



Hosea Doton's Memorandum for 1877

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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. There is no surviving diary for that year.

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 in nature and science and was able to help him perform his calculations for the almanac.

In 1877, Hosea and Elvira lived in a house on Pleasant Street in Woodstock, VT. Early in the year, Hosea prepared a Vermont almanac for 1878. He spent less time working for the Woodstock Railroad, but he once again wrote the annual report for the board and shareholders and assisted in trying to find an agreement with the Vermont Central Railroad concerning access to the depot in White River Junction.

Hosea did surveying and other engineering work for Frederick Billings. Two or three times a week, he heard recitations by his scholars Ward Crosby and Charles Winslow. He also continued to report on the weather for newspapers, the Smithsonian Institution and the Weather Service at the U.S. Department of Defense.

On October 8, Hosea borrowed ten dollars from his friend, Mrs. Patience Perkins. The next day, he sent his seven dollar monthly payment to the Life Insurance Company of "Brattleborough," and also paid other small bills. Hosea had been working steadily for the Woodstock Railroad, but often noted in the diary that he wished he could be paid. On October 16, he received an interest payment of \$17.50 from the bank so that he could repay Mrs. Perkins.

On October 20, Hosea wrote, "Mortimer Spear called in the forenoon and he concluded to take the Ware place at the price I offered it, that is, twelve hundred dollars, and I give him with the place my cow and the hay in the barn, and the oats that I have at Spencer's. I hope he will do well in buying it."

Hosea had owned the farm for several years but claimed it had not been profitable and rarely mentioned it in the diary. Even now, he received a note for the farm instead of cash. On October 29, however, the railroad paid Hosea \$260.00 for his past work. This enabled him to make an interest payment to the bank and to pay the balance for a watch chain he bought previously. The next day, he paid some \$30.00 toward other debts including \$10.00 for forty yards of cloth recently purchased by Elvira.

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.

1877

Monday, January 1

Finished the meteorological report and mailed it to the department in the morning, and then worked on the railroad reports. In the evening I called on Mr. Woodbury to leave a part of the report that is finished. Mr. Frost came in the afternoon and will attend the important cases now before the court. I am neglecting some of my work too much, but I cannot do much more than I am now doing. I paid 50 cts for porter, and \$1.97 for cotton cloth, etc. Brought forward \$8.39.

Debits – .50, .1.97

Tuesday, January 2

I went to the office and the post office and got paper from Franklin. Came to my room and began the plan for Mr. Newcomb, to be used in the trial of Mr. Lynch for arson. I worked on it through the day and have not yet determined the scale on which to draw it. Fred called in the afternoon to see about cutting some wood for me, and taking the hay at the Ware place. A very rough day and the train is somewhat late.

Wednesday, January 3

Arose quite early and soon began to re-draw the plan on a smaller scale. Called on Mr. Porter and Mr. Clarke to get their reports so as to have them all put into one pamphlet. Paid 25 cts for the quarterly box-rent at the P.O. Today I received 100 Vt. Registers and 10 N.H. Registers of the Claremont Mfg. Company. These are rather late this year, but the publishers wish to have it correct at the latest possible time.

Debits - .25

Thursday, January 4

Have spent the forenoon in going from here to the office and to the depot. The matter of getting up the report is very much unsettled but I have applied to Mr. Woodbury to print it and it will come out whether it is distributed or not. I presented a bill to Mr. Johnson and he paid me \$12.50 cts and I paid Cone 5 dollars for the Cyclopaedia Vol. 10. I paid postage 9 cts.

Credits – 12.50

Debits – 5.00, .09

Friday, January 5

Am at work today on the report of the year's work on the railroad, and am obliged to write and keep the printers at work and assist them in reading proof. Called on Mr. Porter at the depot & also on Mr. Clarke who is unwell at his house. In the afternoon Joanna came here and will remain through the night. Mr. Newcomb from Barnard called and made some suggestions about his plan. In the evening I had a pleasant visit from Mr. Frost the teacher. Sent 2 dollars to the Life Insurance Co. Received 100 registers from Claremont and paid Cone 30 cts.

Debits – 2.00, .30

Saturday, January 6

Spent the day in work on the R.R. report and I finished it late in the evening and carried it to the printing office. Joanna remained here till afternoon. I sent a bundle of registers to White's Bookstore by Mortimer. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon and went home in the evening. Am very tired from this constant perplexity about the railroad reports. We were alone in the evening, and after going to the office I gave up work and tried to rest.

Sunday, January 7

A snow storm began in the night and at 9 o'clock this morning, the snow was 6.3 inches deep and it was falling very fast at the time. I spent nearly all the forenoon shoveling snow to keep the paths clear. The

snow is very dense, the eight inches making more than eight tenths of water. In the afternoon I came in and tried to rest me, writing some on the meteorology. The last week was a very cold one, the thermometer showing a mean temperature of 5.61 degrees above zero.

Monday, January 8

Arose early and went to the office to read and correct the proof of the reports. Made some amendments in the language and made a few additions. Came home and worked on the plan for the next case. It must be finished early tomorrow as the case may be called Wednesday morning. I let Mr. White have 75 more registers and it makes 100 in all that he has had, and Montague has had 95 Vt. Registers and 2 N.H. I paid 20 cts to Slack for crackers. Abigail came from Pomfret for a few days.

Credits – .20

Tuesday, January 9

I worked all day on the plan for the Lynch trial and have got it so that it suits me as well as I can expect any of my own plans to do. I remained in the house till towards night when I went to the office and I tried to see the report finished up. I worked very late in the evening on the plan. I have tried to finish it but cannot. A part of the reports are out this evening. The town meeting went off quietly and the R.R. matter was dismissed.

Wednesday, January 10

I began early on the plan and shall try to finish it for the case may be called today. In the afternoon I went to the office but no reports came, but they are out and are distributed at the R.R. meeting today. At the meeting they elected the old board of directors, and every thing goes on another year as before. Paid Billings 54 cents for towels. Robert called in the evening and also Mrs. Russell; and Mrs. Marcy came from Taftsville. Computed interest for H.T. Marsh on an account.

Debits – .54

Thursday, January 11

In the morning I finished the plan for the court and then went up to the office. Got Hathaway to cut my new chain and put my hook on it, for I prefer a hook to a toggle. Paul sent for me to bring my plan to the office to explain, and I was called to court but was not detained ten minutes. I then came home and copied my weather reports for Mr. Miller, and left them at the office. I paid 1 cent postage.

Debits - .01

Friday, January 12

Have tried to work in the office, that is in my room, today but can do but little while it is so cold. I finished the article for the Standard on the meteorology of December, and I would be glad to write a full report for the year 1876. I carried the monthly report to Mr. Greene this afternoon and tried to get a paper that had a notice of Dr. Thomas E. Powers, but failed to get it. Received of the Railroad Company \$15., and I paid postage on registers and R.R. reports 14 cents. Polk came here in the forenoon and again at night.

Credits – 15.00

Debits - .14

Saturday, January 13

Spent the forenoon in shoveling snow to clear the walks and door yard. In the afternoon I worked on the wood and put a part of it into the wood house. Paid Paul 19 cts for groceries and Billings 50 cts for clothes line. Am quite dull this evening. Very cold but not unpleasant. My scholars are going in with their lessons very rapidly.

Debits - .19, .50

Sunday, January 14

We are here alone today and I hope to find some time to read and write. In the morning the weather was very pleasant but the wind began to blow and it was very rough through the rest of the day. Mr. Hayford preached at the chapel, and Mrs. D. went in the afternoon, but I staid in my room nearly all day. Mrs. Dinsmore called in the evening, for Lilla is unwell and cannot go into school tomorrow. Perhaps we ought to get another teacher. I am none too well pleased with the management about the schools, and am fully satisfied that the schools can never be very successful till there is a different order of things. The policy of hiring none but village scholars for the lower schools is a very bad one, and I hope some day it can be remedied. But I must withdraw from the schools entirely.

Monday, January 15

In the morning I called on Mrs. Dinsmore and found that Lillie would not be able to teach, and I called on Mrs. Mack and hired Ida to take Lillie's place. I then went to the school house and tried to put it in order for school. After getting the school started, I went to Mr. Montague's to get crayons, pencils, etc. & carried them to the school. I paid Dunbar 14 cts for shoveling snow about the school house. Paid for beer 25 cts.

Debits - .14, .25

Tuesday, January 16

Polk remained here through the night. Seven inches of snow this morning, and it calls me out to shovel again. I did not go up to the block till afternoon. The mails are very much interrupted by the snow. The morning mail did not get here till night. I got a letter from Mr. Cassino of Salem about the Naturalist. I paid Montague a village tax 2.97 and it has been due a very long time. The court appointed a committee on the Taftsville road case, and I hope the road will be laid.

Debits - 2.97

Wednesday, January 17

Cold again. Ther 13 degrees below zero. Worked at my table in the forenoon. Paid Slack 18 cts for vinegar and Paid Paul 45 cts for tea. Simeon Dunham paid me five dollars towards the hay and potatoes. Abbie came down from Pomfret through the snow. Henry Greene called for meteorological records. Robert came in the evening. Polk and Abbie came from the office about nine in the evening and they will stay through the night.

Credits - 5.00

Debits - .18, .45

Thursday, January 18

I worked about my room through the greater part of the forenoon. Went to the depot store and got five pounds sugar. Have just received a letter from cousin Hiram Vose of Windsor. I am some afraid that he does not make well in his business with the sewing machines. Polk remained here till four o'clock and then they started for home. In the evening Robert called and Etta Latimer, Mrs. Wood and Mr. Russell. I did not succeed very well with my work.

Friday, January 19

A very pleasant day, and as I went out of my room into the air, the change was very invigorating. Paid 15 cents for stamps. In the afternoon I heard Miss Shaw's lesson in Geometry and Charles Winslow's lessons in Algebra and in Geometry and Surveying. The last is not a formal lesson but he has two lessons in Algebra. Mrs. D. and Miss Latimer called at Dr. Colton's and Mrs. Dennis's and at Dr. Chandler's and also at Mrs. Russell's.

Debits - .15

Saturday, January 20

Sent letters to Hiram Vose and to Amelia. A warm morning and it began to rain slightly at about 11 a.m. I worked on the wood till noon and then at my table on the meteorology for the year. I find that the year

was remarkable in many respects. The want of snow at the beginning and the great amount at its close. The great heat in the summer months, and the extreme drought that prevailed even into the winter. These were very marked features of the year. Paid Woodbury 25 cts for paper.

Debits - .25

Sunday, January 21

This is Sunday and I put by out-door work but my table work is work most truly. I have read some and perhaps the greatest is Mr. Lee's article in the Quarterly. His works on the Oriental customs and writings are always interesting as he writes from actual observation. He is well acquainted with the country about Palestine and the Bible lands and the manners and customs and language of the people in those regions. This gives a freshness to his writings that they could not otherwise have. I did not go out door at all during the day but kept by my table or in my room. We were alone through the day excepting a call from Miss Latimer and from Robert.

Monday, January 22

Paid Mr. Hewitt for tickets 3 dollars and 30 cts for postage stamps. After hearing my lessons I went to the post office and got letters from Hiram Vose and from Amelia, and also got my meteorological report. The lessons have been quite a task today for they are in difficult work for beginners. Mr. Frost called in the evening to see about the length of his term. It is cool again this evening, the thermometer standing at zero.

Debits - 3.00, .30

Tuesday, January 23

Warmer this morning. Rested badly last night and have a sick headache but it will wear off before night. I should be glad to do some writing today but am not able to do it. Dr. Paddock came from Barnard this afternoon, or rather, came here about noon. He seems to be in very fine spirits and I think enjoys life some. He is stopping this winter with Ruth i.e. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Parkhurst.

Wednesday, January 24

Rested much better last night and am feeling more like doing some work today. In the forenoon I worked on a meteorological article for Mr. Greene. In the afternoon I heard the lessons in Geometry and in Algebra. Miss Shaw comes nearly every day and Charles Winslow comes three times a week. In the evening I wrote letters and brought up my meteorology and memorandum to date. I could not work very easily. We were here alone, a very rare thing indeed.

Thursday, January 25

Am not very strong but am doing some writing and many chores at home. Sent letters to Edminster & Batchelder of Windsor and to Albert Vose of Pittsfield. I went to Mr. Woodbury's to get envelopes printed. In the afternoon I paid Woodbury & Co. 25 cts for paper. And I paid Paul 23 cts and 2 cts postage. In the afternoon I heard Miss Shaw's lesson and then went to the depot but I failed to see Mr. Clarke.

Debits - .25, .25

Friday, January 26

My work is quite monotonous as it is nearly all at my table. This forenoon I computed the interest on a note sent me by Col. S.E. Pingree. It seems to be a most admirable note for a school exercise in annual interest. In the afternoon I had my scholars as usual and I spent the greater part of the afternoon with them. Got a card from Dr. Wm. McCollum of Brooklyn, N.Y. Received a letter from Mr. Edminster of Windsor, Vt.

Saturday, January 27

Much warmer this morning with some signs of storm. Computed interest on note, or rather reviewed the computation made a few days ago. Mr. Clarke paid me thirty dollars on my railroad account, and I paid Pomfret taxes \$7.80 and this is all Mr. Allen had against me, and I now have 42.75

Credits – 30.00

Debits – 7.80

Sunday, January 28

I am at my table the greater part of the time and find something to do or some reading to attend to. I must finish out a long letter to Dr. Page of Danville, Canada. I was very tired this morning but got some rested as the day wears away. We were alone the greater part of the day, but Horace and Caroline Dunham came in the evening. The forenoon was very pleasant and the afternoon hazy and some cirrostratus clouds. I read but very little sound reading but was writing and copying my meteorological reports. In the afternoon I took the time and found my watch very nearly right. The clouds were too dense when I took it and I have not full confidence in it, though it can be but a few seconds out of the way.

Monday, January 29

Mailed letters to Wm. Page, Abbie, Cassino, and the Claremont Mfg. Company. I paid Mr. Woodbury \$1.55 for printing envelopes finding them himself. Paid Hathaway \$7.05 in full of his account. I have tried to assist him some in the way of trade & work. Sent \$1.50 to C.E. Cassino of Salem, Mass. For the "Naturalist's Directory."

Debits – 1.55, 7.05, 1.50

Tuesday, January 30

Finished computing Mr. Pingree's interest and Mr. Ware called to have interest computed on note. Remained here till after noon. Cousin Albert Vose called on his way to Windsor to see his brother Hiram. Received 30 registers from Claremont and let Montague have 12 of them. Paid 20 cts for a necktie. Mrs. D. rode to the "Flat" with Mrs. Russell. Robert called in the evening with some papers to have some computations made. I called on Dr. Boynton to explain a plan that I made for them.

Debits - .20

Wednesday, January 31

Mr. Porter called in the morning to see about the land at Quechee Depot. Paid express bill 15 cents on registers from Claremont. Albert Vose came here from Windsor on the train. He went to investigate Hiram's business with the Sewing Machine Company. I computed interest for Henry Vaughan or Robert Perkins. Cousin Albert was here in the evening and we made a long evening of it. Paid 25 cents not on my book.

Debits – .15, .25

Thursday, February 1

Cousin Albert Vose staid here last night and goes home to Pittsfield today. Paid White for Popular Science Monthly 45 cts and 34 cts for Naturalist. I spent all the time I could on the meteorological matter, but I cannot send it off today, but must tomorrow. We worked as late as we could endure it but could not finish it. The weather is becoming much warmer and we may lose some snow. On hand 32.31.

Debits - .79

Friday, February 2

Was some tired this morning but I went to work on the meteorology and I finished the copy to send off about eleven o'clock. The day was exceedingly bright and one could hardly go out without having his head seriously affected. I paid Paul 45 cents and Richmond 23 cents. Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Vaughan called in the afternoon, and Fred and Mary came and remained till evening. We had a very pleasant visit. I did not go up to the Post Office after hearing the recitations.

Debits – .68

Saturday, February 3

Was very busy in the morning copying interest computations. Kimball Perkins called, which did not assist me very much. I rode down the line to see Col. S.E. Pingree, but he came up in the morning though I did not know it. Col. Pingree paid me 3 dollars for computing interest, and I paid Richmond 50 cents for crackers, and paid 3 cents for stamp. I got home about three o'clock and was too tired to work. Paid express bill at the junction 25 cents.

Credits – 3.00

Debits - .53, .25

Sunday, February 4

Was very tired and did not rise very early. The morning was cloudy but the day was extremely beautiful and bright, with an almost perfectly cloudless atmosphere. I was some dull and stupid in the forenoon but I read up my meteorology for the week. We remained alone through the day. Miss Etta Latimer called in the evening. I wrote out the meteorology for January, or nearly all of it, in the evening.

Monday, February 5

Mailed 7 dollars to the Life Insurance Co at Brattleborough. Paid 10 cts postage. Sent 1 dollar to Dennison in Congress to pay postage, and I sent 25 cts to Wm. J. Young & Sons Instrument makers Philadelphia, for their catalogue. Paid Russell Murdock 5 dollars towards watch chain. Another volume, the eleventh, came this afternoon, and if they continue to come I shall soon have the full set. Mrs. D. is quite unwell but has done her washing today.

Debits – 7.00, .10, 1.00, .25, 5.00

Tuesday, February 6

Paid Cone for Vol. XI of the Cyclopaedia, five dollars, and there are but five volumes more to come, and I shall be glad when I have them entire. I have worked at my table all day on the monthly and yearly report of the weather. There is some labor in keeping this correctly and filling out the reports.

Debits – 5.00

Wednesday, February 7

Rested badly through the latter part of the night and am not feeling very well this forenoon. Took up some time in miscellaneous reading. Mr. Chamberlin called in the middle of the day and we had a pleasant chat. Paid Paul for sirup 42 cents. In the evening I read proof of meteorological article and took it to the office. Was very tired hearing the afternoon lessons.

Debits – .42, .25

Thursday, February 8

Am some better this morning. Went to the Post Office. Called at Stanton Street School, found everything in order. Went to Woodruff's and paid him the monthly account \$2.37. A most beautiful day. I paid Fuller 33 cents as balance for meat got some time ago. The state agricultural association is now in session here.

Debits – 2.37, .33

Friday, February 9

Mailed letter to R.S. Davis & Co. with interest example enclosed, and also a letter to Mrs. Page who is now at Ludlow. Got stamps and paid 15 cts. Received Naturalists Directory from S.E. Cassino of Salem, Mass, a small but valuable book. Mr. & Mrs. C. Whipple and Hattie and Lucia Wood called here at noon; a very pleasant call and we expected them to supper but they concluded to stay at the hall. Mrs. D. went in the evening and I staid at my table. Mr. Frost called. Abbie was here in the forenoon.

Debits - .15

Saturday, February 10

Rested rather badly through the night. Went to the office and mailed letter to Franklin and sent papers to friends abroad. Paid postage five cts. Paid peddler 25 cts and Fuller 12 cts. I worked on the wood and took it out of the snow. Mrs. Bridge was here and Eben came for her about eight in the evening. Robert called to get a medicine for cats. Herman Dunham came about nine o'clock and is to remain through the night. It is a pleasant thing to meet the quiet at the close of a week.

Debits - .05, .37

Sunday, February 11

Herman Dunham remained here through the forenoon. I kept at my table the greater part of the day. The day was pleasant and we enjoyed it at home. I looked some for Joanna but she did not come. Miss Etta Latimer called in the evening, and Robert was here a few moments. In the latter part of the day and in the evening I tried to rest for I was very tired and jaded.

Monday, February 12

Mailed letter and register to S.E. Cassino of Salem, Mass, and a letter to Joseph Page of Medfield, Mass. Made deed for Joseph Hathaway and then worked on the wood pile. Heard lessons in the afternoon and afterwards went to the post office and found a letter from Amelia. Her letters are quite sure to come every week. Paid 9 cents for stamps. A young man called to get some directions whom to send to for parallel rule. The weather began to be some cooler in the evening.

Debits - .09

Tuesday, February 13

High wind through the day and the weather was very cold and clear. I received a letter from Albert Vose and one from R.S. Davis & Co. I worked on the Almanac for 1878, and shall make that a business now till it is done. Have computed the Phases of the Moon, and must copy it on the pages, the first work that is done on this years calendar pages.

Wednesday, February 14

I went to work on the Almanac in the forenoon and copied the Moon's Phases into its place in the Calendar pages of the manuscript almanac. In the afternoon I heard Miss Shaw's lesson in geometry and then Charles Winslow's lesson in Algebra, and also a short lesson in geometry, and I became very tired. I have not been to the office today and have only been to the barn and the woodpile.

Thursday, February 15

I went to the court house to see the select men about my account against the town. I got an order on the town treasurer for 15 dollars and in the afternoon I paid all the taxes for the last year, which after a percentage off was \$21.15 and the percentage was \$2.64 I think. After coming back I went to work on my Almanac.

Credits – 15.00

Debits – 21.15

Friday, February 16

Sent letter to Windsor in reply to one I had last night. In the morning I called on Norman Paul to talk on Hiram Vose's matters. I went home and took up the almanac, and I worked on the sun's declination. The day has been warm and the signs are all favorable for rain. Horace Dunham called in the afternoon. Miss Shaw did not come to her recitation, but C. Winslow came. It rained a little but the wind soon came to the N.W.

Saturday, February 17

The air is much better this morning. Paid 21 cts for stamps, and mailed letters to Franklin and to Elisha Hewitt. I must have the money on the Baker note. That note was dated Sept. 22, 1862. Horace Dunham came here to meet Mrs. Bates of West Fairlee. Mrs. D., Mrs. Bates and Etta Latimer went to Mrs.

Tewksbury's Cantata at the town hall in the evening. Paid 70 cents for tickets. I have finished the Sun's declination for 1878.

Debits - .21, .70

Sunday, February 18

A very pleasant morning but some cool. A young man preaches at the chapel today, so we can go to church again. It is a Mr. Hamilton from Canton, N.Y. He took his text Heb. XI: 1. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things unseen." He took for the subject, faith in God, and made many strong points. He took the ground that a share of the strongest minds were on the atheistic ground and seeming to try to drive God from the universe. He disclaimed the intention of discussing the doctrine of evolution, but was anxious to have the scientists go on and continue their investigations, for good would come out of them. His sermon was a great one, though the delivery of it was not so pleasant as one could wish. But he is a young man and will improve. In the afternoon he preached from Mark XIII: 31. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away," but I did not hear the sermon. It was spoken of as being even better than the one in the forenoon.

Monday, February 19

Did not rest very well last night. Mrs. Bates started from here in the early stage to go to South Pomfret. The morning was very cool. Hiram Vose called in the morning and I went to Paul's office with Mr. Gates to talk over Hiram's business at Windsor. Paid Slack 19 cts for tea to try. I got very tired with the lessons, but am some rested in the evening. Robert called and made a pleasant call.

Debits - .19

Tuesday, February 20

Paid 10 cents for picture. In the forenoon I took Registers to Mr. Billings. Saw Mr. Tewksbury at the store, and if I could I would write an article for him on the Cantata. Mrs. D. went to Horace Dunham's and came home in the evening. I called on H.T. Marsh to see about a room for Miss Shaw. Mrs. Russell called in the evening and spoke of the ministers that we have had since Mr. Hewitt left. I worked on the almanac in the evening. Lent 10 cents to buy picture.

Debits - .10, .10

Wednesday, February 21

Mr. Dewey called in the morning to have me make arrangements with Mr. Braley about a crossing instead of the over-grade crossing that was laid out long ago. I paid men for cleaning the well \$1.25 it being one half the pay for the job. Mrs. Bates paid 15 cents for bread, postage and so forth. Etta Latimer called in the evening. I worked on the Equation of Time for 1878, and have that part half done. Finished June this evening.

Credits - .15

Debits - 1.25

Thursday, February 22

I got a chance to ride to Spencer's, and I went there and to the Ware place. I had not been there for a long time. Had a long talk with Fred about buying the place and I think he will buy it sometime. He is afraid of getting into debt and that is a good idea. Elmer went to the Ware place for hay and I had him take what there was in the east floor and south bay. Fred carried me home and we had a very pleasant visit. Postage at different times 10 cents.

Debits - .10

Friday, February 23

In the morning Horace Dunham and Caroline came here on the way to South Pomfret, and I took his team and went with Caroline and Elvira to South Pomfret and I went to Mr. Chamberlin's. Had a very

pleasant time. The day was some cloudy and very pleasant. The sleighing was fine in the morning when the road was clean, but very bad after it had thawed. I called a few minutes to see Mrs. Russ. We got home a little before night.

Saturday, February 24

Paid 9 cts postage. Dunbar came to saw my wood, took a man with him and they finished before noon, and in the afternoon I put it into the shed. Paid them one dollar. I went to the office to find Mr. Paul but he was busy at court. It began to rain at four o'clock p.m. Mrs. Tewksbury's Cantata is repeated at the Town Hall this evening and I hope the hall is full. Mailed a letter to the Claremont Mfg. Co. with a bill of account.

Debits - .09, 1.00

Sunday, February 25

The slight storm continues and the "wind is east." This is the season of the year and weather that depresses the spirits and makes one "blue," but we need not give place to blues if we are well. I kept my place at my table the greater part of the day, but tried to rest much of the time. I was really dozy through the day and rested much. The roads are really bad just at this season of the year, but we shall probably have cold weather and hard storms before spring. Mr. & Mrs. L.J.M. Marcy called here in the afternoon, and Mr. Wheeler was here in the evening.

Monday, February 26

In the morning I called to see Mr. Edminster at the hotel. Went home and computed interest for Mr. Wheeler, a very close example.

Tuesday, February 27

The air is much better this morning and I like to stir out in it. Mailed a letter to Claremont this morning in reply to one that came yesterday. Paid Slack 19 cts for tea. Mrs. Bates came down from Mrs. Russ' but was obliged to go directly back on account of Mrs. Russ' health. Mrs. B. must stay with her while she lives which cannot be very long, I think. Mrs. B. left 10 cts for postage. I have been very unwell through the day.

Credits - .10

Debits - .19

Wednesday, February 28

Sent letter to Prof. Fletcher of Dartmouth College on the subject of the Railroad Bridge over the Quechee Chasm. He has made some measurements about the bridge and the gorge, and will write on it. I had my scholars in the afternoon and became very tired. Paid Billings 10 cts for braid.

Debits - .10

Thursday, March 1

Carried Mr. Wheeler's interest example to him and he paid me half a dollar. I paid Mr. White for the January No. of the Naturalist. About eleven o'clock we started for the Seavey place, Mrs. D. riding with Mortimer and I walking on the railroad track and crossing on the ice. We staid there till night and then rode home. On hand .75.

Credits - .50

Debits - .34

Friday, March 2

Was at the office through a part of the forenoon and I then came to work on the meteorological report. Kimball called in the afternoon. I heard Chs. Winslow's lessons and worked all evening on the report. Am not able to get it finished this evening. Kimball is inclined to work for Asa Fuller this year, but may feel disappointed before the year is out. Mrs. Latimer and her two daughters came here in the middle of the day.

Saturday, March 3

Fred called today to talk of his taking the Ware Place. I saw Mr. Paul this forenoon and had a talk with him on Hiram's agency. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon but staid only a short time. I did not see Polk at all and Abbie only for a moment.

Sunday, March 4

Rested rather badly last night, for it was a dreamy, cloudy night. After doing the chores about the house and woodshed, I went to my table but I could not work very rapidly and did not try. In the early part of the evening I tried to rest me and made out very well. We have been here cozy and alone the greater part of the time and it was quite pleasant. In the evening Robert called and Etta Latimer a few minutes after. Simeon Dunham and Dr. Chandler called later and we had a pleasant chat on subjects in general, but not on politics. I could not read or write much in the evening, and we retired quite early for us.

Monday, March 5

Rested some last night but it was another of those cloudy and dreamy nights. I called on Dr. Chandler in the morning and I gave him a plan of some metallic center pieces for the ceiling of his rooms. Heard Charles Winslow's recitations and was very tired. In the evening Robert called and Etta Latimer and soon after Allen Thompson called and spent the evening.

Tuesday, March 6

Town Meeting – I shall probably stay away as I have no "axe to grind." We went to Taftsville and took dinner at Mr. Marcy's, and after dinner I went to see Mrs. Bishop to learn something about her father's family. I found her rather feeble, being about 87 years old. Her memory seemed to be quite good for one so old. I went back to Mr. Marcy's and came up on the train. In the evening I wrote a letter to Dr. Foster of Boston who is looking up the King family.

Wednesday, March 7

Paid 6 cents for stamps. In the forenoon Spencer and Fred came here and got satchel for Spencer to have to go to Springfield. Had a long talk with them about the Ware place. In the afternoon my scholars came and I got some tired in hearing the lessons. Minnie Winslow came in to spend the evening. I worked on an article for the Springfield Republican for Mrs. Tewksbury, or rather on the Cantata.

Debits - .06

Thursday, March 8

Took in for lent 10 cts. I finished the article on the Cantata and took a copy of it so as to have it if the one sent away gets lost. This was nearly all that I did during the day. In the evening we were here alone and it was quite cozy and pleasant. Have not been very well for a few days. Mr. Thompson called and talked a while on railroad matters.

Credits - .10

Friday, March 9

Went to the post office and paid 10 cts for postage, and then went home to see Mr. Thompson. Had a talk with him on the crossing at the Junction. Spencer came here and went to the Junction on his way to Springfield to see Edward. A very rainy time and the barometer fell rapidly till 15 minutes before 1 o'clock p.m. when it was 28.978 after being reduced to the temp. of 32 degrees and to the level of the sea.

Debits - .10

Saturday, March 10

Called on Mr. Paul in the morning on the Hiram Vose business, and also on Mr. Gates. Joanna came here in the forenoon. Mortimer Spear called in the afternoon. I computed the interest on a note for Judge Barrett. Called on Robert towards night, and he called here in the evening.

Sunday, March 11

A clear and cool morning. Rested very well last night, and we are very well today. It seems quite natural to have preaching again at the chapel. We went today to hear Rev. O.K. Crosby, and we were well pleased. In the forenoon he preached from John I: 4. "And the light was the life of men." The sermon was a glow of spiritual beauty, such as we can hardly describe in words. In the afternoon he spoke from I Cor. XIII: 12. "Now I know in part." Mr. Crosby's style is very different from what we are accustomed to hear, and will attract the younger portion of the people and the refined and delicate sensibilities. The pure spirituality of his sermons is very elevating.

Monday, March 12

Wrote a letter to Edminster & Batchelder on Hiram Vose's business. Mr. Russell called in the morning to see how we all felt about hiring the minister that preached yesterday. In the afternoon I had my scholars and I got very tired. Charles Winslow is now beginning with the Binomial Theorem and its application is somewhat difficult for him. Mr. Frost called in the evening to see about the divisions in the schools. Borrowed of R.A. Perkins 5 dollars.

Credits – 5.00

Tuesday, March 13

In the morning I finished up a plan for Mr. J.S. Comings and went to a hearing at Mr. Johnson's office. The case was about a piece of land that I ran out for the Comings brothers nearly forty years ago. A part of it was done in the fall of 1837 and a part in the spring of 1838. It seems but a few years ago, but how much time has elapsed. Joanna came and concluded to remain through the night. Robert called in the evening. Paid Cone for Vol. XII of the Cyclopaedia.

Debits – 5.00

Wednesday, March 14

I received a very sharp letter from Windsor and it makes about as much impression as the dust in a light breeze. Joanna staid here last night and went home in the afternoon. Carlie Dunham came in the forenoon. I called on Mr. Tewksbury and carried a paper to him that contained a notice of the Cantata, and after hearing C. Winslow's lessons I copied an article that I had written. Paid 6 cents for stamps.

Debits – .06

Thursday, March 15

Carlie D. paid 5 cts for postage and I paid 6 at the office. Sent letter to Vick for Carlie, and sent letter to Windsor for self. In the afternoon I worked on the Almanac and finished the equation of time. Carlie left here in the afternoon for home. Postage 3 cents.

Credits – .05

Debits – .06, .03

Friday, March 16

Sent a letter to Abbie, and Mrs. Bates came from South Pomfret and started from here to go home. She had been at Mrs. Russ' about four weeks. In the afternoon Charles Winslow came to his recitation and after he left, Mr. Frost called and talked over school matters. The winter term closes today. Fred Doten called to meet his father but he did not come here. He is expected home from Springfield, Mass. today.

Saturday, March 17

In the morning I went to the office and then to Mr. Royce's to make arrangements about cleaning the school house. I intended to see Spencer today but he did not come tonight. He is making a long visit and I hope a pleasant one, though he might have gone from Taftsville directly home. I went to the depot to meet him but of course did not find him. Herman Dunham called just before night and left about 7 o'clock. Etta Latimer called in the evening. I worked out the readings of the barometer, ready to copy.

Sunday, March 18

A cold and cloudy morning, and that same North wind began to blow. Mr. Crosby preaches here again today. We have been. The forenoon text was John XII: 32. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." The subject of drawing all men unto himself was chief idea on which he wished to dwell. Minds are drawn together by similar qualities and attractive forces, the good are ever drawing upward, and the wicked tend to draw us downward, but sin has the element of its own destruction. In the afternoon he took for his text Psalm XCVI: 9th. "Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Beauty was the principal point, and all its manifestations.

Monday, March 19

A very cold morning. Wind north. Went to the depot to see if Spencer did not stop at Taftsville last week and walk home. Saw Dr. Chandler and he took the measure of the office to get a carpet for it. I worked a few hours on the meteorology for March. The weather review for February came today. Spencer came home from Springfield. Mr. Crosby left for home this morning. Spencer stopped here a while to rest, then walked home.

Tuesday, March 20

This morning I took from the bank \$97.90. Note \$100, and I paid at the savings bank \$21.99, and I sent to Vick including postage and order \$1.63, and to Mrs. Dana \$18.00. I keep interest paid up though I seldom get interest on what is due me. Mrs. D. called on Mrs. Jason Hewitt and on Mrs. Winslow. Got a letter from a teacher in Barnet, Vt. Who wishes to take our school; but I shall not probably have any thing to do with the schools another year. Carlie Dunham called here in the evening.

Credits – 97.90

Debits – 21.99, 1.63, 18.00

Wednesday, March 21

Rested rather badly last night and had a hard headache this morning. Called on Mr. Paul and spoke with him about the Vose matter, and this afternoon I received a letter from Mr. H.A. Vose. Mr. Paul and Mr. Gates went to Windsor to try to arrange the matter at once but I have but little expectation that they can do it. Mrs. Bridge came in the forenoon and staid through the day. Received a letter from cousin Hiram Vose on the sewing machine matter. Paid for stamps & pencil 27 cts.

Debits - .27

Thursday, March 22

A warm springlike morning. Mr. Paul came from the Junction. I called to see him on the Vose matter. It appears as though the thing would be adjusted without much difficulty. Mailed a letter to J. Astor Broad of Worcester, Mass. In the afternoon we received a line from Mrs. Bates of West Fairlee. Spencer called in the afternoon. I paid White for International and Naturalist \$1.14, and I paid Paul for tea and coffee, etc. 70 cents.

Debits – 1.14, .70

Friday, March 23

This is a spring like day and we are glad to meet it, for it will tend to fill the wells and springs. The snow is moving away slowly. Mrs. Marcy came here in the forenoon and went home on the 4 o'clock train. Mrs. Hewitt called and she and Mrs. D. had a warm and social visit over their flowers and plants. I worked on the almanac and also heard Charles Winslow's lessons. He is now extracting the cube root of polynomials.

Saturday, March 24

This morning I received an order on the State Treasurer for 25 dollars and the bank took it. Paid Smith & Son \$4.50 for Kimball Perkins and \$1.62 for self. In the afternoon I paid Richmond 40 cts. I worked at my table the greater part of the time. Mrs. Chase (Hattie Freeley) called in the afternoon. She is teaching in

West Randolph. I was too tired to work in the evening and did not write at all. I tried to look over my guardian account with Kimball Perkins.

Credits – 25.00
Debits – 6.12, .40

Sunday, March 25

We are here at home alone and we do know how to enjoy it. I have spent all the forenoon in thinking over school matters and have resolved to let the schools go if I can. There is no profit to me in taking charge of the village schools for it takes much time and the pay is in the satisfaction there is in doing the work and the consciousness of doing some good.

Monday, March 26

I rested very well last night and am some better, excepting this severe pressure from the easterly wind and the approaching storm. I paid 9 cents postage and 78 cents for meat. I wrote on meteorological matters in the forenoon, and in the afternoon my scholar came and we had a good lesson in radicals, etc. Went to the post office in the evening. Received a letter from J. Astor Broad of Worcester, Mass on the Cantata of Ruth.

Debits - .87

Tuesday, March 27

I paid Murdock toward the chai that I bought of him 5 dollars. I spent some time in talking over school matters. I have resolved not to stand on the board as committee. I hope the district choose a committee to re-arrange the course of study. Spent the evening at home as usual. I have not been from home an evening this winter. Wrote a long letter to Quincey Page this evening.

Debits – 5.00

Wednesday, March 28

Am feeling much better this morning. Mailed letter to Quincey Page and one to Ferry & Co. Detroit, Mich. Enclosing 25 cts. In the afternoon heard the lessons and finished them about five o'clock. Fred called to get Joanna's account with Mr. Leach with regard to the farm and the house property left by father and mother. I hope the three girls can enjoy that property together as father and mother intended.

Debits – .25

Thursday, March 29

Rested very well last night, and have tried to work some today. Ruled the pages for computing the moon rising and setting. Went to the office and looked up the account that I tried to find yesterday. I found it without difficulty. Mrs. Bates came in the afternoon train. Mr. Lockwood called with bridge plans, and he has some very good ones. I hope they will be able to put a good iron bridge across the river at Mr. Hatch's crossing.

Friday, March 30

Mrs. Bates went to South Pomfret in the morning. I went to the office had a short talk with Dr. Richmond on school matters. Copied meteorological articles. In the afternoon Horace Dunham called and made a short visit. Mortimer called to speak about the settlement of account with Mr. Leach. Copied meteorological work in the afternoon. A rough windy day. Our "fast" day has passed and has not left a single ripple as I can see.

Saturday, March 31

In the morning I went with Mr. Lockwood to take levels about the middle bridge. Paid 9 cents for stamps and 10 cts for soda. I rode to Taftsville on the train and then walked to the Seavey place, and staid there about one hour, and rode over with Mortimer Spear. The walking is now very bad. The afternoon is

pleasant and business is now very lively in the village. Robins & Blackbirds heard, and some have reported seeing them more than one week ago. Paid Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets \$1.00.

Sunday, April 1

We spent the day nearly alone, and we were permitted to read and write of course. I was at my table the greater part of the day. And it is a place that I admire whether I am writing or thinking. I shall now have no care of the schools, and that is a great relief. Robert P. called in the evening and so did Miss Latimer and Gertie Winslow on her way to the evening meeting. On hand 63.31.

Monday, April 2

Paid Woodruff account \$2.58, and then I finished copying the meteorological report and I mailed it in the morning. In the afternoon I heard Charlie Winslow's lessons and was very tired when I got through. The nerves will yield under such a pressure. I called on Mr. French to explain the case of Mrs. Fitch's will and to get him enlisted in getting the money of Charles that she willed to Miss Gardner.

Debits – 2.58

Tuesday, April 3

Sent to Life Insurance Co. \$7.00 and I paid Savings Bank \$18.25. Mr. Chamberlin and Polk came from Pomfret and remained about here till afternoon or till after the mail came in. Mr. Chamberlin went to Mr. Russell Brewster's funeral at the Dunham school house. Mr. Chamberlin is some in favor of letting Dr. Chandler have the office for it is of no use to us. In the evening Mr. Russell called with a letter from Mr. Crosby and it was a most excellent letter. I paid for Post Office box 25 cents.

Debits – 7.00, 18.25, .25

Wednesday, April 4

Went to the office and saw Dr. Chandler about the office. I concluded to go down the line and got Robert to go with me to assist in taking distances. We left the train at Hartford station and walked directly back to our work. We took the measurements at the two ravines and came home on the train. I then heard Charles Winslow's lessons in full, and was fully tired out. Mr. Thompson came up on the train and I had some R.R. talk with him.

Thursday, April 5

Have another touch of the old headache. Mr. Thompson called in the forenoon and it is concluded to have Mamie leave her Geometry for the present, and go on with her school lessons at school. After they left I took up the Almanac and worked on the column of aspects. Carlie Dunham came here at night and will remain through the night. In the evening, I finished a letter to William Page. Have not heard from him for a long time.

Friday, April 6

Paid 6 cents for stamps, and then went home to work on the almanac. Kept very busy till Charles Winslow came to his recitations in the afternoon. He is now at work on multiplication and division of radicals in his Algebra, and the measure of the sides opposite acute & obtuse angles in triangles in his Geometry, and in the computation of areas in Surveying. Mrs. Bates came from Pomfret by stage in the evening.

Debits – .06

Saturday, April 7

Mrs. Bates left this morning for home and I think she has done very well to stay with her sister, Mrs. Russ, for so long. She went on the morning train to the Junction. I have spent nearly all day on the almanac on the column of aspects and shall try to finish it this evening. Paid Express Office five dollars for Vol. 13 of the Cyclopaedia. I finished the Column of aspects about 8 o'clock. Mrs. D. had an invitation to attend the meeting of the division of the Sons of Temperance. Song sparrows.

Debits – 5.00

Sunday, April 8

A cloudy and cool morning with strong N. or N.W. wind. This is that wind that I have noticed for more than fifty years at this season of the year. I began my writing quite early in the morning and have hardly left it today. I have tried to rest some by my table and have succeeded very well. My reading has been very promiscuous and scattered, and I can hardly say that I have made a study of any one subject. Robert called after supper and was very musical for him and some witty. The weather has been cloudy and chilly through the day; and though the wind has abated this evening it is some cool. George Paul called to let us know of the H.A. Vose matter that his brother Norman is watching for us.

Monday, April 9

A most beautiful morning. I started soon after breakfast and walked to Spencer's and rode back with Mortimer Spear. I paid nine cents for stamps. In the afternoon we met Mr. Batchelder at Mr. Paul's office and made an arrangement about the Vose bond. I lent Spencer 25 dollars for a short time. Moved from the dining room to the chamber and shall soon arrange things for summer. Worked some in the garden for the first time this season. Frogs heard.

Debits - .09, 25.00

Tuesday, April 10

Arose quite early and began to work clearing the door yard. Paid ten cents for postal cards and have filled one to send to Quincey Page, and have made a long full letter of it. I wrote nearly all day copying meteorological matter into Robert's book. The book is one that he got for me long ago. Mrs. Brewster called in the afternoon, and Carlie was here at noon, otherwise we have been alone. Every thing seems now like having an early spring and the house plants begin to feel it very much.

Debits - .10

Wednesday, April 11

In the morning I went to the post office and saw a letter from Mr. Crosby and he will come and preach to us for one thousand dollars a year. I paid Mr. Eaton one dollar for mending boots. Paid Richmond 30 cents for meat, and I paid 53 cents for tea, etc. at Paul's. Got a very favorable letter from Edward Doten and Mr. Leach and Electa called in the afternoon. Mrs. Fisher called, also Mrs. Porter. Mr. Frost called and we had a good talk about books and school subjects. Charles Winslow's lessons came this afternoon.

Debits - 1.00, .30, .53

Thursday, April 12

Rested rather badly. Tried to rest some in the forenoon, and tried also to work on the almanac. I kept my almanac work going till night though I could not work easily. Mr. Crooker called to have me go to the Junction tomorrow, and I must go if possible. Hattie Gallup here with Mr. Porter's little girl, a very pleasant and agreeable little girl, full of life, chat and spirit. Pewee.

Friday, April 13

Paid 14 cents for pencils, and got Ransom to fix tangent screw to the transit. My transit needs many little repairs, and I shall be obliged to send it to the instrument makers. I went down the line to the Junction to lay out a crossing and I think we can get a good one over the town road bridge near the bakery. Mr. Thompson came up with us. I heard Charles Winslow's lessons and he is going on with the subjects finely.

Debits - .14

Saturday, April 14

Paid 15 cts for meat and 10 cts for stamps, and lent to R. 25 cts. Got a check from Edward O. Doton for three hundred dollars and wrote to him by return of mail. Mr. Thompson called in the morning. Joanna came in the forenoon and staid till afternoon. I worked in the garden and we made our first flower bed.

The day is unusually fine for the season. The check from Edward was half of it for me and half for his father, so I may put it down as so much received. Black Birds.

Credits – 150.00
Debits - .25, .25

Sunday, April 15

Another Sunday morning, and very pleasant for the season. Heard frogs but they may have been heard on the 9th. The spring birds are quite early this year, and I expect soon to hear king birds and boblinks, that usually come in early May. The day was so pleasant that we could hardly stay in the house. We took a walk out to Horace Dunham's. But there we met Simeon's folks and there was a very respectable company of the cousins and relatives. I cannot think it is a good way to spend Sunday generally, but the company was very quiet and respectful to the day. We both walked out but Mrs. D. rode home. These tramps are very tiresome.

Monday, April 16

This morning I paid on the Vose bond \$155.60 which is \$1.43 cents on Spenser's share. The whole amount of the claim was \$462.50 and three of us had to pay it, that is \$154.17 each. I received \$17.50 from int. on a bond, and I paid \$7.50 to Richard Dana for pants. Dr. R.H. Paddock came from Barnard and returned in the afternoon. Mrs. D. went to Pomfret with Spencer, and came home in the early evening. I heard Charles Winslow's lessons. Robert called in the evening, and so did Miss Etta Latimer. Paid White 34 cts for the Naturalist.

Credits – 17.50
Debits – 155.60, 7.50, .34

Tuesday, April 17

Went to the depot to measure the middle ordinate of the curve at the side track. Came home and went to work on the almanac, and kept at that work through the day and finished the calendar pages except the moon southing and rising & setting. The day has been cloudy and cool and a little rainy. Robert called in the evening and later Mrs. Russell. Easterly wind for the past few days with signs of rain.

Wednesday, April 18

A cool, misty morning. I began to copy meteorological work and then to the almanac. I find some work about the eclipses. Kept very steady at my table through the day, but was hardly able to drive work very rapidly. Paid 10 cts at the bakery. The funeral of Addison Maxham took place this forenoon at the old Joseph Churchill house. Dramatic entertainment at the town hall this evening.

Debits - .10

Thursday, April 19

Mr. Porter called with word from Mr. Thompson to have me meet him at the Junction today. I went down on the train and came back at three o'clock but failed to meet Mr. Thompson. The day was very rainy and uncomfortable. Mr. Swift of Hartford, Conn. Called to see me on the subject of iron bridges. He called again in the evening with views of many of the Canton, Ohio Company's bridges. I saw some of them that were sent to Mr. Lockwood, and was from the first very favorably impressed with their work.

Debits - .03

Friday, April 20

Awoke with a severe headache this morning but it seems to be wearing away. Robert paid me 25 cts. This is the day for the recitations. Mr. Thompson came in the afternoon, and we tried to fix a line that would fit the ground without too much curving. I studied upon it through the night and am sure that I can make it right. Mr. Crosby and family came this afternoon, and his services will begin next Sunday.

Credits - .25

Saturday, April 21

Today I am to go to the Junction to lay out the crossing. This morning I made a plan of what I had concluded to have in my study on it last night. Mr. Thompson came and Mr. Clarke went with us, and I got Charles Winslow to go to help do the work. The line fitted the ground as nearly as possible. Perhaps no other one could fit it better. The wind was very cold and nearly in the north.

Sunday, April 22

A beautiful sabbath morning and Mr. Crosby begins his years services at the Univ. Chapel. In the forenoon his subject was taken from the 8th chapter of John, 6th verse, and it was Jesus' silence, and made the power of silence the theme for his discourse. The house was very well filled in the morning. But in the afternoon he preached from Matt. IX: 29. "According to your faith be it unto you." These sermons were extremely good and were delivered in that earnest manner that would command attention. In the afternoon the house was well filled and the speaker was listened to with marked attention. He has now begun his year's work and I hope he may continue as he has begun to rouse up the people to right being, right thinking, right living.

Monday, April 23

Mr. Isaiah Benson called for me to go to West Woodstock to run some lines and to determine the lines of the Daniels farm in two or three places. Came home and went to work in the door yard. Charles Winslow called to his recitations and we had a long talk on our work at the Junction. Mr. Benson paid me \$1.50. I worked in the garden and door yard till night. Was very tired in the evening. Mrs. D. called on Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Fisher.

Credits – 1.50

Tuesday, April 24

Clear in the morning but some cirrus clouds in the evening. Spent nearly all day about the door yard and garden. Emma Dunham called in the afternoon. The teachers are thinking about examination next Saturday and I hope they will try to fit themselves for it though I have but little faith in the benefits of such examinations as we are now having. Mr. Frost called for a book that he left for me to examine, Whitney's Essentials of English Grammar.

Wednesday, 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.

Thursday, April 26

Worked in the garden in the forenoon and in the afternoon I heard Charles Winslow's lessons and was very tired before I got through the work of the afternoon. Spoke for a team for tomorrow to go to Mr. Barron's Ware lot to attend to adjusting the line of that lot and the Howard lot. Paid 24 cents for stamps.

Debits - .24

Friday, April 27

Started early in the morning for Quechee and then Mr. Barron and I rode to the Ware lot and there we spent a few hours in testing the line. This is a very bad line to manage but I well remember the old line as I saw it more than forty years ago. I did not follow the old line for I could not at first get the correct variation of the needle, and we did not measure the distance. At Mr. Barron's I saw some of the old parchment deeds that were truly curiosities.

Saturday, April 28

Mr. Porter gave us a ticket to Franklin and we gladly accept it, and we took the train and started on a visit. The day was pleasant and we had a fine time looking over the old fields where I worked in the olden time of building the Northern Railroad. I was on that road thirty years ago.

Sunday, April 29

In the morning it was some rainy and it continued to be wet through the day. We are very situated here in Franklin on the bank of the Penigewasset with our friends Mr. and Mrs. Gookin and Amelia who is almost our adopted daughter. She was with us about three years while attending the Woodstock High School when she graduated with honor to herself and the class. She is becoming a good teacher and is sought by those who need such services. At home, sister Joanna is taking care of things and Mr. Crosby is preaching two of his best sermons. His sermon on the beginning of his services was preached in the forenoon.

Monday, April 30

Slightly rainy in the morning but the clouds began to break away before noon. Mrs. D. and Amelia went out shopping. Mr. Gookin and I went down the R.R. and through the R.R. yard where the cars are left. At 21 minutes before, we started for home and had a very pleasant though tiresome ride home. Found our train at the Junction and we very soon seated ourselves in our own car feeling perfectly at home. O.F. Barron paid me five dollars. We paid at Franklin 2 dollars.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 2.00

Tuesday, May 1

Took up my meteorological work, but could work but little for there was an almost constant call at the door. I went to the garden and tried to clear the ground of stones. Got very tired and lame. Paid Geo. Paul 45 cents for tea and lemons. On hand 10.91.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – .45

Wednesday, May 2

Put my transit in adjustment for I wished to make a survey for Mr. Richmond on the Dr. Powers estate. Spent much of the time in filling out the meteorological blanks. In the evening I heard Charles Winslow's lessons, and then continued the weather report. Paid John Fuller 56 cents and owe him 13 more. I paid five dollars to the Life Insurance Co.

Debits - .56, 5.00

Thursday, May 3

In the morning I went to the upper bridge and made a survey and after getting home from that work I started for the Junction and made a sketch of the crossings. I paid to I. Fisher 15 cents for a plotting board. Polk paid me five dollars to apply on office rent. We paid Billings four dollars for table linen, and it was a good investment. Mailed the meteorological report this morning. Mr. Barron sent 10 dollars to me by Herman Orcutt to be given to Mr. Smith of Taftsville.

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .15, 4.00

Friday, May 4

Mr. Pratt called for me to go to Mr. Stirling's and survey the division line between John & Frank. I found it to be a very close matter and that it ought to be done correctly. We were caught in a shower in the afternoon and it made the work rather unpleasant. We finished it just before dark and came home in the evening. I was obliged to differ some from the line of marked trees, but right is better than wrong always.

Saturday, May 5

Did what writing I could and at eleven I started for the Junction. Mr. Thompson came up on the morning train, and went back to assist us in making some changes in the line run some days ago. I changed the length of the tangent from 92 to 100 feet, and from that point I ran a 14 degree curve for 140 feet, and left it in a right position to continue along the former line to the river. Paid Hazzard 40 cents for work. Allen Thompson called in the evening.

Debits - .40

Sunday, May 6

In the forenoon I went to church to wind and set the clock. Went to church to hear Mr. Crosby preach from the first eleven verses of the fourth chapter of Matthew's gospel, where Christ was tempted. His exposition of that subject was most truly rich and good. But few people realize what the temptation was. The speaker's view was that it was the earthly power and popularity that he might rise to if he would follow the enticements of the Jews and be their worldly king. But he was not to be tempted, or rather was not to be drawn away from the work that God called him to do.

Monday, May 7

Worked at my table in the morning, and at eleven o'clock I started for the Town Clerk's in Hartford. I copied notes from the deeds of lands to the Vt. Central R.R. at the time of its construction, that is, of land of Samuel Nutt and Alonzo B. Nutt to the R.R. Co. and also land conveyed by Mary B. Lyman. Came home on the train. Judge Barrett paid me ten for tuition three years ago. Paid for Cyclopaedia five dollars; Vol. XIV. These books come too fast.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 5.00

Tuesday, May 8

Took some cold yesterday, but I must keep busy for my garden work must be done. Paid Richmond 24 cents for meat. I worked about the house and garden the greater part of the day. Paid Montague 80 cents for Whitney's Es. of Grammar. Mr. Smith paid me 50 cents for looking at his street line and for leveling his house sills long ago. I gave him points on the street for him to know how and where to build his street fence.

Credits - .50

Debits - .24, .80

Wednesday, May 9

Was too unwell to go out this morning and I kept near the fire. I took this cold last Monday I think and was fully fitted for it in making the Sterlin survey last week. I tried to draw a plan of our contemplated crossing at the Junction. I went with Mr. Clapp to make his line near his house. He paid me 50 cents. In the afternoon, Mr. Crosby called for a few minutes, and the call was very pleasant.

Credits - .50

Thursday, May 10

I did not go out at all during the day for my cold is working severely in my throat. I tried to read and write some but could do it but poorly. It is rare that I am obliged to keep myself so entirely idle as I have today, or yesterday and today. Paid five cents for lemons.

Debits - .05

Friday, May 11

Am to meet Mr. Braley at his crossing. Went on the train, Mr. Dewey with me and Mr. Thompson came while we were there and we all rode to the Junction when Mr. T. went back on the engine. I saw Mr. &

Mrs. Elmer Hewitt at the Junction. Mr. Hewitt begins his services at 4 corners (Four Corners) next Sunday.

Saturday, May 12

Paid for sawing and splitting wood five dollars, and I paid Mr. French 50 cents for plowing garden and Fuller in full 18 cents. Worked at my table in the forenoon and in the afternoon I rode to South Pomfret and made a survey for Mr. Vaughan. Did not get home till night.

Debits – 5.00, .50, .18

Sunday, May 13

In the morning I took the time and then went to the chapel to wind and set the clock. Met Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Mellish on the way. Went to church and heard Mr. Crosby speak from Gal. VI: 2. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." In the afternoon he took a portion of the Lord's prayer, "Thy will be done." Matt VI: 10.

Monday, May 14

Began work in the garden quite early for me, and tried to level off the furrows for planting. Paid Paul ten cents for matches. Got Frank Hatch to go to the junction with me to assist in making some measurements. Rode back to Taftsville to attend to the road case. Rode home with Mr. Chamberlin, or rather with Mr. Chamberlin's horse and buggy.

Debits - .10

Tuesday, May 15

Our calls began before breakfast. Got my instruments from the depot and then went to work on the plan for the crossing. Electa and Joanna called and Horace Dunham and Carlie Dunham were here to dinner. Polk called in the morning and Abbie came soon after noon with her uncle Robert and his little girl. Paid 21 cents for meat. The little girl rode to Pomfret with Abbie and the Dr. went to Mr. Doles in Taftsville.

Debits - .21

Wednesday, May 16

The Dr. came back in the forenoon, having visited his cousins at Doles, and his early school friends in Hartland and the place where he was born and the school house where he learned his letters. He left for Barnard about four in the afternoon. He remained here at noon. I am working on the plans of the R.R. crossing at the Junction.

Thursday, May 17

I got Robert to go with me to the Junction to take some measures about the switches & frogs, and Judge Barrett with Laura went to the Junction to meet James who comes this afternoon. He came as expected and looks strong and healthy for him. We took all the measures that we wanted to take at this time, and I find Robert is very exact in all his measurements.

Friday, May 18

Began work in the garden quite early and planted potatoes. Planted Early Rose on the west side of the alley, and shall plant some of them on the east side. I worked on the plan of the crossing at the Junction, when too warm to be outdoors. James Barrett called in the afternoon. The shower is the first rain that we have had for a very long time. Thunder shower, the first this season.

Saturday, May 19

Worked in the garden planting and arranging the margins. Paid Paul 45 cents for tea, etc. Mailed letter to Amelia at Franklin. In the afternoon I met with Mr. Hodges to make a survey of the old shop lots on the brook at South Pomfret, the same ground that I surveyed for Chauncey Vaughan. The case is now in court and perhaps will be heard this term. Came here about five o'clock, and after supper I went into the garden. The soil is too dry for planting. Boblinks heard.

Debits .45

Sunday, May 20

In the morning I took the time and found my room clock about 15 seconds slow, but I was too tired to go to the chapel to set the clock. Went to church and heard Mr. Crosby preach on the parable of the ten virgins, recorded in the XXV chapter of Matthew. It is now impossible for one to describe his sermons. We must hear them to get their full worth. He explained the oriental customs of marriage and of the marriage feast. The foolish virgins were the self righteous, the bigots and the conservatives who think they are already prepared. The wise virgins were those whose whole air was to fit themselves for the coming of the Lord by earnest cultivation of the whole mind and that cultivation was that that brought his presence to us not in pomp and great glory but in the still small voice that marked his presence. In the afternoon he preached from I John IV: 18. "Perfect love casteth out fear." A sermon of very high order. He made some references to the writings of Rev. Geo. McDonald.

Monday, May 21

Worked on the R.R. plan in the forenoon and in my room on other work in the afternoon. My R.R. work takes as much as half of my time. Arnold Barrett is at home now and called on us in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 22

Worked in the garden for a time in the morning, and then began on the Pomfret plans for the case Chauncey Vaughan against Smith Hodges. I am sorry this came up for it will not make any better friends of the parties. Dr. Paddock and Polk came down from Pomfret, and left for home soon after noon.

Wednesday, May 23

In the morning Mr. Dewey and Mr. Thompson came and Mr. Safford. Mr. Thompson and myself went to Barnard to examine the dam. Mr. T. got a team of Mr. French and we all rode together. We spent the day in making examination and in hearing the case, and made our decision on the way home. The day was cool and very favorable for our purpose. Mr. Lorenzo Richmond paid me 2 dollars in part pay for survey at the Dr. Powers lot near the upper bridge.

Credits – 2.00

Thursday, May 24

Am very much driven about the plans of the tracks at the junction, and on court plans. Mr. Richmond paid me 50 cents as the balance for surveying. I paid 5 cts for meat for the kitten. Left papers for Judge Barrett to examine on Railroad matters. We find his counsel very reliable in all such matters, and it is a great help to us.

Credits - .50

Debits .05

Friday, May 25

Arose quite early and went to work on the plans for Mr. Hodges and Mr. Vaughan, but I hope their case will be settled. Went to the Junction on the train and made further examination of the tracks. I had not taken the bakery track, and I found that it was a Central Railroad track. Mr. Barnard finished sawing my wood pile and I paid him one dollar. Mr. Hodges called to see about his plan that I am making. I worked in the garden a short time this afternoon.

Debits – 1.00

Saturday, May 26

Mrs. D. rode to Hartland going over the hill by the Webster place and coming home by way of Taftsville. I spent the greater part of the day on the plans for the trial in the case Vaughan vs. Hodges. I hope the parties will settle this case for it is not a very great matter. It only seems to fan the flame at South Pomfret.

Sunday, May 27

Was too tired and jaded to go to church to set the clock, but I did go to church in the forenoon and made out to hear the sermon, but was very dull and stupid.

Monday, May 28

Arose early and went to the garden and found some frost. Worked on the almanac, the Eclipses, etc. and read the proof of the Calendar pages, and sent all to Claremont. Prepared the copy of the resolution for the change of line at the Junction. Mr. Hodges paid me for surveying and plan 7.50 and I paid 10 cts for postage stamps. Spent much of the day in the garden and finished planting potatoes.

Credits – 7.50

Debits - .10

Tuesday, May 29

Paid boy for basket 15 cents and I paid for lard & fish 76 cents. Worked through the greater part of the day on the plans of the road crossing. This will hold on for some time, as there will be three plans and they must be correct.

Credits – .15, .76

Wednesday, May 30

Worked at my table and in the garden in the morning, and went down the line on the train at eleven o'clock and spent about two hours in taking measurements about the bakery track, and also on the position of the track near the connection with the Central track. Came up on the train and watched the motion of the engine as run over the different curves. After it became a little cooler I went into the garden. Sowed beets for winter. Mrs. D. is quite unwell this evening.

Thursday, May 31

Got a letter from Dr. Foster with his likeness and I now have his mother's. He carries a Doten nose and I think he looks some like Quincey Page. Mr. Bates and Henry called and Polk came to attend court. Joanna called and we are white-washing. Paid Mr. Barnard for white washing \$1.50. Of money not accounted for 92 cents. This was paid in the last two months for postage and small grocery bills.

Debits – 1.50, .91

Friday, June 1

I worked nearly all day on the plans of the crossing at the junction Have extended the plan so as to cover the length of track nearly from where we first touch the Ct. Vt. Land to the land of the Northern R.R. I paid Mr. Fisher 9 cts for planing a board for curves using curved rulers. On hand 8.35.

Debits - .09

Saturday, June 2

Spent nearly all day on the plans and am now transferring it to the transparent cloth, tracing cloth. I worked some in the garden, but the weather is very warm. Thermometer rose to 91 at the warmest part of the day. Mr. Crosby called.

Sunday, June 3

I took the time in the morning and found our clocks very nearly right, but I was too tired or lazy to set the chapel clock. But we walked to church and heard Mr. Crosby preach on the subject of worship. A few weeks ago he preached from the last clause, that is, "in the beauty of holiness." "O worship the Lord," was the subject for the forenoon. In the afternoon his subject was, "Good from evil." He took for his text a part of the 7th verse of the XVIII chapter of Matthew. "Woe unto the world because of offenses, for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh."

Monday, June 4

I went to the Junction to take a few more measurements about the track from station 717. I found the old posts of the Central R.R. fence and I tried to determine that position by connecting the different points in that line. Polk and Abbie were here. Asa Weed called in the afternoon and Horace Dunham in the evening on the Taftsville road case. I paid Paul 70 cents for tea, etc.

Debits – .70

Tuesday, June 5

Horace came in the forenoon and we went to Taftsville to take some measures of the road laid by commissioners a few days ago. Mr. Weed came to assist in doing it. We took measurements of about 594 feet of road. In the afternoon I worked on the plans of the road crossing at the junction and I shall soon get it off my hands.

Wednesday, June 6

A rainy day and I worked on my railroad plans and assisted in the surveys of the Taftsville road. This is the nicest rain that we have had for a long time. I am not fully suited with our survey art Taftsville and must look at some of the ground again. Sent five dollars to the Life Association at Brattleborough, and this pays some in advance.

Debits – 5.00

Thursday, June 7

The rain continues but Horace and I went to Taftsville to take some more surveys, and then we came home and I began my work on the plan of the tracks at the junction. Paid 3 cts postage at Taftsville. Sent proof back to Claremont. The rain is one of the finest we have had for a long time. It has come very slowly, not more than half an inch a day.

Debits - .03

Friday, June 8

The night was quite rainy but the clouds partially broke away in the morning. Horace Dunham came this morning to finish the estimate at the Taftsville road. I worked on the R.R. plans and I continued on it till nearly night. Mr. Hazen called for a table book to use about a court plan. Paid 15 cts express bill on registers. Mr. Weed called for a statement of his work or of the road work at Taftsville.

Debits - .15

Saturday, June 9

There was but little rain during the night and today so far. Mr. Thompson called in the morning but soon left to meet the selectmen on the subject of railroad bonds. I hope they will get the control of a part of the bonds. Paid 12 cents for stamps and I mailed letters as usual.

Debits - .12

Sunday, June 10

Some signs of rain, but we put ourselves in readiness to go to church. We heard Mr. Crosby from a part of the parable of the Prodigal Son. He took the words, "When he came to himself." From this text he made a most beautiful and good sermon. When we are led away by strong temptation we do not act ourselves, but are slaves to sin and the temptation. But when the misery into which we plunge ourselves is sufficiently severe we stop and begin to come to ourselves. And we then wish to go to our father who has enough and to spare. The sermon was clothed in very chaste and beautiful language.

Monday, June 11

Worked about home in the forenoon, in the afternoon I spent a short time writing for Robert. I began to mow the yard in the morning. Some early for haying. I ought to go down the line today but will wait and go

tomorrow. There are many measurements that I ought to take, and must before I can make a good map of the tracks.

Tuesday, June 12

Worked at my table before breakfast & after breakfast I assisted Robert till about ten o'clock, when put myself in readiness to go down the line. Went down on the train and met Mr. Todd of the Northern road and Mr. Thompson of the Woodstock road, and we took measurements for a further map of the tracks that we wish to work with in making our connections. I paid John Fuller for meat 25 cents.

Debits - .25

Wednesday, June 13

Mowed the grass in the front door yard and after breakfast I went to Mrs. Perkins' to finish papers that I have been fitting for Robert. The day was very warm and I could work in my room with difficulty. Spent some time in the garden and on the hay. We called on Robert in the evening and he is sick today with a most painful neuralgia. I have seen people when they are suffering with nervous pain, but I think Robert's case is as severe as I ever knew.

Thursday, June 14

Arose quite early and went into the garden. The morning was very pleasant but the clouds soon began to beat up from the S.W. and there was a slight shower soon after six o'clock. Must go to the Junction if it does not rain. Robert is still very unwell. He had a very painful night. But he had Dr. Williams & Baker and they found a troublesome tooth and extracted it; and after that he was much easier. I went to the Junction to get some more measurements, and I had very good success. Came home and found Robert very much better.

Friday, June 15

Yesterday I spent some time at the junction and am trying to put the result on paper but things do not come very well. I paid the Brown boy for work on the wood 30 cts and am tired of such kind of help. I staid alone much of the day for Mrs. D. went to Horace Dunham's. Ruth Parkhurst called and Henry, her husband, took dinner with me. Spent the greater part of the day at my table on the Almanac for 1878. Am now fitting the calendar for our own state.

Debits .30

Saturday, June 16

Rainy this morning but I concluded to go to the Junction to complete measurements about the tracks of the Northern road and of the connection near the switch house. I made very full measurements though I was alone. In the morning I tried to get some money of the R.R. company but in vain. I do not think I shall always work for them for nothing. Am alone this evening as Mrs. D. has gone to church as the conference at the Brick house, the Christian, is now in session here.

Sunday, June 17

In the morning I took an observation for the time and found my watch a few seconds too slow. I was some surprised for I supposed that its rate was too slow. We walked to church to hear Mr. Crosby. He spoke from the subject of the woman that anointed Jesus' feet etc. and he made more of it than I had ever heard or thought of before. In the afternoon he began by going over some of the sublime truths of astronomy to enlarge our conceptions of God. Judge Barrett and his sister Mrs. Allen went to hear him and I think they were paid for going.

Monday, June 18

Mr. Adams paid me five dollars on Kimball Perkins' account. Worked on the estimate of the Taftsville road for the town of Hartland. Mr. Hunton called for an estimate of the cost of making the road and I will get it up for him. Paid Mr. Fuller four cents for meat for the cats. I am also drawing a plan of the Norther railroad tracks at the Junction. In the afternoon I took Mr. Chamberlin's horse & wagon and went to Pomfret to see the folks at the old place.

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .04

Tuesday, June 19

I spent the greater part of the day on the estimates for Mr. Hunton, and finished them just before night. Paid Slack 22 cents for fish. The day was exceedingly fine. The air was clear and the sky pure in the afternoon though there was a thunder shower in the morning. There was but little rain fell here.

Debits – .22

Wednesday, June 20

Arose early and went into the garden. After breakfast I began to work on the plans of the railroad, depot, etc. Mr. Hunton called for me to make some additions to my estimate of the cost of the Taftsville road. An agent of the "Household" called and I paid him ten cents and he will send the paper three months on trial.

Debits – .10

Thursday, June 21

Mrs. D. started for Hartland to visit her old home and will be with some of her old playmates and we hope they will have a pleasant time. There was a light shower in the morning. The afternoon was very rainy. 1.2 inches fell. Mrs. D. came home in the evening. They came with Mrs. Latimer's horse. Mr. Cummings came with timber. Two square sticks 18 & 26 feet long = 44 feet at 7 cts = \$3.08 and 7 sleepers.

Friday, June 22

Renewed a note at the bank and paid the interest for three months \$2.00. I borrowed of Polk two dollars. Mr. Woodbury paid me seven dollars for the Claremont Mfg. Co. and I paid it to Dr. Colton \$7.00, and I paid boy for work on wood 75 cts. This last item ought to teach me not to hire these young fast boys to do work.

Credits – 2.00, 7.00

Debits – 2.00, 7.00, .75

Saturday, June 23

Got a horse and buggy of Mr. Clough to go to Mr. Whipple's to fix the line between Obed Jr. and W.C. Whipple and put a value upon the wood on the land, that is to divide it as nearly equal as possible. We spent nearly all day in fixing the south line of the Dana lots, that is, the south line of Mr. Elisha Hewitt's farm. We determined that line to our satisfaction, coming out at the west end where I supposed the corner was. We also made a survey of the wood lot to be divided. We will come again on Tuesday to divide the lot. Came home in the evening and had a pleasant ride.

Sunday, June 24

Was very tired and lame through the day but I went to hear Mr. Ballard who exchanged with Mr. Crosby. Mrs. D. rode to South Pomfret to see her aunt Russ. She found Mrs. R. much better than she was yesterday. I could not go to church in the evening for I was too lame and too unwell. Mrs. D. went to hear Mr. Powers who preached at five o'clock. Mr. Ballou took for a text, "What is man?" He viewed man in all his different characters and in his different elements or properties, from the lower to the higher. I was glad to hear him place so much value on the imagination, and to speak of the importance of it being highly cultivated.

Monday, June 25

Worked a part of the day on Mr. Whipple's survey. And think it can't be divided quite easily. I drew a line about where we thought it would divide the value of the timber equal, and left it to be used as we might think best when we meet on the ground. Paid 3 cents postage on letter to Dr. Storer of Boston. Besides working on the Whipple plan I worked on the R.R. plans. Abbie paid 5 cents for postage last Saturday. Mrs. Bridge came here this morning, took dinner at Mr. Johnson's and came here in the afternoon.

Credits - .05

Debits - .03

Tuesday, June 26

It looks much as if it would rain some today, but I conclude to go to Pomfret to finish the Whipple survey. We explored the wood lot through & through and determined to run a line through the lot as I had marked on my plan. I went to Mr. Chamberlin's to dinner. A fine shower soon after noon. In the afternoon, Mr. Miller and I ran the division line, and I think very correctly, and we concluded not to alter it. I was very wet being so long in the wet bushes and grass, but I came home by Spencer's. Borrowed of Fred five dollars.

Credits – 5.00

Wednesday, June 27

Finished the almanac for Vermont and worked on the R.R. plans all I could find time to do. Mrs. Bridge took dinner at Mr. Fuller's and came soon after. Eben called for her at night. Mrs. Wood came here to work. Paid Paul 68 cts for groceries.

Debits – .68

Thursday, June 28

Mrs. Wood is here again today at work at dressmaking. I spent the greater part of the day on R.R. plans and in putting wood into the shed. It was about nine o'clock in the evening before I left work, so instead of the ten hour rule, I work fifteen or sixteen hours and am really tired and lame. Paid Mrs. Wood \$1.50 for her work. Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Safford of Barnard called to talk about our decision in the Barnard pond affair. Paid seven cents postage.

Debits – 1.50, .07

Friday, June 29

Arose quite early and finished putting my wood into the wood-house. Went to Mr. Fisher's and got some curves made for making curves on the R.R. plans, paid 5 cents for them and paid barber 20 cents for cutting hair. In the afternoon we had a terrific thunder shower that lasted from four o'clock till night. I learned that lightning struck nine times in the immediate neighborhood of the village of Woodstock. The cloud seemed to hang over the place for some minutes.

Debits - .05, .20

Saturday, June 30

The last day of June and half the months of the year are nearly run. Rested rather badly last night but am some better today. Mrs. Eastman called to get me to run a line or fix the corners of the Parker lot, joining the Kelley lot. There is some difficulty about those lots for they do not hold out the specified measurements.

Sunday, July 1

In the forenoon we went to church to hear Mr. Crosby preach on the character and work of Christ. It was one of the best sermons that I have heard him preach. To see the character and conduct of Christ set in contrast with the haughty and worldly Jews is indeed truly valuable. He had proposed to speak in the afternoon on the power of science in religion, but a very severe rainstorm attended with heavy thunder prevented his speaking as they could not get to church. It is truly a rainy time. I hope he will yet speak on the same subject as it is one of the greatest subjects that we have to engage our thought, it is so elevating and so grand. The showers are doing much good, and are a very strong contrast with the very dry time of one year ago. The season was then so dry that a green thing was a sort of curiosity. On hand 3.12.

Monday, July 2

Mrs. Eastman paid me one dollar for surveying, and I paid box-rent at the post-office 25 cents. Paid Paul 25 cents for groceries. Worked at my table the greater part of the time in the afternoon and some in the garden in the evening. My work is going slowly but little pay comes in for it. The times are very dull about work and there is but little money in circulation.

Credits - 1.00

Debits - .25, .25

Tuesday, July 3

I went down the line to see Mr. Thompson about the quantity of land to be taken from the Central road. I made a thorough examination to find where the line is between the Central & Northern R.R. I think we have it now with sufficient accuracy. Came home too tired to work but cannot afford to be idle.

Wednesday, July 4

Our young folks go to the Dewey chasm to celebrate in Barron's grove between Quechee and Dewey's. Our R.R. carries for 20 cts down and back, and more than one thousand tickets were sold. Miss Dunham came here in the morning and remained here while her folks went to the pic-nic in Barron's grove. We spent the day at home. I worked very busily on the meteorology and have finished it ready to send off in the morning. How still every thing is today for the masses of the people are away. Paid Paul 25 cents for groceries.

Debits - .25

Thursday, July 5

Sent away the meteorological report, and I ought to have sent it on the first day of the month. Received a report from Norman Williams of Chicago. I must send him a register or some such thing. Paid 15 cents for stamps and mailed letter to Mr. Whipple. Today we hear the talk about the pic-nic. There were one thousand and one tickets sold here to go to the grove at Quechee. I am glad that I could stay at home and work without being disturbed. I made very good progress while the folks were gone from the village. Mowed some grass this morning.

Debits - .15

Friday, July 6

I worked in the garden the greater part of the forenoon. Strong signs of rain and I cannot promise a very good hay-day. In the afternoon I worked at my table nearly all the time on the Railroad work. I paid 24 cents for meat and paid 25 cents for crackers. The day was showery and a bad hay day. Fred called in the forenoon and Mrs. Bridge called early in the morning.

Debits - .24, .25

Saturday, July 7

How rapidly the weeks move along! Received the July No. of the Quarterly. Worked on the R.R. descriptions a part of the day. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon. I got hay into the barn. A very warm day and no showers. I worked in the garden in the heat of the day but it was too warm to work with any comfort.

Sunday, July 8

Arose quite early and took my place at my writing table. Corrected the meteorological matter for the week and tested the work. There was a slight sprinkling of rain soon after 8 a.m. but we went to church to hear Mr. Crosby speak on church organization & church government. He read from the 12th verse of the XII chapter of I Cor. And took his text from the last clause of the 8th verse of the XVI chapter of Luke. The sermon was an earnest appeal for the building up of the church. At five o'clock we heard Mr. Crosby's scientific lecture and it was one of the best if not the best that I ever heard. It was on the value of science in religion. He brought out the harmony that exists between them, showing that the bible and science

teach the same great lesson. He touched on many particulars to show this and it was done very clearly so that a child could but be profited by it. I rejoice that he had so full and so intelligent an audience.

Monday, July 9

I worked on the R.R. plans very steadily through the day, and computed the amount of land taken from the Central Vermont Company and found the quantity to be about fifty five square rods. I tried to finish one of the plans that would cover the whole ground, and we must have one or two more of them. I wish to make a plan of the ground and tracks that we wish to make on the Northern R.R. ground. Paid 10 cts for mending. Prof. Sanborn Tenney died while visiting an invalid sister. He was prof. of Natural History in Williams College, Mass. and was the author of several valuable works on Natural History. He delivered a course of lectures before the State Normal School at Bridgewater, Mass. while Abbie was there.

Debits - .10

Tuesday, July 10

I went to mowing early in the morning but the weather did not look favorable. Many were deceived and opened the corks that were well put up. There was a shower in the forenoon. But hay dried so as to be cocked up and some would do to be put up in the barn. Fred Doten and Edward Dana called and they had bought a watch of Hathaway and had made a good selection having bought one that I selected long ago as a desirable watch. Paid 10 cts for vinegar. Paid Miss Richmond 25 cts.

Debits - .10, .25

Wednesday, July 11

A very warm morning. I went early to the flat and mowed the rest of my part of the grass and will mow Miss Richmond's part soon. Did not rest well last night for I was much too wakeful. Have not been well, but have kept at my work. A good hay-day. Secured what grass I had mowed. I took the time both forenoon and afternoon.

Thursday, July 12

Am much better this morning as I rested better last night. I mowed in the morning about half the grass on Mr. Richmond's part of the flat and the weather permits must cut the rest in the morning. Mr. Thompson called this forenoon and Mr. Clark called. We had a long talk about the crossing at the Junction and about the lines on each side of the land that we take of the central road. Am trying to get the description so closely that no advantage can be taken on that account.

Friday, July 13

Finished mowing the flat quite early this morning and, though the forenoon was some cloudy, we got all of it into the barn. I got Mr. Bradley to assist me about putting it into the barn, and it seems to be much better than last year. Paid Mr. Bradley 40 cents for his assistance. Mr. Chamberlin came down this morning to meet Mr. Smith's family who will stay a month or six weeks. Polk came down to move the baggage home.

Debits - .40

Saturday, July 14

Saw Mr. Clarke in the morning and I think there is some prospect that the R.R. Co. will raise some money for me soon. Mrs. Obed Whipple Jr. called and brought to me six dollars & fifty cents as her husband's part in the account that I had for dividing the wood lot, etc. I worked in the garden in the afternoon layering pinks and clearing the alleys. The surface of the ground is beginning to be some dry and hard. I got a line from Bethel and must go with Billings Tuesday morning to hear the Arnold and Abbott case.

Credits - 6.50

Sunday, July 15

In the forenoon I took the time and found my watch about one minute fast. I set it right and then set the clock at the church. I believe that to be a good clock and wish it could be better taken care of, or rather, I wish better care could be taken of it. We walked to church to hear Mr. Crosby speak from Phil. III: 13th and 14th. This sermon pointed out the duty of man and the way for him to rise in the world. The speaker dwelt upon the importance of having high and fixed aims and the duty of pressing forward, in all sincerity and earnestness. At five o'clock he gave us the lecture on the "law of inspiration." He took for a text Job XXXII: 8th. "But there is a spirit of man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." It seems almost as easy to paint the sun beams as to give a correct account of this lecture. It must be heard in order to be understood. But the highest principles of philosophy were called in, and the latest discovered facts of psychology were also presented, and the whole subject as far as it was taken up was made plain.

Monday, July 16

I went to the depot in the morning to get the survey of the change in the direction of the R.R. line at the White River Junction but did not succeed as I failed by mistake and took a wrong paper. Mr. Clarke made the correction in the afternoon. Received the proof of the Vermont calendar and we read it and corrected it in the evening. Am getting ready to go to Bethel in the morning.

Tuesday, July 17

I left home in the morning with Mr. Billings for Bethel. I met Mr. Hunton and Mr. Abbott near Bethel and went up the Stockbridge road to Mr. Elam Abbott's where the land is situated. We spent the forenoon examining the land and lines of the matter in dispute. I was happy in finding S.E. Pingree as my associate in this matter. We went to the Bethel house and put up, and gave a hearing in Wilson's Office in the afternoon, and continued till nearly eight o'clock in the evening when we adjourned till morning.

Wednesday, July 18

Resumed our work again in the morning and did not get through with taking testimony till after noon. I met Mr. Parker at the dinner table and had a very pleasant chat on interesting subjects. He has preached at Bethel for a long time and is still held in high esteem where he is. We closed the hearing in the case "Arnold vs. Abbott" at about 9 o'clock in the evening, and I started for home, riding with Mr. S.F. Sterling, at about half past 9 o'clock. Reached home about one o'clock. Paid 2.50 cents on my bill at Archers.

Debits – 2.50

Thursday, July 19

Came home about one o'clock this morning very tired and some unwell from a very severe cold that I caught a few days ago. I staid in the house and tried to rest me through the day writing as little as I could. Very fortunate for me there were but few calls during the day, yet I tried to write too much and was very tired in the evening.

Friday, July 20

Rested much better last night. Mrs. D.'s aunt Mrs. C. Ayers came from Potsdam, New York, stopping at the junction overnight. I remained in the house through the day and tried to write what I could. A long day, of course. Miss Lucy Fairbanks called in the evening and I lent her the Lowell Institute Lectures. She seems to feel some interest in literary matters, which is quite unusual in this village.

Saturday, July 21

Arose quite early but have not yet felt able to go to the garden to do the least touch of work. Robert & Pamela Perkins called this morning to see the garden of course. Mrs. Ayers called on Dr. Chandler this morning but may go to South Pomfret this afternoon. A very fine autumn day, but very warm. I staid in the house the greater part of the day but ought not to be at my table so constantly.

Sunday, July 22

Was too unwell to go to church, but Mrs. D. went to hear both sermons. The forenoon sermon was the first in a series on the different states or qualities or elements of man, the material, the intellectual, the

moral, the social, the spiritual. The order here may not be right. In the forenoon he took up the first of these elements, that is, the material, and I regret my inability to hear it. Mrs. Ayers was here through the day and at noon a few of the friends from the brick house called. Lizzie Bridge came down to the five o'clock meeting and walked up with Mrs. D. Mr. Crosby's subject was reconciliation, and from all the reports I get from it, I think his views of it are clear and correct. How much light has been brought out on that subject since I first began to hear and read about it.

Monday, July 23

Am slowly getting over the cold that I took last week. Staid in my room and at my table the greater part of the day but could not write very much. Mr. Crosby called a few moments in the afternoon and we had a very interesting and pleasant chat, but he was soon called away to go to the "Flat" to see Mrs. Ainsworth who had injured her shoulder very badly. Mrs. Marcy called and carried Mrs. Ayres to South Pomfret and Mrs. D. went too. They had a pleasant evening ride home. Paid Paul and P.O. 37 cts.

Debits - .37

Tuesday, July 24

Rested much better last night and spent the greater part of the day at my table on railroad work. I find these plans and descriptions are very difficult to make correctly and exactly. Have scarcely been out of the house since I rode home from Bethel with S.F. Sterlin in the night. I get out to the garden to take a sun-bath and to get warmed up. Carlie called here in the afternoon and staid till evening. Paid Mr. Fuller two cents.

Debits - .02

Wednesday, July 25

A letter from Col. S.E. Pingree of Hartford calls me to his office today or makes it best for me to go if I can. Went and was with him till about half past one o'clock when I came home on the train. We considered nearly all the points in the case Arnold vs. Abbott and have decided most of them to our satisfaction. I went to work on Railroad work as soon as I got home and kept it up till quite late in the evening.

Thursday, July 26

Rested much better last night, and took up my railroad writing early in the morning and kept it up till about noon. Got proof sheets from Claremont, and must read and correct them tomorrow. I have just now received a telegram from Col. Pingree to meet him tomorrow at his office. Mr. Clarke called for plan and papers to send to Mr. Todd, and I furnished them complete. Paid C. Dana 17 cts for goods. Mrs. Perkins paid us 50 cts for barrel bought of her and returned.

Credits - .50

Debits - .17

Friday, July 27

A warm and restless night, but the air changed before morning, so that seems now cooler, being densely cloudy. I went to Hartford on the train and Col. Pingree & myself took up the Bethel matter and disposed of the steps of it and finished our award and sent it to the parties, a copy to each. Came up on the train and was very tired and some unwell. I paid four dollars to Fred towards the five that I borrowed of him full four weeks ago. Abigail came here this afternoon.

Debits - 4.00

Saturday, July 28

Rested rather badly last night, a rather dreary night. Was awake for some time when the cars came up from Judge Porter's party. Was some unwell, especially in the forenoon, yet I kept myself at my table on Railroad work and drawing the plans of the track. Mrs. Page came here this forenoon, so three of us are here and the other three are at Pomfret. Mrs. Houghton came here towards night and will remain through

the night. It seems like a good night for rest for the air is some cooler. Sent the proof sheets back to Claremont.

Sunday, July 29

My sisters, Mrs. Page and Abigail are here and we are having a very pleasant time. We went to church riding with Mr. Russell. Heard Mr. Crosby speak on the properties or qualities of men, and the order that I gave one week ago was not exactly correct. But it is 1st the material; 2nd the intellectual; 3^d the social; 4th the moral; and lastly the spiritual. And there is a philosophy in this order. He probably will speak of the moral and the spiritual next Sunday. In the evening he took up the subject of Christ's lamentation over Jerusalem where he says, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killed the prophets and stonest them that come unto them, etc." It was one of the best. It was here that the speaker's power of description and his depth of feeling were called out and made manifest.

Monday, July 30

I did not rest very well last night, the weather was so very warm, and the night was so rainy. Some more than one inch fell during the storm. I have worked through the day on the railroad plans and the computations, and tomorrow I must write out the descriptions in full so that we can have three or more copies of the same plans. Joanna called here in the afternoon. O. Whitmore came from Linden near Boston this morning and came in the afternoon train. Paid Woodruff 25 and Woodruff 48 cents for groceries.

Debits – .25, .48

Tuesday, July 31

I began my railroad work early this morning but in the afternoon the heat was so oppressive that for a time I could not work. Col. Pingree sent me 13 dollars as my part of what he received from Bethel. This is half the amount of my bill, and I hope the other half will come soon. I wrote but little on the railroad matters in the afternoon, for the day has been extremely warm and the thermometer in my room has been about 80 degrees above zero which is too warm a place to work.

Credits – 13.00

Wednesday, August 1

This is the "birth day" of my daughter Abbie and she is now 37 years old. Perhaps she will be here before night. She came just before noon and took Dr. Paddock's little girl with her. Polk did some errands at the office and came a short time after. Simeon Dunham paid me three dollars on our account. I sent five dollars to the Life Insurance and paid Cone \$5. for Vol. XVI of the Cyclopaedia. Paid Billings 1 dollar for fare. Polk left with me 20 dollars to be paid for office rent. On hand 13.53.

Credits – 3.00, 20.00

Debits – 5.00, 5.00, 1.00

Thursday, August 2

I worked on my railroad work through the forenoon, and in the afternoon Mr. Bradley and Mr. Sayward moved Mr. C.'s safe to our front hall and I spent some time in leveling it up. Mrs. D. paid Dana for goods 57 cents.

Debits - .57

Friday, August 3

I went early to work on the meteorological report and finished and mailed it about ten o'clock. Paid Mr. Fuller 25 cts for meat and paid Bradley 15 cents for moving copying press from the office into the front hall. Wrote very busily on the Railroad descriptions to get ready for next Tuesday when the Railroad Commissioners come out.

Debits - .25, .15

Saturday, August 4

Am very busy on the Railroad work. Mr. Chamberlin came in the morning and paid me \$19.81 for Kimball's work in full, and I paid Randall for Kimball three dollars and 20 cents. And Mrs. D. took one dollar. I also paid Mr. Clough for horse hire three dollars. I went to Hartford to leave papers at the Town Clerk's office, and then I went to the Junction where I met Gov. Smith's son who looked over the ground where the W.R.R. is located and where we hope to cross their tracks. Mr. Smith came from Boston.

Credits – 19.81

Debits – 3.20, 1.00, 3.00, .03

Sunday, August 5

Some cooler this morning and I arose quite early and began work at my table. I worked till it was nearly time to go to church, when we walked up to hear Mr. Hewitt our former and respected pastor. In the forenoon he preached from the words of John the Baptist. "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Mat. III: 2nd. In the afternoon he spoke from I Tim. I: 11th. "The glorious gospel of the blessed God." His sermons were good, very good, both of them. It is truly pleasant to see his face in the desk and to hear his voice. I have often thought the personal appearance and manner of Mr. Hewitt & Dr. Clement were an honor to the profession that they so ably followed. Mr. Crosby returned from Hartland and was present at the five o'clock meeting, and he assisted Mr. Hewitt in the exercises. Abigail remained here through the day.

Monday, August 6

Paid J.S. Eaton \$6.95 for Kimball Perkins. I got Henry Greene to go down the line with me to set stakes and mark stations so that we can find them easily tomorrow. I paid Mr. Mellish the 20 dollars that Polk left for him last Wednesday. I paid White 6 cts for ink. And I paid Mr. Hewitt 3 dollars for milk tickets. Paid Fuller for meat 20 cents. Paid Eaton & Pinney for vest 1 dollar.

Debits – 6.95, 20.00, .06, 3.00, .20, 1.00

Tuesday, August 7

This is the day set for the meeting of the Commissioners to decide on a crossing at the Junction. We all went and came back again! Gov. Smith plead a want of notice and so an arrangement was made to meet on the 23rd of this month for the hearing. I do not expect the hearing will come off then if any quibble will prevent it. This day amounted to very little but perhaps it is all right. It will surely give more time to examine the case fully. But we will see when we meet again on the 23rd.

Wednesday, August 8

Finished the meteorological report for the month and carried it to the office. In the evening I met Robert and he told me about the meteor seen on the last day of July. I wrote the greater part of the day on railroad matters, and hope every thing will be in readiness at the next meeting of commissioners. Polk moved his things to Pomfret and we will clear the office tomorrow. Paid White 34 cts for the Naturalist. Mrs. Marcy, Etta Latimer and Mrs. D. rode to Pomfret to visit the old place.

Debits - .34

Thursday, August 9

I went to the office in the morning but Polk has not come and we have no key to unlock his room. We found a key that would let us in and I moved all the things from the office to our barn and my things to the house. Paid Slack for groceries 13 cents. There was thunder this morning between 1 & 2 o'clock and in the evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Debits - .13

Friday, August 10

This morning I found that I must go to Hartford to leave some papers with the Town Clerk. I met Col. Pingree on the cars. I then went to the Junction and went over the track as far as the Pierce culvert and

the cattle pass. The actress Miss Vance came up on the train and will be at Woodstock this evening. Thunder with light showers in the afternoon. Mrs. Bates came here from West Fairlee. Paid Woodruff for flour and groceries \$3.15. Hail fell in the shower at about three o'clock p.m.

Debits – 3.15

Saturday, August 11

I worked about the house through the day and about half the time on R.R. work. Some light showers during the day with thunder. Mrs. Bates went to South Pomfret by stage in the morning. Paid postage 9 and mailed letter to Franklin. Mrs. Fairbanks called, and Martha Mellish for flowers. A flower garden is now in its greatest beauty and it gets many visitors, at least such is the case with ours. I paid Bradley 15+25=40 cents for moving my table down from the office. He paid Chubeno the 15 cents.

Debits - .09, .40

Sunday, August 12

Rested very well this morning and did not start very early. Went to Mr. Richmond's for meat and after breakfast made the weekly proofs in meteorology. Went to church to hear Mr. Crosby on Spiritual force in religion. His text was Rom. VIII: 5. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the spirit." He seems to throw a new luster upon spiritual things and to open the minds of his hearers to understand them, and he is calling in some of the best minds in the place to listen to him and to be instructed by his teachings. There is nothing obscure about his doctrines or of his insight into spiritual things. There was a full attendance both morning and evening, and I have reason to believe that many were benefitted by being there.

Monday, August 13

Warm and muggy weather, and no one can labor either physically or mentally with much ease. I finished making a copy of our R.R. descriptions and that is about all except chores that I have done today. It has been a quiet day and there have been but few callers so we have been nearly alone. I did not go up to the corner up town today till nearly night. Got a letter from Franklin. Amelia wrote but little for she was some unwell with headache.

Tuesday, August 14

Have done but little work of importance today. Arranged my table by putting my large desk-table in the south chamber and the other one into the kitchen chamber. Horace and Herman called in the forenoon to see the company start for Bennington to attend the centennial celebration of the battle. I do not know if there is much to celebrate the anniversary for. It is true that the Bennington Battle was fought Aug 16, 1777 but it was mostly in New York as appears by the best accounts. Mrs. D. rode to S. Pomfret with Mrs. Dunham and Carlie. I paid Hathaway 25 for key.

Debits - .25

Wednesday, August 15

In the morning we aroused a determination to walk to Pomfret and we reached the old place before eleven o'clock. In the afternoon we went to Mr. Emery's where the Doten family all met. In order of ages, there was Matilda, myself, Spencer, Electa, Abigail and Joanna. 6 of us, and if we live we may have many meetings yet. After supper we came to the old place and put up in our room for the night. It is some pleasant to be in that room again where I had made a home long ago.

Thursday, August 16

Rested very well and was called some early by Mr. Barber. I went to the Ware place with Mortimer and looked over the place. I may sell it to him. Soon after getting back we started for home and it seemed as though we had been away a month. I was too tired and too lame to do much either in my room or in the garden after getting home. It is a long time since we were away from home over night on a visit and it seems almost wrong to neglect our pleasant home.

Friday, August 17

Rested very well last night but still am some lame, for my walk for the last two days, though nothing compared with my surveying and engineering work, has been considerable. Joanna came in the afternoon. I went with Mr. Hatch to show the line between his land and Mr. Hewitt's. I paid 40 cents postage and for groceries. Mrs. Bates came from South Pomfret. The company came from the centennial about seven o'clock in the evening.

Debits – .40

Saturday, August 18

Mrs. Bates and Joanna staid here through the night, and Mrs. B. left for home this morning. I paid Paul 38 cents for tea. In the afternoon Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret and were about here through till night. I worked about half a day on the railroad drawings to get ready for the hearing here next Thursday. Mortimer Spear came in the evening and it began to rain soon after he left for home. I do not get along very fast with my writing.

Debits - .38

Sunday, August 19

Went to church and heard Mr. Shipman for the first time. It is strange that I never have had an opportunity. His text was from I Cor. XV: 125. "For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet." Mr. Shipman seems to be a very strong man and a good scholar and must be a good teacher. He first pointed out what was here understood by the enemies of Christ, which he regarded as all the principles that are opposed to his reign, or the principles that tended to prevent his setting up his kingdom in the earth. He dwelt upon the positive assurance that he must reign till his kingdom was fully set up and all opposing principles destroyed. In the evening we listened to Mr. Crosby from Mat. I: 23. "And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us." Mr. Crosby's sermons must be heard in order to be known, as no description can do them justice.

Monday, August 20

A very beautiful morning. In the forenoon I worked in the garden for a time on the potatoes and they seem to be decaying badly. I finished the small plan to be used at the hearing next Thursday, when I hope the strife for a railroad crossing will be settled. The Monthly Weather Review for July came this evening. Spent the greater part of the day in work about the house and garden. The band is quite merry at Mr. Billings' in the evening. It is the birth day of little Laura Billings.

Tuesday, August 21

Was very tired last evening and was not very strong this morning. But I worked about the house and at my table. I have some meteorological work to do, and I use the spare moments. Mr. Crosby called in the forenoon and we had a pleasant talk for a few minutes. I hope he called on Mr. Bridge this afternoon. Lizzie Bridge comes very often to hear him preach and feels well paid for coming. I think very much of his views of humanity and of spiritual things for they seem to clear away the fogs and mists with which men have enveloped them. Paid 13 cents for groceries.

Debits - .13

Wednesday, August 22

In the forenoon I worked on a frame for making a bouquet for the church sometime. Very warm in the middle of the day. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret, Polk to get a tooth extracted, and they remained here till night. Lizzie Bridge called in the early evening and made a pleasant little visit. She seems to be very much pleased with Mr. Crosby's views of things. She will probably hear him when he preaches here, if possible.

Thursday, August 23

Mr. Woodbury paid me five dollars for the Claremont Mfg. Company, which I place to the credit of that Company. And I paid the Plymouth Monument Company five dollars subscribed long ago. Mr. Chamberlin

and Edith Stanley came from Pomfret and were about here till after noon. In the afternoon, Mrs. D. went to Mr. Russell's where some of the neighboring women made a short visit and took supper. I worked at my table through the afternoon and evening, and found the heat rather troublesome.

Friday, August 24

In the forenoon I called on H.S. Dana and I got my Charles Marsh letters that he has had for some time. I am glad to get those letters and shall keep them in the safe with letters from Pro. Guyot. I do not like to think of him in Southern California where he went for his health, but really to die away from family and friends. I worked on the Lyre in the forenoon, and at my table in the afternoon. I paid 5 cts for braid and 8 for ink. We are alone this evening. Mrs. D. paid me 56 cents.

Credits - .56

Debits - .13

Saturday, August 25

Began early at my table and am copying my meteorological work for better preservation. Dr. Paddock and his little girl came here yesterday afternoon and I let him have my soft, black hat. I have spent a great part of the day at my table. Paid 10 cents for meat and I think that is all for this week. We are trying to finish our harp for the church tomorrow, and I think Mrs. D. has made a rich thing of it.

Debits - .10

Sunday, August 26

Mrs. D. finished the harp and we got Allen Barrett to carry it to the church. We went to church and heard Mr. Crosby on the knowledge of God preached to a very full house. In the afternoon he preached at Jocelyn's Hall in Bridgewater, and at five o'clock he spoke at the chapel on the subject of faith and freedom, and I think the sermon was very satisfactory to his hearers. This is a very difficult subject for people in the present state to understand or to make plain, but I think he removed as much of the difficulty as any one that I have heard. That we are wrought upon by a superhuman power, no one can doubt, but to what extent we can never know, for we never know as it affects, or operates against our freedom of choice in all matters where that freedom is exercised. Abbie called for us and we rode to Mr. Chamberlin's in the evening, and the ride was very pleasant, the air being clear and cool.

Monday, August 27

Rested very well at Mr. Chamberlin's last night, and we find some difference in the air that we breathe, the place being 645 feet above Woodstock. Chamberlin's store is 1336.85 feet above the ocean and the Town Hall in Woodstock is 697.69, and we are about six feet lower than the Town Hall. We staid at Mr. C.'s through the day and had a very nice time. Abbie brought us down to Woodstock after supper and returned a little before dark.

Tuesday, August 28

Began my writing very early and kept it up through the day nearly. All my spare moments I use in copying meteorological works, and I have much of that to do if I fill the book that I have prepared for a repository of that series of observations. The day seems very warm, the thermometer reaching nearly 90. On coming home past night, I found a letter from my sick friend Lester A. Miller, and I must reply to it immediately. Paid 8 cts for soap.

Debits - .08

Wednesday, August 29

Rested quite well and have taken up the meteorological work this morning, and I must try to fix a short article on the satellites of Mars, but I do not feel able to do it. My friend L.A. Miller would rejoice to look into that matter, but his health would not permit it. I am not doing much for the railroad company just now, but wish I could get pay for what I did long ago.

Thursday, August 30

I spent nearly all the forenoon in trying to get our harp from the church and succeeded at last. In the afternoon I worked in the garden on the potatoes but the weather was some too warm. I spent some time on the meteorology for August, and to keep the records fully there is some real care and labor. In the evening, Mrs. D. went to Mr. Russell's to a meeting of the social circle, and I spent a part of the evening in writing a letter to Lester Miller on the satellites of Mars. Mr. Crosby called for a few moments to speak about his son's recitations, etc. Paid Social 5 cents.

Debits - .05

Friday, August 31

After writing for a time in the morning I began again in the garden digging potatoes. Our early rose potatoes are rotting very badly, that is, for these times. The weather is wet and warm and I have some fears that it will be as unhealthy for people as for vegetation.

Saturday, September 1

Mailed a letter to Amelia and paid 3 cents postage. I received a package of envelopes and blanks from the War Department for meteorological purposes. They furnish them now by the year. We are making another harp for the church tomorrow, and it is some different from the one made one week ago. Mrs. Russell called in the evening, so also did Miss Lizzie Bridge and Miss Latimer and some others. On hand .57.

Debits - .03

Sunday, September 2

In the morning, Mrs. D. finished her Lyre bouquet for the church and Mr. Russell carried it up for her to the church. I must be permitted to think that it was a beautiful arrangement of leaves and flowers. The leaves for the ground work were mostly the geranium, and for the base, the outer part was parsley and the inner part geranium. The flowers were verbenas of white and light pink, and phlox; and for the base a large variety of choice kinds. We went to church and heard one of Mr. Crosby's best sermons from Rom. XIV: 7th. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." The speaker went through with some of the changes in nature; the atmosphere composed of oxygen and nitrogen with a small portion of carbonic and gas and watery vapor. He touched upon the uses of these parts and how they performed their several offices and came back to their former self, building up itself at last by building up other things in the universe. In the evening he touched upon the uses of alcohol and its effects on the human system.

Monday, September 3

It began to rain at seven o'clock in the morning and was showering through the day. Worked at my table through the greater part of the day. The weather is becoming much cooler and we may soon look out for a frost. Sent the meteorological report this afternoon. Have not received our letter from the folks at Franklin, but we will not borrow trouble about the reason why. We spent the evening in seeing Mr. Bradley's Night Blooming Cereus in full bloom, four blossoms out at once.

Tuesday, September 4

Amelia's letter came this morning and they sometimes get stopped at the Junction or at some other point on the line. In the morning I got five dollars of Mr. Woodbury, and I immediately sent it to the Insurance Company of Brattleborough. I am glad to pay these assessments in time for I more and more value this insurance. I paid 10 cts for soda and 3 cts postage. Mrs. Lester Miller called in the evening with some papers and a poem from Mr. Miller to be inserted in the Standard.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 5.00, .13

Wednesday, September 5

I fixed Mr. Miller's poem on Mars and carried it to the Standard, but they cannot publish it till next week. Joanna called here in the morning and in the afternoon we went to Pomfret, called at Spencer's and took

supper, and then went to the old place, thinking to remain there through the night in my old room. Found all my books and trinkets safe, and the old room very cozy and pleasant. Left my watch with Mr. Hathaway to be cleaned.

Thursday, September 6

Rested in our old room at the old place last night. It is pleasant to be in the room that I occupied so long and where many of my books and papers still remain. In the forenoon I went to the Ware place to get mulch for the flower pots. Soon after noon, we left for home' and found things all safe. Mr. Spear is getting rowen at the Moore place. Got my watch from Hathaway's and will attend to getting it regulated perfectly. He proves to be a very ingenious workman.

Friday, September 7

After writing for a time I went to the garden but was some too lazy to work there. The early rose potatoes have decayed badly, perhaps one sixth part have gone. Have not yet found any of the Davis Seedlings injured. In the afternoon, Mrs. D. went to Joseph McKenzie's with Mrs. Russell and had a very pleasant time. I paid 12 cents for groceries. In the evening Charles Winslow and Frank Eliot called about coming to recite certain lessons.

Saturday, September 8

Sent letter to Amelia. Postage 3 cts. In the forenoon I looked up all the receipts for Life Insurance assessments and put them with the policies. I called on Lester Miller about noon and found him entirely blind and helpless, yet he tries to enjoy himself what is possible for him. In the afternoon I worked in the garden clearing out weeds, etc.

Debits - .03

Sunday, September 9

Began early on the meteorological observations, to take them and fit them for copying into the books and on the sheets. Went to church and heard an excellent discourse from the words, "Overcome evil with good." Rom. XII: 21. After the forenoon service we walked to Horace Dunham's for a call, and we spent the afternoon very pleasantly. After supper, he brought us down to the five o'clock meeting where we heard Mr. Crosby from Rev. XX: 12. In this sermon he brought in Dr. Hitchcock's thought that all our actions, emotions and thoughts record themselves in some medium unknown to us and these are ever to be found to show what was the true character of those acts, thoughts, or emotions. This is a rich and beautiful idea and we know not why it may not be true. We were alone in the evening except a short call from Mrs. Smith, Etta, and Elton.

Monday, September 10

A beautiful morning though the wind is in the east. I spent the forenoon mostly in mowing rowen, but it does not seem so heavy as it appeared before I mowed it. Dug some of the potatoes so that I can drive through on the east side of the garden. Raked up the hay in the afternoon, and found it nearly dry enough to put in the barn. Worked in the garden till night and in the evening took my seat by my table. Received two cents of Mrs. Max. & Mr. H.

Credits - .02

Tuesday, September 11

I called on Lester Miller and we fixed up a little more of his poetry on the satellites of Mars. Called on Mr. Greene and left it all with him. Mailed a letter to the selectmen of Hartland. Called at Mr. Greene's and got proof of Mr. Miller's article. Mr. Bradley assisted me in getting in the hay that I cut down the bank. Mrs. Dana Pierce called. Mrs. Ayers came from South Pomfret and returned just before night. Mr. Bradley assisted me in getting in my hay and it was in very good order. Sent letter and acct. to Selectmen of Hartland. Post 3 cts. This morning I called on my friend Lester A. Miller and he gave me his great astronomical work, "The Heavens" that was presented to him by his friend Edward H. Williams. It was a most valuable present.

Debits - .03

Wednesday, September 12

Rested very badly last night and am not well this morning. I tried to do something about drawing the plan of the new depot ground. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Miller's with the revised proof of his poem on the planet Mars and its satellites, and after correcting it, carried it to Mr. Greene. The day has been warm, and I have been almost giddy through the afternoon and evening.

Thursday, September 13

I find myself much better this morning. I took the time and also tested it by working it by duplicate observations, and am satisfied that it is right. Found the clocks right, very nearly so, so near that they did not change them or their rate. Frank Elliot and Burtie Church came to see about taking lessons in Geometry and Surveying. Polk called in the afternoon. He brought down a load of wood to send to the commission dealer in Boston.

Friday, September 14

Mrs. D. has spent much of the day in potting her plants, and among them, the Calla. That was placed in the edge of the garden among the weeds through the summer. I paid 14 cents to a Mr. Todd of Bethel. I spent the greater part of the day at my table. Mrs. Whipple called in the morning with some slips of rare geraniums. Sent Calla bulb to Mrs. Orlando Richmond and set one for Mrs. Kenyon. A most beautiful evening, clear and mild.

Debits - .14

Saturday, September 15

Got Mr. Woodbury to print Lester Miller's poem on the satellites of Mars. I spent much of the time in making and setting a post to tie horses by at the door. Paid three cents postage. The day is very warm. Frank Elliot began his recitations in Geometry & Surveying. Robert called and got the book that I received of my friend Lester Anson Miller, being one that was presented to him by our mutual and highly valued friend Edward H. Williams, now of the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia.

Debits - .03

Sunday, September 16

Wrote for a time in the morning. Mr. Bradley called to get flowers from the garden. We walked to church and heard Mr. Crosby from II Cor. IV: 18. "While we look, etc." The subject of the discourse was that contained in the 17th and 18th verses; and it was called by some, at least, who heard it as the best that he has given us. Mr. and Mrs. Marcy called in the middle of the day on their way to the dentists. Allen Thompson came about four o'clock, and went to church with us at five o'clock. Mr. Crosby spoke from Rom. XV: 1. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." Here he very forcibly pointed out the duty of the strong in every sense to bear the infirmities of the weak and the aged and the unfortunate. Mr. Crosby called on us in the evening and we had a very pleasant talk on religious and educational matters.

Monday, September 17

Mr. Asa Weed called and paid me fifteen dollars in full for my account against the town of Hartland on the Taftsville road case. And I paid Mrs. D. five dollars, and I paid Woodruff on account five dollars. Got some groceries, 67 cts, at Woodruff's. Mrs. Ayres came from South Pomfret, and will be here till the stage goes in the morning. Got a ring and eye bolt for hitching post of Mr. Brewster, for which I am to pay 25 cts.

Credits - 15.00

Debits - 5.00, 5.00

Tuesday, September 18

A very hard shower soon after midnight. Mrs. Ayres went to South Pomfret in the stage. In the forenoon I carried some papers to Lester Miller's, some that Mr. Woodbury printed; and I came home and wrote a

letter to Prof. Hall of the Naval Observatory at Washington. Paid 3 cts postage. Frank Elliot came to his recitation at 2 o'clock p.m. and Mr. Crosby and his son Ward came to arrange about the studies best for Ward to pursue. Henry Parkhurst and wife called.

Debits - .03

Wednesday, September 19

Worked in the garden digging potatoes for the greater part of the day; and though there but few of them I found some work in digging them. The day was pleasant but rather cool in the forenoon. Mrs. D. paid me five dollars and then we paid Billings on account and for goods 5.86. Received a letter from Wm. Page and must answer it at once. Our first frost for this season was this morning.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 5.86

Thursday, September 20

Some warmer than yesterday, and no frost. Sent a letter to Dr. Page at Danville, Prov. Quebec. Postage 3 cts. Got book, "The Young Surveyor" for Mr. Fuller's little Elton. In the afternoon I heard Elliot's lesson and Ward Crosby's first lesson in Astronomy.

Debits - .03

Friday, September 21

Early in the morning I went to the office to see whether we were to go to the Junction today and found that the meeting had been postponed one week, i.e. to the 28th of the month. Dr. Currier called here in the afternoon and we had a very pleasant chat for an hour or more. Got groceries at Woodruff's.

Saturday, September 22

Frost this morning. Mailed letter to Amelia, paid postage 3 cents. Worked in the garden in the forenoon, and do not find any damage from frost. But the air is clear and it seems like fall. The leaves begin to change on the trees and will soon be falling. Two of the scholars came in to their recitations. Elliot is just now getting hold of his Geometry enough to see what is meant by a demonstration. Crosby begins like one that has had good teaching. Mrs. Brewster called.

Debits - .03

Sunday, September 23

Hard frost this morning, and I arose quite early to put water on the things in the garden, and I think the frost did but little damage. I took the time in the morning and set all the time pieces in the house. I have Polk's watch now and have started the regulator to increase its rate, and I am also regulating my watch. Heard Mr. Crosby speak from Job XXIII: 3. "Oh that I might know where to find him." He gave us a very brief account of the views that men have had of God in the different ages of the world, and of the present age, showing the increasing light and knowledge. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin came to the five o'clock lecture, which was on the subject of the strikes that have recently taken place in some parts of the United States.

Monday, September 24

Found a very light frost but there has now been only enough to kill squash vines and the more tender plants. Began to dig potatoes in the forenoon but it was too warm in the middle of the day. There seems to be an abundance of getting ready for the fair. We have had numerous calls this afternoon and we are getting some tired. I am some tired this evening and cannot read much nor write. Carried a large plant to Mrs. Fairbanks. Hattie Gallup called.

Tuesday, September 25

In the forenoon I called on Mr. Johnson and he offered me his horse and buggy to go to Pomfret, and Mrs. D. and self went to Spencer's. Renewed note at the bank and paid two dollars as interest for the

three months. We had a very pleasant ride to Pomfret. In the afternoon I heard Ward Crosby's lessons. His lessons were long and very well got, and he appears to have had very good instruction. This is the first day of the Windsor County fair and the weather seems very favorable.

Wednesday, September 26

Went to the P.O. in the morning and met Mr. Middleton, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Winn, Dr. Currier and others. Went with Dr. Currier and gave him a short account of the principal characters in the "Jo Burnham Tragedy." I have all but two of them. I spent the greater part of the forenoon with him in Dr. Chandler's office. He has collected some very valuable old books and pamphlets that he will probably preserve. The streets are full of people this afternoon as it is the greatest day of the "fair."

Thursday, September 27

I am now trying a new ink made by E.A. Maxham of Bethel. It flows very freely and if it will stand the color without fading it will do well. I hope it will prove valuable. Time will tell. This is the third day of the Fair, and I am glad to have it close for the noise and dust is intolerable. Paid six cents postage, and lent to Polk forty cents. Mr. M.W. Bailey the Railroad Commissioner called on me this forenoon to get the statistics of our road. Polk and Abbie called here this afternoon, and went home in the evening.

Debits - .06

Friday, September 28

Left Mr. Miller's papers at the P.O. Mr. Dewey called on us on railroad matters, and we went to the Junction on the train to meet Gov. Smith and his legal advisors. The Commissioners were there and though Mr. Smith did not appear, we went on with the hearing. Mr. Porter sent his train to take us home about five o'clock. I wrote a description of the Barron land at the Junction and went to Mr. French's office to let him incorporate it into his report.

Saturday, September 29

Paid Fred Doten one dollar, which pays the five dollars that I borrowed of him long ago. I am still owing him for wood about \$2.48. This I must pay him soon. I called at the post office. I called on Mr. French to see if his report was right on the lines and stations and contents. I came home and worked in the garden a short time but the day is very warm. Paid barber 20 cents for hair cutting. Ward Crosby came to his recitations at three o'clock and Chapman came to have his lessons assigned.

Debits - 1.00, .20

Sunday, September 30

Polk came here last evening and remained through the night. He came from his surveying work near the Luce Pond in Barnard. Mr. Bradley called for some flowers and we are glad to let him have what he wants. In the forenoon we went to church and heard Mr. Crosby on that part of the Lord's Prayer that says, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Mr. Crosby always gives us some new ideas, or some new applications of known truths, that make his sermons extremely interesting. Sister Joanna came down from Pomfret to hear him and she remained and heard the five o'clock sermon when he took up the subject of forgiveness, a subject I am glad to have him touch upon. He took for his text another portion of the Lord's prayer. "And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Monday, October 1

Joanna remained here through the night and till afternoon. Horace came in the forenoon to work on the barn. We tore away the old work and leveled up the sills fully. Concluded to make the old cross sill answer. Mrs. Fairbanks and Clara French called. Abbie called about six o'clock and Polk soon after. He is getting some business at Pomfret in his law matters. Mr. Davy called in the evening and Mr. Frost. Etta came and gave a report of her trip to Montreal and Quebec. On hand 0.87.

Tuesday, October 2

Horace came in the morning to work on the barn and I worked with him through the forenoon. In the afternoon I attended to the recitations through the afternoon and till evening. After hearing the lessons, I

worked on the meteorology for September. My work on the bar holds on and will for some days to come. The days are extremely warm for October, and are too warm to work out comfortably. Paid 9 cents for stamps, but could not get any time to write letters.

Debits - .09

Wednesday, October 3

Mr. Thompson sent for me to come to the Junction tomorrow to take the frog angles for the crossings at that place. Mrs. D. began to clear the office and to get up the carpet for a general renovation of my room. It is something of a job to handle over all the books, but she will surely do it before she leaves it. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon. In the evening we attended Mr. Crosby's lecture on the present situation of the laboring classes and the "strikes."

Thursday, October 4

A very cloudy morning and the rain began about 9 o'clock. The rain continued through the day, increasing towards night. This made the clearing of my room a difficult matter. In the afternoon I worked at my table. The scholars came to their recitations and I was some surprised to find them so clear in their thought. I prolonged their recitations till nearly night. The storm continues and it is the greatest rain storm that we have had since June 29th & 30th & July 1st; when 4 in. fell.

Friday, October 5

Worked at my table in the forenoon and I wrote and mailed a letter to C.G. Fitch. The day is very windy. A strong N.W. or N. wind and it came round from the S.E. very early in the morning. Two inches of rain fell during the storm. In the afternoon I went to the park to make a survey of it for the street commissioners, or the commissioners chosen to see to the building of the park fence. Mr. Chandler assisted me in making the measurements.

Saturday, October 6

Worked at my table again in the forenoon. Mr. Middleton called and made us a short but fine visit. Polk and Abbie staid here last night and till noon today. I am finishing off the meteorological report And was very busy through the middle of the day. In the afternoon the scholars came to their recitations and Crosby was clear as usual, but Chapman's mind seemed to be a little more in an eclipse, but he will be more clear next time he comes.

Sunday, October 7

A very hard frost, perhaps the most severe that we have had this fall. I arose quite early and poured water on the geraniums that we had not taken up. The greater part of them were put into the cellar last Friday. We went to church this forenoon and heard Mr. Crosby from Isaiah LXIV: 6. "And we all do fade as a leaf." The sermon was appropriate to the season. After taking the gloomy view of autumn that our fathers have usually taken, he left the sensuous view and brought up the spiritual. Here the scene was changed and we could see life growing out of death and spiritual beauty out of every decay. So one life does its work and passes away, and out of that a more glorious life follows, and so things continue, all drawing nearer and nearer to God at every revolution.

Monday, October 8

I spent the day at my table on the plan of the park; and I went with Mr. Chandler to make a full examination of the position of the old fence. Had a talk with Mr. Clarke on Railroad matters, but I found that the railroad had no money. I borrowed ten dollars of Mrs. Perkins, for I cannot get any for a few days. A great scientific show at the town hall this evening, but I had no wish to go, neither had Mrs. Doton, for we do not think them profitable nor valuable.

Credits - 10.00

Tuesday, October 9

In the morning I mailed a letter to Brattleborough enclosing 7 dollars for the Life Insurance assessment, and I paid Paul \$1.31 on account and for rice. Paid P.O. 31 cts, that is 25 cts box rent and 6 cts postage;

and I paid Slack 8 cts for soap. Horace Dunham worked here and Mrs. Dunham came in the stage and made a good visit. A very rainy day, but Horace put in some windows, and worked mostly in the barn. They left for home soon after five o'clock.

Debits – 7.00, 1.31, .31, .08

Wednesday, October 10

It stopped raining early this morning, and there was 0.69 inches in the rain-gauge. The day was very warm for October. I dug the last of my potatoes, and I think I have enough for us. I paid Freeman 20 cts for nails. At about noon, Mr. and Mrs. Orcutt called here to see books, etc., and I lent Hitchcock's Geology of the Globe, and The Poets and Poetry of America for a short time. Horace is putting in the stairs to the barn today. The day throughout was very fine and nearly clear, but there are many signs of more rain.

Debits - .20

Thursday, October 11

Rainy this morning. I paid Montague 20 cents for Mucilage stand, and have begun to use it with satisfaction. Horace finished the stairs to the barn, nearly finished the new door, and we shall soon have it so that we can close it entirely. Had my scholars in the afternoon, the recitations continued till dark. Mrs. Bridge came in the forenoon and remained till about two o'clock. I am driving myself about the Railroad report to the R.R. Commission. Rainy through the day and evening. We have already had four inches of rain this month.

Debits - .20

Friday, October 12

Rainy in the morning and there were showers through the day or rather it was an unsteady rain. Horace worked on the barn and would probably finish it in one day more. I spent much of the day on the Railroad work for Mr. Bailey the R.R. Commissioner and find it some work to look up all the culverts on the line. But I must report to him all bridges and road crossings and every important feature about the road.

Saturday, October 13

This morning I paid 25 cts for flour and 2 cts for stamps. The storm ended last evening and the wind came to the north or northwest. Spent the forenoon in chores about the house and barn; but in the afternoon I heard recitations in Geometry, Astronomy and Surveying. The day has been some cool with a fresh wind from the northwest. I was glad when I finished the work for Saturday night for it seems as though we could have some time to rest.

Debits - .27

Sunday, October 14

Rested very well this morning, but after breakfast I went to my table and wrote for a short time. It rained a little about ten o'clock but we went to church and heard one of the best sermons that it has ever fallen my lot to hear. It was John I: 14. "And the word was made flesh." The wisdom and energy of the Most High placed in the person of Jesus Christ and brought among us to breathe into us the same spirit that we too might be brought into pure spiritual communion with the Father. The whole sermon was one of the purest and most elevating that I ever heard, and no one could hear it without being made better, without feeling himself drawn into a more perfect communion with God and all good. The afternoon sermon was on the recent forgeries and was from Mat. XVIII: 1. He touched upon our liability to fall into temptation and the danger of being led astray, etc.

Monday, October 15

Saturday eve I received a letter from Mr. Dewey calling for more surveys about the Junction. This morning I paid Mr. Fuller 45 cts and Mr. Winslow 9 cts. I looked up my Railroad account from the first, and I find it to amount to more than would be necessary to pay all my indebtedness. I wish it could be paid but can

hardly expect it. Horace finished the outside of the barn except hanging the door, and that will be done before long. The forest foliage is about at its highest today.

Debits - .54

Tuesday, October 16

This morning I received on coupon \$17.50 and paid Mrs. Perkins the ten dollars that I borrowed of her on the 8th. I also paid Slack 20 cts and White 34 cents for the Oct. No. of the Naturalist. I went down the line to measure the distances that we were obliged to run on the Central R.R. track. Ward Crosby went with me, and so did Mr. Dewey, to assist in the measurement. We came home and I heard Chapman's two lessons and he did most remarkably well. The forests are very bright but perhaps a little past the highest colors.

Credits – 17.50

Debits – 10.00, .54

Wednesday, October 17

Early in the morning Mrs. D. and Etta Latimer started to walk to Taftsville, and I started soon after to walk to our old place, and I arrived there a little before noon. I called at Spencer's and he gave me 6 dollars to pay to Norman Paul as his part of Paul's bill for services in the Hiram Vose Sewing Machine case, and I must pay six more as Mr. Paul's bill is twelve dollars. I got home about four o'clock. Paid Marcy for flower pots 55 cts. And I paid Brewster 25 cts for Iron for a hitching post.

Credits – 6.00

Debits - .55, .25

Thursday, October 18

Paid Paul 40 cts for tea, and Fisher 5 cts for fixing plotting board. I paid N. Paul six dollars that Spencer gave me yesterday for the purpose and four dollars of my own towards his advice in the Vose matter. I went to the Junction to meet Mr. Thompson and to test the frog angles. Mr. Thompson came up the line and the directors held a meeting at Mr. French's office, on the subject of the R.R. crossing.

Debits – .45, 6.00, 4.00

Friday, October 19

Am very lame from my work yesterday and the day before. I paid 8 cents for sweet potatoes. Kimball called in the forenoon with Asa Fuller. Kimball is always in trouble at this season of the year. I paid 12 cents for paper of Mr. Greene. Was very tired in the afternoon and did not try to do much writing or much work of any kind. Carlie Dunham came in the evening and is to remain through the night.

Debits - .08, .12

Saturday, October 20

Went to the P.O. and found a letter from my sick friend L.A. Miller. Mortimer Spear called in the forenoon and he concluded to take the Ware place at the price I offered it, that is, twelve hundred dollars, and I give him with the place my cow and the hay in the barn, and the oats that I have at Spencer's. I hope he will do well in buying it. Paid 35 cts for sweet potatoes, and 6 cts postage. Cloudy but not dark. This cloudy and rainy weather continues without much change, though not very much rain has fallen.

Debits - .35, .06

Sunday, October 21

Polk came down from Pomfret. We went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from Rom. VIII: 17. And the whole sermon was another leaf of that same book that he gave us one week ago. Heirs of God; heirs on whom his spiritual blessings descend, heirs with Jesus Christ. In what a glorious position we are placed by our creator. Mr. Crosby makes some of those seemingly unmeaning passages blossom as a rose. In

the afternoon he preached from Matt. XX: 26, 27, and 28th verses. Here he took up the subject of labor or service, and showed it to be the duty of all to work, to serve, and that the work through eternity is to do what is placed before us in the great place of Jehovah. Eternity is not a time of idleness but a time of labor to elevate ourselves and all around us, to bring us nearer to God.

Monday, October 22

A fine snow storm this morning, the first of this year, that is, this season. At Pomfret there was about two inches. We remained at Mr. Chamberlin's till about four o'clock, when Polk brought us down. We called at South Pomfret on Mrs. Russ and found her and Mrs. Ayers in a very pleasant situation. We are glad to get home though we found the house cold and looking a little desolate for our pleasant home. But we soon got it warmed and it was more cheerful.

Tuesday, October 23

In the morning we found it to be some cold, but it became some warmer. I closed my business at the probate office on Mrs. Fitch's estate and received two dollars at the probate office that had not been expended, and the balance of the twelve dollars that I advanced I received of Warren C. French as attorney for Miss Gardner, that is, ten dollars. I paid John Eaton of Eaton & Pinney three dollars for a hat. Electa and Joanna called and went to see Mr. Archibald's marble work. Paid Miss Richmond two dollars for the use of the flat by the river.

Credits – 2.00, 10.00

Debits – 3.00, 2.00

Wednesday, October 24

A beautiful morning. Went to the Post Office and had a railroad talk with Mr. Greene about the crossing controversy. I paid Pryor \$2.75 for shoes, and paid Sterlin 30 cents for kerosene. Polk came from Pomfret and is still here (3 p.m.). Spent a part of the forenoon in putting gravel about the hitching post and tree. Mrs. D. rode up the river with Mrs. Russell and had a very pleasant time. The foliage on Mt. Tom is still bright and the colors are beautiful; and the leaves still hold on to many of the maples.

Debits – 2.75, .30

Thursday, October 25

Assisted Mrs. D. about fitting papers for her cupboards, etc., then went to my work on meteorology. Two of my scholars came to their recitations and did not get through with their work till night. Fred Doten came for school tax for his district, and I paid \$2.23 and I hope I shall not be troubled with taxes on that farm much longer, as the farm has not been very profitable to me from the first.

Debits – 2.23

Friday, October 26

In the forenoon Mr. Dewey and Mr. Thompson called on Railroad business, and Mr. Cushing went back with them to take a picture of the tracks at the Junction. Mr. Billings sent for me to go to his work by the mill and lay out some curves for his workmen who are putting in some culverts. I paid Paul 40 cents for molasses and I got groceries at Sterlin's. Got a letter from Josiah Crooker and wrote a reply in the evening. Paid Richmond 10 cts for meat.

Debits - .40, .10

Saturday, October 27

I took the time this forenoon and found the clock very nearly right. Hathaway's clock is about 46 seconds slow and Moore's clock is just one minute fast. M. touched the regulator of his to diminish its rate. H. did not touch his. Paid 6 cents postage. Mr. Bates came here in the morning and staid till afternoon. Mr. Wilson came in the morning and I had a talk with him on the Life Insurance. Crosby came to his lessons, and went with me to Mr. Billings' work. Mr. Dewey called with views of the Junction.

Sunday, October 28

The coldest morning that we have had this fall, ground frozen about two inches. The air was clear and it was very pleasant, and we walked to church. Mr. Crosby preached from Rom. I: 14. "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise." The speaker pointed out how much we of the present day are indebted to those who have gone before us, and it is most truly the case that we take up our knowledge and intelligence where others leave them, so there is a constant advance and an improvement in the great scale of civilization; and not only in that; but in spiritual elevation binding humanity in one brotherhood. In the afternoon he spoke upon the words, "Our Lord is a consuming fire." Heb. XII: 29, and showed how many ways this could be understood, and how much our previous training and education would affect our views of the text. I have long regarded this as one of the strongest passages in the Bible and when we take it in connection with I John IV: 16, "God is love," it shows how men are redeemed and sin destroyed.

Monday, October 29

Mailed letter to my friend J.B. Crooker. Finished marking pictures for use at the railroad hearing at Montpelier. Saw Mr. F.N. Billings and he signed as auditor my account against the Railroad Company, and I presented it to the Treasurer and got the money \$260, and this I give the company credit for. Paid 3 cts postage. I went to Mr. Billings' work twice today. Spent more than half the day on railroad work. Saw Mr. Lockwood at Mr. B.'s work and also Dr. Parmley.

Credits – 260.00

Debits - .03

Tuesday, October 30

This morning I paid \$40.51 interest at the Savings Bank, and \$9.80 to J.R. Murdock on account, which pays the balance for the chain. Mr. Cushing for picture 25 cts, and Ezra Occur 10 cts to get something to eat. I went to Mr. Billings' work soon after dinner. Paid Sterlin 84 cts for meat, etc., and Paul 15 cts for groceries. The scholars came to their recitations and we went to the park and made a re-survey of it. Mr. Cushing gave me a picture of his little girl, a rare gem of an expression.

Debits – 40.51, 9.80, .25, .10, .84, .15

Wednesday, October 31

In the morning I went to the park to assist in finishing the survey begun yesterday. Ward Crosby & Henry Chapman assisted. We then went to Billings' Thompson farm to take levels about the fence. I sent 12 dollars to Life Ins. Co. & paid 10 cts for money order, and paid Eaton School Tax \$3.51. Paid Moore for spectacles \$3.00 and I paid for sweet potatoes & postage 16 + 3 cts. Mrs. D. took 10 dollars to pay for cloth, etc. and she bought forty yards of Mr. Billings.

Debits – 12.10, 3.51, 3.00, .19, 10.00

Wednesday, November 1

I went to the post office and to Mr. Billings' store. Brought the cloth home that Mrs. D. got yesterday. Worked on the meteorology for October and have tested the work. In the afternoon I heard the scholars' recitations, and they took up the subject of the park fence. They can go through with the computations but I must call on them for the principles and proofs of the processes. They are very good scholars and understand the subjects very readily. On hand \$182.65.

Friday, November 2

It began to rain at 7 o'clock and continued to rain till night. Mr. Dunham came in the morning and changed the stove pipe in the chamber, and I think it is now safe. I got tins of Mr. Myers to put into the partitions and also some pieces of pipe. Except to go to the tin shop, I have hardly been upstreet today. Carlie Dunham came here and will remain through the night. Can now put a fire in the sitting room stove and feel safe in doing so.

Saturday, November 3

The wind blew fearfully through the latter part of the night and is high this morning. The storm continues though light in the forenoon. Mrs. D. went to H. Dunham's in the forenoon. It is her "birth day" and she visits her sister Caroline. I spent all the forepart of the day in copying the meteorology for October. In the afternoon my scholars came and were very interesting. I paid Fred Doten \$2.49 in full as balance on the wood account. Paid Hathaway account \$4.25. Mrs. D. returned two dollars.

Credits – 2.00

Debits – 2.49, 4.25

Sunday, November 4

It is about all we can do Sunday morning to get ready for church. I worked at my table till nearly half past 9 o'clock and then we went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from Luke IX: 24. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall save it." The speaker dwelt upon the subject of self sacrifice and he made one of his best sermons in explaining the nature and importance of sacrificing ourselves for the good of others. In the afternoon he took for his text the question of Pilate to Jesus, What is truth? This was probably his greatest sermon in this place. He began at the foundation of all true religion and showed the existence of a great first cause and so on till he covered the most important of all connections and relations to that cause; and he pointed out the certainty of chastisement for every wrong act. We cannot give here even a touch of this great sermon.

Monday, November 5

In the morning I went to the post office & mailed meteorology to Sig. Service. Went to Mr. Billings' to measure hay. Paid Mrs. Churchill pew rent to Jan. 1, 1878, \$5.00. Paid Myers acct. \$3.16, and an insurance tax \$4.20. I then paid some small bills – Royce for butter 35 cts, Bradley for work on hay 25 cts, and I paid Sterlin 60 cents for Glass Measure, and I paid four years interest on note that Lewis Pratt now holds \$20.50. I hope I can soon pay up the note.

Debits - 5.00, 3.16, 4.20, .35, .25, .60, 20.50

Tuesday, November 6

Did some chores about the house. Paid Royce 10 cts for apples and paid Sterlin 55 cts for sugar. In the afternoon I took my scholars out to make some surveys. We went on the R.R. track and took bearings to get distances to oak tree on Mt. Tom; to Mr. Billings' house and to our old place. Charles Winslow and Ward Crosby and Henry Chapman were with me. The day was very cold and still colder toward night. In the evening I made the computations of our field notes.

Debits - .10, .55

Wednesday, November 7

In the morning I sent \$1.25 to Vick paying 10 cts for order. I went to Mr. Billings' work and in the afternoon I ran a line for Mr. Hatch and Mr. Woodward, being the old lot line that crosses the pond just above the mills. I ran this line long ago for Luther Cross. It was a very difficult line to run for it is among the buildings. I finished it just before night and had made the line satisfactory to myself if to no other one. Worked out some surveys finding distances.

Debits – 1.25, .10

Thursday, November 8

In the morning I went to the work on Mr. Billings' land and I laid out some curves where the walls are to be changed. There was a raw south wind. In the afternoon Crosby came to his recitation but Chapman was excused. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon and left for home just before night. Mrs. D. went with Mrs. Russell to call on friends in the upper end of the village. It began to rain very soon after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, November 9

Weather much warmer! In the morning I began to bank the house, and worked through the forenoon. Mrs. D. went to Mrs. Latimer's on a visit. I took down the clematis and covered it for winter and I began with the rose bushes. A few days ago Mr. Bradley brought some hemlock boughs to cover the bushes and I began to use them. Paid for Carter's ink five cents. This Century ink is not very good. This is Taylor's ink and old. And this is Taylor's and Cent. Mixed. In the afternoon I was called to Mr. Billings' work. In the evening we attended a concert or reading at the chapel. Mrs. Purple of Chicago read. Paid fifty cents for tickets.

Debits - .05, .50

Saturday, November 10

Started early for Mr. Billings' work and made a change in the line of the wall, running a straight line from one of the culvert curves to the other. I remained there till noon. After dinner I went to Mr. Crosby's and then went into the garden and protected the rose bushes for winter using hemlock boughs. About four o'clock I went to Mr. Billings' work and remained till dark. I paid toward the festival fifty cents. I have not been very well pleased with the method of getting up the festivals, but cannot well complain.

Debits - .50

Sunday, November 11

Am almost disposed to stay at home from church today for I am quite jaded from my last weeks work. We went to church to hear Mr. Crosby speak on the resurrection. He took for a text a part of the 15th chapter of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. He explained to us that the will could act beyond the body, and the living spiritual body existed and lived with the physical body till separated from it by death. The sermon was one in reply to certain materialists who are writing on the subjects. In the afternoon he spoke from I John V: 4th. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this the victory that overcometh the world even our faith." He first pointed out what it is to overcome the world, and how our faith can do it. His theme seems to be in all his preaching to elevate the soul and to draw it into communion with God.

Monday, November 12

Went early in the morning for Mr. Billings' work, and about 9 o'clock I went with Mr. Kent to run the town line on the Latimer hill, now between Mr. Kent and Mr. Kneen. I ran the line from Mr. Kent's S.W. corner N. 36 ½ E. very nearly. The line from the large cherry tree runs N. 35 ½ E. to the same corner. Mr. Kneen paid me \$1.50 as his part of my work. I went to Mr. Billings' work again after getting home from Mr. Kent's work. I staid there till dark and came home to dinner. Paid Fuller 25 cts for meat.

Debits - .25

Tuesday, November 13

Early in the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work, and remained there till past eleven o'clock, and came home. Levi Hazen called at noon. I went to Mr. Billings' work and at two o'clock I came home to hear the lessons. They continued till nearly night and then I was too tired to go to Mr. Billings' work again. Paid Jones 25 cts for yarn. Am quite lame from my work yesterday on the town line. I worked at my table in the evening, though too tired to write much.

Debits - .25

Wednesday, November 14

A very frosty morning but I went early to Mr. Billings' work and came home at ten o'clock and went again very soon, and staid till noon. Abigail and Joanna came about noon, and in the afternoon I went to Mr. Archibald's to give directions as to lettering graves stones for father and mother. I went again to Mr. Billings' work, and remained till night. I worked at my table in the evening and worked out the corrections for the barometer up to the present time.

Thursday, November 15

I went to Mr. Billings' work in the morning and remained till noon. Paid Richmond 35 cents for meat, and in the afternoon I paid my Pomfret taxes \$6.42. In the afternoon I went with Ward Crosby to make a map of the line between the Stewart factory lot and the Luther Cross lot near the Woodward factory. Mr. Hatch went with us and we made a very careful survey of the line. Mrs. Bridge came towards night, and will remain through the night.

Debits - .35, 6.42

Friday, November 16

Rainy in the morning, but I went to Mr. Billings' work quite early and found the men at work. I went again to place some reference stakes at the Lockwood curve. In the afternoon I went to the factory to measure the barn and other buildings. I paid Chapman 20 cts for glycerine, and Sterlin 75 cts for tea and kerosene, Richmond 25 cts and Paul 15 cts. From the factory I went to Mr. Billings' work and remained till night. Worked at my table in the evening. Mrs. Bridge visited at Mrs. Knapp's.

Debits - .20, .75, .40

Saturday, November 17

Mrs. B. remained through the night and this forenoon went to Mr. McMaster's. In the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work and remained till noon, and went again in the afternoon. Frank Elliot called and paid me one dollar for tuition. Paid Billings for soap 25 cts and paid Richmond for sweet potatoes 20 cts. Ward Crosby & Henry Chapman took my transit to make some surveys for themselves in the afternoon. Mr. Porter called in the evening to speak of Railroad matters. I hope those matters will be settled soon.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .25, .20

Sunday, November 18

There were two very vivid flashes of lightning this morning followed by heavy thunder at two o'clock or ten minutes before. The jar was almost terrific. We went to church and heard Mr. Crosby from Gen XXXII: 24th, 25th, etc. to the 30th. The subject was Jacob's wrestling with the angel. He first spoke of the name given by the angel and then of the meaning attached to those older names or names in olden times, and also of all emblems and the danger of our worshipping the emblems rather than the being or the principle that they represent. In the afternoon he took up Christ's answer to the lawyer, Matt. XXII: 36th and 37th. He touched on the three qualities, the heart, the soul and the mind, that is, the affections, the conscience and the intellect. Etta Latimer came and went with us in the afternoon. The day was cool and the wind high.

Monday, November 19

A cold windy day. At 8 o'clock I went to Mr. Billings' work by the mill and I remained there till noon. Paid Sterlin 33 cents for oat-meal. In the afternoon I paid Billings \$4.05 for under clothes and batting. Paid 6 cts at the post office. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings' work and remained there till nearly night. Was very cold and uncomfortable, and there is danger of taking cold by such exposure when not used to it.

Debits - .33, 4.05, .06

Tuesday, November 20

A very cold morning but the clouds dispersed before noon and the day seemed pleasant. Paid Chapman \$6.10 for truss and Arnica, and paid Hathaway 75 cts for spectacles and 3 cents for ink. I have not tried this ink for a long time. Mr. Archibald called to have me see the stones that he had prepared for father and mother's graves. We set them up in the afternoon and I advanced the money and paid him 64 dollars, which pays for them in full.

Debits – 6.10, .75, .03, 64.00

Wednesday, November 21

This morning I determined to clear the door yard, in part certainly, and I spent the day in piling up lumber that was strown about the yard, and I kept at the work till night. Put on the outside windows, and dressed up some of the plants for winter. Covered the tulips and lilies, and the rhubarb. Paid Royce 21 cts for fish. Christiana Emery came here in the forenoon with Edwin and brought a tub of butter. The day has been very pleasant with but very little wind.

Debits – .21

Thursday, November 22

Spent the forenoon in the door yard and in planting chestnuts. I planted twenty or thirty on Miss Richmond's lot below the pine tree, and nearly as many on my own land on the slope below the garden. The scholars came in the afternoon and the recitations continued nearly till night. Paid Paul 20 cts for groceries. Planted chestnuts on the steep bank and on the Richmond lot.

Debits .25

Friday, November 23

I began early to work about the door yard and nearly finished the work. I paid Richmond 37 cents for meat and quinces. Mrs. Marcy and Etta Latimer called and visited here for a time and went to Mrs. Purple's reading in the evening. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings' work and found Mr. Lockwood at work on the wall. In the evening we attended the reading at the chapel; paid 50 cents. Joanna came down from Pomfret to attend the reading.

Debits - .37

Saturday, November 24

Paid my Woodstock taxes \$30.69 and Mrs. D. paid at Billings' \$2.50 for cloth. The day was very chilly but I went to Mr. Billings' work and spent the forenoon, and I went again in the afternoon. Came back and heard lessons. Crosby and Chapman recited in Surveying and Crosby in Geometry. Am quite chilly this evening and have taken cold today or last evening. Paid 17 cents for matches at Paul's.

Debits – 30.69, 2.50, .17

Sunday, November 25

The morning was cool and damp, and it began to rain about 8 o'clock. I walked to church alone. Mrs. D. did not go. I heard Mr. Crosby speak from Luke 9th 54th, 55th and 56th verses. He took up the feelings of James and John, and their wishes to destroy the Samaritans, and the stand that Jesus took in rebuking them. He made a spiritual application of this showing how we could imbibe the spirit of James and John or the spirit of Jesus, the one revengeful and the other the spirit of our Heavenly Father. In the afternoon he found an additional truth in the text and that was the reason why James and John were so fully stirred up at the insult that the Samaritans had done their Lord and Master. They believed that God would destroy them, not having risen to that high and pure spiritual elevation that their Lord had done, and they, thinking that God would manifest that revengeful spirit, thought it right to do so too. But Jesus rebuked them and let them know that revenge was not the spirit of their master.

Monday, November 26

Mailed a letter to Franklin. After breakfast I went to Mr. Billings' work and found the Hazards at work and I remained there till noon. In the afternoon I went again though it had rained from the time I reached home. I remained till night and the men did a very good day's work. Mr. French went to the Junction to attend the taking of testimony in the case of the crossing. Mr. Porter was anxious for me to go to hear what was said, but I did not go.

Tuesday, November 27

In the morning I went to Mr. Billings' work and remained till noon. Mr. Newcomb of Barnard called and staid here to dinner. Dr. Paddock & daughter were here also. After dinner I went to Woodruff's and got a

bag of flour and a few pounds of Indian meal. I then went to Mr. Billings' work and remained till night. Lizzie Bridge came here in the afternoon. I paid Paul 38 cents for tea. The weather has been remarkably fine for a long time, and farmers have improved the time thoroughly.

Debits - .38

Wednesday, November 28

Another beautiful morning. Paid Fuller 23 cts for sausage. I went to Mr. Billings' work in the morning and remained there till noon, and went again in the afternoon and staid till about half past three o'clock. I then left for home and Abbie came for us to go to Mr. Chamberlin's. We had a pleasant ride as the weather was not cold.

Debits - .23

Thursday, November 29

Staid at Mr. Chamberlin's last night. It began to snow about seven o'clock and continued lightly through the day and evening. We remained there through the day and, as it was my birth day, we had a very pleasant time. I tried to rest me all that it was possible. Dr. Paddock and his little girl were there, making four of us beside the rest of the family.

Friday, November 30

The storm ended in the night, but the morning was cloudy. We remained at Mr. C.'s till about ten o'clock when Mr. Chamberlin brought us home. Found the house warmed, for Miss Richmond took care of the house while we were gone. I paid 44 cts for buckwheat flour, and Fisher 42 cts for thin drawing board. Mr. William Billings called with an errand from Mr. Newcomb from Barnard, or Bethel, to have me go with him tomorrow and I ought to go.

Debits - .44, .42

Saturday, December 1

I started a little before 7 o'clock for Mr. Newcomb's, and had a very cold ride as the snow squalls made it cold and rough. I spent the day in running two lines, but we found corners that made the work decisive. I must make a plan of what I have done and send it to Mr. N. They paid me six dollars and I must pay my expenses. Had a cold ride home in the evening; got home about 8 o'clock. Found myself well chilled through. Think this is the coldest night we have had. On hand \$23.29.

Credits – 6.00

Sunday, December 2

Thermometer -1.5 at 7 o'clock this morning. A cold night for this season. We went to church to hear Mr. Crosby on Thanksgiving. He took for his text the 4th and 5th verses of the 100th Psalm. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with Praise, etc." He first went into a critical analysis of the word thanksgiving, and pointed out most critically the difference between being thankful and being glad, and how & when it was that we could be thankful. In the afternoon he preached a part of his sermon to young people. I have neither room nor capacity to write out a clear and full description of this discourse. It was full of the very best argument and advice that could be given, and contained some of the most powerful appeals that could be given. House was very well filled, especially in the afternoon. In the evening we went to Mrs. Perkins' for a few minutes, and we then spent the evening in reading and writing.

Monday, December 3

I began my work quite early but was hardly able to work at all during the day. My work and the cold rides to Bethel and back and the shaken nerves were a little too much for me. Paid Paul for fish \$.55 & Sterlin for sugar .55, Bailey for magnet 75 cts, and for meat 11 cts. Woodruff on account \$8.46 and Sterlin for kerosene 30 cents. Miss White paid ten cents for potatoes. It is fortunate for me that I have no scholars to recite today.

Credits - .10

Debits - 1.10, .86, 8.46, .30

Tuesday, December 4

Paid 30 cts postage & Royce 32 cts and Paul for molasses 33 cents. Received \$140.00 of Elisha Hewitt and of Frederick Billings for work \$51.00, and I paid Frank N. Billings, balance of acct. \$4.25. I spent the greater part of the day in writing at my table. Measured the distance from my meteorological station to the Town Hall and found it to be 105 rods. I paid Richmond 40 cts for meat. The County Court sits today and Polk came down with Abbie. I met many pleasant faces that have come to court. Sent 2 dollars to Springfield Republican.

Credits - 140.00, 51.00

Debits - .62, .33, 4.25, .40, 2.00

Wednesday, December 5

Am writing on meteorological matters and ought to send it to the department today. The Central Railroad folks are taking testimony at the Junction this week. Polk and Abbie came down this morning and will stay over night. Polk has some work in court though but little compared to some. He has more business at home than most of the lawyers here. I have written two articles for the Standard today.

Thursday, December 6

Polk and Abbie staid with us last night. I arose early and began my writing and continued it till past noon when I had finished my meteorological articles and mailed them. Paid Abbie \$1.40 and Mrs. D. took \$1.50 to make some purchases. My scholars came this afternoon and we spent the greater part of the time till night. In the evening I corrected and balanced my cash book and found it very nearly correct. Mrs. Russell and Miss Etta Latimer called here in the evening.

Debits - 1.40, 1.50

Friday, December 7

This morning I sent five dollars to the Life Insurance Company. Took the time and gave it to Mr. Randall to correct his Chronometer. I found all the other clocks more or less out of the time. Paid Moore 10 cts for spectacle case. Worked on the overgrade crossing of the railroad at the Junction and must make a full estimate of the work to make it. Mrs. D. returned 5 cts. I worked at my table through the evening on R.R. matters.

Credits - .05

Debits - 5.00, .10

Saturday, December 8

In the morning I wrote a letter to Amelia and mailed it and did some errands in the forenoon. Elmer Emery called in the forenoon and in the afternoon. Mr. Chamberlin called. Mr. C. Vaughan called for his plan for his case with Mr. Hodges. Crosby and Chapman came to their recitations and they kept me till night. Lizzie Barrett called and Mrs. Russell called and Emily White. Alice Winslow called. Mr. Vaughan paid me 5 dollars toward his plan. Mrs. D. paid for Abbie 50 cts at Billings'. Paid \$4.50 to Prior for boots. Paid Wm. Billings 1.50 fare to Barnard.

Credits - 5.00

Debits - .50, 4.50, 1.50

Sunday, December 9

I did not start very early this morning, but soon went to my table and corrected some work that I left last evening. We went to church to hear Mr. Crosby preach from three texts that give the idea that Longfellow gives in his "Psalm of Life," 1st stanza, last line. Things are not what they seem. He made this the greatest sermon that he has preached since he came here. The way that he pointed out the seeming and the real in the universe and in life was most thorough, clear and startling. It was truly the most thrilling

discourse that I have heard for a long time. His appeals to us to seek and know the real and the true and the good. In the afternoon he finished his discourse to young people. It seems impossible for me to write even an analysis of this sermon. It must be heard to know and profit by it.

Monday, December 10

I went to the Savings Bank and got on Joanna's Bank Book 64 dollars that I paid out for her to Archibald. I did not work easily for I was in constant pain from too excessive work and stirring about. Polk and Abie came this morning and remained through the day and evening, and will stay till tomorrow. I tried to work some in the afternoon but it was almost impossible. Sent three dollars to Univ. Publishing house for the present Vol of the Quarterly.

Credits – 64.00

Debits – 3.00

Tuesday, December 11

In the morning I went to the Junction but I came back for they were not ready for my testimony. They went to work toward night and examined Mr. Roberts, or rather began to do it. Crosby and Chapman came to their lessons. Abbie went home in the afternoon. I have given some attention to curves and the arrangement of wheels to run on them, and the whole matter seems very simple. Polk remained here and will stay a few days to hear Edward Phelps speak in the Morris case.

Wednesday, December 12

Am called to go down the line this morning. Mr. Elam Abbott of Bethel or Stockbridge called and left with me 30 dollars to pay costs in his suit, or rather to pay his part of the reference fees, and I am to send 17 dollars to Mr. S.E. Pingree. I went down the line, came back, and returned again to the Junction at five o'clock. Was not called that night. Staid at Barron's. paid for salerates .10 and needles .05 = .15 cts.

Credits – 30.00

Debits - .15

Thursday, December 13

Rested very badly last night for the noise through the night was too much for me. Took further measurements about the R.R. yard. About ten o'clock I was called to testify before the Master in Chancery and was not released till nearly two o'clock, when I took the train for home. Was fully jaded out. Crosby came to his recitation. I paid at the Junction House two dollars as expenses. I heard the lesson but sent word to Chapman to postpone his lesson till next Saturday.

Debits – 2.00

Friday, December 14

Rested very well last night and am very well this morning. Began work at my table again. I tried to meet Mr. Pingree but failed to do so. Abbie came down from Pomfret and I took her horse to be shod. Paid eleven cents for postal cards and 37 cents for tea at Paul's. Abbie paid me 1.50 cents for some books, and I paid a Univ. book agent 1.25 cts for book. Mr. Greene went to the Junction, but I remained at home, for it seems as though there were too many there now.

Credits – 1.50

Debits – .11, .37, 1.25

Saturday, December 15

Mailed letter to Amelia and a postal card to Mr. Pingree of Hartford. Paid 12 cts for stamps, and I paid Ransom for fixing chain fifty cents. The funeral of Lester Miller was attended this afternoon at his house, but I could not well go, for I am not well today. Mr. Noble and Smith rode up on the engine this morning and went back on the train. I spent the greater part of the day at my table. Heard the lessons and they are both near the end of their surveying.

Debits - .12, .50

Sunday, December 16

A warm and pleasant morning with fresh breeze from the W. or S.W. We listened attentively to hear the new bell on the Methodist House. It is from the old Meneely firm and its tone is very pure and searching. We went to church to hear Mr. Crosby and in the forenoon he spoke on the subject of some man's word, "Life is a failure." He will show us that life is not a "failure." He does not censure those who say this but regards this as proof that their lives are above the common score of humanity, and could look down on those below and could see their failure. In the afternoon he preached on the text in I Cor. XV: 22. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." How different was this sermon from those I have heard from the same text. I heard our good old father Kittridge Haven preach at Pomfret about fifty years ago, and I can see the man now as I saw him then, though in the imagination, a noble specimen of humanity. At that time the first object was to prove the doctrine true.

Monday, December 17

Was quite unwell this morning but have worked about some. Mr. Chandler and Mr. McKenzie called to talk about the park fence, and in the afternoon I worked on the plan of a post that would suit me. Polk came down from Pomfret and went to Taftsville. He returned again in the evening and remained here. Mr. & Mrs. Crosby called here in the evening and we had a remarkably pleasant visit. Mrs. Bridge called for a few minutes early in the evening. Am some unwell this afternoon and evening.

Tuesday, December 18

I went to the Bank and paid a note for one hundred dollars. Received a book from the Univ. Pub. House, one that we bought of a Mrs. Perkins, a book agent. Mr. Greene called to have me write an article on Mr. Miller. This I am but poorly prepared to do, though I should be glad to do him justice. Crosby and Chapman came to their recitations but went out on a survey. Mrs. D. and Miss Etta Latimer rode to South Pomfret to see Mrs. Russ and Mrs. Ayers.

Debits – 100.00

Wednesday, December 19

Received a letter from West Fairlee and it brought the intelligence of the death of Mr. Bates. He for a time resided in Taftsville and afterwards in Windsor, but for a few years past has been at West Fairlee near his children. I was called to court to testify about the rising of the moon April 23, 1876. Received 1 dollar for attendance, and I paid Col Pingree 13 dollars of the money sent by Elam Abbott to pay costs. Paid 6 cts for thread and 50 cents for tickets to hear Mr. Dorchester's lecture. Paid Univ. Society 15 dollars.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 13.00, .06, .50, 15.00

Thursday, December 20

Drew a copy of a plan for a post for the park fence. Paid Univ. Society 1 dollar. Am much better today. I drew a plan of the fence post and then carried old plans to the Bank. Mr. Chandler called with plans, one that he had drawn, a very good pattern. Crosby came to his recitation, but Chapman is preparing for Festival at Town Hall. I paid Mr. Pingree 1.20 and this makes \$14.20 his share in full in the Abbott case at Bethel.

Debits – 1.00, 1.20

Friday, December 21

In the morning I paid four dollars to Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets. Paid for cedar plaster 25 cts. Polk and Abbie came down from Pomfret in the forenoon. In the afternoon I called on Mrs. Miller to get some facts in the life of her husband. In the forenoon I took the time and found Polk's watch 20 seconds too slow, and I tested Randall's chronometer and found it 7 seconds too slow. Hathaway and Moore set their clocks. Paid Mr. Winslow balance of account \$2.23. Had a long talk with Mr. Winslow about inks and Charlie's lessons.

Debits – 4.00, .25, 2.23

Saturday, December 22

I went to White's bookstore and ordered a book for Mr. Russell. Received the monthly weather review and other papers. Mr. Chandler called with fence plans. Mr. Dewey called with Railroad plans to have some additions made to one of them. The others had been presented to court and could not be marked. Crosby came to his recitation. I worked on Mr. Miller's papers. Paid Randall 50 cts for pearl buttons. I am afraid I cannot get the article on Mr. Miller ready for the next week's papers, but will do what I can.

Debits - .50

Sunday, December 23

Worked at my table till time to make ready for church. Heard Mr. Crosby finish his sermon on the subject, "Life is a failure." He dwelt on the subject to show to whom life seemed a failure, and also upon the cause of its so seeming. Life is a failure to the man ambitious for destination regardless of merit, and to all selfish men who look exclusively to self. To the pure-minded unselfish man, it is proof that he is on a higher plain and sees the misery that is below him. In the afternoon he preached a Christmas sermon. He took for texts some of the words of Paul concerning the nature of Christ, and of Peter in his answer to the question, Whom do you say that I am? "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." The speaker gave a full exposition of his views of Jesus Christ, and his connection with the Father, and with man, and it gave us the clearest view of Christ, his origin and character as the mediator. It was the best sermon, and contained the purest and best notions of the savior that I have yet heard or read.

Monday, December 24

Paid Paul 63 cts for groceries etc. In the forenoon I drew copies of a plan of fence posts that Mr. McKenzie got from Providence R.I.. Carried plans of the Railroad to Mr. French. Mr. Chandler called to see about the plans of the fence posts. Mr. Randall put up his new Howard regulator and has set it by his chronometer I think. In the evening we all went to the church to see the Christmas gathering. Joanna came just before night and will remain through the night. A very pleasant time.

Debits – .63

Tuesday, December 25

Joanna remained through the night. Mrs. Marcy came from Taftsville by the first train. Laura Barrett called early with a "Merry Christmas" and to show her Christmas presents. "This is one of the pleasant days." It is one of the most pleasant days ever known at this season of the year. Paid 24 cts for sugar. Mrs. Marcy and Joanna were here for dinner. Joanna went home about 2 o'clock and Mrs. Marcy went home on the train.

Debits - .24

Wednesday, December 26

Rested very well last night, but am some tired this forenoon. The air seems as though a storm was approaching, and we think so from our own feelings. Paid 20 cts for hair cutting and 15 cts for butter. Polk came down from Pomfret in the forenoon. I have tried to write some on the notice of Mr. Miller, but am hardly able to write. Mrs. D. is afflicted with a sore hand where she burnt it some time ago. Polk will remain here probably till the road came off. The trial of Dix Wheeler will be on tomorrow.

Thursday, December 27

Polk staid here last night and will attend court today. I began writing or tried to write, but was obliged to take up the copying of the meteorological reports. I copied what I had finished in readiness for the report. I went to the post office and found The World filled with remarks on the North American that is now published in New York. Dix Wheeler's case was called and was dismissed by a nol pros, so that ends that lesson. Carlie came here in the evening. I read Ingersol's lecture.

Friday, December 28

Took the time and found our clock very nearly right. I saw James Winn and he paid me five dollars to pay expenses for my surveys but I charge nothing for my services. I paid to Elam Abbott \$2.80 it being the balance of the 309 dollars that he paid me Dec. 12th. Paid express bill for sending level to Yonkers 1.10 and I paid Freeman for rhubarb .20. Polk's road case was closed in his favor today. He went home this evening. Mrs. D. called on Mrs. Clarke, etc.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 2.80, 1.10, .20

Saturday, December 29

Wrote a long letter to Amelia in the morning, also looked up facts for an astronomical article. Went to Mrs. Miller's and got note books to find dates with regard to Mr. Miller. Crosby came to recite his lessons. Paid 37 cts to Paul for tea. Wrote a long article on the planet Venus, and after writing three cap pages concluded to leave it and retire for the night.

Debits - .37

Sunday, December 30

A cloudy morning with north wind. There is now a strong appearance of snow. But how little snow we have had this month. We heard Mr. Crosby on the subject, "Life is a failure." He took up that part of it that applies to the statesman, first pointing out the real statesman and then the demagogue. The demagogue finds life a failure when he fails in getting all the promotion that he reaches for, but the statesman finds failure only when the laws are enacted that do not work for the good of the whole. In the afternoon he preached from Matt. XV: 13. "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Scientists have found that this is literally true as far as man can judge. It was so with all our habits and customs, as they do not correspond to the age, they pass away. It is so with the early fossils. Their first forms pass away as new forms grow. And so with the doctrines of men. Old thoughts, old forms pass away and all things become new. A doctrinal sermon.

Monday, December 31

I began early in the morning to write at my table, and I resolved to go ahead with the article on my friend L.A. Miller. I am very much perplexed to get such dates as I want to find. I called on Mrs. Miller to get some dates. Came home and was busy till late at night. Mrs. D. has done a large washing. I leave in my drawer 38 cents but this includes some small errors that I cannot explain. It is sometimes the case that I fail to make a note of some small items that I pay out but generally it is correctly kept. This closes the year 1877.

Debits – .38

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 helped him publish in a magazine called Godey's Ladies Book. Norman Bridge 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.

Rev. O.K. Crosby was the preacher for the Woodstock Universalist Society in 1880. He was the father of Ward Crosby who was a student of Hosea Doton prior to being hired as a surveyor by the Eastern Railroad in 1880.

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.

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. Hosea sometimes spells his name Spencer and this diary preserves both spellings.

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. Hosea sometimes spells her name Abby or Abba and this diary preserves all spellings.

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.

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 was the daughter of Elvira Doton's sister Abby Dennison Wood and her husband David Carter Gookin. Amelia 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 in 1846. He kept the portrait the rest of his life, and his widow Elvira presented it 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.

Etta Latimer (1851-1914) was a frequent visitor of Hosea and Elvira Doton. She opened a Literary School for Young Women in Woodstock.

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. 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 moved to Chicago and corresponded with Hosea 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. He later worked for the Rutland Herald. He was a frequent visitor to Hosea and Elvira Doton and wrote an obituary for Hosea in January, 1886.

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 Spear, born in 1845, was a farmer in Pomfret who was unmarried, enjoyed reading, and became a friend of the Doton family. Hosea sold him a farm near the Doton family homestead on Cloudland Road in 1878. While there, he helped Hosea's sister Joanna care for the Doton farm, provided transportation for family members, and delivered wood to Hosea in Woodstock. Mortimer sold his farm after Hosea died and continued to help Joanna maintain the Doton farm. When Joanna Doton died in 1908, she passed the farm, now known as Sleepy Hollow, to Mortimer.

Rev. Russell Streeter was a Universalist minister who came to Woodstock from Massachusetts in November 1834. An obituary called him one of the founders of Universalism. On December 9, 1834, he conducted a wedding for Hosea Doton and Lois Paddock. Rev. Streeter retired in Woodstock and remained a friend of Hosea Doton until he died in 1880.

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.

Caroline Wyatt visited Hosea and Lois Doton regularly. In 1846, she painted a portrait of poet Felicia Hemans that Hosea framed and kept for the rest of his life. His widow Elvira presented it to the Abbott Library in Pomfret in 1909.

Glossary

Aneroid barometer – A barometer in which air pressure is measured using a small vacuum chamber.

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.

Boot gore – A lining inserted into boots to make them more comfortable.

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.

Galvanic soles – Insoles for shoes with a copper plate in the right sole and a zinc plate in the left. They are thought to increase blood circulation in the lower body.

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.

No! Pros – When a prosecuting attorney drops charges against a defendant.

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.

Rowen – A second growth of hay or grass in a season.

Ruche – Pleat of fabric for decoration of a garment or home furnishing.

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.

Spider pan – A frying pan with legs.

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.

Troche – A small tablet containing medication designed to dissolve slowly in the mouth.

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.