

From: "The Diary of Miss Juliet Maria Blanding, October 6, 1847 - April 1, 1851.
An account of her trip from Rehoboth, Mass., to Camden, Mississippi,
and her life as a teacher in Camden, Nov. 29, 1847 - April 1, 1851."

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our baggage safely deposited on the Bay-
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a mirror - Prospect of a fine run to New York
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our pleasure in beholding it great - the air rather cool
but very clear - came to the pier at N.Y. about half
past 7 - after placing our baggage in charge of one
of the waiters, went over to Brooklyn and took breakfast
at Mr. Cornell's - surprised them by our sudden appearance
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we concluded to do so - left N.Y. at half past four p.m.
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and the night came on exceedingly dark and quite
rainy which was probably a cause of our arriving very
late at the Princeton depot. Took carriage and arrived at Dr. Joline's
Hotel about 9 o'clock - sent for our friends E.B. Raffensperger - He was
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see me and delighted with the cane, the medal
the view of Elm Cottage etc. - Sat with us till
near eleven - then took brother to spend the
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place before 1/2 past ten but to my great disap-
pointment it soon commenced raining heavily
and continued without cessation till about
noon - immediately after breakfast Raff. and
brother came in, walking was out of the question
so we contented ourselves with talking in the
parlor - Paige called and sat awhile - is just
as stiff and apparently self conceited as ever -
between 9 and 10 the rain slackened some
what and we took a short walk, intending

to see the Library, but after a [illegible] and muddy walk to Lennox Hall we were disappointed - Someone had taken the key and had not returned it, so we trudged back again to the hotel and found it so near time to leave for the depot that we could not go out again, and we had to leave without even a peep at the venerable College halls or visiting one spot of interest - Nevertheless we were highly gratified with our visit - found E.B.R. well and spent several hours very pleasantly with him and also accomplished our journey to Phil. with much less expense than we would had we gone directly on - our united expenses being but 7.50 through [?] which would have been at least 9 dolls. had we made no stop - I also made a very pleasant acquaintance with Mrs. Ashbel Green whose husband's father was many years since President of Nassau Hall - now a very aged man residing in Philadelphia - her husband's health obliges him to seek a more genial climate and she soon expects to leave P. to join him Nacogdoches, Texas

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ident of Nassau Glend — now a very aged man
residing in Philadelphia — her husband's health
obliges him to seek a more genial climate and
she soon expects to leave P. to join him in Mex-
ico, Texas. She conferred a favor upon me
in teaching me to knit & crochet (pro. cross) a
favorite and fashionable style of making relie-
ves and purses — her pleasing manners and her kind-
ness will not soon be forgotten — Invited E. B. K.
to ride to the depot with us but his engagements
obliged him to decline — Lost the prints of the
compass at the depot and on leaving it seemed
to travel directly back towards N. Y. nevertheless
we soon arrived at Trenton before which time
the rain ceased and we had it very pleasant
to Bristol, where we took the steamer John
Stevens and had a pleasant time to Philadelphia
where we stopped at Red Bank wharf
about half past one P. M. — we were going to
cousin Esther Elliot's and had engaged a porter
to take our baggage and were just stepping off
the boat when Philip Bunting met us — said, cousin
Esther was sick, and he had been watching for
us a week and invited us to his father's house
we accepted the invitation and without observ-
ing the victory appearance of the clouds we con-
cluded to carry out our first plan and seek to
Mr Bunting — but before we were near there the
rain commenced pouring in torrents and such
a wetting I scarcely ever got in my life — had
to change nearly all my clothes as soon as I
stopped — was very kindly received by Mr & Mrs
Bunting, ate a late dinner and was too tired
and sleepy scarcely to speak during the evening
as the two past nights my sleeping hours had
been very short — brother took this trunk di-
rectly to his former boarding place and went
there to spend the night — Retired early

Oct 9. Rose as soon as it was light — Breakfasted
at eight, then took a walk in Market St.
with Brother and Susan Barnes — Looked
with wonder at the immense quantity of provis-
ions displayed in the market — The adjacent
country must be a perfect garden to supply such
a market so bountifully — From Market St. went
to cousin Esther Ellis — found her doing well — Had
a very pleasant call, but it was necessary to visit
them next to Mr Bunting's office and found Phil
and Josephine who went with us to the State
House — got a ticket of admittance, but could
not get in as they were making ready for election
we then started for the market, but made a
few purchases by the way while Brother went
forward to see if we could be admitted, and
learned there was nothing going on that day —
we then turned our steps to the Academy of Nat.
Sciences but were again disappointed as no visitors
were admitted till one o'clock P.M. — Being thus
defeated in all our attempts at seeing the won-
ders of the place we turned back and made
a few more purchases and then home to dinner
After dinner took the omnibus out to Fair
about intending to go by steamboat to Laurel
Hill Cemetery but the current over the falls
was so strong from the recent rise in the river
that the boat does not go, and after visiting
Fair Mt. a spot which combines utility with beauty
in a wonderful degree we returned again to the
city and spent the remainder of the day in look-
ing at the wonders of nature in the Academy of
Nat. Sciences — Returned home about sunset and
after tea with Brother, Philip, Josephine and Susan
went to the museum, the Dutch Shelter as it
is called — saw much to interest me — was
amazed and with wonder and thick shrouded
weighed 109 pounds — there was noasting

But an exhibition of transparencies, the subjects taken from the Bible which were very interesting after which we heard the Weiss family play and sing - instruments flute violin two harps and a guitar - The music was very sweet and the appearance of the ladies modest and retiring - Mr Weiss played on nine instruments at once after the manner of the Turkish Janissaries - He was loaded with ornaments and looked very swell - returned home about ten.

Oct. 10. Attended church with brother on Sabbath morn - Heard Rev Mr Barnes preach from the words "The Lord doth not afflict scithly nor grieve the children of men" - in the afternoon attended "Friends meeting" with Mr Duntz family - there at most a "quick meeting" - only two women spoke a few moments each - I got very sleepy and was glad when they shook hands - from that meeting we went to Dr. Hitt's and took supper and at 1/2 past 7 attended Mr Grant's church - Heard him preach an excellent sermon from "Laman's words" "Ye shall this availeth me nothing so long as I see whoredom the Jew sitting in the King's gate" - after meeting returned to Mr Duntz's.

Oct 11. I immediately after breakfast started again for the boat at Fairbairn wishing to go that way to Laurel Hill - were just in time for the boat and enjoyed the ride up the river - Laurel Hill is the loveliest spot I ever visited - could have spent the day there instead of the 45 minutes which was all the omnibus driver allowed us unless we staid too long for other engagements - our departed Aunt's quiet resting place is in a lovely spot the grass had the freshness of early summer and

The Myrtle is creeping in all its beauty over
the lonely mound which marks the spot where
reposes the remains of one who with no
resent about doing good and who is now "where
the wicked cease from troubling and the
weary are at rest." — On our way back we
stopped at Girard College — it is a splendid
specimen of architecture and looks like it
might stand for ages — even the roof is made
of solid blocks of marble and some idea of its
extent may be formed from the fact that
notwithstanding its great height one sees the
ruins upon the roof without the first emotion
of fear — from the college we walked to
Mr Bunting's — dressed our brother and set off
to corner of 52 Chestnut streets where we were to
shoot Dr. Kite at two, to have my miniature
taken — sat five times but the fourth was
rather the best — returned to Mr Bunting's to
dinner then went out to purchase a carpet
bag — called on cousin Caleb Carpenter, who
made me a present of a nice travelling bonnet
priced carpet bag and small travelling trunks
and not knowing which to purchase deferred
it till morning that I might consult Mrs
Bunting — returned to Mr B's to tea and again
spent the night with them —

Oct. 12. Rose at six — breakfasted about 8
and soon after went with Josephine, Susan
Philip and brother to see the mint — it was
election day and but little going on — saw
them voting which is the most curious and
interesting part of the process — Through the
kindness of Mr. Howe the assistant chemist
we were admitted into the cabinet and were
much interested with what we saw there — He
also explained to us the process of assaying metal
to which was very curious — also he showed us

explained to us a miniature magnetic tele-
graph by which we could understand per-
fectly the operation as it is carried on be-
tween one city and another — were exceedingly
gratified with all we saw — He invited
us to call the next morning when all the
various machinery of the link would be in
operation — from the Mint we went to
the Academy of fine arts and was delighted
with all we saw there — it was a rich
pleasure to see such a collection of splendid
paintings and statuary — we spent two or
three hours delightfully — just as we were
leaving two gentlemen came in — paid their
fee and were proceeding to walk through
the galleries when the lady who received
the money requested them to leave their cars
with her as it was against the rules of the
Academy to carry them through the galleries
they took it in high dudgeon — refused to
comply with the rule and when the lady
insisted and said she would be blamed
if any of the Directors came in and saw them
they asked for their money back again and
went off — we thought them gentlemen
of taste truly — returned to Mr Bunting's to
dinner when it commenced raining which
kept us in the remainder of the day
Oct 13. Went to the Mint again this morning
but found they were doing no more than
yesterday we did not stop — we then
called on Miss Stuart at her school and
from there went to Dr. Piles and took din-
ner — left about two — returned to Mr Bun-
ting's and about five went with Mrs B. to Kate
and cousin Esther Ellis' found her gaining
quite rapidly — passed a very pleasant evening
returned about 10 o'clock.

Oct, 14. Sat. Dr. Galt according to appointment
at 9 o'clock at the corner of Broad & Millons. His
visit to the Penitentiary at first they would
not let us in but after a little delay consented
the warden was not at home and we had to
wait awhile for the deputy - which time
we spent in talking with the schoolmaster
and looking over the names of visitors after
adding ours to the list - The buildings cover
an area of ten acres and are admirably con-
structed for convenience and durability and
the system seems to be admirably adapted to
confer the greatest possible benefit upon the
convicts - They are never allowed to be together
or even to see each other - Their apartments
are much more commodious and useful
cheerful than I expected - sufficiently light
and supplied with plenty of pure water &
each can regulate the heat of the bed as he
pleases - each cell has also a little garden
attached to it in which they may spend a
certain time every day if they behave well
We were shown a cell every part of which
was painted (except the floor & bed) by a con-
vict in a great variety of figures very neatly
and ingeniously done - He obtained the color
from the yarn he used when at work and
put it on with a brush made from his own
hair - in another cell we were shown some
beautiful little knives & forks made by the
occupant of the cell from the bones which
were brought to him in his food - some were
not much more than an inch long and as
white & highly polished as ivory - He has
about sixty dollars now in the keeper's hands
arising from the sale of them - we went

To the Cooking department and she sent
a good relish some of their breath - it needs
stone with a little Indian and as nice as
one need wish for - The grounds are laid
out for vegetables and flowers and very neat-
ly kept - every part was beautifully neat
and with a bright morning sun it looked
really pleasant with the rectory, but proba-
bly more so from knowing that we could leave
when we pleased - from the Pen. we went
to Monument Cemetery about a mile out of
the city - it is a beautiful spot but not equal
to Laurel Hill - then returned to the Bunting's
to dinner - soon after we left in the
morning Mr. Cothren called - he arrived
the evening before - said he thought he would
probably leave at 8 the next (Friday) morning
but would call again in the afternoon
and let me know - after dinner went
with Mrs. Bunting, Sam. Hester and brother to
the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, to witness the
weekly exhibition - and was exceedingly grati-
fied with the performances - returned at
about 1/2 past four and found Mr. Cothren
waiting for me - said he wished to start
at 8 the next morning - soon after he
left with Mrs. B. to the Justice's - took
tea and spent the evening very pleasantly -
returned home about ten - after sitting
a while with the family went to my room
packed my trunk and retired some before
one o'clock A.M.

Oct. 15. Rose before six and a half was about
ready - ate breakfast and at half past 7
had on my kind friends good bye and start-
ed for the depot - met Mr. Cothren as soon
as we entered who took me to the car where
his wife and daughter were seated and

in a few minutes bade my dear brother
good bye and were soon on our way to Baltimore
more - the day was pleasant but the ride
rather tedious - arrived at Baltimore a few
minutes past two and put up at Barnum's
Hotel - a splendid establishment - said
to be the best in the United States - After
dinner did not go out but spent most of
my time till ten o'clock in writing. - On
Thursday the 14, sent off a letter to Kate at Elm
Cottage and the same evening received one
from sister Nancy - was very glad to hear he
was leaving the city.

Oct. 16, Sat. some before six - breakfasted
before seven and at 7 1/4 were at the depot
ready to start for Cumberland and via Harpers
Ferry - The morning was beautiful and the
country very fine - much pleasanter than
we passed over yesterday - soon after leaving
the city passed a tract covered with most
beautiful evergreens, the foliage beautiful
and their shapes perfect cones looking pre-
cisely like they had been trimmed and
fashioned by art rather than Nature.
Their deep green foliage contrasted finely
with the varied hues of the deciduous trees
which were mingled with them - the
land was very broken and became more
so as we proceeded till near noon the
mountains near Harpers Ferry began to
rise around us - passed many quite small
places during the morning but none of much im-
portance - Having heard much of
the beauty of the scenery at Harpers Ferry I had a
great desire to see the place - but we only stop-
ped there to dinner and had no opportunity
to see more than the view from the R.R. which
is probably not the best - was somewhat disap-
pointed - perhaps had my expectations too lightly
raised - from Harpers Ferry onward the country
became more broken and in many places the
scenery was very fine - Here a mountain crossed

in all its autumn beauty lay gleaming in the
broad sunshine. Then winding around its
base the opposite side enveloped in a deep
shadow and its base deepening and darkening
into deep ravines - then still another range
and an opening between these broad steep sides
would show "hills peeping o'er hills" till they
melted away in the distance ^{in vision} ^{near} ^{at length}
terminated by a bold outline rising just beyond
and not the least picturesque part of the
scene was one long train of cars led off by a
double locomotive - winding like a huge ser-
pent hither and thither among the hills.
Wherever it could find room to wind itself
along - through the day we were also winding
our way along the banks of the Potomack and
its sparkling waters added not a little to the
beauty of our ride - Just at dark we arrived
at Cumberland, the terminus of the Rail-
road, situated at the foot of the mountains.
Took supper here and between 7 and 8 o'clock
entered a coach and started on our long
night's ride over the mountains. Anticipation
of seeing mountain scenery had entered largely
into my anticipations plan of enjoyment on
the journey and my disappointment was
proportionately great at being obliged to pass
them in the night closely shut up in a stage
coach - for a little time after starting
could see that our road lay along a deep
ravine on our right while a mountain
towered almost perpendicularly on our left.
I at last wished for the privilege of riding
outside that I might see all that could
be seen by moonlight - about eleven o'clock
we reached Frostburg and about that time
the moon set and the lanterns were
lighted - Mr. C. had rode outside till now
came within and rode the remainder of
the night - it was a long dreary night and
the dimming light was gladly hailed -
But it was both morning and to travel through
the day was exceedingly painful to me
yet feeling that I had no control over the

movements of my travelling friends to whose care I had been committed - I refrained from remonstrating and journeyed on deeply grieved at the necessity which compelled me to do such violence to my feelings.

Oct. 17. The scenery during the morning was very fine - About 8 o'clock passed the place celebrated in history as the scene of Gen. Braddock's defeat near which is the little enclosure that marks his grave. Rode till between ten & eleven o'clock to Uniontown to breakfast - Saw not a single church between Cumtsheld and Union, but was glad to see the people seemed to be abstaining from labor and were mostly dressed in their holiday clothes cannot say how the sacred hours were spent but ours and I fear were no better improved - Took breakfast at Union and started immediately for Brownsville where we arrived about 4 P.M. Here the Pittsburgh part of our company left us and took passage by Steamboat up the Monongahela Rode on to Washington Penn. where we took supper and started again between seven & eight - distant from Wheeling about 36 miles - had a good driver all the way & seemed to get over the ground rapidly yet it was too dark at night nearly when we arrived there - The Sabbath passed slowly and drearily and most sincerely do I hope I may never be obliged to spend such another.

Oct. 18. Rose after a few hours sleep - Took breakfast and about 1/2 past ten o'clock took seat on board the Steamer Dr. Franklin, a regular packet running between R. and Cincinnati which left the landing at twelve for Cin. Hoped to stop at least for a call at Cincinnati but was disappointed for we passed it in the night.

Oct. 19. Spent most of yesterday, P.M. and this day in knitting crochets (pro cro-sha) teaching it to some of our passengers and

seeming of them some stitches that I did not know — saw but little to interest me on shore — Had intended to write when on the boat but the motion was too great to allow of it — just evening stopped at Portsmouth at the mouth of the Saints — it being the place where I first came on the river when on my former journey — retired early —

Oct. 20, This morning instead of being in Cincinnati as we expected before light found ourselves a good distance above enveloped in a fog which had compelled us to lay by or at least stop often during the night — Arrived at Cin. about ten o'clock — put up at the Pearl St. House and spent most of the P.M. in writing —

Oct. 21, This morning intended to have called on Mrs Sprigman for whom I had a letter from sister N. but on rising found it raining fast which continued till near noon — dined at 1/2 past one and soon after dinner started with Mr C. to find our friends residing in 10th or Bowditch between Rice and Vine — was cordially received by Mrs Sprigman and so vastly pleased to pass the time I remained in the city with her family that I gladly accepted it and did not return to the Hotel as I had intended that P.M. — with conversation and music the afternoon passed very pleasantly —

Oct. 22. Arose this morning with the intention of reporting myself to Army friends at the Hotel, making a few calls and doing a few errands previous to leaving the city which we expected to do at evening but found that

The rain had commenced pouring in such torrents as to put a full stop to all my operations and knowing that the boat could not take in freight during the rain and therefore would not be ready to leave that evening I sat down contentedly to await the return of fair weather, but we waited that day in vain - the rain poured without ceasing a moment till late in the afternoon and it was then too wet to think of stepping into the street and I gladly spent another night with our kind friends in Court St.

Last evening while sitting at the table the smell of something burning attracted our attention but on searching nothing was discovered and no more was thought of it till about 9 o'clock when the flames burst out over the fireplace in the kitchen - with prompt measures it was speedily extinguished and but little damage done - Had it burst out two hours later the building and perhaps everything it contained must have become a prey to the devouring elements.

Oct. 23, This morning, though not "without a cloud" was tolerably pleasant - spent the morning with Mrs. Sprigman and after an early dinner walked with Mary Sprigman to the Pearl St. House and visited the boat expected to leave that evening and we must be on board certainly by five o'clock. Then we went and made two or three small purchases and afterwards spent half an hour very delightfully in viewing the collection of the Art Union - many of the paintings were very beautiful - some of the most life like figures I ever saw - From the Art Union returned to Mr. Sprigman's and spent an hour

and then returned to the Hotel. To pre-
pare for leaving but was surprised. To
hear we were not to leave till the next
day at eleven o'clock. — I was very anxious
to spend the Sat. in Cin. — felt like
I could not spend another like the
last but there was no alternative and I
wished to be on board that we might
not have to move on that day but our
friends preferred staying at the hotel —
passed the evening pleasantly and retired
early.

Oct 24. Sunday. — When we rose this morn-
ing found the rain pouring again in ter-
rents which continued most of the day
without intermission — the streets were
like rivers and in the midst of it we
left the Hotel and went on board the
boat. — Left the Landing at Cin. about
twelve o'clock. — passengers numerous
but not generally very prepossessing in their
appearance. — The boat was the Gen.

Washington Capt. Sumpton commonly
called the "Bandy Captain" — the boat
new — making but its second trip and
every thing very nice and generally conven-
ient. — Just at evening stopped at chae-
ison and during the night our Capt. ^{was} ~~was~~
raced with the Pike ^{No. 4} and run as fast
that we were at Louisville before morn-
ing.

Oct. 25. This morning found ourselves in Louis-
ville — the day beautifully clear and
pleasant — found to our great joy that
the boat would pass over the Falls in-
stead of going through the canal — at half
past two left the Landing and started
for the Falls — The whole height of the

fall is 22 feet and in some places the descent is quite rapid — the wind blew up stream which increased the agitation of the water and altogether there was a great commotion in the water but the boat passed majestically through without touching the rocks but once and then but slightly — kept myself busy with my knitting through the day — spent the evening in conversation and reading and retired early —

Oct. 26. About 10 past ten this morning we stopped at Evansville — was very anxious to go on shore but the Capt. said he would stop but a few moments so putting on my bonnet I stood upon the guard to see if I could recognise any one — saw but one or two that I knew — The Capt. bought a boat load of wood which kept him about an hour which would have given me time for a fine walk thro' the town — About 2 P.M. stopped at Mr. Vernon where a pleasant old lady, Mrs. Covert, came on board from whom I learned many particulars about my friends Mr and Mrs Honey — left her just before night at the place called the cave in the Rock, a few miles below Shawneetown — spent the evening in reading and as usual retired early —

Oct. 27. When we arose this morning found ourselves in ^{on} the Mississippi river which to our great surprise we found very low and were obliged to run very carefully to avoid sand bars and snags — Just at evening we passed two boats — the Monona from Memphis and the Simon Kent. from Cin. Both of which were sunk but a few days before — At noon we were stopped some time on a bar

Oct. 28 We hoped to be in St. Louis early this day but a fog compelled us to lay too. The last part of the night and did not disperse till the sun was quite high in the heavens at length it slowly rolled away and we went on as rapidly as the ever-rising and low stage of water would allow - About noon came in sight of four boats lying aground on a sand bar - we slackened our speed and passed cautiously by long with parallel and very near the Diana, the last one, when we struck - this steep renders a boat partially immovable and ones not obeying the helm swung round and struck the Diana with great violence but without doing any material damage - in the effort to get over the bar we struck again twice but at last we got over and came on our way rejoicing, we were then but a few miles below the landing and at half past two we arrived at the landing - Had to go to the upper part of the town to land and in passing along I counted nearly fifty steamboats lying closely wedged in along the landing - it was not a forest of masts for not one was to be seen, but a forest of chimneys - we went up to the Planter's House - took rooms - washed and dressed ourselves and began to feel like ourselves again. Spent the evening in writing and retired about ten o'clock.

Oct. 29. After breakfast took a walk with Mrs C. and Emily - returned and wrote a short time, then put my things in order and about eleven o'clock went on board

The Steamboat Illinois Our stay in St. Louis was so short that I made no effort to see the few friends I had there. Though it would have given me great pleasure to have done so. Our boat is one of the largest on the river and in many respects very nice. But her best recommendation is that she is a very fast boat. Left the city about noon and when about fifteen miles below struck a bar - made several attempts to get over without taking out our freight which consisted mostly of live stock but were obliged to give it up and lay by above the bar for the night. My state room was shared by Miss C. Courtenay a very pleasant and interesting lady - she was accompanied by her brother the Hon. Courtenay who had just returned from England - they spend the winter in N. C. - Mrs S. H. Kennedy and her sister Miss A. M. Horton from New Bedford, two very agreeable ladies, made up quite a social company, beyond which we did not care to extend our acquaintance. Spent the afternoon and evening in conversation and reading.

Oct. 30. Early this morning our horses and cattle were put on shore and we at length succeeded in getting over the bar - then had to stop to tether on our freight again so that we did not get on our way till afternoon having laid by about 24 hours - through the day had to run very carefully as the water was very short in some places and the snags were often very thick around us - passed the day very pleasantly with our work, books and conversation - well most of the evening - others passed away the time at the card table.

Oct. 31. The Sabbath. Would that I could have spent it with loved ones in our quiet home. - Work and cards were laid aside but with most the day passed otherwise, much as usual and a wearisome day it seemed to all - it certainly was to me - all confusion - the next Sat. I hope to spend quietly in Camden. - just before night passed the last dangerous shoal above the mouth of the Ohio - and will run all night - last night had to lay by through the night.

Soon after dark touched at Cairo, a little town
at the mouth of the Ohio
Nov. 1. Ran rapidly all last night and this morn
found ourselves far on our way towards Memphis
yesterday was some raining and so was this morning
but the sun at Egypt came out warm and
pleasant. The temperature has increased very
much since we left St. Louis - we are evidently
getting into a warmer climate - we have a large
number of passengers on in the cabin with a
full quota of fretful crying children which
are sometimes very annoying - About five P.M.
we stopped at Memphis, having run 260 miles
in 22 hours - Here Mr and Miss Courtenay left
us much to our regret - When she left I antici-
pated having Emily to share my state room
but more passengers coming on at Memphis, had
to give place to a German girl whose appearance
formed quite a contrast to my former companion
Did not go on shore at Mo. as our stay was short
It stands on a high bluff so that but very little
of the town was to be seen - This evening the
passengers got up a dance in the ladies cabin
which was amusing for a little time, but I, a
looker on, soon got weary of it and wondered
how any one could enjoy it for so long a time.
There were but few to dance yet they kept it
up for several hours -

Nov. 2. This morning it is very mild and pleasant
and we get on so rapidly I very much fear we
shall reach Vicksburg before tomorrow morning
which will make it very unpleasant for me, hav-
ing to leave the boat at that time and go to a
hotel - I shall feel lonely indeed after having
been favored with such pleasant company for
so long a time - Emily has always shared my room
at every stopping place and I shall sorely have
what to do without her - A bagpipe has
drawn many of the passengers left this
morn. where they are again amusing them-
selves with tripping the light fantastic toe

Evening - The dancing part of the company
against danced away the company evening
I soon grew very weary of it but could only
retreat by going to bed which I did not
wish to do so early - The unceasing squeaking
of the motions was very unpleasant but the
grotesque figures and gestures of some of the
dancers especially the fellows were amusingly
ridiculous. This was to be my last night of
bored and all arrangements were made
before retiring, in anticipation of having to
leave the boat before light in the morn-
ing

Nov. 3. I kept working through the night
from the fear that I should not be called
in season to dress before stopping at Bishop
Burg - at 1/2 past four arose and dressed
but the boat did not stop at the land in
till after six - before going on shore Mr
Cochran introduced me to a Mr. Clark
Clarkson who was going on to Clinton ten
miles from Jackson in the afternoon train
We were then too late for the morning train
and would take care of me - sent to Col
Mr. McKim's Hotel as it was too early to find
Mr. Seales in his store and the kindness
of Mr. Clarkson made it unnecessary - took
a room at the Hotel - washed & dressed
and commenced writing but was soon ob-
liged to breathe fresh - after breakfast wrote
several hours, then put my trunk in order
and made ready to start for the depot as
soon as dinner was over - a servant asking
if I wanted a carriage to go to the depot
said it was not far but a mighty steep hill
to go up and truly I found it so though I
managed to climb it with such speed that
Mr. C. who was a tall Kentuckian said I
would soon tire him out - the scenery
to Jackson was new to me - near Bishop
Burg it is very broken, but farther back

mine heart — Various reports at various
times respectingicksburg had made it a
great bugbear to me but I found it very
pleasantly situated on the river and appa-
rently so well ordered and quiet a little
town as any other — The Railroad crosses
a swamp near Black river over which it
is carried on trestles laid just wide
enough for the track so that in riding
over it one has the feeling that they are
riding through the air for it seemed at
least fifty feet above ground — Arrived
at Jackson after sunset 45 miles from
icksburg — The Depot is some distance
out of the town — Took a carriage to Mr
Haley's Hotel and their house being full
was put in a room with another lady who
at the supper table was introduced to me
as Mrs McNeillie — I knew she must
be of the family of Revell's friends and
felt that it was a providential meet-
ing, yet I could perceive she did not
seem to recognise my name at all — Sat
in the parlor after supper written and
then retired — Sabbath to M.P. in the eve-
Nov. 4. Rose just in season to dress for
breakfast and employed myself through-
the day in writing — Mrs McNeillie hav-
ing friends around her I did not intend
myself much upon her notice — She is a
very pleasing lady — one I could love warm-
ly if she could but love me — I cannot
tell as yet whether she is aware of my being
the niece of Dr Blandin, but she may not
know him even by report —

Nov. 5. Rose this morning with the hope
of seeing McQuivance before night — spent
most of the day in reading the second vol-
ume of the wandering Jew — like the
frank manner in which the author ex-

But can approve no farther. — The notions
of morality and religion which it reaches
is the worst possible to place before the
minds of our youth and there is sad
reason to fear that the injurious effects of
its ~~specious~~ ^{apparent} morality will do far more in-
jury than the exposure of the evil art
of the Jesuits can do good — Pity it is
that where there is so much that might
be useful for every one to know, there
should be so much of evil. — In the
evening fireworks were exhibited in
front of the Hotel in honor of some politi-
cal victory — a large balloon was sent
up — it rapidly ascended into the clear
evening air to a great height when
it remained apparently almost motionless
for some time looking like a splendid
star burning on the declivity of evening —
it then gradually moved off till it was
lost to my view behind the house in
front of which we were standing. — Upon
returning to our room a casual con-
versation led Mrs Mc Pittie to the
discovery that I was Dr Blanding's niece.
Though not personally acquainted with
him she had heard much of him and
his wife and also of our dear Uncle Tom
Blanding and it seemed like meeting an
old friend to be with one who knew them
worth. — Retired about ten having heard
nothing from Mr Purviance.

No. 6. No intelligence from Camden
and I expected to stop here over the 26th.
But Mrs Mc Pittie having received certain
intelligence that her husband has gone on
to Louisville has concluded to take the
stage for home this night and it seems
best that I should accompany her as

Mr Puviance will not come now pro-
bably till Monday and by going tonight
I can get there before he leaves and
thus save him the expense of the journey.
Nov. 7. Left Jackson last evening at ten in the
stage coach for Canton, distant 20 miles -
arrived at C. at 6 o'clock Sat. morning - had to
stop till 8 before the coach left - went in the
parlor but it was so wretchedly desolate and
dirty that we could not sit there and we
asked for a room where we might sleep away the
time till breakfast - they showed us one other
bed if possible more filthy than the parlor - the
numerous smokes stoves suffocated us, but
we continued to sleep a little in spite of bugs
filth and so forth till we were called to break
fast - the hotel is so wretched for its filth and
bad management that we had taken the precau-
tion to bring a lunch from Jackson which with
some shonibelle coffee served for our breakfast
and we paid 50 cts apiece for our entertain-
ment - At 9 left for Camden, 21 miles, had
some rain but a good coach kept us dry - about
eleven stopped at Mr Hectors Tavern stand 5th
miles from Camden where we left the coach -
Here we got a good dinner which refreshed well
Mrs McRithie and brother then after vainly
trying to procure a carriage started for home 2 1/2
miles from Camden on horse back taking a note
from me to Mr Puviance which they promised
to send over that night - Spent the night at
Mr Hectors very comfortably except that they
put me to sleep on a feather bed which nearly
suffocated me.

Nov. 8. About nine o'clock this morning Mr
Puviance sent over a boy on horseback with
a note saying that my letter from Jackson
was not received till Sat. and not wishing to have
me wait, Mr Shreve started Sat. morn with
a horse and buggy to go to Jackson for me
and as he could get no other carriage I must
wait till he returned which would not be
till that evening unless he heard of me at Can-
ton - Almost at the same moment a carriage
came up with Mr Shreve - he heard of me

at Canton and returned to within four miles
of Mr. Gleason's and spent the night and then
came on to take me to Camden. Mrs. McKeith's
servant came for her trunk about the same
time and having plenty of room I took mine
along also - out road to Camden by through
the woods which made it very pleasant as
the trees protected us from a very hot sun -
Arrived here not far from noon and was very
cordially received by Mr & Mrs. Peviance - they
have a very pretty family of six children - intelli-
gent and well behaved and with countenances
which indicate amiable dispositions - about
two hours after I arrived Mr. Peviance brought me
a letter from sister E. which I read with an interest
no one can feel but those who are widely
separated from home and friends - I really
know whether Camden is pleasant or not - can
not see it for the woods - The forest trees grow
almost to the doors of the houses - no frost yet
and the gardens are green but the rose leaves
are falling from the trees - monthly roses are
blooming beautifully in the gardens.

Nov. 9. A very rainy day but very warm - spent
the day in conversing with Mr & Mrs P. Thorndale
friends and in writing to several ones - Retired
very early

Nov. 10. The storm still continues and the
air grows cooler - for two or three days have had
a good deal of themselves - Spent the day chiefly
in writing and retired early

Nov. 11. Weather still cloudy - this morning
sent off letters to Uncle, Sister E. and brother A.
hope to get some in return but did not see
coal today - If it clears think there will be frost
tonight I have not been out at all yet to see
the place - too wet and stormy - feel the
need of more exercise -

Nov. 12. A clear morning - those expecting to find
every thing frozen - on the contrary found the
mercury at 44° and the air beautifully mild &
pleasant - continued very warm through the
day - at 4 o'clock P.M. mercury at 74° - retired to
my room early but got engaged with my pen and
wrote till after eleven o'clock

Nov. 13. Sent off a letter this morn to Sister Susan

and finished one for Mrs Cornell - The snowing
foggy but towards noon the sun came out very
pleasant - am making an effort to get up a school
hope to have a tolerable one by the first of next
month - The whoping cough has just made its
appearance here which will rather off some
schollers for a time and keep some back for fear
of taking it

Nov. 14. Sabbath morning and a quiet home
for the first time in five weeks - Peace
and pleasant anticipated much pleasure
in again attending church - The people of C.
are not able to support a minister and the
pulpit is supplied by a Methodist circuit
preacher and a Presbyterian minister, Rev
Mr Campbell, who resides a few miles in
the country - They preach once each Sab. alter-
nately - The exercises of a Sabbath school oc-
cupy the other part of the day - At ten o'clock
attended church Sab. School with Mr Phoebe
and Mr Purviance's daughters - It met in
the church which is a very primitive looking
building - about two thirds as large as one meeting
at home - neither boarded but neither plastered
nor scited - There seven places for windows
but no sashes, the openings closed with shutters
benches placed on each side and front of the
pulpit sufficient to seat a pretty good sized
congregation - The Sab. School small - about
thirty pupils, teachers and scholars - Have a
small library - Exercises, singing Reading Scripture
singing against prayer, recitations, &c. Returned home
at half past eleven - At three P.M. went to church
and heard Rev. Mr Parker preach from the verses
commencing "Come unto me all ye that labor" &c. -
two verses. The windows of the church all closed
and the doors, three in number, open made it rather
stuffy before the services closed, which means
till 10 past 4. - The church has a beautiful situa-
tion - on a hill, apart from the noise of the
town, and almost surrounded by forest trees
which whose shadows must be a grateful pro-
tection during the heat of summer -

Nov. 15. Had a slight frost last night - the first
seen this autumn - the morning clear and
cool - spent the day chiefly in reading and
doing various little jobs which however did
not seem to amount to much - Last Sat.
evening began to rehearse lessons on the Accor-
deon and this afternoon and evening prac-
tised several hours - make but slow progress
though much better than I anticipated - can
play one tune "Bounding Billows" without looking
at the notes or keys. Hoped very much that G.
Nov. I would leave for home today but was
disappointed - must now wait till Thursday -

Nov. 16. Another frosty morning - Air, clear and
bracing - should be running with about, for
exercise but for the fear of exciting remarks
from the people - so put the need of more
exercise - lie in bed too much - cannot
sleep soundly because I sleep so much - wake
long before light - After breakfast practised
on the Accordeon an hour or two - can now
play several tunes with the notes, and two
without them - feel encouraged to go on
but fear I shall annoy the family with
so many discordant sounds

Nov. 17. A clear bright morning - very mild and
the day so warm that it was scarcely comfortable
with doors and windows all open - no frost yet
severe enough even to crisp the roses - This morn-
ing went to the Purvisian store and made a few
purchases - find prices much higher than at
the north but no more than would seem
necessary to defray the heavy expense of getting
them here - The store is well fitted and carries
a variety and quality of articles which would
surprise a New England village merchant -

Nov. 18. Last evening was beautifully clear
but this morning commenced raining
before light - Rained by showers till tow-
ards noon when a tremendous gush of

wind came up accompanied with thunder and rain which poured in torrents several hours but it cleared again before ten o'clock at night. Spent a good deal of this as of every day in playing the Accordion and hope it is not time mispent nor labor thrown away.

Nov. 19. A clear morning and quite cool but no frost. Spent the morning chiefly in sewing and practicing music. Soon after dinner Mrs Mc Murtra and daughter came in - after sitting an hour or two was invited to accompany her to the store which I did and remained while she made her purchases - was glad for the opportunity to take even a short walk - returned and after sitting a little time Mrs Mc Murtra & daughter left on horseback the daughter riding behind and a little black boy along on another horse to see them nothing happened to them - hope I may have some opportunities to learn riding on horseback while here - it is such a delightful exercise.

Nov. 20, This morning the trees and every object around were glittering with a heavy white frost - the first this season to show much - the air was very chilly and seemed the more so from the habit which every one has of leaving the doors open - cold wet or what not the doors are open - indeed people think their neighbors are not at home if they see the doors shut - A store too is supposed to be shut up if the doors are closed - no matter how cold the wind blows or how uncomfortable customers are while trading the doors must be open. Spent the morning in practicing on the

Decided on and writing a letter to Mrs Spring
man of Cincinnati — Mr Shovek being quite
unwell went into the country yesterday & Mr
and returned again today quite unexpectedly
probably not much improved by his jaunt
Am spending some leisure moments in
writing to sisters Lephie and Sarah — have al
so commenced the draft of a letter for E. B. Co.
Nov. 20 Sabbath Morn. A chilly air this morning and
appearance of rain — attended Sab. School at ten
o'clock — perhaps 20 persons present — had a class to
which four little girls belong but only one was pres
ent during recitation — one came in just as the
School was closing. At eleven Rev Mr Campbell
preached — the congregation very small — not more
than 25 or thirty — the air was cool and the church
so open that I took the precaution to dress myself much
warmer than the actual temperature of the atmosphere
seemed to require. But found after sitting a while in
church that my clothing was none too thick — was just
comfortable while most of the ladies looked like they
were freezing, with their low necked dresses and thin
shawls — It is the custom of the place to visit on
the sabbath and I was some what anxious lest
I should be troubled with calls on that day but
was relieved this afternoon by being told that a moth
er lady was not expected to make or receive calls
on the Sabbath and it made me glad to find the
ladies of my own New England had established such
a character among the Rev Sab. keepers of the Church.
Nevertheless, at evening a gentleman and lady called
but we were just sitting down to supper and they did
not stop more than five minutes — Spent the
evening in reading and retired quite early.
Nov. 22 Slept so many hours last night that I could
not sleep well and the night seemed very long —
am quite distressed at having to lie in bed so much
but as I have no fire in my room, do not think
it prudent to sit till I get chilled, and however
early I may wake in the morning cannot rise till
light as I cannot light my candle — with a little
more heat could make the night as short as I
please. Spent the day in reading, writing, Brew

ing, Practising on the Acordeon and doing various
little jobs — Am reading Lieht's Philosophy of a
future state and find it exceedingly interest-
ing — Find myself improving on the Acordeon
faster much than I expected, hope I shall be
able to master it in the course of the win-
ter. — Spent some of the evening as I often do in
teaching Caroline to read. It commenced rain-
ing this morning early and rained by showers
during the morning — after dinner fell quite
a heavy thunder shower and the rain contin-
ued falling heavily most of the afternoon — just
at sunset a beautiful rainbow spanned the
eastern sky and the clouds seemed just ready
to roll away but as the shades of evening came
on they thickened again.

Nov. 23. This morning went to the store and
purchased material for a tunic and an
apron — the first plain the — gingham the
latter a plaid — assisted Mary Purviance in
selecting a dress — returned home and
spent the remainder of the day in sew-
ing upon it for her and we nearly finish-
ed it before retiring — the day pleasant
but quite cool.

Nov. 24. This morning was cooler than yesterday.
Spent the day in sewing for Mary and Ann
who took a dress from the store yesterday like
her sisters — Just before dinner received a call
from Mrs Anderson of Richwood — liked her
appearance much — she is the daughter of
Col. Levy of Camden, So. Ca. — she remembered
me and seemed much interested in hear-
ing from him — on leaving gave me a very
kind invitation to spend several days
with them at Christmas — hope I may be
able to do so but being entirely dependent
on cooperative strangers I must not pre-
sume too highly on their kindness lest
I make myself troublesome.

Nov. 25. The coldest morning we have had since
my arrival in Miss. — I spent a little time
this morning in sewing for the girls and then
commenced my sermon which Mrs Purviance
very kindly cut out for me the night before.
I remembered that it was Thanksgiving in
dear New England and my thoughts went
home with the hearty wish that I could
join the loved family circle around the
social board — these remembrances of home
were not diminished when about noon
Mr Purviance came in with a letter for
me from sister Nancy, which I had been
anxiously watching for, for several weeks.
It bore to me the painful intelligence
that death had been busy among our friends
since I left — cutting down the young man
in his strength and the child in its open-
ing bloom — who could have anticipated
that William Hunt was so soon to lie down
in the silent tomb — we had anticipated
for him years of active usefulness, but the
whose ways are not our ways has taken
him away in the prime of his opening man-
hood — and may we hope to himself! — We
know not whether he was prepared for the
sudden change but from the calmness
with which he met the King of terrors and
the stillness with which he took leave of
all earthly things we may hope that for him
to die was gain — God grant that the sol-
emn warning be not lost on those espe-
cially who have been his companions in the
sports and employments of youth and who
have now seen him laid away in his last
eternal resting place to seek them in vain

With the morning of the resurrection —
There is nothing makes me feel so keenly the
great distance which separates me from
home and those I love as death itself does
as this — I can scarcely exclude the thought
that some one I love may be suffering
— perhaps dying, and I still unconscious of
it, — or if knowing it still unable to be
near them — at such times it is only the
conviction that I am in the path of duty
that can reconcile me to such a separation.
Nov. 16. This morning was severely cold — the
ice made in the house during the night
and it thawed but little in the shade
during the day — felt yesterday like I had
taken a severe cold and this morning en-
deavored to guard against any addition
by never clothing myself and hope my
cold may not prove troublesome —
spent the day in sewing, reading, practis-
ing and writing. — After this week expect
to have regular employment and but little
other spare time.

Nov. 27. A pleasant but cool day — spent most
of it in doing various little things preparatory
to commencing school — feel much anxiety
with regard to my success — alone among
strangers and so very far from all who have
hitherto felt interested in my success, I
shall feel more keenly sensitive to dis-
affection or disapprobation with regard
to my plans and mode of conducting
my school and more anxious that I
may succeed than ever before — I stan-
ger to every one I cannot expect that
mistakes or failures in any of my arrange-

ments with the regarded with the thinking
they would receive from old acquaint-
ances, but I must not, must not fail
and by the grace of God instilling me, I
will not fail nor give up till I have
accomplished the object for which I
have left all I love, though years of
untiring effort must pass before I can
effect it.

Nov. 28. Sabbath day — Clear and cool — at-
tended Sabbath School at ten o'clock A.M.
The church was very cold, and the chil-
dren seemed to feel it much — exercises
continued till near twelve o'clock —
Returned home and spent most of the
time in reading till three P.M. when I
attended church and heard Rev. Mr. De-
vidson preach from the text commen-
cing "Blessed are the dead" &c. &c. The speaker
looked very unwell and much exhausted
and said he was able to give us
but a short sermon — the congregation
very small — but ten persons present — a
sad comment upon the church going habits
of the community —

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This day commenced teaching in the town of Camden, Madison Co. Miss. and hope I may look forward to five years, at least, of constant employment in the pursuit of the profession I have chosen, and, though I have too often recited the instability and uncertainty of all earthly plans to think of forming any projects to be retired at what comparatively distant period, yet I do set at the height of my earthly aspirations, to be permitted then to return to my native home, and find the dear ones I have left there still unbroken and unchanged, only so it must be by the heavier pressure of the hand of time on brows already sprinkled with the frosts of age and the diminished buoyancy of youthful spirits, sobered by the thoughts of mature years, and the cares which those years bring to every condition of life. Were I but assured of this, the pain of separation would lose its severity and weeks and months and years of toil would pass by almost unheeded, but we cannot pierce the future, and and often have we been compelled to acknowledge that it is the hand of mercy that has spread the veil which hides its destinies from us. May that hand still be over us to protect and guide us and if we are not to meet again in our loved earthly home may we be prepared to meet an unbroken family in a home where parting is no more.

My school room is a very prime time looking building — stands in a beautiful grove — away from the noise of the town and so far from the public road that the passers by attract little attention — The house is built of heavy logs — has but one door and no windows — two wide cracks serving instead — The fireplace is of brick about breast high but above that level and stay and I am in constant terror from its expecting that every speck that flies will set it on fire — The it is well fitted with ashes but destitute of andirons shovel and tongs — The furniture of the room consists of a chair, three benches, one long shelf and two short ones, a broom a bucket and dipper — The floor is laid with rough boards, very well fitted but not fastened and the ends are frequently disposed to rise in the world, am obliged to move about rather carefully to avoid greeting the floor in a way that might compromise my dignity very seriously — it seems so little like a school room as possible being destitute of nearly every thing generally considered essential to such a place, but with a little additional apparatus which I hope we may have and a little time to get used to it, I think we shall get on nicely — Commenced this day with nine scholars with the expectation of some more, perhaps during the week — in the afternoon the father of two of my scholars called to see me — it seemed very queer to receive visitors in such a place but as the gentleman seemed at home I tried to put as he made a long call and was much

amazed with the peculiarity of some of his
ideas - He thinks school should open as
amuse and not close with sunset with
only just recess sufficient to swallow din-
ner, and then have at least three hours
study in the evening - It is a pity that he
could not be a teacher a year or two at
that rate - I think it would essentially
modify his ideas on the subject - He has
kept his children very constantly at school
but unfortunately they do not seem to have
improved their opportunities as they might
have done notwithstanding seeming to be very
conscious of it and I fear they may not
be pleased with the comparatively slow
progress they must necessarily make
while overcoming negligent habits of study
and numerous acquired defects - He is
strongly attached to old text books and
old plans - found some fault with
nearly every kind of text book I prefer
red but ended like "Uncle Lin" with
purchasing for his daughter's use all
that I required - he is wealthy but rather
close and had I not been told some-
thing about him would have supposed
him secretly able to feed and clothe
his family from his conversation - Soon
after he came in another gentleman
with his wife came in and sat a few
moments - Mr & Mrs Adams - they have
one or two to send when the paroxysm of
the whooping cough subsides - closed
school about 4 P.M. - returned home and
spent most of the time till supper in
practising on the Accordion - after school
made a little sketch of my school house
and spent the evening in wheeling it and
finishing a letter to E. B. Reffersperger -
Nov. 80. A clear pleasant morning - opened
school at nine o'clock with twelve school-
ers - seven misses and five nettles

much of them small but just now it
suits me better than large scholars —
practised arithmetic on the sabbath after
school evening — soon after coming in
from school received a letter from these
young ladies — the Misses Gittie & Miss Cooper
spent the evening in writing to me and
returned between eleven and twelve o'clock.
Dec 1st The winter was ushered in this
morn with a heavy rain which rather
dampened my courage as I have no overcoats
and cannot procure them here — Designed
to use my boots as a substitute but had
no sent them to the shoemaker to be heated
and they had not been returned — started
for school in a pair of handsome new
shoes, but they will never be handsome again
the mud was so deep and the road
mud I ever saw — nearly as fine and
adhesive as paste — had not the courage
to try it at noon and Mrs P sent an
overcoat — the rain ceased before noon and
by close of school the weather was very
decent — Played till supper and spent
the evening in finishing a letter to mother
and making a little sketch of my school
room to enclose in it —

Dec 2. A cloudy morning, but no rain —
Had my boots today and got to school nicely —
two scholars absent yesterday and the
same ones today — My schoolroom seems a
little like a schoolroom that it has taken
me all of this time to get used to it — am
not so sick at all and am steadily get-
ting accustomed to the strange things about
me so as to realize that I am really
settled down again to my old employ ment
of teaching and I hope permanently so —

Dec. 3. A fine clear day but very cool and the appearance of my road pith today was an explanation of the adage "What is every body's business is nobody's" for I have had to keep my boys exercising at recesses and now picking up wood to supply our fire we having already burned all that was prepared for us. The school room was very cold but with the help of our shawls made ourselves tolerably comfortable. I thought I would close school early but found too much to do to admit of that. After school practised on the Accordeon till supper and spent the evening in writing to Mrs Cochrane.

Dec. 4. Arose early and tried to finish a letter to Mrs C. for the morning's mail but did not succeed. Spent most of the morning in writing. The day was fine but rather cool. Just before dinner Miss Frances Burns came in from the country. After dinner dressed and called with Mrs Perviance on Mrs Drake. Cool - she has a young babe and looked very sick. It seemed to me too much so to see much company - intended to call on Mrs Hanner but met her at Mrs Drake's - returned home soon as Mrs P. did not like to be long absent from her babe. Spent the evening in writing to Mrs Burns and Mrs Goss.

Dec. 5. A cold morning and a fine one but quite cold, so much so that we did not think it best to go to Sabbath school, the church is so uncomfortable on a cold day. At eleven o'clock started for church with Mr Shroath and the three little girls - Mrs Perviance suffering severely from rheumatism and Mrs Perviance suffering unable to leave her babe. Sat an hour in church before services commenced and felt quite

thilly before they closed - very few people out
though many more than on last Sabbath
Rev. Mr Campbell preached from the words
"By one man's disobedience, many were made
sinners" - a well studied sermon but in
my opinion not so well calculated to do
good as a more practical one. Returned
home at one o'clock and spent most of the
afternoon in reading in Dick's Philosophy of a
Future state which I finished in the evening
like the work much - tho' very speculative
it is such subtle speculation that it is im-
possible not to have the mind enlarged
and instructed, and delighted with the
subjects presented for contemplation -
After supper heard the girls recite their
lessons for Sabbath school - spent the eve-
ning in reading and retired early -

Dec. 6. A fine pleasant morning - had
one new scholar this morning nothing new in
it - just as we were leaving for school
after dinner Mr Perowne came down with
Rev. Mr Moore, a Massachusetts gentleman
whom I would have been glad to have
become acquainted with but had no time
After school practiced till suppertime
and after supper spent the evening in reading
playing and singing with Mary Perowne
Dec. 7. A bright pleasant day - suited as May
heat almost oppressive at noon - so we
went to school after dinner, Mr Perowne
handed me a letter from Anne Williams
to him and a paper from Brother Sherman
in Philadelphia - Anne's letter was short
but contained the best of all news, the

feelings of continued health and comfort — Closed school at 4 p.m. and as we returned home settled on the piazza. — found one of the young ladies suffering with headache and made but a short call — am much pleased with the appearance of the young ladies and their mother and anticipate much pleasure in cultivating their acquaintance — Returned home and practiced till supper and spent the evening in making a sketch in my drawing book of Elm Cottage — a week view which I took with the Camera Lucida for nearly a short time before leaving home —

Dec. 8. At ten o'clock last night it was bright starlight, but long before morning it commenced raining heavily and we had a dull rainy morning, but the rain ceased before school and we had so little snow the day that we could get back and forth from school without difficulty. The weather is much warmer than we have been having — practiced as usual till supper and spent the evening in completing the sketch in my drawing book —

Dec. 9. Another dull morning — but little rain and we went to school very nicely very warm — mercury at 68° before breakfast. Little rain during the morning but soon after dinner it began to thunder and for quite a long time it rolled constantly but the noise of the shower seemed to be at a distance, though we had some heavy rain

Closed school quite late and had scarcely
reached home when the rain poured in
torrents—practised a little before supper
and spent the evening chiefly in reading &
sewing. Soon after supper it commenced
thundering again and has scarcely stopped
since—now at $\frac{1}{2}$ past eleven the light-
ning is very sharp and the thunder very
heavy and constant.

Dec. 10. Retired last night a little before
twelve—the thunder still heavy but di-
minishing and soon fell asleep but could
have slept but a very short time when
I was awakened by a flash of very vivid
lightning accompanied by a heavy peal of
thunder while the rain poured in tor-
rents—the shower soon passed over but
was followed by another and another
in constant succession till 8 o'clock
this morning. About six o'clock we had
one of the heaviest peals of thunder I
ever heard—the morning was very dark
so that a candle was needed on the
breakfast table at eight o'clock—about
half past eight the rain slackened and
although Mr Shroth & Mr Purviance had
both said I could have no school I
could not feel satisfied to remain
at home if there was a prospect of its
clearing. I was told that the branch
between us and the school house
would be too full to cross, but I re-
solved to try and about nine we
started—found the walking much bet-
ter than I anticipated—the heavy
rains having beaten the path nearly as
hard as a track that is beaten by a heavy
surf—but the branch was swollen so
much we found it very difficult to

cross but it last succeeded and reached
the school room without getting much
wet but when there found our matches
were all gone and of course we could
get no fire - the rain had beaten
down chimney and all around the
room making every thing very damp and
we being damp ourselves, it was neither
comfortable nor safe for us, - very
soon heavy thunder began to roll in
the distance and a heavy shower soon
passed over - it had scarcely subsided
when another began to rise and I then
it had to get home as soon as possible
found the track very much smooth
since we passed it and could only
cross with sliding feet of knee deep, which
put us in a very plight to reach the top
- got home just as the rain began
to fall heavily again and the showers
continued till late in the afternoon
when the clouds began to break - Spent
some time after dinner in assisting Mr
Thresh in putting up and mending some
flower seeds which he purchased in New
York last summer.

Dec. 11. Had no more thunder last night
but this morning was still showy - went
to the store soon after breakfast and
purchased a yard of black broad cloth
for working shoes and trousers - the
cloth is very nice and think I can
make some beautiful trousers - com-
menced one immediately and made con-
siderable progress upon it before night.
Went to have cotton upon Mrs Linn's which
P. M. but it was too wet and Mrs Linn was
too busy - late in the afternoon cotton upon

his Dick a nice neighbor - the weather
has cleared and the evening is delightful
by pleasant - practiced while before sup-
per and spent the evening in putting the
views of Mr Hart's house which I took
for Kenzie into my drawing book - it looks
very like our old neighbor's dwelling

Dec. 12. The pleasantness of last evening
warranted the anticipation of a pleasant
morning but to my surprise found it
raining - regretted it the more as we had
the prospect of two services on the today
for the first time since I came here -
the rain has poured in torrents most
of the day and the thunder has rolled
almost incessantly - in three days have
heard more thunder than during all last
summer - have spent the day mostly in
reading - my Bible, Dick's Christian Offi-
cer and Jerusalem a visit to Jeru-
salem in the year A. D. 40. but my thoughts
have been too much like those of the poor
wandering to the ends of the earth or at
least to vain and unprofitable subjects.
It is now past 4 P. M. - it has been looking like
clearing away but the thunder is again rolling
and a heavy shower seems rising. The water courses
are very full from the heavy rains so that
yesterday the mail carrier had to return with-
out reaching the safe office - fear the water
will still be too high tomorrow

Dec. 13. very much colder than yesterday, but
still steady - soon after noon commenced
snowing and for a time it looked like we
were going to have a real New England snow
storm but it did not last long - the wind
was very cold but in the valleys and among
the pines it was quite mild and pleasant
towards night it looked like clearing and
being very cold - Spent the evening in
setting a purse which I commenced in
Jackson and playing on the Accordion

Dec. 14. A clear bright morning and quite cold - Mercury at 24° before sunrise - The ground frozen hard when we went to school but at noon very muddy - had promised to go to the Glanville's after school but decided the weather the ground cold so wet - we got along better than I expected however by leaving the public road and taking a bye path through the woods - was very cordially received by the family and passed the evening quite pleasantly - can but be amused as I go about to notice the manners and customs of the people so different from anything I have seen before - The entire want of ceremony makes one feel awkward at first but it is easy in some respects to get accustomed to it -

Dec. 16. Last evening a slight haze with a milder air made me feel a storm today but the morning proved beautifully clear with a fine bracing air - The walk to school was very pleasant and we found a nice fire awaiting us which Peter had built and Eliza swept the schoolroom very nicely - affairs in school passed along more smoothly than some days - with fourteen scholars find my time completely occupied - hope if my school increases the edition may consist of large scholars rather than small ones because I can do so better - Broke one of my rings a few days since and today sent it to Barton by Mr Shewch to be mended - don't know how I managed to break it -

Dec. 16. Another clear cool morning - The people call the weather very cold - to me it is delightful - like our fine Au-

turn weather in New England — my school
room is somewhat airy but with a good
fire we manage tolerably well — This most
of my scholars are suffering from severe colds
and this afternoon their constant coughing
and expectoration made me almost ner-
vous — closed at 1/2 past four. Mr S. returned
from Canton and I received my ring very
nicely mended — spent the evening in ex-
pecting a piece which was commenced when
in Jackson

Dec. 17. The weather still clear and cold
for this climate. — Solly Purviance was
quite unwell yesterday and today is
confined to his bed with strong symp-
toms of Pleurisy — several of my scholars
absent in consequence of colds. This day
closes three weeks of my school and in
one week more Christmas holidays will
be here

Dec. 18. Sat. morning — Solly Purviance
is quite sick — suffering much from pain
in his side with a high fever and thickly
coated tongue — in the P.M. his pulse at
120 per minute — he had no physician yet
spent the day in working on my album
and at dark had nearly completed the
flowers — hope to finish it in one more
day — had to have called this day on Mrs
Hamer but Mrs Purviance was unable to
accompany me — Before we rose from
the dinner table Miss Mary Hamblin
called and sat till about three o'clock
Have as yet become acquainted with
very few of the Ladies of the place and
the gentlemen very kindly leave me alone

Dec. 20. The Sabbath and a most lovely day, bright, clear and cool but most unfortunately we have had no preaching — had two appointments for last Sabbath. The heavy rain prevented being fulfilled and today the want of a preacher prevents our improving the fine day with which we are favored. Restless I do it by visiting which neither conscience nor inclination tempts me to do and I hope never will, though I am told that my sermons will not stand a twelve months trial here — perhaps they will not but I believe my principles have a stronger and firmer foundation than such a change implies. — Mrs Ellis called in the morning and Miss Caroline Fitter in the afternoon. This morning Dr Smith called to see Latty — cupped her which relieved her side immediately — said she pretty sick but thinks she will soon get up again if she is careful. Dr S. is from the vicinity of Providence but has resided in this part of the country some thirty years — he has rather a rough exterior but a good eye and an intelligent countenance. His sister Mrs Fanner is a "friend" and a very friendly old lady whose acquaintance with I think he is a source of pleasure to me — spent the day chiefly in reading and mostly in my Bible and Dick's Christian Philosophy, but my thoughts were vain and foolish, wandering to every object but those upon which they should have been fixed.

Dec. 20. The morning was clear but clouds soon came over and the Mercury rising a storm was predicted as near at hand, but towards night the wind came round to the north again and this evening the Mercury is falling rapidly and the wind thunders through the trees like a "home field" here England winter's night. — Spent the evening in seeing for Mrs Purviance.

Dec. 21. A clear cold morning again — the wind subsided towards morning and became very still — the Mercury at 21° before sunrise — the people are getting quite impatient with such continued cold weather — they shiver and shake under it while to me it scarcely seems cold or would scarcely seem so here I am in a warm house — with so much air circulating around me I feel it more than I otherwise would.

Last ^{up} Friday evening had an invitation to attend a ball which comes off next ^{up} ~~to~~ Friday (Christmas) eve, but elected the home without any regret — some of my scholars are on tiptoe about it and do not know but I may have to suspend operations today or two soon or on account of it and other preparations for Christmas.

Dec. 22. The weather still clear and cool have to keep up good fires in my school room as the cool air circulated very freely through it. After consulting with Mr and Mrs Purviance, concluded to close school this P.M. till the first Monday in Jan. which will give me a vacation of ~~three~~ ^{four} days in studying Mrs

Sabbaths, instead of ~~rest~~ as I had expected — spent the evening in trying my skill at using my crocheting needle, trying to make a gentleman's Pincushion.

Dec. 23. A bright clear day and still cool — went to the store early this morn with Mrs Purviance. Purchased a pair of walking shoes, a piece of tape and a yd of very narrow scarlet ribbon returned and made a cloth with Mrs P. or Mrs Ellis — one nearest neighbor and yet it is ^{my} ~~our~~ first call — promised to go over and sit awhile with her in the afternoon but Mrs Purviance wished me to cut a dress for Sethy which kept me busy most of the afternoon — spent the evening in sewing — At dinner Mr Purviance brought me a letter from my friend in New Orleans from which I am gratified to learn that they are well and also that I am affectionately remembered by them.

Dec. 24. A cloudy morning with appearance of rain — spent the morning in sewing and after dinner went in and sat with Mrs Ellis two or three hours while I finished Sethy's dress, which I completed just at dark — spent the evening in crocheting which tries my eyes quite severely.

Dec. 25. Christmas day and a fine one too — the clouds have blown off again and the sun shines warm and pleasant — spent most of the morning in making a collar for Cousin, the black girl and reading and writing — After dinner sat in my room awhile and sewed — about mid

late of the afternoon. Mrs David Shrook his wife and two children with Miss A. J. Shrook came from Leake Co. Mrs Shrook is Mrs Purviance's sister and Miss Shrook her cousin. Just at evening trimmed keep and Ann's bonnets for the winter and did not meet the company till called to tea - found Miss S. a very agreeable young lady - spent the evening in conversation. Spent this day a year ago with sister S. in New Hampshire and little thought then that the next one would be spent in Mississippi. Dec. 26. A very pleasant though cool Sabbath morning - The Shrook and his cousin, Miss Ann went to Church at "Hibernia" six miles in the country - about eleven I started for Church with Mary and Ann Purviance found it not open, went to the graveyard a little while and then returned to the Church - found it opened and two gentlemen present - waited till about twelve o'clock and no minister came and I then returned home - I was really disappointed for we had had no preaching for two Sabb. and I fully expected to hear a sermon - Spent the remainder of the day in conversation & reading and part of the evening in singing - Dec. 27. A fine cool morning - Mr and Mrs Shrook returned towards noon - Spent most of the day in sewing on a dress for Caroline - in the afternoon made quilt a long cord with Mrs and Miss Shrook & Mrs Ellis.

Dec. 28. Early this morning went with the ladies to the store where we spent about two hours making purchases and looking at various articles - while there had an elegant Pocket Bible presented me as a Christmas gift - returned and called on Mrs Ellis - after dinner took up my sewing again but was soon interrupted by a call

from several ladies - white at the
table Dr. Fanner settled and sat till a
bout 8 o'clock - He is a Yankee from near
Providence and I had a long chat with
him about New England, but I do not
like him much - He is two months of a buf-
foon - very noisy features and squarish
rough in his manners - He is said to
be a favorite among the aristocracy at
"Hickwood", but for what reason I cannot
tell unless to make sport - hope we
will not often be troubled with his visits
Dec. 29. A mistle cloudy morning - about
8 o'clock made a call with Miss Sher-
wood on the Misses "Fitter" - returned and
found Mr & Mrs Burns (Mrs Posistin) here
and arrangements made for our visitors
to accompany them home and also for my
self to make one of the company - soon
after dinner we started - there were three
carriages - the Sherwood, his sister and her
baby in one, the Mr and Mrs Burns with
two children in another and myself &
Miss S. brought up the rear in a little gig
consisting of only a seat and four wheels and
mounted on an immense pair of wheels - it
was so high and so small that the beehive-
gustly in the ground made me feel just
like we were going over - then the road
was so bad - hills very steep and often badly
washed and the path frequently very
sliding - a constant cough had to be
kept too for stumps which were often di-
rectly in the road - I had to be driven
and certainly never rode in such fear in
my life but I succeeded in driving thro'
(I smile) safely and was highly commen-
ded for my skill in guiding - had some
rain on the way but did not get much
wet - it was waded all the way nearly
even the cotton fields were full of dead
trees - arrived at our journey's end about
five o'clock and passed a pleasant
evening and retired about ten o'clock

Dec. 30. Expected to find it raining this morning but was exceedingly disappointed. To find it looked like clearing away — about 10 o'clock we made ready to return to town with Mr. Scherck in his buggy but just as we were ready it commenced raining quite heavily and we feared a rainy day but the shower soon passed over and we started — Had a few slight showers on the way but not enough to wet much and arrived home about 4 o'clock — Immediately after dinner Mr. Purviance brought me in four letters, from Susan, Elizabeth, Mary and William and Abner — The heavy rain had cut off our communication with the north for three weeks which had caused a long delay in the receipt of my letters. They were read with eagerness and I trust with warm emotions of thankfulness. I spent most of the afternoon in sewing and the evening in answering sister Susan's letter —

Dec. 31. Some rain last night and a cloudy morning with prospect of more rain but the clouds broke away quite early in the day and it has been tolerably pleasant — Spent the morning in writing to sisters Susan and Mary and most of the afternoon sat with Mrs. Elliot — passed the evening in sewing and writing

Dec. 3. This day commenced a regular session of five months with very encouraging prospects - Had twenty scholars and may have enough more, to make the number thirty. - Most sincerely and anxiously hope I may succeed in pleasing the people and think I will of effort can do it. Mr. Seane has been expected here to open a school for boys this day but has not come - if he does not my number will be increased by several masters who expected to go to him would prefer mines to a nothing to take so many of either, as I can be kind to properly and faithfully. They are not far advanced but will be improving in that respect every month anticipate much pleasure in carrying them on year after year in their studies. Most earnestly hope and pray that my health may be continued till I have accomplished the object on which my heart is set, and that I may do it ere many years have passed away closed school at a late hour - Spent the evening in conversation and writing Dec. 4. The weather still fine. - Had one more scholar today making 21. - find some difficulty in cheering my school as, but hope soon to get them more together when I will be able to accomplish my class work in a shorter time now find the day almost too short for me - Do not get home till about seven p.m. - spent the evening in writing to Kate & sister Elizabeth.

Jan. 1, 1848. Another year has passed away and with it all its privileges and opportunities whether rightly improved or not have gone never to return — its record is in that book of remembrance which will be opened at the judgment day — its decrees cannot be reversed but may it be my care to so spend this year, that, when account may be joyfully rendered, to him who will sit to judge the earth. — The day has been quite damp and home not been out except to sit a little time with Mrs Elliot — spent most of the day in sewing, preparatory to commencing school again — set out the family in the evening till they retired and as the air was mild the set out read in my room till the clock tolled the knell of the dying year and soon after retired.

Jan. 2. A beautiful Sat. morning — clear and mild, but our church is not open today and though there is preaching only six miles in the country a distance I could easily reach were I in New England, I must not do it here and of course must stay at home — have not heard a sermon in four Sabbaths. — Mr Shreve goes to Helen to church regularly when there is no preaching in town and did he simply go and return immediately after service. Should he stand tempted to ask him to rather me along, but he it says stops with friends who are strangers to me, which arrangement obliges me to stay at home — Spent the day in reading, singing and conversation — am now reading Dr Dick's Phrenology of Religion and find it a very interesting work.

Dec. 5. The same number of scholars
as yesterday - find my scholars gen-
erally decide & easily managed and
not only capable of learning but most
of them more than usually anxious to
learn and best interested in their
studies. - returned home late, as us-
ual and spent the evening in writing
Lest evening after I returned from school
Mr. Providence handed me a letter which
came in on Monday but he forgot to
give it to me - it was from sister
Mary and gave me a rich treat - as
none being repaid for waiting so long
without hearing from home -

Dec. 6. A foggy morning which soon
cleared giving us a clear bright day
The weather is unusually dry and now
very mild for the season. People
are beginning to plant their gardens
though cold weather is expected yet.
Returned from school at 4 o'clock
Spent the evening & till 4 o'clock
in finishing letters to Mother & sister
Elizabeth.

Dec. 7. Offered my two letters this morn-
ing, - two sheets each - my note to gain-
er must I gave it to Mr. Shroth today
to regulate and took one he had be-
longing to another, for the day - had
it sent out to me as I passed the store
on my way to school and there the
quicker when my note as I reached on
not noticing that that the key was fast
to it - in a few moments missed it and
returned to look for it but was unable
to find it - it was not valuable but the
losing of it has annoyed me greatly - hope
that I can easily replace it -

Jan. 6. A warm pleasant day - spent
the morning in working upon a
pair of shoes which I commenced
last evening. - After dinner made
ready and called upon Mrs Fenner
an excellent old Quaker lady, residing
just out of town. Mrs Purviance went
with me - Had a very pleasant call
Mrs Fenner is from New Haven Conn.
but seems so contented in her little
log house as if it were a stately man-
sion. Her brother, Dr Smith, with
whom she resides is building a nice
little house which looks more
like Mrs England fashion than any
thing I have seen in Camden - it
is about the size of the east wing
of Elm Cottage - After seeing Mrs
Fenner we called upon Mrs Levy
the wife of a Jewish merchant who sends
one bright little boy to my school
Found here a very pleasant lady - they
are German Jews but ^{they} speak English
quite plainly. - Returned about sun-
set and sat with Mrs Ellis until
near dark - spent the evening in
working at my shoe -

Jan. 7. Sat. morning - fine and clear
but the coldest morning we have
had this winter - Mercury at 18°
at sunrise - no meeting in town
today - Mr Shroth attended church
at ^{the} town six miles in the country
and had I been in Mass instead
of Miss. think my feet would

Have easily have carried me that
distance rather than have staid
at home on such a fine day.
About 1/2 past ten went across the
way and sat a couple of hours with
Mrs E. Otis, because the road home
and her eyes not strong enough
to admit of her reading - Am real
not to get in the habit of her
very visiting which is so generally prac-
tised here and expressly told Mrs
E. Otis I should not do it when
she was well. - Spent most of the
P.M. in reading "Dr. Bick's Philosophy
of Religion" and singing with the
girls while one played on the
Accordeon. - Have not been to
church for five Sabbaths, and it
scarcely seems like the Sab. with out
put the worship - when the day of
rest comes so beautiful and quiet
and yet the church not open and
the people spending the sacred hour
in smoking and receiving visits, I long
to lead them to join in the morn-
ing walk to the house of God, and
as each hour rolls by fancy pictures
each successive exercise of the same
tendency, till the parting blessing is spo-
ken and I return to our quiet home
to gather around the social board
and then to spend the peaceful
evening in reading or pleasant con-
versation - Shall I ever enjoy the meeting
again?

Jan. 10. A steep cold morning - Mer-
cury at 24° at sunrise - had a fire
piled in my school room all day but
there was too much air circulating
through the numerous cracks about
the room to get it warm any dis-
tance back from the fire and my
scholars kept clustered round the
fire place through the day - tried
to close school early because of the
cold but could not get out till
1/2 past four - hastened home and
made myself busy with my work
through the evening.

Jan. 11 A fine morning and quite
mild so that my school room is
comfortable again - one scholar
absent. - Got a better than I expected
in such an inconvenient school
room. - Did enough to keep me busy
every moment from nine A. M. till
1/2 past 4 to 5 P. M. and am much
encouraged by the interest my scholars
seem to take in their lessons. A Mr
Somerville from Camden So. Co. a
cousin of Mrs Purviance arrived in
town today - is seeking employment
as a teacher and looks like he might
be a good one - He seems very reserved
and have heard him converse but
little. Spent this evening also in stit-
ing away at my shoes.

Jan. 12. The weather delightfully
pleasant and my school tolerably
so. — At the dinner table today
met a Mr George a native of Canada
So. Co. now a planter in the vicinity
of Cam. Miss. — closed school about
1/2 past four and stitched away on
my shoes again till tea time or rather
intended to do so but was prevented
by a call from a gentleman who
had till near 6 o'clock. Although
a Yankee, he is not one whose soci-
ety I have the least wish for and con-
sequently was very happy to hear that
he leaves town to take up his residence
in Canton tomorrow.

Jan 13. Still warm and pleasant.
One little boy absent from school
to day and after school closed at
night went to see him having heard
he was sick — found him better but
suffering from a severe cold.

Jan 14. A warm morning — rose early and
spent the morning in sewing — my
school about closed through the
day — closed quite late and as
I returned from school called on
the Misses Fitter intending to stop
but a few moments, but could
not resist a pressing invitation to
supper which made me quite late
home — am much pleased with the
young ladies and anticipate much
enjoyment in their society. Finished

my shoes about 3 o'clock this evening
and spent the remainder of the day
till the family retired in reading, then
went to my room and wrote till of
ten eleven o'clock

Jan. 15. A very cloudy morning very
thick and dark - a tempest of heavy
rain very soon and went to school
prepared for it, it misted but not
the however before noon and
when we returned from school this
evening the threatening clouds had
all passed over giving us a mild
and beautiful evening - at home
should enjoy and improve these
fine moon light evenings but here
society notice then so I have not
been out at all yet after night

Jan. 16. Another day of leisure but I have
not improved to much advantage, made
excellent at the stone quite early in the morn-
ing and spent the remainder of it in sewing
in the afternoon did various little things
which took up time without seeming to
amount to much - made no calls this
day tho. I perhaps ought to have done so

Jan. 16. A fine pleasant day but we had
no service at church till 3 o'clock P.M.
when we attended and heard Rev. Mr. Phelps
preach a very poor sermon from the 1st
Psalm. The first sermon we have had in
six weeks and was pleased with it still
more often so long as death - After ser-
vice the ministers came home with
no civil spirit the night

Jan. 17. A cloudy day and appearance of rain — At evening it cleared away very pleasantly. When I returned from school at night, found on my table a long letter from sister Elizabeth which gave me a fine treat. Spent the evening in writing to sister Nancy from whom I have had three letters which must be answered —

Jan. 18. A fine new day — after school at night went home with some of my school and passed the night — the family is very hospitable but otherwise not so agreeable as some that I have visited —

Jan. 19. A fine day — had a pleasant walk home in the morning — school about as usual — spent most of the evening in conversation instead of writing as I should have done — Before dark as I sat in the dining room playing on the accordion, I looked up and an Indian wrapped in her blanket was standing in the door listening to the music — in a few moments she came in and looked at the instrument with a great deal of interest as I played — laughed but said nothing — she felt good to see it —

Jan. 20. Another clear bright day — Came home at noon and just as I left for school again carriage came up which I was very sure was from "Highwood", but I did not know the ladies nor they me so I walked on and they made their call on Mrs. Purviance — They were Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Selma McVittie and Miss Kate McVittie — the latter brought an invitation from her mother for me to spend next Sat. and Sat. week at "Highwood" which Mrs. Purviance

ed for me and they agreed to send a
carriage for me early Sat. morning. I
regretted that I could not have met
the ladies before going there it is so
very awkward to visit where one is
entirely unacquainted as I am from
school at night called to see Miss Lou-
isa ^{Fitter} Fitter Caroline Fitter whom I found
quite sick - threatened with a fever
have been played awhile upon the
Acorn and spent most of the
evening in writing to sister Nancy. On
returning from school found a letter
on my table from E. B. Rappersberger
"He seems to be enjoying his visit to the
city of brotherly love - am very glad that
brother Pittman has at last got out of
his cage - hope he will derive all the
pleasure and benefit and please see
desire from his visit -"

Jan. 21. The weather continues delightful
Had 20 scholars today meeting one of my
usual number - expect to lose several
at next week as Mr Scrimm opens a
boys school in Camden next Monday
He was expected the first of the month
but did not come nor send any word
and people had given him up - he
came about a week since - at first
refused to open a school without 30
scholars but will not probably get
that number at present - called on
Miss Fitter as we came from school -
her fever continues - fear it will be dif-
ficult to break it up now. - practiced
on the Acorn awhile and spent
the evening in writing.

Jan. 22. A beautiful day which I have spent in doing various little jobs that seem to have amounted to very little — the most important is the finishing of a letter to sister Mary which has been on hand since the sixth — intend to mail it on Monday — Mr Shroeth returned from Barton this evening but is still unable to tell whether he will go north for spring gun or not — hopes to purchase in New Orleans. Was informed this evening of an arrangement by which I hope to get to church tomorrow although we expect no preaching in town — Miss "Hann" intends going in her father's carriage and if she does will call and take me along — am delighted with the prospect of attending church tomorrow as I had expected to spend the day at home —

Jan. 23. A most delightful morning and the prospect of going to church makes it seem more so — About ten o'clock Miss "Hann" and her sister came in her father's carriage — a coach drawn by a tiny pair of mules — the carriage alone looking like it was more than they could well draw but they took nothing at a very good speed — the distance was five miles — the church is called "Heaven" — the road to it is all over the woods with but three or four houses all the way — the house too stood in the woods — in a quiet retired spot and a very good building for this new country — a very good — the congregation was much larger than I have seen at church in Miss. Mr Davidson the presiding elder for this circuit conducted the services — he spoke with much feeling and his sermon was calculated in my judgment to do more good than some I have heard that were more studied and better delivered — services closed about one o'clock — Mr Shroeth accompanied us out in his buggy and took Mary Periviere along before returning the exchanged seats with Miss Mary "Hann" who took her place in the buggy — we came back to town where we arrived

at 1/2 past two and I anticipated a quiet P.M.
at home but to my surprise the ladies came
in and took dinner with us - Mrs Per-
viance was not expecting us and had stood
among the dinner table - I regretted much
that we should give her the trouble of
getting another dinner, which she had to
cook out and over - it was soon ready however
and we partook with good appetites - had
secretly seen that Mrs Levy a friend residing
in the place had soon expecting to leave, had
ed with two children - she sat but a short
time however and the other ladies left be-
fore she did so that about four o'clock
we were quietly settled again - the
practice of visiting on the Sabbath which
prevails so generally here is very annoying to
me - for myself, I am resolved not to make
them but if they are made upon me I will
endeavor to perform the rules of hospitality
regarding it is a cross that must be endured
till a change can be made for the better
improvement of the day - with a Sabbath
school and two regular services on the Sabbath
in which all were sufficiently interested
to attend there would be little time for
visiting - may the time be not forfeited to
when the appropriate duties of the Sabbath will
be more faithfully performed than they are
now.

Jan. 24. A cloudy morning with appearance of
rain - Mr Lean a gentleman from Paul-
ding opened a boys school in town today which
has taken away but one of my scholars - I am
told that he has but 16 scholars today - I have
understood that he would not begin unless
he had 36 - schools are made up here by
subscription and when anxious for a school
some will subscribe who have none to
send or those who have say true with
subscribe there - if the school is filled
up in the course of the term the person
is freed from obligation to pay his scholar-

tion where he had none to send or subscribe
more than he sends, but if they required
number is not made up he looks to pay.
I have now 20 scholars - expect one will
leave at the close of the week - his parents
being about to leave town but hope soon
to have the number more than made
up by new scholars - school about a
hour $\frac{1}{4}$ past four and called upon the
Misses Gitter on my way home - found Miss
Caroline much better - looking quite like
herself again, tho' still in bed - stopped
till near dark - had a pleasant visit
home - did but little tho' the evening
the girls had company and were making
candy which I assisted in putting -
Jan. 25. A wet dull morning - it com-
menced raining about $\frac{1}{4}$ past eleven last
night and continued till after light
this morning when it ceased till near
noon so that my school was about as usual
except - but two absent - soon after noon
the rain commenced pouring in torrents
which continued almost without intermis-
sion till after we got home from school.
The branches were much swollen and the
ground so covered with water that we
mud got our feet and clothes very wet -
but changed immediately and felt none
the worse for my wetting - spent the
evening in reading, singing and playing
on the Accordion -

Jan. 26. A warm foggy morning - very damp
but not raining - went to school at $\frac{1}{4}$ past
8 and commenced with a small
class in drawing - at noon started to
go home ~~and~~ ^{but} met Porter with our dinner
and turned back again - soon after
commencing school in the P.M. a severe

from Hickwood came with a note from
Mrs Est. McVethie respecting her invitation
for me to visit them but changing the time
from Sat. to Friday at the request of Mrs. A.
Anderson who receives company on Friday eve.
I accepted the invitation but was obliged
to send back a verbatim answer, having no
suitable writing materials with me & will
have to give my scholars a half holiday
so Mrs McVethie said their carriage should
be here at twelve o'clock. — The day con-
tinued cloudy till towards night when
the clouds broke away and the sun
came out like May. — going into the yard
after school I was surprised to see the
plein trees showing their beautiful white
blossoms. I cannot picture that it is the
month of Jan. — the rose bushes are bud-
ding and garden plants are growing fine
by which gardening operations are being con-
menced on quite an extensive scale —
Just after dark Mr Purviance called me
out to hear "Mississippi frog" peep — need must
amused at the sound which was as differ-
ent from the time that Yankee frogs sing
as possible — had a good deal of lightning
in the course of the evening and some thun-
der with a heavy shower of rain after which
the clouds passed over — spent the evening
with music, books and conversation —
Mr Shrock went into the country this P.M.
who's not very well — had several teeth ex-
tracted yesterday and his mouth contin-
ues to bleed quite freely till he left —
hope the consequences will not be serious —
Mrs P. is quite anxious about him. —

Jan. 27. A stormy morning which soon cleared and
most of the day was pleasant and the evening ended
stagnant received a letter from Mrs Town which con-
tained some amusing and surprising items in the
way of marriages. — Called after school on the Misses
Feltner and Mrs Ellis

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Jan. 28. - Commenced school at 1/2 past 8
this morning and it was at 1/4 past eleven,
that I might be ready to leave when the car-
riage from Hickwood came for me which
I expected at twelve and was ready for
it soon after twelve but it did not
come - company from the country
came in to dinner - a Mrs. Shelby, her
son and his wife - dinner passed
and the carriage came not - expect-
ing the messenger had made some
mistake in delivering the message
I sent on well. I at last concluded
they would not come for me and
sat down to my work contentedly as
I could when about half past three
a servant came with a carriage but
it was getting so late I think it best to
dress myself for the party which I ex-
pected to attend in the evening, before
leaving, which I did while the ser-
vant went to the store - a few minute
past four we started - some of the
road was very bad and it was quite
dark when we reached Hickwood
was very kindly received by Mrs. McKit-
trick at the door and by Est. McKittrick in
the parlor where I was also introduced
to Dr. Hemmingway a physician living
in the vicinity. - About 1/2 past 7 Mrs.
Shaw, the Dr., Miss Kate McKittrick and
myself went over to Dr. Andersons where
I met most of the people belonging to
the Hickwood settlement and passed
a very pleasant evening - the gentle-
men and ladies dined a few sats but

did not seem carried away with the amusements like people who have far higher enjoyments than — There were about 25 persons — gentlemen and fifteen or sixteen ladies — returned home and to bed about midnight.

Jan. 29. Rose about 7 o'clock and was able to see a little from my window of the appearance of Kirkwood — it looks like a little oasis in the wilderness being entirely surrounded by a little dense forest — the house is scarcely finished yet but is a notable looking building — being two stories and having a piazza on three sides and the pillars reaching from the ground to the roof which gives it some resemblance to Girard College — the ground in front is beautifully laid out and after a little ^{will} look very fine — The Kirkwood families have purchased a section here designed just for residences — their plantations being some distance from here — there is very little level ground the surface being broken into hills which make delightful situations for building — Col. McKittie occupies the most prominent situation — on the next hill back Mr Thomas Anderson is building and on the next Dr Anderson has already a house and some distance to the right the hill is occupied crowned with the residence of Dr & Mrs Cleveland a member of St. W. Capt. Adam McKittie — lately married to Miss Lucy Anderson — is about building on a beautiful knoll west of his father's residence

My time passed very pleasantly this day in
conversing with Col. & Mrs. Threlkeld of
my much loved relatives and especially
my talented Uncle Col. blending with
whom he was intimately acquainted.
Col. Mc. better remembered that he was
the most political spirited man he
ever knew — that he made property
very fast and spent it as freely for the
benefit of others while his own wants
were very few and his manners plain
and simple — that he was the best
lawyer in the state — was not
an eloquent man — on the contrary
rather unlearned but of such other-
ough knowledge and sound discrimi-
nating judgment, that more secretly
thought of questioning his opinions —
that he was one of whom any family
might be proud — I could not but be
delighted with the sketch of his
character which he gave me and
could often trace a striking simi-
larity between him and my own dear
father, though circumstances pre-
vented that extended development of
character in him which rendered
his brother so highly and deservedly
esteemed — did not go out through
the day — the rain commenced fall-
ing some after noon and continued
till evening. — Col. Mc. better had
a very interesting family of six daughters
and four sons by his present wife
besides five by a former wife all
but one of whom are in Carolina —

Jan. 30. Sat. Morning Clear & pleasant.
He having returned ripe road is gone
here, is the Episcopal minister & preaches
here regularly with the exception of
one Sat. in the month when he preaches
at Canton — this is his day for his
Canton and we hear of course without
a minister, but the people assembled
in C. H. he had his ~~plaster~~ pastor and
Mr. Thomas Anderson read the Episcopal
service for the day and a sermon which
was more like a sermon than any I
have heard in Misses exercises closed
soon after twelve — about two o'clock
dinner and very shortly after Dr.
Hemmingway and his son came in
A week ago soon proposed in which
all joined — made a pretty good cir-
cuit of the ^{up} district grounds and
returned just as the sun was setting —
the rest of the day he and his hopeful
son took their departure, soon after
we spent a quiet evening and retired
early —

Jan. 31. Rose soon after day and prepared
for my departure with no necessity
for me to be in town again before nine
o'clock. Mrs. Chittell very kindly pre-
pared an early breakfast for me and
after a few minutes rest I left — the
morning was very cool but a shock in
the carriage kept me comfortable.
Reached town 1/4 before nine which
hardly gave me time to change my dress
and go to school in season. The town

merce at my usual time - Had a
fine fire but the schoolroom was
cool all day - hoped to get a letter
from home by today's mail but
was disappointed - closed school
about 4 o'clock - arranged my things
which had been disordered by
my visit - spent a little time in
practising music before supper -
spent the evening in writing -

Feb. 1. A pleasant morning and prospect
of a fine day but clouds soon came
over and continued through the
day - as I came from school at night
collected a few moments on Mrs. Fitt-
er - she has the Mary Ann & set of
had intended to pass the evening
there but the prospect of a dark
evening led me to expect it would
be given up - went home and took
tea with Mrs. B. & the girls just
across the street - came home just
after dark intending to spend the
evening in writing but found the
gentlemen ready to wait upon us
to Mrs. Fitters and concluded to go
two gentlemen boarding with them
were in the parlor when we got
there - they are strangers in town
have just opened a store here - one
is a German - was not pleased with
the appearance of either of them
they left soon and we passed a
pleasant evening - played dominoes
a little while - can see no harm
in it more than in a game of

Beckhammer returned home the
fourth week.

Feb. 2. It commenced raining soon
after we came home last evening and
rained heavily most of the night.
It ceased before school time this
morning so that we got to school
very comfortably. It rained all day &
just before school closed it might
it commenced raining again so
that we got quite wet coming home.
Had promised to pass the evening
with Mrs. Ellis but the rain pre-
vented and consumed a letter
to Rev. Mr. instead.

Feb. 3. A pleasant morning but quite
cool — went to school soon after
eight as my class in drawing meets
at that time. — All my scholars
present — expected letters from
home by this day's mail but was
disappointed. — Suppose I am look-
ing too soon — spent the evening
in talking and writing.

Feb. 4. Commenced school early — the
morning very cool — one scholar ab-
sent — in the evening made a
sketch of a shell which I retic-
ed for a variety sketch. Mr. P.
has gathered for Rev. Mr. — it is a
very handsome Penic but do not
know the species — made a bot-
tom copy for a first ch-
ter — have done it for Rev. Mr.
and hope it will go safely to the Rev. Mr.

Feb. 5. Mailed my letter to Luella
this morning enclosing the sketch of
the shell. Hope it will go quickly
and safely. — hoped for letters in
today's mail but was again disap-
pointed — spent the morning in
sewing and after dinner made calls
on Mrs Davis Mrs Harbrough and
Mrs Fenner — Returned just at sun-
set and passed the evening in con-
versation and sewing —

Feb. 6. A fine morning but very cool.
Mr Shuck went to Lebanon to church
in the morning and returned at
4 past twelve accompanied by
Mr Phillips the minister who pre-
sed for us at B.R.M. — congregation
very small not more than twenty —
five present — about ten Sabbath
school — the teacher of the
Sabbath school here called and
not met him before — Home
a very pleasant social gathering
spent much of the day in reading
but felt that I have not improved
its privileges nor performed its
duties as I should have done

Feb. 7. A clear morning but very cold
mercury at 25° — a heavy white frost
Hope it will not destroy the
plants — the trees are now in full
bloom — at noon received a let-
ter from home mailed Jan. 21.
All well as usual — the best of all
intelligence —

Feb. 8. A fine morning - went to school early - after dinner stouls came over and looked like rain - had promised to go home with Mr. Huntley's children but the threatening appearance of the stouls made me hesitate a little as if it rained in the morning I would have to take a horseback ride to school and had some doubt of my success in managing a horse - finally concluded to go - Mrs. Huntley not at home - spent a tolerably pleasant evening with Mr. Huntley and his Mary. - Was much amused with a remark made by the old gentleman while speaking of superstitious beliefs in ghosts, witches &c. that people who had travelled about and seen the world with its manners and customs as the people of this place and vicinity have done must be more free from superstitious notions and more enlightened in every respect than the people of the older states with all they could gain from books or in any other way could be - The remark was not very flattering to the people of my own section of country but I did not contradi- dict it especially as I had the vanity to believe he intended to exempt me from the charge of ignorance at least on the score of travelling.

Feb. 9. To my great joy the morning was pleasant so that I had no difficulty in getting to school - Spent that day about as usual.

Feb. 10. A stormy day but no rain
little to record of this day — Mr Se-
man's boys called at my school room
for scholars who have to ride home
and at most every evening get along so
early that it is quite an annoyance to
me — I must be very strict or be very
quiet in getting through our exercises

Feb. 11. Cloudy with appearance of rain
which has kept off however through-
out the day — hoped to get another letter
from the north today but was disap-
pointed — spent the evening in writ-
ing to Brother Stearn —

Feb. 12. very misty and pleasant this
morning but had been in school but
a short time when thick clouds came
over and rain began to fall heavily
it soon ceased however and at now
it was very pleasant again — the
heat quite oppressive — spent the
evening till quite late in finishing
Brother's letter — Mr Seaman called
and hindered me the first part of
the evening —

Feb. 13. The morning delightful but
cooler than yesterday — went to the store
early and made out a list of school-
books to be purchased in New York &
made a few small purchases — return-
ed and made a short call on Mrs El-
lis — came back and made some draw-
ing books for two of my class, then took
a walk in the garden where the jonquills
are blooming the rose bushes budding and
peas, cabbages, radishes, mustard, lettuce
&c. are growing finely — then wrote and

red white — white at the dinner table
Mrs Dr Mc Cool called and sat till about
four o'clock and soon after she left Mrs
Dick called and sat till sunset — Miss
Mary Campbell came in town also quite
early this morning to spend a few days here
Spent the evening in reading talking &
sewing — read up later text bright and
felt rather sleepy this evening

Feb. 13. A most delightful morning
warm, clear and pleasant as May —
At 1/4 past nine started with Mr
Shrock to go to church at Glenbrook
six miles in the country as we had
no service in town — some of the
road was very hard so that we had
to ride tolerably slow — got there
just at the close of Sabbath school
and sat some time before meeting
commenced — Rev Mr Ford preached
a very good sermon from Matthew
23, 28-32 incisive — Returned home
immediately after service, got here
about 1/4 past two — ate dinner and
sat down to reading —
Read till near supper time — talked
white after supper and read some
but from being up later than usual
last night was very sleepy and retired
tolerably early.

Feb. 14. A cloudy morning with appearance
of rain — very warm so that we need
ed no fire in the school room — the
clouds gradually cleared away as the
day passed and this evening is quite
pleasant tho' not so clear as before.

night — Just before supper set down
to play a few moments on the Accord-
eon when the valve which regulates
the quantity of air came off in my hand
of course the instrument cannot be used
until it is repaired — regret that it is
broken and am very sorry that I should
be the one to do it — Hope it can be
repaired without much expense —
after the girls had studied which we
went and sat with Mrs. Ellis till near
bed time. —

Feb. 15. A dull morning, — went to school
early to meet my class in drawing — the
day cloudy and dull but not much rain
at evening found the Accordion mended
and so much improved by the repairs
made upon it that I could no longer
regret having broken it. —

Feb. 16. Weather still rain dull and
showery. — Had not much rain thru
the day — as I returned from school
at night Miss Caroline Fitter gave
me a fine Wall Rose which I brought
home and planted under my win-
dow by the side of a variegated Bush
Aflora which is now higher than my
shoulders and growing most luxuriantly.
Had made an engagement to pass
the evening with Mr. Shwach, Mary &
Annie at Mrs. Fitter's — the evening
was cloudy but light and so it did not
rain yet — before nine o'clock
it rained heavily which made the
path so wet that for want of over-

shoes myself. Mary and Annie had
to stay all night. Had a very pleasant
time.

17 Feb. A warm foggy morning but no
rain till near noon when it com-
menced falling and continued till
noon so that I had to stay and let
Mrs. Purviance send our dinners —
Got home at night pretty well and
found a letter on my table from
sister Elizabeth. — Spent most of the
evening in writing to sister Nancy.

Feb. 18. Weather still unsettled and
very warm. — no particular occurren-
ces to mark the day. — Spent most
of the evening in finishing a letter to
sister Nancy.

Feb. 19. A warm sunny morning — Ther-
m at 68° at 4 p.m. in the morning
Spent the day till about two o'clock
P.M. in painting a small bouquet
of flowers from nature — Jonquils
Peach blossoms and a sprig of Astor
vitee and Lavender to entwine them
as they were so destitute of green leaves
About two o'clock Miss Christine Kist-
ler came in and sat till nearly dark
She is a very sweet girl and I hope
to find her and her sister Miss Lou-
ise pleasant and profitable ac-
quaintances and friends. — Their moth-
er is a dear old lady. — Spent the
evening in reading, playing and talking

Feb. 22 An April day - sunshine and
showers have succeeded each other re-
peatedly. - I had an appointment for preach-
ing at 8 o'clock this P.M. but heavy show-
ers made us fear we would lose the
privilege of attending church at all this
day as the preacher had six miles to
ride after preaching his morning ser-
mon - he came however - the
weather partially cleared and we
went to church where we listened
to the last sermon I have heard
in Miss. from Rev. Mr. Beecher our
circuit preacher alternating with
Mr. Phillips for the year - After church
returned home, hoping to become
somewhat acquainted with him
but he left immediately having prom-
ised to spend the night six miles
in the country. - Mr. Shuck is
suffering severely from a cold - went
to church this P.M. but is quite sick
this evening. Soon after supper Mr.
Seaman called and sat till near
nine o'clock. - He is very social
and a valuable acquisition to our
little society. - He is an Episcopalian
and his wife a Methodist Catholic -
for their influence may not be the
best that could be desired among
the people of the place but hope
it may not be particularly injurious

Feb. 21. A warm dull morning - went to school quite early - So we returned from school at night collected a few moments at Mrs. Bitters - The mercury this P.M. stood at 80° in the shade - Saw and heard some thunder and prospect of more rain - The creeks so swollen that kept the mail, does not get there at all

Feb. 22. Had a stormy night and this morning was so unpleasant - Heavy rain and thunder that I think it imprudent to go to school while the rain was so heavy - consequently spent the morning at home - finished a painting I commenced on Sat. in water colors, of Peach Blossoms, Jonquills, Arbor Vitee and Lavender - failed in the Jonquills but succeeded tolerably well in the Peach Blossoms &c. - Afternoon wrote in a letter commenced to sister E. and after dinner the rain having ceased went to school and soon had all but five of my scholars with me -

Feb. 23 Another still dull and more much cooler - Looks like we might have snow - not rain enough to make it unpleasant going to and from school - The mercury has fallen 30° since day before yesterday and we all feel the change very sensibly - dread a freeze very much as it would probably destroy all the plants and many of the garden vegetables which are doing well

Feb. 24. Looked for a letter from C. C. cottage today but was disappointed. Weather still dull and very cool. Have been hoping to get into the church very soon, my schoolroom is so small and inconvenient but if this weather lasts it will be some time first. — spent this evening partly in writing to Sister C. —

Feb. 25. Cloudy and cold with but little prospect of any change for the better. — My school with present but one — did not get on quite so smoothly as usual in school and felt rather depressed at the close of the day — did not get through with quite late — could not get a few moments at Mrs. Hiltner's and then home — spent the evening in finishing a letter to Sister C. which had been on the tapis nearly a week —

Feb. 26. Much warmer but not yet clear. Spent the morning in painting a little piece for Sally Chavance, for which she had a little frame — two little roses, two buds and leaves. — Looks rather pretty well but find I must practice some in laying on colors to have them look smooth — Just after dinner had a call from Hawthorn people Mrs. Downing, their teacher with three of Col. Chavance's daughters, Ann, Ida and Bessy and two of Mrs. Cleveland's daughters — came in town to purchase materials for commencing a series of

after they left made ready and called
upon Mrs Sutherland, then upon
Mrs Betts and then upon Mrs Ellis
returned home and spent most of the
evening in reading.

Feb. 27. The wind with again and the
morning clear calm and beautiful
too beautiful to spend in the house
all day as we have had to do, for
we have had no preaching in town
and had no way to go in the coun-
try to church, Mr Shrock having sold
his horse and let his buggy and the
travelling too had probably for using
it had it been here and spent
the morning chiefly in reading and
hoped the day would pass quietly
but very soon after dinner Mr &
Mrs Stenon and two children came
in with Miss C. Fitter and spent
most of the afternoon. — They are peo-
ple whom I would like to see on any
other day, but it was irksome to have
to entertain them on the Sabbath
do hope we may have regular exer-
cises on the Sabbath that will
lead the people to a different obser-
vance of the Sabbath. — Could not
go home and imagine the feast
of fatt things which was being dispen-
sed at our little church — Some-
times long to partake of it with the
retired. Early exceedingly humbled in
view of that unspeakable in-
crease in which I had spent the day

Feb. 28. A fine clear morning but quite cool. — Mercury at 34° at sunrise, rose fresh but not enough to injure the fruit. — The day has been delightful. Like a quick summer's day in New England. — Went to school before eight. This morning and did not return till near five this p.m. — Then went with Annie to call upon Mrs Adams a lady who lives near and sends two children to school. — She had gone to town but was cordially received by her mother. — Left just before sunset and got home before dark. Spent the first part of the evening in writing conversation and studying the stars and the rest of it in writing.

Feb. 29. Another fine day. — Went to school at 8. — Started to my drawing class from 8 to 9. — Some of them progress very well. — Towards night it became cooler and the appearance of the sky indicates an approaching storm. — Closed school about $\frac{1}{2}$ past four and then called with Mary on Mrs Samuel Humble and passed an hour very pleasantly. — Returned home just at dark and in a few moments Sally came in and gave me a sweet pea. — The rose plucked from the bush in the garden. — The Tea Rose of winter. — Mr Seaman came in soon after tea and sat till near nine o'clock.

March 1. The first day of spring, and much
true to his character early "with wind
and clouds and changing skies" - The
day has been cold and threatening with
a few flakes of rain and indication
of snow. - So I went to school after
dinner carried my rose to Miss C. Fit-
ter - the first rose of spring. - She is
quite sick and so I returned from
school at night called with Mary
and sat some time. - Spent the
evening in conversation and reading

March 2. The weather became very much
milder during last night but this
morning we had a thunderstorm
which soon cooled the air again
it rained fast until after we went
to school when it ceased and melted
only a few showers through the day -
Had some thunder just at night again
and the evening has been quite cool
At the supper table Mr. Throck gave
me a message from Thirkwood - a
request for me to be in readiness to
go out on Sat morning at which time
their carriage would come for me
Am delighted at the prospect of go-
ing there again so soon - When I
returned from school this eve,
found a letter from Bekey and
sister Susan on my table. It con-
tained the good tidings of health
in their family - several colds for
even that cold climate but with
little snow though it is now 8
inches deep - spent the evening in
reading and braiding hair -