us to remain at home, so I got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burk and went to Pomfret. The air was peculiarly bracing and we enjoyed the ride. We had his best horse and it made it a pleasant time. I paid Mr. Burk \$1.05 for the horse & buggy. Electa has not returned from Bridgewater yet, and I am afraid she will get sick by staying there. Our visit was a very pleasant one, much more than it is many times, though it is not pleasant to see the old homestead passing away so fast. In the evening I wrote a letter to Judge Pingrey and took it to the office. How very little I have read today of what is very interesting and good. I took the genealogy of our family from mother's Bible and must copy it into one of our own. The evening has been some cloudy but the day has been remarkably pleasant. But where has our winter gone? There has been but very little good sleighing this winter. It is gone now except where the ice is firm enough to bear the sleigh.

Debits - 1.05

Monday, March 6

Cloudy with signs of rain, and it began to rain about eleven o'clock. I went early to the office and went to work on the plan of the Cemetery. Charles Fitch and Frank Clark came to the office in the forenoon and was obliged to leave before noon. Paid Billings for kerosene .40, stock .15 cents, and Mellish for soap 20 cents. Went early to the office in the afternoon and continued my drawing through the afternoon. Received a letter from Henry Vail of Cincinnati, and I must send him my map of Vermont. I think he is getting up a good geography.

Debits - .55, .20

Tuesday, March 7

A pleasant morning and the air is some bracing, but the wind is still northeast that keeps it a little oppressive. I paid F.A. Young \$2.00 to settle an old account of father's for lumber. I went to the office and mailed letters to Henry Vail and one to Mr. Labarie of Hartland. Town Meeting day in Vt. I was not able to work hardly at all still I tried to work some. Finished up the meteorology for February, and left the results with the papers. Received a geography from Henry Vail. John Marsh sent 25 cents for pens.

Credits - .25

Debits – 2.00

Wednesday, March 8

Rested rather badly through the night but this morning I went to the office and found a letter from Charles Marsh on the Signal Service. Mr. Hathaway called on me to go to Taftsville to make some surveys about his mill spot, and I spent nearly all day making a survey of the ground and laying out the mill site. It would be a valuable mill privilege if there could be a little more head of water obtained. I did not get home till about six o'clock afternoon. Robert called in the evening, and I was very tired. Received postage of Mr. Hathaway 6 cents.

Credits - .06

Thursday, March 9

A cloudy morning with signs of rain. I went to the office early and went to drawing the cemetery plan. Saw Mr. Leach at the office. Paid Lewis Pratt 80 cents for crow quill pens. In the afternoon I worked at the same work, and finished the penciling of the drawing. I carried five dollars to Mr. Munger for Mrs. Taylor, and he gave her receipts for house rent to May 3rd, and I think she will get along very well now. I am tired of the drawing for it is very oppressive for the brain. The passing is extremely bad, and is becoming more muddy.

Debits - .80

Friday, March 10

Cloudy in the morning with strong signs of rain and it began to rain hard at 10 o'clock and it continued to rain till two o'clock. I worked in the office till noon and then after dinner I went to the grammar school to assist in the examination of the geography class. I think the class did very well in the examination but the text book is a disgrace to the district and the schools of the village. I am kept from my work. Paid 10 cents for stamps, and I mailed a letter to Amelia. Did not write much in the evening but left it to be finished in the morning.

Debits - .10

Saturday, March 11

Some cloudy in the morning but the wind was S.W. and it soon became very fine. Polk went to Pomfret to Mr. Thacher's court, but I remained in the office and worked on the plan, and in the afternoon I went to see Abbie who is some unwell. After that I continued on my plan till night. Found no letters at the post office and came home as early as convenient. I paid Billings for tea \$1.30 and Richmond for lard 45 cents. There are some signs of rain this evening. Am tired from my day's work at my table.

Debits - 1.30, .45

Sunday, March 12

Very cloudy and dark. It began to rain about 8 o'clock. I went to the post office and found a letter from Quincy Page mailed the 9th at Three Rivers and on the 10th at Montreal. I soon sat down and wrote a reply, and shall mail it in the morning. I got a copy of Warren's Physical Geography, and must look over the subject a little before the examination of the classes Thursday and Friday next. We must also examine the classes in Algebra and Geometry, also some Latin classes to be examined. It has rained some nearly all day and the river is some high, and continues to rise as it is raining more this evening. – It ceased to rain about nine o'clock. In all there was four tenths of an inch of rain. The wind came round to the North west or west and the night was quite clear. Robert came here towards night but only made a short call. The snow is now almost entirely gone except in the woods on the high lands and northern slopes. The face of Mount Tom is entirely clear of snow and wears the appearance of April.

Monday, March 13

Went to Polk's this morning to get some books in order to look over the lessons for examinations next Thursday and Friday. Took the time and found my watch 1½ minutes too fast, but did not set it. Mailed

letter to Quincy Page and paid 12 cents for stamps. Went to Miss Hayden's school and heard a Spelling and Reading lesson, and one in Arithmetic. In the afternoon I went with Norman Paul to make a survey of a part of the Case farm. Polk and Abbie were with us in the afternoon and evening. They remain over night.

Debits – .12

Tuesday, March 14

Another bright and clear morning. Went to the office in the morning and about eleven o'clock I went to Miss Hayden's school and staid till about half past 12 o'clock. I then came home, and after dinner, went to the office and worked on the drawing till night and I also wrote in the evening till nearly ten o'clock. Mrs. Dunham came here about eleven o'clock and Horace came to supper and attended the band meeting in the evening. Paid Richmond for meat 28 cents.

Debits – 28

Wednesday, March 15

Rested badly last night and awoke with a severe headache. Did not go to the office very early, and not to work when I did go. Came back before noon and tried to rest some. Mr. Henry called in the afternoon to have me go and place his building on the line of the street, opposite Mr. Fisher's shop. – Mr. Chamberlain came and we went to look at the Washburn house on River Street, but did not find it very pleasant there just now. Was very tired in the evening and we did not work very late.

Thursday, March 16

Was really unwell this morning but I had promised to attend the school examinations, and precisely at nine o'clock I was at the house and we began the subject of physical geography and spent about an hour and a half and then they took up Latin. Came home at noon very tired but I went at it again in the afternoon & the classes in Algebra and Bookkeeping. Some of these lessons have gone extremely well. I am very tired from the anxiety and care of the day.

Friday, March 17

Sent map to Henry Vail and a letter and paper, containing my Killington measurements. He has sent so much to me that I am glad to send the map to him. I went to the school house in the forenoon and heard a class in Geometry, and it was a very good class. Soon as this class was done I left for the office and for Polk's and we took dinner there. Worked some on the plan of the Cemetery but have much to do with it yet. Came home in the evening and was glad to be here alone once more. Borrowed of Polk two dollars.

Credits – 2.00

Saturday, March 18

It had partly cleared off this morning but it was some cooler. I went to the office. I borrowed of Spenser \$42 dollars, twelve dollars of which I had him send to Edward to pay him for hay that I had of him. Paid interest to Mrs. Dana \$18.00. Paid Pratt for books \$4.35, and I paid Billings for six pounds of sugar 81 cents, and paid Mrs. Churchill \$3.01, and Mrs. Palmer 99 cents, and Spenser toward 2 doz eggs 20 cents. It cleared off very nicely before noon and was a very fine day. Worked on the plan and have now nearly finished it. Polk and Abbie took supper with us.

Credits – 42.00

Debits – 12.00, 18.00, 4.35, .81, 3.01, .99, .20

Sunday, March 19

What a beautiful morning! The sky is nearly clear there being only a few cir. Cu. Clouds from the west as the wind is about 2 in that direction. The ground is entirely bare except on the mountains, and it seems like the latter part of April. – I have hardly been out of the house today, but have spent the greater part of the time in reading and resting. Wrote a letter to Henry Vail and sent him a little sketch of the town of Sherburne and its mountains so he can give their positions right in any map they may be publishing. Took

Mr. Lee's book and read his description of Athens and some of the buildings and ruins there. It was a sublime place for him when he stood in Paul's place on Mars Hill and read his discourse. His descriptions are very impressive and truthful. Robert called here in the afternoon and made a pleasant stop of half an hour. I paid Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets and for sirup \$1.00 and \$2.50. His sirup is very good and it is pleasant to have it all the year round. Have rested very much today. The day has been cold and windy but clear, and continues so in the evening.

Debits – 3.50

Monday, March 20

Am expecting to be called to look over the railroad and the weather is remarkably fine for the season. I have finished Mr. Paul's surveys and he paid me three dollars. In the afternoon I went to the town hall to hear the scholars rehearse their pieces for the exhibition and I think they do their work remarkably well. In the evening we attended the scholars exhibition, and the house was filled to overflowing. The scholars took about 95 dollars. Paid 50 cents for tickets. Did not get home till past ten o'clock.

Credits – 3.00

Debits - .50

Tuesday, March 21

Rested very badly last night and am very tired and stupid this morning. Found about 1 inch of hail and it rains and continues to rain through the day. All are rejoicing over the success of last evening at the Town Hall. Paid 12 cents for papers, and 50 cents for tickets to the exhibition. We are too unwell to work at all, but must try to attend the exhibition. Sent a telegram to Mr. Shaw and shall be ready to send estimates to him by mail tomorrow. I hope he will come to make an examination of the road.

Debits – .12, .50

Wednesday, March 22

The weather is a little cooler this morning, but I went to the office and found all the people talking about the exhibition., and I could not get to work till after noon. I have paid 38 cents for meat and 15 cents for change on book for Mrs. Fitch. – In the afternoon I went with Mr. Bradley to lay out grounds on Mr. Billings' land for planting trees. The afternoon was cool and unpleasant from the high winds. Joanna came from home and will stay with us for a few days. I expect to go to the Junction tomorrow.

Debits – .38, .15

Thursday, March 23

Wrote to a Boston firm to get a list of philosophical apparatus as the scholars have about \$100.00 to pay for such things. I saw Charles Fitch and he took the package that the school teachers and scholars had procured for Mrs. Fitch. I staid in the office for I had a telegram from Mr. Shaw that he could not come till next week to look over the railroad. In the afternoon I worked some in the office and at night went home tired and some unwell. Must go again in the morning to set stakes on Mr. Billings'.

Friday, March 24

In the morning Polk and I went to Mr. Billings' to set a few more stakes for trees. The morning was cold and rough, but we worked there till noon, and then we went to Polk's to dinner and also to supper. Polk went to Pomfret to attend a case tomorrow at North Pomfret. I worked in the office till night. Mr. Kent called for me and I went with him to the school house lot. Yesterday I paid Isaac Fisher 50 cents for work, etc. The afternoon has been very raw and cold, and the wind does not abate.

Debits - .50

Saturday, March 25

A beautiful but cool morning. In the forenoon I went to the office and worked till about eleven o'clock, and then went to the house to look over the lesson for examination. And about one o'clock I went to the

school house. Charles Williams came for examination. After finishing that, I went to Mr. Billings' to finish setting the stakes for planting trees. The day has been extremely cold and windy. Got circulars from A.B. & O.W. Chamberlain, with catalogs for school apparatus, and I left it with Mr. Ballard. Joanna & Abbie are here and are visiting pleasantly.

Sunday, March 26

The morning was almost perfectly clear, but it was some cool. I went to the office and took the time, but I found that very carelessly I had let my watch run down. Have tried to rest today and have slept if I attempted to read. Abbie has been here since Friday night and Joanna is here now. Polk came home about five o'clock and had very good luck with his "case." He has spent some time on it and I hope he will succeed well in the end. – The day has all of it been very beautiful. At two o'clock the clouds were cirrus, and were finely scattered over the sky. The wind was N.W. in the morning and N.E. at two o'clock p.m., and this evening it is some cloudy. Abbie and Polk went home this afternoon soon after supper. I wrote a letter to Mr. Fred Ware in reply to one from him a few days ago. The northwest winds are very harsh at this season of the year and I do not know as they were ever more severe than they are this year. I cannot write much more now for I am really jaded out by my work this spring.

Monday, March 27

About four o'clock it began to snow, and at six was very severe from the N.E. The storm continued till night when there had fallen nearly eight inches of snow and it made 0.69 inches of water. I spent the day at the office, and I have tried to letter the plan of the cemetery, but have had not the best of luck. Received a letter from Henry Vail on the map matter, and I must write to him again on the heights of our mountains. I mailed a letter to uncle Fred Ware. Mrs. Bridge called and Joanna rode home with her. It continues to storm this evening.

Tuesday, March 28

A pleasant day and the sleighs are moving about quite freely. A few loads of wood were brought into the village. I worked on the plan the greater part of the day. Judge Barrett called at the office in the forenoon. Received a telegram from Mr. Shaw to be at the Junction tomorrow at one o'clock afternoon. – Paid Paul 42 cents for fish and Pratt 10 cents for a rubber eraser. Paid Dr. McCollum 20 cents for medicine. The afternoon and evening were very clear with north wind. School meeting this evening and I hope it will be pleasant and harmonious.

Debits - .42, .10, .20

Wednesday, March 29

Mr. Clarke and I started for the Junction about eight o'clock, and called on Mr. Dewey who also went to the Junction soon after noon. There we met Mr. Howe who came to look over the road and make an estimate for Mr. Stearns. We started from the Junction about half past two o'clock and rode to White River Village, and then Mr. Howe and myself walked to the Shallies Hill cut, and it was then night. We rode in the mud to Woodstock where we arrived about 9 o'clock. Mr. Billings paid me five dollars on account. The day has been clear and bright and it very much affects the eyes & head.

Credits 5.00

Thursday, March 30

A cloudy morning. I went to the office quite early to meet Mr. Howe and to go with him to view the remainder of the road. We began our walk at the depot ground and we continued it to Taftsville making strict examination of all the points on the line where work was required to fit the bed for the track. We continued down the line as far as the crossing at Gilson's, when Charles Marsh and I came back to Woodstock, "well drenched in ditches and bemired." I paid Mr. Marcy 10 cents and Mr. Knapp 52 cents for Silliman.

Debits – .10, .52

Friday, March 31

Was very unwell through the day and could do nothing, though I put a fire in my own room and worked there some. Took the time in the morning and my watch was exactly right, but it is not often that I find any time piece so. In the afternoon Judge Cutts called to talk about a life insurance company, but I would not join his company till I had looked more into the nature of the subject. Have been very busy with Mr. Ballard on school arrangement, and I met him in the evening to arrange lessons., and have fitted it to suit me.

Saturday, April 1

Early in the morning Mrs. D. started to walk to Pomfret, and very soon I received a telegram from Mr. Shaw to meet him at Shallies Hill at two o'clock this afternoon. And Mr. Clarke and I started immediately, called on Mr. Dewey and arrived at the hill at ten minutes before two o'clock. We then went over about one mile of the line to see if we could not make some changes that would lessen the expense of the work at the hill. We came up on the north side of the river and I walked to Pomfret.

Sunday, April 2

Staid in my room with my books last night and have become rested, but I intended to rest me through the day. In the forenoon I went to the sugar place to see Spenser. After supper we left for home and went mostly on foot, calling at the cemetery and spending some time there. We then finished our walk and made it very pleasant.

Monday, April 3

This is the first day of the village schools and I began my work of meeting the scholars early. I bought two of Websters National Dictionarys and two of the Academic Dictionarys and I hope the teachers and scholars will use them as freely as possible. The books cost \$13.25 and I hope it will prove a good investment for the district. I visited all the schools except Miss Dunham's and found them starting in good order. There were in all two hundred and twelve scholars and there are more to come. I was fully exhausted when I had got round. Paid an express bill for the railroad 15 cents.

Debits - .15

Tuesday, April 4

Rested badly last night and do not go to the office today but remain at home and try to rest me. The day was some cloudy but it did not rain much. I ought to visit the schools again today for I promised Mr. Ballard to give him another call soon. I ought to rest a few weeks and get my nerves settled and quieted from the effects of this severe mental labor.

Wednesday, April 5

Called on Mr. McKenzie in the morning and we examined the votes of the district and other things relating to schools. Took policy of Life Insurance of Judge Cutts and paid eight dollars, but borrowed of Polk 10 dollars. I also paid Dr. McCollum \$1.50 on account and for examination. Paid Munger for stamp and for recording deeds \$1.25., and I paid Mr. Woodbury for fixing chair 25 cents and Mr. Richmond for meat 50 cents. I came to the house quite early, but went back in the evening to the post office but no letters came.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 8.00, 1.50, 1.25, .25, .50

Thursday, April 6

In the morning I called on Mr. McKenzie and we went to the High School room to see the apparatus, and we found it all safe and sound, but we staid nearly all the forenoon to hear their lessons. We then went to the Grammar School, and then to the School Street primary, and after leaving these schools we went to the schools on River Street. Paid 10 cents for groceries and 13 cents postage. Came to the house very tired and we were quite alone. – Abbie took dinner with us. Polk is at Barnard. Paid Mr. Chapman 50 cents for Mrs. Perkins. Got draft on the bank for \$500.00 of the Ottaquechee Savings Bank.

Credits – 500.00

Debits - .10, .13, .50

Friday, April 7

Fast Day. – The morning is remarkably pleasant and beautiful. This morning I mailed a check of five hundred dollars to Edwin Ware of Aurora Illinois for his father. The check was dated April 8th, and is set in my cash book at the 5th day. And I paid \$1.25 for the check same day I paid \$1.30 Ex. Bill on apparatus box. In the afternoon I worked on the Hartland plan and have now put on the border. After the mail came in I walked out to Horace Dunham's, as Mrs. D. went there this afternoon, and we came back in the evening, coming over Linden Street and looking down on a sea of burning lamps in the village below.

Debits – 500.00, 1.25, 1.30

Saturday, April 8

Another most beautiful morning and the birds are merry with their songs. Paid Billings for eggs 20 cents and at the Post Office 10 cents, and paid for blank deeds 15 cents. In the afternoon Polk and I made three deeds for Mr. Briggs and Henry Vaughan. Henry bought Mr. Briggs' farm last Thursday for two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. French paid me 50 cents towards the express bill on the box of apparatus, but I had paid \$1.30, but it will be made all right. Very warm in the evening.

Credits - .50

Debits - .20, .10, .15

Sunday, April 9

The wind appears to be southeasterly this morning, and the air feels damp and cool as though there would be rain soon. Mrs. L. Perkins paid me 50 cents for what I paid Mr. Chapman last Thursday, and Polk paid me \$1.50 for what Mr. Briggs and Henry Vaughan paid him for me. The day is a little cooler than it was yesterday, and we remained at home till after one o'clock when we walked down to Polk's, where we had a very still and quiet time. I spent much of the time in looking over Chamber's Cyclopaedia of English Literature, where I found much that was very interesting and instructive. It will do to study the life and character of such a man as Dr. Johnson or Joseph Addison. Chambers was not free from English prejudices for it is perfectly apparent that England's writers bore off the palm in that author's estimation. Men must rise some high in true greatness to be entirely free from that fault. We came home in the early evening and found the weather some cooler. The clouds were extremely beautiful in the west at the time.

Credits – .50, 1.50

Monday, April 10

Cooler with high westerly wind. Sent a letter to Mr. Safford on the subject of his proposed notice of Capt. Partridge. I recommended to him to write to Capt. Lewis S Partridge of Norwich, Vt. I worked on the plan and have it now very nearly finished, and have put it by until I hear from Mr. Labaree on the subject. Abbie has been drawing her map borders this afternoon. Frank Hatch called to see me on his school lessons and I recommended open air for his school room. His health is quite bad. Paid Mr. Knapp \$1.56 for N.A. and Age.

Debits - 1.56

Tuesday, April 11

A rainy morning but not much rain through the day. I moved my stove in the office so as to take up less space and leave more room for tables. Mr. Thompson called on me last night and again this morning. I paid Pratt 15 cents for a pencil and that is all I have paid out today. It began to thunder this evening about eight o'clock and there was a severe shower for so early in the season. Polk and Abbie took supper here and I went with Abbie to the office, and it rained very hard a part of the time.

Debits – .15

Wednesday, April 12

This evening I received a letter from the Claremont Mfg. Co. calling for the Calendars for 1872, and I shall forward them tomorrow. I have not received the amount due for 1871, but think it will come soon. Wrote to them in the evening. I moved my office stove and arranged things for railroad work if such work is to be done. I paid Richmond for salmon 50 cents. There is some rain these days but it is very slight; and no rain to fill the wells. Our well is as dry as a field in dog-days, but it does seem as though there would be water soon.

Debits – .50

Thursday, April 13

The weather is much cooler and is quite wet though but little rain falls. I moved my papers back to my own office for the scholars want the table that I use in Polk's office. Abbie took dinner with us, and we also expected cousin Edward Doten and wife here in the afternoon, but they did not come. I worked at my drawing table on Mr. Billings' plans a part of the day. Became some giddy before night and was obliged to leave my drawing work. It tires the head very much to work at such work steadily.

Friday, April 14

April is more like May than anything earlier. This has been a beautiful day. After dinner we went down street, Mrs. D. to Abbie's and I to the office. In the forenoon Polk and I went to Mr. Billings' lot to take the position of some objects there. I then continued the plotting of the roads and paths, but I find it a severe work, for there is an almost endless amount of lines to be drawn. It makes a perfect network of pipes, and drains, and paths. Received a letter from Edwin Ware, and one from Mr. Labaree of Hartland. Pewees first seen.

Saturday, April 15

How pleasant is Saturday night! It is pleasant to meet Saturday for it brings a time to rest. I worked on Mr. Billings' drawing and I wish it was done and well done. Mr. Leach called and took dinner with us. I paid 50 cents for milk tickets and they will last till the first of May. I also paid Paul for 1 doz. eggs 18 cents. The ground is frozen about four feet deep in the streets but it has thawed down about one foot. Many are now fixing their gardens for planting and sowing and I do not know but spring is coming without any more winter.

Debits - .50, .18

Sunday, April 16

Early in the morning the weather was clear and beautiful, but it soon became cloudy with wind in the north. Soon after breakfast I read myself to sleep and I spent a few hours in a lazy sleep and I became very much rested. I wrote a long letter to Josiah Crooker in reply to one that I received from him last night. It was one of his best, a full sheet and well written and I tried to give him a good one in reply. I also wrote to Norman Perkins, for I have not heard from him for a very long time. I suppose he is still alone in his office in Chicago and living in his home in Hyde Park. The weather has been some unsteady through the day, - nearly clear early in the morning, and then cloudy, and it began to rain about four o'clock. But our rain storms are very slight and have been for the past year or more. Our well is dry and has been since last summer and there are no signs of its being otherwise.

Monday, April 17

Some cloudy through the day, but no rain or storm of any kind. I worked on the cemetery plan a little more than half the day. Set the corner for the jail lot in the forenoon. The wind has been in the north the greater part of the day, and the air is quite cool. I have sent a letter to Norman Perkins and one to Josiah B. Crooker, paid 6 cents postage. I received an Astronomy from Henry Vail, one of the revised edition, and am sure it is a valuable work. Our scholars and teacher think much of it.

Debits - .06

Tuesday, April 18

Cool in the forenoon and not sufficiently clear to allow me to take the time. I went to work quite early on the plan and shall have the numbers all on soon. Received a letter from Messrs Chamberlin of Boston on the subject of apparatus, and I think we may exchange some of it. We also received a letter from Amelia, and perhaps she will be here before long. The afternoon was very pleasant and the evening is very beautiful. We are here alone and it seems almost too pleasant to stay in the house.

Wednesday, April 19

A clear and beautiful morning and the sun rose in splendor, but still the air is cool. It soon began to be cloudy and the wind came into the south. Strong signs of rain. Mr. Wm. Billings called in the morning to see if I would go to Bethel tomorrow to make a survey of the fair ground. I received of Norman Paul ten dollars to apply on a note that I hold against him; and I paid Billings \$1.50 for a pound of tea, and Richmond 30 cents for meat. It is the darkest night that I ever saw, or rather, knew for I cannot see at all. Amy Stone's Theater is now here, but I am at home and not at the town hall.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 1.50, .30

Thursday, April 20

It began to rain about eight o'clock last evening, but has not rained very hard except a few showers. It was rainy this morning, but I called on Mr. McKenzie and we gave Mr. Johnson an invitation to go into the high school with us, and about half past ten we repaired to the school house and remained there till noon. I think the school appears exceedingly well. In the afternoon I called on the Grammar school to release some of the scholars from their grammar recitations. Amy Stone at the town hall again this evening.

Friday, April 21

A foggy morning but otherwise almost perfectly clear. The rain has washed the air very much, and the weather is warm and beautiful. But the weather is very unsteady and before noon the sky was covered by heavy cumulus clouds or cumulo-stratus, and before one o'clock it began to rain. It was showery through the afternoon. Paid 10 cents for mucilage, and paid McMaster for paper and subscription \$2.50. And paid Mrs. Palmer for work \$1.25. Mrs. P. and her daughter called in the afternoon. Worked through the day on the cemetery plan.

Debits – .10, 2.50, 1.25

Saturday, April 22

Finished the Cemetery plan and took it to Mr. Fisher's to be framed, and it will be done before many days. Lent four dollars to Elmer Emery for a few days. Soon after noon, Mrs. D. started to walk for Pomfret, and I was to go after mail time. So after the mail was in and distributed I started for Pomfret taking the task very deliberately. Called at Spenser's and found things were going very pleasantly at home. Arrived there about seven o'clock having had a very pleasant walk. The girls were alone at home.

Debits – 4.00

Sunday, April 23

Did not write much last night, and so I rested very well through the night and found the weather quite clear this morning. Began to do chores about the house and found very many that needed to be done. The weather is some cooler this morning and the wind is northwesterly. Found it best to keep the cattle in the yards, and we placed a large kettle in the yard at the upper barn to water the cattle in. Instead of reading or going to church I worked about the barns, etc. to try to make the cattle and hogs more comfortable. I cut the top from the willow tree south of the house and am not sure but the whole tree ought to be removed, for it is making a thick shade. Such trees grow very rapidly and soon make a very dense shade, too much so for health. Fred has been with me much of the time today and takes some interest in the work about there. On many accounts I wish I could be there to assist them in taking care of things and keeping the farm and buildings in order, for it is a little sad to see them going to decay.

Monday, April 24

This morning I began again about the chores. Took some pains to dress down the horse, and I think it will feel a little more comfortable if nothing more is gained. Electa paid me two dollars that I paid to Mr. Young on the lumber account. Dug up the plum trees south of the flower garden, for they had become badly affected by the black knobs. In the afternoon we came to Woodstock and I took Quincey's compass from the Pratt house. Found numerous surveying jobs waiting for me, and I must try to do all of them, possible.

Credits – 2.00

Tuesday, April 25

The sun rose clear but soon shut into a cloud so we may expect a cloudy day. Carlie Dunham came here last evening. Received an excellent letter from our good friend Mr. Lee of Canton N. York. In the forenoon I visited the Grammar school, and then went to the High School and heard the class read Shakespeare. There are some good readers in the class. Carlie Dunham staid here through the day and read up for the examination. I worked in the office on Mr. Hathaway's plan in the afternoon. Met Mr. Ballard at the Post Office in the evening.

Wednesday, April 26

Rested very well last night and am feeling some better this morning. I went to the office and to work on some of the plans, and have put some thought on Mr. Hathaway's sawmill work. Polk and Abbie came here to dinner and had a very pleasant time. Am trying to get my surveying instruments in order for work as I must use them tomorrow on the Raymond estate. Paid ten cents postage.

Debits – .10

Thursday, April 27

Had set today to go to Mr. Raymond's place to make a survey for the purpose of making a division among the heirs, or rather to set out the homestead and dower. We made a full survey of the part to be considered in making the partition. It began to rain about four o'clock and we got some wet. Finished the survey about five o'clock and soon came home. Paid Mrs. Churchill 70 cents.

Debits, .70

Friday, April 28

Some rainy but it amounts to very little in the rain gauge. Went to the office. Mrs. Warren paid me one dollar for a plan, and I paid two cents for postage. I worked on the survey that we made yesterday. Spenser came here at noon and I heard from the work at home. A railroad meeting but the stockholders only met to adjourn to the first Friday in June. Paid Mr. Knapp 52 cents for Silliman and the Age. I cannot say that I like the Golden Age newspaper as well as I hoped to do, yet there is some ability manifested in it.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .02, .52

Saturday, April 29

Arose quite early and got ready to go to Barnard to run a line for Mr. Murdock and Mr. Hatch. Found some very difficult lines to run, but I had very good luck in determining the true lines to my own satisfaction. Saw Mr. Evans and I had not seen him for twenty years or more. I set up the South and East lines of their lot of land and I think the south line disappointed all of them. But I am sure it is very nearly right. Robert called in the evening. Mrs. D. got her bonnet from Mrs. Churchill's.

Sunday, April 30

I am glad to have Sunday come, for it is the only time for good and refreshing rest, and today I have tried to improve it by snoozing quite freely. Spent the forenoon in reading and writing and resting, and in the afternoon we walked down to spend a few hours with Polk and Abbie. The day was some cool but not much so for the season. We staid there till nearly night and then we went out to Simeon Dunham's and

were there till nearly dark. Came home about eight o'clock, and found ourselves nearly jaded out. Copied the greater part of the meteorology for the month and must get the remainder tomorrow. The pressure of work that I have upon me is truly crushing, but I think I can get up with it. The days pass along and I get but little done, but I must try to do more of my own work and less of that which is thrown upon me that amounts to nothing at all. I hope we shall have Mr. Hewitt here before next Sunday for we are anxious to go to church at our own altar.

Monday, May 1

A pleasant morning and I early went to the office and post office. Saw Russell Streeter and had a long talk with him. He has come home sick and I am afraid he can never get up. He seems now but a wreck of his former self, but I hope he will rise above it and get well again. I worked on the plan for Mr. Hathaway. Paid Mellish 20 cents for soap. The air is remarkably bracing and pure, but it is some cool. Paid Mr. Hewitt 99 cents for milk tickets.

Debits - .20, .99

Tuesday, May 2

Arose at half past four o'clock to make ready for going to Plymouth to settle a land question between Mr. Weeden and Mr. Davis. Got a horse of Mr. Fay and started soon after six o'clock and got there long before eight o'clock. Examined all the lines on the Dutton lot, so called, in the northeasterly part of Plymouth, and I satisfied myself about the situation of lots, and I reported the case to them as I understood it, and then left for home. Mr. Weeden paid me \$6.75 for my work and expenses. Arrived home about eight o'clock.

Credits - 6.75

Wednesday, May 3

Did not rest well at all for I was too tired last night to begin to rest. Got the frame to the plan of the Cemetery. I also plotted the Raymond farm and made the computation of the whole of it, and I wrote out the meteorological matter for the paper, but was too late for the Age as that is now out on Wednesday. Today I have paid 65 cents for pickles and 6 cents for postage and 6 cents for the Age. I have been too lame and tired. It began to rain about noon and continued to rain till night.

Debits - .65, .06

Thursday, May 4

Found in the rain gauge 0.5 inches of rain from yesterday noon to this morning, and at 8 o'clock p.m. it had rained 0.88 in the rain gauge. In the forenoon I went to Miss Hewitt's school and to Mr. Ballard's and found everything going well. Today I paid Billings 40 cents for molasses, and Paul 47 cents for fish. Went to the office in the evening. It has been trying to snow all day, but has not gained on the ground. Mr. McKenzie called in the evening and went from here to Mr. Ballard's on school matters.

Debits - .40, .47

Friday, May 5

About one and a half inches of snow and hail on the ground this morning and 0.93 inches of water in the rain gauge. Went to the office and mailed a letter to Amelia, paid 3 cents postage. Wrote a bond for Mr. Hathaway and staid at the house the greater part of the day. The storm continues and is like the storms of years ago. It continued to rain till nearly night. Saw Spenser this afternoon on the work at home. Had a long talk with Mr. Ballard on the subject of mathematical signs, etc. Paid ten cents for ink.

Debits - .03, .10

Saturday, May 6

As the rain seemed to abate and the signs of a fair day were abundant, I started for the Raymond Estate to finish the work of setting out the dower and homestead. Got a horse of Mr. Fay and soon met the other

members of the committee and we spent all day in setting out those two parts of the farm. We had very good success in all the work, but did not get through till night. I am sure we were all of us nearly jaded out, but we had nearly finished the field work of that job.

Sunday, May 7

Another rainy morning and still the storm continues. Arose tired, jaded and lame from my work yesterday. Have been to church this forenoon to hear Mr. Hewitt. This is the first sermon of his year, and it is a rich and beautiful beginning and we hope it is a true foretaste of what may come hereafter. Again we went to church and heard an equally good and powerful sermon. The house was exceedingly well filled in the afternoon, and I think it was quite complimentary to Mr. Hewitt. We went home from church very much refreshed and it seems as though we could think of what the speaker said and study upon it for a week. I went home and wrote a letter to my friend Albert Darling of Amboy, Illinois. The day was cool and squally, it continued so till night; the wind blowing quite hard and increasing. Polk and Robert called in the evening. The day has been a little remarkable for squalls of rain, and the evening was cooler and the wind was high.

Monday, May 8

A cool morning with high west or northwest wind, and it does not look much like planting. At two o'clock the wind was northwest and at 9 o'clock it had got round to the southwest. The day has been very cool but the barometer has been rising so it is now a little above 29 inches. Yesterday it was down to 28.84 and last week it was about 29.3 or 29.4. It fell very rapidly last Saturday. Paid Mr. Smith \$2.25 and Billings 36 cents for eggs. Sent plans, etc. to Mr. Hathaway this evening. Got old papers from Lester Miller to examine relating to the history of Pomfret.

Debits - 2.25, .36

Tuesday, May 9

Another cool morning. Mailed a letter to Albert Darling of Amboy, Ill. Went to the office and to work on the Raymond estate surveys. The day has been cold and windy but is some pleasant. The Cemetery plan is now completed and ready to be sent to them at Hartland. Today I paid Paul for beans 20 cents & oranges 12 cents and 3 cents postage in the morning. The evening is quite cool and cloudy, and the air seems like having a storm.

Debits - .32, .03

Wednesday, May 10

Am not well this morning but must try to keep things stirring. Cousin Leland Doton came to work in the garden and he worked over the principal part of it before night. I worked in the office for a time and then went to the school house to see the exercises in gymnastics. Went to the office again in the afternoon and did some recording of surveys. Paid 9 cents to Mellish for vinegar, and paid Paul 5 cents for beet seed, and also 3 cents postage. Polk and Abbie were here in the afternoon.

Debits - .09, .05, .03

Thursday, May 11

Went to the office in the morning and took the time and found my watch one minute and forty five seconds too fast. I went with Mr. Lyman Cobb and Henry W. Raymond to run the lines of their lot of land. Made the survey and computations in time for their deeding. Mr. Cobb paid me \$1.50 for work. Amelia came from Salisbury and will stop with us for a while. In the evening I paid for stove blocking fifty cents and have a recipe for making it.

Credits - 1.50

Debits - .50

Friday, May 12

Leland Doten came in the morning to finish the garden. The morning was warm and springlike. The weather seems like planting weather and I hope it will continue so. Had a long talk with Mr. Hewitt on Pomfret matters. Leland finished his work a little before noon and I paid him \$1.50 for all that he did. Paid two cents for a brush. Polk came and made a call just before night. He is making a peculiar indictment for a writ. I worked about half a day on the report, and it is all I have done today of any amount. Mr. Lyman Southgate called.

Debits – 1.50, .02

Saturday, May 13

Cooler this morning with high north wind. Went to work on the Raymond estate. Polk went to Bridgewater with Wm. Collamer. In the afternoon I went to the school house with Mr. Kent to set up the lines of the school house lot, that is, the Stanton Street School house. Paid Mr. Mellish 39 cents for butter and paid Knapp 6 cents for Golden Age. This has been a very windy day, and cool for the wind is in the north. I cannot say that I get along very well with the work that is before me. Not a very busy day for Saturday.

Debits - .39, .06

Sunday, May 14

Another cool morning and it continued through the day. High winds from the west or northwest, which makes it very unpleasant being in the streets they are so dry and dusty. Attended church both forenoon and afternoon and heard Mr. Hewitt preach. Both sermons were very interesting and such as we could profit by if we only heeded their import and their power. I wrote a very long letter to Albert Darling in reply to an article in the Amboy paper that he sent me. His article in the paper was on the subject of a steam engine that he has been building. Polk and Abbie came here soon after supper and staid till evening, and Simeon Dunham and his wife called for a short time. A very pleasant company for a short time. The evening is not so cold but it is not yet summer. The wind is less severe and may go down entirely before morning. It is now past nine o'clock and I must leave my writing and retire to rest and try to get rested. [asleep probably.]

Monday, May 15

A fine morning but cool and windy. In the forenoon I worked on the report till about eleven o'clock when I went to Mr. Gleason's and fitted a line for him and Mr. Standish. They paid me 50 cents. After dinner I made a survey bill of the lines measured this forenoon. Paid Richmond 25 cents for meat, and 3 cents postage. Paid Billings 8 cents for sugar. The evening is a little more pleasant, that is, more mild and springlike. Worked on the flower beds in the evening, and got ready to go to Bridgewater tomorrow.

Credits – .50

Debits - .25, .03, .08

Tuesday, May 16

Started early in the morning for Bridgewater to examine some lines for Mr. Lyman Southgate and Jonathan Willis. The day was one of the most pleasant of the season and Mrs. D. went with me to Dr. Chandler's. My work was running over that high mountain S.W. of the village to find the outlines of a tract of land laid out by James Southgate in 1808. We followed the modern surveys but could get nothing satisfactory till Mr. Willis pointed out a marked hemlock that proved to be the S.W. corner of the lot. We had a very pleasant visit at Dr. Chandler's and a pleasant ride home in the evening.

Wednesday, May 17

A slight shower about eleven o'clock last evening, and it measured 0.05 in. this morning. There were also some very slight showers this forenoon. I worked in the office on the Raymond state papers a part of the day. Paid 70 cents for tickets for the concert. Paid Paul 36 cents for eggs and 13 cents for cream tartar. Mrs. D. and Amelia went to the concert, and I was too tired and read proof of the Vermont Calendar for 1872. The concert lasted till about eleven o'clock in the evening and we hardly got any rest till past midnight.

Debits - .70, .36, .13

Thursday, May 18

Began reading proof before five o'clock and finished it before mail time, and then forwarded it to Claremont. Paid 2 cents postage. Worked a little on the Raymond report, but was not able to do much in the forenoon. In the afternoon I took my work to the house and did much more than I could at the office. Mr. Thompson called in the afternoon to talk over maps and surveys. I wish I could help him get some facts about the heights of places of places as he wishes to get them, but it is almost impossible to find the time to attend to it.

Debits - .02

Friday, May 19

In the morning I finished reading the proofs for the almanacs sent by the Claremont Manufacturing Company. Finished the report on the Raymond estate except the plan. Paid postage 6 cents on Claremont letter & Rutland letter. In the afternoon I got a horse of Mr. Fay and we went to Pomfret, and made arrangements with Spenser to plant the Ware place. Found Mrs. Page there and Mrs. Whitmore from Reading. In the evening I mailed letters to Judah Dana and Mr. Briggs of Brandon on school matters and paid 9 cents postage. A warm dry day.

Debits - .06, .09

Saturday, May 20

The morning was warm and sultry and it continued so through the day. The thermometer was some above 80 degrees but I do not know how much. I went to the office and drew a plan of the Raymond estate to accompany the report, as it will show the homestead and dower, but the day was too warm for me to work. Mrs. D. and Amelia went to Horace Dunham's and had a very warm walk, and Mrs. D. returned just before night. The atmosphere is very smoky besides being filled with very slight stratus clouds.

Sunday, May 21

Another very warm morning, - the atmosphere some smoky and dry. It appears now like having another very warm summer. The spring has been changeable so far, at times very cold and then extremely warm. - Have attended church this forenoon and heard a stirring discourse from Mr. Hewitt. I do not see why he will not be a valuable teacher for this little flock in Woodstock. The day is very warm, but there is more air stirring than there was yesterday. At one o'clock and at half past two the thermometer stood at +92 at the north end of the shed. What weather for the latter part of May; but it will soon be cooler. Have come from church where we heard a very sublime discourse from Mr. Hewitt. We have never supposed him to be a man of so much power, real power, as he is showing himself to be. - Mrs. D. is quite unwell this evening and I am afraid she will have a hard time with her throat. She is threatened some with fever, but I hope it can be driven off. The evening is very warm and it is almost impossible to be comfortable any where.

Monday, May 22

I was expecting to go to Taftsville to fix a land line for Mr. Babcock but Mrs. D. is so unwell that I do not choose to go. I visited all the schools except the High School and found them all very full except the Grammar School. Found a little trouble in the Intermediate school but shall fix all right tomorrow. Paid Mellish 16 cents for rice and lemons. In the afternoon I copied some work from the school records. Called on Dr. McCollum this morning. Mrs. D.'s throat is very sore but I hope he can help it. Showery some through the day. Very heavy thunder at about ten o'clock in the morning.

Debits - .16

Tuesday, May 23

Much more cool than it was Sunday, or yesterday. I spent nearly all day going to school and in attending to school matters. Mr. Taylor called to get me to compute a piece of land for him. Mrs. D. is quite unwell today, but I hope will be better tomorrow. Paid Mr. Richmond for meat 16 cents. I visited all the schools

nearly yesterday and have been in that today. Abbie was compelled to do some chastising today and I hope she did it effectually. Received a letter from Mr. Dana this morning, and expect one from Brandon tomorrow.

Debits .16

Wednesday, May 24

Arose quite unwell with sick-headache; but I went to the office and took an observation for the time and I found my watch 23 seconds too fast and Clarke's clock was 1 m. 29 sec. too slow. Had a long talk with Mr. Hewitt at the Post office this morning. I called at Mr. McKenzie's to talk over school matters and Abbie called about the same time. Mr. McKenzie went with her to the school house. I called at the grammar school. A School meeting was held in the evening but I did not attend nor have I heard of any of the doings. A cool evening.

Thursday, May 25

Went to the office and soon started for the Raymond place where I went to test some angles etc. taken a few days ago, but I found all right. I had a horse & buggy of Mr. Fay. Very warm in the afternoon. I finished and copied the descriptions of the homestead and dower and the work is now nearly done. Had a long talk with Mr. Dana and Mr. Greene on school matters; and also with Mr. Ballard and Mr. McKenzie. Came home tired and some lame.

Friday, May 26

A thunder shower at about one o'clock this morning and it still is wet. In the forenoon it began to "clear off" and before night it was almost entirely clear. There was 0.17 inches of water fell during the shower. I went into the High School in the forenoon to assist Abbie in having the class in Astronomy. She has a good class, one that I should like to teach. Borrowed one dollar of Polk and paid Richmond for meat 65 cents and Billings for kerosene 20 cents, and for stamps five cents. The foliage is coming out rapidly and the mountain is very beautiful.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .65, .20, .05

Saturday, May 27

In the forenoon I called on Mr. Marsh, and he came to the office in the afternoon and looked over the report on the Raymond estate and it is now done. In the afternoon I rode to Pomfret to get Electa to come and stay a few days till Mrs. D. gets to be a little stronger. I paid Paul 20 cents for coffee and 6 cents for crackers and that leaves me with just one cent in my pocket. Mrs. Horace Dunham came here in the afternoon. This is a very pleasant and quiet evening and the air is very clear.

Debits – .26

Sunday, May 28

A cloudy dull morning, wind southwesterly. The clouds are almost perfectly stratus, and are quite dense. – Did not get up till nearly six o'clock. It began to rain about nine o'clock and there were some showers during the middle of the day. I went alone to church and heard Mr. Hewitt again. I am glad he gives so good satisfaction. I think the people all feel as though they had a very safe and good spiritual teacher, one who is in earnest when he takes up a subject. Mr. & Mrs. Simeon Dunham called in the early evening and had a pleasant time. Polk also called. Mrs. D. is some more comfortable this evening but it will take her a long time to gain even her usual strength. The forests begin to put on their summer foliage but it is much more feeble in appearance than usual, owing probably to the long continued drought. The surface of the earth has not been full saturated for nearly a year and foliage shows it very fully. It is of a pale and feeble hue and now as I look on the face of the mountain it appears more as in September than in May or June.

Monday, May 29

In the morning I went to the office and found the minutes of the survey of Linden street, and I went with Mr. Woodbury to find the points of angles on the line. Ran the line from Prospect Street near the Episcopal Church through Linden Street to South Street near Henry Park's house. I made a thorough re-survey of the line, and shall fix the minutes for record. Received of Mr. Woodbury and Mr. Murdock \$1.50 and I borrowed of Polk five dollars. Came home late and was almost melted down. Did not go to the office after getting home. Polk came to our house in the evening.

Credits – 1.50, 5.00

Tuesday, May 30

Decoration day. – Early in the morning I went to the office and mailed \$5.40 to the collector in Pomfret, which is the balance of my Pomfret taxes of last year. I also paid 9 cents postage, and paid Paul for tea and sugar 84 cents, and that leaves me 18 cents on hand. The forenoon has been very warm, the thermometer standing now (12½ o'clock) 86 degrees above zero, and the people are gathering together for the holyday. A heavy shower soon after noon, and it was showery through the afternoon. The day passed off pleasantly for the soldiers and their friends.

Debits - 5.40, .09, .84

Wednesday, May 31

A shower at 3 o'clock this morning, and it has rained some today. But there is not much depth of rain as the gauge tells. It is remarkable how little water falls when it rains this year. The day has been very warm and the air close so that it is difficult to get ones breath satisfactorily. Have been some unwell today and have done but little close thinking. I copied some of the surveys of the roads, etc., but that does not pay very richly. The afternoon has been some cooler. Mrs. D. does not get strong yet, but can walk about the house.

Thursday, June 1

Arose quite early to work in the garden and could be alone for a few minutes. Yesterday I received a Smithsonian report from Mr. Edmonds and today I received a package of blank paper for the meteorological reports. – I paid 15 cents for a piece of steak. Worked in the office in the forenoon and computed the interest on Mr. Ware's notes. I find some error in the results sent to me. Electa came from Mr. Leach's today. The afternoon is very warm & I do not get above my hard survey last Monday.

Debits - .15

Friday, June 2

Cooler this morning, wind north. Dense fog over Connecticut river and it sets up Quechee valley nearly to Woodstock. Am some unwell and the heat is so oppressive that I can do but little. A railroad meeting for choice of Directors. The old board resigned but were all re-elected, and afterward at a meeting of directors Mr. Merrill was chosen President, but would not accept unless the people would stand by him and take hold of the work in earnest. Polk had his first law case in the County Court. He called in the evening.

Saturday, June 3

Another very warm day. The thermometer stands at about 90 degrees in the shade and in the forenoon, but it did not rise higher than 91 degrees. Mr. Lyman Southgate called at the office this morning to see when I could finish his surveying. I tried to write some but it was very much too warm. In the afternoon there were distant showers with thunder, but not very heavy. Received 15 cents of Mr. Gordon, and 2 cents of Amelia and paid Richmond 20 cents for ham, and it took the last penny, but that does not alarm one very much.

Credits – .15, .02

Debits – .20

Sunday, June 4

Mrs. D. appears to be gaining strength, but slowly. Sister Electa who has been here for a few days went home in the afternoon. Attended church and heard Mr. Hewitt again. In the afternoon, many from other churches came to hear him, and I think he did not disappoint them, for his afternoon discourse on "Largeness of heart," was truly excellent. The practical value of such discourses can hardly be over-estimated. They set before us the importance of true and noble lives and elevated feeling, and tend to raise the soul far above the follies of this world. – Abbie called on us in the evening and went home a little past nine o'clock. – The day has been another of the very warm days that we are getting in such abundance. It must be a rich time for the growth of vegetation of every kind if the drought does not tend to prevent it. – I am writing some on meteorological matters and am trying to fit out an article on Vermont mountains, in order to try to throw some light on the subject. The evening is warm and sultry. I walked home with Abbie after nine o'clock in the evening.

Monday, June 5

In the night the wind came round to the north and the morning is clear and cool. I went to the office and soon went with Mr. McKenzie to take some levels about the school house to see if the water cannot be carried from the well to a reservoir near the house. In the afternoon I wrote an article on the Vermont mountains and hurried through it very rapidly. About five o'clock I carried it to Mr. Greene who did not wish me to re-write it, and I have no time to do it. The evening was remarkably clear, cool and pleasant. I took about five dollars that is not put down in its place. It was borrowed of Polk and is down in the cash book at the close of the month.

Tuesday, June 6

The night has been cool and dry so far, and though some cloudy this morning there is but little prospect of rain. I went into the Court house a few moments to hear the examination of the witnesses in the Richmond case. Paid 45 cents for porter and think it will prove a valuable medicine. Mr. Ware called and I settled with him on the land matter and took up all the notes and gave a note to Henry Ware for forty dollars, and set aside one dollar for Mr. Ware as there is 93 cents more his due. Rev. E. Hewitt called in the early evening.

Debits - .45

Wednesday, June 7

A cloudy morning with signs of rain. Returned the report of the Com. to set out the homestead and dower in the Raymond estate. Paid Mr. Ware one dollar as balance due him on notes. Paid Knapp 18 cents for papers, and Pratt 20 cents for paper, and Richmond 40 cents for steak. Went to the office to read proof of an article in the paper, and found it badly written and almost as badly set up. Have corrected the 2nd proof and find it very well corrected, and I am satisfied that the article will do some good. A little cooler this evening. Mr. J.G. Bates took the plan of the Hartland Cemetery.

Debits – 1.00, .18, .20, .40

Thursday, June 8

Went to the office quite early and had a short chat with Mr. Greene on road matters and mountains, and as he has gone to Rutland. I hope he will take a view of them from that side. I intended to work on the Billings plan but was hindered in the forenoon. In the afternoon studied upon it and think I can soon begin the drawing. I paid 44 cents for sugar. Put papers in the office for Henry Vail and for Mr. Gookin. The forenoon was very oppressive, and the afternoon much cooler and better.

Debits – .44

Friday, June 9

The morning is almost perfectly clear and is very beautiful, but it soon began to become cloudy and cool the wind getting more nearly into the N.W. and it seems to be growing colder. In the forenoon I worked on Mr. Billings' plan but could not draw all the forenoon. Began again on the History of Pomfret, and wrote out a part of the sketch of Norman W. Bridge. Called on Abbie and found her aunt Electa Paddock there

on a short visit. Amelia went to Pomfret after supper. The evening seems quite cool but not enough so for a frost.

Saturday, June 10

The morning was quite cool and frost has been seen in many places, but it was not sufficient to injure vegetation. In the forenoon I got a small bag of flour and paid Paul \$2.15 cents for it. In the afternoon I got a horse and buggy and we went to Horace Dunham's but did not get home till nearly night. Horace came with us to the village. The railroad mass meeting was held this afternoon and was quite fully attended. A committee was chosen to solicit subscriptions for the bonds, and I hope the bonds will be taken in time to have the road done before the first of January.

Debits - 1.15

Sunday, June 11

The morning is quite pleasant, wind southeasterly, and in west are some dense cumulus clouds, while over Connecticut river hangs a dense fog. We are here alone as Amelia has gone to Pomfret. We are glad to have Sunday come for we can go to our own church without inconvenience and hear a very good speaker. - We both attended church this forenoon, but Mrs. D. was hardly able to go in the afternoon. His forenoon discourse was a very good one from I Cor. 7: 23 "Ye are bought with a price, etc." Mr. Hewitt generally handles a subject profitably for his hearers. He often makes the most pointed, searching and powerful appeals to his hearers touching the purity of our lives that can well be made, and they can but profit by them. There was a shower soon after noon today and the air was much less oppressive afterwards. After tea, Mrs. Partridge called and, also, Polk and Robert. Amelia came home about 7 o'clock. The air is very much cooler than it was in the forenoon. The wind is northwest and the sky is nearly clear of clouds, and so we must call it a very pleasant evening. Retired as early as nine o'clock for my brain is quite tired from so much mental labor.

Monday, June 12

Mailed a letter to Mr. Ware and one to Albert Darling of Amboy, Illinois. Paid 9 cts postage. I also paid 15 cents for salt, and paid Richmond 20 cents for steak. I went to work in the morning on Mr. Billings' surveys, and I continued at it for 6 or 8 hours during the day. I must get some money soon and pay up some of my small debts. I do not wish to have them run so long. The evening is much cooler, and there may be frost if the wind and clouds do not prevent. Robert called for a few minutes after tea. Amelia begins her lessons again today.

Debits - .09, .15, .20

Tuesday, June 13

A cool morning with strong wind from the west. The barometer has fallen about two tenths since yesterday morning, and there are strong signs of rain. It began to rain about 9½ o'clock and there were some good showers. A thunder storm from the S.W. about half past two o'clock. The lightning struck the roof of the F.N. Billings house, but did but little injury. I worked the greater part of the day on Mr. Billings' surveys. Have got a blank book to copy all the field notes relating to his place so that they may be together. A cool evening with high wind. Paid Leland Doten 40 cents.

Debits - .40

Wednesday, June 14

The air is cooler this morning and the dark clouds fly briskly from the west or southwest. Went to the office in the forenoon but could not work at all. There was a slight shower in the forenoon, but we are not having much rain. Soon after dinner I took a walk to the burying ground near Mr. Cushing's to get some dates from the tombstones. After I came back I assisted Abbie with some computations of Annual Interest. Am very much jaded out. Met Edward Williams on the side walk and had a very pleasant chat with him.

Thursday, June 15

Saw Edward Williams again this morning but he started for Philadelphia soon after. There are strong signs of rain but the barometer is rising. I got 20 dollars of F. Billings and I paid Mr. Fay for horse hire \$9.75; and I paid I. Fisher ten cents for work on ruler. Went to the office after dinner for the purpose of going to Taftsville, but I was not called for till past three o'clock. Then I went with Mr. Hathaway and found that he gets 8.8 feet of head for his wheel. I called and paid Mrs. Churchill \$7.45 in full of her account, and I agreed to hire her pew in the Chapel.

Credits – 20.00

Debits – 9.75, .10, 7.45

Friday, June 16

Last evening I had a call from a book agent, a rare thing in these days. I met him again this morning, but we shall make no purchases of school furniture or maps or books at this time. Paid Mr. Knapp for Silliman and for papers 58 cents. Came back about two o'clock to work at the house. Mrs. Dunham came on a visit. I went to the street again and paid Mr. Richmond 35 cents for meat. In the afternoon I copied some of my field notes on the survey for Mr. Billings, and I also wrote on the history of Pomfret. The afternoon has been quite cool with north wind.

Debits - .58, .35

Saturday, June 17

A very severe headache through the night and it does not leave me this morning. Staid a short time at the office when I went to the house and to writing; but could do but little of that. In the afternoon I got a horse and buggy of Mr. Fay and went to Pomfret, where I found them all well. But Spenser had a bad turn of bleeding at the lungs, but he seems to be in a fair way to get up in a few days. Paid \$1.25 for a pound of tea at Billings. The day has been exceedingly pleasant, but quite cool. The clouds and appearance of rain may prevent a frost.

Debits - 1.25

Sunday, June 18

Mrs. D's health is improving and the ride to Pomfret was refreshing. Dense cloudy weather this morning and it began to rain about six o'clock. We are glad to have Sunday come, so that we can go to church and hear such a speaker as Mr. Hewitt. We attended church though the day was quite rainy. In the forenoon Mr. Hewitt spoke from I Thessalonians 5th 9&10, - and in the afternoon from Phil. 4th 19th, and we had from him two very able and profitable discourses. There was a very good number present considering the storm for it began to rain about six and has continued so far through the day. At noon it had rained three tenths of an inch, and continues through the present time (4¾ o'clock p.m.) Eva (Mrs. Chandler) and Emma Dunham came here at noon and we got dry and warm before going to the afternoon meeting. It continued to rain till night and the whole depth is 0.81 inches, which is quite a storm for these dry seasons. Robert called just before night and made a very pleasant call. The evening is cloudy but not much rainy.

Monday, June 19

Cloudy this morning but there is some appearance of its clearing away. Mailed a letter to Benjamin Bayley this morning. Paid 20 cents for soap at Mellish's. I then began my work on Mr. Billings' copying, and am trying to get his field notes all into one book. In the afternoon I went to the office and worked on the same work. This morning I handed in the article on Norman Bridge for publication, and tonight Mr. Ballard called and wished to have the examination of the high school noticed in the papers, so I must fit out a program of the exercises.

Debits - .20

Tuesday, June 20

A foggy morning, but the sun is coming out clear and we shall perhaps get a fine day. It became quite clear in the forenoon and I rode to south Pomfret to run some lines around the school house lot. Had a woman's rights meeting of it, but I fixed the lines nearly to suit myself and will keep a note of it so that it will not need running over again. Mrs. Harding paid me one dollar, and I paid girl for berries 25 cents. The evening was cloudy and there were signs of its being cooler. I could not work in the evening.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .25

Wednesday, June 21

Carried the proof sheets of the Norman Bridge article to Mr. Greene, and called on Mr. Master to put an article in his paper. Went to the school house to see the graduating class, to make some preparation for the public examination. I wish them to have some propositions in Geometry, and I wish to hear the class read, before they read in public. Spent nearly all day on school matters, and in the evening I went to the school house with the level to look at the Moon and Venus, they being in conjunction. The evening was very cool and there may be a frost.

Thursday, June 22

The day has been pleasant but not very warm. A frost this morning but I think not quite enough to injure vegetation. I ordered a pair of pants and a vest of Dana & Newcomb. I have done but little profitable work. I paid nine cents for postage and that is all that I have paid out today. I am trying to get ready for the examination of the schools tomorrow and next week. I am some fearful that I may be obliged to see to the examination alone or nearly so. I cannot say that I dread it at all.

Debits – .09

Friday, June 23

The morning is clear and beautiful, and I hope for a pleasant time at school, for this is the closing day for the primary schools. Well, I have been through with all the Primary Schools and have found 22 scholars that are wishing to go to the Intermediate School and the greater part of them will surely pass. This forenoon I went to Miss Dunham's school and to Fairbanks' school, and in the afternoon I went to Miss Hewitt's school. After school we went to Mr. Hewitt's and made a very pleasant call. I had not spoken with Mrs. Hewitt before but we find them very pleasant people.

Saturday, June 24

A cloudy morning and strong signs of rain though the barometer is still rising. The clouds are cirro-stratus and sun can be seen through them. Am very dull from my work yesterday. I went to the office and found a paper from Charles Marsh concerning an article from the Smithsonian Institution. It began to rain about ten o'clock and continued to rain till four o'clock p.m. and amounted to 0.22 inches. Called on Mr. McKenzie and also on Mr. Swan Dana to arrange about school matters. Saw Abbie at the office, and also saw Mr. Ballard on school matters, Paid 50 cents for eggs and papers, etc.

Debits - .50

Sunday, June 25

The first touch of morning bespoke a beautiful day, and it came most truly. We went to church and in the forenoon we heard Mr. Hewitt speak from Rom. VI, 17th, and he gave us a most searching sermon. The singing too was excellent. Hial P. Seavey from Tennessee was there and assisted in the singing. Mr. Henry Hewitt and Mr. Lambertson were down from Pomfret. In the afternoon he preached from Col. III, 16th and gave us another most searching sermon. The house was very well filled and they gave very good attention. The day has been one of great beauty and loveliness. Strawberries are ripe and we see young people coming from the field where they have been to spend the sabbath. After supper we took a walk to see Polk and Abbie and there we found Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlin. Mr. C. brought Elvira home and Amelia and I came soon after. The evening is a most beautiful one and there are strong signs of rain judging from

the lines of stratus clouds in the north and northwest. Every body seems to be walking out to enjoy the clouds and the fine evening.

Monday, June 26

A very brilliant morning. Horace called this morning about half past four o'clock and that was before I was up. Hoed in the garden till half past six and then built a fire. I called at the school house and made arrangements to hear the reading class this afternoon at three o'clock, and I met them at the appointed time and heard them through, and I think there is some merit in their reading. It would be a pleasure to have such a class of scholars one or two years from their time of graduating. I think the standard is now too low. Simmons paid me twenty dollars in part for Raymond estate bill.

Credits – 20.00

Tuesday, June 27

Today I must attend to the Intermediate School. There must have been showers last night for the air is cooler and better. In the forenoon Norman Paul paid me 100 dollars on a note and I paid Charles Fitch 64 dollars and that pays for my watch. I paid postage 6 cents, and I paid for meat 67 cents and I paid Mr. Hatch for fish bought yesterday 18 cents. In the afternoon I attended the examination of the Intermediate School and the whole matter went off admirably. Mr. H.S. Dana and Mr. McKenzie were present. We went to Pomfret after the examination.

Credits – 100.00

Debits – 64.00, .06, .67, .18

Wednesday, June 28

We are all very tired this morning and this afternoon I must attend to the examination of the Grammar School. But Mr. Dana will assist me there and perhaps lead in the work. Paid Mrs. Taylor \$1.75 for work and I paid the post office 25 cents. We examined the Grammar School in the afternoon and Mr. Dana took charge in the work. The school did most remarkably well, and all that have been examined will be passed to the High School. Paid Mr. Fay for horse hire one dollar.

Debits – 1.75, .25, 1.00

Thursday, June 29

Today I paid Levi Hazen for getting my level repaired one dollar, and paid Paul for raisins 25 cents. I have spent all day with the schools. In the forenoon we examined the class in Arithmetic in the High School, the class in Physiology, and the 2nd division in Physical Geography. In the afternoon I examined the class in Algebra, and Mr. Dana examined the class in Virgil. The Intermediate School closed today and the Grammar School will close today or in the forenoon tomorrow.

Debits – 1.00, .25

Friday, June 30

The High School closes today. In the forenoon we examined the class in Physical Geography, and the class in Astronomy, after which we took up a few propositions in Geometry. These were all done with remarkable precision. There were some spectators to hear the forenoon exercises and many in the afternoon. The graduating exercises were remarkably well conducted and were highly satisfactory. Gov. Converse presented the diplomas to the class who received in return a very beautiful bouquet. Paid I. Fisher 20 cents.

Credits – .20

Saturday, July 1

Paid Billings for flour \$10.75. Received of Johnson for Abbie \$85.00 it being for five weeks services in the winter term of school and 13 weeks during the spring term. I also paid 6 cents for paper and 40 cents for kerosene and for meat 25 cents. I also paid Dr. McCollum three dollars on account, and I paid Palmer for

shoes \$1.15. It is Saturday night and "How pleasant is Saturday Night" seems very appropriate and true, for a day of rest opens before us. I can look forward to a day of going to church.

Credits – 85.00

Debits – 10.75, .06, .40, .25, 3.00, 1.15

Sunday, July 2

A very warm day, but we all went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt from these words: "He will save us." This was the afternoon text, but the forenoon was from Micah VI: 9th. His sermons were very impressive and searching to any one who heard them. Miss Houghton called here in the middle of the day, and Miss Emma Burnham also called. Mr. Lucian Hewitt also was at church in the afternoon, and in the evening Mr. E. Hewitt gave a lecture at East Barnard. There were strong signs of showers and I think they had them north of us. We need to have rain here but it will come in time. We read some and rested more till night for we were very tired. Robert called in the evening and looked over my meteorological papers, in order to get some facts for the next week's Age. I believe he is in some way associated with that paper and will use his influence to build it up. The evening is pleasant and warm, and we see but few signs of rain now though showers have probably passed to the north.

Monday, July 3

The morning was very warm and so it continued through the day. I have been trying to write a short article for the paper reporting the proceedings from day to day and giving the full standing of the schools, and also to make out the meteorological report, and get it ready for the papers this week. I paid three dollars for the present Vol. of the Quarterly, and ten cents for soda at Mellish's. Mr. Ballard called towards night, and is thinking about another term of school, and I wish it might be for another year.

Debits – 3.00, .10

Tuesday, July 4

Soon as the time passed the hour of midnight the patriotism of all the boys were aroused and alive to its demonstrations. Firing the morning salute was the first business of the day. I have spent nearly all the day at the house preparing meteorological matter for the papers. I bought Swift's works of Mr. Pratt for \$2.25 and paid him five dollars, and I also paid Mr. Knapp 60 cents for two numbers of the Galaxy, and on account. And we also paid Mrs. Taylor for washing 50 cents. Rainy this evening.

Debits – 5.00, .60, .50

Wednesday, July 5

Some rain in the middle of the night and vegetation smiles this morning. Yesterday I wrote a letter to Mr. Ware and touched upon his father and his works. He is now nearly eighty years old. Paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for tickets for milk last month and I owe him one dollar for tickets for this month. I called on Mr. McKenzie to talk over school matters, and we concluded not to hire Mr. Ballard another year. I regret it very much for I regard him as a gentleman of very fine culture, and of high moral principle. Paid Dana & Newcomb \$9.50 for pants & vest.

Debits – 1.00, 9.50

Thursday, July 6

Went to Bridgewater in the morning and spent the day on the mountain running out Mr. Southgate's land, and got into quite a quarrel. But such things are not new. Got home just before dark and I came directly home. Paid Mr. Burk \$1.50 for horse & buggy, and I paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets. Am too tired to rest at all and can only keep still and ache. The day has been one of the warmest of the season with but very little air stirring. Saw Dr. & Mrs. Chandler at their home in Bridgewater. Slight rain in the evening. Paid Richmond for meat 40 cents. Received of Mr. Willis 5 dollars in part for surveying.

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .40, 1.50, 1.00

Friday, July 7

A slight shower this morning but it would hardly measure in the rain gauge. Am too tired to stir this morning. Mr. Ballard called to talk over school matters. I called Mr. Greene and had a short talk on the same subject. I do not know what may be the final action of the committee. I have done nothing today except a little writing and reading. I paid Mr. Richmond 70 cents for lard and paid the barber 20 cents and Pratt for ink 4 cents. Have heard that Spenser is some better. Mrs. Dunham and Herman came in the evening to hear the band. Paid Knapp for Silliman, etc. 52 cents. A slight shower in the morning and soon a strong wind began to blow from the west.

Debits – .70, .20, .04, .52

Saturday, July 8

How rapidly the month moves away! Paid 20 cents for eggs and also 25 cents for meat. Paid Spenser 15 dollars toward the 42 dollars that I borrowed of him. Spenser & Cynthia came here and made us a little visit. S. seems a little better, but I have some fears for his health. Mr. Munger has been having the well sunk deeper but his workmen are deceived about the depth and they have got it only 15 inches deeper than before. I have spent much of the day on school matters. The day has been remarkably clear but the wind has blown most fearfully. Very slight cirrus clouds afternoon.

Debits - .20, .25, 15.00

Sunday, July 9

Received a letter of Henry Vail in which he speaks of having sent a full set of Geographies to H.S. Dana for examination. The first impression of the books is truly favorable and it is to be hoped that they will prove to be in advance of anything now in use. It is now a day for going to church and the day is met with pleasure. The instruction received in any one of Mr. Hewitt's discourses is truly refreshing. He spoke this forenoon from Psalms LVII: 7. "My heart is fixed." There was a very slight shower in the forenoon. In the afternoon Mr. Hewitt spoke from Psalms CXIX: 59, and he preached one of his most earnest sermons, and the singing was of the highest order. Mrs. Dr. Chandler did her best, and the effect was truly wonderful. The audience felt the whole power of the inspiration and it seemed as though there would be a full burst of applause. But it was Sunday and love of reason and good order prevailed, and they felt the inspiration in silence. Robert came just before the shower. There was 0.66 inches of rain when I measured at about eight o'clock. The wind is southwesterly this morning and the clouds bespeak rain before night. The middle of the day was very warm and the air was close, but about five o'clock a shower came up from the west. The thunder and lightning were almost terrific.

Monday, July 10

This morning I began to read O.D. Miller's article on Dr. Williamson's late work. After breakfast I went to the office, and then I rode with Mr. McKenzie to English's Mills to see Hathaway's new mill and to talk of school matters. Mr. McKenzie paid me 9 dollars for my work on I.M. Raymond's estate. Paid 24 cents for postage stamps and paid house rent to July 1st \$42.50. In the afternoon I called on Mr. Streeter and read a long article to him on the life of Edward Turner. Mr. & Mrs. Hewitt called and we had a very interesting talk on Mr. Williamson's book.

Credits – 9.00

Debits - .24, 42.50

Tuesday, July 11

Paid Pratt for Loomis' Meteorology and his Astronomy \$3.70. I took the books home and gave them a slight examination and am sure they are valuable books. How much the school matter is stirred up. I saw Judah Dana, and I intended to have a long talk with him on schools and school regulations. School matters are assuming quite a new phase and I find that very many of the people are anxious to have Mr. Ballard employed for another year, though some oppose him.

Debits - 3.70

Wednesday, July 12

Arose quite unwell this morning, for I took cold yesterday while writing at my table. Paid Paul for fish 37 cents. – Called on Mr. H.S. Dana and had a very long talk with him on books and school matters. He is a very sensible school man. After having a visit with him I went to Pomfret. Elvira and Amelia went this afternoon. I did not get there till nearly dark having stopped at Spenser's on the way. It seemed as if the farm work was all ready to have me harnessed into it. I am sorry to see the chores go so badly done. Paid Mrs. Taylor for washing 25 cents. We are almost constantly harassed on school matters, and if the committee could agree I should think there was hope.

Debits - .37, .25

Thursday, July 13

Arose with a slight headache but I went to mowing soon after breakfast and we kept at it till about ten o'clock when we put the team to work drawing in hay. Elmer came and mowed the piece below the school house, and after we had put four loads into the barn we raked what he had mowed, but we could not put it into the barn for we were too tired. – Mr. Leach was there at work and he makes work go very briskly. We were both of us very lame and tired and we left the work a little before dark. This has been a very hot day, and it seemed to be too warm to allow of work.

Friday, July 14

Am very lame this morning but no more than I expected to be after so much work. We mowed a short time in the morning around the barn and then got in two loads of the best of hay that was cut and raked yesterday. Mr. Leach is unwell today and I am too lame to work. The chores are very poorly done. About three o'clock we all left for home, and glad, glad, were we to get back to our own hired house once more. Paid for calico last Wednesday 15 cents. Paid ten cents for postage some days ago. A cloudy day with signs of showers in the forenoon, and the showers came in the evening.

Debits - .15, .10

Saturday, July 15

Rested some better last night and, of course, am feeling some better this morning. Paid Knapp for North American \$1.50, and for Age \$.06, and got other papers to read. Went to the office but am too lame to stay there to work. Paid Paul for coffee 40 cents, and Billings \$1.15 for tea. I have tried to see Mr. McKenzie to have the school matter settled for the next term, but have failed to see him. I am heartily tired of the way our school work goes on and I am sorry that I ever accepted the place of committee. Was very lame and jaded so that I could not stir easily. Foggy but not quite down to the level of the village. The fog was gone by 9 o'clock and the day was clear and warm.

Debits – 1.50, .06, .40, 1.15

Sunday, July 16

The air is some better and cooler this morning. I read last evening and this morning an article in the March number of the Galaxy on San Domingo, and it seems to be some better than we usually find on that subject. We went to church and heard from Mr. Hewitt on John XX: 31st. An excellent sermon but we were not in so clear a mood for hearing and understanding. The weather has changed much since last night and it affects us very much. Mr. McKenzie spoke to me on school matters but I must see him in the morning. Heard Mr. Hewitt this afternoon from the 21st verse of the book of Jude. There was a very good congregation, and there was no service at the Methodist house and many came from that house. Mr. Hewitt goes to East Barnard this afternoon. The air is some cool though it is warm where the sun shines. It is quite cool for July. Mr. McKenzie called here this evening to talk on school matters, and I think surely we shall try to keep Mr. Ballard for another year. A cool but pleasant evening. Though the weather was very warm last night it is cooler today, and there is a strong wind from the N.W. or W. and the cir. cumulus clouds run briskly. Distant lightning in the evening.

Monday, July 17

Paid Abbie forty dollars this morning from the 85 that I took from the district treasurer. Paid Mellish 20 cents for soap. Polk started this morning for New York. Am still at work on school matters. Had a long talk with Dr. Sherwin and with Dr. Richmond and I am sure they have some good and true notions on schools and school teaching. Wrote to Wallace Ware and to Wm. Dana of Dartmouth College. In the afternoon I called on Mr. Winslow and Mr. Middleton, and afterwards on Dr. Richmond. Mrs. Morey called. Received a letter from John A. Poor of Portland. The air is cooler, wind north or nearly so. The wind was quite brisk through the middle of the day. It is cool enough for a frost this evening.

Debits – 40.00, .20

Tuesday, July 18

Am writing on historical matters for Miss Hemenway's Gazette. Mailed a letter to John A. Poor and one to the Claremont Co. Expected a letter from Hanover but it has not come. A great railroad meeting at Portland next week and we are getting letters from the managers on the subject. Called on Mrs. Ballard this morning and had a talk with her on school matters. I hope she will call on us soon. Received of bank as July interest on bonds \$10.05. Paid Richmond 20 cents for meat. Worked on school certificates in the afternoon. Called on Abbie. Hard shower in the evening with very sharp lightning. A clear and beautiful morning though the air was cool. Have not seen frost but think there was frost in some places. Shower in the evening with sharp lightning.

Credits – 10.05

Debits - .20

Wednesday, July 19

Went to the office early. Spent some time on school matters. Saw a letter from a Mr. Crawford containing a recommendation from a school committee where he had been teaching. But I am satisfied we must hire Mr. Ballard another year if we wish to please the people interested in the schools. I worked about the house till after the arrival of the mails, when I walked out to Horace Dunham's. Mrs. D. and her sister visited at Mr. Brewster's and came home about dark. The evening was cloudy with signs of rain. Was very tired at night and went to bed rather early. Horace Dunham called and carried Mrs. D. and Amelia home with him to stay till tomorrow.

Thursday, July 20

About ten or twelve minutes before one o'clock this morning there was a shock of earthquake that lasted 15 or 20 seconds. It was very sensibly felt and the crockery about the house some jarred and shaken. I walked down this morning and went to the office. John Marble is in Polk's office. Polk came home this afternoon. I saw Dr. Sherwin on School matters, and he will get an expression of the feelings of the district in relation to teachers. It is evening and our folks have not yet come from Mr. Dunham's. – They came about eight o'clock. Dr. Sherwin and Mr. McKenzie called. A stormy time on school matters. It began to rain soon after midnight, and continued to rain till morning. The day has been cooler.

Friday, July 21

Got the nerves a little agitated last evening and did not rest so quietly. Sent to Mr. Pease of Hartford for sections to the cutter bar of the mowing machine. Went to see Robert's abstracts of historical matter. I called on Abbie and then I came home. Have hardly been able to read at all today, but have kept about. Rested some more than an hour in the middle of the day. Mr. Ballard has agreed to go to Massachusetts to teach the next year, so we must find some one to take his place. Robert called in the evening. Last Tuesday paid Jones and others 85 cents for goods, and Herman Dunham 5 cents for berries.

Debits – .85, .05

Saturday, July 22

Had a slight headache through the night. Went down to the post office and found the streets alive on school matters. Paid Pease for knives for mowing machine \$3.05, and I paid highway tax 75 cents, and 6 cents for paper. In the afternoon I went down to Mr. McKenzie's to see Mr. Burleigh who has come to see

about the school. I deeply regret the present state of feeling in the district. No letters tonight. I have done but little real work today, but have talked on school matters and tried to settle the troubled elements, with but little success. Rainy this morning but the clouds soon broke away and the day was tolerably fair.

Debits – 3.05, .81

Sunday, July 23

Another Sunday morning, pleasant but foggy. It is pleasant after a week of storm and almost angry debate and contention on the school question, to have a peaceful day come when we can rest and turn our thoughts to better things. I have found the article on Edward Turner in the April and July Nos. of the Quarterly to be very interesting, and it seems to draw us very closely to his memory. – Went to church heard Mr. Hewitt from Eph. V: 15&16. “See then that ye walk circumspectly, etc.” and though he was sick, he gave us one of his best and most searching sermons. – In the afternoon we heard Mr. Marston preach from John XIII: 32&33. “And I if I be lifted up, etc.” I do not recollect as I had ever heard him before, but his sermon was a very great one, and I know him to be a very excellent man. The house was very full and of course, somewhat stifled. The air was very much better after three o’clock. We went to Simeon Dunham’s about five o’clock and returned about eight. The evening is quite cool, and when we came home we built a winter’s fire. I hope to be excused from seeing school teachers or committee tonight. Foggy this morning but nearly clear during the rest of the day, or rather fair except a slight sprinkling of rain about noon. The weather seemed very warm about four or five o’clock, but later it was cool.

Monday, July 24

First in the morning I met Mr. McKenzie and we had a long talk on school matters, and we had some plain talk. We then met Mr. Burleigh, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Marston, at Mr. Damon’s and had a long interview and it resulted very creditably to Mr. B. who is a candidate for teaching the high school. He soon left for home. I have had some earnest talk with Mr. Ballard on teaching and other matters. Amelia and Emma Dunham went to Horace’s and came back at night. Paid Paul 28 cents for groceries. Paid express bill extra 20 cents. A fair day though some cloudy in the middle of the day. Some cool in the morning but warmer towards night.

Debits – .28, .20

Tuesday, July 25

Cloudy in the morning with signs of rain. Paid Billings for shawl \$6.00. Paid Richmond for meat 20 cents. I began again to work on Mr. Billings’ plan and surveys of his farm and homestead. I had some talk with Mr. Ballard on school matters, and also with Mr. Foster. We shall meet and decide whether we retain Mr. Ballard, and then we can act accordingly. I am determined that that question shall first be settled. I know they will attempt to evade it, but I intend to have the responsibility rest where it belongs. Barometer falling. Signs of rain in the morning but the day was quite fair till nearly night. It began to rain a little just before night.

Debits – 6.00, .20

Wednesday, July 26

I went soon after breakfast to the office and I tried to find Dr. Sherwin but did not succeed till nearly the time that the stage left. I then went to Mr. Foster’s to meet the committee. A curious meeting truly. Such an effort to evade the real point to be settled. But I succeeded in getting a vote as I was determined to do. The vote was not to engage Mr. Ballard for another year. This is as I expected, and I am not in the least disappointed. Mr. & Mrs. Ballard have left for Burlington. Worked on Mr. Billings’ plan and note books. Paid 11 cents for velvet. Rainy all through the latter part of the night and this morning. The day was tolerably fair, but a slight rain in the afternoon.

Debits – .11

Thursday, July 27

Went to the office, and after doing many errands I went to work on the notes of the Billings surveys. The school matter still rages but I hope it will calm down soon. Called at Mr. R. Russell's. In the afternoon I worked a short time on the field notes, but the day was too close and stifled. Went to the office about four o'clock. The Boston Journal gives some very interesting matter from the Portland meeting. Paid 9 cents postage, and Knapp 23 cents for Harper for August, and for the Age. Mrs. D. is some unwell this evening, was taken with vomiting. Morning some cloudy and the clouds increase. Showery in the afternoon about six o'clock.

Debits - .09, .23

Friday, July 28

Went to the office and computed the time and found my watch 1 min 55 sec, too slow. Mrs. D. is so unwell that I tried to do my work at the house. The day is very warm when the sun shines, and is quite oppressive to any one who is not well. I worked about six hours on Mr. Billings' notes of surveys. Am putting them in order so that they will not get destroyed or scattered. Mrs. D. is a little better this evening. – Paid Paul 12 cents for crackers. – Received a letter from cousin Seth Doton on some questions that I asked him about a candidate for school teacher. In the forenoon there were strong signs of showers but it did not rain here at all. Thunder showers around us in the evening.

Debits - .12

Saturday, July 29

We concluded to hire Mr. Burleigh to teach for one year at \$1000. Mrs. D. is a little better this morning, sits up perhaps half the time. I have worked about five hours on Mr. Billings' plans. Paid Mellish for groceries 30 cents. The greater part of the work on Mr. Billings' field notes was in the afternoon. Saw Mr. Leach and Joanna and talked about the haying, and we think it is time it was done. Levi Hazen called to return small circular level. Mrs. D. is some better but is still very weak. Robert called just before night. Am glad to meet Saturday night. Cloudy and clouds increasing. Soon after four o'clock p.m. it began to rain. Some thunder in the distance.

Debits – .30

Sunday, July 30

Am glad to meet Sunday morning though the folks are quite unwell. Mrs. D. is just able to walk about the house and Amelia is sick with a headache, so I shall go to church alone if I go at all. Heard a very good sermon from Matt. V: 8. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The whole tenor of the discourse was remarkably good. The house was not so full as I should like to see it. In the afternoon he (Mr. Hewitt) preached from Rom. VIII: 20&21. He gave us one of his most eloquent sermons and, though the house was not full, there was a very good number to hear him. The afternoon was very fine and both speaker and hearer felt the inspiration. – After meeting I had a talk with Mr. McKenzie on the subject of Grammar School and Intermediate School, etc. These school questions are very important and I do hope to have my own views carried out. I have tried to put two years into the Grammar School and I hope to succeed. Robert came here soon after supper and we had a very pleasant chat upon many good subjects. – Mrs. D is a little better this afternoon and evening. A very easy and slight rain this morning. It remained cloudy till about noon when it began to show signs of "clearing off." Some very slight showers in the afternoon and evening, but could hardly be called rainy.

Monday, July 31

I worked nearly all day on the meteorology for July, so that I can finish it very readily when I get the readings for today. There is some work in copying all the observations for the month, and having a corrected copy to send to the department of Agriculture. Polk went to Pomfret Saturday, I think, and came back today. In the rain. – Mrs. Dunham and Herman came in the afternoon, and Mr. Dunham (Horace) called in the evening. Our folks are gaining very slowly but do not get strong. – Paid 30 cents for meat and 12 cents for a pound of rice. A rainy day such as we had in days long since passed away. The clouds broke away towards night and fair weather dawns again.

Debits – .30, .12

Tuesday, August 1

A beautiful morning, and vegetation smiles in beauty and loveliness. I began very early in the morning to finish up my reports on the meteorology of July. I finished it and sent it to the board of Agriculture, and I finished the copies for the papers and have corrected some errors of last month. In the afternoon I worked about a half day on Mr. Billings' work and I have very nearly finished copying and correcting the field notes. I hope to get some money from the Claremont Mfg. Co. Robert called in the evening. Pd. for image of Flora 65 cts, and paid Mrs. Taylor for work 25 cents.

Debits - .65, .25

Wednesday, August 2

Prepared an article for Mr. Greene this morning and then started to walk to Pomfret. Called on Spencer a few minutes and then went to my chamber and fitted myself for work and went into the hayfield. They cut the knoll N.E. of the barn, the piece above the barn and the piece above the house, also the middle field on the Hooper lot. The work has gone remarkably well, and Mr. Leach is a remarkable hand for such work. He is working too hard for a man as light and slender as he is. I walked home in the evening, reached there about 9 o'clock. A clear and beautiful day. – wind northwest and the air very pure. Very clear in the evening.

Thursday, August 3

Left home again for Pomfret in the morning and reached there about ten o'clock and I went immediately to the work in the hayfield. Our work today has been below the road at the Ware place, and though the day was very warm we finished that piece putting all the hay in the upper barn. Three loads from the Hooper lot were put in the barn by the house, and the rest was put into the Ware barn. I have got my feet very sore and I cannot get to Woodstock tonight. I retired to my chamber early, but am much too tired and lame to rest. Today the wind is S.E. or nearly so and the air is quite close. The heat has been very severe all through the day.

Friday, August 4

Worked in the flower gardens till breakfast time. After breakfast we went to the Ware place again and cut the piece around the barn and the northerly part of the west lots. Mr. Leach has been with us and is a most industrious man in the field. We had two hands besides ourselves. The machine works well on all except the roughest grounds. We are getting more hay than appeared possible early in the season. I am too lame to walk about easily yet I keep the rake moving. After supper Mr. Leach carried me to Woodstock and I was glad to get home again. Another of the warm days, but it has been more cloudy than yesterday. A slight shower in the evening.

Saturday, August 5

Found a letter from Mr. Olds of Norwich on the Wyatt family and I think I can explain all that his inquiries can ask. Was too tired and lame to do any work through the day, though I was at the office, and to the post office twice or three times during the day. Received a box of blue-berries from Amelia's father and mother, and though they were some injured in coming, they were very good indeed. – Our men did not work yesterday as Mr. Leach was sick from too much work in the heat during the past four or five days. He works too hard for one of his age and strength. Some rain in the latter part of the night and this morning; in all 0.08 but the rest of the day was warm, though some cloudy.

Sunday, August 6

I am yet tired and lame, but rested very well last night and am glad to have Sunday come so that we can go to church and hear Mr. Hewitt preach for that is always a treat, for his sermons are always rich and refreshing. This morning he preached from Hosea VI: 4th. "Oh Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? Oh Judah, what shall I do unto thee? For your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early morning dew it goeth away." In the afternoon he preached from Mat. XIII: 33. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." From this text he gave us one of his best discourses, and none could go away unsatisfied. The subject was one that

he was well fitted to handle and elucidate with much satisfaction to all who heard him, and it must have been a joy to himself to unfold its sacred truths. Robert called a short time after supper and we had a pleasant chat, though I was too lame and in too much misery to talk very cheerfully. Last night I paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets. The evening is some cooler and is a good time to rest. The air was remarkably clear in the morning but it soon began to grow smoky and thick. The wind was in the west and quite strong in the middle of the day, and the clouds were mostly cirro-cumulus.

Debits – 1.00

Monday, August 7

Saw Spenser and Fred in the village this morning. Borrowed of George Paul 3 dollars and paid Spenser 2 dollars and also paid an express bill of 50 cents. – I have spent nearly all day in writing a letter for Mrs. Whitehead of Kinston, N.C. in answer to one from her to P.M. at Norwich. Am feeling some better than I did yesterday, though lame and jaded yet. – Paid 10 cents for stamps and for paper 6 cents. – Mailed letter and Vt. Register to Mrs. Whitehead of Kinston, and a letter to West Salisbury. Have spent the day at my table and am some jaded. Have been some dull nearly through the day. The morning was some cloudy and more smoky. Wind easterly and weather very warm.

Credits – 3.00

Debits – 2.00, .50, .10, .06

Tuesday, August 8

Arose with a very severe headache, but I could hardly keep papers and books aside. Must keep quiet today. Paid 20 cents for berries. I worked nearly all day on the historical matters relating to the town of Pomfret. Am trying to get a full list of the soldiers of the revolution, and of the war of 1812 and, also of the late civil war. I have now found 15 of the first and 14 of the second lists, and still there must be others. Met H.S. Dana at the post office and had a long talk with him. Our friend Mr. Hewitt is a very merry man and musical when in lively company. A thunder shower in the morning at about four o'clock.

Debits - .20

Wednesday, August 9

Did not rest very well last night and am quite dull this morning. I went to the office and took the time and found the clock very nearly right. Have spent the day on historical matters. Miss Wilder of the west part of Hartland called in the forenoon and Joanna called in the afternoon. I went to the office and saw Mr. Dean of Barnard. Had a long talk with Mr. Greene on school matters and printing business, etc. I called on Abbie in the afternoon and had a talk on school matters and her position in the High School. Paid 25 cents for sugar. The morning was quite clear and it kept so through the day. In the afternoon and evening it was extremely beautiful.

Debits - .25

Thursday, August 10

Rested some better last night and hope to be able to work more today. Must take hold of Mr. Billings' work. Mr. McMaster paid me 23 dollars for the Claremont Mfg. Co. and I paid three dollars to George Paul for borrowed, and I paid Mortimer Spear 15 dollars for work hauling my wood. Paid Knapp 86 cents for pamphlets, etc., for meat and pens 21 cents (19&2). Mr. Leach called to have me see to getting a gravestone, and I am to see to it tomorrow. Have done but little today nor have I since my work at haying. But I shall soon get rested. Wrote to Albert Darling, and got a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Bayley of Wisconsin. The air seems perfectly clear this morning except a fog over the Connecticut river. The weather is cooler and the wind is north in the middle of the day and West at night.

Credits – 23.00

Debits – 3.00, 15.00, .86, .21

Friday, August 11

In the forenoon Mrs. Woodruff from "the flat" came for a short visit. When Mrs. D. taught at "the flat" she boarded with Mrs. Woodruff. In the morning I fixed the words for Mr. Leach's grave stone. Called at the shop and directed the lettering of the stone. Polk and I worked for Mr. Billings around the Green house. Took notes of all the alterations in the drives and walks. Worked till about half past five o'clock, when we left for the night. Mrs. Perkins visited at our house in the afternoon. In the evening we went to the steps of the Episcopal church to hear the band in the common. Very clear in the morning and very soon after 7 o'clock the wind came round to the N.E. At noon it was in the north, at night, Northwest.

Saturday, August 12

Rested some better last night. Went to the office and to work on the notes for Mr. Billings. Am feeling quite unwell from my work yesterday. The weather is quite warm in the middle of the day. The nights are cold. Paid Paul 30 cents for 1½ dozen eggs, and paid Mellish 32 cents for butter and paid 2 cents for pens. Mrs. Morey and her two sisters were here this afternoon. Called on H.S. Dana and got the first two numbers of Steinwehr's Geography for examination. Perhaps they are higher books than the same numbers of Guyot's Geographies. Sent \$2.20 to the Insurance Co. of Brattleborough. Not so clear this morning. More signs of rain, for the atmosphere is thick and smoky. Wind North through the day and the nights are cold.

Debits – .30, .32, 02

Sunday, August 13

Did not rest well last night and have a headache this morning. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from I Samuel XIV: 43. "I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand, and, lo, I must die." The speaker endeavored to point out the folly and wickedness, the evil consequences of rashness in our acts, especially in threats or commands and illustrated his remarks by relating two ancient fables. Horace, Carlie, Herman and Jason Dunham called here at noon. – In the afternoon he preached from Mark V: 36. "Be not afraid, only believe." From this text we had one of Mr. Hewitt's greatest sermons. He made an application of the text in all its practical bearings to the duties of Christian life and especially to urge the necessity of a firm and living faith. A most valuable sermon! The house was very filled and I think all profited by the discourses. Polk called here last night and so did Robert. P. has just got his watch from Boston and it is nicely fixed, and even the jewels are fully and perfectly cleaned. The nights are cool and some clear, and the morning is not readily warmed. The day has been very fine and not extremely warm except in the sun shine.

Monday, August 14

I went to the office but not to work for I am too tired and unwell. I went to writing at the house and soon Mr. G.H. Tucker called on the subject of Guyot's Geographies. I sent him to Mr. H.S. Dana, and I found that he went there directly from our house. I certainly think much of the Geographies and so I do of Steinwehr's. These last are a clean looking book. I paid to Mr. Mellish for fish, lemons and cheese 54 cts. I could not work in the afternoon for the brain seems too much exhausted. Am some better this evening. This morning the wind was N. and it went round to the east by two o'clock.

Debits - .54

Tuesday, August 15

Warmer this morning and it was very warm in the middle of the day. I went to the school house in the forenoon to see about eve spouts, underpinning, etc. The heat was so oppressive that I could not work at all and I only did a little writing during the day. Sister Page came here today, and Mortimer called in the afternoon. I paid 14 cents for a pound of sugar. My head is very much affected by this hot weather, the pressure is very severe. Robert called to get matter for the paper as he looks up the meteorological matter. The weather is very hot and there are many signs of rain. It has been some cloudy and smoky all day.

Debits - .14

Wednesday, August 16

Did not rest well last night and am feeling very dull today. Was intending to make some surveys on Mr. Billings' land through the notch in Mt. Tom, but was hardly able to do it. I did about half a day's work in the office on Mr. Billings' surveys, and I have found some difficulty in fitting the road north of the barn, and I must take some test measures to find the difficulty. A missionary called on me to talk on Arithmetical matters, and I paid him 25 cents for three sermons that he gave me last week. Paid 19 cts for meat. The heat is intense. There was a slight shower between three and four o'clock, but the middle of the day was very warm. There must have been hard shower far to the east of us, as the lightning was some vivid in the evening but no clouds could be seen.

Debits - .25, .19

Thursday, August 17

In the forenoon Polk and myself went on to the mountain to measure through the notch so as to connect this part of the farm lines with the western part. Mr. Hatch went with us. We continued the survey from the Dana farm to the ash tree corner near the cave. Elvira and Amelia went to Mrs. Latimer's on a visit. In the afternoon I went after them and we had a very pleasant evening ride. Paid Isaac Fisher 5 cents for fixing plotting board, and I must now try to get Mr. Billings' plan completed, though they are making constant changes. A very pleasant day for the wind is northwest and is quite fresh, so that the air is pure and good.

Debits - .05

Friday, August 18

Went early to the office and soon went to work for Mr. Henry. Made a survey for him on the rocks below his house, and also one on the street near Mr. Lambs. He sold some house lots on south and cross streets. Mr. Henry paid me \$2.50 for work today and on Mr. Thompson's shop lots some months ago. I paid \$1.25 to Mr. Billings for tea and 40 cents for sugar and Knapp 6 cents for the "Age." – Called on Miss Hayden with books for her to examine, but she was away from home. She must assist in forming the lower division in the Grammar School. The day has been cooler though it is warm in the middle of the day. – A fine shower about six o'clock in the afternoon and a rich brilliant rainbow, the whole segment within the primary bow was a bright orange or reddish yellow.

Credits – 2.50

Debits - 1.25, .40, .06

Saturday, August 19

Barometer at 7.48 morning 29.25 without reduction. Attached thermometer +67.00. I did but little in the forenoon except to copy Mr. Henry's surveys, but in the afternoon Polk and I went to Mr. Billings' land to make some tests of old work and to run some new lines. We worked there a few hours and then went back again to the office. Paid Mellish 20 cents for soap. The evening is cool and clear. Robert called at night and he will set up the types for a blank meteorological report. Mr. Leach is trying to have the house repaired on the home farm. Is now getting materials for that purpose. Another cooler day with high N.W. wind. The air was clear through the day and there was but little to mar the beauty of the day. Clear and cool in the evening. At 7:48 a.m. Bar. 29.25. Ther. attach +67.00

Debits – .20

Sunday, August 20

Another clear and beautiful sabbath morning, and I hope we can make it truly a day of rest. Have taken cold but must go to church if possible. In the forenoon we heard Mr. Hewitt preach from Luke II: 14. "Good will to men." The speaker claimed that kindness of heart was one of the important qualities and the foundation of the great principle of redemption. A very good and profitable discourse. Frank and Oliver Billings were present. The singing lacked an important part as Mrs. Chandler was absent. In the afternoon Mr. Hewitt preached from Psalms LXXVII: 7, 8&9. "Will the Lord cast off forever?" From this text we had a sermon more doctrinal than is usual for Mr. H. to preach, but it was rich in good practical thinking. Mr. Henry Hewitt came down from Pomfret and he called on us at noon. It seems very pleasant for some of

our good old friends to call on a pleasant Sunday and attend church with us. – This hazy atmosphere will probably bring rain, and I hope it may do it soon. The ground is very dry and the potato hills are dried through. It is too late to have the crops of grain or vegetation helped much but grass could be saved. The air was cool this morning but I did not discover any frost and I do not think there was any. It began to be very cloudy quite early and the day was cool though warmer towards night. The leaves are wearing some of the appearance of fall and the very dry weather hastens it along.

Monday, August 21

Paid for meat 15 cts. How pleasant it is to have a good rainy morning! It has continued to be wet through the day, and I have not been in working mood. I went to the office and worked some and then called at Mrs. Perkins' and on Abbie. After dinner I called on Miss Hayden but she was away. Time will move along and it moves faster than my work. I must try to have my work go more rapidly but I cannot easily do it. Copied the meteorological matter from Mr. Miller's book, and worked the means as far as he had taken the observations. It began to rain soon after three o'clock in the morning and rained some all day, the wind being N.E. At 7h 48min a.m. Bar. 29.36 – Ther. At. +62.80

Debits – .15

Tuesday, August 22

How rapidly August is leaving us and the season will soon be gone. In the morning I called on Miss Hayden and made arrangements about forming, from her school, a class in the Grammar School. Called on Mr. H.S. Dana and made a selection of books for the schools in the lower departments. We shall introduce Steinwehr's Primary Geography into the Intermediate School, and have it used there during the two years, and we shall put in Guyot's Intermediate Geography into the Grammar School. Paid 3 cts postage. Mrs. D. went to Pomfret with Mrs. Perkins. Cloudy and almost rainy in the morning but clear at night. Saw Henry Vail and made arrangements about books for introduction. Bar. At 7h 48min a.m. 29.628 – Attach Ther +65.00

Debits - .03

Wednesday, August 23

Rested well last night and the work must move some today, I think. Went to the office and to work. Saw Judah Dana at the Post Office and had a long talk with him on school matters. His fall term at Rutland does not begin till one week from next Monday. I did not find him in the afternoon as I wished for I wanted to talk more with him on school books, etc. Mrs. D. and Amelia called at the printing office, and one of the power presses was in operation. Mr. Greene's apprentice cut his finger badly in the gearing of the press. – Paid for rubber tube 7 cents, but it may be of little use to me. Some foggy in the morning but it soon cleared away and the day was beautiful. There were some clouds at noon and some cir.-st. clouds in the evening.

Debits - .07

Thursday, August 24

Was very tired last evening and my eyes pained me much, but they are some better this morning. Have read the barometer very critically and it is easy when we are determined to do it right. Have spent much of the forenoon in school matters. Met Mr. Dana at the Standard office and had a long interview on books, of course. Called on Miss Hayden and had a long school talk. The scholars are calling for their certificates very earnestly and I am glad to find them much engaged in school matters. Was some unwell in the afternoon. – Paid 20 cents for berries. Cloudy this morning with signs of rain but no rain came till past four o'clock when a narrow thunder cloud arose in the west and soon extended to the east when it was clear north and south of it. A shower but very slight. Bar at 7h 48min 29.44 – Ther. Attached +70.8

Debits - .20

Friday, August 25

This forenoon I called on Polk and found him quite unwell. His father and mother were with him. Met Dr. J.H. Streeter and also Norman Bailey of Boston and was glad to meet some of our Pomfret school boys. Mr. Ballard is here and is to go to Massachusetts next week. There is a solemn stillness in the atmosphere that speaks of fall and of the winter that is to follow. In the afternoon I had a call from Mrs. Stetson of Pomfret on school matters, but I do not feel disposed to do more than we can for the schools in the village. Some cloudy this morning but it is warm, very warm. Bar. At 7-48 29.39 – At Ther. 71.4

Saturday, August 26

Another week is drawing to a close, and I am glad to find a day of rest before us, as the week draws to a close. Received of the school district ten dollars in full for the table that I put into the High School room, and I paid out three cents for stamp. Called on Polk early in the morning and found him better and I hope he will continue so. I have spent nearly all day on school matters. Mr. Burleigh came by stage this afternoon ready for beginning school next week, and he called on me in the evening and we arranged the school classes very nearly. Paid Chs. Dana 1 dollar. Cloudy through the day and it began to rain about three o'clock afternoon, and it rained hard in the evening. Bar. At 7-48 = 29.474 – At. Ther. +64.0

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .03, 1.00

Sunday, August 27

Sunday morning has come again but we have no services at the chapel as Mr. Hewitt goes to Massachusetts to see his friends there. It is now almost noon and I have passed the morning hours in miscellaneous book work. Have been very dull and stupid all through the middle of the day and have not started out to stir in the streets. I have hardly read any thing worth reading today. I have used three different pens in writing the above, and am not yet suited with any steel pens. Gillot's 351 is hardly reliable. There is a 404 and is the best one I have tried. J.H. Carter's 303 comes next but they are rough on the point. A most violent shower in the afternoon, with rapidly falling barometer, which reads now at nearly four o'clock 29.128 or about 29.13, making it -.573 from last Wednesday morning. We can expect rain or wind or both from such a falling in the Barometer. Polk has been quite unwell for the past few days, but is some better today. Robert called in the evening. The air is some cooler and I hope it will be pleasant tomorrow. A rainy morning. At 6 o'clock found 0.66 inches in the gauge full three tenths of which was probably before midnight. About three o'clock p.m. it began to rain in showers very hard, and at four it was too dark to see to read without lamp light. Barometer at 7-48 – 29.22 – Attached thermometer 66.6

Monday, August 28

The whole subject now seems to be school as they begin today. I went quite early to the office and soon met Mr. Burleigh and he called on Dr. Sherwin for a certificate of qualification before going into school. We then went to the school house, and opened the school and I introduced their new teacher. After making some arrangements about the classes, we went to Miss Hayden's school and to Miss Hewitt's, and then to the Grammar School and the River Street Primary. In the afternoon we called at Miss Dunham's school. All started well with good numbers. There was scarcely a cloud to be seen at 7 in the morning. The air was clear. The day is pleasant, and some warm. Bar. At 7-48 = 29.32 Ther. At. +64.4

Tuesday, August 29

Must attend to school matters again this forenoon. Did not rest well last night and am rather dull this morning. I called at the school house this morning to arrange about the Histories to be used in the schools. Paid Billings 56 cents for four pounds of sugar, and paid Mellish 35 cents for ax helve and 33 cents for vinegar. Called at all the schools except the Stanton Street Primary and am trying to make them more equal. Have a very severe headache, and am quite unwell. Mrs. D. and I called on Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and found them "not at home." Cloudy in the morning and it began to rain at 7 o'clock. Bar. At 7-48 = 29.324. – At. Ther. +67.1

Debits - .56, .68

Wednesday, August 30

Rested very badly last night and am quite dull with a severe headache. Started quite early to work on school matters. Called on two or three families to have them send to River Street School. Went down street, - called at Mrs. Churchill's about changing Philip Johnson to Miss Hayden's school. Paid Richmond for meat and lard 81 cents. Paid for envelopes 85 cents. I also paid an express bill on books 30 cents. The books were Tenney's Manual of Zoology, Cooley's Philosophy and Cooley's Chemistry. Three books to be examined. At 7 o'clock p.m. Bar. 28.93. - Ther. At. +71.4. Showers in the morning and this continued through the day. Some of the time it rained very hard.

Debits - .81, 85, .30

Thursday, August 31

Saw Spenser and found him doing very well. The weather was such that he had a hard day yesterday. I paid 36 cents for eggs, and 3 cents for salt. School matters are taking too much of my time this week and I am hoping they will be in good running order before the close of the week. Miss Ada King, the teacher in the grammar school, is sick now but I hope she will be able to take her place soon. Paid Mrs. Palmer one dollar and Mr. Dana 62 cents. Also paid Knapp for papers 40 cents and I paid 7 cents sundries. The weather is fine and is very warm in the middle of the day. Bar. At 7.48 = 29.10. At. Ther. 71.4

Debits - .36, .03, 1.00, .62, .40, .07

Friday, September 1

In the forenoon I finished up the meteorology for August and sent it to the department. Did not go to make the surveys for Mr. Billings for Polk could not attend to it. In the afternoon I rode with Robert to north part of Pomfret to get some notes of Camilla Ware's life and study, and all such points that might interest the public. We called on Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Elisha Hewitt, Mr. Wood and Albro Perkins; and then I stopped at the old place. I had not been there for a long time, and as they had repaired the house afterward it seemed to be quite new about there. The day has been very fine and there is just enough of the fall look to make it pleasant. Saw Rebecca Hewitt at her fathers. Bar. At 7-48 = 29.67 - Ther. At. 72.0

Saturday, September 2

After breakfast I started for Woodstock, but as I called at Spenser's he proposed to bring me down to the office and I readily accepted. We had a very pleasant ride for the air was sufficiently cool for a comfortable ride. I spent the day in writing but as the day was very warm, I staid at the house alone and took my dinner alone. After the mail was distributed I started to walk to Pomfret but Charles Fitch called me in to tea and after tea he carried me to Spenser's. Found Spenser quite comfortable and hope he will continue so. The middle of the day was very warm, especially when the sun shone. Bar. At 7-48 = 29.57. - Ther. At. +62.1

Sunday, September 3

I intended to stay at Spenser's last night but we could not make it come right, so I staid again in our old room at the old homestead. Our folks have just been shingling the house anew and they have been fortunate in getting some of the best of hemlock shingles, and they will probably last fifty years. I staid much of the time in my room reading and writing. I have much writing to do and I must be where I can do it more rapidly. Wallace Ware came here Saturday morning and will leave again early next week for home in Georgetown, Colorado. Soon after noon I called at Spenser's and took tea there and made a very good visit. I left there for home about five o'clock, riding with Mr. Leach as far as Mr. Thompson's. I was very glad to get home again so as to rest again as I do when at home. Mr. Hewitt will be at home next week so we can go to church again. It seems a long time since he went away, but if he has got rested we shall be glad. The heat of summer will exhaust the working mental qualities and they need rest, before we put them to work again. Bar. At 7-48 = 29.62. Attached Thermometer 63.00.

Monday, September 4

Saw Wallace Ware a few moments this morning as he was starting for Colorado. I soon came up and spent the greater part of the day in writing for Robert. Paid Mellish 9 cents for potatoes and Richmond 31 cents for meat, and paid Billings for kerosene forty cents. The day has been warm, very warm. It is very

monotonous when I have nothing but writing on hand and I am obliged to attend to that entirely. Polk called upon me very early this morning on the subject of Mr. Cushing's deeds. Am feeling some better this evening. Clear and warm this morning, and the middle of the day very warm. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.52. – At. Ther. 64.

Debits - .09, .31, .40

Tuesday, September 5

In the forenoon I worked on Robert's article for his first number of "The Otta-Quechee Post" that is to be out this week Friday perhaps. Polk called and wished me to go this afternoon to make a survey for a farm road for Mr. Billings, so we concluded to go. So in the afternoon we went to Mr. Billings' cottage house and ran a road line from that house through the sugar place to intersect the old road a little more than half a mile from the house. We left the work about six o'clock very tired. Paid 10 cents for a watch key. Another warm morning, and the middle of the day extremely warm. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.43. – Ther. At. 66.1

Debits - .10

Wednesday, September 6

Rested rather badly last night and am not feeling so well this morning. But I soon got the work going and I wrote nearly all day. In the forenoon I spent some time getting the order of exercise of the different schools and getting them to the printer. I worked all the afternoon on the Camilla Ware article, and got the nerves very tired. Horace and Mrs. Dunham called here in the middle of the day and made a pleasant little visit. Saw Mrs. Julia Miller at Billings' store and had a talk on her ancestors. The weather was warm this forenoon and warmer in the afternoon. It has been a good day for work except for the heat. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.28 - Ther. At. 64.6

Thursday, September 7

I took the time again this forenoon and found our watches one minute and twelve seconds too slow and I set them forward one minute. Was some unwell this morning but am some better this evening. Could not write at all on the article for Robert's paper, and could only do a little work in the garden digging potatoes. Spenser called in the afternoon and appears to be gaining slowly. Am inspecting Schuyler's Algebra. An excellent book. Paid Billings fifteen cents for a box of salt. Robert called in the evening. Wish I could write more easily this evening. A slight shower about four o'clock this morning with N.W. wind. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.204. – At. Ther. 68.8

Debits - .15

Friday, September 8

The air was very pure this morning and it was warm early, but the wind began to blow hard from the north and it was very cool. I tried to write some but was unable to do it. Went to the post office, met Chs. Marsh and H.S. Dana and had a long talk with them on the weather in 1843. Paid Richmond 16 cents for meat, and paid Knapp 61 cents for Silliman and the Age. Received a letter from Bristol, N.H. on the Doty family. Mr. Dana called on me at noon and made a list of notes on the weather at those early dates. Mr. & Mrs. Wood called on us in the morning. A cold clear morning. Some frost but hardly enough to injure vegetation. The air has been perfectly clear for a part of the day but is a little cloudy this evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.65. – At. Ther. 56.8

Debits – .16, .51

Saturday, September 9

The forest foliage is beginning to show the first touches of autumn colors. This is plainly seen on the side of the mountain. Last Thursday night we paid one dollar for milk tickets, but had not placed it on the memorandum. This afternoon I went with Mr. F.N. Billings to look over the road line for F. Billings' farm road through his sugar place. I did not meet the Hornets this time but avoided them. We spent the greater part of the afternoon in making the examination. J. Willis of Bridgewater I think will build his road. Very

cool this morning and foggy, but there is no frost, probably. Yes, there was frost in some places, but it did no damage here. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.687. – At. Ther. 55.0

Debits – 1.00

Sunday, September 10

Awoke today with the thought that we could hear Mr. Hewitt again today, and it is a pleasant sound to hear the Chapel bell again. We all went to church this forenoon and heard Mr. Hewitt from Phil. I: 27, 28. "Only let your conversation, etc." He seemed a little more melancholy than usual, or at least it seemed so to me. I can retain but little of the afternoon sermon, for I was quite unwell. The brain had been worked too much in preparing and copying matter for the local History part of Robert's paper. Sunday is a very quiet day among us, for we are mostly alone. Mrs. D. is reading "Gates Ajar" by Mrs. Phelps (Elisabeth Stuart Phelps) of Andover, Mass, a grand daughter of the learned Moses Stuart of Andover. It is a very remarkable book for these days, and it will certainly make a sensation, for it does not follow the religious notions that we used to hear when I early went to church, and it is well that such views of God and his purposes should pass away forgotten. The nights are very cold and the days cool and clear. This morning the air was very clear, but before noon it was quite cloudy, and before night it rained though but little. We have not yet had a tenth of an inch of rain this month. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.53. – At. Ther. 59.0

Monday, September 11

Am feeling very well this morning and have almost flown from school to school. The Grammar School does not go into operation today. I fear Miss King will not be able to teach. Nearly two weeks of the term is gone and but a few days of school so far. Mr. Chs. Marsh starts for Washington this morning. Got the barometer case of him. Polk has gone to Bethel with Mr. Cushing. Paid Mellish 9 cents for sweet potatoes. In the afternoon I worked about four hours in the office on Mr. Billings' surveys. Have spent some of the forenoon in copying work on Mr. Jonathan Ware. The morning was very clear and bright, but the afternoon was cloudy. In the evening there were strong signs of rain. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.67. – At. Ther. 57.2

Debits – .09

Tuesday, September 12

Barnard town fair today and many of the people are going to it. I paid 10 cents for meat. Today I must write out the article on the Ware family. Took the time this morning and set the watches (Polk's and mine) both a few seconds too fast, and started the regulator to increase the rate as both had been running a little too slow. Robert is at Barnard to attend the fair. Polk is at Bethel or at Barnard. Paid 12 cents for cream of tartar. Wrote nearly all the afternoon on Robert's article for his paper. He called in the evening and was fully jaded out. He left a little before 9 o'clock for the Post office. A very little smoky this morning. At 8 o'clock there was a slight stratus cloud in the north. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.72. – At. Ther. 57.3

Debits - .10, .12

Wednesday, September 13

Worked in the forenoon on Robert's article. He called and worked on it himself till nearly noon when we went to the office. Did not find Polk but left a note for him. Paid 12 cents for rice at Paul's. In the afternoon, Polk, Charles M. Marsh and myself went to Mr. Billings' to run a line of levels over the farm road that we surveyed Saturday, and we finished it about night. In the evening Robert called and worked some time on his article on Camilla Ware, and he will get a very good article. Am at work on the levels. The morning was quite warm but the afternoon was some cloudy with signs of a shower. But the shower did not come. The air was cooler in the evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.48. – At. Ther. 63.3

Debits - .12

Thursday, September 14

Went to the office and worked on the profile of Mr. Billings' road. Went to the Age office and then to Mrs. Perkins and found her looking very old and thin. Paid ten cents for meat and six cents for the Golden Age.

In the afternoon I assisted Robert a little on his article for the Post tomorrow. I hope his title heading came tonight for he must use it tomorrow. After Robert left the office, Dr. McCollum and N. Paul came into the office, and afterwards I had a very pleasant call from Mr. Hewitt. He is a very pleasant man to visit with, and I like to have him call. Frost this morning and there was a cold wind from the north. A high wind in the middle of the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.654. – At. Ther. 57.0

Debits – .10, .06

Friday, September 15

A cold, cloudy morning and the clouds are so dense that I can with difficulty see to write. Mr. Montague called here last evening on the subject of the Southgate surveys. But I hope I shall not be obliged to run any more lines for Mr. S. for it is not pleasant at all. In the forenoon I worked on Mr. Billings' road surveys. Mr. Willis and Mr. Hubbard came from Bridgewater to take the job of building the road. But they will hardly get the work at the prices they ask for it. Robert's paper will be out tomorrow. The new heading came tonight. Am quite unwell this afternoon and evening. This the coldest morning that we have had this fall. But it soon became warmer and began to rain before night. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.71. – At. Ther. 53.4

Saturday, September 16

Rested badly with a severe headache, and am quite dull this morning. Went to the office, and then assisted Isaac Fisher in setting up a clock in the Intermediate School room. Am quite unwell today. In the afternoon I went to the Quechee Post office and found they had just issued the first number. Mr. Woodbury has assisted him in printing it. I am glad to find the people so well pleased with it. Paid ten cents for sweet potatoes. Am not well this evening and must not write much more. Rainy with very low barometer. But it did not rain much after 8 o'clock in the forenoon. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.24. – At. Ther. 58.4

Debits – .10

Sunday, September 17

Am feeling some better this morning, and I hope I can go to church and be able to follow the sermon. But I do not expect to grasp all of it. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from John XVII: 21. Last clause: "That the world will believe that thou hast sent me." The speaker used the division of believers & unbelievers, as those who believed that the object of Christ's mission should be effectually performed and those who believed it would not. – A very able sermon. In the afternoon he preached from Rom. XII: 2. "Be not conformed to this world." The sermon was an able exhortation to purity of life, and he was very searching in some of his appeals. In the afternoon the singing was excellent. The closing voluntary was a perfect glow of inspiration, and called forth from the speaker the benediction, "And may we carry to our homes the aspirations of the hour, etc." Such things make a good impression upon the people and have a permanently good effect. After supper we walked down to Polk's and then we walked over to see Mrs. Perkins. Emily Ware came there just before night. We came home in the evening and found the weather quite cold. Cloudy in the morning but soon after seven it broke away and the sun shone, but it soon became densely cloudy and it began to rain about eight o'clock but it finished before ten o'clock. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.20. – At. Ther. 61.8

Monday, September 18

Mr. Slayton called this morning and goes to Pomfret to work on the house. After breakfast I was called to go out on the road line at the extension of Lincoln Street. I spent the forenoon with the company in viewing the route, and in the afternoon the committee gave a hearing at Mr. Paul's office, and in the evening decided not to lay the road. I worked full half the day on Mr. Billings' road surveys, grades, etc. Was called as a witness in Mr. Paul's case, but could not help them much, for the route is a hard one at best. Cool with high N.W. wind, but the weather grew warmer towards night, and I began to think we shall escape frost. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.49. – At. Ther. 54.6

Tuesday, September 19

Strong signs of rain. The Bethel fair begins today. I worked in the office in the forenoon on Mr. Billings' road papers, and in the afternoon I went with Mr. Hubbard, who is wishing to build the road, to look the route through, but I have but little hope that he will take the work at a fair price. He proposes to work by

the day, but his price by day is too much for work at this season of the year. Paid Richmond for meat 10 cents. After getting home we went to Pomfret and were caught in the rain. Got apples from the Ware place. Borrowed of Spenser five dollars, but I must look up our cash account. Cloudy with strong signs of rain, but the wind is northerly yet. In the afternoon it began to get round to the southeast. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.21. – At. Ther. 52.6

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .10

Wednesday, September 20

I went to the office but did but little writing. Paid Mr. Fay in full for horse hire. Paid G. Paul for sugar got a few days ago. Am some dull from a cold taken last night. Received of F. Billings five dollars. Paid French & Royce \$2.50 for undershirts, and paid Smith for mending boots 0.90 and paid Mellish for groceries. In the afternoon I went to the office and worked on Mr. Billings' papers till nearly night. A cold day for the season, and what a time for the fair at Bethel and at Perkinsville. Town fairs are becoming quite common during the last few years. A cool cloudy morning with N.E. wind, and a damp chilly day. It continued cold till night, but it was cloudy and on that account there may not be a front. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.24. – At. Ther. 58.7

Credits - 5.00

Debits – 1.50, .70, 2.50, .90, .20

Thursday, September 21

I worked in the office in the forenoon. Found Mr. Hewitt at the Age office. He proposed taking a walk on the mountain this afternoon at two o'clock from Mr. Kennedy's, and accordingly we went and had a very pleasant time. Mr. Kennedy went with us and we went over the lower mountain, and not fully satisfied with that we went over the upper one. The view of Quechee valley from either of these mountains is beautiful. We were gone only about three hours. Paid Billings \$1.50 for tea. Abigail came down to stay a few days. A hard frost and the first one that was sufficient to do much damage. I cut very hard on our Castor Oil Bean, but it came out quite bright. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.54. – At. Ther. 52.8

Debits – 1.50

Friday, September 22

Went to the office and Polk assisted me in computing the time, and I found my watch about three fourths of a minute too fast, and Polk's watch was eight seconds slower. Clarke & Randall set their clock. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Sargent and another man came to take the job of building Mr. Billings' farm road. Spent much of the day with them. Paid Billings for molasses & eggs 58 cents. Am tired, very tired this evening. I went to the Age office in the evening to get Robert's paper. A very pleasant evening and not very cold. Paid \$1.25 to Pratt for Mount Washington report. A very hard frost this morning and water froze and water froze in some places and the ground froze about one inch deep in our garden. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.67. – At. Ther. 45.1

Debits - .58, 1.25

Saturday, September 23

Rested rather badly last night, and this morning I awoke with a sick headache but I shall try to have it wear off. I did but little in the forenoon, but in the afternoon Polk and I went to Mr. Billings' grounds to make some surveys of an aqueduct east of the road. Mr. Billings was out with us, and on the fair ground some. He is grading the road from his cottage house towards the sugar place. Paid Mellish 20 cts for soap. I worked about half a day on Mr. Billings' work today, and have spent much time with Mr. Hubbard of Bridgewater. Another frost, but not very severe. These frosts have been severe for this season of the year. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.24. – At. Ther. 48.3

Debits – .20

Sunday, September 24

Another pleasant sabbath morn, and a time for rest, and for calm and deliberate thought. Though the day may not be fair, it can but be pleasant. Went to church in the forenoon and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from Eph. IV: 25. "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another." The speaker touched upon misrepresenting in business and every means of dissembling; and he also spoke strongly of Pope's assertion, "Whatever is, is right." But he only took it up in relation to man and the actions of man with man. He did not take the view of it that I think God takes of it in the whole vast plan of His creation. – In the afternoon he spoke from I Cor. XII: 13. "For by one spirit, etc." This was the theme of one of his best and most earnest discourses, and it was preached to an attentive and appreciative audience. Joanna was down in the afternoon and Abigail went home with her. Robert called this evening and seemed to be anxious to have us move into their chambers, but I do not know what is best on that score. We have some fears about the matter. A warm morning but cloudy with signs of rain. There is also a very dense smoke that seems to call for rain. It continued to grow more and more cloudy till night, but no rain though the barometer continues to settle. Very smoky in the evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.02. – At. Ther. 61.6

Monday, September 25

This is the week for the Windsor County Fair, and I expect a confused week. In the forenoon I went with Mr. Daniels & Mr. Thomas to look over Mr. Billings' road route for the purpose of letting it to them. They are all scared of the small amount of rock as though it was a mass. Rested badly last night, and am not well today. In the afternoon I went to the office and to Mrs. Perkins' to look over the house, to see if there was room enough for a small family to live in the chambers. The schools will be out the three days of the fair. I hope Mr. Daniels will come to Mr. Billings' office in building the road. Warm with west wind and some cirrus clouds. The day is very warm and almost uncomfortable. It continued warm till night when it began to be thick cloudy in the west. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.26. – At. Ther. 59.5

Tuesday, September 26

Rested some better last night and am very well this morning. Thomas Leonard called to talk about the road through Mr. Billings' wood lot, and in the forenoon I went with him over the route and I think he will do the work, as his office is a little better than any others. This is the first day of the "Windsor County Fair." And I fear we are to have a rainy day. Spent all the forenoon about the road. Mr. Greene paid me 22 dollars for the Claremont Company and I paid the Savings Bank \$18.25 interest. Paid for sweet potatoes 9 cents and for the Golden Age 6 cents. A warm, cloudy morning, foggy rather than cloudy, and it may rain. A very rainy afternoon. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.17. – At. Ther. 53.7

Credits – 22.00

Debits – 18.25, .09, .06

Wednesday, September 27

The second day of the fair and being a fair morning the masses of people begin to assemble. There will be a great gathering before night, but I hope there will be no accidents to mar the joys of the day. I went alone to the top of Baylie's hill and there could overlook the fairground and the village. The hill is about 850 feet above the village. Paid 70 cents for tickets to the fair & I went to the school house and set the new clock and raised the pendulum and I think it will go right now. Wrote to J.B. Crooker. Foggy but clear above it. The rain yesterday has washed the air. The day is beautiful. Beautiful this evening as the full moon is rising. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.05. – At. Ther. 56.0

Debits - .70

Thursday, September 28

Paid Richmond for meat 13 cents, and bought an ink stand of Stephen Pratt for \$2.75 but have not paid him for it. Paid Mellish for vinegar 35 cents. The fair closes today and the gathering of people is equal to yesterday and to former years. Made a trade with Thomas Leonard to do Mr. Billings' road and I must see that it is laid out in time for him to work. Tomorrow there will be a rush to get out the papers in time and to give the fullest report possible of the fair. Saw Polk's new combination door lock. Cool this evening.

Cloudy this morning with strong signs of rain. In the afternoon there was a slight shower that disturbed the fair some. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.00. – At. Ther. 55.4

Debits – .13, .25

Friday, September 29

Rested very badly last night and awoke with a severe headache with sickness at the stomach. Went to the office but there are no papers out yet. Was too unwell to stay there and I returned to the house and tried to get some warm. In the afternoon I was some better and went to the office. Paid Billings 79 cents for sugar, and I paid George Day 10 cents for hanging ax. Am some better this afternoon but not able to read or write much. The foliage has become very beautiful and it seems now as though it would be a little earlier than usual when the brightest day comes. A cool and cloudy morning wind N.W. Cloudy. Chilly and cloudy through the day, but the evening was quite bright and clear. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.32. – At. Ther. 60.0

Debits – .70, .10

Saturday, September 30

An extremely pleasant autumn morning. I intended to go to Bridgewater to make some surveys for Mr. Southgate and Mr. Willis, but was unable to go. I went to the office in the morning and took the time and set Mr. Cushing's new and beautiful clock. Mrs. D. has gone to Pomfret with Mrs. Perkins. Robert's paper came last night and the Post will be out today. In the afternoon I went with Polk to make some alteration in Mr. Billings' road line, but did not quite finish it. Paid to Mr. Richmond for meat 10 cents, and Paid Chapman for medicine 1 dollar. Paid 10 cents to L.A. Miller for almanac. The morning is bright and clear. What a beautiful day it is! But the wind is cool and is in the North. Mr. H.S. Dana saw a beautiful meteor in the N.E. this evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.56. – At. Ther. 53.0

Debits - .10, 1.00, .10

Sunday, October 1

Rested some better last night and took a walk this morning. Carried Polk's new combination lock to him, and then called at the Post Office. Went to church and heard Mr. Morse from Psalms XCVI: 1st. "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice." The speaker was very much unlike Mr. Hewitt. He spoke of God's care over the children of Israel at the Red Sea and in the land of Palestine. He spoke of that land very truthfully, describing its situation very clearly and vividly, so that one who heard him would remember what he said. – As there were no services at the Chapel in the afternoon, we took a walk on the mountain S.E. of the village. A beautiful view but the air was thick and hazy and we could get no clear and distant views. In the evening we went to church and heard the same speaker, who spoke from Mat. XXV: 21st. "Well done thou good and faithful servant, etc." The speaker made a beautiful use and application of the subject showing the necessary path to true greatness. He is a clear and impressive speaker, and leaves a vivid picture of his subject, one that can well be remembered. A beautiful morning and the autumn foliage adds much to the charm of the season. It soon began to be cloudy and before night it rained a very little. The evening was dark and some damp if not rainy. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.62. – At. Ther. 48.6

Monday, October 2

Went early to the office to set Mr. Leonard to work on Mr. Billings' road, but I did not find him. I went over the ground and can make some very slight alterations, and shall probably make them. I then took a map from Mr. Pratt's and carried it to the Stanton Street Primary School. In the afternoon I went with Polk to Mr. Billings' road line, and finished the leveling that we began a few days ago. I then went to Polk's office and worked my levels and a part of the grades. Was very tired at night and could do but little though I have so much to do. A warm and beautiful morning, and the autumn colors are very brilliant. The sky was not clear for it was nearly covered with stratus clouds very light, and continued so till night. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.35. – At. Ther. 66.8

Tuesday, October 3

Paid 15 cents for meat. I early went to the office but did not find Mr. Leonard who was to begin work on his job yesterday morning. But he is not here yet. I wrote out the meteorology for September and gave it

to the printer, and I sent the report to the department at Washington. In the afternoon I went to Pomfret and got some apples, pumpkins, and I planned about the potatoes, etc. We had a very pleasant ride in the rain. Robert called in the evening and is going to Ludlow tomorrow. His paper is quite full again. The forenoon was cloudy and it looked very much like heavy rain. Rainy in the afternoon. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.18. – At. Ther. 61.8

Debits – .15

Wednesday, October 4

Arose quite early and went to work on the grades, etc. for Mr. Billings' road. Mr. Leonard came home last night and is ready to take hold of the road. In the afternoon I went with Mr. Leonard and Mr. Shattuck to point out the road line to them. They were both quite sure of making a good job in building the road. Spent nearly all day on that work and must go about it tomorrow. Saw Polk and Abbie at the printing office. Robert has gone to the fair at Ludlow. The autumn colors are now nearly at their brightest hue. A very smoky night and morning. Two showers with some wind, and these have made the forests look paler than usual. The bright colors are beginning to be brown in some places. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.97. – At. Ther. 59.4

Thursday, October 5

Went to work on the job of fitting the cellar for potatoes, etc. then went to the office and Mr. Billings' work. Set grade stakes and line stakes for the workmen. Mr. Hatch paid me five dollars for running a line between his land in Barnard and Mr. Dutton's land, April 29th. Paid Mr. Knapp 80 cents for book and paid Mellish 18 cents for sweet potatoes. In the afternoon I worked in the office on the levels, and must lay out more of the work in the morning. Mr. Montague called in the evening to have me go to Bridgewater again. A very warm morning and beautiful though smoky. Wind S.W. but it was in the S.E. before night. The autumn colors are now in their full glory though on the earliest forests the brightest day is past, for the frost injured the foliage much. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.32. – At. Ther. 57.8

Credits – 5.00

Debits – .80, .18

Friday, October 6

In the morning I went to Mr. Billings' to run grades, etc. and to lay out culverts but I soon left on account of the rain. I received this morning a book on railroad bridges from A.J. Post Civil Engineer from Paterson, N.J. He is of the firm of S.S. & A.J. Post Engineers and Bridge Builders. Paid express bill 85 cents, and I paid Life Insurance Co, \$1.10 on assessment. Paid Mr. Jaquith 75 cents for pears & eggs. I worked in my room at the house and wrote a long letter to Rev. Silas Ketchum of Bristol on the Doty or Doten family. Cannot write much more this evening. Cloudy in the morning and it soon began to rain. I think the colors have not been brighter any day than they are now. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.29. – At. Ther. 59.1

Debits – .85, 1.10, .75

Saturday, October 7

Got a letter from my friend Crooker, and I must not forget to answer it very soon. I went to Polk's to get him to assist me in some surveys. I went to Mr. Billings' work and took some levels and then left till afternoon. When I went again, little Edward Leonard carried the rod for me., and I think he will make a very good rodman. I laid out some of the work and changed the line to get out of the rock cuts. Paid Billings for sugar 42 cents, and postage 3 cents. Spenser brought my potatoes 15 bushels and I carried them into the cellar. Eva (Mrs. Dr. Chandler) and Emma Dunham called in the evening. Very windy this morning and the weather is growing cooler. Brightest autumn colors today, but the greatest variety of colors was about the 3rd of the month. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.24. – At. Ther. 60.2

Debits – .42, .03

Sunday, October 8

One of the most beautiful of autumn mornings where the air is clear and the foliage is at about its highest colors, though a little past the brightest. I think the 7th was the day of highest colors, though the most beautiful contrast of color was on the 3rd. Attended church this forenoon and heard Mr. S.A. Parker of Bethel, Vt. He spoke from John XVII: 20. 21. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them, etc." A very scholarly discourse, and he would be called an eloquent speaker. I supposed till after the services for the day that I had heard Mr. Shipman of Tufts College, but it was Mr. S.A. Parker of Bethel, Vt. In the afternoon he spoke from John XII: 24. "Verily, verily I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, etc." He called the attention to the changes that take place in all temporal things, showing that each is beautiful in its time, the seasons of the year and the steps in human life, each has its own beauty and loveliness, and is succeeded by one more beautiful and lovely. The sermon was good every way and will be remembered by those who heard it. Polk called in the evening and afterwards Robert called. I am too tired to make much talk with any one. An extremely beautiful morning for the air is clear and the autumn colors are very brilliant, though many of the leaves on low ground have fallen off. Before noon the sky was overcast with thin-vapory clouds, one kind of cirro-stratus, and it seemed much like rain. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.50. – At. Ther. 47.5

Monday, October 9

A telegram from Chicago states that the city is on fire, and that they have telegraphed to St. Louis for assistance. I have been all day at work on Mr. Billings' road and am very tired tonight. Robert has moved into the back office that I have occupied so long, and he pays the rent as he says from the first of October. I think his paper will succeed in time and that the people will be pleased with it. Paid Billings 40 cents for kerosene. Paid dentist (Dr. Williams) 25 cents. I did not return from work till quite late in the afternoon. The weather is very smoky and dry. The day has been warm, quite warm, for the season. The time of highest colors is now past, and the 7th was probably the brightest day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.55. – At. Ther. 51.3

Debits - .40, .25

Tuesday, October 10

No better news from Chicago. It seems as though the city is doomed. The greatest fire ever known in America and perhaps equal to the great fire in London in 1666 when 13,000 houses were burned. Went to Bridgewater with Mr. Montague to finish the survey at the Southgate land. We did not get onto the mountain to begin our work till noon, and we ran the north and west line of the same land I have been on before. Had very excellent luck and am satisfied that the work is right. Lyman Southgate paid me 5 dollars. I took supper at Dr. Chandler's. A beautiful morning. The leaves are falling very fast. Cloudy in the afternoon. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.42. – At. Ther. 51.6

Credits – 5.00

Wednesday, October 11

Was too tired last evening to rest at all but I rested some through the night and began my work early this morning. I went to Mr. Billings' work and found that some of it went well yesterday and some of it did not. But it can be easily cured. Paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets and I paid for the north American \$1.50, and Paul for sweet potatoes 15 cents. Have been too lame to do much today but have tried to work on Mr. Billings' work. Robert called in the evening and is quite nervous about the Chicago fire. Norman's office was burned. The morning was cloudy and the wind South East. Some slight sprinkles of rain, but it did not rain till past four o'clock. Very rainy in the evening. A bouquet from the flower garden notwithstanding the hard frosts. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.32. – At. Ther. 69.5

Debits – 1.00, 1.50, .15

Thursday, October 12

Did not rest very well last night for I was too tired and lame. I went to the office to learn more from the Chicago fire. As near as we can get the facts, one third of the area of the city is burned and half the property gone. No letters yet from Norman Perkins, and we can hardly guess where or how he is. But his

experience for the past few days is truly fearful. The rain prevents all work on the road today, and it happened well for me for I was not able to work. A rainy morning and there has fallen 0.79 inches since the rain began last night. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.15. – At. Ther. 56.4

Friday, October 13

A very beautiful day for work, and I tried to drive the work on the road, and in the forenoon it went well, but in the afternoon it went badly, for there was too much whiskey about. I tried to keep among the hands to keep the work going steadily. The hands are now pulling trees, and in the forenoon the work went on admirably, and they pulled out ten or eleven trees. What beautiful weather for all kinds of out door work. Mrs. D. went to Mrs. Powers to see Edward Doten's wife, but she was not at home. In the evening I went to the office of the Post to get a paper as soon as it is out. Very smoky and it probably comes from the great fires at the west. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.70. – At. Ther. 49.4

Saturday, October 14

Paid Mrs. Henry Ware 75 cents for a glass pen and bottle of ink. I went to the work in the morning and found it going as well as I expected but it was not going as it ought to go. Paid hands for the week's work, Mr. Billings furnishing the money. The care of that road work has been left with me, and I have paid to Mr. Leonard's hands as follows: to W. Shattuck \$10.00.- F. Perry \$10.00 – Bumblebee \$8.10 – Hazen for horse \$3.75 – Mountan \$7.88 – Hazard \$7.00 – J. Perry \$3.00 – Slocumb \$8.00 – Douglass \$8.00 – Derby \$3.50 – Joe \$5.25 making \$74.26 cents, and I sent to Knowlton 1.75 = \$76.23, which is the sum received of F.N. Billings, and which is charged to Thomas Leonard. There was much appearance of rain. Cloudy all day but it has not rained. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.57. – At. Ther. 46.1

Debits – .75

Sunday, October 15

Another Sunday morning has come but I rested badly last night and am not well this morning. Have a very severe headache, but the bells are ringing for calling us to church. Heard Mr. Hewitt from Acts XVII: 28. "For we are also his offspring." The speaker pointed out from the scriptures and nature the true nature of God and our relation to Him; then our duty to God and to each other, and made from it a long and interesting discourse. In the afternoon he spoke from Gal. VI: 9. "And let us not be weary in well doing." The discourse was mostly of a practical character, and in exhortation to a Godly and Christian life, and to purity in life and morals. A very earnest and practical discourse. Mrs. Horace Dunham and Carlie came here from church to attend the concert in the evening. We all attended the Sabbath school Concert in the evening, and it was a very pleasant affair. The exercises consisted in speaking, reciting scripture lessons and in singing, and was quite creditable to both teachers and scholars. Am tired and must rest as soon as possible. Cloudy this morning and southerly winds, but not many signs of rain unless it be the fall of the barometer. Near the middle of the day, the wind began to blow from the southwest, and was very severe. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.24. – At. Ther. 59.0

Monday, October 16

Am feeling some better this morning, and must go at once to the work. Started for the work and found that the schools must be attended to and I spent the forenoon in the primary, intermediate and grammar schools. Ordered a clock for Stanton Street Primary, and will put it up tomorrow. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings' work. Took Frank Hatch with me to carry the rod, and I found him an excellent rodman. Had a talk at noon with Mr. H.S. Dana. Mrs. Morey called. Robert is getting full news from Chicago and other fires. Partially cloudy but not cold. Another bouquet from the flower beds. Rather late for flowers. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.42. – At. Ther. 58.8

Tuesday, October 17

Winslow's Ink. Mr. Fisher put up a clock in the Stanton Street school house, and there is needed a clock for the High school room and one for the School Street Primary school. I spent all day on Mr. Billings' road work. Fine weather for work of all kinds, and I think the people are improving it. Mrs. and Miss Houghton visited here today, and Miss Latimer called. Frank Hatch went with me and assisted about the leveling in the afternoon. Paid Richmond 44 cents for meat the past week and today. Mr. Leonard's work

has gone well today. A little cloudy in the morning and more in the afternoon. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.34. – At. Ther. 55.6

Wednesday, October 18

Went to the office and soon went to work on the road and found it all going well. I came to where Mr. Lockwood was at work on the wall by the road. Started in the afternoon to run a line of levels over the line of the road, but the rain prevented. Returned to the office and soon went to Miss Dunham's school to see to the regulating of the clock. Paid Paul 28 cents for sugar and I paid express bill to Cone, 40 cents, box from Salisbury. In the afternoon I brought it to the house. Grapes and cranberries. Paid Mr. Knapp 10 cents for Harper. Cloudy early in the morning and it continued the greater part of the day. Squalls in the afternoon and the first snowflakes this season. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.25. – At. Ther. 54.2

Debits - .28, .40, .10

Thursday, October 19

Went to the office and then to Mr. Billings' work, and Polk went with me and we ran a line of levels over the rest of the line, took notes of the grades and laid the line. In the afternoon Hatch went with me and we ran levels along the line and laid out a culvert. Paid for meat 25 cents. After the mail came in I went to Abbie's to supper and had some oysters. Amelia and Carlie walked to Dr. Russ' and back again. Schools were out in the afternoon to see the horse and dog exhibition. Joanna came down from Pomfret. Slight clouds nearly cover the sky. Very cold for this season. Squalls of rain and snow. Cloudy through the day and strong southwesterly wind. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.35. – At. Ther. 39.5

Friday, October 20

Was too tired to rest at all last night and am some unwell, but I went to the work on Mr. Billings' road. I looked over the work and found Mr. Hoisington digging under the Iron pipe to sink it lower, so that we can run the road over it without injury. Laid out the culvert near the well, but the weather was too cold for me to stay out of the office. In the afternoon I staid in the office and worked on Mr. Southgate's plans. Paid Billings 20 cents for thread. A theatrical performance at the Town Hall, but I was too tired and too busy to attend it. A very rough and cold day. I was out in the forenoon but was too unwell in the afternoon. Worked in the office on the Southgate plans. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.21. – At. Ther. 49.9

Debits - .20

Saturday, October 21

Spent the day on Mr. Billings' work, and they have gone forward with it well this week. I have found that the work needs watching to keep the grades, etc. all right. The morning was very cold but it grew warm very fast so that it was very pleasant in the evening. Elvira and Joanna have gone out to make some calls this evening. They will call on Mr. Hewitt, and Mr. Totman and maybe Simeon Dunham's folks. – Am very tired and perhaps shall get excused from going to church tomorrow. Paid 15 cents for starch. Frank Hatch has been with me all day. Some cloudy this morning but only a few cirrus clouds through the day and stratus clouds in the evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.71. – At. Ther. 38.3

Debits – .15

Sunday, October 22

Another beautiful sabbath morn but I am too unwell to enjoy it fully. Was in much doubt whether to go to church or not, but went and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from Acts XXIII: 4th. "And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, etc." In the course of his remarks the speaker made a long quotation from Dr. Bartlett about our trusting to arguments drawn from the paternity of God. – In the afternoon he spoke from Jer. XV: 16th. "And thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." He gave us a very good discourse, touching upon the many reasons why the scriptures rejoice the hearts of Christians and closed with a beautiful exhortation urging us to have confidence in the word of God and to search it diligently. A very profitable discourse! Mr. Leach called for Joanna and she went home with him. Polk and Abbie came here to supper and made a very pleasant call. Robert called here about supper time and again in the early evening. Kimball Perkins came here to have his watch repaired. A very beautiful halo around the

moon in the evening. The morning was very bright and beautiful with only a few stratus clouds. A slight wind from the southwest soon sprung up and increased to a strong wind before noon. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.29. – At. Ther. 52.1

Monday, October 23

After going to the office I was called upon to admit a scholar to the Intermediate School and I went there to make examination and he was admitted. I then went to Mr. Billings' work and made examination of the levels about the culvert at station 10. In the afternoon Frank Hatch went with me and we made some changes so as to make the cuts and fills more evenly balanced. Came from the work about dark and we were both very tired. The evening was very warm and summer like but smoky. Walked out in the evening though very tired and stupid. A very smoky morning and warm though the wind is northwest. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.18. – At. Ther. 63.1

Tuesday, October 24

Early in the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work and found but few men at work. I spent the greater part of the forenoon on the line, and came home at noon. Mrs. D. and Amelia walked out to Horace Dunham's. Robert took a cup of tea with me at noon. In the afternoon I went with Frank Hatch to Mr. Billings' work and spent the afternoon there. That work is now about half done, and could soon be finished if the workmen would keep in working order. Mrs. D. and Amelia came home in the early evening. Borrowed 5 cents of Amelia and paid 10 cents at Jones' for knit cotton. The smoke had risen up so that there was but little on the surface. Smoky and stratus clouds covered the sky but the sun shone through them. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.47. – At. Ther. 68.3

Credits -.05

Debits - .10

Wednesday, October 25

Paid 9 cents for meat of Richmond. Rested badly last night and today have an oppressive headache, a pressure that is very unpleasant. Had a short talk with H.S. Dana on the smoky atmosphere, and on the study of Latin. Went to the work on the road, and found it going better than for the last two days, and I hope it may continue. Received of F. Billings ten dollars on account. Paid Paul \$1.67 for tea, etc. Paid Pratt for bible \$1.25, and I paid nine cents as above. The reading at the town hall last night was poorly patronized, but a dramatic entertainment draws the masses. Cloudy with signs of rain, but the barometer does not bespeak it. The wind has been southeasterly all day, and has been raw and chilly through the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.76. – At. Ther. 45.0

Credits – 10.00

Debits – .09, 1.67, 1.25

Thursday, October 26

Amelia started for home this morning. Carlie called here to see her before she started. The workmen on the road did not go out till late this morning on account of the rain. Paid 75 cents to Mr. Fay for team, and 75 cents for Amelia's fare to station and 75 cents for cedar pail. Spent the greater part of the afternoon on the line of the road as Leonard is laying the walls of an important Culvert. Went to Mrs. Perkins' to tea and then spent the evening there. Am not well these days. Rainy this morning, but it became a very good day for work, though it was cloudy through the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.63. – At. Ther. 58.4

Debits - .75, .75, .75

Friday, October 27

Sent ten cents to a publisher for a specimen number of the "Ladies Floral Cabinet." Am quite dull this morning, but I went to the office and staid for a while and then came to the house. I worked at the house writing and arranging my tables till mail time, and then went to the office. Got a letter from Amelia dated at the Potter place in Andover, N.H. Paid 20 cents for soap. Have rested very much today and shall probably be able to work better tomorrow. How warm for the season. We were here alone this evening.

Rainy this morning and I am most truly glad to see it for the wells are very low. It rained through the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.16 – At. Ther. 55.6

Debits .10, .20

Saturday, October 28

Paid 16 cents for meat at Richmond's. Went early to the office and sent Kimball's watch to him at Barnard. Went with Frank Hatch and set levels on a part of the road line. The rain hindered some, but there was but little. I spent the afternoon in getting the workmens' amount of time, and in getting the money and paying the hands. There was a very low kind of horse trots in the afternoon on the Fair ground. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham and Carlie called in the evening. Paid Hatch \$1.25 for a hammer to drive stakes with. Clouds but no rain. It began to rain about 9 o'clock and rained a very little till ten. The rest of the day was cloudy. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.00. – At. Ther. 48.3

Debits - .16, 1.25

Sunday, October 29

A cool sabbath morning and we are here at home alone, and we must try to go to church and hear Mr. Hewitt, but I can hardly anticipate the subjects on which he will speak. – Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt speak from Mat. V: 45. "For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust." The speaker dwelt earnestly on the paternal character of God and of his absolute impartiality in his dealings with all his children. He spoke particularly of the just and the unjust, the evil and the good, etc.. The whole sermon was one of earnestness and power, and was felt and appreciated by his audience. In the afternoon he was called away to preach a funeral sermon and the house was closed for the day. We are spending the afternoon in writing and reading at our "own hired house." Robert called in the evening, otherwise we were alone. The weather is some cooler than it has been for some time. I wrote till late in the evening and in the morning must send out four letters and should be glad to send out a few more. Another bouquet from the flower garden. Heavy cumulo-stratus clouds, and the weather some cool. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.27. – At. Ther. 48.3

Monday, October 30

Took the time this morning and found my watch just one minute too slow and I set it right. Got Simeon Dunham to assist me and we went to Mr. Billings' work. In the afternoon Simeon and Frank Hatch went with me, and we set line and grade stakes over a part of the work. Mail is two hours late. Mrs. D. has been at work alone today and has done a great days work. I fear her ambition is too much for her physical power. Mr. Leonard's road work is going very well, and he can finish it long before the time set for him. A cloudless sky. Fog on the Connecticut River, but no clouds. A cold morning for the season. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.61. – At. Ther. 41.4

Tuesday, October 31

The last day of October and how readily the month has flown. Simeon assisted me again in the forenoon but did some work for himself in the afternoon. In the afternoon I got Frank Hatch to assist me again and we examined nearly all the work and grades. A very fine autumn day and the workmen have improved it. Saw Mr. Edward Dana who has just returned from his voyage round the world. A very pleasant trip it must be in these days of fast sailing and rapid traveling. Some cool this morning but fine weather for work. It became warmer before noon and the afternoon was very fine. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.57. – At. Ther. 46.8

Wednesday, November 1

Very warm for the first of Nov., and the barometer stands the lowest it has for months. About the last of September I paid out \$1.09 that I omitted by forgetting to note it, and I have put it in the Cash Account for October. Paid Henry Ware 80 cents, the balance of highway tax, the rest was worked out last spring. Have spent the greater part of the day in the house writing on meteorological matters. Received a long letter from Rev. Silas Ketchum on the Doton name, etc., and I wrote a full letter to him in the evening to mail in the morning. Mailed the meteorological report. We are exceedingly tired in the evening. It rained about four o'clock this morning, and the forenoon was squally, but in the afternoon the wind blew strong from the west. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.935. – At. Ther. 54.0. Bar. at noon = 28.74. – At. Ther. 63.0

Debits – 1.09, .80

Thursday November 2

Very much cooler this morning and I went to the office full clothed. I soon went to the work on the line and found the men all out to work very busily. Took a walk over the line with Mr. Billings, and we looked at some other pieces of road to make. In the afternoon I went over the road to Pogue Hole to see how much must be done to fix it for winter travel. – I paid 70 cents to Richmond for meat and potatoes, and six cents to Hatch for a paper of tacks. Mr. Burleigh called in the evening to talk upon school matters. Much cooler this morning, and it was cold and some cloudy through the day. Bright aurora in the evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.17. – At. Ther. 44.2

Debits - .70, .06

Friday, November 3

Went to the office and then to the work on the road. Have taken cold and am some unwell. Staid on the work till about eleven o'clock when I came to the house and tried to get warm. Have a hard headache but it was some relieved by getting warm. Paid for sugar 39 cents at Billings'. Mrs. D's birth day! She is 31 years old, and I am a little older. Spent the day on the road. In the forenoon I was very unwell with a sick headache. In the afternoon Frank Hatch and Lewis Pratt assisted me. Paid Knapp 46 cents for Silliman's. Mrs. D. picked another bouquet of flowers from the flower garden. The flowers were bright and beautiful as spring flowers. Not quite so cold but the wind soon began to blow hard from the N.W. and the day was very chilly. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.35. – At. Ther. 49.0

Debits – .39, .46

Saturday, November 4

Went to the office in the morning and saw Mr. Gilman and Hazard and they wished me to go to Taftsville to measure a wall they had been building, but I did not go. Frank Hatch, Robert and I went to the road to run a line of levels over the route surveyed yesterday. In the afternoon I made out the payroll and paid off the hands for the week. The amount paid was \$72.44. Mr. Billings advances the pay for the men each week and I see that it is paid and charged over to Thomas Leonard. Paid for meat 16 cents. Cold but nearly clear. The ground some frozen. The middle of the day was pleasant but the evening was quite cold. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.42. – At. Ther. 43.3

Debits - .16

Sunday, November 5

Another very pleasant sabbath morning though very cold for the season. We are almost too dull and lazy to go to church, but we must try to go. I hope Mr. Hewitt will be there himself for we do not like his exchanges so well. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from Luke XIX: 37 to 40 inclusive. "And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, etc." A good subject for a good sermon and we had it most truly. But in the afternoon he spoke from I John III, and part of the eighth verse. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil." From this text he gave us one of his best sermons. It was full of the strongest appeals for our pure and noble lives and teachings that we might purify the minds of those around us and draw them and ourselves to God. The sermon was a good one and was listened to attentively. Mr. Carter from Quechee was there and his son, and some from other churches. In the evening the weather was cold for almost any season of the year, especially for the first of November. The day is cold but very clear. The ground froze hard last night, but we have not gathered in our beets and carrots from the garden. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.19. – At. Ther. 37.0

Monday, November 6

Went early to the office and then to the work on Mr. Billings' road. Laid out a culvert at the western terminus of the new road. Mr. Leonard has six hands at work now and ought to finish his work in about one week. I spent nearly all day on that work and must many more. Paid Billings 15 cents for salt and Paid Richmond 10 cents for meat. Money is very close and it is difficult to collect a debt. In the evening I

wrote out the report on the meteorology for October. Am tired and jaded with the mental labor. The road work has not gone so well today. A high wind from the north and west and it was some cold. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.25. – At. Ther. 38.5

Debits - .15, .10

Tuesday, November 7

Started early in the morning to go see Mr. Leonard's work and found him in much better spirits than yesterday. About half past eight I started for South Woodstock to make some surveys for L.C. Kendall. Got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burk and Mrs. D. went with me to Horace Dunham's. I spent all the rest of the day on the hills. The day has been cold and windy and I did not leave the field till night. After supper we came home in the cold. I was very much jaded from the effects of the day's work. The evening is not quite so cold, though very cool. Another very windy day. It blew very hard and cold on the hill east of South Woodstock where I was at work. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.17. – At. Ther. 37.7

Wednesday, November 8

Am very tired and lame this morning, but I went early to the work on the hill. Found it going very badly in some respects. Had occasion to shut off the work on the branch roads, for it is beginning to freeze so that we cannot work well. Have been quite unwell through the day but have had to work very much. Received ten dollars of F. Billings. Paid Richmond for lard 55 cents and Paul 20 cents for cinnamon. In the evening I went to the street to see Mr. Greene and Mr. Billings and Mr. Hoisington. Paid Dana and Newcomb 7 dollars for pants. The weather is some warmer than it was yesterday, but it is some windy & rough. Some squalls of snow. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.84. – At. Ther. 39.2

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .55, .20, 7.00

Thursday, November 9

Rested some, but not very well for I was too tired, but early in the morning I arose and went to the work on the hill, and we continued on that work till night. Mr. Leonard's work is dragging very heavily. Paid 9 cents for sausage. In the afternoon I took the hands to repairing the old road, and the work went most rapidly. Have a most valuable set of workmen. The most beautiful display of aurora ever witnessed was seen this evening. It was a most agreeable blending of crimson and white light. The day has not been so cold nor quite so cloudy. In the evening there was a most beautiful display of the northern light. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.08. – At. Ther. 40.9

Debits - .09

Friday, November 10

I went early to work on the hill and it is going very well except on Mr. Leonard's job, and that is dragging heavily. I am afraid he will not finish it at all. Paid 15 cents for meat, and 40 cents for kerosene. – The snow in the afternoon drove the men from their work and I am afraid it will be some days before they can resume it. Our work repairing roads has gone along remarkably for the time that we have spent about it. At nine o'clock this evening the snow measured 13 inches deep by Mr. H.S. Dana's measurement. Paid Chapman for soap 25 cents. Signs of a storm and it began to snow about 12 o'clock (noon) very rapidly and it continued so till night. At 9 o'clock in the evening there was full 13 inches. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.21. – At. Ther. 34.5

Debits – .15, .40, .25

Saturday, November 11

Began my work this morning by shoveling snow from the paths about the house. The snow is very dense and it probably will stay without drifting at all. I worked the greater part of the day at the house. Mr. Thompson put up a stove for me in the east room which makes my conveniences for winter writing very good. In the afternoon I arranged the Pay roll for the road hands and got the money of Mr. F.N. Billings and paid them off as I met them. The evening was some like winter though some early in November. It is

a long time since we have had such a snow. Found the snow 12½ inches deep and it makes 0.88 inches of water. There were slight squalls through the day, but not to add to the amount this morning. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.06. – At. Ther. 41.4

Sunday, November 12

Another very beautiful sabbath morning, though some cold. It seems now as though the snow would melt away some today on the southerly sides of the hills. Mr. Hewitt will speak to us today and I can hardly anticipate the subject that he will touch upon. – In the forenoon he spoke from John VIII: 51 and XI: 26. The death of Mr. Woodbury was probably the subject of the sermon, or the theme that called it forth. The attendance was very good for so bad a time to get about. In the afternoon he spoke from Job X: 18. "Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth?" This sermon covered the whole duty of man, physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual. It was one of his best efforts and no one heard it without being better for the hearing. Joanna came down with Mr. Leach, and came to the chapel and I think she got well paid for coming. She appears the most natural, the most like herself, that I have seen her for a long time, and it is a satisfaction to have it so. Robert called here in the evening. I went to the office and brought my pictures to the house to hang up in the sitting room. Our new stove works admirably. Nearly clear this morning and colder. The wind moved to the N.W. in the night, and it is quite rough this morning. The day is almost perfectly cloudless and the wind is west or northwest, but is some cold. Pond in the river covered with ice. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.62. – At. Ther. 38.4

Monday, November 13

Thermometer about zero this morning. Paid Mr. Hewitt 50 cents for milk tickets. Took the time and found my watch five minutes too slow, and I set it right or as nearly so as I could without changing the second hand. Found N. Randall's clock 20 seconds too fast. And so it has run for months. Made a plot of Mr. Kendall's land and found the survey nearly perfect. In the afternoon Frank Hatch made a good plot of the same piece. Paid Paul 67 cents for four flour barrels. Polk made deeds for Mr. Samuel Bailey and his son Norman. Cozy and alone at home this evening. Lannier's Dramatis Constellation at the Town Hall this evening with Professor Dunspaugh's unrivaled brass band. A very cold and clear morning. Ther. 2½ degrees below zero. But the wind has come into the southwest and it will soon be warmer. Boys skating on the factory pond, the first this year. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.67. – At. Ther. 33.4

Debits - .50, .67

Tuesday, November 14

Am stopping at the house for it is a chilly morning. I did not go to the office till nearly two o'clock. Saw the workmen and if it does not storm they will go to the work tomorrow. But there is some appearance of rain, and on some accounts I hope it will come. In the afternoon I made a plan of Mr. Kendall's land and computed the line to cut off ten acres. Wrote to him and mailed the plan. Carlie Dunham was here about noon, and went from here about four o'clock. There is a strong appearance of storm and it is already beginning. Paid 25 cts for eggs. The Constellation again this evening. Cool and cloudy but not so cold as it was yesterday. Ther. 8 above zero. Much appearance of storm. Skating on the pond again today. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.40. – At. Ther. 28.7

Debits – .25

Wednesday, November 15

Mailed a letter to Norman Perkins for I received one from him last evening. Received five dollars from Norman Paul and I paid George Paul 65 cents for sugar. Paid Richmond 25 cents for meat and 9 cents for quinces, and I also paid Chapman 18 cents for glycerine, and I paid the barber 15 cents for cutting hair. Am determined to put the road work going again as soon as the rain ceases. Have done but little for my shoulder is some too lame. This evening the snow is not more than three inches deep. Am at home this evening in our very cozy room. Rainy through the night and this morning, measuring 0.22 inches. One inch of this may be put down for yesterday. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.86. – At. Ther. 43.7

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .65, .25, .09, .18, .15

Thursday, November 16

Staid at my room this morning to look over some of my accounts. A little before noon I went to the street and down to Polk's where I found my protractor and note book and reading glass. Found them in very good spirits. Polk has got a pair of old pistols that belonged to Judge Hutchinson. Paid Richmond 18 cents for sausages. Paid Mrs. Churchill \$1.40 for neck tie, etc. and Billings 35 cents for soap and ginger. Paid Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets 50 cents. Have spent the greater part of the day at the house writing and resting and looking over papers. It has rained and snowed a little nearly all day but has gained but a little snow except for the hills. The day has not been very cold. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.88. – At. Ther. 42.8

Debits – .18, 1.40, .35, .50

Friday, November 17

This will probably be a day for work on the road. I went up in the forenoon and found them at work earnestly. It is a fine day for work. Came home about eleven o'clock and found the walking very bad. In the afternoon I got Simeon Dunham to go with me to take some levels about the placing of some culverts on the road line. The hands are working a part of the time for Mr. Leonard and a part of the time for Mr. Billings. Mrs. Taylor has been at work for us assisting in the house cleaning. Have paid her one dollar. The evening is clear and very pleasant. The storm now seems to be past and it will probably be colder, but the day is very pleasant. It has been almost perfectly clear through the day. The snow has wasted away somewhat. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.30. – At. Ther. 42.5

Debits – 1.00

Saturday, November 18

Was too tired to go very early to the office and to the work on the road. Laid out another culvert which makes four on the old part of the road. The work has been going finely today. Received of F. Billings fifteen dollars on account and I have paid Mrs. Churchill \$4.45 and I paid five cents for a quince & 2 cts postage. In the afternoon I made out the pay-roll for the workmen and left it with F.N. Billings, and he made out the payments. This closes the week and there have been but two working days. I spent the evening in looking over Polk's account. A pleasant day though there have been some appearances of a storm. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.63. – At. Ther. 43.1

Credits – 15.00

Debits - 4.45, .07

Sunday, November 19

Another Sunday morning has come and I hope it can be a day of rest, for we are very tired. We went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt preach from Acts IV: 12. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." The speaker pointed out most forcibly our duty to work ourselves to aid in bringing about the great work of freeing mankind from the thralldom of sin. A very able sermon. In the afternoon he spoke from Luke X: 42. "But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." He took these words as a motto rather than a text and the substance was the foundation of his discourse. He was quite eloquent both forenoon and afternoon, but not strictly argumentative. It does not seem to be his aim to be strictly logical but to teach the heart rather than the head. Some of his appeals are very pointed and strong. Mrs. Dr. Chandler and her sister Emma Dunham came here at noon. We are here alone this evening, and it seems cozy and pleasant. Simeon Dunham and wife and Jason came in the evening. Robert called a little earlier. Dense stratus clouds covering the hills. Mt. Tom is covered about one third of the distance down the side. Clouds rose higher in the middle of the day and the frost on the trees was very beautiful. There is every appearance now of having a warm foggy time, such as we often get about Thanksgiving time. The clouds run very low and are fog on the highlands. It may rain soon but the temperature is but little above freezing point and it must be warmer to rain much. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.68. – At. Ther. 41.5

Monday, November 20

In the morning I called on Miss Hayden's school and found it going very pleasantly as usual. Went to the work on the road and found Mr. Billings' part of the work going remarkably well. Mr. Leonard has some

difficulty with some of his hands but Mr. Billings keeps them on the work. I went again in the afternoon and remained on the work till night, and all the work on the line has been pressed forward with the greatest dispatch. Came down after dark. Paid Richmond 25 cents for sausages and paid 9 cents postage. Came home and worked quietly at my table. The weather is some warmer and the air feels like having rain. It began to rain about four o'clock. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.47. – At. Ther. 42.5

Debits – .25, .09

Tuesday, November 21

Have spent nearly the whole day on the road, and the work is going as well as it could be after so much snow. It is not gone on the north side of the hills but is almost wholly gone on the southerly slopes. Saw Mr. Billings this morning and in the afternoon he came up to view the road, and was much pleased by the appearance of the work. The men are on the last culvert on the extension of the road. – Paid Billings \$1.12 for soap. Mr. Churchill drew wood for Mrs. Taylor. Am very tired this evening but must do some writing before I can rest. The wind is southwesterly this morning and there are not signs of rain though it is cloudy. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.16. – At. Ther. 45.0

Debits – 1.12

Wednesday, November 22

Staid at home in my room in the forenoon as the storm prevented my going to the work. Filled out the time book up to now, as I had only kept it in pencil. At eleven o'clock, very pleasant with only a few cir. Cumulus clouds. In the afternoon I went with Frank Hatch to run some levels for Mr. Henry near Payson Pierce's house. Received 1 dollar of Mr. Henry and paid Billings 73 cents for pail and mug. Stage is one hour late and no mail yet. Mr. Burleigh made us a pleasant call, and he closes his fall term this week. Paid Fay 25 cents horse hire. A very pleasant snow storm seems to be starting this morning. It snowed some till about ten or eleven o'clock. Then the wind came N.W. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.77. – At. Ther. 43.6

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .73, .25

Thursday, November 23

Was too unwell to start very early but I went to see our road work and examined every part of it in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I went over the whole again. Met Mr. Dascomb and Mr. Richmond visiting our new road. I paid \$1.25 to Nathaniel Randall and 39 cents to George Paul for fish. Am some lame but must try to work notwithstanding. Saw Robert's stereoscopic view of parts of Chicago since the fire. Am much too tired and sleepy to write much this evening and must leave it till another day. Cooler this morning with westerly or northwesterly wind. The air was very clear from clouds especially in the latter part of the day and evening. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.17. – At. Ther. 39.4

Debits – 1.25, .39

Friday, November 24

Started early for the work but was called to school. Had a talk with Mr. McKenzie on the prices paid teachers. I think I am more disposed to favor teachers as to prices than most people. I then went to the work on the road and remained till it began to snow. I found Spenser at our house where he staid till after dinner. I staid in the office the greater part of the afternoon. Paid Richmond 34 cents for meat and Paul 25 cents for raisins, and paid George Day for hammer handle 25 cts. Paid Knapp for Young Folks 67 cents. A very warm stormy evening. Cloudy with signs of storm. Moderate west wind. The wind soon changed to N.E. and at eleven a.m. it began to snow and at 8 p.m. there was full 9 inches and one fourth. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.48. – At. Ther. 32.3

Debits - .34, .25, .25, .67

Saturday, November 25

Did not rise very early, but soon shoveled the paths about the house, and then went to the office. Found that my watch had varied but one second since yesterday. Bought a load of wood of Henry W. Raymond and paid \$5.50 for it. Fixed a diploma for Ida Barnaby. Called on Abbie and found Mrs. Chamberlin there. Prepared the pay-roll for the men on Mr. Billings' road work, and left it with William Boyce at F.N. Billings' store. Austin Leach called here at night. Called at the office with Willie Campbell to see his drawing instruments. We are alone here this evening. Snow very wet. Clear in the morning. Wind from the west and northwest through the day. The snow has gone off some. The afternoon and evening were extremely pleasant. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.25. – At. Ther. 43.4

Debits – 5.50

Sunday, November 26

We always welcome Sunday for with us it is a time for quiet and for rest. This is a pleasant day for going to church and we must improve it. Went to church and heard Mr. Hewitt from Acts XXI: 13&14. "Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and break mine heart? for I am ready, etc." The speaker showed how much the love of God and of all goodness tend to lead mankind from sin, and how much greater incentive to holiness was the goodness and mercy of God than any opposite doctrine. The audience was very respectable in numbers for a winter's day. In the afternoon he spoke from Psalms CI: 2. "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way." I was too unwell in the afternoon to follow the discourse clearly, but it was a series of earnest appeals for perfect walk in all the steps of life. The discourse was very valuable on that account, and no one could hear it without a renewed resolution to behave himself wisely in a perfect way. The singing was excellent, as usual, and I think the society are much indebted to Simeon Dunham and family for it, for without them there would be little or no singing. A cool morning but not cold. Thermometer in the open air +20 which is only good healthy weather. Early in the morning the clouds indicated snow, but it soon became more clear. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.33. – At. Ther. 35.0

Monday, November 27

Got Mr. Chubeno to saw my wood, and he went to work upon it quite early. I went to the office and soon after went on the hill to the road work. Found but little difficulty from the snow. Paid Polk 25 cents and must pay him more very soon. Paid postage 3 cents, and that has served for expenses today. Spent a part of the day on the road and a small part in writing. Had a long talk with Simeon Dunham on the subject of schools. Have nine hands on the road this afternoon, and wished that we had many more. The weather is growing cold. The morning was bright and warm with west or northwest wind, but the wind soon came to the north and the weather grew cold very soon after. At half past 7 in the evening the ther. Stood at 10 above zero. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.93. – At. Ther. 43.6

Debits - .25, .03

Tuesday, November 28

Started early for the road work and found the hands all at work, notwithstanding the cold. I remained there till noon then came to the house. Paid Mr. Chubeno \$1.50 for sawing my wood. Got \$10.00 of F. Billings. Paid Simeon Dunham for assistance in leveling \$4.00 and this I charge to F. Billings. It is very cold to be making roads at this season., but there are some pieces that must be made. I wish they could be finished up this fall, but am sure now that they cannot be. Have taken cold this forenoon, for the weather is very cold for the season. Ther. -10.0 at 7 o'clock a.m. and the sky was almost entirely cloudless. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.28. – At. Ther. 22.8

Credits – 10.00

Debits - 1.50, 4.00

Wednesday, November 29

Went early to the work on the road and took my dinner with me so that I could stay to see the work nearly finished. We made the connection with Leonard's road and did much towards making the connection with the old road. The day was cold and I took a very severe cold. Left the work a little before three o'clock and came to the house. Mr. Leach came for us to go to Pomfret to spend Thanksgiving. Had a very cold

ride but we got some warm. Found my chamber rather cold, for the wind blew very strong from the northwest. Paid 34 cents to Mr. Jaquith for eggs. Oel Billing Esq. died this morning at about three o'clock. He was one of the pleasant men to meet and will be very much missed by all who have been accustomed to meeting him in the streets or in the social circle. A cold, cloudy morning. Wind north or northeast. Strong signs of snow. Am 62 years old today. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.02. – At. Ther. 24.4

Debits – .34

Thursday, November 30

Thanksgiving Day. We are in our old chamber today but it is some cold and the wind has blown a perfect howl through the night. Have tried to rest me today, but have taken too severe a cold. There are no people here except our own folks, Mr. Leach being one of them. The thermometer this morning was 7 degrees below zero, but at Woodstock it was only one below. The winter has come upon us quite early but the year 1858 was cold. I have no records of the weather that year, but perhaps can find them for that year. The night has been very windy and cold. I have never known but few more blustering. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.01. – At. Ther. 21.2

Friday, December 1

Spenser brought us down from Pomfret in the forenoon. The day was not so cold. Am feeling some unwell from a cold taken while on the road early in the week. Paid Mr. Palmer \$2.00 for cloth gaiters. I spent much of the day at the office and at the house on the meteorological report for the month. Paid Paul 1 dollar for tea. Mr. Oel Billings was buried today. The funeral was attended at his house, and was conducted in a very fitting and becoming manner. I was too unwell to attend the funeral. Went early to the house, but went again to mail the report for the Smithsonian Institution. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.12. – At. Ther. 19.6

Debits - 2.00, 1.00

Saturday, December 2

But little work done on the road today and but little more can be done this winter. Was quite unwell but made out the report of work for the week and returned it to F.N. Billings. Paid Pratt 10 cts for paper, and paid Richmond 25 cts for meat. Mr. Randall put up a clock in the chapel. I had spoken to him to get one for the place, and he was very fortunate in finding one. Had repeated calls from the workmen for their pay for work, but I had nothing to do with it. Saw Mr. Billings in the evening about the work on the road. Got \$10.50 of F. Billings and paid F.N. Billings \$10.50 for flour. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.26. – At. Ther. 26.8

Credits – 10.50

Debits – 10.50, .10, .25

Sunday, December 3

Another sabbath morning and another day for going to church. Mr. Randall put a clock in the church last night, and we are anxious to see it. We expect to hear Mr. Hewitt again and are quite anxious to know the subject that he will take up. He spoke from Mat. XXII: 42. "What think ye of Christ?" The speaker pointed out the different views entertained by mankind, and then pointed out his own views of his nature, character and glorious work, setting forth most earnestly his mighty power and majesty. A most earnest and spirited sermon. In the afternoon he preached from II Cor. V: 7. "For we walk by faith not by sight." The speaker first defined and illustrated a living faith and then pointed out its power over the mind and actions of mankind. He has been more than usually eloquent today. He took us wholly by surprise in speaking of the clock and how the society came by it. I would have preferred perfect silence on that subject, but must let men speak as they wish. Wrote on the meteorological matters in the evening. Robert and Abbie called for an hours visit. The night was very dark, too much so for a pleasant evening walk. Some cold and partially cloudy with fine cirro-cumulus clouds, with wind southwesterly. The weather was much warmer in the middle of the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.37. – At. Ther. 26.4

Monday, December 4

Paid postage 9 cents. Paid Pratt for knife 30 cents. Worked on meteorological matters a great part of the day, and fitted a long monthly report for the papers. Am not feeling well today, for my cold is using me quite hard. Saw Mr. L.C. Kendall and must go out to do his surveying before many days. This morning I found a letter from Albert Darling who is now out in Missouri. His family is in Aurora where he owns a nice place. I ought to write three or four letters this evening but probably shall not write one, for I am too dull. It began to rain about six o'clock in the morning and rained some through the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.99. – At. Ther. 40.2

Debits - .09, .30

Tuesday, December 5

Arose quite early and went to the office, and then to the work on the road, but no one came to work. I had to examine Pequot's work and directed what more there was to do. I came home and wrote a school article, and then read the proof of the meteorology. Paid for stamps 25 cents. Mr. Kidder came with a young lady to be examined for a place in the High school. Carlie Dunham came here in the middle of the day, and went home in the evening. Have spent much of the day in writing especially the evening. In the night the wind began to blow very hard from the west and rose to a high wind, and it continued so through the day. Very cold. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.64. – At. Ther. 34.4

Debits - .25

Wednesday, December 6

Started in the morning and went to the road work at the west end of Leonard's job. Examined the rock work near the spring. Mr. Billings paid Piquot 8 dollars for Leonard and he left the job and Leonard is to take it out tomorrow. In the afternoon I met Mr. Hathaway whom I have not seen for a long time before. After I left him I went to the hill again where the men are at work and staid with them till five o'clock. Paid 40 cents for kerosene. I met with L.A. Miller, a Mr. Lewis who is agent for the Springfield Republican. He took tea at Mr. Billings'. Ther 3.5 below zero, but not so strong wind as yesterday. It grew some warmer before night and the evening was pleasant. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.09. – At. Ther. 21.7

Debits – .40

Thursday, December 7

Went to the office and mailed deed to Mr. Hathaway, and then I went to the road work. Have agreed to make out some deeds for Mr. Billings. He goes away today to be gone for ten or twelve days, and the deeds must be done before he returns if possible. The work on the road is nearly done for this fall and I am glad for the whole matter has been laborious and perplexing. I have spent all day on that work and am extremely tired. Mrs. D. went to Horace Dunham's this afternoon and came back towards night. It began to snow about three o'clock this morning. About 2¼ inches fell in a few hours and then it squalled a little in the day time. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.80. – At. Ther. 28.4

Friday, December 8

Paid Richmond 25 cents for meat and I got twenty dollars of F. Billings and I paid Randall ten dollars for the clock. Paid Sayward & Fisher for ladder, and paid Knapp for Silliman's Journal 46 cents. Amelia came from Salisbury to go to school. In the forenoon I went to the road work and they are just finishing up the upper end where the connection is with the old road. I went to the chapel and wound the clock finding it fifteen minutes too slow. I started the regulator. Court is now in session. Have not been at the court house. Warm and Cloudy this morning but colder and windy towards night. There have been squalls of snow all day. Colder towards night. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.89. – At. Ther. 38.8

Saturday, December 9

I paid Billings for silk neck tie \$1.25 also paid Billings 75 cents. I went to the work on the road and am glad to find it drawing to a close. I do not suppose they have quite finished their work, but nearly so. In the afternoon I made the pay roll and returned it to Mr. F.N. Billings. This afternoon I met Mr. H.S. Dana and had a long and very pleasant talk with him on the power of words. His mind is rich on all such subjects

and it is interesting to have a talk with him at times. Very cool this evening. Colder. Squalls of snow and these continued till after noon. The afternoon was some clear but the wind shifted to the N.W. and it grew colder. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.11. – At. Ther. 31..5

Debits - 1.25, .75

Sunday, December 10

Another pleasant sabbath morning, though the weather is cloudy and cool. The thermometer reads 20 degrees above zero. Heard Mr. Hewitt preach from Gal. V: 24. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Like many other of Mr. H's discourses this was a strong appeal to purity of life and conduct, and that it may come from purity and nobleness of soul. The sermon and the singing were excellent. There is a steady snow storm, but we must go to church this afternoon. – In the afternoon, Mr. H. preached from Acts XXVIII: 23. "And when they had appointed him a day, etc." The object of the sermon was to show that Christ and the apostles persuaded men to repentance and never threatened them with eternal vengeance; that they were drawn to Christ by the attractions of goodness, kindness and love rather than through fear. The singing was excellent closing with a voluntary. Although the day was stormy, the attendance was very good, and I am sure all went away satisfied and feeling a new determination to do good by breathing a spirit of kindness to all. The wind was south this morning and the barometer falling. The sky was almost entirely obscured by clouds and there were slight squalls of snow. Before ten o'clock it began to snow steadily. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.21. – At. Ther. 30.2

Monday, December 11

Schools begin this morning. I went to the High School and remained there an hour or more. It will probably be a full term for the High, Grammar, and Intermediate schools. Visited four schools in the forenoon and the other two in the afternoon. We also made an arrangement so that Mr. Leonard's job is accepted and he is paid off entirely for what he has done. The schools I think are very well arranged, but I must see to them again tomorrow. And I must close off all the claim of T. Leonard tomorrow. Paid 25 cents for stamps, and paid Mr. Lamb for a broom 35 cents. Sent to Vick 10 cents. Cloudy but not stormy. Wind westerly but very light. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.07. – At. Ther. 36.9

Debits - .25, .35, .10

Tuesday, December 12

Paid five cents for stamps at the Post Office. Called at the school house and on the three schools. Supplied indigent scholars with books two Prog. Primers, two Worcester spellers, one First Reader, and one Greenl's Primary Arith. These will be charged to the town as they cannot pay for them themselves. Settled off with Thomas Leonard on the Billings road job and we are to finish it. I am glad to have the risk thrown back where it belongs. Paid Richmond for meat 35 cents. Went to the office in the evening. Called on Polk. Mr. Munger, Robert, and Charles Marsh came into the office. I soon came home. Cooler with N.E. wind early in the morning. At noon the wind was in the north. A squall of snow in the morning.

Debits - .05, .35

Wednesday, December 13

In the morning I went to see the work start near the sugar house on Mr. Billings' land. The branch road to the sugar house must be made or repaired for use this winter. In the afternoon I remained at the house the greater part of the time and studied on Mr. Billings' deeds, and I expect to have a nice job in making them. Today I have paid three cents postage and 45 cents to Paul for coffee. Worked but little in the evening. Am some afflicted with my old complaint, sore feet, but I do hope not to be afflicted by them as I have been in former times. Paid Mr. Hewitt for milk. It began to snow at 6 o'clock, but it seems too cold to snow. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.28. – At. Ther. 25.5

Debits – .03, .45, .90

Thursday, December 14

Called at the High School this forenoon and the recitation in Nat. Philosophy. I think the class understand what they are at work upon. The school appeared well. I spent the greater part of the day on Mr. Billings' deeds in trying to get a good and accurate form for them. Paid Paul 38 cents for molasses. Mr. McKenzie has not yet called at the schools this term for he has been away from home. I must visit Miss Dunham's school soon and show her our own methods of conducting school recitations. Snow 7.7 inches deep this morning, 4.8 inches of this I set to yesterday and 2.9 for today. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.09. – At. Ther. 39.9

Debits - .38

Friday, December 15

I am called to attend court today in the case "Thatcher vs. Clifford." I was called in the morning to testify in the case, but was not detained long, though I was compelled to stay nearly all day. In the afternoon I listened to one of Polk's arguments and he made two points and pressed them with earnestness; and these points were the same as the Judge used in his charge to the jury. The jury were out but a few minutes and returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. Polk feels much gratified at his success in the case, and so does Mr. Clifford. The morning is quite cool the thermometer being 2 degrees below zero here and 9 below at Mr. Miller's. A cloudy day but not stormy. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.30. – At. Ther. 23.6

Saturday, December 16

In the morning I went to the office to take the time, but did not have very good success for a volume of smoke from a chimney prevented. I went to the road where the men were making the sugar house road. Found the work very hard and directed the men to close the work tonight. Called at Dr. Sherwin's to hear the examination of Miss Dole who is teaching at Taftsville. After hearing her about half an hour I went away to go to Horace Dunham's. Weather very cold. Little Edward Leonard made me a present of ten dollars for teaching him in leveling. Paid Mr. Fay 50 cents for use of horse. Our thermometer was -19 this morning and Lester Miller's was 121 degrees. Paid Richmond for sausage and crackers 35 cents. Clear this morning but it soon began to be cloudy and before 2 o'clock the sky was nearly covered with cir. Stratus clouds. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.29. – At. Ther. 33.1

Credits 10.00

Debits – .35, .50

Sunday, December 17

Another pleasant wintry sabbath morning and a good time to go to church. We find it very pleasant going to church now for there seems to be a pure spirit there that breathes forth in sermon and in song. Today Mr. Hewitt preached from Mat. V: 13. "Ye are the salt of the earth." A very interesting sermon. He pointed out the meaning of the figure, then made its application to preserving the purity of the Christian religion in the hearts of all believers. In the afternoon he spoke from John XIII: 7th. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." He made this the foundation of a very able discourse. I think the discourses today have been more than usually valuable and it seems as though no one could hear them without being benefitted by them. Mr. Hewitt is doing a fine work in the society and church, and is very much liked in the place, and the society is very much aroused up to its work. In the evening we went to Simeon Dunham's. Mrs. Dunham was away to Bridgewater. The evening was pleasant and we made a pleasant call. The snows are quite frequent this winter. Thermometer four above zero. Cold with a few stratus clouds. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.27. – At. Ther. 26.7

Monday, December 18

Mailed a letter to Mr. A.E. Whitehead of Kinston, North Carolina, who has the care of H.D. Wyatt's children. Paid 9 cents postage. The day has been very stormy and unpleasant for being out. Kimball Perkins has been here this afternoon, but I think has left to find his mother. He hindered me very much about my work, and did himself no good. I spent the greater part of the day at the house, writing Mr. Billings' deeds, and hope to have them ready when he comes home. There is a vast amount of work in them but I hope to do it well. Snow began about 9 o'clock and continued through the day. About six inches fell, that made 0.39 inches of melted snow. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.39. – At. Ther. 33.4

Debits - .09

Tuesday, December 19

Paid Billings for sugar and soda 77 cents. This has been a rough day for the committee, for Mrs. Hagarty and her daughter Ellen called on me to go to the Grammar School as Ellen had left the school on account of some punishments that they claim as unjust. I called on Miss King and am sure the case needs to be looked up. I called on Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Foster and must go to the school in the morning and settle the difficulty. It is not a very pleasant matter to be drawn into, but I must not shrink from it. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.16. – At. Ther. 33.7

Debits - .77

Wednesday, December 20

In the morning I called at Miss King's and had a long and not very pleasant talk that lasted till nearly ten o'clock. It was on account of the punishment of a scholar. I called at Miss Hayden's school and to Miss Hewitt's. Paid Richmond for meat 25 cents. I am convinced that my call at the Grammar School was not a profitable one for the teacher. Miss King and her mother called again in the evening, but I fear they are no better satisfied than before, for I cannot retract one word that I said till I can see that it is wrong, and that the school will be benefitted by the retraction. Not very cold in the morning but colder with some snow in the afternoon. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.66. – At. Ther. 29.6

Debits - .25

Thursday, December 21

Paid Knapp for Dec. & Jan. Galaxy 68 cts. Called at the high school in the morning and heard Mr. Burleigh giving his directions to his scholars, and I could heartily join in it for I am fully in favor of all the little ceremonies and forms of discipline that gives system and order to a school. At noon I called at Mr. Hagarty's to see Ellen about her lessons, etc. and I am convinced that she will do all that she can to merit a high standing in school. I worked at the house through the day on Mr. Billing's deeds. I am using all sorts of pens and my writing shows it. Cold. – Thermometer 14 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock a.m. and it continues to grow cold through the day. At 9 o'clock p.m. Thermometer -27. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.20. – At. Ther. 18.7

Debits – .68

Friday, December 22

I am behind about my work, and the days pass without my getting along very rapidly with it. But I have not been called to visit schools today, but my work has been drawing on Mr. Billings' plans to put with his deeds. I went to the office in the morning and staid for a time, but soon came to my work. I paid Richmond for chicken and for beans. Paid Slack for lemons 8 cents. – In the evening I went to Dr. Sherwin's to assist in the examination of Miss Dole as a teacher at Taftsville, and the examination was quite thorough. Not so cold this morning, and the Ther. rising rapidly. It continued to do so through the day. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.67. – At. Ther. 17.4

Debits – 1.14, .08

Saturday, December 23

I went to the office this morning, wound the clock and got meat and sausages \$1.03 but did not pay for them. Paid 75 cts at Randall's for knife. Got a paper of Mr. Cushing to read. Saw Mr. Billings and Mr. Burleigh, Mr. McKenzie and others. Spent the greater part of the day at the house on Mr. Billings' deeds, and I finished the writing about 9 o'clock in the evening. The rain this evening is taking off the snow very fast. We are alone here this evening and it is fortunate for I have so much to do. Paid for sugar. Paid for kerosene 40 cents. Found 3.8 inches of snow that made 0.48 inches of water. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.60. – At. Ther. 26.4

Debits – .75, .17, .40

Sunday, December 24

The morning is beautiful notwithstanding the stormy night and the very strong wind from the very strong wind from the southwest. I went to the office (church) to wind and set the clock and to see that the bell rings at the right time. As this is the nearest day to Christmas, Mr. Hewitt preached the occasional sermon. He took for a text Luke II: 8, 9, 10, 11. The sermon was well prepared for the occasion and was an able discourse. The house was trimmed and fitted for the evening exercise to follow. The singing was most truly excellent and it improves much. There is far more independence in the parts and they are more evenly balanced. There is no service at the house till the evening exercise. – Electa came down this afternoon and we all went to the Sunday School Concert and it was a full house and I left before the exercises were half through. Robert came up with me and I did not go back. Received a very beautiful present from Frank Hatch, a case of toilet instruments that was quite valuable. The evening was pleasant and the exercises went off to the satisfaction of all concerned. There are many happy hearts tonight, and few perhaps are sad and lonely. High southwest wind through the night. But the air is quite clear this morning. Nearly one half the snow has disappeared. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.34. – At. Ther. 43.1

Monday, December 25

The morning is quite pleasant and I went to the post office and to Mr. Billings' store. Got of Mr. Billings ten dollars. Paid for flour \$2.70 and for neck tie and mittens 80 cents. Paid Clark for pin \$2.00 and 60 cents for knife. Electa is here to spend Christmas and Polk and Abbie and Robert came here to dinner and to supper. Mr. Leach came down for Electa in the evening. Self was quite dull through the day and evening. I was glad to retire at night and rest me. The day has been too noisy and restless for quiet and easy rest. A Merry Christmas to all and a happy year. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.20. – At. Ther. 41.0

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 3.50, 2.60

Tuesday, December 26

Rested badly last night and have a very severe headache this morning, but must try to work. In the forenoon I went to the office and carried deeds to Mr. Billings. Wrote a letter to Norman Perkins about the note and I must give him a description of it very soon. In the afternoon I went to Stanton Street Primary School and staid through the afternoon, and I found it going very well. I hope the teacher will take up a course of study in the higher branches of English study. Received a letter from Mr. Ballard and am glad to know that he is doing well. It has been cloudy through the day, and the wind has been gaining from the N.E. and N.W. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.37. – At. Ther. 43.6

Wednesday, December 27

Rested very badly last night and am some unwell this morning. Mailed a letter to Mr. Ballard in reply to one received yesterday, and one to Norman Perkins. I went to the office and I arranged the middle room for Woodbury's press, and it is soon to become a printing office. I do not know how I shall arrange my own office work, but much of it will be done at the house. Horace Dunham called and Mrs. D. went with him on a visit. The afternoon was colder and was quite cold before night. I have been looking over some miscellaneous work today. Paid Mr. Miller for book 1 dollar. Paid for postage stamps 12 cents. Warm in the morning. One inch of snow last night and it made 0.13 inches of water. Wind N.W. at night and the weather cold. Bar. at 7-48 = 28.78. – At. Ther. 41.9

Thursday, December 28

Am not well this week for I have taken cold and the brain seems to be much affected. I went to the office this morning but only mailed a letter to Wilson, Hinkle & Co. at Bond Street N.Y. Have heard but little from the schools today. Mr. McKenzie visited the schools today and makes a good report. Paid Chapman for medicines 1 dollar. I got the records of thermometer from Mr. Miller and then made out the weekly report as far as known, and I wrote a short article on these reports. Mrs. D. and Amelia go to the Brick house concert. They left early and came home. Ther. 6 below zero and the sky is some cloudy, besides seeming to be filled with frost. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.50. – At. Ther. 23.6

Debits - 1.00

Friday, December 29

Let Polk have two dollars. Our bank note has been out for a long time and we must pay it up. I went to the office and found no mail. Have a very severe headache and can hardly write at all. Copied Mr. Billings' account. Seth Wood and wife called here in the afternoon and remained till night. In the evening we went to the town hall to hear Prof. Huntington. His lecture on Mount Washington and Moosilauke Mountain was very interesting. His mountain views thrown upon a screen by a calcium light were extremely interesting. Paid 70 cents for tickets Paid 12 cents for paper. S.W. wind and very slight storm of snow. Weather not very cold. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.38. – At. Ther. 25.6

Debits - .70, .12

Saturday, December 30

Rested rather badly but better than on some nights. This headache is very troublesome. In the morning I went "down street" and tried to take the time but could not get a clear observation. Paid 25 cents for meat. In the afternoon I visited the Grammar School and heard their public exercises in reading and declamation, and they were fine. The scholars presented me with a fine little picture. Such expressions of esteem are very pleasant. Paid Richmond \$1.03. – Received 20 dollars of Mr. Billings, and paid Mr. Thompson for stove \$13.93 and paid Mr. Palmer for book \$3.75 and express bill 35 cents. Paid Abbie 1 dollar. Clear in the morning but it soon began to be cloudy. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.62. – At. Ther. 25.4

Credits – 20.00

Debits – .25, 1.03, 13.93, 4.10, 1.00

Sunday, December 31

This is the closing sabbath of the year and though some stormy there was a good attendance at church. In the forenoon Mr. Hewitt spoke from Job XXXII: 7. "I said, Days should speak, and multitudes of years should teach wisdom." It was made the occasion for strong appeals never to cease to do good, and as our years passed along our zeal for the cause of truth and righteousness should increase; and that years should teach us wisdom. The first hymn and the singing were truly excellent. In the afternoon he selected for a text I Peter III: 18. "For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." The speaker made some remarks upon the views of mankind on the influence of Christ's suffering on man's redemption; he then gave the scriptural view as it appeared to him. He gave us one of the broadest sermons that we ever had in that house, and I can but rejoice that we have a man of large heart and broad philanthropy to speak to us. The closing piece by the choir was most truly excellent. Called on Mr. Miller for the thermometer readings. Have nearly finished the report. Some stormy in the morning, but not much after 9 o'clock. It continued to be cloudy through the day, and about 7 o'clock it began to rain. Bar. at 7-48 = 29.54. – At. Ther. 29.37

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.

Norman Bridge lived on Cloudland Road near the Doton homestead. He was a gifted but sickly young man who studied science and music though confined to bed. Hosea often called on him on Sundays to check on his health and to write for him. Norman composed several poems that Hosea submitted to publishers. He died in 1860 at age thirty eight.

James Knox Polk Chamberlin was a student of Hosea Doton and married his daughter, Abbie, in 1867. 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 on October 5, 1900.

Electa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret in 1813. She married Henry Leach on January 23, 1873. She died on September 21, 1898 and was buried in North Bridgewater, VT.

Joanna Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, in 1823 and died in 1908.

Louisa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, on October 19, 1819. She married Henry Leach on September 5, 1865. She died February 28, 1871 and was buried in North Bridgewater, VT.

Sorell, Franklin, and Orlando Doten were sons of Isaac and Rosilla Doten of Barnard, and cousins of Hosea Doton.

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 the first librarian at the Abbott Memorial Library in Pomfret.

Elvira Julia Doton was the third wife of Hosea Doton. She was born in Hartland, VT in 1840 and died in Woodstock in 1910. Her sister, Caroline Dunham, was married to Horace F. Dunham. Caroline was ill during her last three years and died in 1903 at her sister's home.

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 several school terms and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1874. Her parents were friends of Hosea and Elvira Doton and lived in New Hampshire.

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.

Henry W. Leach married Hosea Doton's sister Louisa in 1865 after his first wife died. Louisa died in February 1871 and Henry married Electa Doten, sister of Louisa and Hosea, on September 5, 1873. Henry, Louisa, and Electa are buried in North Bridgewater Cemetery.

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 L. Page was the husband of Hosea Doton's sister, Sarah.

Kimball Perkins was the son of Nelson Perkins and Lucy Paddock Perkins. He was the nephew of Hosea Doton who served as his guardian after Kimball was declared non compos mentis.

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.

Norman C. Perkins, son of A.C. Perkins, was a student of Hosea Doton who attended Yale and became editor of the Yale Review, which is America's oldest literary magazine. Norman and Hosea corresponded for years.

Robert A. Perkins, son of A.C. 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.

Mortimer Spears was a farmer in Pomfret who was unmarried, enjoyed reading, and became a friend of the Doton family. He sometimes worked on the Doton homestead and transported Hosea back and forth from Woodstock to the Pomfret. When Joanna Doton died in 1908, she passed the family homestead on Cloudland Road to Mortimer in her will.

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° to 358° during the year.

Bay rum – a mixture of bay leaves and rum used as a cologne or after shave.

Bemired – Covered with mud.

Book slates – Two pieces of slate that can be written on and erased, hinged with a cloth binding.

Cambric – A light cotton fabric.

Chaise – A carriage for one or two people, sometimes with a folding top.

Cock – A stack of hay or grain.

Court plaster – An adhesive plaster used to cover small blemishes and scrapes. Sometimes made of silk and coated with glycerine.

Cutter – a light sleigh with a single seat and usually pulled by a single horse.

Declamation – An artistic form of speaking or recitation.

Dock root – Yellow dock is an herb used to improve digestion.

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.

Firkin – Container of something such as butter that holds about nine imperial gallons,

Froward – Willful or disobedient.

Grapery – An area or building where grapes are grown.

Helve – The handle of an ax or hammer.

Ladies Repository – A monthly publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the nineteenth century devoted to literature, art, and religion.

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.

Pent road – A road that may be closed by a gate or bar.

Quire – A measurement for sheets of handmade paper. Formerly twenty-four sheets.

Salerates – Bicarbonate of soda used to help bread and cakes rise.

Sector – A tool used for measurements and calculations. Sometimes called a *proportional compass*.

Sere – Withered, as in sere leaves.

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.

Thralldom – State of bondage or slavery.

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.