"Tis Home where the heart is, wherever that be,
In city, in desert, on mountain, in dell, in stream,
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."
January, 1850. As I bent 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 Year's gift, and in return for the beautiful gift, would render him my heartfelt thanks, and kind wishes. The New Year's day is one of interest to all. To the child, this day is one that brings gifts and play. To the youth, the ever-lightening dreams of life, no cloud lowers upon their sunny path, and 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 happy days, have long since passed away. The opening year that meets us all, with some well educated to one 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...
Tuesday Jan. 1st. I rode to the store this morning and purchased several new year presents. Patsie Richob is sewing for Susan. Mrs. Reed and Luther 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 these kind friends who have so kindly extended their pleasant wishes to me. May every shore in mine.

Wednesday Jan 2nd. At school all day. Came home in school. Spent the evening at home with company. Dined. Thompson died this evening.

Thursday Jan. 3rd. No school all day. Spent a very pleasant evening at Mrs. W. St. Hutchings. Singing school at Woodrig, in company with folks.

Friday Jan. 4th. At school in the forenoon, no school this afternoon. The funeral of Mr. Thompson this afternoon. Attended a Reading meeting at the school house this evening.

Saturday Jan. 5th. No school today. Drove to Amherst, called on Helen, visited with my sister. Saw a living at Mrs. Wright's in the evening. George Thompson died this morning.

Sunday Jan. 6th. At church all day. Sermon by J. G. Boston P. D. Luncheon Dec. 3rd. Mod. death during the year 1832-33.

6 more than any year before, since the settlement of this town. 13 were heads of families, 18 under three years of age, 34 under ten, 15 over 60 years of age. 12 over seventy, 3 between 50 & 50. From all these, 50, only 3 were members of any religious denomination. Afternoon call at John H. 35. Mrs. Thompson joined the first Congregational church by grass since Whale 13 of deaths in this town since 1828. Boston city here is 1853.

Monday Jan. 7th. At school in the afternoon. Called at Mr. Hodge's in the evening. Brother Cole spent the night with me. An oyster supper at 8:10.
Tuesday 8th. At school all day. Dear return to this morning, Adeline has gone to Hillsboro, J. Nichols has gone with him.

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

Thursday 10th. At home in the morning, at school in the afternoon & evening. Several of the young people of the village have gone to Hillsboro this day.

Friday 11th. At school all day.

Saturday 12th. At school all day, Uncle Williams, Aunt Amadea & the cousins May, cousin Elliot, and aunt May, spent the afternoon here, company in the evening, an arithmetic school this evening, have not attended it. Ellen is quite unwell.

Sunday 13th. At Church all day, to the Sabbath school, Germans by 2 S. Boston P.B. kept foremost. Afternoon 8:10. Afternoon School 8-12, a temperance lecture by the Rev. P.B. Mason.

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 Betty Willi, and in so doing, memory wanders to the happy, happy hours we spent at Hillsboro. Shall we ever again meet those dear friends, who met in that old school room, and with whom the hours flown golden wings away last autumn? Perhaps on earth we may not all meet again, but may we all meet in the land.

Tuesday 15th. School all day. Susan has been to the street this afternoon. Company in school 8-9. Mason.

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

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

Friday 18th. At school all day, company in school 8-10. Amended 8:10. Afternoon School 8-12, a meeting of the Common School Association at the
school house this evening. The meeting was called to order by B. C. Thompson. Singing by the scholars, some led our way with the school song. An account of the school by Mr. Hunter, in which he stated his whole 43
of school ages 27 average 15. 28 Absences.

Friday 20, Han. John Runtis made a few remarks. The proceedings of the last meeting was then read by A.J. Cook. Esq. Remarks were then made by Han. I. Runtis. He commenced by congratulating the District upon the very pleasant and bountiful fare the mentioned Geography was 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 
Vv. Major. Reading of the paper by Mr. Hillman on Old Times. Singing, Tune.

Dio. The Blast May Blow. Remarks by "N. B. Marshall & F. B. " Classification of maps by the scholars, singing Tune. Canada
Boot Song. Mr. Cook made the meeting
he adjourned at 8 1/2 o'clock.

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

Saturday 19. At school today, at home in the morning.

Sunday 20. At church all day. Went a.M.


24. His readiness to instill his principles into all around him.

34. 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 afternoon. 14 Visits.

Home not been to school this afternoon.

Seen to Larry, visited Wm. H. Williams School.
Thursday, 14th. Today, a hand some 12 miles, planned a long ride to Brattleboro; one hopes that this day would be as beautiful as was yesterday; were we fully started, and not until we were fairly started were we conscious of the pleasantess of the day. 8 o'clock found us on our way; we passed through Home to Chesterfield, called at the Tavern occupied by M. Head, 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, to the same M. 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.

We were soon doing honors to the dinner set before us, after finishing our repast we repaired to the parlour, where we amused ourselves with reading, & chatly until nearly 4 o'clock after taking a short walk, with Miss Brooks. We returned to the Tavern, & seating ourselves once more in the sleigh (which by the way was a splendid sleigh drawn by 4 horses) we were soon on our way home, we passed from B. to Somerset, 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. Kings, but not finding Miss. Dobin we returned after tea we again commenced our ride, passing from Winchester, we entered Swanz & from there Salem our native town.

We found A. E. McAulay, B. H. Willis, A. G. Chase, W. D. Town, J. Dustin F. S. Williams, C. D. Williams, W. E. Woodworth, J. Dustin S. Brooks, A. H. Nason & W. H. Williams 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
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Monday 28. A home in the morning. commenced work for Uncle Edwin today, came here at noon.

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