

15 Nov. 1801

Sat out from Rehoboth
for Sommersett at two O'Clock
and arrived at Mr. R. Pearse's $\frac{1}{2}$ past
five that Evening. — Mr. Pearse
not at home

16 Went to Col. Bowers' about
the school. — He said he would
attend to it soon — but I could
not begin school that day, for one
Mr. Denis was unwilling to give up
the house — Dull weather and Col.
Bowers unwell and nothing ^{done} —
Spent the day in reading Killick, &
supped on Oysters about 9 O'Clock.

17 Oysters for breakfast. — Nothing done
to any purpose, only Col. Bowers
went to Mr. Denis who said he would
inform him what he would do to —

In suppers this day

Tomorrow and nothing more done
this day. — Became acquainted
with one M^r. Eddy — This day in
suspence, but in good health.

18 Very rainy day, and spirits low.
down to the shop, up to the House
down to the shop, up to the House
&c. &c. all day. — Heard nothing
about school — Saw one M^r.
Arter Denis and conclude ^{him to be} ~~that~~
a great big bag of your not obe-
dient, N O T H I N G A T A L L. or
Oxygen gas or such air as is generated
in the intestines of living animals,
(odd go off old stuffs) — Reading
M^r. Willich on Cleanliness and
Dress, a fine Preacher indeed!

This day saw an Old Bachelor grop-
ing about and concluded I would be
married the first opportunity, but on
going in to a house heard a Child cry

and the mother sing lollope, I again renewed by determination and conclude to grope about too.

19 Spent in reading M^r Willich and finished the first vol. — Nothing done about school as yet.

20 At 10 O'clock called upon to take possession of the school House which opened and delivered up by Col. Bowers to me, in presence of M^r H. Peys, and M^r Chase. Then went in and had three scholars. In the afternoon had eleven. — This evening went to M^r Asa Peages and there found M^r J. Dennis whose conversation of all

to me, the most extraordinary.
He treated me worse than
a dog; Told me I had no bread
to eat, no place in which to
put my head and finally my
character was as black as
the ass of Shades; that he
wondered I was not expelled
from College; That I had been
loitering about for a week
without any business & on
purpose to make a diffi-
culty. — that I could
get no employment in
my own town. — Indeed, I
was never treated in so scan-
dalous a manner in my life.
Never I was mad in my life it
was this evening, but thank

stars I kept my temper in a great measure; still had it been my power ^{I would} placed my foot in the place "where honors lodge" & sent him as high as M^r. Fair-brother said, he would send M^r. J. Smith. — Took a little Gum Opium & went to bed & slept tolerable well. This day shall be marked as one of the most extraordinary in my life. — — —

21 Tolerable good spirits, but not a very good Stomach. — Went to School with heavy steps & kept $\frac{1}{2}$ the day only — This afternoon went with M^r. J. Chap and M^r. Pease to Free Town & went to Capt^t. Bourn's House; Loaded our wood into the boat & could not get her off till we had waited some time. got back

about 8 O'clock; enjoyed myself very well; about 10 O'clock went down and unloaded the boat; the weather cold & cloudy. - - - - -

Sunday 22. The ground covered with snow this morning; laid a bed too late & got up with the head ach; M^r Parf unwell; spent the day in a gloomy manner for all were very dull and sleepy; went over to see ~~Mr~~ Col. Bowers sail, but did not see him for the Vessel was under way before we got to the wharf, so we kept on to M^r Antony's, who said he would have no more dispute about the school House, but they would hire a room in a store where we could have peace; returned home sick enough. Freeman and myself went on the shore and got a pale of Oysters, came and eat them & was restored to new health & spirits.

One week spent, the Lord knows how!
but to me very disagreeable.

23 Went to School House and found Mr.
Dennis in possession of it, but in much
^{better} disposition, said he wished to have every
thing settled in a friendly manner,
that he wished to live in peace
with all men & that I had been
disseved by Col. Bowers; I should
not gone to the House if I had had a-
ny word that they were fitting
up a room in any other place, ~~for~~
they said they would send me word
but did not, till I had been to the
school House. Mr. Pearse gone to
Sonet by water. Mr. Hellen called &
informed me that he & others were
prepairing a room and would have
it ready by ~~tomorrow~~. I find by
experiance that all we get in this
world costs some labour & trouble, that

when we promise ourselves the most
pleasure or ease we generally find the
most trouble; and the contrast be-
tween the happiness we expect to en-
joy and the trouble we are forced to
undergo, gives disgust to every thing
we undertake. So long as every thing
we want ^{are} obliged to purchase "says
money, money, money," we may
expect to have trouble. I had no
thought that I have more to under-
go than others, still mine is the worst
to me, for I cannot feel for others as for
myself. "Man is a few days and full
of trouble" is undoubtedly one
of the truest sayings that ever
escaped from the lips of man, &
will so continue as long as seed time
and harvest shall continue.

This day very pleasant and the
street as full of Gypsies as the in-
fernal regions will be when

these old hags leave this world.
It is said in scripture that a time
shall come when "Seven women
shall lay hold on one man",
and in my opinion that time
will soon commence or has
just, and that in the of seven
it will not be less than Four-
teen; when this time arrives
may it be my happy lot to be
out of the reach of Widows and
Girls with long nails, for what
more shocking can there be ^{than to be} scra-
ched or scolded out of the
world!

"Rends with tremendous sound
your ~~cars~~ ^{cars} asunder
Like Gun, Drum, Trumpet, Blun-
derbuss & Thunder"

Since I came into this place
not one single girl, or at least
but one; ^{have I seen} every woman in the
place has had not less than seven
children and some twenty nine
& some more - What is the cause?
is it in the climate or is it ow-
ing to their living so near the
Cyeter bed or what? or do the Wharf
Rats turn in to children? "I am
weary of conjecture." Spent the day
the Lord knows how! but some
part in reading, sing, whistling
and playing with the child,
William A. Pearse; M. New-
man, M. Pearse & myself
spent the evening in mak-
ing poetry; and just for a
memorandum of what
passed and to give a speci-

men^{of} our poetical abilitates
I will insert the following.

We will go down & get some
Oysters,
That grow and stick among
the Cloristers
O.C.N.

We will eat a little meat
And that will make us go to
sleep.

Peep, peep, peep, sweep, sweep
sweep

Cat, Cat, Cat where is my
hat. &c.

How should any one doubt
of our skill and taste in po-
etry, I shall doubt of their
Judgment

24 The snow that fell last Saturday, went off last night; No School this day; went down and saw the Moon fitting up for school. Reading & tending the Child &c. Soup for dinner. This evening made in part a pair of Drawers; No School.

25 Finished my Drawers; went down & saw Mr. Antony, who said the Houle would not be done until Friday; Sat out for Rehoboth at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 3 O'clock and arrived at my fathers 20 Minutes after 5 O'clock, and tired enough; found all well;

26 Thanksgiving Day, Tired & stiff enough this mor.

ning. At my Father's in Rehoboth. Went to Providence
this day and purchased of
M^r. Wilkinson one Ream
of paper—1½ Doz. Allen's
2nd part and 1 Doz. 1st part
Spelling Books and
six sheets of Marble pa-
per. — This Evening
in the Chapter in com-
pany with D^r. Fowler from
Rehoboth — Returned
home about 12 O'clock this
night, & very tired not
having eat much all
day —

27 As near dead as any
one need to be and go a-
bout, but Eat Breakfast,
and to me it was a Break-
fast for I had eat nothing
for 24 hours - for instead
of keeping Thanksgiving as
is generally the practice
by making a Cook's Shop
of my old Carcase, I fasted
and &c. - Came to Dr.
Fowlers & M^r. Thompson
dined at Dr. F. and again
sat out for some time
with heavy steps at 3 O'cl.
and arrived at M^r. P. at 1/2
past 6 - - - - - &c.

found all in low spirits.
This evening heard that
the school room was in
readyness, ^{and} was determined
to begin school next
morning.

Ld. Turnid out, eat breakfast, and with a bundle of book sat out for school when arrived at the room to my great surprise not one article was there in the room - went to see M^r. Antony who said the house should be ready Monday; that he ~~could~~ go to work himself on the

next day which would
be Sunday and it should be
done by some means or other.
He said that the Owner had
refused to let them have the
room, and that he and others
had been to the Hon. M.
Dennis for the House a
gain, who would not let
them have it at any rate,
for he was to teach an
Evening School and ~~he would~~
~~not have any other in it.~~

Spent the day in the House &
at evening made Tea and
toft for supper, for our people
have got the Mallegrabs or
some thing worse.

The End of the I. vol.

Somerset 29. Dec^r 1801

Sunday 29 - This day spent in reading &c. Took a walk on the Shore & saw the people working on the House for school; all were engaged, some with saws, some with hammers, some with plane, and some with ax &c. all were ^{as} engaged ~~on~~ the room as they ought to have been at a meeting or in reading their Bibles. One thing is to be considered in this place, and that is, all the people are subject to p. 13. - E.g. or at least all that labour or read

ly all. Why should one man
get the start of all the world?
is there any equality among
mankind or not?

Had for company this eve-
ning Nancy & Peggy Bowers,
and at ½ past 8 O'clock, M. Jew-
man & myself had the honor
to go home with the above
mentioned Ladies. This eve-
ning James Blanding came
down here and staid all nig-
ht. Mr. Pearse went to Rehoboth
and returned with his sister
Lydia. — went to bed this
night!!! and not but three
in the bed! — Thus
time passes; been here

Two weeks and kept school
2 half day. — — —

30. First thing this morning
was to get up, next to dress, then
go down, afterwards wash
and in a little time break-
fast, and finally to school
for the first time in the
new room; — This day saw
as many kind of old book
for children as ever were
printed; some before the
Revolution, some not long after
and but very few in the
last century. School very
unruly indeed, and no
way found to prevent it
entirely, but some amend-
ment.

I wish our people would send
to Rehoboth and get a better
kind of fire than we have ~~at~~
in this Town, for I find the
fire here will not burn
wood, especially if it is not put
on or near ~~the~~ fire; but, better
so than worse. Going to bed.

This is the last day in this
month ~~re.~~ Adieu November
December 1st At school with
40 scholars, who behave as tho'
they never saw human beings.
Somerset swarms with im-
pudent Children. — What
the people at large are, I know
not, perhaps good, but. — *

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In tolerable good spirits —

2nd. Very cold this morning.

At school, & vexed for want of
fire — and had there been a
stick or Cow-hide, none would
have had a warm back —

This afternoon brought a stick
in to school for the first time
but no one hurt. — This ev-
ning went to Col. Bowers
and took Coffee with Mrs
Bowers, Mrs Bourn, Miss
P. Bourn, and Sally, and
with a pocket of apples re-
turned home, M. Pearson
well this evening. This eve-
ning taken with an itching to
go to Europe, which was caus-
ed by hearing some account

of the insurrection in Ireland
which took place some years
since. When I reflect that
~~I am~~ I am * * years old
and can give no account
of any part of the world,
not even one of the Contin-
ants or so much as N. Am-
erica, and still farther, not
even one state, with out
it is U. S. and that anyone
may do by going in to the
Centre and climbing a Tree
you may take a survey of
the whole at once. How cir-
cumscribed must my know-
ledge then be! but so it is
and so I fear always will be

My Ancestors never went very far
from home, nor had they ^adis-
position to, since they came
to America; one thing is a won-
der to me; how they ever ventur-
ed from Europe at all, but
perhaps, their courage was
greater at that time or were
forced to seek a place where
bread was plenty or some
thing like that. It is certain,
that they who content themselves
at home with a little, never
arrive to any thing great, nor
do they run risque of being
so miserable as those ^{who} that
launch out in to the world
in quest of some great object

I conclude my forefathers prayed like Agas, "give me neither poverty nor riches but feed me with food convenient;" if so, I believe they were good men, for their prayer has been heard in part, as no one has ever had an abundance of riches, nor to my knowledge, anyone, in great want of potatoes or something to stuff in to his boddy. —

3rd This day in school with about 30 scholars. — Some vexed and gave one lad an unhappy blow about the back &c. — Not much done worthy of notice.

Spent the Evening in com-
pany with M. Hellen at
~~my~~ lodgings, and was
very much entertained
with an account of Sweet
Preland, mostly about
Dublin when the Irish
Rebellion took place. M.
Hellen was there and
saw the first movements.
He says, "to try whether
government would take
any notice of their assem-
blies, about Ten Thousand
turned out to attend the fu-
neral of a Taylor and walk-
ed in procession six deep.
A surprising funeral for a
Taylor—!"

But they found to their sorrow that
such things were not hushed over
in silence; for that morning
the horse had been reviewed
and were then in uniform
and were readily called to-
gether. — The ~~the~~ Regulars were
all marched out after the
Horse. — But as Government
could not put confidence
in the hired Troops, all the
Gentlemen of property offered
their service, were reviewed
and accepted — They were then
ordered to the prison and the
Guards to be doubled, then
to the Bank which was also
garded doubly, as was done
where the Records of the City
were kept. — when

the Rebels saw this they dispersed in some measure &c.

M^r. Hellen informed me that he had been ~~from~~ of the Ocean from here to Europe sixteen times, once shipwrecked &c. he appears to be a Man of true knowledge - - - To bed.

4 At school 50 scholars in tolerable order but nothing new; keeping school is like a woman with great family of Children, who gets up in the morning gets Breakfast, then dinner, then supper and each time any thing is eaten the dishes to be washed and so on every day; this is my task, to School, to school to school!

nothing I heard but school, school
school & the D— Take the school
for what I care — going to
bed

I at school half the day and
all the time spent in spelling &c.

Under the operation of a very
bad cold; last had no quiet
rest, kicked and turned and
turned & kicked all night.

This day in low spirits. — Spent
the after noon in a dull-stupid
frain of mind, to little or
no purpose at all, or very busy
about nothing. — This morning
saw something coming down
the river, it was a great big thing
with three sticks stuck up one
before the other with a devil of

a bunch of cloth on it and a hundred bed cords tied on the sticks; ~~it~~ had a little thing behind to turn it round with; and a hooked iron tied on to a rope as big as a wellpole; this the people heave out when it is night to stop it with; the men kept running a bout on the ropes properly, so down the river it went; somebody said it was a ship. —

6 Sunday; pleasant morning but ~~in~~ after noon cold, cloudy and disagreeable weather; saw the people kelking drift fish on the wharf, by some they are called Tom Cod; in great want of shellfish, but our people would not agree to my getting

ing any on Sunday!! —
in low spirits this day;
while I was writing the last
sentence, Mrs Bourn call-
ed ^{to} me in the door, (I in the Cham-
ber) to come down; down I
went there were her sister Nancy
and a Lady, the Lord knows
whom she was, but very
likely; all were in high
life, my self excepted; I could
only say yes and no, she talk-
ed like the devil and Tom-
Waker. They staid $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour or
so and went away head over
heels, as they ought to go!

"Bend all your force to scatter merit,
Scandal is conversation's spirit."

This day a fire was built in the cham-
ber for me, and the first time; here I
sit and for my company, a few old

pictures as ancient as time, a bed
and a few books, pen, Ink &c. This
is all I want, for it brings to my
mind my Collegiat day, day that are
past and never can return, yet to re-
flect on them is charming; both sweet
and melencholy." While I have a
room by myself, I wish to see no one,
and would with pleasure devote my
life to solitude were it in my power
to support ~~the~~ myself in this way, but
it can not be, without nourishment
the body must wast and decay—

This evening wrote to Mr. J. Lethbridge
and Miss L. Blanding—

dy. Cold as you please this day &
house full of scholars, all asking to
come to the fire, & I as cross as you are
a mind to call me. spent the even-
in in making books, and has Mr.
Hellens good company; this even—

ing very cold indeed. Sat up till
1/2 past 12 O'Clock.

7th Very pleasant and warm
in comparision to Yesterday.

The end of the second volume.
I would sooner fish for and sell
Oysters than ingage to keep school
in this place an other quarter.
No one can be more perplexed
than I have been this day,
a bad cold, bad house for school
and worse than all bad boys
and girls. 36 writers and
benches for only 20 to write at.
some crying to write, some
for one thing some for an other.
I wish the devil had them.
This evening Dr. Molen & Mosher
called at my room both very good.

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8th At school this day, and
overrun with boy and girls
Mr. Anthony and Mr. Chace call-
ed at the school and said if
such and such people would
not come and make some
benches their children mig-
ht and must stand up, &
not write; what in the name
of common sense could
a fellow do in this case!
every day some one was
sending to me, if their chil-
dren could not write all
the time, they had rather
have them at home, all
the old Mothers in Somerset

have something to say, and
all are capable of Teaching
a first rate school; one sends
to have he Daughter write
so and so, an other this way
an other that. What can
be done! What can the
matter be! —

9th Rainy morning, went
to school this morning &
found a large Number of
Scholars and attempted to
shell for seats; some came
too late and were mad
because they were forced
to go down to the foot.
Spent the forenoon in read-
ing and spelling

Rained till 12 O'clock and
cleared away and sun
shown out bright; went
to dinner; ate some cold
beef and potatoes and went
immediately back to pre-
pare the Book. Sixty odd
scholars in school or in a
Room, it cannot be call-
ed a school. 47 writers and
benches for only about
twenty; but all must
write; a part were for-
ced to write in a closet
on the shelves and stand
up; others stood up at
the benches &c. &c. —

about Three O'clock wind
blew a gale and rain like
guns; so dark in the school^{room}
that no one could write
or read, there being but two
windows in the room.

Determined to dismiss the
school till till more
seats & benches are pre-
pared or never more to
begin again; accordingly
told the scholars never
to come ~~again~~ unless
their people would make
the house more conve-
nient; raining like
the devil - went home

drank tea and went to
bed at 5 O'clock and slept
till 7. got up and wrote
in one of the boys books
till 9 O'clock. Mr. Hellen
called and wished to know if
I was making my will; I
informed him I should
soon do it, was no alter-
cation made in school.
No labour that ever I under-
took equal to teaching
school in Somerset!!!

This one of my day of sorrow;
sorry because I ever engaged
to to teach a school in this
place. —

10th Went to school. Hove and
saw Mr. Anthony, who said
if I would begin school a-
gain & keep till Sunday, he
would see that benches
were made; accordingly I
kept and had but a few
all day. — This evening
Mother and Susan came
down here. — Spent the
evening tolerably well. —

11 At school and house as
full or nearly so, as formally
at Doon dismissed till
Monday morning — Went
a fishing and caught about
a dozen frost-fish or Tom-
Cod, found myself very cold &
left them on the Wharf, &
went to M^r. Cillock's & drank
a glass of Brandy & returned
home, weary of fishing. — Saw
Children fishing without stocking
or shoe on their feet & not half
so cold as myself. — Spent the
evening in binding Hats and lin-
ing them. — Oysters about 11 C^t.
for supper — — Saturday Dig-
ht

B Sunday, in all places
except Somerset & Buntingtown
I suppose. - Mr. Pearse fixing
off for Boston; all in this
place, borrowed this day of
the Lord, for as I walked
out, saw the people at work
in Pulkin's shop, whether
making Thunder Bolts or
iron for the ship I know not;
on the ship at the Wharf
not less than 20 or 25 han-
ds were at work. No one
could work in the school House
for Mr. Anthony has a file
on his hand & nothing
can be done —

As I passed by one house the
people were singing & praying
and at the door and in the
yard a dozen or more chil-
dren at play, hallowing &
swearing & fighting, &
j'awing each other like
Virets; some with no sh-
oes & no stocking and so
on. — I believe they had
shut the world out doors
Could the children be as
bad as the D***, if the Pa-
rents were so good at all
times? no, they serve the
Devil all the week, & on sun-
day pay him of at a shock-
ing rate; call him the

worst old fellow in the world
and run him down dread-
fully, you may depend.

I don't suppose one of them
would ^{not} get drunk on Sunday
for any thing; and very good
reason for it, the shops are
not open & they can never
keep any Rum over Night.

Dined with My Lady Prag
also took tea with her &
in company with M^r. Jonathan
Bowers & Lady. —
went Col. Bower this
afternoon — This day
Mother & Susan went
home about 1/2 past 12 O'Clock.

Mrs Roberson, Mrs Brown,
alias Widow Brown & the
all accomplished Miss Davis
visited our people.

13. Mr. Pearce gone to
Boston, I at school &c. &c.

Nothing new took place
this day. Tolerable plea-
sant weather, but looks like
rain or snow. — This evening
agreed to teach an evening
school

15 Nothing new. Mr. Pearce
at Proctor. — this evening
had 9 scholars. — Mr. Pearce
arrived at 12 O'Clock this night.

16 Nothing new; at
school &c. This Night
had 11 scholars.

16 Nothing new —

17 Nothing to say this
day — — —

18 — ditto — — —

19 Kept school half the day, - spent the afternoon at Mrs Bourns very agreeably; Dr Peck called and staid a few moments, & I returned to my evening school, and as Mrs Braton say, "had a good open time," by which I suppose she means a silent meeting. We

Sunday 20 Decr —

This day spent in the
House in writing in
the fore part of the
day & the latter part
had for company, Mr.
or Dr. ^{Peck} & Thurber
in the Chamber, who
staid till 9 O'clock

21 At school with 67
who could only sit or
stand by turns in the
school room; the Dea
take them; But 15 D.!

Took Tea at Col. W's
this evening & return-
ed to school; now 10
scholars at evening S.
each at $\frac{7}{9}$ per week;
in school 9 hours a
day! But $8\frac{1}{4}$ D. in ad-
dition to 15 D.! you
know —

22 This day whipped 3
scholars; and not half had
what they deserved; this
after noon almost crazy;
house boiling over

Took tea with a number
of Ladies at Widow Bow-
ler's' this evening & return-
ed to evening School; had
Twenty Boys.

No time for any thing
but school &c. &c. &c.

23 The 8 days past have
the most pleasant that ever
I knew for the season; but
this day we have it; wind
at S. E. & stormes like
just what you please. Snow
at home, and $\frac{1}{4}$ past one O.C.
at a stand to know what to do
about going; storm, storm.
did not go to school, till
evening; had 16 scholars.

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This day at school half the day; - at noon went to Col. Bowers and got his horse and went to Kekotok. - Spent the evening in a very agreeable manner, in a full Lodge; - staid all night with M^r. Short. - went to bed at 10. O'Clock. but slept and was a stranger to me till 4 O'Clock or past; some times up in end, some times walking & at others looking out at the window; the Ship took full possession this night, which was caused

by being very unwell at
this time & eating a heart-
y supper of Turkey &c.
together with Coffee & the
like. — Turned out

25 Turned out and took
breakfast, and staid till
half ¹⁰, then in company
with Dr. Fowler & Pain
set off for Somerset & went
as far as J. Burr's there
alone as far as R. Chaus
there fell in with Mr.
Alger and with him as
far as Scrabble-Town;
Then to Col. Bowers, took
Coffee, left the Horse &

came to Mr. Pearse's whom
I found was gone to Rehoboth,
with wife & Mrs Low.
Freeman & I caught 2 barrels
of Oysters ———. Mr. P.
gone & I am uneasy —

26 At school all day
at the Saturday & at
Evening school —

Called at Capt. S. Chyes
but did not stay to tea
for Mr. Pearse was at
Rehoboth; he returned
this evening with Mrs
Low, who said she had
a fine Christmas &c.

Sunday 27

Dull weather this
day. Mrs Pearce at
her father's in Rehoboth
th - Nothing new -

28 At school, took
tea at Capt Davis' -

Mrs Pearce returned
from Rehoboth
with James; - at

Evening school with
Mr Pearce & James -

29 Snow last night
and a shocking blow -
at school with a
thin assembly -

Jamies sat out for Reho.
both in paff & O. Loc. —
Nothing new this day.
Took Tea at Capt
Chaus &c —

30 Very pleasant; — at
school — Took Tea with
Mr Bray in company
with Judge Wantner &
friend Brufington. —
This day flogged & whipped
& whipped & flogged; — had
all my scholars had
the itch & scabby &c.
They would not have

been more uneasy &c —
Became acquainted with
M^r. Colman this evening
31 Nothing new, but the
old story over —

1 Day of January —
1802 The most plea-
sant day that I ever saw
for this season — Presented
a number of my Masters
with a new year's gift this
day. It is said by some that
the business they here on the
first day of the year they
will follow all the season.
Altho' Teaching a school
is by no means so disagreeable

able as it was when I first began, yet I would by no means follow it all the year, at least a Town's school.

I conclude the price of Oysters will fall, for I saw Thirteen boats on the beach hatching them; some of the boats had 5 persons some more, some less—It may be the people are out of meat, if so, Oysters will not fall.

Presented with an Apple as a new years gift by Miss M. Dana, and should the apple have the same effect on me as the one from Eve to Adam, I shall

curse the day on which I
said I thank you ~~—~~ **
and I am nearly concerned
that it will, for she is Dev-
** handson — — —

2nd At school in forenoon
Dined on Clams for the first
time — — spent the after-
noon to little or no pur-
pose at all &c...

I am now reading the speech
of Belial one of the fallen
angels, advising Peace, where
he asks the question, who
can think of being depriv-
ed of thought and void of
sense and motion thro'
eternity? or he suggests

Something much like that.
He supposes that the torment
to which he was confined
was much to be preferred
to annihilation.

Can it be possible that
this mind which I possess
will never cease to be? does
it not cease when the body
perishes? Shocking Thought
indeed!

Sunday 3rd

Sleepy dull day; read
some in the fore part of the
day & dined at Mr. J. Chace's
returned home at 6.11,
& again went to reading.

4th Rainy Day;— Dined at
Mr. J. V. Hellen's & a blessed
time I had too;— stormed
so bad as to prevent the
Evening School;— this
evening blowed so hard that
the old House groaned a-
loud &c. No one plowed
this day!!

5 Capt. R. Pearse here this
day— Mr. R. Pearse went
and picked seven bushels
of Oysters at one tide. —
very pleasant weather.
supped on Oysters —

6 Pleasant indeed—

Nothing new this day.—
Took tea at Mr. Blivins
in Company with Mrs
Brag, Low, Pease &
Miss Brown and Mr.
Robt. Pease and the
Lodgers what work;
it was my dear wife,
Sweet Lydia don strain
yourself; dont you
pour out the tea; dont
lift the tea kettle, and the
like &c. At school this
Evening, returned home
and supped on Oysters
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

7 Nothing new this
day;— but the old
story over at school.
&c. — Supped on Oys-
ters.

O The old story over-
at school, and over
again for whipping is
nothing new — This day
whipped and whipped &c.
Warm weather, for which
we shall pay ~~for~~ next
spring. — Supped on Oysters.
When tired with sport to
bed we creep —
When tired with eating

By 8.15 we go to bed—

9 At school half the day.
which spent in reviewing
the work of the week.
Warm weather—street
full of impudens, bear-
footed children; one
of which sent a stone
at me as I came from
school & hit me—

10 The times, O the manner

11 Sunday—The hardest
wind that ever I knew
this night & morning—

Spent the fore part of the
day in reading— This af-
ternoon went to Col.
Bowers, and took tea
in company with Mr.
Pearse— from there to
Mrs Bourne and spent
the evening in com-
pany with Mr Read &
Mr Pearse also M. Bow-
ers; Nancy Bowers &c.
returned home & blew
very hard with snow—

11 The clerk to pay— Mr,
Pettis forbed our keep—

ing school any more
in his house - on account
of the disturbance the
Scholars made on Sa-
turday - went to school
and the door shut up,
but Mr. Anthony
went and persuaded
him one more to ad-
mit us. - Went in and
here we are now -

12 Took tea at Widow
Palmer, in company with
Miss Palmer, Mrs. Bush,
and Miss Freeze, and

a good time in deed!
good Girls— Miss Ryk
from Warren & Miss
Frese from Providence.

13 Took tea at M^r. or
Capt. Isak Chases &c.
pleasant weather—

14 In School this mor-
ning— This day M^r. D.
Thompson preached in
this place & was much
admired— Took tea at
home in company
with M^r. Thompson D. Fow-
ler & Miss C. Burr—

and Mr Read from
Taunton; - Dr J & Mr J
went home this evening

Had for Company

Mr Cuddy, Mr Bush from
Warren, together with
Miss Brown, Miss Trevel
, Miss Palmer, Miss
Bush, Miss Burr, Miss
Hood a young Lady
this day for the last
time Published, Mrs
Low and two young
Miss Bowers - and
Mr Read, and Mr Hellen

in all a room full &
merry as you please -

Fine weather for the
Season -

15 Nothing new this day

Oysters for Supper -

Warm as Summer

16 This forenoon no

Mises and all Matters

and in the after noon

no Matters and all Mises

17 Sunday -

Pleasant weather

Mr Pease at Rehoboth.

18 Nothing new. I am
tired writing at school
at home. From this
time nothing shall be
written, with out it is of
some great moment, such
as where I took tea and
so on!!!

19 Pleasant as ever
was for the season —

20 Nothing new, only
Took tea at friend
Shoves in company
with Mr. Brag, Mr. Pease
Mrs Brag, Mrs Love, Mrs Pease

21 Stormy this Evening
and heavy blow —

Not at school this evening

22 — Nothing —

23 In school half the day
Received another apple
from Eve Spear —

Spent the evening
at Mr. J. Chases — had
an Oyster Supper, in com-
pany with Mrsers Barton,
Eddies, R. Pearse. S.

Chase &c. &c. — Returned
home found all in
Bed —

Sunday 24

At Meeting !!!— Heard
Dea: Mason from Rehoboth
preach or respond—

I have been credably in-
formed that 15 persons or
women have joined and
blong to the Baptist meeting
in this place, and that all,
one only excepted have
had children in an
unlawful manner—!!

They pretend to have grace,
one thing I know, they have
works, such as they are

Spent the evening and took
tea with Mrs. Bourn ---
D^r Lethbridge lodged with me
25 Mr. or D^r Lethbridge
in Town inoculating
for the Cow-Pox &c
Dined at M^r J. Chases'
in company with D^r
Lethbridge M^r Chase &
son, together with Miss
Davis & Miss Mary Chase
&c. From Evening Sch-
ool, went to Col. Powers
and staid all night, for
the first time I have lodged

out of the house since, in this
place — —

26 Dr Lethbridge left
matter for inoculation of
the Cow-pox — This ^{evening,} inoc-
ulated Fr. Linclon

This day read a part of
Dr Aikin on the Cow-pox
and well pleased so far —

27 Nothing New

28 No, No, No, I say —!

29 Rainy day —

30 At school, 1/2 day,
with about 16 Scholars.

Noon went with Mr.
P. Eddy & Mr. Pease
after Oysters caught a-
bout 2 bushels of the best
that ever I saw, & a-
bout 1 bushel Cohogs —
Came to Mr. Chases and
took some spirits, and
then had a bout a bushel
roasted in the bake house
and eat them; —

Spent the evening at
Mr. Colmans in draw-
ing of accounts against

J. Bowers Esq. —

Marnie left This day
Mr. G. Pettis to Miss P.
Hood — a great call
for young men in this
place; — Two Widows
were put together for
one couple — One Man
waited on 3 Women —
Shocking work indeed!
They had a disagreeable
time, as it rained all
the time for near 2
days — Such work for
one Marriage —

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Sunday -

Dined at or with Mr Bragg
in company with Mrs
Sana, Wi^d Prowers and
Monfier — Took a
walk with Mr Bragg and
Monfier — Took Tea
with Mr. Bragg with
the same company
and Col. Prowers wife.
Spent the Evening with
Mrs. Low, Miss Palmer
& Widow Swaff

February 1st 1802—

Pleasant Weather as
ever I saw for the season

Took Tea at Mrs Forester
in company with Capt.
Chase and Wife, Mr Chase
& ~~Mr~~ Wm^d Bower—

This day received a
letter from Mr Bland-
ing So. Carolina
and one from L.
Blanding Rehobo-
th

2 Took Tea at Mr. Evens.

This day, Father came
into Town— A school
this Night—

3 at home

3 This day snow
4 Took tea at Mrs Shaws
in company with Widow
Swasey, Miss S. Swasey,
Mrs Candage & —

5 Took Tea at or with
Widow Forester &c.

6 Took tea at or with
Widow Swasey's in co.
of Mrs Bragg, Mrs
Pearse, Mrs Low, Miss
S. Swasey & Miss Brown
together with Mr. Pearse
and some old Ladies.
This day received a letter
from D. Thomas —

Sunday 7-1842

This day so many
years, it was said, a
Child is bourn &
his name shall be
W. B. — — It is said
that no. one thing was
made in vane, which
saying gives me hopes,
and is, perhaps the only
thing that does — —

I began school with good
corrage, it being the last
week — Took Tea with
Mrs. Marble, in company
of Widow Swaff and others,

9 Took tea with Mrs. Chace in company of how many I know not — but I was all the male kind in the House and nine Ladies all married and husbands at sea. Who can say my courage is not good! School was all to be heard —

10 Small snow last night.

Our people are about to call all the neighbours in to take tea with them this evening — One says Miss Bush must come

an other says Miss Frey
another Miss Harrowfor
Bush and Harrow go near
together - But I am for
having Molly Plow as
plow goes before Bush
or Harrow - Better
I nivil is to wait on
Deborah Grisell - Abi-
-al Grinton on Betty
Hissmetlight - &c. but time
will not permit me to
mention all -

Fine snow for Rabbits.
this morning.

Well, all is over, the people
have been here and no one
dead or hurt — snow some &
sunny shine some this day.

Pleasant morning this.
This day the young people are
to come and have sit-down,
At a loss what to do, whe-
ther to teach school any long-
er or not; — all over —
For company, Miss Davis,
Miss Aba. Palmer, Miss
Bryke, Miss M. Chase,
Miss N. Brown —

12 Took tea at Col. Bow-
ers in company of Dr. Hollin
Mr. Brag, Mr. Pearce

Mrs. Bragg, Mrs. Anthony,
Mrs. Pearce &c. —

13 This day finished
School to to my great
Joy - This afternoon
called on a number for
my bills for Evening School.
Some from home, some
no money, & some paid
them - Then went to
draw my wages for
Day school - first to
two of the Selectmen
then to the Town

Treasury - The Treasur-
-er said a part should be
ready as soon as, I would
get a line from Town
Clark. Then went
to The Town Clerk, who
was sick and in bed -
then home -

14 Sunday -

Pleasant weather indeed.

Dined with J. Chace
Merchant. - Took
Tea at Dr. Bollen's in
company with - Mr. Brag-

Mr. Pease, Mr. Cogswill
- Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Low
Mrs. Pease, Wm. Swaffy
&c. &c. — Spent the
evening at Miss Davis'
with Mrs. Davis, Miss Low,
and Miss Palmer —
well spent or pleasantly
spent — — — —

Valentines

Day — — — — This —

15 Bejell on all sides to tea-
ch a school one quarter
more at some rate or
other — but undetermined

what to do as yet—

This morning went to see the Town Clerk about my wages, but to no purpose, he having the spleen to a high degree, besides being unwell.