



Hosea Doton's Memorandum for 1878

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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 1878, Hosea is asked to design fence posts, gates, and lamp posts for the Woodstock green. He makes a number of designs with help from his friend Robert Perkins. One design is chosen by the town and Hosea supervises construction during the summer. He is paid twenty-five dollars for his work.

Hosea also does almost constant surveying work for Frank McKenzie, Frederick Billings, and many others. He also writes articles on meteorology and other subjects for local newspapers, including the *Republican Observer* in White River Junction, which began publication in January 1878.

On July 20, Hosea has a serious nose bleed and is confined to his bed by Dr. Chandler. He becomes very weak and diary entries are missing, or brief, until August 11 when Hosea notes, "am much better." He gradually regains his strength, increases activity and, on September 22, he attends church again.

The Woodstock Railroad opened in 1875 but, in December 1878, Hosea had not been paid for his work since January 1870. He notes that he is still owed twelve hundred fifty-eight dollars and forty-three cents and writes, "I wish it was paid." On December 27, Hosea asked Frederick Billings to present an account for his work to the board of directors.

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.

1878

Tuesday, January 1

Arose in the morning and went to my table and wrote till about time for the train to leave. Mrs. D. and myself went to Taftsville and took dinner at Mr. Marcy's. Called on Mr. Hathaway at his mill, and I examined the bank where the commissioners laid the road through the gravel cut below Taftsville. We came home and I kept busy on the notice of Mr. Miller till late at night. Mrs. George Paul and her mother called in the afternoon. I paid quarterly postage 25 cts and paid Paul 25 cts for kerosene. A very pleasant day. No snow on the ground and it was more like April than January. Money on hand 142.33.

Debits – .25, .25

Wednesday, January 2

This morning I determined to finish the article on Mr. Miller and I took it up early. My level came from Yonkers and it looks as good as new. Paid express bill \$1.15. Am glad to find my level in so good order. I worked on the article nearly all day and finished it late in the evening, and carried the last of it to the post office. Very much cooler. A cloudy day and it began to snow about ten in the forenoon, and the storm was very slight through the day, and it stopped snowing at 10 p.m. 1.30 inches of snow.

Debits – 1.15

Thursday, January 3

Copied my article on the planet Venus and sent it to the Springfield Republican. Got papers and carried some of them to Mrs. Miller. I sent \$16.75 to H. Sawyer Inst. Maker of Yonkers, N.Y. to pay for fixing my level. Chapman and Crosby came to their recitations. Paid peddler 39 cents for pens, etc. I paid for money order 15 cents and postage 15 cts. In the evening 200 registers came from Claremont and I took them to the office. Carried 50 to Mr. White. Paid Fuller for meat 10 cts. A cold morning. – Ther. -8 in the morning and -10.5 in the evening. Cold north wind through the day.

Debits - 16.75, .39, .15, .15, .10

Friday, January 4

Polk succeeded in finishing the road case this morning, and he also attended to Mr. Marcy's case. I kept at my table through the day at work on the meteorological report for December. Polk started for home at one o'clock p.m. and the snow was falling very rapidly. I went to the post office and got a letter from Claremont and a bill for the registers. Met Mr. Crosby and had a pleasant chat on the topics of the day. It began to snow about six o'clock this morning, and the storm increased till night. Cold this morning. -15.5 by the thermometer.

Saturday, January 5

In the morning I wrote out the report of meteorology and sent it to the department. I also sent a letter to Franklin. After finishing that I copied it into my books and finished them ready to begin another year. Chapman & Crosby came to their lessons. Fred Doton and his wife called to see folks and flowers and left before night. Paid 25 cts for a lamp shade and 21 cents for flour. I shoveled snow in the morning, the first this winter, but we may expect winter enough. Cloudy in the morning but very clear in the evening. Wind W. & N.W. Ten inches of snow this morning.

Debits - .25, .21

Sunday, January 6

I arose between three and four o'clock to see to the fires for the rooms were getting very cold. We got ready for church and Etta Latimer came to go with us. In the forenoon Mr. Crosby spoke Life to the Reformer. He spoke from the words, "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the

renewing of your mind." Though the weather was cold, the house was very well filled. Ther. -16.5, that is so much below zero. A pleasant day but cold. It grew colder in the evening.

Monday, January 7

Ther. -32 early and -27 at 7 o'clock. Paid Sayward \$1.16 on account. Paid Sterlin 50 cts for sugar, and 5 cts postage. Spent about half a day writing an article for Mr. Greene, and I finished the report of the weather for December. I got John Pinks to print a line of Poetry to correct a line for Mr. Miller's poem on Mars. Got a letter from Norman Perkins, and shall write to him in a few days. Fast growing cold. Polk will have a cold time at East Barnard. Ther. -32 early and -29 at 7 o'clock. The air is filled with frost almost like snow.

Debits – 1.16, .50, .05

Tuesday, January 8

Paid 3 cents postage. Mailed a letter to Albert Darling and one to the Republican of Springfield. Sent a card to Mrs. Bates of West Fairlee. Went to the P.O. and found it very cold. Received of Abbie 19 cts a few days ago. I spent the day at my table. Chapman and Crosby came in the afternoon to their recitations. Went to the post office and found the weather extremely sharp and cold. Carlie Dunham came here in the evening and will stay through the night. Worked out the meteorology for the week past. Ther. -38 early and -36 at 7 o'clock a.m. We have but few colder mornings. Another frosty morning. Atmosphere densely filled with frost. Ther. -10 noon.

Credits – .19

Debits – .03

Wednesday, January 9

Weather some warmer this morning. Am again seated at my table. Am not well today, but must keep about my work, if possible. Computed interest on N.C. Perkins' note and am ready to send an affidavit to him giving the facts. It would be well if he could pay the note now, but I suppose he cannot. It is with some study and calculation that I can get along without it. Ther. +11 this morning, which is some warmer than yesterday.

Thursday, January 10

Wrote some letters; one to Josiah Crookes and one to Claremont Mfg. Company. Mr. Chandler called for the plans for the park fence. Polk came down from Pomfret on business. Mr. Abbott of Bethel or Stockbridge called to see me and he put his horse in the barn and he took a light dinner here himself. Crosby and Chapman came to their recitations. Paid 6 cts postage. Received a letter from Norman Perkins on business matters. Mrs. D. went to a social meeting at Mrs. Nathan J. Churchill's. Paid 10 cts fee at social. Barometer falling very rapidly and a storm may be expected. Cloudy through the day. It began to rain at 6 o'clock p.m.

Debits – .06, .10

Friday, January 11

A very rainy night. The wind came to the N.W. or N. and it began to snow. Very wet snow & water. – Muddy in the roads. Mr. Abbott left his horse and sleigh in the barn while he attended the agricultural meeting. Paid 25 cts for soap. The atmosphere has been so light today that it was quite difficult to do any mental labor. I could not try to write out the meteorology for the year, but must collect the facts together as soon as convenient. The rain ended this morning and it began to snow about six o'clock. The snow was very light and measured 3.5 inches.

Debits - .25

Saturday, January 12

Weather very much warmer. Simeon Dunham called. I finished a letter to Amelia & sent a register to Dr. William McCollom. Spent much of the day trying to find a plan of a Bethel survey that I have put by very

carefully. Paid 30 cent express bill and Montague gave me credit of 15 cents. Crosby and Chapman came to their recitations. This ink, though pale now, is the best that I find. Mrs. D. rode out with Mr. and Mrs. Russell, We looked at Venus to see its crescent form. Paid 3 cts postage. A very warm day for the season and very clear in the afternoon. Could see Venus very plainly with the unassisted eye.

Debits - .30, .03

Sunday, January 13

Did not rise very early and soon began to put ourselves in readiness for church. Mr. Crosby continued his sermons on the reformer. He must love the work, must have faith in it that is, faith that he can succeed. But the most valuable point in his character is the power and ability to see the true worth of the beings to be reformed. This he regarded of paramount importance, and I fully agree in this. In the afternoon he spoke on the text previously announced 2 Thess. II: 11, 12. This text was thought to do away the doctrine held by our church folks, but when we come to look at it with the light of the language of the times in which it was written, we find it fully in accord with other parts of the bible and with our own notions of things. The strong metaphorical language of the text is another way of expressing those bold truths of which the scriptures are full. The sermon was very learned and made a profound impression. Mr. Crosby called in the evening. Cloudy in the morning and partially so through the day with northwesterly wind. – A lunar halo in the evening.

Monday, January 14

Was quite unwell this morning but was much better in the afternoon. Paid Mr. Russell for mending bucket 12 cents. I tried to work on the work at my table but was unable to do it. Horace and Carlie Dunham called early this morning. Went to the post office and met Charles Hutchinson and had a talk on the changes that had taken place in Pomfret. He is 71 years old. Copied meteorological matter in the evening. Etta Latimer called in the evening. Snow storm in the forenoon that changed to rain in the afternoon.

Debits – .12

Tuesday, January 15

Am much better this morning. The air is much cooler, and I hope to be able to write out the weather report for the year. Crosby came to his recitations. Carlie came here at noon. I received a bundle of registers from the Claremont Co. and paid 15 cts express-bill. Paid Billings for goods \$3.18 nearly all for cotton cloth. Mrs. D. has gone to Mr. Crosby's with Mr. & Mrs. Russell. They came home a little before 9 o'clock. Have done nothing but a little miscellaneous reading. Got 6½ quires of paper of Mr. White. The weather has been cloudy with N.W. wind. Barometer rising with falling temperature.

Debits - .15, 3.18

Wednesday, January 16

A cold morning. Ther. zero. Mailed registers to H.B. Smith and one to my friend Norman Perkins, and gave two to Gov. Converse and one to G.B. French and one to H.S. Dana. Paid for stamps 12 cts and 10 cts for paper. Paid 33 cts at Paul's for molasses, and at Taylors 15 cents for five lemons. The weather has become very cold since morning and the thermometer is fast falling. It was nearly 14 degrees below zero at nine o'clock. Samuel Bowles Editor of the Springfield Republican died a few minutes past eleven o'clock in the evening. He was born Feb. 9, 1826.

Debits - .22, .33, .15

Thursday, January 17

Ther. -22.6. A very sharp morning. I began my table work as early as possible, but could do but little when it was so cold. I must make out a report of the weather for the year 1877. This I am obliged to compile and condense from the monthly reports. I paid 37 cents for tea. Mrs. Miller called and took the book of rhymes that was here to have some corrections made. Mr. Gilman of Montpelier wishes for his scrap book to be placed in the Historical Society, but I advised him to keep it at home. Mrs. Fisher, Miss Lizzie

Bridge, etc. called. A cold and clear day with N.W. wind, but cloudy in the evening with some appearance of storm.

Debits - .37

Friday, January 18

Mr. Thompson called to talk about the road., etc. Mrs. Russell and Miss Bridge called. I called on Robert to see the Springfield Republican and the notice of the death of Mr. Bowles. But the Weekly Republican came in the afternoon and was very full on that subject. As a journalist he was nearly equal to Mr. Greeley though a very different man. Wrote on the weather report in the evening. Etta Latimer was here in the evening.

Saturday, January 19

A cold morning. Ther. registered -7. Norman Wood called from Mr. Chamberlin's, and Mr. Chamberlin came to the probate office and came here to dinner. I paid Mr. Richmond 20 cents for meat, and I also paid 3 cts postage. Mrs. Marcy Crosby called and made a short and pleasant visit. Mrs. D. went with her to the depot as she went home on the train. Robert called in the evening and seemed to be quite cheerful. I received a paper from Mr. Hale, and I must write for his paper.

Debits - .20, .03

Sunday, January 20

In the forenoon Mr. Crosby finished up his series of discourses of life. This was the crowning excellence of life here, the spiritual part, the spiritual teacher and spiritual teaching. The singing was very good, having Mrs. Colton to lead the female voices. Mrs. C. and Miss Emma Dunham sang some beautiful duets most sweetly. In the afternoon he preached from Col. I: 27, and a few other similar passages for a subject. In this sermon he explained the divinity of Christ and the change from the human to the divine. This was one of his best sermons, for it gave us the more full explanation of the anointing of Jesus by which he received the name and nature, the Christ, the Anointed. The house well filled and the audience very attentive. We get to be very tired, going so far and listening so attentively to two such sermons. One such sermon is all that I can digest and make profitable.

Monday, January 21

I sent a manuscript to the Observer, Mr. Hale's paper at the Junction. Went to the Depot and to the P.O. and then to my table. The weather is warm and cloudy and almost rainy. Paid for tickets 3.00. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin came to stay overnight and to hear Parsons lecture on Michael Angelo. We all went to hear him and we heard a fine lecture. The house was very well filled and I hope the expense was fully paid.

Debits - 3.00

Tuesday, January 22

The warm weather continues. Paid 11 cents to Paul for crackers. Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlin started for home in the forenoon. The sleighing is now very thin and will soon be gone if it does not freeze. Crosby and Chapman came to their recitations in the afternoon. Spenser called here for a few minutes in the afternoon. The thaw continues but there are some signs of a freeze. We were very tired in the evening and very fortunately we were alone. We could not go to the meeting at Mr. Damon's.

Debits - .11

Wednesday, January 23

This morning I paid Sterlin 58 cts for flour and sugar. The wind changed to N.W. and there were squalls of snow. The thermometer fell rapidly through the day and the weather was rough. Mrs. Marcy came from Taftsville and went back on the afternoon train. I worked on the meteorology to work out the means, etc. Charles Winslow came to a recitation in algebra. Got Monthly Weather Review this afternoon. Very high wind from the north in the evening, and very cold.

Debits - .58

Thursday, January 24

Rested badly last night; for we were obliged to keep a fire through the night. Spent all the forenoon at my table on the meteorology for the year 1877. Horace Dunham and Caroline came in the afternoon, and she staid through the afternoon. Crosby came to his recitations. In the evening I wrote easily for a time and quite late. I hope to get this meteorological article for next week's Standard.

Friday, January 25

I have spent the greater part of the day at my table writing for Mr. Hale and Mr. Greene. The day was very cloudy with strong signs of storm. I went to Sterlin's in the morning and got a quart of sirup and paid 20 cts for it. Paid Thompson 15 cts for lemons.

Debits – .20, .15

Saturday, January 26

Worked at my table in the morning then mailed a letter to Amelia. Spent the greater part of the forenoon in shoveling snow, and in breaking the paths about the house. Ward Crosby came to his recitation at the usual time. He is now in his book in Geometry, and is in the physical part of his Astronomy. I spent all the evening on my writing, and I hope to finish it in a short time.

Sunday, January 27

Sunday morning has come again and we are getting ready for church. Etta Latimer came to go with us. In the forenoon we heard Mr. Crosby speak from I Tim. VI: 6th. "But godliness with contentment is great gain." He first took the terms separately and defined each, and made a practical application of the terms. He illustrated the intellectual, moral, and spiritual elevation and earnest seeking by the zeal with which the scientist becomes absorbed in his favorite science. In the afternoon he preached I Cor. XIII: 8th. And kindred subjects.

Monday, January 28

In the morning I finished my writing for the Observer and sent a long article to the office, and I also carried a copy to Mr. Greene. There were ten pages of manuscript in each copy. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret and started back at half past three o'clock. Got a letter from Amelia and a little paper from Boston. Allen Thompson called in the evening. I am trying to finish up my memorandum, that I have neglected. Paid out 4 dollars for wood.

Debits - 4.00

Tuesday, January 29

Cold. 20.6 degrees below zero. Went to the post office and mailed letter. I paid Paul 40 cents for rice, and I came home to finish out my weekly report of the weather for Mr. Hall. Ward Crosby came to his recitations and Chapman closed his recitations. I think he has had 26 lessons. Mrs. Bridge came in the evening. Paid Mr. Billings 39 cents. Although very tired I worked at my table till nearly midnight.

Debits – .40, .39

Wednesday, January 30

Mrs. B. called on Mrs. Hatch and some others and came in the evening and was called for from home. Mrs. D. and Mrs. Marcy and Etta Latimer went to Horace Dunham's, and came home quite early in the evening. I staid at my room the greater part of the day and read the proof of my meteorological article, and I hope it will appear in a correct form. I worked through the evening at my table but could not work very late. Mrs. Bridge left for home about eight o'clock in the evening.

Thursday, January 31

This morning I paid Mr. Brewster 20 cts for work, and paid Myers 25 cts and 5 cents for stamps. I received the revised proof of the meteorological report from the Junction and have read it very thoroughly.

Also paid at sundry times 53 cents for kerosene, etc. Received proof from Mr. Hale, and have looked it over quite carefully. They do their work very well and I hope his paper will prosper.

Debits – 0.20, .25, .05, .53

Friday, February 1

Shoveled snow in the forenoon and then went to my table. Mailed papers to Quincey & Wm. Page. It is the meteorological article that I wish to send to them. Sent proof back to Mr. Hale. Got bag of flour from Woodruff's and five pounds of brown sugar, but did not pay for them at the time. On hand \$105.78.

Saturday, February 2

Spent very much of the forenoon on the meteorology for the department. Paid Paul 10 cts Taylor 15 cts and Postage 6 cents. Got another letter from the Junction, and found my articles all published. Ward Crosby came to his recitation in the afternoon. He is about finishing Loomis's Geometry and will probably go on with Conic Sections, and he grasps things very readily and is, I think, a scholar of rare mental power.

Debits – .25, .06

Sunday, February 3

Cold! Ther. -22 and the air clear and still. We went to church and heard Mr. Crosby preach from I Tim. V: 4th. Or a part of the 5th verse. "Let them learn first to show piety at home." He gave us a good practical discourse, or one that we all could profit by. First he used piety as nearly synonymous with kindness, so let us show kindness at home. He then pointed out the very devoted man who was very zealous in all the prayer meetings but his piety did not reach home. The next was the man of fixed principles who perched his tender wife and children in the heavy carriage and drove straight through the world striking aside all opposition, thoughtless of his tender flock, of those he should love and cherish. – In the afternoon he spoke from John X: 9th "I am the door." The words of Jesus. He also is the way, the truth and the life. – We are all doors that open the way to be followed by others. We open a door to sin if we allow even the appearance of evil. The innocent social glass opens the door for the drunkard. The innocent card playing for a button opens the way for the gambler. – A valuable sermon.

Monday, February 4

Mr. Barnard came to saw wood and he fitted what was in the shed. Mrs. Page sent me one dollar and I sent her the Standard. Paid Mr. Barnard one dollar. Got groceries at Paul's. Horace called in the morning to speak of the sermons we heard yesterday. Mortimer began to draw the wood. Etta Latimer called in the evening. Took a view of the moon through the level telescope. Worked through the evening at my table. This remarkably clear and cold winter weather. Very pleasant.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - 1.00

Tuesday, February 5

Finished the article for Mr. Greene, and I sent articles to Mr. Hale for the week and for the month of January. Paid Paul for groceries \$1.07 and I paid Barnard one dollar for work on wood. Paid five cents postage. Sent five dollars to Life Insurance. Polk came from Pomfret in the afternoon, and went to Taftsville and back.

Debits - 1.07, 1.00, .05, 5.00

Wednesday, February 6

This forenoon I paid two dollars for a load of wood, and 28 cents for meat. Finished the meteorological report and mailed it to the department. Did but little had work after finishing the report. Polk left for home about four o'clock. Mrs. Bridge called in the evening but was called for before nine o'clock. Paid Gobie 60 cts for sawing wood and it overpaid him 5 cts. The weather is extremely pleasant for February. Borrowed of the drawer 20 cents.

Credits - .20
Debits – 2.00, .28, .60

Thursday, February 7

Went to the bakery in the morning to get cakes for the festival. They were brought in the afternoon and we paid 55 cents. Paid for tickets and trinkets at festival 40 cents. Mrs. Marcy came here and Etta called. Joanna came and Mrs. Bridge and Lizzie came also. They all went to the festival. I staid in my room and copied meteorological matter. Mrs. Bridge came here late in the evening and will remain till tomorrow. Robert and I examined church bells in the afternoon.

Debits - .55, .40

Friday, February 8

Henry Chapman paid me \$6.50 in full for tuition since October 1st; and I paid two cents postage. Joanna is with us today. The festival last evening was a success. Mr. David Hathaway sent 12 dollars to me to pay Polk as advance cost in the Taftsville road case. Mrs. Bridge and Lizzie went home in the forenoon. I am copying meteorological notes into a large blank book that Robert Perkins got for the purpose long ago.

Credits – 6.50
Debits - .02

Saturday, February 9

Wrote and mailed a letter to Amelia this morning. Joanna is still with us and I hope she will stay and hear Mr. Crosby with us tomorrow. In the afternoon I went with Robert to examine the church bell. We also examined the brick house bell, and took its dimensions and pitch. In the afternoon Elvira and Joanna took a walk and called on Mr. & Mrs. N.F. Churchill and some others. Robert called in the evening and we had a short talk on bells.

Sunday, February 10

A very snowy morning but we must try to go to church. The snow is now four inches deep. I moved the snow from the door yard or walk. I walked to church and Mrs. D. and Joanna rode with Mr. Russell. We heard Mr. Crosby from Eph. IV: 5th, or two words from it, "One faith." He spoke of belief and of its importance and how faith differed from it. The of the definition of faith as given in the dictionaries, then of the weakness of all such definitions. He urged that the full power of the word should be felt in the soul and permeate the whole being. In the afternoon he spoke of fear and took for a text 2nd Tim. I: 7th, and also 1st John IV: 18th. He expressed the opinion that in the lower planes of life, fear may have its uses, for the soul is warmed by the spirit of love; - but as the soul rises in the spirit and power of love, fear is cast out, for love casteth out fear. I do not know as he has given us two better sermons in any one day since he came here.

Monday, February 11

This is the first touch of a new bottle of ink, and it is pale as the maker of it says. But I begin with the older. Copied a drawing of a fence post, and also saw one of Mr. Saywood's drawings. Mr. Barnard came to saw my green wood. Polk came down from Pomfret and left for home early in the evening. Paid White 10 cts for a copy of "The Last Days of Pompeii." Joanna went to church yesterday. Mr. Crosby is at Taftsville this evening. Paid Polk the 12 dollars that Mr. David Hathaway sent to me last Friday for that purpose.

Debits - .10

Tuesday, February 12

A cold morning. – Ther. registered 18 degrees below zero. I spent much of the day at my table. Amelia's letter came this morning, also another assessment from the Mut. Life Association. Mr. Barnard worked on the wood. Ward Crosby came to his recitation. Joanna went home in the afternoon. I paid 30 cents for

meat. In his astronomy he is at work on Solar and Lunar Eclipses, and seems to understand them readily, for he has a very brilliant imagination. Spent the evening in copying meteorological matters.

Debits - .30

Wednesday, February 13

Sent a short article to the Observer. Paid Paul 20 cts for coffee and paid postage 10 cts. I also paid Robert one dollar to buy a scale of Montague. I worked at my table nearly all day. Mr. Chamberlin and Edith Stanley came down to attend the lecture of Mr. Marshall on the Yellowstone park. It seems as though the river must have been named from the color of the rocks on its banks near its sources. We all attended the lecture. A very fine one.

Debits - .20, .10, 1.00

Thursday, February 14

Mr. Chamberlin started for home soon after nine o'clock. A clear and cool morning. I attempted to draw a plan for Mr. Hatch, but was compelled to leave it. Mr. Crosby made us a very pleasant call and talked over all the important matters that I could think of. He looks very deeply into philosophical matters, and is a remarkably sound man. Ward Crosby and Charlie Winslow came to their recitations. One is in Astronomy and the other in Geometry or Algebra. Am very tired this evening.

Friday, February 15

Cold! Ther. -20 degrees. – Sleighing remarkably good and every one improves it. I went to the post office and the Bank three times this morning. Carried plan of fence to Mr. Chandler, and carried Brocklesby's Meteorology to Mr. C.P. Marsh, as he wished to look up the names and classes of the clouds. Mr. Chandler called to talk about the fence posts for the park fence. We are alone this evening and can but enjoy it. Must draw plan of fence posts tomorrow.

Saturday, February 16

Took the time in the morning and found our watches two minutes and 24 seconds slow. Drew a plan of a fence post for Mr. Chandler on a small scale. In the afternoon Ward Crosby came to his recitation and later, Mr. Chandler and Mr. McKenzie came to talk on fence posts and to have me draw one full size. This I dislike to do but will try it. Mr. Chandler took the small plan to study upon. – I paid Mr. Barnard two dollars towards sawing wood, and six cents for agate buttons.

Debits - 2.00, .06

Sunday, February 17

I did not get up this morning in time to see the lunar eclipse though it continued till the time of moon setting. – We went to church this morning and heard Mr. Ballou preach from I Cor. XIII: 10th. "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." This called up the subject of progression, and he gave us a very good and logical discourse. In the afternoon his text was Mat. XVI: 3. "But can ye not discern the signs of the times?" This then was the subject of his discourse. The signs of the times! He noticed the peculiar activity of the political and religious world, and the marked tendency of the last. He saw the old theologies breaking up and giving way to purer and more liberal and more rational views. This is a happy state of things as it seems to me, for it bespeaks a purer and more refined and elevated thought, and a higher spiritual feeling.

Monday, February 18

A very clear morning with cold north wind. I took the time again this morning and made it agree with my observation Saturday. In the forenoon I began on the full sized post for the park fence. Lizzie Bridge called in the forenoon. She went to Mr. Johnson's in the evening for the night. Mr. Chandler called to see how his plans were progressing. Mr. McKenzie called on the same business. I was very tired in the evening and could read or write but little.

Tuesday, February 19

I worked very diligently through the forenoon on the plan of the fence post. I got it so nearly done that we could judge something of its character. Mr. Chandler called to see it, and I am satisfied that a gothic post is the most desirable. Polk and Abbie came down in the forenoon, and remained till about four o'clock. Abbie paid us \$1.15 and I paid postage, etc. 5 cents. Mrs. Bridge called here towards night and left about ten o'clock.

Credits – 1.15

Debits – .05

Wednesday, February 20

Robert called early in the morning and took the post drawing and will draw one a little different, making the top smaller. I finished up mine and Mr. Chandler and Mr. McKenzie called and talked over the post business for some time. I think they like the gothic plan, and perhaps they will adopt it. I sent meteorological report to the Junction. Paid Paul 35 cts for groceries.

Debits - .35

Thursday, February 21

Warm with some snow. Have not yet heard from the posts carried away last night. Have been unwell through the day and have done but little. I paid 36 cents for flour and meat. Polk and Abbie came down in the forenoon. The Supreme court is in session now. Polk is watching the Taftsville road case. Abigail came down from Pomfret in the afternoon, and will stay with us a few days. Ward Crosby came to his recitation in Astronomy.

Debits – .36

Friday, February 22

A very dull morning, and a furious storm in progress. Let Robert have one dollar. I staid about my room but could work but little. The storm was fearful through the day. The case Orcutt and others vs. Hartland came off just before noon. The decision is not made yet. Robert went to the Junction to see Mr. Hale. Changed spectacles with Mr. Hathaway. Ruled pages for the almanac in the evening.

Debits – 1.00

Saturday, February 23

Paid 11 cts postage in the morning and mailed a letter to Amelia and paper to Mrs. Page. Norman Wood came down from Mr. Chamberlin's. Ward Crosby came to his recitation, and he is now just beginning his Conic Sections. Paid Paul 60 cts for tea and kerosene and Randall 5 cts for watch key. Spent nearly all the forenoon in shoveling paths, clearing gutters, etc. Polk left for home about four o'clock. The sleighing is very hard now for the hail is well stirred up. – Worked on almanac in the evening.

Debits - .11, .60, .05

Sunday, February 24

Wrote what I could in the morning and then went to church. Heard Mr. Crosby from I Cor. XV: 17th. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Monday, February 25

Almanac claims attention now, and must till it is done. Dr. Paddock and his little daughter called in the afternoon for a short time. Polk came to attend the remaining part of the session of the Supreme court. In the afternoon Mrs. D. went to Taftsville to hear Mr. Crosby in the evening. She visited with them at Mr. Marcy's and thought of remaining through the night, but came home with Horace Dunham and Caroline. They had a very good sermon from the text, "I am the door." Paid Montague 15 cts for blank deeds.

Debits - .15

Tuesday, February 26

Worked on the almanac in the forenoon. Made a section to the fence post and carried it to Mr. Paul to take to their meeting this evening. I expect they will agree upon a plan for the fence post this evening. Ward Crosby came to his recitation in the afternoon and made his first demonstration in Conic Sections. He also went on with the subject of the fixed stars. Am too nearly jaded out to write more this evening, and I will leave it and retire to rest. It is now towards ten o'clock. Paid for cloth for Abigail 18 cts. To balance 3 cents.

Debits - .18, .03

Wednesday, February 27

The day was fully stirred up. I tried to work on the almanac and finished the phases of the Moon for Vermont. Abbie came down from Pomfret and remained till night. The snow is going off very fast. Mrs. Bridge came in the cars in the afternoon, and soon rode to Pomfret with Mortimer Spear who is now hauling wood. Robert went to Pomfret with Polk and Abbie. I took an observation and computed the time very carefully.

Thursday, February 28

Another very bright morning. Mr. Barnard came in the morning to work on the wood. I have worked on the meteorology for the month. Mortimer came with another load of wood. Mrs. Bridge called for a few minutes. Ward Crosby came to his recitations and recited his Astronomy but I was too tired to hear his Conic Sections.

Friday, March 1

Clear and cool in the morning. Spent some time on the meteorology for February. Robert went to the Junction to see Mr. Hale and to get proof of his article on bells. Capt. Job Richard died this morning. The funeral will be attended next Sunday. Mr. Crosby lectures. I spent some time in writing a long letter to the folks at Franklin. Paid for buttons 14 cts and Postage 6. We attended Mr. Crosby's lecture and was nearly jaded out. Mrs. Bridge came, and left at about 10 o'clock. The river was partly broken up at the beginning of the month. On hand, 95.71.

Debits - .20

Saturday, March 2

Was too tired to rest last night. Paid Paul 25 cts for soap, and then there is an error of 1 cent in the cash account. Sent a long letter to Franklin. Mr. Hale came up this morning on the train and returned. Fred came for Abigail this forenoon. Crosby did not come to his recitations. Polk called and I lent him fifty cents to take out execution on the Road case. Etta Latimer went to Taftsville last evening and we shall miss her short calls very much.

Debits - .25, .50

Sunday, March 3

I neglected writing out the events of this day for one week and the memory is somewhat affected by the events that have transpired since that time. In the forenoon we went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from Mat V: 6th. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." A good text, and it was the foundation of a most excellent sermon. These earnest appeals to have our aims all of them elevated and pure and good could hardly fail to reach the heart. In the afternoon, the funeral of Capt. Job Richmond was attended at the house and then a sermon at the church from the text, "He is not here; he is risen." In this sermon he gave us his views of the resurrection. Christ rose from the dead and became the first fruits of them that slept; therefore all will rise as Christ rose. He spoke of the angel at the sepulcher, and of the vision that appeared to John on the isle of Patmos, and of other cases where visions had appeared to men.

Monday, March 4

I spent nearly all day on the meteorological report, and finished it so as to send it by the morning's mail. Paid postage 6 cents last Friday but have paid nothing today. Got a long letter from Franklin. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Porter called in the evening and I was very busy in writing monthly and weekly reports for the papers. Have got some rested from my work last Friday and Friday evening.

Tuesday, March 5

Town Meeting, but I do not attend it. Paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets. Sent a package of matter for the Observer, and am writing still more. Have felt much better today than for some days before. I paid barber 20 cents for hair-cutting. The Railroad had to take some hard hits from those who knew but little about it, at town meeting. Wrote articles for the Observer in the evening. We called on Mrs. Perkins in the early part of the evening, and had a very pleasant visit with her and Robert.

Debits – 1.00, .20

Wednesday, March 6

Sent another package of papers to the Observer and a small amount to the Standard. Paid for meat 24 cts. Mr. Gile of West Hartford called to have me go to Mr. Paul's office to look at an account that he had with his son. Called there and I found a difficult case to settle. A sort of family partnership had existed between them for about eight years, and the case was referred. We left him to consider whether he would revoke his agreement or not.

Debits - .24

Thursday, March 7

I spent much of the day on the Plan of the survey for Mr. Hatch, and must try to finish it soon. The survey was made last fall and I was assisted by Ward Crosby in making it. Mr. Crooker saw blue birds and heard them sing this morning I think. I must also try to fill out the blanks for Poor's Manual. The passing is now very bad and is growing worse every day. Sleighs run some and wagons are beginning to be used. Blue birds seen. Lightning seen in the evening.

Friday, March 8

This morning I sent five dollars to the Life Insurance office. After writing an R.R. report for Poor's Manual I went to the post office to rest the brain. Mr. Chandler calls to see how his post gets along. Mr. Barnard is splitting wood here and has finished the pile that I have here. I paid him three dollars. Mrs. Young came here this morning from somewhere and will lecture at the Town Hall this evening. Polk and Abbie came from Pomfret. The lecture was very fully attended and gave good satisfaction. Robins seen.

Debits – 5.00, 3.00

Saturday, March 9

Polk and Abbie left for home this forenoon. I went to the factory to take some measures about the old barn below the hill road. Came back and worked a short time on Mr. Hatch's plan. Carried the plan of the post to the bank for Mr. Chandler but I did not find him. Got a letter from Quincey Page and one from D.C. Denison. Mr. Hewitt paid me fifty cents for computing hay. I do not see how I can aid Quincey Page in getting his appointment that he asks for. Paid Paul 20 cts for coffee. Quincey Page sent 5 cents

Credits - .50, .05

Debits - .20

Sunday, March 10

The morning is warm and beautiful and the birds are singing quite merrily. The walking will be very bad today for the mud is becoming quite deep. We walked to church and heard Mr. Crosby from Rom. VIII: 37th. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." In all these things. What things? This part he left for another discourse, and considered what is meant by being more than conquerors. This was by meeting hate with kindness and enmity with love and good will. In the afternoon

he preached from Gal. III: 28th. Last clause. "For ye are all one in Christ Jesus." This was by many considered to be the best sermon that he had preached here. He spoke of material things how all was repulsion, no two things could occupy the same place at the same time, but not so with the spiritual. The more we bestow of love or goodness or mercy the more we have to bestow and so on forever.

Monday, March 11

This morning we had those peculiar stratus clouds that precede, usually, those storms of hail, snow & rain. In the forenoon I finished the plan of the line near the factory boarding house for Mr. Hatch and he paid me five dollars for it. In the afternoon I computed interest for H.L. Marsh and Mr. Ford. It was a complicated affair containing both notes and accounts, but I think it is adjusted correctly.

Credits – 5.00

Tuesday, March 12

Got a quire of fine ruled paper for almanac work, and paid 25 cts for it & paid 5 cts for rubber. I ruled the pages for computing the moon's rising and setting, and we shall soon be in the heart of almanac making. Have worked on the R.R. report for Poor's Manual, and have taken a copy of what I reported. Called on Charles Dana with the first report of the work on the road and the location. It contained Gen. Washburn's first report to the Company.

Debits - .25, .05

Wednesday, March 13

Finished the report to H.V. Poor on R.R. matters and mailed it to him at New York. Paid 9 cts for stamps. Went to the Depot store, saw Mr. Conant. He gave a lecture at South Woodstock last evening. Had a good talk with him about schools here and at other places. Song sparrows.

Debits - .09

Thursday, March 14

The storm continues. Mailed a letter to Henry Vail for Ward Crosby, and I hope I can get a good place for him. – Polk came down from Pomfret in the forenoon. Mr. Crosby called in the morning and we had a talk about the parsonage. Paid 9 cents postage. Very snowy in the afternoon, and Polk left for home about five o'clock. I arranged with Polk about his bank stock, the four shares that are in Mr. Hewitt's hands, and it appears that there is one more share that came into his hands that I must get if possible.

Debits – .09

Friday, March 15

Paid Richmond 10 cents for meat. Met Levi Hazen in the morning and had a long talk with him about the old surveys about the southwest corner of Hartford, and also about the lines at the Junction. Mr. Chandler called to talk about fence posts and to arrange about the side entrances. After he left I went to the bank and took out ninety eight dollars and 20 cts and gave note for one hundred dollars signed by Otis Chamberlin & myself.

Credits – 98.20

Debits – .10

Saturday, March 16

Paid Paul .56, postage .06, and Randall .40, and I paid Richmond for beef 1.63. Paid village tax \$1.17 and I paid Wm. R. Hewitt \$124.80 for four shares of the stock of the Woodstock National Bank. Paid Mrs. Joseph Dana 18 dollars as interest, and Polk paid me three dollars that he got from Mr. Hewitt on the one share of bank stock. I gave Mr. Hewitt a note for thirty dollars for that share and the three dollars paid me was in part for the January dividend. Polk and Abbie came down today and started for home early in the evening.

Credits – 3.00

Debits - 1.02, 1.63, 1.17, 124.80, 18.00

Sunday, March 17

I worked at my table in the morning till it was time to go to church. Very muddy walking but we went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from John XIV: 13th. And he also took the XV: 16th, and XVI: 23rd, where a similar sentiment is expressed. The subject of prayer has always been too much clothed in mystery. Many believe that our prayers will be literally answered, and the speaker gave his view why they are not. Our prayers are often only our desires and not our needs. If we pray for what we need our prayers will be answered. In the afternoon he preached from I Cor. XIII: 9th & 12th. He preached from this text on the 11th of March one year ago, when he first came here. He illustrated this by the man sent to see and describe a ship. When he saw just the top of the mast with the streamers, he had seen a ship as he thought and described it, but he soon saw the three masts, and he described it again, but all his descriptions were wrong for he only saw in part. This gives us only a partial view of this most excellent sermon.

Monday, March 18

Computed the weight of a cast iron post for the entrances to the park and then I went to the post office. Mailed a letter to Quincey Page at Three Rivers in Canada. Paid Sterlin 34 cts, postage 6 cts, and in the afternoon I paid Paul twenty five cts for kerosene. Mr. Chandler called to see about fence posts, for the iron-founder came to see the work and to take the job of casting the posts. Was very tired and we retired early to bed.

Debits – .40, .25

Tuesday, March 19

Went to Mr. McKenzie's in the morning to meet the fence committee and Mr. Lowell the iron founder of Manchester, N.H. Got letter from Henry Vail and one from Mr. Hale of the "Observer." Robert paid me one dollar for lent Feb. 22, present year. Mr. Lowell left for home this morning. Winslow L. White is buried this afternoon. He has worked for Mr. Billings the last one or two years. Mr. Crosby attended the funeral. Mr. Chandler called to have me draw plans for the posts that are to be cast.

Credits – 1.00

Wednesday, March 20

Soon after breakfast I called on Robert and then I went to the post office. Paid Paul 20 cts for salt-caster. I soon went to work on the drawing for the fence posts, and continued at work till night. Robert began on the larger post, and made at last a very fine post. Mr. Chamberlin went with Robert to examine his fine architectural and other views. Mailed a letter to Mrs. Dr. Marsh of Potsdam, N.Y. – This is the first day that we have had the dry March wind.

Debits - .20

Thursday, March 21

Paid Richmond 44 cts for meat. Went to work early on the plan of the small fence post and finished it and sent it to Mr. Lowell of Manchester who is to do the casting. I tried to draw some in the afternoon but could not do much. Mrs. Bridge came soon after one o'clock and Polk and Abbie soon after. In the evening we all went to hear Wallace Bruce on his Womanhood in Shakespeare. The lecture was one that would please a portion of the people of Woodstock.

Debits - .44

Friday, March 22

Mrs. Bridge went to Mr. Johnson's in the morning. Abbie paid me 60 cents to send for Murray's paper, and I sent one dollar and 3 cts postage. Spent nearly all day on the fence plans. Am at work on the large posts for the entrances to the park. Polk and Abbie remained here through the day, leaving for home

about five o'clock. We were fully tired out at night and retired early to rest. I took Mrs. Chamberlin's watch from Mr. Randall's.

Credits - .60
Debits - 1.03

Saturday, March 23

Am still on the fence plans. Mr. Chandler calls at times to see them and to make suggestions. Paid postage 12 cts and Paul 13 cts. Received another letter from Henry Vail on the subject of employing Ward Crosby in their publishing house. Paid Mr. Barnard two dollars towards his sawing wood. A book agent called with Mitchell's New Atlas. I cannot say that I need such a book. Mrs. L.A. Miller has one to sell though not of so recent a date.

Debits - .25, 2.00

Sunday, March 24

It rained through the latter part of the night. I kept at my table till it was time to go to church. We both walked through the mud and heard Mr. Crosby on the heroism of life. He read the 16th chapter of John's gospel but gave us no particular text. He first took up the low and ignorant but contented family in rags. There was no heroism there for they had no aspirations and no obstacles to overcome. He next took the class that were intelligent and sensitive, reaching to the greatest good, but if no obstacles were thrown in their way there was no heroism. But if obstacles were thrown in the way and still they moved along without a murmur there was heroism. He then cited extreme cases where heroism had been called out. In the afternoon he talked to the sabbath school scholars taking up the biblical use and origin of the word hell. He called up many places where the same original word was used and translated grave or pit. Such was the subject of the afternoon sermon.

Monday, March 25

A very cold morning with strong wind from the N.W. I began on the fence posts early this morning and it is not yet fully finished. Horace Dunham called in the morning and Carlie called at noon. Mr. Chandler called this morning and we concluded not to send the plan for the post till tomorrow. Robert and I have done our best to get some good plans or rather plans for a good kind of a post. - Paid Savings bank the interest \$33.08. Paid Richmond and Paul .22 and 13 cts.

Debits - 33.08, .35

Tuesday, March 26

I began early to finish the plan of the fence post, but Mr. Chandler thought he would not send it to Manchester till tomorrow. Horace & Caroline came here this afternoon and Mrs. Bates came on the afternoon train, and Carlie Dunham came for the evening. I took up my almanac work in the afternoon and Ward Crosby called to take some lessons in making almanacks (omit the k.) I have been writing all the evening and must leave it now to read the barometer and the rest of the instruments.

Wednesday, March 27

Made a plan of the section of the base for the fence post, and I finished the whole thing and sent it off to the contractor at Manchester, N.H. Paid Paul 34 cts for coffee and salt, and Sterlin 50 cts for apples. Mrs. Bates is here and will remain till she is able to go to South Pomfret. Met Dr. Richmond and Montague and had a talk on school matters. There is now a little commotion about the expense of schools. Paid ten cts for some very fine linen paper. Carlie Dunham came in the evening for the night.

Debits - .34, .50, .10

Thursday, March 28

Computed interest on note for Mr. E.G. Spaulding of Taftsville. Carlie went to her work early in the morning. Mrs. Bates left 50 cents with me to pay for copy of deed for Miss E. Latimer, and she paid me 1.00 for team and driver to Pomfret and I paid it to Mr. Clough's boy Brown before he started for home. -

Received a card from Mr. Wm. Marsh a son of the late Dr. Samuel Marsh of Potsdam, N.Y. He tells me that his aunt Amanda Marsh married Louis Dixon and lives in Centralia, Illinois. Paid 87 cents for paper and rubbers.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 1.00, .87

Friday, March 29

I finished computation of interest for D.G. Spaulding and sent it to him by mail. Paid 3 cts postage and 5 cts for meat. Mr. Chandler called to show a letter from Mr. Lowell. He wants all the plans for the castings about the park fence, so I must keep the same work a little longer. I kept at work till I had finished the large, tall posts and then left it. There is some work in keeping all of this work about the park fence perfectly right.

Debits - .08

Saturday, March 30

A clear and beautiful morning. Sent off a long letter to Franklin. And Robert and Mr. Chandler called to finish up the fence posts and the plans of the lamp posts and the small posts were sent this morning. Ward Crosby called and began his work on the Almanac. We tried to arrange so as to go to Pomfret tonight but could not make out to go. I am obliged to get some one to read the meteorological instruments if I leave for the night. After the nine o'clock reading I copied the week's record and tested the whole work.

Sunday, March 31

In the morning we started for the homestead and found the roads very muddy. I called at the burying ground and got some notes that I had long wanted to get. We called at Spenser's and staid there about two hours and then went to the old place, where we had not been for six months or more. I got Spenser to take dinner with us and we were all together except Mrs. Page who is at Malden with Ellen (Mrs. Whitmore). Spenser and I waked to the Ware place where Mortimer was boiling sap. I found the wood lot much better than I had expected to find it and think Mortimer will use it prudently. We came back to the old place and Fred brought us home in good time, and we had had a very pleasant visit. I had not visited with Spenser so much for a very long time.

Monday, April 1

Early in the morning I made a deed of the Ware place for Mortimer. Started to go up street and met Mr. Chandler and soon saw Mr. McKenzie and we had a good chat about the fence plans. I paid Paul 37 cts for tea and Fuller 50 cts for meat that I had a few days ago. I was too unwell to work on the plans of the fence. In the evening we called on Mr. Crosby's folks, but he was absent.

Credits – 6.08

Debits – .37, .50

Tuesday, April 2

Rested very well and early in the morning I began the drawing and worked on the tracery for the lamp stands at the entrances of the park. Those plans are quite difficult to draw. Mr. Chandler called and was pleased with the progress of the work, and I hope I can finish them and send them off tomorrow. I was very much driven with work through the day and very tired in the evening. I have hardly stepped out of the house today.

Wednesday, April 3

Rose early and soon began work on the plans, I arranged to take copies of all the curves that we had drawn, and Mr. Chandler called soon after and concluded to send the plans to Mr. Lowell of Manchester. I worked on the Almanac and on the meteorological report. Mrs. Henry Page and a friend came from Sherbrook. After getting rested a very little they started for Pomfret. They called at the old place, and after resting awhile they went to Elmer's.

Thursday, April 4

Called on Woodbury & Co. and they paid me five dollars on the Claremont account. I found that they had paid me twenty dollars and twenty five cents and the five today besides, so they have paid me \$25.25 on the Claremont account. I think I paid five cents postage this forenoon. I have worked on the meteorological matters. This evening Mrs. Livermore lectures at the Town Hall. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret to hear the lecture. Mrs. Chamberlin was here in the forenoon. We all heard the lecture and all pronounce it the best of all the lectures that we have had.

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .05

Friday, April 5

Paid quarterly rent on P.O. box .25 and paid 6 cts for figs. Polk and Abbie left for home about noon, going the road by the old place. This is Fast Day and it is a very quiet one among the boys. I have not seen any signs of intemperance among the masses that get together. Elmer called to talk with us about Henry's wife who came here last Wednesday. She is now with Elmer's folks and will stay there for awhile, probably. Sent to Vick 1.20

Debits – .25, .06, 1.20

Saturday, April 6

Paid 5 cts postage and Paid Sterlin for graham flour 34 cts. This morning I sent 7 dollars to Life Insurance Co. which pays the last assessment. Mr. Chandler called in the forenoon and I saw him again in the afternoon. He had a letter from Manchester about the trimmings at the entrances, about the lantern frames. Mortimer came and I gave him the deed of the Ware place, taking a receipt for the deed and the agreement about the notes. Sister Joanna came here and is here this evening.

Debits – .05, .34, 7.00

Sunday, April 7

Joanna is here to go to church. We all went in the forenoon to hear Mr. Crosby. He took up the subject given out so fully in the parable of the sheep & goats, but also expressed fully in a recent poem by Longfellow, that is the closing "good to the least of these" is doing good to the Master. The poem sets the matter forth with clearness and the sermon made the more practical application of the good and beautiful truth. In the afternoon was the communion service. I did not attend for I was too tired and unwell to go. I tried to read some and to write but made very bad work of both. Joanna went home in the evening.

Monday, April 8

Mr. Chandler called in the morning and we expected a sample of one fence post but it did not come. Mrs. Bridge and Mrs. Maxham and Christiana Emery called. I worked on the almanac all the time that I could. The frost is fast coming out of the ground and the roads are much improved. I paid 10 cts postage.

Debits – .10

Tuesday, April 9

Mr. Clarke called to have me go down the line with the Selectmen of Woodstock. We went as far as the train culverts and made a full examination of the ground and timber. The most westerly one has settled so as to show very plainly in the track and both need filling and should be filled as soon as the earnings of the road will permit. I tried to go through the easterly one but the ice would not permit. Mrs. Henry Page and Miss Orr called here.

Wednesday, April 10

Sent letter to Henry Page of Boston. Abbie came in the afternoon and paid me 50 cts for what I paid for Murray's paper. I worked on the almanac much of the day. Polk and Abbie staid here till evening before starting for home. I am at work very busily on the almanac and can finish it in a few days if we have no hindrances. Was too tired in the evening to work at all. Paid Paul for soda 10 cts.

Credits - .50
Debits - .10

Thursday, April 11

Got a plan ready to send to Mr. Lowell to cut the iron plate to make the lantern holder. Sent letter and copy of deed to Miss Latimer. Wrote to Hathaway of Northampton. Sent letter and 70 cts to Vick for Abbie. Paid Fuller 28 cts for meat, and paid Randall 20 cts for fixing transit, and Paul 12 cts for eggs, and this leaves 26 cts in my wallet. I paid John Eaton the fifty cents that Mrs. Bates left with me but it is not noted in my cash acct. I was too dull and tired in the evening to write correctly and I left my work at nine o'clock.

Debits - .70, .28, .32

Friday, April 12

A very rainy night and the rain continues. The morning train did not come this morning for a land slide at the McCarthy cut prevented. What a disturbance it makes now to have the train fail of getting here in time. The men worked through the day in clearing the track, but have failed to do it, so that the mails will come in tonight as they did in olden times, by a six-horse stage coach.

Debits - 1.45

Saturday, April 13

Sent a letter to Franklin in the forenoon. Worked on the almanac nearly all day and Mrs. D. finished the computations of the moon rising and setting. The computation of every part is now done and I shall soon have all the work copied into the calendar pages. Mr. Chandler called in the afternoon and I computed the weight of the rails and the posts for the park fence and also the surface to be painted over. Lizzie Bridge called in the afternoon and Mrs. Freeman in the evening.

Sunday, April 14

Rain through the night and cloudy this morning. Went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from Mark II: 27th "The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath." In this sermon his aim was to show that we should not cling to the old customs of the Jews. And he spoke of our Sunday, not that the day was any more holy than other days, but that it was right and proper to have one day in seven for good and religious thought and for rest. He would not think it right to go to the church and preach against work on Sunday and have his family at home getting up a good dinner for him when he gets home. In the afternoon he preached on the death of Wm. M. Tweed, taking for a text Psalms 94: 20th. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" He looked over the life of Tweed, and then followed him in imagination into the future life. Here the speaker gave us his views of the punishment of the wicked and of their final penitence.

Monday, April 15

Received \$17.50 of the Bank. Paid 90 cents for dried beef, and Paul 25 cts for egg glasses. Mrs. Bates was here in the forenoon, and I went to the market to get dried beef for Mrs. Russ. Mr. Chandler called about the plans for the entrances to send to the foundry at Manchester. Mrs. Bates rode to Pomfret with Dr. Chandler. Worked at my table copying the Almanac work on the calendar pages.

Credits - 17.50
Debits - .90, .25

Tuesday, April 16

Paid Woodruff \$5.90 which pays for a bag of flour, salt and also pays the account in full to date. Flour, such as we have used for a long time, is \$9.50 dollars per barrel, that is \$2.37 per bag. Went to the park and then to John Fuller's work, and after that I went to Mr. Billing's work where Mr. Lockwood was at work. Christiana Emery called in the afternoon. I worked again copying meteorological matters and also the almanac for it is now nearly done.

Debits – 5.90

Wednesday, April 17

Paid Paul 17 cts & Mr. Hewitt left 1 cent. The 17 cents was for two egg glasses. Mr. Thompson called a short time in the afternoon when I was at work on the almanac. In the afternoon I went to the park and took notes for the entrances at the end, and took the position of the trees. I also worked about the door-yard and raked over the grass ground.

Credits - .01

Debits - .17

Thursday, April 18

Finished the New Hampshire almanac and sent it to Claremont. Drew a plan of John Fuller's house for the stone layers. Paid 4 cts postage. In the afternoon I drew a plan of the entrance to the park and went to the ground to see if it would fit the place and the curves that are to come into and connect with it. Mrs. Latimer came here in the afternoon. I went to the Fuller's house and gave direction about the walls. Spent a few hours on the door yard and garden.

Debits - .04

Friday, April 19

Paid three cents postage in the morning. Took the time and found Polk's watch 9 seconds too slow and Mr. Randall set his chronometer and his clock. Mr. Murdock set his clock, and Moore set his clock. – Mrs. Henry Page and a friend called in the forenoon and remained till about four in the afternoon, and then walked to Pomfret. I set levels for John Fuller's house. Spent some time in cleaning the door yard, and in fixing the garden. Mrs. D. planted her pansies.

Debits - .03

Saturday, April 20

Sent our letter to Amelia as usual. Received the Junction paper and will send one to some friend. Mrs. D. went to Horace Dunham's this morning and a few minutes after Harriet Emery called. – Robert came to mark out the plan for the narrow entrances to the park fence, and I tried to finish the plan but am too lazy to do much. Mrs. Marcy and her sister Etta Latimer called. Mrs. D. came about 6 o'clock and called at Dr. Chandler's in the evening.

Sunday, April 21

I went to my table in the morning and worked out the corrections in the meteorological observations but did not test them till night. We both walked to church in the forenoon, and heard Mr. Crosby on the subject "Where is heaven?" He took for a text Luke XVII: 21st reading in connection the 20th verse. To illustrate his subject he spoke of the life of trees, plants and flowers, all composed of nearly the same elements, yet all showing an infinite variety. There seems to be a spiritual life about these, or a life that speaks to us in purest and varied emotions. There may be a spiritual earth surrounding the material where spiritual life may dwell, but all these things are beyond our present comprehension. Yet heaven is here with us and is the home of the spirits of the pure. In the afternoon he spoke to the children on the words judgment, condemnation and other similar words. The subject is one that I had read much about and, of course, there was not much that was new.

Monday, April 22

Arose early and began the work on the plans to send to Manchester. Robert came to assist me and we finished it about ten o'clock, and I carried it to Mr. Chandler and he sent it by express to the Iron Co. at Manchester. In the afternoon I tried to work in the garden, and to clean the door-yard more fully. At night I went with Mr. McKenzie to the burying ground to take some levels. Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Bridge called in the evening.

Tuesday, April 23

Mr. Dewey called in the forenoon to have me make some computations of interest for the railroad bonds. – Paid Paul for kerosene and beans 50 cts, postage 4 cts. In the afternoon I spent much of the time on meteorological matters copying. Mrs. Bridge staid here till evening when Eben called for her. The forenoon was quite rainy but less so in the afternoon. Paid Randall 20 cts for steel key.

Debits - .54, .20

Wednesday, April 24

Spent the greater part of the forenoon in copying meteorological matters. The day was pleasant though cloudy, and in the afternoon we took up the idea of walking to Pomfret. Paid Mr. Barnes 45 cts for mending boots; and I sent one dollar to Thetford for a hydrangea, one of the most beautiful and most hardy of shrubs. We started for Pomfret at a quarter past four, called at Spenser's and got to the old favorite homestead at six.

Debits - .45, 1.00

Thursday, April 25

Though we rested in our old room, we can hardly say that we rested well. It was not our accustomed place of rest. Did not rise very early but I took up the business of searching for some almanac papers. I found the copy of the first almanac that I made, which was for 1843. I found many other valuable papers that I should be glad to place here in my room. We did not start for home till three o'clock when Joanna brought us home in a light rain, and returned just before night.

Friday, April 26

Some rainy this morning. Paid Paul 10 cts and postage 15 cts. I worked at my table some this forenoon, but did not feel able to write much. Wrote a full letter to S.E. Cassino the naturalist. I wrote to him of the Woodstock Academy of Natural Sciences, and I hope he will give it a place in the Directory. I ought to write to Ingersoll and give him some bird facts.

Debits - .25

Saturday, April 27

Rainy in the morning and I worked at my table much of the time. Mailed a letter to Amelia as usual and shall get her reply on Monday. In the afternoon I went to the park and laid out a part of the fence line. Robert, and Ward Crosby and little Bennie Southgate were with me. Paid Paul fifteen cents for eggs. Was too tired in the evening to write at all, and I turn back and fill it out.

Debits – .15

Sunday, April 28

Very rainy in the morning but I would not stay away from church. I heard Mr. Crosby preach from John V: 17. – "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Or, as Prof. Noyes gives it; "My Father is working up to this time, and I work." He also found nearly the same sentiment in other texts that he read. This called up the thought of our work in the future life, not that we should spend an eternity in Psalm singing as many suppose, but our work should correspond to our state as our good work does here. But the speaker urged the point that we shall work there as Christ worked and as the Father worked. In the afternoon we had a sermon from Ecclesiastes VI: 3rd and 6th. The speaker took up the subject of life and by what our lives are measured.

Monday, April 29

Drew a plan for the bended rails at the entrances of the park and carried it to Mr. McKenzie's for him to take to the workmen if he sees fit to do it. In the afternoon I went to the park to lay out the curves on the south side. Ward Crosby assisted me, and we set up the center line anew, and then corrected the curves. Elmer Emery called about noon. The ministers are coming to the conference (Methodist). Paid express bill 25 cts.

Debits - .25

Tuesday, April 30

Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlin came in the morning and Mr. Chamberlin went to the Junction to meet the selectmen and Mr. Thompson. Abbie sent down to me 50 cts to pay for Scribner's for May and seeds 34 cts & 10 cts, and sent back 6 cts. I worked at my table and tried to rest; - Could work but little. Mr. Crosby called and we arranged in part for going to Mr. Chamberlin's tomorrow. Am very tired and almost unwell. This rainy weather is very depressing, and is very relaxing to the nerves. Mr. Billings mowed his lawn this forenoon.

Credits - .50

Debits - .50

Wednesday, May 1

In the morning Mr. Crosby called and we arranged to go to Pomfret. Got a horse and buggy of Mr. Clough and we rode to Pomfret. It is Mrs. Chamberlin's birth day. We met Electa and Joanna there and we had a very pleasant time. All present seemed to enjoy themselves to the height of their ability. Mr. Crosby paid me 75 cents and I paid Mr. Clough for the horse and buggy \$1.50.

Credits - .75

Debits - 1.50

Thursday, May 2

In the morning we rode to the old homestead to make a survey and I got Spenser to assist me through the day. We ran and measured the outline of the farm, and in the afternoon I rode home with Mortimer. Made a plan of the old place and found it to contain some more than seventy acres of land. I found the line cutting it north and south to be much too far west but Mr. Paul and church will rectify that.

Friday, May 3

Mr. Hathaway called to have me go to Taftsville to see his fence on the road, and he got Mr. Lockwood to go as one of the selectmen of Woodstock. We set some stakes for the fence and left him much better pleased than before. In the afternoon I went to John Fuller's house to set levels for his house and barn. The afternoon was very warm.

Saturday, May 4

Tried to get an observation for computing time, but they were not very reliable when cloudy. Cousin Franklin Doten of Randolph came here to attend the Conference. I paid Paul 45 cents for tea and lemons. We tried to make our friends comfortable and to give them a chance to enjoy their meeting. It is a very long time since I have seen them. I think it was in the fall of 1865 when I called on them at their home in Randolph. Abbie was then at the school as teacher.

Debits - .45

Sunday, May 5

A rainy night and very rainy morning, which is very unfortunate for those who come to the Methodist conference. Cousin Franklin Doten is here and he carried his folks to the Methodist church and then he carried us to the Universalist house and he left his horse there. We heard Mr. Crosby preach from Rev. XXI: 10. This was a continuation of the sermon preached last Sunday morning on the subject "Where is heaven?"

Monday, May 6

Sent five dollars to Life Insurance. Paid Paul 25 cts for soap. Cousin Franklin went to church this morning and staid till the meeting closed about half past ten o'clock. He remained here till after dinner, and then started for Spenser's. Began again to work in the garden. Got a five tined fork of Woodruff for 1.25 not paid. Mr. Cheney called to talk over historical matters. Looked up papers to use tomorrow at the old homestead.

Debits – 5.00, .25

Tuesday, May 7

I walked to the old homestead in the morning and met Mr. Paul and Mr. Church, and they spent the forenoon in making the division or rather in making the examination of the place. In the afternoon they made a dividing line, and very soon left for home, leaving the pasture and wood land to be divided hereafter. Lent 15 cts to Mrs. Ayers and paid 10 cts postage. Fred brought me home from Pomfret after I had taken supper with Spenser.

Debits - .15, .10

Wednesday, May 8

Spent the greater part of the day in chores about home and in work in the garden. Tried very much to correct the time or to find the true local time, but I could not get observations entirely satisfactory. The very great proportion of cloudy weather has deranged our time very much, as no reliable observation could be made of the sun's altitude.

Thursday, May 9

Got a copy of the times taken a few days ago. Went to the Standard office to read proof and to make addition to the article on the transit of Mercury. In the afternoon Letitia Page came from Pomfret and she received a registered letter from Boston. The afternoon was very rainy. Henry Page is now in Boston and has been there for a long time and one would think he could lay up some money. I have written to him a few times but do not myself get any replies.

Friday, May 10

This has been a more pleasant day and I tried to work in the garden for the grass and weeds are getting the start of my work. The warm weather in April gave a fine start to all kinds of vegetation and it makes it necessary to dig up the rank bunches of grass before plowing. I have been in no hurry about plowing while the weather is so very cool.

Saturday, May 11

Early in the morning I went to look over Mr. Billings' work along the road. I found the walls rather crooked and it was difficult to arrange any line that would look and be respectable. In the afternoon I got Ward Crosby to go with me and assist me in laying out a line about the old Denison house, and we were there till night. Showers in the afternoon. Paid postage 8 cents.

Debits - .08

Sunday, May 12

A cold and windy morning. We went to church and heard Mr. Crosby repeat the sermon on silence, or the power of silence. He had arranged to preach an appropriate sermon for the season but the day was much too cold to have a spring sermon on such a day. The text that he made the subject of his discourse was when Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground, making no reply to the accusers of the woman. I think the sermon was repeated at the request of Mr. Damon and we were glad to hear it again. We were both of us too unwell to go in the afternoon and we remained at home and tried to rest.

Monday, May 13

This morning I went to Mr. Billings' work and he began to set posts for his fence about the Thompson house and I kept there every hour till I had arranged the fence down to the first gate. This is beginning a long piece of work, for the building of a good fence from the Denison house to the Pratt bridge is no small job either for engineer or builders.

Tuesday, May 14

Paid Paul 20 cts for sugar. I have neglected the garden but this morning I thought I must work in it soon as the season is passing along. I am now very busy in arranging line and laying out work for Mr. Billings.

The workmen are trying to set posts as fast as I can lay out the lines and curves for the fence. Ward Crosby is with me in this work and is a very good assistant.

Debits - .20

Wednesday, May 15

A cold morning. Ice is formed on small vessels of water and in some places it was cold enough to injure vegetation. There are some danger about the fruit trees where much exposed. I went to Mr. Billings' work as usual.

Thursday, May 16

In the morning I went to the work at Mr. Billings' but was soon called away to attend a reference case Chauncey Vaughan and Smith Hodges. I was hindered by them till noon, and in the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings' work, where I staid till seven o'clock. Mr. Lockwood staid with me to set grades for the work in the morning.

Friday, May 17

Early in the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work, and about eight o'clock we went to High street to lay out a road to Mr. Fuller's house on the other side of the mountain. At eleven o'clock we met Mr. Thompson and went down the line to make a measurement of the fill for the twin trestles. Came back on the train and went immediately to Mr. Billings' work where we remained till night. Paid five cents for stamps.

Debits - .05

Saturday, May 18

Went to Mr. Billings' work early in the morning, and then at 9 o'clock we came to do a little work for Mr. Hatch and Mr. Woodward, which we finished before noon. Mr. Chamberlin and Abba came in the forenoon and went back in the afternoon. We went again to Mr. Billings' work. Abbie paid me 80 cents that I sent to Mr. Vick for her.

Credits - .80

Sunday, May 19

A most beautiful morning; very clear and I could not give up the idea of taking an observation for the time. I tried to take it all myself but they were all failures. I tried again at 8 o'clock and made a very good observation. Went to church and heard Mr. Crosby on the subject of spring. He took various scripture texts that speak of the resurrection and of a newness of life, etc. and the sermon was a rare gem of beautiful and rich truth. In the afternoon he kept up nearly the same subject and gave us another excellent sermon.

Monday, May 20

It began to rain early in the morning and continued. Found Moore's clock 16 seconds fast and Randall's chronometer 18 seconds fast. Mr. Spaulding paid me 75 cts for computing interest and I paid Moore 10 cts for watch key

Credits - .75

Debits - .10

Tuesday, May 21

I went quite early to Mr. Billings' work. Charles Vaughan was to call for me to go to the east line of Pomfret to establish it if possible, but I could not leave the work for it is very driving when Mr. B. has so many hands to work. I worked for Mr. Billings through the day. Received a line from Charles Vaughan to have me ready to go on the first fair day, but this way of setting times does not do for me. Mr. Bradley plowed the garden, and I paid him 75 cts.

Debits - .75

Wednesday, May 22

Arose this morning quite early and I soon began to work on the time article, and I finished it before breakfast. After breakfast I went to Mr. Billings' work, and he began to reset some of the work. We worked nearly through the day in setting line and level stakes. Paid Chapman 10 cts and 2 cts postage for Abbie.

Debits – .12

Thursday, May 23

Began again the work at Billings' fence and I walked the moving of it as I staked it out yesterday. In the afternoon I gave grades for the fence out to the bridge near Mr. Pratt's, and I do not see as we are needed to set any more stakes at present. I worked in the garden before breakfast, and I can see that it seems more like a garden. Planted the first potatoes today. But the weather is not yet warm since the cold spell began. Worked in garden in the evening till quite late.

Friday, May 24

Arose very early and went to the garden work, and before noon I went to see how the work was going at Mr. Billings' fence. Met H.S. Dana and had a long talk with him on the instinct of animals and insects. In the afternoon I worked in the garden the greater part of the time, though tired and lame. Paid for stamps 10 cts. In the evening I went to the depot to see the new fence posts.

Debits .10

Saturday, May 25

Began again my work in the garden. Sowed beets and parsnips and also vegetable oysters. I went to the park with Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Chandler and determined where to place the walks. – Norman Wood came from Pomfret, and left his horse here till sometime in the afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. Emery came from Pomfret. A hard shower with heavy thunder and hail in the afternoon. Paid Mrs. Emerson 10 cts.

Debits - .10

Sunday, May 26

Arose somewhat early, built a fire and went to my table where I tried to rest me a little more before breakfast. We were a little late to church but heard a good sermon from Luke XVIII: 37 "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." In Mr. Crosby's work on this text we see in part what can be made of the declaration of a very simple event. The sermon first led to the occasion of Christ's being followed by a multitude, and to that trait in man to follow great men, or to be reaching up or to what they considered above them. A few examples were cited to show that that was a trait in man. This character in man shows that he has a principle within that urges, or rather calls him to a higher and yet higher plane of life even to the spiritual life and so ever rising. The same subject was continued in the afternoon. The speaker cited some who had all their lives aimed to elevate humanity, and he closed with some most earnest and powerful appeals to us to go and do likewise.

Monday, May 27

In the morning I worked in the garden till about eight o'clock when I went to work on the park. I must begin to make the survey of the north side. Spent the forenoon in arranging the ends near the end entrances, and in the afternoon we ran the curves on the north side. These we finished soon after five o'clock. After supper I went to the garden and planted the sweet corn. Some showers in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 28

Planted potatoes in the morning and very soon was called to the park fence to show about the beginning of the work. There was some work in getting the work started, but on the whole it went very well. My level was thrown down and injured very badly, but I partly readjusted it and tried to use it. Quincey Page came from Canada and has gone to Pomfret to-night. Am alone this evening.

Wednesday, May 29

Set grades on the park till 9 o'clock when Mr. Weed called for me to go to Taftsville to make a survey of the road that they have let to Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Gates to build. Took dinner at Mr. Marcy's and came home and worked again on the fence. Mr. Weed paid me two dollars for the survey. Mr. Kinney paid me a short visit in the evening, and I find him to be a book man most earnestly.

Credits – 2.00

Thursday, May 30

Early in the morning I went to the park to see about the fence, and I found the work going but with much less of energy. Saw Levi Hazen of Hartford and his new pocket compass. This is decoration day and the stir in the streets indicate a holiday. I was called into court as a witness and received \$1.05 Joanna came down and stopped to dinner. Paid for May & June International 85 cts.

Credits – 1.05

Debits – .85

Friday, May 31

Quincey Page came down from Pomfret and took the cars for Boston and Malden. I spent the greater part of the day at the park watching the progress of the work. Leveled the posts at the west end, and set the grades on the south side as far as South street. Paid 6 cts for postage stamps, and I paid Paul \$1.02 for groceries.

Debits - .06, 1.02

Saturday, June 1

Planted potatoes in the morning till about 7 o'clock. After breakfast I went to the park and staid there the greater part of the time till noon, and again in the afternoon I went to see the line on the northerly side at the westerly end. Changed the line on the southerly side setting it in one foot in the middle, and a half a foot at the ends. Paid barber 20 cts for hair cutting, and paid Mr. Billings for two pairs of stockings 70 cents.

Debits - .20, .70

Sunday, June 2

A warm morning and we hurried some to go to church. Took the time soon after eight o'clock. Joanna and the Emery children came to go to church. Heard Mr. Crosby preach from Prov. XXIII: 7th "For as he thinketh in his heart so is he."

Monday, June 3

Mr. Billings paid me 46 dollars for work about his fences on the Thompson place, ten dollars of which I pay to Ward Crosby for his assistance. Paid G. Bradley 3.75 for garden work, etc. Worked on the park fence & set up the west end posts correctly. Took Mr. Dewey's Transit and found the levels of the telescope out of order. Worked at my table in the evening. Mrs. Bates came here in the evening and is some unwell. Dr. Chandler called to see her.

Credits – 46.00

Debits – 10.00, 3.75

Tuesday, June 4

Mrs. Bates left for South Pomfret. Let her have 25 cts to make change. I spent much of the time at the park, and the rest of the day I worked on the meteorological report. These reports are very full and I think there are but few of the volunteer observers who make as full returns. Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlin started for Boston to see Mr. & Mrs. Smith and to make some other visits in the neighborhood.

Debits – .25

Wednesday, June 5

Began early to finish out the meteorological report; finished it and mailed it at Taftsville. Came back and went to the work at the park. Finished the grades on the south side, and then started very soon for Pomfret. Had a chilly ride to Mr. Chamberlin's. We did not retire till past ten o'clock and was tired. Mailed the meteorological report at Taftsville.

Thursday, June 6

Sent five dollars to the Life Insurance Co. at Brattleborough as the May assessment, and I lent five dollars to Spenser for a few days; - and paid Sterling for graham flour 20 cts. After finishing the writing I took a walk; and soon Mr. Hewitt called for me to go to Woodstock as a witness. Was called soon after the court went in for the afternoon. Mr. Hewitt paid me \$1.36 as fees. Mr. McKenzie sent for me to go to the park to examine grades. Mrs. D., Polk and Abbie came about five o'clock. Paid 9 cts for stamps.

Credits 1.36

Debits - 5.00, 5.00, .20, .09

Friday, June 7

I went to the park very early in the morning and staid through the day. The men finished setting the posts on the south side and we concluded to reset some of them on the north side to make it correspond with the south side. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret and returned before I was at liberty so as to see them. The ground is very dry but there are strong signs of rain.

Saturday, June 8

Strong signs of rain and it began a little before 7 a.m. and the storm increased, so that at night there was 1.2 tenths inches in the rain gauge. I was some unwell through the day and could hardly write what I wished to. Expected Polk and Abbie from Pomfret, but they did not come. Towards night I went up to see the fence and to see particularly the north side where they are changing the height. Was very tired in the evening so that I could not write or read. Paid Slack for groceries 24 cts.

Debits - .24

Sunday, June 9

Did not rise very early but soon found all the necessary chores done so that we could go to church. Mr. Bradley and a niece of his called. We went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from John XVI: 33rd. "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." He first gave us an analysis of the word world, and then he spoke of the tribulation, and lastly what is meant by overcoming the world. After the forenoon service it was tried to see whether we would have the afternoon service at 1 o'clock or at 5, 6, or 7½, but after a slight discussion it was voted to have but one service and that at the usual hour in the forenoon. In the afternoon he spoke from John V: 30. I can of mine own self do nothing, etc. Both these sermons were very deep and philosophical and could only be clearly followed by the closest attention. Robert and his niece Fanny called for a few minutes.

Monday, June 10

A very dark morning and it began to rain about 5 a.m. and between 6 and 7 I was obliged to have a lighted lamp to see to write. Addison Darling called and I paid him \$14.96 interest on note. I am still at the park fence, and hope they will soon finish it. Mrs. D. called on Mrs. McCollum for hat. Paid 3 dollars. Spent the evening on the weather reports. Paid Stark 12 cts for vinegar. Sent \$1.50 to Cassino of Salem, and 10 cts for money order.

Debits - 14.96, 3.00, .12, 1.60

Tuesday, June 11

Paid 6 cts postage. I wrote a letter to a Mr. Storrs of Lebanon for Kimball Perkins is at work for him, and I wish him to know just how he is situated in having Kimball to work for him. I called on H.S. Dana and got such directions as I needed about answering Mr. Storrs' letter. Spent much of the time in writing a weather article for the Standard.

Debits - .06

Wednesday, June 12

Went early to the park to set up a center line and to test the position of the posts. Finished the weather article for the papers. Went into the garden and planted a few hills of potatoes at the north end. Late to plant potatoes but I can try the experiment. In the afternoon there were thunder showers from the N.W. The first one formed a little N.W. of the zenith, where the sky was clear all around it. Some hail attended it. Read the proof of the weather article and took it to the office.

Thursday, June 13

Worked at my table on meteorological proof, and a plan of the "Pine Tree Lot" for Mr. Hatch. Paid Woodruff 2.25 for a bag of flour, and Paul 25 cts for coffee and sugar. Expected a book from Cassino of Salem, N.H. as I sent for it some days ago.

Debits - 2.25, .25

Friday, June 14

A very pleasant morning. I worked at my table till breakfast and then went into the garden. Mortimer Spear paid me Twenty dollars, and Mr. Hatch paid me Two dollars for Survey and plan of the "Pine Tree Lot," of which I made a survey on the 18th of May. Mrs. D. went to Pomfret with Mortimer. I started at two o'clock and walked up. Had a very pleasant time and we came home in the evening. Paid ten cents for groceries.

Credits - 20.00, 2.00

Debits - .10

Saturday, June 15

Joanna came home with us last night and remained through the night. Worked at my table till breakfast, then went into the garden. The morning is extremely warm. Went into the barn and made a frame for a Madeira vine, and I put it up and also the old frame for the clematis. I do not yet get an opportunity to mow the door-yard. Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlin came home from Boston where they have been on a visit. Paid 20 cts for graham flour. I do not get the directory from Cassino the publisher. Paid Miss Richmond 39 cts.

Debits .20, .39

Sunday, June 16

Today we begin with one service in a day. I was a little too late but I found the house well filled.

Monday, June 17

In the morning I worked at my table till breakfast time and then I went into the garden and hoed potatoes. In the afternoon Ward Crosby came to assist me in running a series of levels from the Benson road down to the branch road. We made the fall from one road to the other 197.23 and from the junction of the brooks to the bridge on the branch road 66.77 feet.

Tuesday, June 18

Rested remarkably well and did not start very early, for I found it full six o'clock before I started. Went to the Post office and then to Paul's and paid him 25 cts for kerosene. Also paid him 37 cts for tea. Mr. Hicks and Miss Lizzie Barrett were married this forenoon. Abigail came down in the afternoon. Miss Lizzie Bridge called. I spent a part of the day in the garden and much of the time in wheeling wood to the shed. The day was very pleasant and a part of the day very warm.

Debits - .25, .37

Wednesday, June 19

Changed notes at the bank and paid \$1.80 and postage 3 cts. Charles Vaughan called for me and I went with him to run the Town line near the S.E. corner of the town of Pomfret. We spent the day at the work and satisfied ourselves as to the true location of the line. Mr. Hazen was with us as one of the selectmen of Hartford and Mr. Vaughan as one of the Selectmen of Pomfret. I ran a part of this line a few years ago and find it the same now. Mr. Hunton paid me one dollar for plan.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 1.80

Thursday, June 20

Got a horse and buggy of Mr. Clough and went to Albro Perkins' to make some surveys. Ran a part of the east line of the acre lots so called, running South 36° 25' West to Mr. Ware's north line. – In the afternoon I made a survey of a piece of land west of Mr. Perkins' farm, making a fine addition to it. It was a part of the Smith farm lying next north of the Israel Smith orchard. – Mrs. D. went with me to Mr. Chamberlin's. We came home before night. Paid Mr. Clough for horse, etc. \$1.50.

Debits – 1.50

Friday, June 21

Went into the garden in the morning and as it looked like having rain I wheeled wood into the shed, for it is now quite dry. And in good order to go in. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret as the court closes today. Mr. Hunton called in the morning and I am to send him notes of the survey of the Riley lot. Mowed some of the grass in the door yard.

Saturday, June 22

Wheeled wood in the morning and also piled some in the shed. Paid 30 cts for groceries to Slack's and Pauls and postage. It began to rain about noon, and the storm increased till night, and late in the evening it came in torrents. Paid Sterlin 32 cts for graham flour.

Debits - .30, .32

Sunday, June 23

The rain ceased early in the morning and the clouds began to break. Lizzie Bridge called to go to church with us. Heard Mr. Crosby preach from Rom. XII: 10th. "In honor preferring one another." The speaker endeavored to illustrate the principle of doing good to others, not only in the more important relations in life but also in little civilities and courtesies, even to forgetting ourselves for the happiness and benefit of those who we chance to meet or to associate. The sermon was in part a continuance of the same subject of the sermon of last Sunday forenoon in which he spoke of God's dwelling in us., etc. Now if we prefer others to ourselves and try to make them happy even at our own inconvenience it is doing as God does by us. It is Godlike. It shows that God dwells in us.

Monday, June 24

Arose early in the morning and worked at my table for a time. Worked the meteorological means and results for the past two weeks, and copied them for the Observer. Am quite dull and some unwell so that I did not work with ease in the forenoon nor have I since. Polk and Abbie came in the forenoon and remained till about three o'clock p.m. – Paid Paul for groceries 33 cents.

Debits – .33

Tuesday, June 25

Some rain in the night but the clouds broke in the morning and the wind changed to west and northwest. Mrs. D. and Abigail went to Horace Dunham's. The afternoon has been very pleasant and beautiful. Paid Abe Dunbar 15 cts for assisting me in the morning. Electa & Joanna came down and brought butter to Miss Richmond. Mr. Hunton called at night and Lizzie Bridge called in the evening.

Debits - .15

Wednesday, June 26

Mr. Boyce called in the morning to speak about the plan of the cemetery lot, and I am to go to his house soon after dinner. Worked at haying and hoeing in the forenoon. Paid Insurance tax to Mr. Hewitt 5.46. In the afternoon Mr. Boyce called again with his plan and will leave it with me for a short time. Mr. Leach called for Abigail in the afternoon.

Debits – 5.46

Thursday, June 27

Did chores about the house and tried to clear the cellar. Worked on the hay in getting it together at the barn door. A very warm day. In the afternoon I put it into the barn. Fred called and paid me the five dollars that I lent to Spenser on the 6th, and I paid him 3.50 for a load of wood that he left here last spring. Paid five cents to Randall.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 3.50, .05

Friday, June 28

Worked on plan of the burying ground in the forenoon, and in the afternoon I went to Mr. Murdock's with it intending to go to work on the ground but postponed it till tomorrow morning. I looked up my account of work on the park fence and found that I had spent much more time than I at first anticipated. Received a letter from Mrs. Henry Page of Sherbrook. Paid 20 cts for strawberries.

Debits – .20

Saturday, June 29

Called on Mr. Murdock and he and Mr. Day went with me to the cemetery and began our survey of the same. The day was very warm and we only made a measurement of the outline of the lot and of the principal avenues. As soon as the weather will permit we will continue the survey. – Kimball and a Mrs. Patterson called here on very important business, but I could not assist them at all. Paid Paul for rice 25 cts.

Debits - .25

Sunday, June 30

A very warm night and we could hardly rest at all. Went to church and heard Mr. Crosby preach on the subject of the several baccalaureate sermons especially on Dr. Bartlett's of Dartmouth Col. These sermons coming as they do from some of the leading men in the religious world, will show the advance of mind if compared with those of past years.

Monday, July 1

Worked at my table till breakfast then mowed the bank. Paid Chs. Woodruff \$2.27 on account and I paid Paul 30 cts for tea and Sterlin 9 cts for groceries. Received a new lot of blanks and envelopes, twelve of each. Worked very busily on the meteorological report for June. A very hot day thermometer 97 degrees in the highest. Brought forward 13.70.

Debits – 2.27, .30, .09

Tuesday, July 2

A very warm night and a hard one for rest. Worked on the meteorology of June much of the time. Got hay from the slope north of the garden. The forenoon was warmer than yesterday but the maximum reads one degree lower, that is, 96 degrees above. Paid quarterly box rent at the P.O. – 25 cts. Worked on the well and put in a new rope.

Debits – .25, .12

Wednesday, July 3

Went to mowing by the river early in the morning, and cut some more than half of mine. Signs of showers and I raked it together. Finished my report for the signal Service and mailed it in the morning. This has been another very warm day, and is the fifth day when the maximum has registered above 90 degrees.

Thursday, July 4

The fourth of July. – and the boys began the day by ringing the bells soon after midnight, but they were not extremely noisy. The great pic-nic at Baron's grove is the great attraction of the day, and it must be very simple and pleasant. All can go and have a good time. We remained at home, but it was too hot to do any kind of labor. I did some writing, and computed the survey made for A.E. Perkins. There were some heavy showers around us but only a very slight one here.

Friday, July 5

Began early in the morning to mow the rest of the flat and to work in the garden. The wind came round to the north and blew very freshly. Paid 10 cts for mucilage. Spent the middle of the day at my table in copying notes, surveys, etc. After the heat of the day had passed I went into the garden to clean out the walks, hoe among the vines, etc. Have some chestnut trees on the bank that I have cleared the ground around (them) and tried to cultivate, and they are doing well.

Debits - .10

Saturday, July 6

Some cooler this morning and I spent the morning in piling wood. Sent six dollars to the Life insurance Co. at Brattleboro, and paid 16 cts at the office, i.e. ten for money order and six cts postage. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret and were here till night. Abbie left with me 35 cts to pay for the August No of Scribner's and 25 cts to pay for pills. I spent much of the afternoon piling, and throwing, wood in the shed. Got 34 cts worth of salt meat but did not pay for it at the time.

Credits - .35, .25

Debits – 6.00, .16

Sunday, July 7

Lizzie Bridge came down to go with us to church. This is the day for the communion service and the day for the collection for the home mission for our state. Mr. Crosby spoke from John XIV: 6th, "I am the way, the truth, and the Life:" and also Gal. II: 20th, "And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God."

Monday, July 8

Another very warm morning and I worked in the garden. The surface of the ground is very dry though the springs are not low. Mr. McKenzie called to have me make out my account for work on the park fence. Ward Crosby called to get the work of the Moon's rising and setting. Paid Paul 25 cts for soap. Paid Freeman 20 cts for pills for Abbie. Received a line from Abbie tonight and receipt from Life Ins. Company.

Debits – .25, .20

Tuesday, July 9

Sent package to Abbie, paid 6 cts postage. Spent a part of the day at my table and some time in the garden. Worked at my table on the monthly report of the weather and found it much too warm for comfort while writing. Robert Perkins called in the forenoon and goes to Barnard tonight. The weather has been very hot again today, and the air seems to be very impure, but people must use proper caution about all the habits of life.

Debits - .06

Wednesday, July 10

Finished the weather reports for the papers, and sent them to their destination. Paid 32 cts for graham flour. Mr. McKenzie called on me this morning, and again this afternoon and paid me 25 dollars for work on the park and 25 dollars for injury done the level by one of the workmen. We had a light thunder shower this afternoon, but only 8/100 of an inch of water fell. Mortimer got potatoes this forenoon.

Credits – 25.00, 25.00

Debits - .32

Thursday, July 11

Arose quite early and finished hoeing potatoes in the garden. After breakfast I took an observation for the time, and Mr. Randall set his chronometer and his clock. Moore's clock was one minute and about forty seconds slow. Mr. Murdock's clock was only 10 seconds slow. I paid Wm. R. Hewitt 30.60 cents as principal and interest on a note that I gave him on or near the 16th of March last. – Mr. Emerson paid 10 cts for potatoes. Paid 3 cts postage. Sent survey and plan to A.E. Perkins. Measured the thickness of the different strata that was met in sinking a well at the corner at the front of the block.

Credits – .10

Debits - 30.60, .03

Friday, July 12

Worked in the garden a part of the forenoon, and went to see where they were at work on the well at the center of the village. In the afternoon I went with Mr. McKenzie to make a survey of a lot near Mrs. Miller's as an addition to the cemetery. If the cemetery lot could be extended over the lot Mr. Miller sold to Johnson, it would be well. The cemetery needs enlarging, and it cannot well be done in any other direction.

Saturday, July 13

Paid Mr. Billings for goods and acct. 4.59. The account was for goods bought a few weeks ago. Paid 3 cts postage. Not being very well this morning I worked at my table and hardly went out in the forenoon. Am spending the spare moments in copying meteorological matter into my record book. Harriet Emery called in the forenoon, and Edith Stanley and sister called in the afternoon. Mrs. Fuller called just before night. The evening was extremely pleasant and we did not get in from the garden till nearly nine o'clock.

Debits - 4.69, .03

Sunday, July 14

Did not rise very early for the morning was a good one for rest. I kept at my table till time to make ready for church. Heard one of Mr. Crosby's greatest sermons from 1st Cor. IV: 1&2. – Paul here speaks more particularly of ministers but all are stewards in a certain sense. Is life a stewardship? Business men though apparently good men, have failed to be faithful stewards. – The fact of our being here is evidence of stewardship. The soul starts as a mystery and feels its connection with a higher power. Materialism cannot meet its aspirations. All power is from God. It is required that stewards be faithful. If we have a science of life it is infinitely higher than all physical science. Do we not hold a particular attitude. I need not here show how the sciences teach the unity of all things. The wise owe to all others, for all came from God. A forced belief is no belief. The mayor of Montreal was referred to. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. No person can be faithful to God till faithful to himself. What my conviction is, that will I be. Dr. Bartlett's God holds man accountable for his religious views. – The child not accountable till he can use his faculties.

Monday, July 15

Was some unwell in the morning but went to my table and to my writing. Took the time again and found all right. Paid Paul 24 cts for sugar, and paid Todd, the Bethel peddler, 27 cts for comb and pins. Made plan of the land that Mr. McKenzie surveyed from Mrs. Miller's lot. In the afternoon Jasper Freley and Hattie called and we all had a pleasant chat. Do not find any letter from Franklin. Kimball Bates called here yesterday. – Polk and Abbie came late in the afternoon.

Debits - .24, .27

Tuesday, July 16

Some cooler this morning. Worked at my table for a time. Went to the Town Clerk's office to examine record of deeds of L.A. Miller to Fred. Billings. Paid Paul 37 cts for tea. Made a sketch of a part of the cemetery lot. Went to the lot and took measurement of Mr. Holmes' lot, and went with Mr. Boyce into the cemetery to see some of the more irregular lots. Called on Mr. Clarke to see their bay window. Mrs. D. called on Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. French, and Mrs. Freeman. The evening is very much cooler and there are some signs of rain.

Debits - .37

Wednesday, July 17

Sent report to the Observer and that brings it up to last Saturday. Spent much of the forenoon in the doorway and think I have made some improvement. Polk came just before noon. In the afternoon Mrs. Marcy came from Taftsville and Mrs. D. went with her to South Pomfret to see Mrs. Russ and Mrs. Bates, and they came back early in the evening. Mrs. Bates sent 39 cts for what Mrs. Ayers and herself borrowed. Paid 34 cts for Abbie's August Scribner, and 15 cts postage.

Credits - .39

Debits - .34, .15

Thursday, July 18

Early in the morning I went to the lower flat and mowed out the thickest part of the grass on Mr. Richmond's part. The morning is very warm. Went to the depot to see Wm. & John Dewey's little engine, and rode down a mile or so. It is an admirable thing for those who have the care of a road. I find it impossible to work much at my table when the weather is so warm. In the evening we called at Mr. Russell's to see Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hewitt, and had a very pleasant chat.

Friday, July 19

Went very early to finish mowing the grass on Miss Richmond's lot. Strong signs of rain in the morning but it was soon clear in the N.W. and the clouds were soon dispelled. Finished the mowing and put the hay in readiness to go into the barn. Carlie Dunham called at noon and we had not seen her for some days. Ther. 89.

Saturday, July 20

An optician called here in the morning and while examining his eye glasses my nose began to bleed very freely, but we checked it in about half an hour. It began again about two o'clock and bled most profusely till the loss of blood became almost alarming. Called Dr. Chandler and he took charge of me from that time.

Sunday, July 21

No entry.

Monday, July 22

No entry.

Tuesday, July 23

No entry.

Wednesday, July 24

No entry.

Thursday, July 25

A very warm day, and the heat in my chamber is very oppressive, especially in the afternoon; and the doctor advises me to be got into a better room, and we do not seem to have any room except the study. Paid for lemons thirteen cts and ten cts for bread.

Debits - .13, .10

Friday, July 26

No entry.

Saturday, July 27

Robert set his bed in the study and I removed, or was removed from the chamber to a more even tempered room. Had a fresh attack of bleeding in the evening but it was stopped very soon. Paid for kerosene 25 cts and fish 20 cts.

Debits - .45

Sunday, July 28

No entry.

Monday, July 29

Paid for sugar at Paul's 48 cts.

Debits - .48

Tuesday, July 30

Paid for bread 10 cts, and beef 16 cts.

Debits - .26

Wednesday, July 31

No entry.

Thursday, August 1

Paid Paul for groceries 47 cts. On hand 13.54.

Debits - .47

Friday, August 2

Paid Dr. Chandler for syringe 35 cts. Paid at children's fair 10 cts. Baker 10 cts.

Debits - .35, .20

Saturday, August 3

Paid for veal 12 cts.

Debits - .12

Sunday, August 4

No entry.

Monday, August 5

Paid on Life Insurance. Paid Sterling for graham & fish. Paid Paul for molasses.

Debits - 5.00, .52, .30

Tuesday, August 6

Mr. H.L. Storrs of Lebanon paid for Kimball Perkins' work \$15.83 and I gave Kimball credit for it on my book and will charge to him when I pay it out on his account.

Credits – 15.83

Wednesday, August 7

Paid Hatch for fly trap 42 cts.

Debits - .42

Thursday, August 8

Spenser paid me 10 dollars which is to apply on note or account. I gave him credit for it.

Credits – 10.00

Friday, August 9

No entry.

Saturday, August 10

Miss E. Latimer came late in the evening and then went to Pomfret. We could not accommodate her here.

Sunday, August 11

Am much better this morning and I have stirred about the house some more than usual. Electa came down this afternoon and staid till the close of the meetings for afternoon. Mr. Crosby called, but I did not see him. Dr. Chandler called in the afternoon. Kept myself clear of getting very tired through the day. I regret that I could not go to church, but must wait a few weeks more.

Monday, August 12

Arose about six o'clock and am feeling some better. Am feeling some stronger every morning. Must begin proof reading today if possible. Horace Dunham called in the morning. Paid 3 cts postage.

Debits - .03

Tuesday, August 13

Am feeling some stronger this morning and am trying with much help to read the proof of the N.H. Calendar. We finished it just before night.

Wednesday, August 14

Paid for postage stamps and cards .24. Paid Jones for under shirts \$1.00 Paid J.R. Murdock on account against Kimball Perkins as balance on accordion \$6.00.

Debits - .24, 1.00, 6.00

Thursday, August 15

Am feeling some better this morning and have dressed me more fully. Mr. Thompson called in the afternoon. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon and staid till night. Paul for tea 38 cts and we paid Prior for slippers \$1.75

Debits - .38, 1.75

Friday, August 16

Am some tired today for I dressed too much and visited too much yesterday.

Saturday, August 17

Have dressed a little more fully again today. Mrs. Page rode down in the afternoon. Thunder showers in the afternoon, and they continued till near midnight. Paid for groceries.

Debits – 1.08

Sunday, August 18

Rested very well last night and am feeling much better this morning. Mr. Russell called to have me ride out with him but do not feel quite strong enough for that. Have read more than for some days before and do not feel tired from it. In the afternoon I took a walk into the garden. I had not been out of the house for four weeks, and the garden had changed very much. The weeds had taken advantage of my absence and had asserted their rights to live and flourish.

Monday, August 19

Paid the safe \$1.05. In the forenoon I went into the garden and spent a few hours in pulling weeds and in hoeing about the beds. But I did a little too much for my own good, as I found before night.

Debits – 1.05

Tuesday, August 20

I went into the garden in the forenoon and tried my strength again at the weeds, and at the potato bugs. Paid Mrs. Taft \$1.90 for shoes. Paid Sterlin & bakery 35 cts. The Universalist State Convention is held here and the ministers and delegates come in this afternoon. Nearly two hundred have been provided for, which is something for this village, and especially for this parish. In the evening there was an address of welcome by Mr. Crosby and then a sermon by Mr. Simmons.

Debits – 1.90, .35

Wednesday, August 21

The Universalist Convention is now in full working order and is very well attended. There is a good number of ministers present and a full delegation from the greater part of the churches. Joanna came in the morning, and Mrs. Marcy and Etta Latimer came in the forenoon to attend the meeting. Mrs. D. went in the evening with the rest to hear the educational discussion, and returned by nine o'clock. Took 5 cts from the safe and paid 12 cts for berries.

Credits - .05

Debits - .12

Thursday, August 22

Am still gaining slowly. Last Sunday was the first of my going out, and now I work a very little. Mr. Henry Hewitt called this morning, and perhaps will call again before night. Spenser called in the forenoon. The convention held their usual meetings in the forenoon with some discussions, and in the afternoon there was a sermon from Mr. Capen, president of Tufts College. Sacred concert at St. James church in the evening., and a meeting and sermon by Mr. Demerest at the Chapel and the close of the convention.

Friday, August 23

A cool foggy morning. Rested very well through the night. This morning there was a perfect rush of ministers and delegates towards the depot and a general shaking of hands and kindly partings., but I am not troubled with any of it. I only look out of my room to see it. We went into the garden and picked weeds some and tied up the gladioli that were falling over. Sister Joanna stays here yet.

Saturday, August 24

A pleasant morning and I took a walk to Mrs. Perkins. Saw Mrs. Ware there and she is growing old. She must be about seventy years old. I met Mr. Bailey and Mr. Porter and Dr. Hazen in the street. In the afternoon I had a call from Mr. Morgan of Ohio, the botanist, but his wife, Laura Vail, was unable to come. He is one of the worthy young men and his wife is a fit companion. Joanna went home at night with Elmer

Emery. Misses Frances Darling and Emma Dunham called in the afternoon and Mrs. Russell in the evening. Paid 12 cts for eggs.

Debits - .12

Sunday, August 25

A rainy night and some rainy this morning. There is no meeting at the chapel today for Mr. Crosby is too unwell to preach or to hold a meeting. We were here alone nearly all day. Robert called in the afternoon and afterwards Miss Richmond and also Miss E. Latimer, who is on her way to see Mrs. Billings. My reading today has been quite promiscuous, yet very meager. I ruled a few pages in our meteorological note book, and in the afternoon I took a short walk in the garden.

Monday, August 26

Rested very well through the night. Polk came down this morning quite early. I took an observation for the time and had very good success with it. I went into the garden and worked there about one hour in the forenoon and about as long in the afternoon. Took another observation of the time. Carlie Dunham came at noon, and it seems pleasant again to have folks call in.

Tuesday, August 27

I rode out this afternoon with Robert, and it is the first time that I have been up town since the 20th of July. I work a little on my meteorological matters, and some on the Almanac.

Wednesday, August 28

This morning Henry Greene called to carry me out, and we rode down to the corner and then round the block, that is through Pleasant, Elm, and Central streets. Mrs. Bates came from Fairlee, and Miss Latimer came from Pomfret, and Dr. Paddock and Abbie came here and returned by way of the old homestead. – Mrs. Emerson took Mrs. Bates to Mrs. Russ's.

Thursday, August 29

Mr. Chamberlin and Polk came down to attend a court and were here to dinner. Carlie Dunham is at work in Damon's shop again and calls in here at noon that makes the time very pleasant. A very hot and sultry day. There was a shower in the afternoon.

Friday, August 30

Mr. McKenzie called in the morning and I had not seen him for a long time. He called to see about the survey of the land he bought of Mrs. L.A. Miller for a cemetery lot. In the forenoon I went into the garden and got hold of the wheel-barrow again, but it was a little too much for me now. – Polk and Abba came in the afternoon, and made a very pleasant visit. They brought some pears for Carlie Dunham and for ourselves.

Saturday, August 31

Some foggy this morning with signs of rain. I tried to work some in the garden, but the weather was too warm. Paid for groceries, bread and postage $70+10+2=82$ cts.

Debits - .82

Sunday, September 1

There was a hard shower about three o'clock this morning, and it rained some in the forenoon and occasionally through the day. A thunder shower in the northwest in the evening. – Mrs. D. went to church in the forenoon and heard Mr. Crosby read a sermon from H. Ballou 2nd. Text Phil III: 7&8. He read the sermon for he was unable to preach one of his own. He has very much overworked himself this summer and now begins to feel it. But he will probably be about again in a few days. Robert called just before night and Mr. Seavey called about the same time.

Monday, September 2

Spent all the time I could work on the meteorological report for July. Am writing such a report for the Observer and for the Standard. Mrs. D. is very busy with her Monday's work. In the afternoon Mrs. Russell took Mrs. D. to a pleasant ride. Dana Hewitt called with his uncle William. I had not seen him for ten or fifteen years. I am always glad to meet my old scholars, those that have been with me so long.

Tuesday, September 3

Freeman's meeting and I was twice taken to the Town Hall. I only voted for Town Representative, for I do not care to follow the slates of the politicians, and in this state it is a waste of time to do otherwise. Paid Sterlin and Paul 80 cents for groceries. Mr. Crosby called in the forenoon, and I had not seen him for nearly two weeks.

Debits – .80

Wednesday, September 4

Am some lazy this morning but am getting along as well as I ought to expect. All the time I can work is put upon the meteorological reports. Have finished up two of them for the papers, and this afternoon I mailed the July report to Washington. Have worked on the temperature of August and have found it very much lower than July. Spenser called with apples. Paid Paul for kerosene.

Debits - .25

Thursday, September 5

Began work on the meteorology for August, and spent much of the day on it. Am now on the barometer which needs two reductions. Col. Seaver called and we had some calls to see the flowers in the garden. The Auratum Lilies are now in full bloom. Ours has fourteen buds and blossoms. Three of them have been taken off for friends, nine are now fully out and two buds not yet out. Paid three dollars to Insurance company and 12 cts for stamps. The flower garden is now in its glory. The asters, verbenas and the flox in the low beds, and the gladiola and the geraniums in the higher.

Debits - 3.00, .12

Friday, September 6

In the morning I began work quite early on the weather report for August. We were nearly alone through the day. Have been some afflicted with toothache for a few weeks past and it troubles me some more today. In the afternoon Kimball Perkins and his "frow" tried to call but we could not see them. I must be stronger than I am now to hear their business talked over.

Saturday, September 7

Am still trying to work on the report. Mr. Thompson called in the forenoon, and his calls are always pleasant. Spenser called about noon and Mortimer Spear soon after.

Sunday, September 8

A most beautiful autumn morning; cool with signs of a warm day. Self did not attend church but Mrs. D. went and heard Mr. Crosby from Gal. V: 6 particularly the last clause, "But faith which worketh by love." The sermon was a very good one as those say who heard it, and I am sorry that I could not have heard it. Mr. Crosby called on us in the afternoon and we had a very pleasant talk on the doings of the Convention, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Dunham gave us a short call in the evening. The flowers in the garden are just passing their stage of highest beauty though a few of the varieties are still improving.

Monday, September 9

Finished the meteorological report for August and mailed it for Washington. I then wrote out the report for the papers and then began on the calendar for the Vermont Register. Paid Paul for groceries 58 cts. Mortimer called in the forenoon with apples. Miss Udall came for apples for Mrs. Perkins.

Debits – .58

Tuesday, September 10

Took observations for time in the morning, and found watch about a minute and a half too slow. I walked as far as Mr. Billings' house and Frank McKenzie's yard. Spent much of the day in copying the Sun rising, etc. for the Vermont Register. Paid Paul 51 cts for sugar. Sent the corrected time to Mr. Randall and to Mr. Murdock. Miss Latimer called this afternoon and is about starting for Philadelphia. She goes to the Junction this evening to take the midnight train for New York.

Debits - .51

Wednesday, September 11

Began my writing in the morning but was expecting to go to Pomfret. I put it by and have done but little today. Our calls have been very numerous. My friend Mr. Clarke called. And the Rev. Mr. Hewitt who is one of our choicest Pomfret men. Dr. Chandler called. I wrote a little article on the R.R. crossing for the Observer, and Mr. Clarke sent it to the editor. Mrs. George Brewster and Mrs. Kenyon called in the afternoon. Tested the barometer this forenoon.

Thursday, September 12

We had been thinking for some days of going to Pomfret to visit the old homestead and to rest a short time, and Mr. Leach called for us in the forenoon and we soon closed the house and took a short ride. I soon went to my chamber and fixed papers for work, and so I worked some and visited when not at work. Mrs. Bridge came in the afternoon and staid till late in the evening. The morning was somewhat pleasant but the afternoon was rainy though not constantly so.

Friday, September 13

The day was so wet that I did not stir out but little. I worked on the Vermont calendar and have nearly finished it; and I copied a meteorological article for the Observer at the Junction, having written the copy for the Standard some days ago. I am at work in my old room, the north chamber, where I have worked so much long ago.

Saturday, September 14

I rested much better last night and am some stronger. After writing a while I took a walk into the old garden and orchard. Soon Spenser came and we took a short walk on the side hill east of the house and found the old corner, the southeast corner of the Hooper land, and we put a new knot and stake to keep the old landmark. What remains of the Doton family were at dinner. Six of us out of nine were there. Matilda, myself, Spenser, Electa, Abigail, and Joanna. We meet so at times and have a pleasant chat. Came home in the afternoon.

Sunday, September 15

Rested very well and now find ourselves at home surrounded by many things that make home pleasant. We did not try to go to church for we are both too tired. The weather is cooler and is growing cool, but I hope there will not yet be a frost.

Monday, September 16

A cool morning but I could not find any frost, and I hope a few weeks may pass before any hard frosts may happen, before one comes that will cut down the garden. In the forenoon I went to the garden to dig potatoes. There was some work in it, but I can dig what there is. Paid postage 5 cents. Mailed letters to Amelia, to J.B. Crooker and to the Claremont Mfg. Co., and I sent the Vermont calendar.

Debits - .05

Tuesday, September 17

A warm day. I spent some time in the garden digging potatoes. Received a letter and proof from the Claremont Co. and we read the proof in the evening. They give their prices for binding magazines and I have more than forty volumes to bind. We took down the beds that have been in the Library and Dining room and shall get them home soon, and we will go to our old sleeping room. Electa called just before night. Lizzie Bridge called in the forenoon.

Wednesday, September 18

We rested very well in our old lodging room, and in the forenoon Robert took his bedstead and mattress home. He set it up for me on the 27th of July, and I think there are but few who would have taken their own rich bed from under them for my comfort. – I think the fair at Bethel is now at full success, and Mr. Crosby delivers the address this afternoon. – Spenser called in the afternoon with apples, etc. from the old homestead.

Thursday, September 19

Quite early in the morning I began to dig potatoes, but the day was too warm for me to work out o' doors. We have had but few calls today and I have done some work, though but little of it has been at my table. Paid 37 cts to Paul for tea. I am afraid that this weather is some unhealthy, for the days are so very warm and the nights so cool and damp that health must be affected by it.

Debits - .37

Friday, September 20

Placed my table from N to S in my room and perhaps I shall like it much better. In the forenoon I walked up to the corner and got my hair cut. Paid barber 20 cts. Moved the stove back into my room, and find that I have some more strength. Received the weather report for the month of August, and find that the month was somewhat remarkable for its thunder storms. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon and went home in the evening.

Debits - .20

Saturday, September 21

In the morning I got a team of Mr. Clough and went to Spensers. We had a very pleasant though short call. Paid Mr. Clough for team 75 cents. Received of Nat. Bank 6 dollars as the July dividend on the shares. Paid interest as renewal of Bank Note. Paid postage 3 cents, and Woodruff 53. Mrs. D. went to the post office and got proof from Claremont of the Vermont Register. Dug about two bushels of potatoes and find a very good yield. Eugene Smith called in the evening to find the height of Ludlow and of Woodstock.

Credits - 6.00

Debits – .75, 1.80, .56

Sunday, September 22

Arose quite early and I did some writing before breakfast. Concluded to try to walk to church and started early and made a very pleasant job of it. It is now ten weeks since I have been at church. Was very glad to see the folks at church. Heard Mr. Crosby from John XVI: 32nd. Dwelling principally on the thought of being alone! Two kinds of loneliness, and one of being separated by space and the other by want of sympathy or congeniality. This last was more particularly the subject of the discourse. When a man rises above the level of those around him, he soon finds himself alone. It is so with all true reformers was so with Jesus Christ himself. There is also a feeling of loneliness in debasement, a most wretched condition indeed.

Monday, September 23

We read the proof of the Vermont Register in the morning and sent it to the publishers. Fixed a pen for Wm. Boyce, and think I had very good success. – I paid White 85 cts for the September International, and paid 4 cts postage. In the afternoon I took the time and had very good success. Mr. Murdock and Mr. Moore set their clocks, but Mr. Randall's chronometer was but ten seconds fast and he did not set it.

Debits - .85, .04

Tuesday, September 24

This is the first day of the Windsor County Fair, and the weather does not open very favorably, though there has been but little rain. I dug potatoes in the forenoon, which is usually my work during the fair. Mrs.

Blake, Cornelia Paddock, called here in the afternoon. She does not appear to be any older than she did ten years ago. I walked to the post office and met many of my old friends. Paid ten cents for groceries. In the evening I wrote a letter to Prof. Quimby of Hanover.

Debits – .10

Wednesday, September 25

This is the second day of the Windsor County Fair, and a vast mass of people are getting together. A pleasant and beautiful day. I worked in the garden till about eleven o'clock. We took up the Calla from the garden and placed it in the pot where it has been the past three winters. We worked at harvesting instead of going to the fair. Mrs. French and Mrs. Fairbanks called. Polk, Norman Wood and Edith Stanley came here. Got the October No. of the Quarterly. We have remained at home through the day.

Thursday, September 26

The third day of the Fair. Saw Charles Fitch. He and Mr. Clarke came and took the spoons that Mrs. Fitch gave to Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Hatch, and to Charles and his wife; and they gave their receipts for the same. The day was cloudy and some rainy, but not enough of rain to injure the Fair. There was some noise in the streets when they came from the grounds. Paid 14 cents for salt.

Debits – .14

Friday, September 27

Mortimer Spear called this morning and Abigail came with him for a few days. In the forenoon I worked in the garden and have finished digging the potatoes on the east side of the center path. I got papers from the office that are due Friday. In the evening I wrote a long letter to the folks at Franklin.

Saturday, September 28

Mailed letter and paper to Franklin, and paid 4 cts postage. Paid Paul 25 cts for soap and 15 cts for eggs. Finished digging potatoes and have got them into the cellar. In the morning I received some specimen sheets of State Geographies from Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co. book publishers of Cincinnati for inspection and examination. The maps are superior and the whole work is very nicely done. Robert called in the evening and talked a few minutes on our newspapers. Worked on meteorological matters in the evening. Hard frost. – Ice in small vessels full one eighth of an inch thick.

Debits - .04, .40

Sunday, September 29

Another cool and frosty morning. These two severe frosts finish up the summer garden, and we must wait till another year before the more tender flowers and vegetables will flourish again. In the forenoon we walked to church and heard Mr. Crosby preach from James I: 27th. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this; to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The thought presented in this discourse was the insufficiency of all outward show of religion, such as we see much of in the world, and to urge the pure spiritual earnestness in doing all acts of goodness to the needy and the afflicted. I followed the speaker as far as I was able, and must say that it was a powerful and clear analysis of the subject.

Monday, September 30

In the afternoon, Mr. Zenas Adams called and paid 10 dollars for Kimball Perkins. This makes 15 dollars of the 19 that he has paid, - I paid Sterlin 30 cts for oatmeal and Paid Paul 29 cts for fish and Fuller 12 cts for potatoes. Elwin White called in the forenoon to talk of his and in Sherburne and the lines of his lots.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – .30, .41

Tuesday, October 1

In the forenoon I went to the Savings bank and paid \$18.09 interest on the Thompson note, and I paid Paul 25 cts for kerosene. Spent much of the day on meteorological work, and am correcting the means in past years to conform to the present methods of working them. Mrs. Russ called on her way home from Taftsville. Spenser called and we took apples of him. We took up 8 geraniums and put them in the cellar. Weather much warmer. Carried over 21.80.

Debits - 18.09, .25

Wednesday, October 2

Yesterday I took the original contract of Mr. Thompson and the railroad company and put it in the safe where I think it must remain for a time. Worked on meteorological matters a part of the day. Mortimer Spear came to work on the hay and he has cut what is suitable to cut. Paid 25 cts quarterly box rent and 25 cts for vinegar.

Debits - .25, .25

Thursday, October 3

A very pleasant morning. Paid White 50 cts for an old number of the Amer. Jour. of Science, to fill out my sets. I worked some on the met. report but not all day. Mortimer came and took care of his hay and carried it home. Mrs. Otis Darling and daughter called here in the afternoon. There is some excitement on the railroad question but it will not amount to very much.

Debits - .50

Friday, October 4

Went up street in the morning and Robert took me up to Mr. Cushing's studio or art gallery. Got Mrs. Chamberlin's watch from Mr. Randall's. I copied a part of the meteorological report and in the afternoon I mailed it for the War department. I paid Paul 38 cts for tea. Got the Observer and the Springfield Republican this afternoon, and I had a long talk with Edward Dana on R.R. matters. Saw Mr. Harlow about his paper that he gets at the mills.

Debits - .38

Saturday, October 5

Staffords Ink. - Weather some cool and slight fog in the morning. Sent letter to Franklin. Do not yet get any reply from the nautical instrument maker. Wrote to Mr. Dewey on R.R. matters and got his reply. Paid Mr. Marcy for flower pots 89 cents, and paid for groceries 12 cents & 6 cts postage. Rode down the line to Taftsville and came back on the train. We made Mr. Marcy's folks a two hour visit. Examined the new road and must think it is some better than to be hauling over the hill. Am very dull this evening.

Debits - .89, .18

Sunday, October 6

It began to rain about 6 o'clock this morning, but it did not amount to a very heavy rain. I concluded not to go to church, but Mrs. D. went and heard Mr. Crosby from John III: 3rd. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Many that heard this sermon called it one of the best. The same text has been preached from recently four times in the village and then Mr. Crosby took it up and preached one of the most elevating sermons that man could well devise. The communion service was in the afternoon, and I think there will be two services hereafter at the chapel. Paid the missionary fund ten cents.

Debits - .10

Monday, October 7

In the forenoon I worked on the meteorological report for the two papers, and in the afternoon I had a long interview with Edward Dana on R.R. matters. I hope Mr. Thompson will take care of this subject before the legislature at Montpelier now in session. There seems to be some feeling on the road matter just now. Carlie Dunham paid us \$1.05 for Mr. Chamberlin and ourselves. 70 cts for Mr. C. & 35 cts to us.

Debits – .18

Tuesday, October 8

I finished the meteorological reports for the two papers and forwarded them to their destination. Mrs. D. finished taking up geraniums, and she took up two dahlias that had come up in the garden. Put shelf at the east window of my room and paid Isaac Fisher 25 cts for the shelf. – Paid 12 cts for sweet potatoes. Robert called in the afternoon for me to put my autograph on some card photographs that he had paid Mr. Cushing for taking. Did not write much in the evening. This is the day of brightest autumn colors. Brightest Autumn colors.

Debits – .25, .12

Wednesday, October 9

In the morning I went to the office and got paper. Paid Slack 6 cts for sweet potato. Wrote letter to Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co. (Henry Vail Co.) on the receipt of books. This is Mrs. Dunham's birth day and she and Carlie walked here from home in the forenoon. There has been a great fall of the barometer yesterday and today there was a hard thunder shower about four o'clock this afternoon with very high wind, and this continued through the evening I worked through the evening on interest for Mr. A.B. Burk of Hartland.

Debits - .06

Thursday, October 10

Cloudy and some cool this morning. Horace Dunham left his horse for Carlie to go to Mrs. Latimer's. Polk called here in the afternoon. Mortimer Spear brought apples two barrels, and called again in the evening. The day has been cool and cloudy, and has had much the appearance of fall. The foliage is now fast changing to brown. Leland Doton called here and is now going to Schenectady to stay with his son who works in a paper mill.

Friday, October 11

Spent the forenoon in chores about the house and yard. Spenser called in the forenoon and Abigail went home with him. In the afternoon Mrs. Russell and Mrs. D. went out to ride. They went to Taftsville and came home on the north side of the river. Joanna called in the afternoon. Paid 8 cts for wrapping twine. Paid Mr. Chamberlin 70 cts for the peas that he sold to Carlie Dunham. Carlie paid us Oct. 7th.

Debits - .08, .70

Saturday, October 12

In the forenoon I spent some time in fixing for shelves in my room under the window. In the afternoon we finished the review of Mr. Burk's Interest. Mailed letter to Amelia and paid 6 cents postage and 8 cents for sweet potatoes. We are alone here now and it is pleasant to be so at times. Herman Dunham called in the evening to talk over school matters.

Debits - .06, .08

Sunday, October 13

Strong wind through the night but not very cold. The day is clear and beautiful, but the brightest part of the summer colors is past. I could not well go to church today but Mrs. D. went in the forenoon and heard Mr. Crosby preach from Ps. XIV: 1st and Rom. X: 10th. "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God," and "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." I did not hear the sermon so I cannot follow

the leading points in it. – In the afternoon we did not either of us go but remained quietly at home. We have begun to study the book of Job. The book was once believed to be literal history, and Rev. Warren Skinner wrote an article in which he aimed to show that the book was an Allegory; and I believe it is now so regarded by the learned. See a lengthy article in Smith's Bible Dictionary in which many of the theories in the book are discussed. The book and all the arguments presented in the Dictionary are most interesting and valuable.

Monday, October 14

In the morning I looked over the closing parts of Mr. Burk's Interest example to test its correctness. The day is one of the finest ever known in October. I spent a part of the day in doing chores about the house and barn. Secured a part of the beans for planting another year. Tried to fix gate posts at the front walk, but am not yet strong enough. Received letters from Henry Vail, R.A. Perkins, who is now at Montpelier, from Prof. C.A. Hitchcock and from Amelia. E. Dana called in the afternoon.

Tuesday, October 15

In the morning I computed the corrections for the barometer for last week. Called at Mrs. Perkins' to see about Robert's letters. Mr. Porter called on R.R. business. Have found our garden beans to be very abundant for so small a piece. Did chores about the house, and worked at my table. Copied Mr. Burk's Interest work. Copied some meteorological matter into small book for future use. Horace Dunham called to speak of doing work for Electa and Joanna. Received a note from Hunton of Stickney to have me do some work in dividing a dower.

Wednesday, October 16

Worked at my table as usual in the morning, then went to the post office. Saw Edward Dana and he called on me at eleven o'clock to have me examine all that he had written on R.R. matters. Mortimer called and I spoke to him about the finishing of the room at the old homestead. Spenser called about apples. Went to the depot store and got four lbs. of sugar. Robert came from Montpelier and he called here in the evening. Copied meteorological matter into small book in the evening.

Thursday, October 17

Called at the bank and got \$17.50 on the R.R. bond. Worked at my table the greater part of the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to the town clerk's office to examine records of the lots on the easterly side of High Street. Looked at some coats at Eaton and Rinney's and shall have them find something such as I want. This is another beautiful day, and the garden seems to have forgotten that we have had hard frosts.

Credits – 17.50

Friday, October 18

It began to rain about 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and all are rejoiced to see it. I gathered the greater part of the leaves that fall in front of our house. Called at the Town Clerk's office for the survey of the lot where Mr. Fuller's house is built. Paid one dollar for tickets to Mrs. Stanton's lecture tomorrow evening. Have worked at my table all the spare time, and have finished correcting the Mean temp. of the months since the beginning of 1868. We are alone here today. Mrs. D has arranged a beautiful and spring-like bouquet of choice garden flowers.

Debits – 1.00

Saturday, October 19

The rain stopped suddenly about half past 7 o'clock a.m. Paid 6 cents postage, and 14 cts for sweet potatoes and 37 cts for tea. Joanna came in the afternoon, and Polk and Abba in the evening to hear Mrs. Stanton's lecture. Paid 50 cts for ticket. In the afternoon I gave Mr. Jennings the line near Mr. Billings' door-yard with but very little trouble. Ward Crosby called with Mr. Copeland's two little boys. In the evening we all attended Mrs. Stanton's lecture, and were very well paid for the trouble.

Debits - .06, .14, .37, .50

Sunday, October 20

We were all some jaded this morning on account of the lecture that kept us there till nearly ten o'clock. Joanna staid to attend church today, but Polk and Abbie went home this forenoon. Mr. Copeland from Gaysville preaches to-day in exchange with Mr. Crosby. In the forenoon he preached from John III: 7th. "Ye must be born again." In the afternoon he preached from John IV: 23rd. "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him." In this discourse he aimed to speak of creeds.

Monday, October 21

A very fine morning. Carlie Dunham called quite early. Did some chores about the house. I wanted very much to go and finish the survey of the cemetery lot. Took the time this morning and found the clocks about half a minute too fast. In the afternoon I took it again and had very good success. Mrs. Freeman called in the afternoon, and also Lizzie Bridge. In the evening we copied a part of the meteorology for October.

Tuesday, October 22

Foggy in the morning, but the fog soon cleared away and the day was remarkably fine, more like September than October. The weather report came this afternoon, and I received a letter from Mr. Lord or his Co. at Irvington on the Hudson. In the afternoon I fixed my gate post so that the gate would swing freely. I have not yet found time to do Mr. Fuller's surveying to find the orchard lot that belongs to Mrs. Fuller. Paid 15 cts for clover seed and I sowed it in the door-yard and on the mowing fields. Sowed clover seed.

Debits – .15

Wednesday, October 23

The sun rose clear but the dense clouds soon closed down in the east. I went to the Post office and Town Clerk's office to look up the Fuller's land. It began to rain about ten o'clock, and the storm increased through the afternoon. The barometer is falling very rapidly. In the afternoon I tried to draw a plan of the lands on High Street with a few notes that I had. – In the evening I began the Almanac for 1880, and I hope to finish it before the winter months are gone.

Thursday, October 24

This morning I went to High Street to take some bearings on the lots on the east side, to find Mrs. Fuller's land; and I had very good success for I knew many of the lines about her land. In the afternoon I drew a plan of the several lots in that section and I think we can now make the corners on the ground. Mr. Randall bought the old Fisher clock for me, I suppose, and if so I shall be very glad to have it. Paid 8 cts for sweet potatoes, and 25 cts for kerosene.

Debits - .08, .25

Friday, October 25

Joanna came down from Pomfret to take us up there for a visit. I engaged Robert to read the meteorological instruments. We got there a little before noon. We took dinner with Electa, and in the afternoon I took a walk on the east hill as far as the white rocks, and then to the hill south of the wood-road. The afternoon was extremely pleasant and beautiful, and I was surprised to see the beautiful contour of the ground where I used to be so much and so often.

Saturday, October 26

We slept in my old room and I awoke early with a severe headache, probably from my walk yesterday. But it soon wore off and I had a pleasant day. I spent some time looking over my old papers and found some that I had forgotten. Spenser came in the forenoon and took dinner with us and Matilda came in the afternoon. This brought the family all together; the six of us that are left.

Sunday, October 27

A cloudy morning with southerly wind. Joanna remained over night to attend church today and hear Mr. Crosby. Self remained at home but Mrs. D. and Joanna went to church and heard Mr. Crosby preach from Psalms XVIII: 26. "With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward." A rich and good sermon followed this text, and I regret that I could not have heard it. – In the afternoon he spoke from Malachi III: 15th. "And now we call the proud happy." In this the speaker showed us how much there is in a name. The young man who was named for a very excellent minister that afterwards became a very wicked man, was compelled to suffer for the bad name of the man for whom he was named. Again the woman with five starving children stole a loaf of bread, and she was tried and sentenced to five years imprisonment, while the man who used thousands of dollars of money placed in his care was only guilty of embezzlement, yet the woman's crime was stealing.

Monday, October 28

Some cooler this morning and the wind has moved to the N.W. In the forenoon I mailed a letter to Dr. Page and one to Franklin. I tried to run the line between Mr. Gates and Mrs. Fuller's land. I went again in the afternoon but had no data to fix some of the corners and I left it till I could examine more of the records. Received a letter from Amelia. Got coat and vest from Eaton and Pinney for which I am to pay 14 dollars.

Tuesday, October 29

In the morning I mailed letter to the N.E. Mut. Life Association sending them by postal order six dollars, and I paid 13 cts to the office. I went to the Town Clerk's office to look up deeds of the Mrs. Hayden lot and the Tewksbury lot. There seems to be some clashing of deeds, but perhaps I can settle it so as to make all right. I went to Mr. Clarke's to see the accounts that I had receipted so as to arrange my account in full against the R.R. Co. In the afternoon I looked over my R.R. account so as to arrange it fully and correctly.

Debits - 6.00, .13

Wednesday, October 30

Mr. French called in the morning to get me to compute some measurements of hay that he had taken. I spent the greater part of the day on the computations, and am sure they are correct. The day was very rainy and mental work was forbidding. Mr. French called for it in the evening and paid me one dollar for the work.

Credits – 1.00

Thursday, October 31

Went to the office as exercise in the morning. In the morning, Carlie Dunham called & soon after her father, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Emily & Mrs. Leach came in the forenoon. Henry Vondel called in the afternoon to speak of Kimball's board. Mortimer came with apples and to take timber for sill, but had not a suitable team. Abbie came in the afternoon and Polk before night. Mrs. Russell called in the evening about the ladies Library Association. Mr. Leach called in the early evening. There have been 66 cents paid that are not accounted for.

Debits - .66

Friday, November 1

A cooler morning, and I went into the garden and gathered the beets and put them into the cellar. Worked on the plan of the Tewksbury lot, and I went out before noon and took some bearings. Spent some time at the Town Clerk's office looking up the bearings of the Hayden lot and Tewksbury lot. Worked out meteorological records in the evening, and had very good success proving their correctness. On hand \$9.77.

Saturday, November 2

Wrote a letter to Amelia, or rather a card. Took the time, two observations and though they were some minutes apart, they agreed exactly and I set my watch right and found Mr. Murdock's clock only seven seconds fast. Moore's and Randall's were about one minute fast. Took some tests on the bearings on Mr. Fuller's land and the Waldron lot. In the afternoon I worked in the garden on the tulip bed, and Mr. MacKenzie called for me to go to the cemetery lot and assist him in laying out a lot for himself.

Sunday, November 3

This is Mrs. D.'s birth day, and by a long established custom she is to go to H.F. Dunham's to see her sister Caroline. But we went to church in the forenoon and heard Mr. Crosby from Psalms XXXVI: 9th. "In thy light shall we see light." He began with the light of this world or the light by which we are able to see all objects with the natural eye. He then explained spiritual light, and he explained how we increased in the possession of the light as we cleave nearer to God, and rise in spiritual knowledge. He illustrated this by the idea that the ancients had of the universe, the earth in the center and the largest body. But when Copernicus with higher light saw the inconsistency of their views, he saw the sun in the center of the Solar System. And later and more enlightened minds have seen other centers increasing in infinite progression. We did not go in the afternoon, but Carlie called for us and we rode there in the afternoon on account of Mrs. D.'s birth day. We staid till nearly night when we walked home, having a very pleasant walk.

Monday, November 4

A very sudden change in the weather. The barometer fell very rapidly and soon the wind began to blow furiously. It went from S.W. to N.W. and back again to S.W. – I remained about the house till afternoon, when I walked to the post office. Fred and Mary called in the afternoon. I paid Fuller 30 cts for meat. Received a letter from the folks at Franklin. The wind has gone down and the evening seems to be very pleasant.

Debits – .30

Tuesday, November 5

In the morning I sent eight dollars to Brattleborough to pay Insurance assessment, and paid post office 13 cts. Am at work on the meteorological report, and have the greater part of it copied. Mr. McKenzie called to talk about the cemetery lot. Making arrangement for a monument. The lot is a very good one, and he will have it laid out with exactness and care. I finished the meteorological report, and it is ready to be mailed.

Debits - 8.00, .13

Wednesday, November 6

Sent off the meteorological report for October. Mailed note to Abba, and then started for Franklin on the train. Stopped but a few minutes at the Junction and then took the northern road to Franklin. Arrived there at half past two in the afternoon, and found Amelia at the depot, and found the folks busy and glad. Found two boarders at our friend Gookin's, but these will hardly disturb us. Was some tired, both of us jarred. Robert paid me \$1.50

Credits – 1.50

Thursday, November 7

We were some lazy this morning, but after breakfast we took a walk on the rocky and sandy shore of the river. The river here is twenty-five or thirty rods wide, and is a very beautiful stream. I spent the greater part of the day at my table, or rather at Mr. Gookin's desk, writing on the weather report for the papers. I did not leave the house in the afternoon but kept about my writing. Paid five cents for postage stamps, and I wrote to Robert and to Abba. High winds constantly and cold.

Debits - .05

Friday, November 8

I worked at the desk much of the time, but am feeling much rested. Yesterday in the afternoon, Mrs. G. and Amelia and Mrs. D. went to Mr. Shaw's to see the green house and to visit the folks. Mrs. Shaw was Flora Gookin. They live in Sanbornton which is on the easterly side of the river opposite Hill. Spent much of the day in making an examination of Waring's Farmer's and Mechanic's Manual, that Mr. Geo. B. Davison was selling. A very valuable book for frequent reference by business men.

Saturday, November 9

The morning seemed much warmer but the wind blew very furiously. Mr. Gookin took the women to see the process of making knitting machine needles and railroad conductors punches, yesterday afternoon, and this forenoon we started for home at 32 minutes past eleven o'clock, and we had a pleasant ride to the Junction, where we found the Woodstock train ready to start for home. Found Abbie at our house, where she had been long enough to get the house warmed. Paid Robert \$1.50. Had a very pleasant visit at Franklin. Paid Billings 70 cts.

Debits – 1.50, .70

Sunday, November 10

Weather some warmer. We are now some rested from our ride home from Franklin, and we went to church to hear Mr. Crosby. His sermon in the forenoon was on the signs of the times as shadowed in the late elections, particularly in Massachusetts. His text was Prov. XVI: 9th. Also Psalms XVII: 13th, and also Mat. VII: 24th and 25th. The subject was very well handled, and we learned at once that he did not adhere much to party but believed that when any people are going astray and giving way to bad counsel, a power would arise to stay the evil, and the arm of the wicked would be stayed. In the afternoon he continued the subject begun one week ago, and that was to show why moral progress does not keep pace with intellectual development. He spoke here of authority, to show that arbitrary authority was not consistent with moral improvement that is free.

Monday, November 11

The weather seems much more mild and comfortable. Mailed letters to Franklin and to Aurora, Illinois. In the afternoon Ward Crosby went with me to take some angles and measurements about the burying ground and Mrs. Miller's lot. Paid 3 cts postage and I paid Paul 55 cts for tea and flower pots. Mrs. D. replanted her tulips. It began to rain at 4 o'clock p.m. but rained but little before midnight. I wrote out the meteorological report for the Observer. Mortimer called in the afternoon.

Debits – .03, .55

Tuesday, November 12

Spent some time looking up the dates of the opening of the different sections of the Northern Railroad. In the afternoon I made a plot of Mrs. Miller's lands and the cemetery and Mr. McKenzie's and Mr. Billings' cemetery lots. Lizzie Bridge called in the afternoon, and Mr. St. John called at night. Allen Thompson came in the evening to consult books on the subject of the first martyrs to witchcraft in Massachusetts. He is looking up all that can be found on the first horses in the United States.

Wednesday, November 13

It began to rain and snow early in the morning. Received the Smithsonian Report for 1877. Corrected proof of meteorological article for the "Standard." Spent the greater part of the afternoon on Railroad account. Horace Dunham called in the afternoon and went to the depot to examine accounts. They finished the examination this afternoon and found everything correct as far as the books are concerned.

Thursday, November 14

A very cold wind, but the day was pleasant. I began to bank the house and to do chores about the doorway, and to protect the shrubs from winter snows. I banked the east side of the house and had good success and did it myself alone. There is satisfaction in doing work myself, and then I can satisfy myself, and do the work as I wish to have it done.

Friday, November 15

Kimball Perkins called here early in the morning and hindered me all the forenoon. I gave him an order on Asa Fuller and he left for Pomfret as I suppose, to get the amount of the order. In the afternoon I banked the west side of the house, and covered the cistern faithfully. Mr. McKenzie called and I made a computation of Mrs. Miller's land back of the cemetery lot, land that he is thinking of buying.

Saturday, November 16

In the morning I did chores about the house. Wrote a note to Amelia, and soon after I went to run a line on Mrs. Hayden's lot to find Mr. Tewksbury's line and other lines. In the afternoon I went with Harry Johnson to run the north line of land sold to Henry Vaughan. I began at S.E. corner of Father's old farm and ran easterly. I then went to the N.W. corner of the old Fletcher farm, now Horace Sherwin's, and ran northerly to intersect the first line. I had very good success in running these lines.

Sunday, November 17

The morning was densely cloudy and some rainy. I wrote at my table a short time and then we put ourselves in readiness for church. Heard Mr. Crosby preach from II Cor. IV: 18th. "For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." This he illustrated most fully by the view of the stars that seem like bright points at a short distance from us, but a higher cultivation shows the illusion; and it is so with our senses; - things are not what they seem. - In the afternoon he continued the subject of moral and intellectual progress. He gave as a reason why moral progress does not keep pace with intellectual was our continuing to cling to old creeds and institutions after they have done their work.

Monday, November 18

Spent some time on the High Street surveys on lots on the east side of the street. In the afternoon Kimball Perkins came and Wm Kingsley with him and wishes to hire him for the year. I went to Mr. Pryor's and got a pair of rubber boots for him. The afternoon was some rainy, and the prospect is favorable for a long storm.

Tuesday, November 19

In the forenoon I went to High Street and Robert and Ward Crosby went with me to run the easterly side of the street. We ran the line round the corner at Mrs. Hayden's to her east line. In the afternoon Ward and I took measurements at the cemetery lot of the irregular lots, and we worked alone through the afternoon. The day was rather cold and windy. Was at my table in the evening.

Wednesday, November 20

Took from the Savings Bank to apply on Kimball Perkins' account five dollars as I had bought one pair of boots for him and must soon get another pair. I called on Edward Dana and heard some of his railroad investigations. I saw too his very rich and beautiful pictures. They are the best I ever saw. We were going to the cemetery in the afternoon but the rain prevented, and I worked on the plans and surveys.

Credits – 5.00

Thursday, November 21

Arose some unwell this morning but soon began to work and get rested. In the afternoon I went to the cemetery to finish taking measurements of the lots. Ward Crosby assisted me and Mr. Boyce and Mr. Bailey gave the directions and pointed out the location of the lots. Mr. McKenzie came soon after and I took some measurements to show him the corners and lines of Mrs. Miller's land that he has negotiated for. I paid Mr. Eaton \$3.97 and Paul 25 cts, and postage 9 cts.

Debits – 3.97, .34

Friday, November 22

Rainy in the morning and at times through the day. In the forenoon Mr. McKenzie called to speak of the cemetery lots, and about the expense of filling some of the lots one yard deep. Through the greater part

of the day I did chores about the house and garden. Robert called in the evening for a few minutes to speak of the new gossip; – the scandal.

Saturday, November 23

The rain continues. About three fourths of an inch fell last night. Wrote to Amelia and took it to the depot for the mail was closed early. The weather was too rainy to allow out-door work and I worked at my table plotting the lots on High Street. There are some difficulties in the way that I have not yet found but I shall soon find them. Mrs. D. called at Mr. Russell's in the afternoon. Got book for Abbie and I think it is Polk's birth day.

Debits - .15

Sunday, November 24

Weather cooler this morning with N.W. or W. wind. Polk and Abbie with their uncle Mr. Esty came from Pomfret to attend church. We heard from Mr. Crosby an excellent sermon from Heb. XI: 1st. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Monday, November 25

Cooler this morning and cloudy, though the sun came in sight; but it was soon obscured by clouds. Mr. McKenzie called to speak of his land trade with Mrs. Miller. Ward Crosby assisted me in chaining some lines. Yesterday Abbie left with me \$1.25 to pay Montague for book. It began to rain again about noon. Polk was here to dinner and Mrs. Bates came in the afternoon. I am at work on Mr. McKenzie's land surveys. Paid 9 cts postage.

Credits – 1.25

Debits - .09

Tuesday, November 26

I made a careful computation of Mrs. Miller's land for Mr. McKenzie and a corrected plan, and sent one to Mrs. Miller. Met Edward Doten very unexpectedly and had a very pleasant chat with him. Dr. Paddock and his daughter called towards night and are to remain through the night. I tried to write out a description of Mrs. Miller's land, but was too tired to finish it. Talked with the doctor on scientific and historical matters and found him very interesting.

Wednesday, November 27

Finished the description for Mr. McKenzie and kept a copy for myself. Miss Latimer called. Dr. Paddock went to Pomfret in the morning. Robert called while Miss Latimer was here and he called again soon after with papers from Mr. Billings on the temperature of places on the Northern Pacific R.R. for me to compare with our own. Paid 8 cts for Sweet potatoes. Mr. McKenzie paid me \$7.00 for work on the surveys. Mr. St. John called in the afternoon. Miss Latimer walked to Pomfret.

Credits – 7.00

Debits - .08

Thursday, November 28

The weather was some warmer and the rain continues. There is about half an inch of snow or hail. Mortimer called for us about eleven o'clock and we rode to Pomfret; having a very pleasant ride. The forenoon was pleasant for the season. We visited with all the folks; took supper in the old kitchen and all went pleasantly. Mr. Leach brought us home very early in the evening and we are now happily at home.

Friday, November 29

My birth day has come round again and finds me in good order. Mr. Clapp called in the morning, and I went in the afternoon to run a line or make a re-survey of a line that I ran in 1852 for Hatch & Johnson. The line was rather difficult to run, but I finished it just before dark, and then walked home. Mr. Henry paid me one dollar, as the line was between his land and Mr. Clapp's on the south side of the factory pond.

Credits - 1.00

Saturday, November 30

A very fine morning. Mailed letter to Franklin and a paper to Smithville. Am a little dull from my work yesterday, and could work at my table but little. Spenser and Edward came here and made us a very good visit. They came in the afternoon and remained till evening. It is very pleasant to find Edward in so good spirits, and in much of a state of improvement in manners, business talent and in everything that pertains to the man. We were very tired and did but little reading or writing.

Sunday, December 1

A beautiful morning, - some cooler with high barometer. Am not very strong but must go to church to hear Mr. Crosby on the proofs of immortality. He took for a text the same that he had one week ago, which was Paul's definition of faith.

Monday, December 2

Sleet in the morning but it soon changed to rain. Soon after eleven o'clock it began to rain with much fury with strong S.E. wind. I worked in the door yard picking up the timber and boards covering plants, etc. In the afternoon I put on the false windows in the midst of a severe rain. Paid Montague \$1.50 for Abbie. Paid Paul 37 cts for tea and Slack 6 cts for figs. Nearly two inches of rain fell.

Debits - 1.50, .37, .06

Tuesday, December 3

The weather is warm for December, but the ground is very wet and there are signs of more rain. Polk and Abbie came in the morning and Abbie went home in the afternoon. Paid Paul 10 cts for soda. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Fuller's land to set stakes to make new lines for all those on that side of High Street. I think it would not be difficult to arrange those lines so that all the owners would be much better pleased. The County Court sits at Woodstock today. Carlie Dunham came at night. Abbie paid me 25 cts in full for the book.

Credits - .25

Debits - .10

Wednesday, December 4

Snowy this morning. Carlie Dunham staid here last night. Polk is here attending court. In the morning I made some measurements on Mr. Fuller's & Gates' lands. Paid 20 cts to barber. Wm. Kingsley called to speak of Kimball's work. In the afternoon I worked on the meteorological report and have finished the computations. Polk went home in the evening. - Am now using Maynard & Noyes ink from Draper's stand, and have been for a week or more.

Debits - .20

Thursday, December 5

Three inches or more of snow on the ground. This is a day for peddlers and book agents to call. Have worked much on the meteorological report and I hoped to be able to finish it this evening. Paid Paul for kerosene 25 cts and paid 8 cts for sweet potatoes. Miss E. Latimer called here in the forenoon, and Mrs. Malvina Latimer called soon after. Court adjourned till next week Wednesday. Paid Smith 22 cts for Handkerchiefs, and would gladly have paid him more for he has been truly unfortunate.

Debits - .25, .08, .22

Friday, December 6

Sent meteorological report for November this morning, and sent six dollars to the Life Insurance Co. at Brattleborough, and I paid 22 cts for groceries at Stark's, and 25 cts for postage and stamps. Mrs. Bridge called in the forenoon. Miss Latimer went to Horace Dunham's and came back and walked to Pomfret.

Polk and Abbie came from Pomfret in the afternoon. I drew a plan for Mr. McKenzie while he was gone down the line. Edwin Jackman called in the afternoon.

Debits – 6.00, .22, .25

Saturday, December 7

Polk and Abbie staid here last night. Mailed a postal card to Franklin for we could not find time to write a letter. Sent a line to E.S. Jackman, and he called here again soon after noon. The grand jury finished their business today. I received a specimen number of the Springfield Daily Union," but I do not find a very great display of talent. Paid 12 cts for sweet potatoes Polk and Abbie went home this evening, and must have had a pleasant ride for the evening is so bright though some cool.

Debits – .12

Sunday, December 8

Rested well through the night and arose much refreshed. Took an observation for the time this forenoon and was some hurried to get to church in time. Mr. Crosby in the forenoon took his text from John's gospel VII: 17th. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." This was illustrated by many examples from science and from practical life. The more we search into any truth, the more is our capacity enlarged for receiving it and judging of it correctly. But if we start on false premises or with false views of God's character, we build up systems of error, as many have done in the world. In the afternoon he spoke from John's Epistle V: 4th. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, even our faith.

Monday, December 9

Mailed letter to Franklin and paper to E.O. Doten, Springfield, Mass. Paid 2 cts for stamps. Snow fell through the day, but late in the evening there were strong signs of the storm changing to rain. Am writing out the report of weather for the papers. It seems almost lonesome here, for the court adjourned till Wednesday afternoon. I am receiving now the "Springfield Union," to compare with the Springfield Republican.

Debits - .02

Tuesday, December 10

Found more than six inches of snow on the ground, and I spent the forenoon in cleaning the paths & the roofs. Spent much of the afternoon in writing out weather report. Paid 10 cts for pepper. The afternoon was very rainy and the storm increased till late in the evening. Nearly one inch of water fell between four o'clock and nine in the evening; and if this continues there must be much damage done to roads and railroads. The barometer is falling very rapidly.

Debits - .10

Wednesday, December 11

The river is very high this morning and the roads have been badly injured by the heavy rains. We began to hear of accidents from damage to railroads. Our train did not get in this morning for there is a deep gully in the road this side of Taftsville. Sent report to Mr. Hale. Polk and Abbie came from home this morning, as the court goes in this afternoon. Miss Latimer came from South Pomfret and is with us this evening.

Thursday, December 12

Found the air a little cooler and the barometer going up. Miss Latimer went to Taftsville and returned by the train. Polk and Abbie left for home in the afternoon. Mr. Marcy came to see about his case in court. In the afternoon I took some measurements about Mr. Fuller's land and Mr. Gale's and Mr. Tewksbury's land. Miss Latimer walked to Henry Cobb's and did not find them at home and she walked back to Woodstock. Mr. Hale called in the evening. Charlie Dunham called here early in the evening.

Friday, December 13

Miss Latimer remained here through the night and she spent the forenoon in doing errands. I put the surveys that I made yesterday on the plan and I think the measures are all perfect now, at least as much so as I can easily get them. I transferred the plan of the lots east of High Street to a new paper and carried it to Mr. Fuller and Mr. Gates. Mr. Miller called at the door to see Miss Latimer, but she had gone to Pomfret.

Saturday, December 14

Cooler this morning. Wrote letters mailed one to Franklin and one to Claremont. Sent for 225 Vermont Registers and 12 New Hampshire. Horace Dunham called in the forenoon. Miss Latimer called in the afternoon. We had a long talk on books, old and new, that is, those written long ago and the more recent ones. Paid four cts for stamps. Got a small bottle of Carter's Ink and here it is. I looked over my Claremont account and found nearly all the bills that they sent. Thus closes the week.

Debits – .04

Sunday, December 15

One inch and six tenths of snow this morning and it makes the walking very bad on account of the ice under the snow. We went to church to hear Mr. Crosby preach from James I: 2 and 12. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations." "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." The speaker pointed out very plainly why we should count it joy, for it tries our strength and every trial, if we overcome it, gives us additional strength to meet the next. In the afternoon he preached from the XXXIII chapter of Exodus, beginning more particularly with the 20th verse. This whole circumstance was taken as a text, and the speaker made the application, or rather drew out the hidden meaning of the text. He first explained that in those days God was considered as a man, with hands and limbs like us, and he was spoken of as talking with men. When our trials great or small come upon us we cannot see the hand of God in them, but when they have passed we can see that He was in it guiding all things.

Monday, December 16

Cooler this morning. Spent a part of the forenoon on meteorology. Am trying to finish up my R.R. account, and I find it an intricate matter. I drew another plan of the lots on High Street. Mr. Chamberlin came in the forenoon and attended the court as a witness. He went home just before night. Yesterday we paid 25 cts for Christmas. I got a diary to use as a meteorological note book for 1879. I have received the Springfield Daily Union from Edward Doten and I must send the Observer to him.

Debits - .25

Tuesday, December 17

Cooler, thermometer nearly one degree below zero. At 7 a.m. zero. This is the first time this season that it has been below. Paid Paul 22 cts for groceries. Mr. Chamberlin and Polk came in the forenoon. Miss Latimer came from South Pomfret. The trial of Henry Babcock for setting fire to his mill came on yesterday afternoon and he is now on trial. The afternoon is much warmer. I have done but little real work today. Kimball Perkins came this forenoon. Took plan to Mr. Gates for him to examine.

Debits – .22

Wednesday, December 18

It appears as though this ink would work well. It is about one fourth Carter's put into my old Draper stand. I spent the greater part of the day on my old Railroad account, and I find the road to be owing me Twelve hundred and fifty eight dollars and forty three cents, computed to the first of January 1879. I sent my Baker note and an acct. vs. Clement Whipple and one against A.E. Perkins to Polk to have him collect all or a part soon. There is nearly 230 dollars due on the note, and 7 dollars on the Whipple acct. and 6 dollars on the Perkins' account.

Thursday, December 19

Was some tired this morning, but looked over the accounts made out yesterday. Went up to the Church hill to run out a lot for Mr. Charles Chase. The day is cool and sharp and there is a keen northwest wind. Am not yet strong enough to do such work, but am glad to do it. Copied a description of the survey in my record book. I will now copy my R.R. account and leave it in good form. Mrs. Bates came from South Pomfret by stage.

Friday, December 20

Mrs. Bates was here through the night and in the forenoon she left for her home in Fairlee. She seemed to enjoy herself remarkably well when among her friends. Polk and Abbie came from Pomfret and Abbie paid me 15 cents for a comb and 65 cts towards the watch spring, and I paid 23 cts for kerosene. Mr. Pember called in the evening for my globe and I lent to him Bouvier's Astronomy. Robert called soon after and spoke of Pomfret's connection with the burning of Royalton. Mortimer called.

Credits – .15, .65

Debits - .25

Saturday, December 21

Wrote and mailed letter to Franklin and one to Edward Doten at Springfield, Mass. Paid 3 cts postage. Called at the bank to see about the bank note that I am holden for. Looked up dates of the opening of the Northern R.R. for Mr. Billings, and wrote to him on the subject. The snow storm is quite furious this afternoon. The storm continues but there is no wind to add to the fury of it. Fred Doten came here this afternoon. Robert called in the afternoon and evening on the families in Pomfret in 1780.

Debits - .08

Sunday, December 22

Seven and one third inches of snow this morning and it tries our strength at shoveling and scraping this forenoon. I had nearly finished it before nine o'clock; but we did not feel able to go to church this forenoon. In the afternoon we set out for church and heard Mr. Crosby preach from Psalms XXXVI: 7 & 8th and Isaiah XV: 31st. The principal subject of this sermon was to show us that we had a work to perform, that God holds out to us presence and his love, and does not from the nature of his love compel us to do good, but the nature of our opposing wills is such that we bring affliction on ourselves, and these afflictions will continue till we become willing subjects of his love and mercy. It seems to me that this is about as far as we can trace our relations to God and retain our freedom and accountability. Herman and Charlie Dunham came here in the evening.

Monday, December 23

The weather is not very cold for the last of December. The weather report for November came this morning and it is a very full number. Mr. Chace paid me one dollar for surveying. I worked on the weather report in the morning, and did chores about the house. A very fine afternoon. Robert called with his map of the Hewitt and Leavitt neighborhood in Pomfret. Received a letter from Norman Perkins. Polk came from Pomfret.

Credits – 1.00

Tuesday, December 24

Polk staid with us through the night, and early this morning walked to Taftsville and back to Woodstock. The case that he was employed in was at last settled and did not come to trial. I got 50 cents of Polk and I renewed my note at the Bank, paying \$1.80 as interest. Mortimer left 50 dollars with me to pay his note at the Bank, and in the afternoon I paid it at the bank and took up his note. Fred brought Joanna down to attend the Christmas eve celebration. The evening at the chapel was a very fine display, perfectly satisfactory.

Credits - .50

Debits – 1.80

Wednesday, December 25

A merry Christmas! – A sharp and blustering morning, and the wind continued southerly, but the higher clouds were from the west. Joanna remained here through the day. I paid ten cents for cards. We do not yet get a letter from Franklin. I have hardly been out today, except going once to the post office, but have worked at my table. I finished copying my Railroad account and I wish it was paid.

Debits - .10

Thursday, December 26

Joanna staid here through the night and this morning arranged to make a dressing gown. I worked a part of the forenoon on meteorological matters. Mortimer Spear called and I gave him the note that I paid for him with his money at the Bank. Mrs. Bates came from Fairlee this morning and was intending to stop with us to rest, but Mrs. Bridge called and she got a team to carry her to South Pomfret.

Friday, December 27

Joanna and Mrs. Bridge staid here through the night. This morning I took my R.R. account to F.N. Billings for him to examine and to present to the board of directors. The day is cloudy with a N.E. or an easterly wind. I must begin to look up my railroad papers and get them together before the annual meeting, Jan. 8th. – Mr. E. Dana gave me a copy of the Directors report. It is a very good report, though I should like to change the phraseology in a few places.

Saturday, December 28

Wrote and mailed letter to Franklin. Joanna is here at work on a dressing gown. I worked some on meteorology & then on the plan of the ground on the east side of High street. Frank Dana brought two loads of wood that had been piled under cover during the summer. This makes the full complement that Mortimer was to let me have last spring. Robert called in the evening and I was at my table till nearly eleven o'clock. Paid 10 cts for soap. I have ruled a part of my weather note book and it is very full, so there will be no waste room on the page.

Debits - .10

Sunday, December 29

Mrs. D. was too tired to go to church in the forenoon. Joanna and I went and heard Mr. Crosby preach from Mat. XXII: 39, and from VII: 12. The first is, "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself," and the second, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This was a very rich sermon. It teaches the Fatherhood of God and the unity of the human race, for there is no distinction in the command. How different is the practice in the world. The old command was, "Thou shall love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy," which is more in accordance with the present practice of mankind. In the afternoon I took the last number of the Quarterly and called on Mr. Streeter, and I have not seen him so clear in thought for years. I read to him the notice of his brother Sebastian. There were some harsh points in the article, but on the whole he was well pleased with it. Took from the safe 2.00.

Debits - 1.00

Monday, December 30

Light snow in the morning, but it soon cleared away and we had a beautiful forenoon. Miss Latimer called in the forenoon but returned to Pomfret in the afternoon. Abbie called about noon, and Mrs. D. went with her to see Lori (Mrs. Maxham). They came home about four o'clock, and Abbie soon returned home. I called at Mrs. Perkins' in the evening but Robert was out. Miss L. did not go to Pomfret but returned in the evening. Clement Whipple paid Polk for me and Abbie brought me five dollars, and I paid Mr. Billings one dollar and seventy cents.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.70

Tuesday, December 31

The last day of the year has come and so the years pass one by one. I have done but little work today for I have had numerous calls and have not been in a very healthy mood for careful work. Have begun the almanac for 1880, have computed the phases of the moon for Vermont and New Hampshire. Mr. Clapp paid me one dollar for his part in surveying for Mr. Henry & himself Nov. 29. Paid Mr. Ransom 30 cts for Polk, and I paid Slack for groceries 22 cts. Have worked at my table all the evening on the almanac for 1880. The beautiful bell of the Methodist church is tolling for the watch meeting to usher in the new year, but time moves steadily and quietly without heeding the little rills & trills of life.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – .30, .22

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.

Julia Elvira 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 the 1872 school year and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1874.

William Henry Harrison, known as "Old Tip" became President of the United States on March 4, 1841. He died thirty-one days after his inauguration.

Zerviah Harvey was the wife of Nathan Harvey and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois.

Frank Hatch was president of the Windsor County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Felicia Hemans was an English poet. Hosea Doton bought books of her poems for his daughter Abba, and Hosea framed a portrait of Mrs. Hemans done by Caroline Wyatt, which was presented to the Abbott Library in Pomfret in 1909.

Delia Hewitt was the daughter of William R. Hewitt. She was a longtime teacher in Woodstock.

Elisha Hewitt was born in Pomfret, VT in 1805. He passed his early life on a farm and went to Plymouth, MA to read theology in 1827. He was ordained in the Universalist Church in Plymouth, and preached in Hanson, MA until 1870 when he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1872, he accepted a call to Woodstock where he preached for seven years before retiring in Massachusetts. He preached frequently in Vermont before his death in 1897.

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. 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.