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New Years Gift
from
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'Tis Home where the heart is, wherever that be,
In city, in desert, on mountain, in dell;
Not the grandeur, the number, the objects we see,
But that which we love is the magical spell.
'Tis this gives the cottage a charm and a grace,
Which the glare of a palace but rarely has known;
It is this, *only* this, and not station or place,
Which gives being to pleasure, which makes it our own.
Like the dove on the waters, a rest-place to find,
In vain for enjoyment o'er nations we roam;
Home only can yield real joy to the mind,
And there where the heart is, there *only* is Home.

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January, 1850.

As I seat myself to write for the first time in this book, thoughts crowd themselves into the mind much faster than they can be put upon paper. But my first thoughts are with that dear brother, who so kindly presented me with this volume, as a New Years Gift; and in return for the beautiful gift, would render him my heartfelt thanks, and kind wishes. New Years day is one of interest to all. To the child, this day, is one that brings gifts and plays. To the youth the ever brightening dreams of life, no cloud lowers upon their sunny path, no shadows cross his sunny way. Life with them has begun, and with them, "Life is real, Life is earnest," To the aged it is a time for serious reflection, their laughing childhood, and fond youthful hopes, have long since passed away. The opening year thus meets us all, with seems well adapted, to our age and character, to all alike it has a lesson. It seems but a short time since the year of 1849, was ushered in upon us; and where now are the months and days, of that year, and how spent? But I will indulge in no sad reflections of the past, and wishing one and all of my friends, not only one, but

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many "happy new years" I close the preface of my book.

Tuesday Jan. 1st I rode to the street this morning and purchased several new year presents, Julia Nichols is sewing for Susan. Miss. Reed and brother gave us a call this afternoon. At home all the afternoon and evening, have not been to school today. Thus ends the first day of the year with me, to those kind friends who have so kindly extended their pleasant wishes to me ^{they} will ever shore in mine.

Wednesday Jan 2^d At school all day, camping in school. Spent the evening at home with company. Julia & Thompson died this evening.

Thursday 3^d. At school all day. Spent a very pleasant evening at Mr. W. S. Hutchins singing school, at Marlboro. in company with Ladd, G. D. & D. S. & S.

Friday 4th. At school in the forenoon, no school this afternoon. the funeral of Mrs. Thompson this afternoon. Attended

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a Reading meeting at the school-house this evening.

Saturday 5th. No school to-day. At home, cousin Helen visited with us, & a sing at Mr. Wright's in the evening. George Thompson died this morning.

Sabbath 6th. At church all day, Sermons by Z. S. Baston D. D. Forenoon, text Job 3. 18. No. of deaths during the year 1849, 70 more than any year before, since the settlement of this town, 20 were heads of families 18 under three years of age, 34 under ten, 15 over 60 years of age 12 over seventy 3 between 80 & 90. From all these 70, only 7 were members of any religious denomination. Afternoon text John 12. 35. Mrs. Thompson joined the first Congregational church 14 years since. Whole No of deaths in this town since Mr. Bastons stay here is 1353.

Sunday 7th. At school in the afternoon, called at Mr. Hodge's in the evening. Brother Oscar spent the night with us. An oyster supper at 8 1/2.

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Tuesday 8th. At school all day. Oscar returned this morning, Warren has gone to Hillsboro, P. Nichols has gone with him.

Wednesday 9th. At school all day, went to an Arithmetic school in the evening.

Thursday At home in the morning, at school in the afternoon & evening. Several of the young people of the village have gone to Marlboro this eve.

Friday 11th. At school all day.

Saturday 12th. At school all day, Uncle William, Aunt Sannanda little cousin Mary, cousin Elliot, and aunt Mary, spent the afternoon here, company in the evening, an Arithmetic school this evening, have not attended it. Ellen is quite unwell.

Sunday 13. At Church, all day or to the sabbath school, Germans by Z. S. Boston I.D. text foreman Hosea 10th. Afternoon Hosea 8th 12th, a temperance lecture by the Rev. F. B. Merick this evening.

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Monday 14th. At home in the morning. At school in the afternoon, an Arithmetic school this evening. I have not attended. I have just penned a letter to Hatty Willis, and in so doing, memory wanders to the happy, happy hours we spent at Pittsfield. Shall I never again meet those dear friends, who met in that old school-room, and with whom, the hours flew on golden wings away last autumn? perhaps on earth we may not all meet again, but may we all meet in Heaven.

Tuesday 15th. School all day. Susan has been to the street this afternoon, company in school C. W. Mason.

Wednesday 16th. At school, company in the evening.

Thursday 17. At school, all day spent the evening in writing a Composition for the Examination.

Friday 18. At school all day, company in school F. Gerould & A. Postin. a meeting of the Common School Association at the

school house this evening. The meeting was called to order by D. C. Thompson. Singing by the scholars, Inve Lee Our Vass With Feathered Spray. An account of the school by Mr. Mason, in which he stated his whole N. of scholars were 29, average N. 23 Absences 19 1/2 Visitors 20, Hon. John Prentiss made a few remarks, The proceedings of the last meeting was then read by A. W. Cook. Esq. Remarks were then made by Hon. P. Prentiss. He commenced by congratulating the District upon the very pleasant house they have he mentioned Geography as one of the most beautiful studies. Astronomy not only a pleasant but instructive study. he mentioned several of the names of stars, that can be seen now, among which was that beautiful constellation the Ursa Major. Reading of the paper by M. C. Willson & A. J. Davis. singing, Inve, Cold The Blast May Blow. Remarks by Messrs. Marshall & Broad. Classification of maps by the scholars. singing, Inve, Carryin Boat Song. A. W. Cook moved the meeting be adjourned at 8 1/2 o'clock.

Received an invitation to attend a ride to Brattleboro next week.

Saturday 19 No school today, at home in the morning, at the street in the afternoon.

Sunday 20. At church all day. Text A. M. Luke 11. 28. P. M. John 1. 4 1/2. Heads of the sermon 1st The Character of Nathaniel.

2^d His readiness to instill his principles into all around him.

3^d Will not every individual of this congregation seek for the honors Christ gave Nathaniel. strive to cultivate his disposition. be decided. study the bible.

Monday 21. At home in the morning, school in the afternoon. Oscar spends the week at home.

Tuesday 22. School all day. an arithmetic school this evening.

Wednesday 23. At school in the morning. Examination this forenoon. 14 visitors. have not been to school this afternoon. been to Luddy, visited H. M. Willis school

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took tea at Mr. Hill's. Hatty rode home with us, spends the night here.
J. B. & L. S. & collect. this eve.

Thursday 24. A lovely day, a band some 12 in number, planned a slight ride to Brattleboro, our hopes that this day would be as beautiful as was yesterday were high, and not until we were fairly started were we conscious of the pleasantness of the day, 8 o'clock found us on our way, we passed through Keene to Chesterfield, called at the Tavern occupied by Mr. Mead, after making a short stop and taking some crackers and a large squash (provided by one of the gentlemen), we again commenced our tour, we passed from Chesterfield into Brattleboro, on the way we noticed many interesting things, the most prominent of which was a gentleman, lady, & child, from the gent. the ladies, received what was termed a complimentary remark, for the same Mr. French responded in good earnest. We soon drew up at the Stage House in Brattleboro occupied by Maj. Smith, & I found myself for the first time without the limits of my native New Hampshire.

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We were soon doing honor to the dinner set before us, after finishing our repast we repaired to the parlor, where we amused ourselves with reading, & chatting until nearly 2 o'clock. after taking a short walk, with Miss Brooks, & returned to the Tavern, & seating ourselves once more in the stagh (which by the way was a splendid one drawn by 4 horses), we were soon on our way home, we passed from B. to Hinsdale, which is a very pleasant village, & from there to West Winchester, then to Winchester village where we called at the Tavern of S. Rice & called for tea while it was preparing Hatty & myself made a call at Mr. King's but not finding Miss. Dubin we returned. after tea we again commenced our ride, passing from Winchester, we entered Swanzy & from there Glencoe our native town.

We found A. E. Metcalf & C. M. Willis, A. C. Thayer & Mr. P. Jones, G. Dastin & L. S. Willson, C. D. Willson & E. Wadsworth, A. Dastin & J. Brooks, J. L. Mason & Mr. R. Willson safe at home. Thus have I given a faint, very faint description of the pleasant day spent in a ride to Brattleboro. The true pleasures of that day, can only be told by those who enjoyed the ride, & in

all her memories alone can be found an answering response to the sweet remembrance that will ever remain in mine. Memory has on record many a lovely day but none more bright, more beautiful, than the 24 of Jan., 1850.

Friday 25. Fanny returned to Lury this morn. Oscar & myself spent the evening at Uncle William Metcalf's, called at Uncle Higdon's as we came home.

Saturday 26 At home all day. G. H. Limes & M. A. Willard called here this afternoon. G. D. & J. L. K. spent the evening here.

Sunday 27. At church all day, sermons by Z. S. Boston D. D. A. M. Texts Mark 3. 29. Matt. 12. 31 & 32. Luke 12. 5. 16. P. M. 1st. Chronicles 28. 20. The dying admonition of David to his beloved Solomon.

Monday 28 At home in the morning, commenced work for Uncle Edwin today, came here at noon.

Tuesday 29. At Uncle's in the morning; spent the afternoon at Mr. Thompson's, the evening at Uncle's.

Wednesday 30. At Uncle's all day. Mrs. Colman called.

Thursday 31. At Uncle's. Mrs. Dively called here. Mary & Helen have been here. A party at Mr. Aaron Reed's this evening. I have had no invitation. Susan & Oscar have been invited. Gilman, Susan, Albert & Paul have been to the party.

Friday February 1st. At Uncle's. Oddy spent the day with us. Julia Howe spent the afternoon with Helen.

Saturday 2 At Uncle's. Spent the night at home.

Sunday 3 At home in the morning, rather stormy. at church in the P. M. sermon by Z. S. Boston. Text Matt. 11. 28 & 29 verses. Returned to Uncle's this eve.

4 Monday. At Uncle's. Mrs. Warner called in the afternoon.

5 Tuesday. Helen spent the day & night with me. called at Mr. Warner's in the evening.

6 Wednesday. Helen returned home this afternoon.

7 Thursday. Mrs. Warner called this morning. Uncle is quite sick today.

8 Friday. Uncle & Helen have gone to Keene. commenced reading a book today, entitled, "Learn to die". edited by Christopher Lutton D.D. Mrs. Warner spent the afternoon with me.

9 Saturday. At Uncle's in the morning. At home in the afternoon. P. L. M. spent the evening with us. I spent a very pleasant evening indeed!

10 Sabbath day. At home in the morn., at Church in the afternoon, sermon by the Rev. of Manchester, in which

he described the condition of those who are too poor to pay for seats in the churches at Manchester. He also stated that a new church was partly completed but not having funds sufficient to finish it, he wished to raise money from the several churches in New Hampshire so that it should be completed, for those poor people who cannot afford to hire seats, a contribution was taken up after the sermon was through, Yerts Road.

Returned to Uncle's this evening.

11 Monday. At Uncle's. Mrs. Hollansbee spent the evening here. Mrs. Warner is quite sick.

12 Tuesday. called at Mrs. Warner's. Wrote a letter to Miss. Bigelow this afternoon. O.S. spent the evening with Helen.

13 Wednesday. At Uncle's. What a place home is, how many times in a day do I wish I was at home, still, how many there are that have no home, they can call their own, & many too that have good homes know

not how to prize them, or at least do not prize them as they ought; some go so far, as even to ridicule their own homes & friends; But to me "there is no place like home". Give me those, I ask no other.

Those that bless my childhood's home,
Where dwell my Father & my Mother.
O! give me but my childhood's home.

14 Thursday. Etta, Wallace, Marion & Ella spent the evening here.

15 Friday. At Uncle's in the morning, at home in the evening. Spent the night at home.

16 Saturday. At home, Jane Jarvis called here this afternoon, Jane, Susan & myself took a short ride. Wm. S. Hutchins singing school commenced this evening.

17 Sabbath Day. At church all day. Sermons by L. S. Baston D. D. Text A. M. Matt. 3. 10
P. M. 1st. John 2. 15, James 4. 4.
At Uncle's in the evening.

18 Monday. At Uncle's. Mrs. Warner spent the afternoon here. Mrs. G. Page is very sick. Mrs. Woodard made us a short call.

19 Tuesday. A beautiful day. At Uncle's all day, braided a bracelet for myself of my Mother's hair. The clasp is to be a plain gold, without diamonds. Spent the evening at Mr. Warner's.

20 Wednesday. At Uncle's. Mary spent the afternoon, & the night with me. Mrs. W. spent the eve here. I commenced a bed quilt today, piecing it Philadelphia pavement pattern. Received a letter from L. A. Bigelow.

21st Thursday. Spent the day at home. Susan & myself made calls after dinner called at Mr. Postin's was introduced to Miss. Elsie she is a charming young lady. called at Mr. Pags & Mr. Wilcox. Oscar is at home this evening, he had just come when Uncle called for us, how provoking! when I wished to see him so badly. I laid long enough to read p letter from William W. Foster however & there was some

satisfaction in that. Poor Will he has been to several places since he left Keene, & is now in Boston. Thursday evening spent in writing, reading & meditation.

22d. Friday. At Uncle's. Miss Martha Sturtevant took dinner here today, after dinner they called at Father's, the next thing we shall hear, will be a wedding probably.

23. Saturday. Company all day. Susan spent the day with me. Miss Louisa Johnson called to see me, have not seen her before since I attended school with her at the Academy. Several of the people of Branchville called here this afternoon, went to the comb shop with them, had an introduction to Mr. Alfred. walked home with them, had a slide on the way. 21 in all that have called upon me today. Spent the evening at home in company with Elsie, Gilman, Albert & James. Mr. N. R. Cook & Miss M. L. Mead were married this evening.

24. Sunday. Have not been to church at home with Mather. At Uncle's in the eve.

25 Monday. Spent the evening at Mr. W's. George S. Kercross & his Mather are on a visit there I have not seen George before for a year was happy to see him.

26 Received a splendid Valentine this morning. Through the post. G. called here Helen, cousin Matty & Emily spent the afternoon with me & took tea. Susan has been to Troy with Mr. & Mrs. Grimes returned this afternoon.

27 Wednesday. At Uncle's in the morning, at home in the afternoon, Mary & cousin Matty spent the night with me.

28 Thursday. Marion & Ella spent the day with Helen. Susan & myself spent the afternoon at Mrs. Warner's. made some calls. Mrs. Fallansbee & Susan Whitecomb & myself went to the shop after tea & Alfred got the "Gallon Bottle" for us, we spent a very pleasant evening at Father's. Kitt & Lucy came home, I remained all night.

Friday March, 1st. Uncle Alva drove home for me this morning. Helen spent the day at Uncle Abigail's. I spent the afternoon with Jane Cousin, had a very pleasant time. Oscar is at home this eve, how much I wish I was there too.

Saturday, 2d. Uncle Wm. Metcalf & family spent the afternoon & took tea with us. I rode up with them. Spent the evening at the singing school, enjoyed it much.

Sabbath day, 3. At church all day, Mr. & Mrs. Church joined with the church today. Sermons by Z.S. Boston D.D. text - P. M. 1 Cor. 5: 17. A. W. Dent. 4. 23. prayers were offered for Mr. R. Thurston, who is quite sick.

Monday 4. At Eccles all day, spent the evening in reading & sewing.

Tuesday 5. Mrs. G. called this morning. sewing with Mrs. W. in the afternoon.

Wednesday 6. A beautiful day, went home this morning & took Ella with me, did not stay but a short time, found Mrs. Nichols spending the day there. A quilting at Mr. Davis this afternoon quite a number there, Ella's quilt, pieced window sash, very pretty. The married ladies left soon after tea, the younger part of the community staid & were joined by most of the gentlemen of the place, to pass the evening in any way most agreeable to themselves. Truth, cross question, Simon, ring, consequences &c. &c. were played during the evening, refreshments at 9 1/2 o'clock, most of them seemed to enjoy it very well, but we "pluck no rose without the thorn", too true do I find this wise maxim at almost every such place I attend, & how many things is there for one to regret as they look back upon an evening spent in thoughtlessness & mirth, & as we recall the past moments to our minds, how many little acts done, & words lightly spoken would we recall were it in our power so to do, but as it is not, let us forgive & trust we shall be forgiven."

Thursday, 7. At home in the morning, at Uncle's in the afternoon, commenced a letter to my Brother this eve.

Friday, 8. Finished my letter to Oscar, Mrs. D. & Warner called this morning, went to Mrs. W's after dinner, Lusy Whitecomb staid with me all night.

Saturday, 9. At home in the evening, Mary is at the singing school, have not been home a very sore throat, & some cold.

Sunday, 10. Have not been to church, at home all day, commenced reading a book entitled "The Corner Stone". By Jacob Abbott, Author of the Young Christian &c, Read 8 chapters in my Bible this eve. Mr. & Mrs. Follansbee have gone to Leominster, Oscar starts for Boston tomorrow morning if nothing prevents, on business for Mr. Bridgman.

Monday, 11. Washing as usual. Mrs. Warner is very sick today, went in & helped them some this afternoon. Spent the eve with Lusy.

Tuesday, 12. Down sitting day. At Uncle's in the morning, walked home in the afternoon, Susan Whitecomb went with me, had a very pleasant time, Susan had some company in the evening, did not go in.

Wednesday, 13. Done my own work in the morning & then went to Mrs. W's & staid here, sat with her in the afternoon. Uncle Alva has gone to Boston today, Gilman, Susan, Mary & Susan spent the evening with me, it rained quite fast when they went home, guess it will not hurt them much if they do get wet a little. Lusy spent the night with me.

Thursday, 14. Very busy all day sewing, staid with Mrs. W. in the afternoon. Lusy called in the evening. Had some other calls during the day.

Friday, 15. Finished my patch work this morning, company to tea. Susan walked home & spent the evening with me, we had a

very pleasant walk back, started about 9 o'clock

Saturday 16 At Uncle's in the morning, at home in the afternoon. Oscar came back from Boston this afternoon. Heard an invitation to Uncle's wedding.

Sabbath-day 17. At church all day, saw Mrs. Cook, she asked me to call upon her. Sermon by the Rev. Henry E. Parker. A. M. text 5 verse of the 146 Psalm, P. M.

1 Peter 5: 5. "Be clothed with Humility", a beautiful sermon. Mr. Parker is soon to be settled in Concord N. Hampshire.

Would we but live as he would have us how little should we have to regret.

Monday 18. At Uncle's all day. Susan W. called this evening. Mr. G. came back this morning.

Tuesday 19. At Uncle's. A beautiful evening walked home, had a pleasant walk.

Wednesday 20. At the street this afternoon, a party at Mr. P.'s this eve.

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Thursday 21st. Busy all day, preparing for the wedding. A very pleasant evening, attended the wedding had a very good time. 8 of us rode home with Uncle after the ceremony was through. finished work at Uncle's to day.

Friday 22d. At home all day, the first time for 2 months.

Saturday 23. Maria, Ellen, Susan & myself took a walk this morning. made some calls, call in the evening.

+ Sabbath day 24. Have not been to church today, at home. Oscar's birthday can be he 21 years old!

Monday 25. Washing as usual.

Tuesday 26. M. M. & H. A. I. spent the afternoon with us. I & myself called at Mr. Davis. this evening. called at Uncle's in the morning.

Wednesday 27. At home in the morning at Mr. P.'s to a party in the evening. had an application to teach school in Swaney District No. 1

Thursday 28. At home all day.

Friday 29 Maria & Augusta called this afternoon. They leave tomorrow morning, so long have they been schoolmates & playmates of ours that we cannot help feeling sad as they go, but it is probably all for the best, & we are certainly satisfied.

Saturday 30 Busy in the forenoon, staid in the afternoon with Alva, made several purchases, called at Quack Kieckels.

Sabbath day, 31st. Have not been to church today at home with my Mother.

Monday, April 1st. Helen Metcalf has been here this morning. Oscar finished work for Mr. Bridgman today.

+ Tuesday 2nd. Oscar came home this morning. Cousin George came with him & took dinner with us, spent part of the afternoon, I think he is a very agreeable young man.

Wednesday 3rd. At home all day.

Thursday 4th Fast day, very rainy, Susan & myself were not a little disappointed as we were very anxious to hear the Rev. G. Robbins discourse, (today), he is to deliver in Dr. Barston's church. There is to be but one meeting. The evening spent as the saying is, in "sugaring off." Had a very good time.

Friday 5th. At home.

Saturday 6th. called at Mr. H's. Mrs. Maria Proctor & Miss Lane Darns called here this afternoon. I have attended the singing school this evening a full choir, enjoyed it very well indeed.

Sunday 7th. At church all day & to the G. P. sermons by the Rev. Z. S. Bastow. Text A. M. Luke 23-34. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Dr. Bastow preached a very feeling sermon from this text this morning. Texts P. M. Prov. 4. 18 & 19. Per. 23. 8.

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Dr. Baster's sermon from these texts was one that he delivered last day, but there being so few there, it was the request of many that he should repeat it, which he accordingly did today. He spoke to the young, & more especially to young men upon the danger & temptations of the Theatre, balls, plays &c. &c. all of which have a tendency to lead the mind astray from virtue to vice. He also spoke of light reading, such as novels, fictitious tales, romances & the like, all of which was very good & may many profit by the same.

Monday 8. Washed all alone Mary has a very lame wrist, which prevented her from helping me.

Tuesday 9. At home Mr. Baster spent the evening here.

Wednesday 10. Grandfather staid to dinner with us today. Had a long talk with dear mother this afternoon, which has led me to some very serious reflections, "Oh! why will sinners still strive against that grace which is so mercifully held out to them."

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why will they spend their precious time in thoughtless folly? how will they appear and what will they do when after spending their time and talents given them by their Creator, to turn to him & leave the world & its vanities, when all is spent in folly & thoughtlessness, how are they to appear before an awful judge, & no advocate to plead for them secured. The time was when a kind Saviour was offered to them, reasoning with them, "Why will ye die?" "Ask ye shall receive"; "Lick ye shall find." & still we still follow in their footsteps regardless of the warnings that are given us." Such are the words of Mrs. P. Graham & how true they are.

Mrs. Bates, Sarah & Maria

Page called here to night.

Thursday 11. called at Uncle E's. Mr. Baster called this evening.

Friday 12 called at Mr. Hallansber's. Maria Davis gave us a call.

Saturday 13. snowing all day. Had an invite to the Sing, did not go. Called on the one

Sabbath day, 14. At church all day, sermons by Dr. Baston. Text A.M. Rom. 12.2 P.M. Psalms 89. from the 30 to 33. The snow is quite deep a number of people were out with sleighs.

Monday, 15. At home all day Helen Metcalf is here

Tuesday, 16. Miss L. Spaulding called and gave us an invitation to her wedding Thursday eve. Susan & myself took a walk, callers in the evening.

Wednesday, 17. Rode to M — called at Mr. Whiskomb's, was introduced to the Misses W.B. Hatty called upon us. Oscar went to the street through Beach Hill.

Thursday, 18. At the wedding this eve quite a number of our acquaintances there, we left at 2 o'clock, had a ride around Ash Swamp square had a very pleasant ride.

Friday, 19. Called at Uncle's this eve M. G. A. Davis called

Saturday, 20. Aunt Martha came here this afternoon.

Sunday, 21st. A beautiful day, Oscar & myself walked up to the song this morn at church all day sermon A.M. by the Rev — Wilga text Matt. 18. 14. did not go to the sabbath school went with G. to Aunt Kieders. C. G. felt went with us, sermon by the Rev. Z.S. Baston text Prov. 9. 1st. after the sermon the report of of the S. S. was read the school during the past year has consisted of 350 scholars & teachers. Besides quite a large class taught in the west part of the town by the Misses Grimes there are also two other schools taught in different parts of the town. 1 teacher & 3 pupils have died during the year. Gov. Glade of V.S. lectures this evening, have not been.

Monday, 22. C. G. I. called to night & gave us an invitation to C. Wheatons wedding, which is to be tomorrow evening, callers this evening.

Tuesday, 23. At the wedding this eve quite a large company there I enjoyed it very well indeed! we came very nearly in contact with the cars, but we got along much better than I expected.

Wednesday 24. At home in the morning called upon Jane after tea. had a pleasant call. When thinking of the great danger we were in, and of the merciful kindness of Him who snatched us from that danger, how can we thank Him as we ought, how great is His mercy in watching over us & shielding us from such dangers, & how thankful should we be to Him.

Thursday 25.

Friday 26. Made a few calls. Mr. B. called wished me to commence my school next Monday.

Saturday 27. Went to Rev. E. Rockwoods this afternoon, next W. at 9 o'clock the teachers met to be examined. Oh how I dread to go. called at Joseph's when we came home. Aunt M. called here Susan has gone with her to Mrs. Fairbanks. paid 12 1/2 cts. for the Bible society.

Sunday 28. Have not been to church.

Monday 29. Commenced my school this morning, have 10 scholars. When I think of the responsibility that rests upon me, I can not help thinking of the good advice of Mr. Rockwood upon the duties of a teacher, Oh! if I was only competent to teach, how happy I should be.

Tuesday 30. In my school, have spent a very pleasant day with my scholars.

Wednesday May 1st. In school. Thought of going to be examined this afternoon, but the weather was so unfavorable, I did not go. when I got home I found several of my acquaintances at our house after tea we took a walk & was joined by the young gentlemen, Oscar has gone to Mr. Elliotts to fiddle to night, Susan & Mary G. F. spent the evening at Mr. J's. I have been to Mr. to a Temperance Lecture delivered by the Rev. Dr. Merrieth of Mass. Enjoyed it much.

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Thursday. 1st. In school.

Friday. 3. Took dinner with Mrs. Warner. commenced a maybasket for Erdely. this evening. Mr. R. & Dr. Selams. called in to my school, after school Dr. was examined.

Saturday. 4. In school. Finished my basket & went with Erdely to hang it. we had a nice time. the evening was so dark, Mr. Thurston came to the door we had a fine laugh, seeing him look to see who was at the door.

Sunday. 5. Very rainy. have not been to church.

Monday. 6. Rainy. the water is very high in the river. It overflowed its banks & the people in this village were in considerable danger of being washed away for some time, but the gentleman at length, succeeded in stopping it.

Tuesday. 7. In school. Mrs. John Grimes took tea with us, Ella spent the day with us. Callers in the evening.

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Wednesday. 8. In school all day. G. C. Whitcomb & J. H. Grant have gone to Brattleboro today they were married at the Stage House.

Thursday. 9. Rainy. In school.

Friday. 10th. In school. After school Susan & myself called at Mr. Wrights.

Saturday. 11th. My school does not keep today. Mary & Helen have gone to the street to make purchases. helped make a maybasket for cousin Helen to hang. Went to Uncle's after tea. took a walk with Aunt. called at Mr. Ayers as Pease home. Took a ride with Alva.

Sunday. 12. At church all day, sermon by the Rev. Dr. Barstow in the forenoon, text Eph. 5-25 & 26. afternoon sermon by Rev. Mr. Greeley of Haverhill N. H. text Acts. 17-31. a beautiful sermon.

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Monday 13. In school as usual.

Tuesday 14. Everline Dodge is working for mother this week.

Wednesday 15. In school. Aunt Martha & G. called after tea.

Thursday 16. In my school, rainy all day.

Friday 17. School.

Saturday 18. In my school. E. Dodge has gone home tonight. Ellen & Maria Davis called here.

Sabbath day 19. At church all day. Sermons by the Rev. Mr. — agent for the F. M. Society.
Text A. M. P. M.

Monday 20. In my school. I have 6 new scholars today my whole no. now is 29.

Tuesday 21st School. called at Uncles after tea. Dr. Jonas Twitchell had a shock of the palsy.

Wednesday 22. called in the evening. Dr. J. is very sick & can probably live but a short time.

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Thursday 23. In my school. After tea Mrs. G. Thatcher & Miss. C. Stone called & invited us to take a walk & we all started for a real ramble, we went up the hill by the house of Mr. H. we walked some ways on the road to Roxbury, after leaving the road we walked across several fields until at length we came to the hill formerly owned by St. Davis, now by Joseph Thatcher, where we had a view of the village, we descended the hill & walked home by the river side, we arrived at home about 8 o'clock, we were very tired & quite wet, but we were not so much fatigued as not to wish for another walk, for we planned another for next week, even longer than this.

Friday In my school, can it be possible that 4 weeks have passed away since I began my school? but so it is, never have the days & weeks passed so rapidly with me as the last 4 weeks & never more pleasantly. Rode to the street after tea with Father & Mary. went with M. to

Sunday, 4th. A beautiful day. Mrs. P. G. called, Susan & I called at Uncles.

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Saturday 25. Have not been in school today. Called at Mr. Davis' this eve the girls & Milton were at home. they showed us the house & grounds I think they have quite a pleasant place. we staid an hour perhaps & from there we went to the Pantheon of Mexico in the New Loan Hall, liked very well. had a very pleasant ride.

Sabbath-day 26 Have not been to church. Went to Mr. Pickering's to a sing this eve. had a very pleasant time.

Monday 27. In my school, had a very pleasant school today. Dr. Switchell died this morning about 3 o'clock.

Tuesday 28. Called upon Miss. Stone after tea. calls in the evening.

Wednesday 29. Susan has gone to Mrs. Nichols.

Thursday. In school. Went to the Wednesday 29. calls in the evening. Dr. is very sick & can probably live but a short time.

KHS 24

Saturday June 1st. 1850 In school all day. After tea Mary, Helen, Eliza & myself took a long walk. we called at Mr. B's. and staid a short time. after which we walked up to the ledges about 1/2 mile from there. we had the good fortune to find quite an assortment of flowers which we twisted into a bouquet for Mr. Thayer and presented him as we came home. But I must not forget to mention that there was a gentleman offered himself as an escort during our walk but other business of importance prevented his accompanying us. he however very kindly pointed out the road for us to take. we had a very pleasant walk indeed!!

Sabbath-day June 2. I have not been to church. to a sing at Mr. Page's at 5 o'clock

Monday 3. In school very warm.

Tuesday 4th. A beautiful day. Mrs. P-g called. Susan & I called at Nichols.

Wednesday, 5. Election day.

Alva & Betty took dinner with us, they took tea at Mr. Whitecombs, went to ride after dinner, had a very pleasant ride, came the best road home.

Maria & Augusta spent the afternoon with, Susan & Amy.

Thursday, 6. In my school as usual

Friday, 7. School. called at Ancks.

Saturday, 8. At home all day.

Sunday, 9. At church all day. Texts Gal. 6. 9 & Heb. 2. 1-3 verses. The singers met here at 5 o'clock had a very sing.

Monday, 10. In school

Tuesday. In my school, my first class in Geography are very much interested in map drawing. They have finished several very pretty ones. Oscar has gone to Holyoke to get him a place to work.

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Wednesday, 12. My birth day! How differently these words sound, from what they did in my younger days. then I thought only that I was an other year older, the years how long, but how different now; they seem hardly begun before they are gone. To me this day now awakes deep thoughts, how has time past been spent, & how is the future to be? Each day as it comes round brings with it its trials & its troubles. We need much patience for this year that is now before me & as it passes swiftly away may we be more & more strengthened to do every duty & may another birth day be less painful than the ones that have gone by.

"Swift years! but teach me to hear,
To feel and act with strength & skill,
To reason wisely, nobly dare—
Then speed your courses as ye will!"

Thursday 13. Sister Mary & the boys are here. Miss. Stone & Miss. Lyman called here after tea we took a walk, Oscar went with us, we had a very pleasant time, who does not like to take moonlight walks, if they do not stay till ten o'clock?

Friday, 14. Mary is very sick this morning she has had the Dr. Aunt Martha took tea with us. Oscar has gone to carry Aunt Mary home. Mrs. Pickering & sister and Mrs. Daft called I took a short walk with them.

Saturday, 15. At home all day Mary is rather better.

Sunday, 16. At church, a sing at Mr. Joslins.

Monday, 17. Aurelia & Eliza & Lucretia called here, we took a short walk. Eliza & myself have taken a new study, by the help of Oscar who is our only teacher we think we shall make great progress in it.

Tuesday, 18. Mr. & Mrs. J. Mrs. Gates & Ellen gave us a call. we went to see the cars go along, callers in the evening.

Wednesday, 19. I cannot write today. dear Oscar has gone to Holyoke to work went this morning, words can never tell what are my feelings. Oh how we shall miss him, every day I learned to love him more & more, I never knew untill today how well I loved him.

Thursday, 20. In my school.

Friday, 21. Mrs. P. Mrs. J. Lusan & Mr. A. Pickering visited my school this afternoon, went to the street after tea.

Saturday, 22. In school. Dear Oscar how I wish I could just look in upon you & see where you are and what you are doing but this cannot be, and I must try to be content with the decrees of Providence for they are just and right.

Sunday, 23. Have not been to church. Mr. Wrights to a sing. Mr. Russell played Oscars viol, did not think it sounded much as it does when he plays it.

Monday 24th. In school.

Tuesday 25 School took a short walk after tea.

Wednesday 26 Quite a party of us went to gather strawberries after tea. had very good success.

Thursday 27th In school, Susan has gone to a wedding today. Helen, Eddy & myself took a short walk.

Friday 28. In school.

Saturday 29. Have not been in my school today. called at lunch a few minutes.

Sabbath-day 30. Have not been to church. at a sing at lunch, it was so very warm it was almost impossible to sing.

Monday July 1st. 1850.

In my school as usual, wrote a few lines to my dear Oscar.

Tuesday 1. Father has several men at work, repairing the barn.

Wednesday 3 Quite rainy, In school as usual Susan received a letter from Oscar, which was read by us all with great interest.

Thursday 4th. Today closes the 74 year of the independence of America! & where are those who fought & bled for that freedom? how many anxious glances have been given to the clouds this morning they did indeed look very unfavorable in the morning, but soon they broke away and the sun shone forth in all its splendor and a more beautiful day we could never wish. I rode to Charlestown in the car had a very pleasant ride took dinner at C. after dinner we walked to the grove where the Sons of Temperance were celebrating, heard several of the Tracts & Gentlemen some were very good indeed, after staying some time we returned to the Hotel and took the cars for home at 5 o'clock, we spent a pleasant day.

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Friday 5. In school as usual, very warm.

Saturday 6. School. Susan went to see A.D. Aunt called here a short time.

Sabbath-day July 7. Have not been to church.

Monday 8. In school.

Tuesday 9. Went to the crossing to see the cars pass had a pleasant time was introduced to Miss. Tyler.

Wednesday 10. In my school as usual received a letter from Dear Oscar.

Thursday 11. called in the evening Mother was taken very sick last night better today.

Friday 12. Rode to the street with Alva made several purchases for my little scholars, how well I love them I did not think when I commenced my school that I should love my pupils as well. how I shall hate to part with them!

KHS 29

Saturday 13. As I sat myself this time to write my heretofore willing pen, almost refuses to do its duty, and well it may shrink from performing one so painful no words of mine can describe the feelings with which I attempt to write. This evening, William G. Wright and Albert Pashin went into the pond to bathe and as Albert could not swim, he was drowned, before assistance could be had, and although every means was used to restore life it was all in vain. His spirit had taken its flight and returned to God who gave it. well may we rejoice that we have the assurance that he is now among the ransomed that sit around the Throne of God. at some future time I shall write more upon the death of this young man, but my own feelings will not admit of it now.

Sunday 14. At church all day sermon by the Rev. E. H. Burston of Walpole Text in the afternoon by Rev. Text. The funeral of Albert is tomorrow at 10 o'clock at his father's at Stoddard.

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Monday. 15. A number of the people of this place have gone to Etadcland and among them Susan have not been, could hardly attend to the duties of my school today and for the first time was glad to part with my favorites and get home.

Tuesday. 16. In my school as usual. Susan came home tonight.

Wednesday. 17. School called to see Harkisher.

Thursday. 18. At school. When I call to mind Albert and the manner of his death, it seems all like a dream, can it be possible that he is gone, and shall I never see him again? the last time I saw him was the 4th, and little did I then think as I shook him by the hand, that day, and laughed and talked with him, that I should never see him again. Oh what a warning to us! a few moments before his death, he was as well and happy as we now are, and now he lies in his grave! Dear Friend Albert your memory is cherished by all that knew you, well

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may we say of him, "none knew him, but to love him"; but God in his providence has seen fit to remove him to a better and a happier world, and his friends are left to mourn his loss. And does it not speak a warning voice to all his impenitent friends, does it not say to us, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." He may call us with as little time to prepare for it as did Albert have, but we trust Albert is now where no sorrow or pain can ever come, and we would not wish to have him here to suffer and die again, we know that it is just and right that he should go now, and much as we loved him we submit to that hand that guides and watches over all.

Friday. 19. Eliza Ann closes her school today very rainy indeed, wished very much to be present to her examination, but could not be there, called to see her after school.

Saturday. 20. Rainy, close my school to have a vacation for one week.

Sabbath day. 21. At church. Miss Mary Lyman died yesterday. Mr. Barston spoke of her in her sermon this morning, she lived a humble and devote christian and well may her friends follow in her footsteps.

Monday. 22. called at Mr. Justin's and Uncle Edwin's.

Tuesday 23. Rode to Marlboro with Alva.

Wednesday 24. called to get Mrs. Goff, cut me a dress. received a letter from Oscar.

Thursday 25. Mr. & Mrs. Richardson of Rochester, and Mrs. Reyes called here.

Friday. 26. Had my dress fitted this morning & called to see Mr. & Mrs. Russell at Mr. W's. went to the street with Enson called at Mrs. Nichols.

Saturday 27. At home in the morning in the afternoon. Alva, James, Mary & myself went to Marlboro to pick blueberries. we went to Mr. Aaron Stone's, Eliza went out with us, we stopped and took tea with her, had a first rate time,

Sabbath day 28. No one not been to church since all day.

Monday. 29. In my school as usual.

Tuesday. 30. Took dinner at Mrs. Warner's.

Wednesday. 31. In school, passed a very happy day.

Thursday. August 1st. Fast one year today, we spent this day at Nelson. Oh! that was a happy day! but how changed are things since then.

Friday. 2. Came home from school and found Mrs. Nichols & Jane Gowns here, walked as far as C. Wheatons with them made a call there enjoyed it very much.

Saturday. 3. In my school

Sunday. 4. At church all day. Every one must bear disappointments, we know this, but there are those that it seems very hard to bear, but still we must not expect to pass through this ever changing world without them.

Monday. 5. In my school today, it has been a long, long day for me, yet why should we repine at the ways of Providence we know that the trials sent us here, are to fit us better, for the joys above, and if we make that use of them that we ought, they will make us both wise and happy.

Tuesday. 6. In school. went to Mr. Hollanshie's to dinner.

Wednesday. 7. School, rainy.

Thursday. 8. Mrs. Page and Sarah spent the P.M. with our people.

Friday. 9. School.

Saturday. 10. no school today. Mrs. Doft came over and swung with me, Susan and myself walked home with her and we piled up wood.

Sunday. 11. Have not been to church.

Monday. 12. In my school.

Tuesday. 13. School. went to dinner at Mrs. Warner's.

Wednesday. 14. School. Uncle & Aunt Metcalf are here.

Thursday. 15. Called at Mr. Page's a few moments. Amos & wife & little girl are there.

Friday. 16. Came home from school and found Mrs. B. Thacher, Mrs. J. & Mrs. G. & Miss. S. Thacher spending the afternoon here, had a very pleasant time with them. Susan received a letter from Oscar tonight.

Saturday. 17. In school Mary and I took tea with Mrs. G. she, Ann & Ella came home with us.

Sabbath day. August. 18. At church all day. Mr & Mrs. Barston have gone away, sermons by the Rev. Mr. Orent. Texts A.M. Romans 8:28. James 2:14 P.M. Deut. 10:11. - 11. subjects faith. liked the sermons very much indeed!

Monday. Aug. 19. In my school

Tuesday. pleasant. school

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Wednesday 21. A fire at the street today did not keep school in the morning took dinner with Mrs. Hollanaher, school in the afternoon.

Thursday 22. Very busy preparing for my examination tomorrow. went to the street Mrs. J. & Ann are here.

Friday 23. My examination this morn but a very few in Messrs. Rockwood & Adams were both in, my scholars were everything I could wish, them to be, quiet and orderly in their department, and punctual in their recitations. At the close of school the scholars sang - The Parting Song very prettily indeed! The committee both spoke well to the scholars and praised it even more than I had expected. And what is there more cheering when we have been tiring for a long time, and striving for improvements, than to have it said to us that "we have done well," to a teacher it is surely something. The afternoon was spent in a walk to the pine woods where we ate our supper, and then returned to the school room once more. None but a teacher that has

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been placed in a pleasant school, with kind and dutiful pupils, can analyse my feelings as I bade farewell to those dear little ones, that have been under my care for the past sixteen weeks, the time has past swiftly and most pleasantly away, & were I to visit all the schools in N.H. I think I could not find better pupils in any of them, always kind, ever ready to do just as I would wish them, dear pupils your memories ^{are} and will ever be very dear to me, and my earnest prayer to Heaven is that when our labors all are over here that we may all meet together around the throne of God above there to dwell in one unbroken school of love, and in the words of our "little song" we have sung so many times together I must close my book for to night.

And when long, we both have slumbered,
Lied by side in common dust;
With thy ransomed people numbered,
With the assembly of the just, —
Child and teacher,
Pavior, and our humble trust.

A. R. & E. Hancock spent the afternoon here.

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Saturday 24. At home all day.

Sabbath day 25. At church all day.

Monday 26. G. Beckwith called and paid me for teaching \$36.00.

Tuesday 27. Went berrying in the morning. Matty Fisher took tea with us, called at Mr. Champans.

Wednesday 28. Went to the Lecture and went home with aunt Kidder, E. Linemore & C. P. Belt called in the evening, spent the night there.

Thursday 29. made some purchases in the morning called at Uncle Metcalfe's, in the afternoon visited Fanny Sturtevant's school, called at Mr. Muchmore's & J. Davis after tea at Mr. Esty's and Mr. Huntly's.

Friday 30. Called at Grandfather's & Mr. Cook's in the morning took dinner at uncle D.D. after tea Martha, Sarah & myself called at Mr. Hutchins to see Susan. spent the night with Matty.

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Saturday 31. Called to see L. Sturtevant took dinner at Mr. Dwinell's, visited N. H. Grimes school in the afternoon, walked home after tea rather tired on the whole.

September 1st. 1850 Sabbath day.
Have not been to church today, wrote a letter to Oscar.

Monday 2. at home Mary & I sent O. some books marks.

Tuesday 3. Home, sewing.

Wednesday 4. School commenced at the Academy, Helen and cousin Martha attended.

Thursday 5. At home all day.

Friday 6. Spent the afternoon at Uncle Ed's.

Saturday 7. At home.

Sunday 8. Have not been to church reading "Iddo."

Monday 9. At home. Aunt M. called.

Tuesday, 10. At home part of the day called at Mr. Shatchers with J. A. & P. C. Nichols. spent the afternoon with Anne Goss had a very pleasant time. wrought a book mark for Aunt Amanda.

*Wednesday, 11. At home.

Thursday, 12. At home. had an application

Friday, 13. Called at Uncles to teach a short school in Dis. No. 4. Swaney.

Saturday, 14. Home sweet home.

Sabbath day, 15. At church all day & to the Sabbath school. A meeting at Mr. J. Shachers at five o'clock sermon by the Rev. G. Robbins liked it very well.

Monday, 16. At home.

Tuesday, 17. A meeting of the Agricultural Society all gone but me & mother. Martha spends the night with Helen. the girls spend the evening at Mr. Davis.

Friday, 18. Very busy sewing all day for Mother.

Saturday, 19. At home received a letter from Eliza Ann with which I was very much pleased.

Sunday, 20. At church all day. Sermon in the forenoon by the Rev. Abram Jenkins of Pittsborough Sept. 1st. P. M. by the Rev. — — — Sept. 1st. Oct. 1st. 18. a beautiful discourse!

Monday, 21. Commenced my school in Dis. No. 4. Dea. Reed introduced me to the school liked very well, a beautiful room carpeted and all so new and nice everything seemed provided for our enjoyment & comfort, how I do hope I shall have good success. took dinner at Mrs. Reed's after school Mrs. Reed called and took me to ride, called to see Edna, had a very pleasant call. she left me at Mr. Rockwoods which for the present is my boarding place.

Tuesday 22. In my school.

Wednesday 23. School. attended the Lyceum in

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the evening at the Academy. the question for debate; Which has won the greatest laurels the pen or the sword, Disputants D. H. Ward & G. H. Read, Mr. Barrett & L. Long.

liked very well, spent the night with Edna & Mary Read.

Wednesday 26. Rainy all day.

Thursday 27. Rainy. a very hard thunder storm this evening. Had a present of an Arithmetic from J. W. Prentiss.

Saturday 28. A beautiful morning indeed I almost wish I was going home today if I do not quite. went home to spend the Sabbath.

Sabbath 29. At church all day sermon in the morning by Rev. A. Jenkins in the P. M. by the Rev. Mr. of Nashua a beautiful discourse as I have ever listened to in my life.

Monday 30. Boarding at Mr. E. Stanes

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Tuesday 1st. Oscar came up on the stage so night, I rode up with him. we were all very much pleased to see him.

October 2nd. At home - winter day. very rainy all day the gentleman only went.

Thursday 3. Oscar brought me to my school this morning. I had much rather be at home than here. Gymn. in the evening.

Friday 4. School went in to see Aunt Rachel this noon school does not keep to morrow Francis carried me home.

Saturday 5. At home all day Mary & Helen have had their miniatures taken.

Sunday 6. Have not been to church.

Monday. Oscar fetched me to school this morn hope I shall see him again before he returns to Holyoke. Mr. Healeys is my boarding place this week.

Tuesday 8. Town meeting day. School went very well today.

Wednesday. 9. Took tea at Mr. Garbushers in company with Mrs. Brown, Twinell, Read & Healey. an invitation to go to the Lyceum, did not go.

Thursday. 10. School. In the evening A. W. Wright gave a lecture in the Academy building. P. Read gave me an invite to go but it was not convenient for me to attend.

Friday. 11. School Mrs. Blackwood & Healey visited school this afternoon.

Saturday. 12. Another week has gone & my school is up through, the days & weeks seem hardly begun before they are past. went home to spend the Sabbath.

Sabbath-day. 13. Have not been to church the funeral of Mrs. Maria Shepherdson was today at G. Thachers, her remains were carried to Marlboro to be buried.

I went with Uncle to Marlboro to hear Mr. Andrews preach, his discourse was very solemn & impressive his text was Amos. 4. 12. "Prepare to meet thy God."

Monday. 14. Oscar came to school with me this morning. commenced boarding at Dr. Pagis, found a very pleasant place & room in readiness for me think I shall like very much.

Tuesday. 15. School. Took a walk after tea. Had a first rate walk. D. L. H. called to see me he thinks of going to Mass. on a visit to be gone a week, hope he will have a pleasant time.

Wednesday. 16. At school all day. knitting a hood for Anna Healey.

Thursday. 17. School. called at Mr. Blacks in the evening. Mrs. Hildreth called with me.

Friday. 18. Raining. Mr. Page carried me home to night after tea. Oscar's face is almost well he returns to Holyoke Monday.

Saturday. 19. At home E. Dodge is dress making. Here had a dress fitted, whole cost of the dress 2.69 ct.

Sabbath. 21. Did not attend church

Monday 22. Oscar returned to Holyoke
this morning, commenced boarding at
Mr. Beads this week.

Tuesday. 22. Pleasant school all day.

Wednesday. 23. Mr. Bead is at home
today, went to the Lyceum with her in
the evening, had a very pleasant time.

Thursday. 24. Company in school.

Friday. 25. Went to Mr. Kimball's to dinner

Saturday. 26. In school all day Mary is at
home again.

Sabbath day. 27. Spent the Sabbath at
Dea. Bead's. Mr. Lyman preached Text
A. M. P. M.

Monday. 28. Went home and spent the
night, Eliza Whitecomb & Mrs. Devinell
spend the afternoon at Mr. Beads.

Tuesday. 29. Returned to my school this morn
Mrs. Devinell & Aunt Rachel visited my
school this afternoon, Aunt R. says she
should not have gone had it been any
one else, but she thought so much of me
she went, very kind I think. Went to be
examined this eve.

Wednesday. 30. School, at the Lyceum in
the evening, had a very pleasant time.

Thursday. 31st. School, only one day more!
Annual Meeting of the Ladies Meshoon
Society this evening, at Keene did not go,
had an invitation to go to the society
meeting in Swanzey, but did not attend.

Friday. November 1st. 1850.

Examination day
passed off very well 19 visitors in all.
It does not seem possible that the six
weeks allotted for my school has passed
so rapidly away, but so it is and I can
more bid my pupils adieu, and leave them
O. when shall I meet them all again!
perhaps not till the judgement day

Oh that they may all grow up useful members of society and prepare for Heaven is my sincere wish. How well I have done my duty is not for me to decide I have ever had, or tried to have that mostly in my mind, and hope I have done it at least in part, and what I have left undone, I trust will be forgiven.

Saturday. 2. At home, Hatty & Mary Willis spent the afternoon here we spent the evening at Uncle Edwin's.

Sabbath day. 3 At church all day. sermons by E. S. Barstow D. D.

Monday. 4. Washed all alone

Thursday. 5. At home all day, called at Uncle Edwin's in the evening

Wednesday. 6. At home, Susan has gone to Uncle Abigail's. Mary has gone to the lecture I wanted to go but could not and so staid at home

Thursday. 7. Susan came home to night. Mr. & Mrs. Binney came here & spent the afternoon. I had a very pleasant visit with them. Dea. Binney talked very well to us, told us of the precious promises, made to the young in the Bible, such as, "Those that seek me early shall find me" he said, it does not say, may or can but shall. Oh! they are indeed precious promises and all would find them so, would they only appreciate them as they ought.

~~Friday~~ day. 8. Mary & I spent the evening at Mr. Pickering's. I visited Mr. Grimes' School. Jane Towns went also, liked very much

Saturday. 9. Susan & myself called at Mrs. Lates & P. Whatehurs. Sis went home & I called at Mr. Ayer's.

Sabbath day. 10. At church all day, sermons by E. S. Barstow D. D. and beautiful ones they were too. Text A. M. P. M. went to Uncle Richard's with E. & only Livermore at noon.

Monday. 11. Washed with the new kind of soap, liked it very much, think it is quite an improvement; visited the school at Swaney Factory this afternoon, saw most all my little pupils they have quite a good school I think, should think they have got a good, faithful teacher, called at Mrs. Hollands & Warner's, Mrs. Nichols & family spent the evening with us.

Tuesday. 12. A party from Branchville, have gone to Mr. Grimes this evening, have not been; wanted to go though had enough. spent the evening at home in company with myself, called at Mrs. Nichols, she is going to move to Hillsboro tomorrow, Alva has given George Alva, a little love of a hat for his name

Wednesday. 13. Mary and myself have been to the lecture this afternoon. Examination of the school at Marlboro today and an expedition this evening have not been

Thursday. 14. A spelling school this eve I have been had a first-rate time too,

Friday. 15. Alva, Gilman, Susan and I have been to Mr. Whitcomb's this evening had a very pleasant time I suppose, Had it not been for some few things that have taken place I might have enjoyed it too.

Saturday. 16. Went to the street this morning and made several purchases, had my miniature taken, paid \$1.00 received \$1.45 from E. Stone for netting Ellen's hood. Oh dear! can it be that I have been at home two weeks it seems hardly possible yet so it is, and this afternoon I go to Swaney again, called at Mr. Page's rec. \$1.50 for netting hood. Called at Dea. Reads. thought I should never arrive at H. Scrabble but did after a long time.

Sabbath-day 17. Stormy all day have not been to church to day it has been a long day to me.

Monday. 18. commenced my school this morning with 14 scholars.

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Tuesday, 19. In my school, a very pleasant day two new scholars, my whole number now is 16!! the oldest is 21 & the youngest 4 years old.

Wednesday, 20. In school - a pleasant day.

Thursday, 21. School. my boarding place is at Mr. Cross' and a first-rate one it is.

Friday, 22. School a little stormy to day. W^m and John have been here to night.

Saturday 23. In school. pleasant.

Sabbath-day, 24. At church all day sermons by Rev. D. G. Mason, Text A. M. James 1st 23, 24 & 25 verses. read the 12th chapter of Luke. P. M. read the 8 chapter of Romans. Text 1st Cor. 3. 11.

Monday, 25. In school. rainy.

Tuesday 26. School.

Wednesday 27. Father came down tonight and carried me home.

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Thursday 28. Thanksgiving day. At home very rainy all day, wrote a letter to Oscar this morning. It does not seem much like Thanksgiving, and as Mother says, it has been a long, lonesome day. Susan is gone, and Oscar is gone and it does not seem much like home.

Friday, 29. Came to my school this morning rainy all day, found my scholars just thinking about going home.

Saturday, 30. In school J. C. visited the school this afternoon.

Sunday, Dec. 1st. very pleasant and quite warm. at church all day. sermons by D. G. Mason. He read in the morning the 28. of Genesis. Text, Gen. 28. 16 & 17.

In the afternoon St. Luke 12 chapter. Text Luke 12. 33 verse.

Monday, 2. In school very pleasant.

Tuesday, 3. School. stormy. Jane Jackson spent the night with me.

Wednesday 4th. In my school. spent the evening at Mr. Jackson's was introduced to Mrs. Leonard & Miss Julia Jackson.

Thursday 5th. School. Wrote a letter to Susan

Friday 6th. In school.

Saturday 7th. School all day

Sabbath-day 8th. Jane Jackson came down and went to church with me served by D. G. Mason. A. M. Mat. 7 Chapter Texts Mat. 7. 29 & 33.

P. M. 5 Chapter of Acts commencing at the 1st verse Texts Titus 3. 1st. & Acts 5. 29.

Sermon this afternoon upon the "Fugitive Slave Law." Mr. Mason founded his discourse upon three points,

First. It is violating the command of God to do to others as we would that they should do to us.

Second. It is a violation of the Law called "man stealing."

Third. God forbids oppression.

Fourth. God commands us to protect the poor and needy. Is the slave poor and needy? A very good discourse.

Monday 9th. In my school, had a little trouble with Bradley.

Tuesday 10th. In school. Mr. & Mrs. Hunt spent the evening here.

Wednesday 11th. In school. -

Thursday 12th. In my school.

Friday 13th. School as usual

Saturday 14th. In school all day, very tired.

Sunday 15th. At Church all day sermons by Rev. D. G. Mason Text.

Monday 16th. In school all day.

Tuesday 17th. School

Wednesday 18th. A beautiful day, and evening Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson, spent the evening here

Thursday 19. Very stormy, had made my calculations to go home to night, but the storm prevented.

Friday 20. No school today, Alva & Eddy came down, and took me home, had a very pleasant ride. Orrin took a walk this morning. F. & E. have gone to the Canal.

Saturday 21st. At home all day called at Uncle's in the evening.

Sunday 22. have not been to church. Aunt Richard came home with Susan this noon. Went to the singing school this evening, liked very much indeed!!

Monday 23. Very stormy, did not return to my school as I expected this morning, at home all day.

Tuesday 24. At home in the morning, in the afternoon I returned to Luanrey.

W. & J. came to see me.

Wednesday 25. Went into my school again today, I think if I can judge any from appearances that my scholars were very pleased to see me again.

Thursday 26. On my school

Friday 27. On school

Saturday 28. On my school, a very pleasant day, but rather cold.

Sunday 29. Very stormy, have not been to church, a very long, lonesome day, wished very much I could have been at church.

Monday 30. On school, have some cold. spent the night at Mr. Jackson's.

Tuesday 31. School. Wm. & John have been here

Wednesday January 1st, 1851.

On my school
I was greeted as soon as I came to the school-house by, "I wish you a happy new year", from many happy voices, dear pupils could your days be as happy as I wish them they would indeed be very happy. Another year begun, and with it, comes the birth day of this volume, can it be that it is a whole year since I commenced to write in it, it seems hardly possible. Spent the evening at Mr. E. Snow's.