

Jan 1st 1850

This is the first day of the New Year and to day
I commence my first school in Mississippi & may
I be prospered in my undertakings and may I
be faithful in performing my duties to those
that are entrusted to my care, and may God
bless my efforts and may his blessing rest upon
me & that my life and health be spared while
I am separated from those dear ones at home and may
we be permitted to meet here again on earth but
if not may we spend the few remaining day that
we have to spend on earth in such a manner that
we may all meet at the right hand of God there to spend
as recommending eternally in singing his praises forever.
I commenced my school today with eight scholars five
from Mr Mac Nuttall including Susan two from Mr
Campbell's one from Mrs Colwell. the coldness of the
weather prevented more from coming. In this morning
I expect we went over to the school room about nine
o'clock and found them not quite ready for us to
commence we waited about an hour when the hands
lift and we commenced operations, dismissed about
four o'clock and went home and spent the evening in
writing to Cousin "Lizzie" & after playing on my Melodeon
a short time before I commenced writing. After prayers
I retired for the night.

I and ^{and} had ^{two} new scholar another
today went to school and had ^{two} new scholar another
from Mrs Colwell and one from Mr Campbell's things went
much as they did the first day the weather on times cold
yet came home and played on my Melodeon until supper
was ready after supper finished I almost finished my
letter to Cousin "Lizzie". After prayers I wrote a little while
I retired a little of the day.

Jan 3rd

Went to school had two new scholars from Mrs Watson
day past much soiday before did some work came home
played on my Melodeon a little while after supper sat down
and finished my letter to Cousin Lizzie and began one
to Aunty Lough a little of the time I retired.

Jan 4th

We have not had any rain this week since Sabbath night
went to school had four new scholars from Mr Mac Nally.

which makes seventeen different ones I have had this week some that I expected have not come in yet expect more next week day past as usual came home and spent playing and eating my supper at dawn and finished my letter to Aunty tonight hope to go and see sister tomorrow if pleasant Jan 5th

I rose this morning and found it very pleasant I washed and combed my hair and got ready for breakfast after breakfast I got ready to go to town Mary got ready and we had Lucy and Charley saddled and little afternoon we started for Camden we had rode but after a little way when we were joined by Miss Frances Burns who was going to town and so we went in to gether Miss Frances Breen was very lively and wanted to "quilt fast" but we got into town safely about half past ten we spent the day at Mr Purviances with sister Miss Frances stopped at Mr Schrocks she came over to see sister about her coach and sat a short time and then went back she came over again in the afternoon and wanted Mary and myself to stay all night and go home when she went in the morning we went up to the store and made a few purchases among the things I bought was a cluster breast pin which I purchased and gave to sister Iubert as her Christmas present after which we went back to the Purviances when we concluded to stay all night so sister wrote a note to Mrs Mac Murtry and I hid it around Charleyricks and then turned him and Lucy loose and they went sailing they got home before dark it began to sheet just as they started and as evening closed in it began to storm hard after spending the evening in reading and talking we retired, Jan 6th

When we awoke we could not tell whether it was pleasant or stormy but in a short time the rain poured upon the roof so we concluded it was not clear we arose and found it very unpleasant so we could not get to church went to breakfast and after it was over we spent the day in talking singing and reading a little it did not seem to me like the holy Sabbath I have not been to meeting since I left my dear home a little while after Timbo came with Lucy and Pompey for us to go home with it was still unpleasant but it had stopped raining so we put our things on and started Timbo going before us to Stath.

care of the horses if they get frightened we get home
safely and soon after we get home it commenced raining
very hard and it continued rain in showers during the
night accompanied with a great deal of thunder and
lightning. Jan 7th

When I arose this morning it had ceased raining
but it was still cloudy after breakfast I did a few
odd jobs and then got ready and started for school
found the creek very full but we got there without
any difficulty but soon after we got there it commenced
raining but it soon stopped and it cleared off all of
my scholars was not present as the weather was so
unfavorable the two Boston girls were not there all of
the rest were the day passed much as usual. It was
very warm this morning after so much thunder last night
but this evening it is cooler.

Jan 8th
When I arose this morning the sky was again
overcast and it looked as if we might have rain
soon but it cleared off and this evening it is pleasant
went to school and had five new scholars
two from Mr Garrett's live from Mr Aspleys and
one from Mrs Colwell's making twenty two I
have had all were present to day hope they will
be regular in their attendance coming home
from school to night I saw a flock of
wild turkeys the first I ever saw I hope to see
a deer some day Jane Campbell came home
with the children from school to spend the
night we got home a little before five I spent
the evening in writing and knitting

Jan 9th
I arose this morning and found it very pleasant
dressed myself and went to breakfast about half
past eight I started for school found most of my
scholars there day passed as usual closed school
a little past four when I got home found that Mrs
Mc Murtry had been to Camden and had brought
me a note from sister I am very glad to get it I feel
down in spirits when I think of her leaving and going further
from me

Jan 10th

The sky was overcast with clouds when I arose this morning but I thought they would soon disperse went to school but it did not clear away at noon it rained and continued to shower during the afternoon I left my overshoes at home and also my umbrella so was obliged to come in the wet shoes and drenched my feet before school sooner than usual as the children might get home before dark commenced a letter to Ann & my other evening spent the last part in writing I cannot make it seem as if it was nearly the middle of Jan and such mild weather.

Jan 11th

went to school as usual all my scholars are at recess in the morning Amanda Watson complained of feeling sick and so I let her with her sister go home it had cleared off and we have had a lovely day and a very pleasant evening only there is not any moon came from school Mr & Mrs. Williams are going to write this evening.

Jan 18th

I arose early this morning and dressed myself ready to start for Camden where I was going to assist sister in making her dress and as there was a show to be there and as the children was going I did not get as early started as I wished and so I waited for them and Mrs. McMurtry went so we went in to gether, Mrs. McMurtry with Louise or Carley myself and Emily or Lucy and Mary with Susan on their Uncle Robert's Carley we started and got there safely found quite a little company at Mr. Durvances, and thy said sister and myself must go to the Menagerie to see the wild animals so we included to go as we had never been there yet was fifty cents half price for children we went on I was very glad I did go I was very much pleased to see the wild beasts of the different countries we walked around and viewed them as much as we pleased. Some beautiful birds and the animals

were not looking I did not ride on the cliff
neither did I like the looks of the man going into
the cave with the lion and tiger it was fright-
ful to see him after that show was over there was another
and we did not think that we should go in but
Dr Smith gave us all tickets so we went in and was
very much disappointed as it turned out to be the
Ethiopian Serenades it was very silly and ridiculous
to see white men try to look like black and talk
like them, we left our horses in Camden and went on
to the ground and we were very glad we did as soon
of the horses called badly and some ladies were sent
off the horses when we reached Mr Purvis
we found letters one for me from Mr & E. Cook
Feeling that of January first we very much pleased
to hear from him and to hear that his health remained
good and one from sister Mary dated Decr
20th it contained the sad news of Uncle William
Carpenter's death and also of Happa Arey's death was
very much surprised to hear of her death it was very
shudden we soon mounted our horses and Lucy was
quite lively & she wanted to go very fast and when I
told her in she would like to dance but we all got
home safely and was very tired with our 8 days performance

Jan 13th
Again it is the Sabbath day and I am again forced
to stay at home as none go from here to day Oh if I
could only just go home Sabbath days and have our
dear minister preach I should be so glad it is a cloudy
day I spent the morning in reading the memoir of Dr. Jay
found it very interesting and spent time before noon some
Indians called they Capt John and his daughter
and her daughter and her daughter four generations
just about time dinner was ready sister Sarah and
Mr Samuel Melton called and took dinner they had
been out to the springs to attend a fair they left some
of the wine and I spent the remainder of the day in
reading and talking.

Jan 14th

Arose and prepared for breakfast after breakfast
got ready and started for school found three new
scholars Mr O Bains children Mr McMurphy was
fixing the school room so did not commence school until
seven o'clock closed school at night got home
found Mr William McMurphy had got home.
Washington McRay, does not go to school I am said
he was not coming any more spent the evening in
reading & knitting. Jan 15th

Went to school as usual found a new scholar Mary
Ann Cobb which makes twenty six that I have had
day past & much as usual closed school in eve-
ning Mr McMurphy has left again to be gone two or
three weeks going to begin a letter to sister Elizabeth
it is a rainy. Jan 16th

Since this morning found it cloudy prepared for
school just before I got ready to go to school.
It commenced rain very hard so we had rather
a damp time to go to school. got there covered
school had a new scholar Sarah Timmer, day past
as usual it was cloudy all day but did not rain
after we got to school came home with my letter to
sister Elizabeth. Jan 17th

Cloudy went to school as usual have only twenty six
scholars Mr O Bains Mr Garrard and Mrs Waters come
not in on account of the weather I presume had a
very heavy shower a short time before I closed school
but it was over when school closed Sarah Timmer must
have got very wet I should think came home & was
phased on my Melodeon a short time after supper
I threw myself on the bed and took a book and read a
little Mrs McMurphy came in and sat a little time
after prayers I retired.

Jan 18th
Arose this morning found it still damp & without foggy,
went to school had only twenty Mary Cobb Sarah Pinner
Mrs Watson, Mr Ashley and Hugh Caldwell were
absent, day past much as usual. James Campbell
came into school a short time before it closed.
came part way home and was joined by Mrs Mc
and Miss Mc Murtry, I sewed read and bathed
home and now am writing.

Jan 19th
Arose this morning and soon Mrs Mc Murtry came
and asked me if I wished to write to sister for anything
as she was going to start snowed off for the very soon
as I went to breakfast he started and did not get back
until nearly eleven when sister came was very glad to see
her shortly after she arrived it commenced raining and
continued the remainder of the day and evening in the P.M.
Mr Burns called to see sister about going out in his
neighborhood to teach school I hardly think she will go
spent the evening in talking.

Jan 20th
Again the Sabbath day is here and am obliged to stay away
from church have not been to church since I left my
dear home sister is still with me it is very rainy we
stayed in our room a great part of the day and bathed
it thundered and lightened a great deal in the evening
the creeks must be very full.

Jan 21st
Arose this morning with a severe pain in my head
has continued ^{all} most of the day more or less went to
school as usual found the creek very full but not so full
but what we could pass I got nearly there was joined
by Mr Robert Mc Murtry he went to the school house and
started my fire for me and then left sister started
early for her school in company with Mr J. Mc Murtry
but they found the creek so high that they could not
ford and was obliged to turn back and sister came and
stayed with me at my school in the afternoon my scholars
were not all in Mary Campbell, the Ocains, Gerrard, Watson,

Mary Ann Cobb & Sarah Kimmer were absent, washing
the Hay afternoon pleasant and the evening very pleasant
sister and myself are writing to sister Nancy

Jan 22

Drove this morning and finished a letter to sister
Nancy for sister Juliet to take over to town to
office sister started for Camden about eight o'clock
I started for school a little before nine day passed
as usual scholars all in except Washington Docters & Kesley
came home and am going to fix my school account
book.

Jan 23,

The morning was quite pleasant started
for school half past eight all of the scholars
in except Washington and Docters & Kesley
day passed as usual my head felt very bad a little
while in the P.M. it cleared up in the latter
part of the day and prospect of rain before morning
spent the most of the evening in talking with Mrs. Ke
When I awoke this morning it commenced raining but
when I started for school it did not rain it looked
like having a rainy day but it broke away but
showers have been around it today and now it
 threatens one all of my scholars not in today Miss
absent two Watsons Ashley and two McHays & Colburn

Jan 24

Another cloudy morning started for school about half
past eight all my scholars in except Hays Colburn &
Washington. The day passed as usual. The Kimmer
came in and sat a while came home prospect of rain later
it will be pleasant to morrow so sister and the girls can come
out and help quilt. have been fixing my school account
book this evening. Jan 26
Drove this morning still cloudy after breakfast con-
cluded to send the horses in after sister and the girls just
before they got here it commenced raining and continued
to rain during the afternoon so they were obliged to stay
all night I was not very sorry as I could have sister with
me longer Mrs. Warens & Marthy came and put this a while
we got the quilt out before dark I played on my Melodeon
for the edification of the people.

Again it is the holy Sabbath, and I am obliged to
stay from meeting my thoughts go back to sweet
home where they enjoy the blessed privilege of worshipping
God from Sabbath ^{to Sabbath} house it is now three months
since I have attended church I should be very well
contented if I could attend church on the Sabbath
It is still cloudy and showing a little after breakfast
the horses was got and sister and the girls started back
to town spent the day in reading and conversation &
played a little on my Melodeon. Am very much
interested in reading the memoir of Edward Payson
my I be profited by it. Jan 8

Still cloudy & misty went to school scholars not all
in Mr O'Leary's garden. Mary Ann Cobb & Mary
were out I suppose on account of the weather. Jane Campbell
gave me some plum blossoms and Mary Mc-
Intyre in blossom day past much as usual came
home from school and spent the evening in playing with
the children and conversing with Mr & Mrs Mc-

and Jan 9
Arose late have found it a very pleasant morning
had a late breakfast left past eight started for
school all my scholars in excepting washing time
day past as usual Mary Campbell came home
with the girls to spend the night I had a slight head
ache this morning when I awoke but it is gone now

Jan 30

Another pleasant day to school as usual
all my scholars in except washing time. Mr.
Hay heard I was to have another scholar
next week hope to have several more come
home & played on my Melodeon a little time
for some of my scholars to hear it went into
the yard to see Mrs Mc Murtry set some roots
it seems to me very early to see flowers in blossom &
to see them at work among their flowers.

Another pleasant day Jan 31
to school as usual scholars not all present. Mr & Mrs
and Washington McDear day past as usual this is the

Last day of January it does not seem possible that winter is most gone, and we are having such pleasant weather and flowers in bloom whortleberries are in bloom, and some of the fruit trees, It is now more than three months since I left dear home Oh if I could just step in and see this evening how happy I should be but it will be many months before I can do so if I ever am permitted too but the time passes very swiftly and may I wait with patience.

Feb 1

The morning pleasant but clouds began to skim around with indications of rain soon perhaps tomorrow went to school as usual day passed much as it does every day in the afternoon had company Mrs Campbell she has three children in school was very glad she came school closed and sat home scholars not all in the Watsons got out spent the evening in reading

Feb 2

Awoke this morning and found it raining and when I was found all my plans for visiting sister was probably frustrated it was raining so very hard after breakfast got my Melodeon cover and sat down to work on it it continued to rain very hard until about noon when it ceased but it had rained so much found it would not be prudent to attempt going to Camden as the creek was so full I could not for a then think it will be a pleasant Sabbath but don't know spent the evening in reading and sleeping

Feb 3

Awoke this morning and found a pleasant Sabbath morning was very glad to see it but I was uncertain whether I could get to go to church just after breakfast Mr McHenry concluded he would

go with Mary and myself if sister did not
come. Mary as I some suspected but they did
not come so we started about ten o'clock for the
Church at La Plaine Springs which we expected
was to be dedicated found services commenced
when we got there but got there in time to hear
the list which was in one hundredth portion and
13, 14, 15 verses, the Minister's name was Gray I was
glad to get to Church again that is, found sister
there she having gone another way as she was afraid
she could not ford the creek, my was she went
in company with a gentleman by the name of
Berry. They came back the way we did and
stopped and took dinner with me we played
on the Melodeon awhile and talked and about
half past three started for home spent the evening
in reading & talking with Mrs Mc - sister told
me about James Hainbells composition hitting
me

Feb 4

Another pleasant day but very cold the people
seem to think but I do not quite comfortable
weather. to school as usual not all in the
Garlands, Cairns, Watsons and I took dinner out
day passed as usual home again in evening in
my journal sent a letter to brother mailed last
Friday,

Feb 5

Day pleasant but very cold for this climate
I should say to school as usual scholars not so present
Cairns Hugh Caldwell's Sons Timmer not in came
some from school ground Mrs McVie still here
as James has not made out yet. Ought to write some
this but don't feel like writing little to night

Pleasant Feb 6

We have another morning with prospects of rain soon I hope it will be pleasant Saturday and also Sabbath day so we can get to church again. I partly officiated at the table this morning in pouring the coffee as Mrs Mc— was called out just after we were seated. After the table had been set as usual scholars not at all in much weariness this evening got home from school found Mrs Caldwell & Miss M. McMurtry just starting for home. Jimmy has a girl, Mrs Mc— quite tired out being up all town so much for one or two nights, sun setting clear.

Feb 7

Pleasant again quite a rarity to have it pleasant so long at a time to school one or two of my scholars and home again it looks like rain soon hope it may go off without getting rain quite yet but it will do what it for the best. Last evening I got a short letter from sister Fanchette with an invitation from Mrs Purviance and the girls to come on Saturday and Sunday with them to eat Codfish and Irish Potatoes want to go very much and to write some letters this evening.

Feb 8th

Awoke this morning and heard it raining it rained quite hard and I had quite a wet time to go to school. But got there nicely found only three of my scholars found a little fire and with Mary Mc help succeeded in kindling a fire, only had fourteen scholars Mrs Caldwell's Campbell's McKay and what went from there. I've given a letter to Mrs Harris with last evening and going to finish it and see if I cannot write one to Amelia Blandish too.

Feb 9

I woke this morning and found it still snowing
 dressed myself and went to breakfast and
 while there it cleared off very pleasantly I rose from
 the table and commenced preparing for a ride to
 town Mary McKim was to accompany me with Snow
 the waiter we got ready to start about ten o'clock
 just as we started Mr Robert McKimby called at
 the gate and he escorted us across the swamp and
 said if he had been prepared he would have gone
 to town with us just after we got over the big
 slue my saddle turned and I came very near
 going off in the mud but succeeded in keeping
 on until Mr McKimby came to my assistance
 after I mounted again he left us and we got ^{to} across
 the ~~swamp~~ ^{town} very nicely, Mary McKim wanted to go to
 Mrs Benner's to get some stips and as it was wet we
 concluded we would go horse back so we called and
 got sister and went and made a sheet roll and started
 back and when we got near town we saw a drove of
 horses and mules in town so we dismounted and
 led our horses until we got to Mr Davises where Lee
 and took our horses and had them to Mr Curviance
 for us Snowden took the horses back with him as we
 were to remain all night with sister she commenced
 a purse for me and I did a little on it and then
 sister Mary McKim, Annie P. and myself went up to
 the store and made a few purchases and stood and
 talked and laughed with Mr Shrocks and Mr Berry
 sometime and then went home and in the evening went
 over to Mr Shrocks and played back gammon
 with him went home and read a little and after
 prayers retired. Feb 10

Arose late this morning and found a beautiful Sabbath
 morning I wish I could have attended church after
 breakfast dressed for church and sister and myself
 dressed much alike Mr Berry came to walk to church

with the young ladies we went to church had
very good sermon but not like some ones Mr Robert
Mc Murtry came in to church but felt unwell and retired
immediately if the church was started in the evening when
Mr Berry came in and said to Mr Mc - said he must
see us across the swamp but I declined not knowing
he had engaged a horse. and he thought I was that he
did not come with us I feel very much mortified about
it so we came home where should have been very glad to have
had his company our horses was a little startle us or even
twice but we got some negroes to lead them a little and
we got home safely spent most of the evening in reading
a book then retired. Feb 11

Another pleasant day to school day just as usual
scholars not all in appearance of rain soon wish we
might have a little spell of pleasant weather, am going
to finish my letter to Amelia this evening if I can
Feb 12

The morning was rather cloudy to school all of the scholars
out but one commenced raining in the afternoon and when
school closed it rained very hard and I had not my rubbers
nor umbrella we started off and met Hannet bringing us
umbrellas got my feet wringing wet came home and changed
my clothes and set down and talked with Mr & Mrs Mc
Murtry until dark spent the evening in finishing a letter to
Amelia. Mr William Mc Murtry came home
last night is not at home this evening we laughed some
at him about the widow how ten o'clock and the
wind blows hard. Feb 13

~~The morning quite pleasant but indication of
rain to school as usual in the afternoon it commenced
storming left my rubbers and umbrella at home got
my feet wringing wet coming home, met Hannet with
our umbrellas. Mr William Mc Murtry is not at home
spent the evening in writing a letter to Amelia.
Feb 12
I rose this morning~~

Feb 13

Still cloudy wet going to school. Scholars not all in in the afternoon it began to sleet and when we were coming home it began to snow and continue until after dark it seemed like real New England weather. Mr W Mc - Task again spent the evening with the family. Caught at Mr Mc - about the widow showed him brother Withins likeness after evening I went to my room I played for his edification on my Melodeon and then he played for me on the Accorden and we talked through the partition, while with us went, he wrote to sister a short note.

Feb 14

Ground the trees and bushes round with snow but not much on the ground went to school. Scholars not all in the scholars had a fine time snow-balling. Mr Timmers negro grubbing the ground out today I paid paid Mr William Mc - for sister today he left for Gaspar today it has cleared off very clear and there hardly is any snow to be seen.

Feb 15

The morning with little snow to be seen on some of the buildings. Miss Shock most of my scholars in today in the afternoon Mr Mc Murtry came in and stayed most of the afternoon day past much as usual. Sewed on my / ammel shirt in the evening between ten and eleven retired. When I came from school found a letter from sister Nancy it was very acceptable and all letters are particularly those from sweet sweet home.

Feb 16

Another pleasant morning. Have decided not to go to Camden today as I did some much mischief when last there by wounding a young gentlemen's feeling very sorry for it but can't help it. I set down to finish my shirt and do a few odd jobs today. When Mr Mc Murtry asked me if I thought sister would come out if he sent for her in the evening. Noted he I knew very well that she would do after dinner. He sent a horse for her she was very much surprised.

To see the horse come for her but she was not the
less pleased she got ready immediately and came
out got here between three and four o'clock was
glad to see her. The sons the gentleman is quite
reconciled now feels very much better
than he did. Glad to have hope it has learnt him
a lesson as well as myself. evening passed very pleasant
and about eleven we retired but did not go to sleep
until past twelve the night seemed very short

Feb 17

Again it is the holy Sabbath day very pleasant hope
to get to church. Mrs McMurtry came in after
breakfast and said we might get ready for church
to be dressed and dressed as much alike as we could
and little after ten we started for the Methodist
church at Lebanon. Mrs McMurtry with Charles
and the buggy sister on horseback the Lady Pringle and
myself on horseback sister on parsonage and I on my
favourite Lucy we had a fine ride and got there
in season. heard a sermon from Rev Mr Fly text
one hundred and twenty six psalm and light house
we had only one sermon came home I was tired when
we got home and soon after we got home Mr R Mc
came and stayed until sister was ready to go to Cambridge
when he escorted her to Cambridge soon of the she left after
reading a short time I laid down on the bed as my
head hurt me quite badly at supper I only drank
a cup of coffee as I did not feel very hungry having eaten
a very hearty dinner of barley. after prayers and nothing
and reading some I retired a little after nine

Feb 18

Monday morning again has come and a pleasant
one it is too school most of my scholars in Mary
Campbell is absent sick and only she was obliged to stay
even school day as usual and going to try to
work on my purse - little this evening if I can see

Feb 19

A pleasant day even at school most of my regular
scholars in except Mary Campbell day past much as it
does every day. Mrs Mc - went to Mrs Caldwell. home
from school about the evening in working on my purse

Feb 21st

morning

Woke very late and found a pleasant day Mr. Mc
Murray ploughing it seems very early to me to begin
spring work, To school off of my scholars in except
two Louise O'Leary and Wm. McKay, Mary Campbell
again at school. As I came from school I
called at Mr. Warren McMurtrie and for a little
while, then home it was most ought when Mary
who stayed with me and myself got home
I burnt three off my fingers to day at school and
they hurt badly. I reckon I shall be more careful
next time. Mr. McMurtrie told me that Mr. W.
Campbell was coming here to stay all night some
night and intimated that it was to get acquainted
with me, but I reckon he cant come in his hair
does not cut enough, knit on my purse after
I went in to my room I undressed myself and
put on my night dress and then sat down to knit
again soon Mrs. Mc brought "Lisie" in and they
staid and "Lisie" crooned until nearly eleven
when they went to bed and so did I.

Feb 21st

Prospects of rain soon hope it will be pleasant so
I can go to sister Saturday. To school almost of my
scholars in day past much as every day does
home again no rain sat down and sewed a little
I layed on my Melodeon. It commenced raining
about dark and it is raining and the wind blowing
I let thundred some. Spent the evening in knitting
on my purse.

Feb 22

It does not rain this morning but it still is cloudy
To school most of my scholars in in the afternoon it
cleared off very pleasant and we are having a beautiful
evening got a note from sister this PM she is expecting me
in tomorrow I hope I shall be able to get there. Am going
to commence a letter to my friend Mr. & Mrs. Corry
B. with love

Sat Feb 3rd

Arose early and found a beautiful morning I commenced dressing for my visit in town. Louis & the Murtry's as with me was all ready when breakfast was announced took breakfast & put our things on and mounted our horses and off we started. Snowden walked and I rode until we passed Mr Futherlands when we dismounted and we walked the rest of the way as we wanted the horses to get back as soon as possible as Mr McMurtry wanted them to use one the that we got to sister before nine o'clock they were quite surprised to see us so early. Sister and myself had promised to spend the day with Mrs Linner as sister was not ready to go. I helped her some. I found at sister a nice orange done up and directed to me it was from our friend Dr Smith. We started for the Dr. between ten and eleven found Mrs Linner well except a headache. Mrs Riley was quite well, the Dr seemed very glad to see us. He likes to run down New England a little for edification. We spent a very pleasant day when we came home we were walking along slowly who should we fall in with but Dr Oliver so I was introduced to him. He maneuvered very nicely to get it done. We went and called upon Louisa Fitter a few moments and then after supper spent the evening with Mrs C Shrank. I hope we may have a pleasant Sabbath.

Feb 4th

Awoke late this morning and found it raining was fearful I should get weather bound, and that we should not have preaching, but Mr McMurtry and Mary & Emily came in and sister and myself went to church but no minister came and we had a psalm and song and that left. I came home with Nick and after I was mounted I asked Mr Berry's pardon for spending him. He said he did feel right badly about it. I just am very sorry.

came home and Mr Mc said if he had known that we was to have turkey he would have invited Mr Perry home with us. After dinner I laid down as I felt very tired do not know what the reason after ten o'clock retired.

Feb 25th Although it cleared of so pleasant last evening it is again cloudy this morning and looks very much like rain, to school my scholars all in day past as usual it is getting quite warm home of ten school sewed on my cap. that Mrs Mc gave me retired between ten and eleven.

Feb 26th Another cloudy morning, but think it will not rain today to school most of my scholars in nothing very remarkable occurred some again sewed on my cap Mrs Mc gave me the egg to turn it with retired at eleven.

Feb 27 Another cloudy day to school scholars not all in day as usual came home and I was then combed my hair and set down to writing Mrs Mc came in and we talked a bit of twelve then I played on my Melodion, a little while.

Feb 28 A pleasant day went to school scholars most all of them in nothing particular took place to school I heard I was not capable of adding up a sum in simple addition, something certainly new. Have not been able to hear from this post office this week I want to say much did not feel very well this of two or felt very tired came for school and did not do much in the evening I have commenced washing all over morning, and I think I have taken cold I guess how.

March 1st Morning has come again now gradually the winter has passed away, I can scarcely realize that it has

been here and now is gone, The Jasmine is in
bloom and a great variety of flowers are in bloom.
The day has been somewhat cloudy but have not
had any rain. In school as usual most of my
scholars in, in the afternoon. Mr. McKinstry and
James Campbell gave me a call, and they
heard a wretched bad lesson. I felt almost
down to the heart. I have a cross my stomach
I feel I have have yet told some how I wish I
could get out here to morrow I heard that Robert
Campbell and Jo George was coming into my school
this afternoon but they did not come and I was
very glad they did not as they were almost entire
strangers to me Jo is entirely having never seen him
that I know of. Come home from school played
on my Melodeon a little while after having a
frolic with "Lizzie" which I shall sketch this evening
A pleasant case and after breakfast did some
odd jobs wanted to see sister very much but I
really did not expect to, sent a bundle over to
her by Mr. G. White and when he returned I
brought the thing, that came in the mail but there
was not any letters for me I felt quite disappointed
after dinner I sat down to look over the newspapers
and I sat reading and talking with Mrs. McKinstry
when I looked out of the window and there sister
on porch and ready. Oh I was so glad to see her
she brought me two letters one from brother William
and the other from sister Elizabeth I was so glad
to get them sister stayed until after five and she
was obliged to return as she had promised to have
the horse back that evening. Mary, Me and myself went
through one swamp with her if we had known it
had got to be so good walking we would have tried
it on foot a little sooner in the day but reckon one
of us will this week.

Mar 3

Arose this morning and found a pleasant Sabbath morn-
I had expected to see so pleasant a morn'g the
rain & wind & thunder and lightning we had in
the night, after breakfast Mr Mc Murtry told me to get
ready to go to church as Mr Mc Murtry would go. At
10 o'clock I got up and Mary and myself rode to church
on horse back Mary rode Pompey and my favourite Sug-
ar. I rode in the buggy with the children. Louis &
Emily we went to Hebrew Rev Mr Gly preached but
did not hear in first John 3 a chapter and part of the pointed
verse quite a good discourse. came home from church
and after dinner I read and thought a great deal of
some.

Mar 4

Another pleasant day to school one new scholar came
with most of my scholars in day part as usual, came home
from school and now who scholars be here but Dr White
who he has a letter for is more than I can tell. Mary says
it is the first time he ever was in the house.
I combed my hair and put in a clean collar
and at supper saw the de pe stance until between
nine and ten o'clock and then went home.

Mar 5

Another pleasant day but very smoky owing to
the woods being burning this week. but one of
my scholars in Mrs Garrard came in the afternoon
and stopped until school was done, gathered
a jar of jam as we came from school. Spent the
evening in reading and writing, playing on my
Melodeon.

Mar 6

We had a rainy night last night and this morning
it was some raining but before noon it cleared
off and we have had a lovely day to school most
of my scholars in day part as usual. home
again & spend the evening in reading and knitting
the leaves are falling out very rapidly. My stomach
was very sore this afternoon have thought much of home
to day.

March 7th

Arose late this morning and found a very pleasant
morning washed combed my hair and went to
breakfast after breakfast I read a little while
and then started for school I have commenced lecturing
in school earlier and sitting out later, most of
my scholars in to day past the day much as usual
as I came from school to night Mr Warren Keckly
servant came out as I got against the house and
handed me a note from sister's letter wishing me
to come in and watch with her with Mrs Kiley who
is very sick with the winter fever I intend to go and
watch tomorrow night I am very sorry for her she is
a nice little woman, When I got home found Mrs
Mc Murtry fixing her beans for planting Mr McKee
went into town this morning and Dr Smith sent some
white beans for me, like Mr McKee invited him to
come and take dinner with us Saturday but the
Lodge day he could not come, Am intending coming
a letter to Mr Brennan this evening

March 8th

A pleasant morning to school as usual most of
my scholars in attending am intending to walk
to see sister and watch with Mrs Kiley, day passes
much as every day, closed school at four came
home and got ready to start for Camden Emily
went in with me we started for Camden at a quarter
after five and got in there at six took supper at
Mr Puroianes and then went down to Dr Smith and
watched (we came home very early as we thought
we would take a nap but we got roused up so we
did not sleep until evening, in the afternoon went to
see Louise Geller as she was sick but found her
better then we called at Mr Shrocks, This is partly
what occurred on Saturday what is included in the
marks is what took place on Saturday)

March 9

I sat down to sewing on my night gown and sister helped me get one nearly done. I was introduced to Mr W. Ford at Mr Shrocks so he up and told something about sister Whit and a certain widower which pleased us very much and we soon went home and retired very early. March 10

Another Sabbath day it here and I wish I was at home to attend church but as we have preaching in Camden today I will not find fault. It was late when we arose after breakfast we sat down and read some and then fixed for church found quite a full congregation had three ministers and only one sermon. Mr May preached. After church I went home with sister and Mary stopped in to walk out with us after dinner we started to walk home and reached home a little after five spent the evening in conversing and reading. March 11

It commenced raining about bed time last night and I concluded we would have a rainy day today but when I arose this morning found it quite pleasant as the rain had ceased. Went to church school as usual all of my scholars in day much as cozy day came home and spent the evening in talking with Mr & Mrs Mc Murtry. March 12

Another pleasant day to school. All of my scholars in except Mary and Jane Cobb. Day past as usual had at recess I sewed on my checked muslin night dress that I brought from home got one of them mended. came home from school and this evening am going to commence a letter to A. H. Cochrane. March 13

The day has been cloudy with appearance of rain soon to school all of my scholars in except Mary Ann Cobb who is detained home from school on account of sickness in her sister Fanny's day passed much as usual home from school and Mary, Henry and myself tried to set the woods on fire but they do not burn very well. William Mc Murtry came back tonight glad to see him. Am going to commence a letter to dear father.

March 14
We did not have any rain last night as I thought
we should get a pleasant morning, and off to school
day past as usual all of my scholars in except Sarah
O'rain who is not well came home from school and thought
of writing in the evening but it was so late when I got ready
that I concluded not to do so and talked with Mr. & Mrs.
McMurry until bedtime.

March 15
A cloudy morning with appearance of rain but hope it
will not rain as I expect to be able to come out to night
to spend the time with me until Sabbath day when we go in
to preaching. So I took most of my scholars in day
past much as every day does it is very warm I should
never think it was March if I did not know would
like to know what kind of weather they are having
at home now if I would compare with this I came
home from school and started to meet sister
as it was pleasant and I expected her to come out
this evening Louisa went with me and we had
got only a short distance from the house when we
met her on the road and ready so we turned back
and got home right soon. Spent the evening in talking
with Mr. & Mrs. McMurry, & his wife the more Mrs. McMurry
found her smallest child hurt badly he thought
would die.

March 16 Saturday
Another pleasant morning after breakfast sister and
myself went into my room and we did a few odd jobs
and then took my Melodeon covering in hand and
set with Mrs. McMurry and worked on it all day and
got it so I think one day work more with finish which
I hope I will accomplish next Saturday. Just at dusk
sister Mary and myself took a walk in the woods we
went until we heard the owls a far off and then we stopped
to hear them it is the first time I have heard that kind
and they did sound so funny. We turned back and I
played on my Melodeon and after supper the dear old bedtime

March Monday 18

Awoke this morning and found it raining which I most
always does when sister comes out to see me. But it only came
in showers so we hoped to get to preaching in the afternoon.
After dinner we dressed to walk in to town with Mr
Louisa sister and myself. But Mr. Murtry would
lead the horses and there ~~is~~ ^{are} no roads. Mr. McMurtry
accompanied us we had a pleasant ride as I had
stuffed rain and the woods do look most beautiful
so many different trees and shrubs in blossom. We got
to church just after 4 o'clock. Mr. H. preached. His
text was in the seventh chapter of Acts on the twenty sixth
verse. He gave us quite a good discourse. We did not
stop any where to get off our horses only rode to the
Province, to leave sister and to see if we had any
letters come in on Saturday. We came home and I took
my books to read but my thoughts were not here. It
was a long way from that place after supper
thunder and lightening in a shower seemed to be
rising after prayer I went into my room when there
came such a peck of thunder that made me tremble
it continued to thunder and lighten long time. It has
been extremely warm today.

March Monday 18

Go to school most of my scholars in as perfect as usual today
in school. It is much cooler today than it has been
for a few days. Came home from school and found that
the horse, badly scalded on her foot kept it with some
well. But an affair it will be some time. I intend
to write some this evening but do not know how I shall
feel after supper. March Tuesday 19th
I rose by morning but when ready to start for school
we thought it was clearing off but it continued to shower
at times till day most of my scholars in today. Stayed at
us not when I got home from school tonight found a note
from sister but very glad to get it. It still continues quite
warm. Mrs. McMurtry hurt her sore today.

Mar 20 Wednesday

Awoke this morning not very early and found it looked
like rain prepared to go to school and took over shoes
umbrella for rain but it did not rain so did not
have any use for them day past a usual most of my
scholars in spent the evening in writing sister Mary

Mar 21 Thursday

Another day with appearance of rain but showers some
through the day when I got to school this morning
Susan McKinstry gave me a letter her letter was written
in Camden it was one from sister Elizabeth and
contained the sad news of Mrs Leabett's death I
was very much surprised to hear it how lonely the town
must be now. My scholars when came home from
school washed and combed my hair and helped Mrs
McKinstry to dress her foot which hurts her very much
today we have not had much rain today and it is
now thundering my head has hurt me some the
day. I shall finish my letter to sister this evening.

Mar 22 Friday 28th

Awoke this morning before light and it was thundering
and lightning very hard and sharp. I got asleep again
and when I awoke again it was still thundering and
raining very hard. I arose and dressed and went
to breakfast in the AM. Mrs. McKimstry thought it
not best for us to attempt to go to school it was so strong
so did not go but staid at home and sewed on my
shelton cover which I finished ^{nearly} piecing all ready for
the lining and facing. it has rained very hard a good
deal of the morning and rain some nearly all day. My head
has hurt me today. I read some in the evening and retired
earlier than usual. Mar 23 Saturday 29th

Arose this morning and found a bright sunny morning but could
not get by thinking I should not see sister so I sat down and
finished writing but my cover and then got my night dress
that I had commenced to work on and just as I got ready to
get down to bed should come in my friend Miss John Black
just she said sister told her to tell me to come in without

If I could she said the water was down so I could get
along so I got ready and had Charley go with me & brought
me the door and I jump on and off so tired for Camden,
got there safely. I sat down with sister and cut out pieces
for a quilt we have begun it is called the rising sun
we worked with dark and light stuff. we went over to see Mrs
Throck and Mr Throck and my self played back game
and I beat him, we came home and I retired.

March Sunday 24

Arose this morning and it is a delightful. Both morning
and we are compelled to stay at home as there is no
piece of for us to attend. I ride with sister in afternoon
when I started for my home with Porter for a gallon
When I got home Kim came and opened the gate he said
he thought the young gentleman about Camden
was polite to let me & sons home alone. My head has
hurt me right badly today.

Monday March 25

A pleasant morning so I shoot my 2 shot as are
not all in today when again had the shells, day
past much as every school day does. weather is quite
cold for the season I forgot to say that we had quite
a snow Saturday night it cut some of the things some.
My head feels badly, came home and sat down
and played on my Metacal and wrote in my journal
and then last evening read with Mrs McPherson and sister
on my quilt until about nine. Mrs McPherson is
home better, about nine o'clock Mr McPherson came home
having been to Canton. I ought not to say that the day
has passed as most off the day in school for I give
the school a little bit of a nothing too at the close of the day
and laid down my rules plain.

Tuesday March 26

Arose this morning and found it raining was fearful we
shd. have a stormy day but it has not rained much but
it continues cloudy and has turned right cold today
at school. several of my scholars absent day passed as
usual. Mr McPherson gave me a short call this afternoon
my head troubles me some and my throat & soon neck
lame. shot work on my quilt this evening I think.

Wednesday March 27

Arose this morning and found it cloudy and a short time before I started for school it commenced snowing quite fast and continued to snow until about the middle of the forenoon and in the afternoon it cleared off right cold and there is a prospect of a heavy frost this night we are fearful it will kill off of the fruit. When I awoke this morning, I felt really sick it seemed as if I could not go to school I did not feel any appetite but to school I went but did feel very energetic my scholars not all in. May, the teacher at home for the first time. Came home but did not feel much better Mrs. Mc - gave me some composition in the morning and soon again at night before I went to bed and then gave me so turpentine to rub on my neck to cure the sore throat, Thursday March 28

Arose this morning and felt much better. Found there had been a heavy frost which injured the fruit. To school more of my scholars in day but not all day. As usual, left home Campbell until nearly dark for her to get hairless in the evening set with Mrs. Mc - and sewed on my quilt before I went to bed. I played on my Melodeon

Friday March 29

Arose this morning and felt much better. It is still very cold, quite pleasant to day no rain went to school as usual several of my scholars absent after school. Had been to gun a little time Mrs. Campbell sat a little time she did not like my Keeping I am so after school, she sat a little while and then left for Mr. McKurtz's. In the afternoon Mr. McKurtz, Mrs. Caldwell & Mrs. Campbell came in and set wood of the afternoon had a pleasant afternoon with them. Closed school half past four and came home and then Mr. Louise started out to meet sister.

as I expected her to come out this evening we went
more than half way where we stopped and waited
sometime for her and had almost concluded to start
back when she came in sight and we had a pleasant
talk. We set the evening with the family "Annie" came
out with her, after going into Mary's room I stayed
on my Melodion a little time and then undressed and
sat down by the fire and talked until almost
midnight, and then retired.

Saturday March 30

Awoke this morning but did not feel at all like getting
up we were to sleep. We arose and dressed for breakfast
after breakfast we got our work and sat down with
Mrs McMurtry I took my Melodion - soon to finish
and I took me all day but it is done and a pretty thing
it is to sister worked on the youth Annie is making
one like it. Mary McMurtry is so unwell today she has
set up my little I was stuffed up when I rose this
morning and it increased all day and by night could
scarcely speak and Mrs Mc - gave me some Lard
and molasses steamed together and hope it will be better
in the morning. Sister has concluded to stay all night
as I am so much stuffed, and very glad to have it with
pleasant to narrow so we can get the preaching we
retired rather earlier than needed last night.

Sunday March 31

Arose this morning and found a very pleasant Sabbath
morning we dressed for breakfast and Mrs Mc - gave me
some Lard on my house mass after breakfast we got ready
a lunch. we started Mr Mc - Annie & Emily in the
buggy sister & Pompey and my set many Lucy & the
others were not able to go Mrs Mc - food in getting into
about we all stopped at Mr Turvies and then retired
and then all went to church together. Mr Stair
preached his text was of chafed of shoes and feet of the 12 was
liked him better than any minister I have heard since
I came to Missions. A good representation.

did not have but one sermon and after church we spoke
with some and then started for home and had just
out in the road when who should come up but Dr
Smith he shook hands with us and worked near home
with us I was almost confounded he worked in and
staid to dinner shortly after dinner Mr Barry & Mr
Milton came in and sat a while but soon went away
but the Dr still staid I expect I has made a good
deal of talk I think he is fishing for sister McKee and
myself staid for home as sister & Betty came out with
us a little way I expect the Dr staid until sister got
back we had got out of town but a little way when
we met four gentlemen winding their way towards
town, we got home safely and McKee says he would
go to town with me if I get into such a fix he tried
to make me stay but I would not after we got home
we laughed a little with Mrs McKee about it
I read some and about ten letters when I got home
I found Louisa had had a still

Monday April 14th

Arose this morning and I was quite pleasant but soon
commenced shivering up and by school time it looked
as if we should have a rainy day so I prepared for it
went to school several of my scholars absent on account
of sickness, had some rain at noon day past much
as usual came home and rocked "Lirrie" to sleep
and combed my hair and have been writing ever since
Vinton & Co saw on my quilt this evening after I have
played on my Melodeon a while

Tuesday April 15th

Another morning with appearance of rain arose and
dressed for breakfast shortly after breakfast while I was
preparing for school it commenced raining very little and
I started and it continued to rain more and more
until we got there but did not get wet it continued
to rain until afternoon and some of the time very hard
my scholars not all in day past as usual weather warmer
than it has been for some and found Louisa had another still
my throat is sore to night. I want to hear from the post office

Wednesday April 3

A beautiful and clear morning after so much thunder and lightning as we had last evening just as I got washed this morning Emily came in bringing me a note from sister who wrote it yesterday but Mr Murray forgot to bring it from the mill last evening so waited until this morning before she got it she wrote me that the coast was clear when she arrived home so that all was well but the people are carrying the ~~the~~ ship high about it and he says if he had had a keel horse at Mr Turvances he would have taken a ride too I wrote sister this morning but did not get it to town as Mr Mc did not go she then sent it by Mr Warren she is now in morning dress went to school day past as usual came home and was found ready for evening sew and saw Mrs Mc - was with her an going to play on my Melodeon and this evening still saw many guests it is still cold for this time I think

Thursday April 4

A pleasant morning fixed for school went myself & scholars not all in some out on account of sickness day past as usual stopped about half past four came home found Mrs Mc at home she having come about half an hour before I got home she had been to Mr Whites just after I had been at home a short time Nina came and I sent sister my note it not having gone before Frank Burns came along she stopped and talked a while she is fixing for another wedding dress to come off next Tuesday if she is to be one of the waiters this Sophie Mc having is to be married with I was enough acquainted with her to get to her wedding, I hope it will not rain so I cannot go and see sister to morrow evening. Still saw on my quilt this

Friday April 5

Wrote this morning and found a beautiful and clear & warming day and went to school scholars not all in day past as usual it snowed up before noon and I was afraid I should not get to see sister but as it did not ruin I started school at half past four came home and got ready and at half past five I started for Camden Emily & I for company, I got about half way there when I met sister and I talked coming to meet us we had a very pleasant walk back to town met Mr Storch & his gets he wanted we should stop and make a call but it was so late we thought we had better get to Mr Turvances as we agreed to go in the evening I promised we did not go to see these friends which concluded Mr Storch as it was so late and Mr T - thought we had best not go to supper we went and spent the rest of the evening with Mrs Mc & Throck after we came home and the family retired we sat down and read

The letters that we received last from friends we did not
return until nearly midnight and then we laid one to the
until between two and three and we then went to sleep and
took a nap. Wednesday Apr 6

Awoke very early this morning and got my sheep during
the day sewed on my quilt part of the day and after
dinner went and took supper with Louisa Stiller and spent
the night with her with sister in the evening went to a
meeting quite a full meeting they tried to laugh at me
about N. P. S. but did not succeed well at all. We got letters
by the last Wednesdays mail one to me from sister Mary &
one to sister from Brother Abigail all very well.

Sunday Apr 7
Arose and found a very pleasant morning Louisa went
out to her sisters Mrs Riley with Mr & Mrs Throth we sat a little
while with Mrs Throth and then went down to Mr Burman's
from there we went to the church to attend Sabbath school
there is not any preaching to day at our church but the period
is to be formed, Mr D. H. Munk was chosen for the Suberint
sister & E. Barry principal teachers I have a class after the
school closed we came home in midday and spent the rest
of the day in reading and conversation of the town a little nap
between ten and eleven I retired.

Monday Apr 8
A pleasant morning but it has found out more of my
scholars in to day some still out on account of sabbath
day past as usual after sewing a little and playing my
melodeon a short time I intend to write a letter to
brother William so is to send by next mail of tomorrow.

Tuesday Apr 9
Arose this morning and got ready for breakfast
after I had eaten my breakfast I finished my little note
to sister to send by Mrs. Munking is she goes to town to
day I started for school most of my scholars in
Jane Campbell took a notion to go home with our team
so she got up and marched out of the school room and
worked home day past much as usual Mary descended home
with Mary Campbell that day to finish my letter to
brother William this evening.