

October 14th [1865] Thomas S. Armstrong Diary

1865 October 14th Sat

After breakfast went down to Col. Kelly's Office. Riley and I congratulated "esse" "amare" abundare" this thro' all their moods and tenses and part of the verb "accusare." While at this George came into the office here. This is not so, George came in at noon. After dinner, George and Grace, Frank and I went to Kirker's. Saw Ham Conklin, looked at the house. Came on home, talked the matter over. The girls unwilling to live together, we willing. Father & Mother Porter came in. Grace went out with them. George and I found at night that Col. Kelly had given all his money out. George went home on _____. Frank had a partial chill yesterday. We all went down town in the day after we went to Kirker's.

Oct 15 Sun

Dressed and went with Col. Kelley to S.S. [Sunday School?] at the Presbyterian Church. I taught a class in 1st Sam, vii, viii, ix. Very nice class could not get the attention of all the girls _____. Found George & Grace at Kelly's & Frank nearly ready for church. Took our wives to the Pres. Church. Took Col. Kelly's Pew. Rev Clarke preached a fine sermon from Ephesians I, Chap 14, verses 12 – 25 – he finished. The choir sang well – the organ not powerful. After dinner went to Col. Snell's by way of the R.R. Visited the "castle" - called on Mrs. Snell – in her 3 rooms, Mrs. Snell is a pleasant lady, plain & common, looks like Andy Schultz. Went with Geo. & love to the Observatory. All unfinished. Saw _____ Room. The carved Beadstead and mirror make one think of "the _____ chamber" – we returned by the ladders & went to Mrs. Snell's room – Mrs. Huff very jocular. She thought we going up to the room of the Devil & and our savior. The run after flowers, the walk after flowers & grapes. And I run to the Stubbs seeing Ricky Conklin & Thorton Snell. The _____ carriage – sewing machine, boxes of boots, etc., chicken house with _____. We returned by the RR very cool. George left for home.

Oct 16 Mon

School as usual, Went to the building found the stoves out of order. Miss Chapelears room was hit to _____ or school rather. George is at work _____. The room had 60 scholars. Miss Green and Mr Lemon leaving seats without permission – the weather very cold. Frank left her "Bed and Board" today and went to Father Porter. George putting in his time.

Oct 17 Tues

George and I got thro' with last night's sleep. Got along well. Talked to Lemon "you leave seats without permission" "Yes, I forgot it. Took little Miss Green thro at recess. Had Mr. William Bess. Talked to Miss McFarland & Green. This evening George moving. Talked with _____ about the new addition at the school. George and I engaged in reading the Courier & Enoch Pasamon had a little fight at Bredsville. We went to bed and wondered how our dears were getting along. A very rainy day, disagreeable & wet, muddy etc.

Oct 18 Wed

Rainy & raw today. Our school's _____. Mrs Wismer discussed her school at recess this fore noon. Janitor cleaned the pipe. At noon, called on Geo. He is about done moving (?). Mr, Humphrey is about introducing customers to the new firm & vice versa. The show coming. Found the show _____ as I went to school. Rang the bell & a meagre portion

of the school present. The show is doing bad business avec l'ecole. As I came to the top of the stairs after having visited some of the other rooms, Miss Chappellear informed me with warmth bad _____ in my room. "I want you to whip Robert & James Kirk. They were fighting in the room. Went in & found said Robert & James looking red and fiery. Called them out. Talked to them awhile. Heard my class as usual. Missed Eng. Gram. Miss Chap thinks she will have to keep a sharp look-out tomorrow for the absentees and will send them home _____ if they have no excuses. After school had a teachers meeting. Something must be did. Came down to the grocery to see George, found him gone to Kelly's, went there. Father Porter and Johnny in with the wagon thro' the rain but went away at 3P.M. They said that sis was well and getting along finely. Now I'm sorry I failed to go out. Went downtown despondingly. What am I going to do is the question after supper. Went to the drug store. Had a long talk with Phillips "a school talk" He urges moral suasion & moderation. So does Hand and Kelly. Went to the office. Wrote awhile and left when Geo & Riley got thro' dark and raining. _____ the dark streets. Hard work to keep the sidewalk. The show making gay music up on the common, I am a widower.

October 19 Thurs

I awoke forlorn, slept well, the morning fine, cool and bracing. Did not feel much like getting up and going into that school with the show on hand. Now what will I do? I am advised moderation. Went to the office & got a letter from R.E. Keith one _____ letter. Saw Mr. Addison riding along, stopped him, asked his advice. "Take your own course." Thanks. I am doing well. He is very busy. I advised moderation in my teachers. Had a view of the eclipse at the corner of the street. Moore & the others were looking through a smoked glass. Went up to school, some of the boys had out on the style looking at the eclipse. I looked. Set mu school study astronomy, wrote this morning by system counting No. 1, 2, 3. 4. Taking observations on Sun & guides for _____, handed in. Found Geo at the store or rather in the saloon eating oysters. I look a _____ at his expenses. Had a good time this afternoon. Pleas School. Went to see the house rear of the livery stable. Got to school late. After dismissing, I found my way to the grocery, lo here soon came Frank, Grade, & Huldah thro' the mud. They looked as if they were looking for husbands. Frank looks real well.. Went to Mrs. Needler's thence home to Kelly's. Grace & that _____ & took old Jim in the buggy home. Geo went on _____. Frank staid with _____, us & Co. I feel well. _____ 3

Oct 20 Frid

A very pleasant day. I am in god spirits. My school doing finely. Spoke of being tardy & of absence with leave. All went on harmoniously. Col. Kelly has gone to Decatur. Riley is running the machine. After noon we started a Paper. Students Banner. Mr. J.W. McPherson & Miss Anna McFarland, editor & editress thereof. Went ot Miss Chappellear's room. Heard her school _____ to counter criticism. Miss Chappellear's school rather ahead of us on a good many points. She took the lead & had some spelling. She took the "wind out of us" & to cap the climax I got up to instruct how to spell when she took me down on Pronunciation. But I made my application after which her school sang. She dismisses her first & so closed the 3rd week.

Went down to the grocery, went up to supper. Read "Grand Mother" Northern farmer to Mrs Kelly & Frank. Went down to store. Came back late. Hollis Welsh here. The lamp broke. The Col cam home after Geo & Frank & I had gone to roost. Cherry beat Hanna.

Oct. 21 Sat

Avery pleasant day. In George's store part of the time. Afternoon writing to Keith. Also writing to Bro. Jacob. After I finished writing, Mrs Kelly, Frank, & I went down town. Went to Mr. Henry Robert Magill's & James Booth's store. A soldier passed, a gaunt looking man with belt. "look at that man with the cuirass." O Horror! Went then to Mrs. Carter's near the school building. At evening had a long conversation with Esq Lewis on the school in the grocery.

Oct 22 Sun

Got ready. Went to S.S. at Presbyterian Church Taught a class of ____ boys. 13 Chap Matt to the 22 verse. Returned, found Frank & Mrs Kelly ready. Went to the M.E. Church, was taken to seat in rear of 1st behind the organ & on the right. Rev Rutledge preached on an analogy between a soldier in this country & the soldier for Christ. Rev Tindall sat in front on the left of the pulpit on the opposite side. An old gentleman with a wig sat behind. After dinner, read some of Lovejoy's speech. Interesting. The to the soldier's cemetery. Pretty 3. The grave is fine. The Magill's enclosure is good & beautiful. The day looks like Indian Summer. We returned at eve ____ copied my letter to Keith.

Oct 23 Mon

Went to school early. Miss Rogers takes Miss Welch's room. Miss Welch here. Miss Welch instructing her follower in office in the various techniques of the room _____. Mr Grany here supervising the removal of Miss Madden's room or at least part of it. Had new scholars today. Capt _____ called. He is visiting Miss Chapplelear. Miss Welch got the better ____ of Miss Madden's room. Miss Madden nearly used up about it. Do not think it is a good idea, the public school should be graded downward & not upward. Miss Welch went to the new building. She told me she has no desks & no place to write. The office is a bad one & will result in bad I fear. At night went to see Mr. Richard Crang at his store. Was introduced to Mr. Henry Crang at the same place. He is a merchant residing in Lincoln. Has just returned from England. The school matter was discussed. Mr Crang thought that the change was hasty but did not know it should be changed.

Oct 24 Tues.

After (Dinner) Breakfast went to see the Directors. But Mr. Crang did not come down to his store, Indian Summer weather. I had to go to my school without seeing them. Went on with affairs as we found them. The school getting along tolerably well. Miss Chapplelear sent two of my boys down to come up again. She spoke to me "that" that Boy," pointing to Lemon, detained those boys going down. When I came in my room _____ was being pulled back on the desk by Lemon. What does this mean. "Did you not" Mr. Lemon "detain Miss Chapplelear's boys." "Yes but I let them go when they said they were sent down stairs." Mr. Hapnis (?) Did you do anything to Mr. Lemon. Yes, but he struck me. You struck back. Yes. He struck (back) first. Mr. Hapnis (?), are you going to behave yourself. Yes. Mr Lemon, are you? Yes, sir. Mr Humphrey & Mr. Grany called this forenoon. Suggested sending Miss Welch's scholars back & she take her own back again. So Miss Madden & Miss Welch will trade. The trade was concocted by the scholars notified just before noon. My school being dismissed 20 min before. At evening saw Miss Welch. She is glad. Called on Miss Madden at home this morning. She was gladdened by me this morning. At evening read "Sea Dreams" to Frank & Mrs Kelly or part, composing & writing for the Banner. Went this morning to see Mr. Clark & Miss barges

for Board. "10 dollars per week" is my charge. George that things not all right. She had 2 large rooms 3 children

Oct 25 – Wed

First sentence in French. I feel well the school going along finely. At noon George came up to dinner not well. He has some evidences or indications of fever. Yesterday, the Courier came with a piece signed by T.S. from Clinton. The weather is fine. At near the close of school where the _____ was reciting, Frank came up said she'd a notion to go out to Father P's. She put her head in the door. At night, George & I occupied our bed.

Oct 26 Thurs

Awoke & found it raining. School going very well. After getting in from the rain I have a pleasant time. "Mr Lemon you have left your seat with out permission." He was by Miss Chappellear's seat. He moved back but he looked cheap, the scholars laughed. At eve he & I talked of a gymnasium. Grace & Frank at Kelly's at dinner. Writing poetry at night. Col Kelly _____ home very sick, out of his head. Very rainy.

Oct 27 Fri

Raining again. Late again this morning. Have had writing this week teaching it by system. Explained yesterday & today the why you invert the _____ or all do not understand it. George not in today. Col K not well at all. Raining, raining. Last night Miss Chappellear took her first lesson in French. This afternoon we had the Banner read to the two schools by Misses Chappellear & McFarland. The room was filled, a very credible performance. Personalities should not be unduly _____. We dismissed at 3. Miss Needler came while we were in reciting "_____" etc. Miss Needler thinks of going with us on that road. Roland Bell spoke to me about boarding with them. Sis has spoken to Mrs Storts. Rainy, rainy, windy, & cool. The evening, so one month of school has gone off. The Col. came in this evening feeling rather bad. He looks kind of sallow. Note to Mary.

Oct 28 Sat

Awful cold, went out of our room & found frost & snow on the door step. Wrote to Richards Wheetry(?). The train came in from the north with snow on it. When I came home at noon here was Wash and Mag & Cousin Mary. Mag has a school at 411 dolls. Wash has been teaching 3 weeks. Sis Drumm is dead. Bill Richmond is going to Columbus O. Went down to Mrs Storts this forenoon. She agrees to board us for 4.50. Cold and windy. George likely will board with the same lady. This afternoon the agricultural society of _____ men. Met in Col Kelly's office. Wash bot a hat this evening but failed to find the silversmith's.

Oct 29 – Sun

A glorious fine morning. The sun lapping the frosty houses with gold. Good for health. Got ready for S.S. Taught my little class again. The little boy that cried I tried to console him. All is pleasant Mag Wash & Co went away today. Staid in all day reading and looking up my Class Book. A beautiful chance here to do good.

Oct 30 Mon.

A very cool day. Found my school a letter. Noise. They are not as good as they might be. I will have to devise some plan to keep better order. At noon went to George's grocery and found

Frank had gone to Storts. Went down there found dinner waiting for Geo & wife & us. At evening had no French class at all. Went down to the boarding house, all lonely & quiet. Miss Storts Emma is rather a sickly looking girl.

Oct 31 Tues.

Rather cool this morning. After breakfast hurried up to town thought it rather early. The Lookout Bell was ringing as I found I was late. Went up locked out sun. Miss Chappellear interceded for me. Found all in order and all in good taste. They laughed at me. Went in called another. At recess a.m."Mr Moore try that over will you" I recon I'll have to have his face flushed & down he went with hat in hand and returned not. Made some remarks at noon. After recess Frank & Grace, Huldah & _____ & Riley came in. Heard my French class. Miss Needler & Miss Chappellear. Miss Needler was very much flushed. This afternoon went to see Grace about Huldah and made the proposition to him that if Huldah fails, I wanted him to consider Frank a candidate. Talked about the Moore tragedy. He said "he must obey." You did right but over to Col Kelly's for an introduction to Mr. Crang's son's prospective. He gave a history of a mob that came to Cheeny's(?) point etc Electioneering prospects spoken of. Even whisky recommended to beat the opposition for a bid for the floating bote. Found Frank gone to bed for the 1st it is about 11 P.M.

Nov 1 Wed.

Got ready went after breakfast to me school. Saw Dr. Madden & Mrs Madden. "Americe is very sick." The Dr. said. "She would not be able for 10 days likely." Miss Chappellear recommended me to send for Frank. Sent "Lol." She came. Rainy. Commenced with Mr. Moore the first thing after roll call. Mr Moore do you expect to remain in this school and not do as I require you. No Sir. I suppose I will have to leave school, gathering up his books, but I cannot go down stairs and I suppose you want me to do it. I did not think I did wrong in coming up as I was thinking "Mr Moore, I do not wish to deprive you of the privilege of school. But would you do right now be careful how you act in this you are doing a thing that may ruin you. If you think I have no right to require my scholars to correct improprieties then there is an issue between you and me. I intend to be the teacher of this school. Do you think I am going to let you do as you please & it is the same here require these smaller boys and young ladies to what you want to. Besides the example is here for the benefit of this school. You will have to do one of two things I will do that. You must either do that over or else get up and acknowledge that you have disobeyed me and that before the school.

What must I say?

Just say you are sorry for having disobeyed the teacher.

He arose and said it. When I called for the spelling for the arith class time having you all called for arithmetic. The school went along very pleasantly. Our pipe shed a little smoke or the flue from Miss Koyer's Room at _____. Geo and I talked about renting the Kerber House also about boarding at 5 dollars per week. We decided that often it was better to board. So I'll board at Mrs Storts.

Nov 2 Thursday

A very bracing morning. We have great difficulty in our hearing the bell here. All went along very pleasantly to _____. My classes recite begin early. At evening, as Michael _____ was out ringing the bells. I waited a long time for Frank's bell. Went out in the hall where lo here was Mike at the door striking the little fellows as they went out with a little whip. I went down took the whip and laid it on him with vigor. Sent him up. Dismissed school. Mike went out going down the steps. "Michael come back," But no come back. Went down into the hall. He went out toward the rear. Went out there. He was going home had got over the fence. I told him to come back. He hurried as if to run. I headed him. Brot him back roughly talked to him. He promised to reform. I then talked to _____ Frank who had been sent by Miss Chapplelear for a whipping for disorderly conduct. I let him off on that. Went home feeling queer. I do hate to whip those boys. Went to George's. The reason they employ Miss Nellie _____ was because she is a normal to the exclusion of Miss Carter. Miss Huldah, Miss Lewis, & Miss Barnett. Went over to Co. Kelly's office found here Mr. Anson J. Gardner, Mr. Eric Porter, & Park Adams. They were discussing the probabilities of the _____ ticket being elected. Found my family still up.

Nov. 3 Frid

Had a most remarkable dream last night. Dreamed as I lay upon my bed that my Bro Jacob and I were engaged in some affair that required us to flee before someone. We tried to secrete ourselves and then tried to get away. I remember of going up past Charles Hull & going out from the presence of our pursuers. We had some bad luck. Then by a singular movement I entered a church. Ships was there and was terribly annoyed. Such stuff were my dreams (?).

Came to school as I heard the bell. No I did not. The sun was getting too high. The bell rang soon after I got there. So fire had been punched out. After school _____ I saw Mike toward town. He was undoubtedly playing truant. All went along very pleasant. After dinner had oral spelling. Miss Chapplelear was to let me know as I understood but she failed to let me know a misunderstanding. Miss Needler called to see us at evening. She had been in Mrs Wismer's room. Mike came to the door after school _____ this afternoon & com'd [commenced] crying. I spoke to him kindly. "Michael you were not at school this forenoon." "I was sick." Poor Mike, I think he was "head sick." I told him I wanted him to go up stairs. He went up, could not help feeling bad as he turned his expressive eyes upon me. He deserved a better home. Came down street. Saw Colburn. He was giving me some of his ideas. He told me he had never learned to spell & yet he could spell every word in the English language. Judge Woodard was introduced to me. He asked me if I knew his children by the color of their hair. It is not, said he, I want you to do your duty act the man. If you don't, just quit and leave. I want you to do your duty to them. Do you do your duty by them Judge. "Come down & see me." "I will Judge."

Nov 4 Sat

Arose. Some wind the morning snowed some. A quick dressing & walk to the depot. Saw Mr. Rasback to find someone going to Bloomington. He said there was a man going, A Dutchman. I gave this man a paper calling for "6 copies of Fasquelle's Grammar. Gave him 10 dollars. Cam on home, Reading some "Persuasives to early piety" Trying to gain a few ideas. Went up town after George. Marion Hampton left. Went to _____. Saw Mollie Welsh & Miss Jeanne Kenneck. The _____ Irishman came & took the trunk & Baudboxes. Charging 75 cents. At evening went to the R.R & got talking with young Lemon & Johnny Hickman. My man did not

come, a poor woman got off. She was at Decatur. There her ticket down. But soon found she was in the wrong pew. Her daughter, 13 or 15, nearly cried. What will we do. She had lost her ticket & was a long way from home. I came on home & read some in "Illinois Teacher." Cast up the averages today. I must keep up the marking principle.

Nov 5 Sun

Got up eat breakfast. I had put on my extra clothes. Read in the Illinois Teacher until "Will" came in the buggy for Frank & I. Went out had a fun ride behind Barney. Saw plenty of tumbleweed, found all well. Mr. Sam Porter & wife, Mr. Marion Hampton & wife. His wife is a rather common looking woman. Grace very cool & unsociable. Hangs on to George like the graceful vine clinging to the stony oak. After dinner Will brot Frank to town. I went to S.S. concert. A good congregation assembled. Saw 2 or 3 pieces & prayer & sang again. When Cap't Armstrong was called on he got up & opened his mouth & taught them saying - Mr. Donahue made a real good speech. Mr Rev Clark spoke. We sang & closed. Miss Anna _____ & Miss _____ called the evening. I went home with them. Hear Riley on Pollocks Course of time. Rather cool day but sunny & bracing.

Nov 6 Mon

Stinging cold this morning. Got word this morning from Miss Mollie Welsh. She is sick and wants to know what to do. "Send for Frank at Mrs Storts." My school went along well. At evening found the teachers all in my room. Teachers meeting. Miss Chappellear, Miss _____, Miss Rogers, Miss Knadler. Points were discussed. Opening exercises should be devotional. Whispering without permission should be prohibited. So also with leaving seats to speak of lessons & get water also. Every week a class in some schools should be taught in the presence of the other teachers. The teacher teaching his (or her) class him (or her) self there. Our French class Misses Chappellear & Knadler recited. This marks the final day for Miss Knadler in Mrs Wisner's room.

Found Geo & Grace at Mrs. Stort's. They have no need. A nice room a new bed. Geo brot his bowl & pitcher with him when he came to supper. Got me 6 books. Paid the _____ man 3 dollars & 10 cents for brining them down. Mr. L. Ruff my man bot them of J.W. Maxwell & Co.

6 Fasquelles 2.50	15.00
15% off	2.25
	12.75

He and our _____ then went up to the livery, proceeded to the gro[cery] to Crang's but he was gone.

After we recited our French Riley & Al Hanie came. Had a pleasant chat. Rather a beautiful night with moon light. Sparkling in the frost.

Nov 7 Tues

Found myself late, got there at 9 A.M. 10 min late. Comm'd by asking each if they wanted our school right, a good school. Each assented. Then I asked if they wanted reform. Then I proposed to require themselves to keep from whispering, leaving seats, & C. Had _____ in Geog, finished fractions. Our class in Latin getting small. Kept pretty good order. The French

class is not. Today is election day. Miss Mollie _____ is very sick. "The first Tuesday in November." Gardner has a slim chance against Lisenby 'tis said. Heard in conversation with Humphrey on the school. He thinks it would be well to put Miss Chappellear in my room. Miss Welsh in hers, cut a door from the little room into the hall. Count all the children that go out in the room with _____ and appoint the Gen. Superintendent. At night Geo & I separated crockery.

Nov 8 Wed

Indian summer. Pleasant out. My school _____ the Heckman's Back (?). The academy man failed to come. The day is very pleasant. The news about the election is that Porter, Carter, Richardson are elected. That is all who are not opposed. So Gardner & Griffin etc went up to Salt Creek. Went up to Kelly's office at evening. Saw Snell and Williams and Col. Ford etc. Snell & Coltrin claim to be radicals. News from N Jersey, N York, Mass, Wis, Min, & Ills all union. Banks elected to Congress. Headache

Nov 9 Thurs

Felt very well this morning. Went up to the school. House just put the clock back 30 min. My schools _____. I have an easy time now. The academy is hurting me. I am _____. Father P. called for dinner and joined him. This evening Frank came up. She & Miss Chap. Recited in French. Miss Knadler went away. Miss Mad Wright taught for her & McPherson went away today. He is going to the academy. The Heckman's & Ed. Grahoad have gone to the academy. McPherson's papers ever left with me. Pleasant day like Indian Summer. _____ Sister & Miss _____ hunt. Called on Grace.

Nov 10 Fri

A glorious day. All going along finely. My school small today. After dinner we had teaching exercise Misses Chap & Knadler & I heard the paper, poor. Miss Chappellear examined a reading class in presence of Miss Rogers, Miss Knadler, & me. Frank getting along with Miss Mollie's school. At evening went up to the grocery. All is pleasant. Got a _____ from _____ & Hurd.

Nov 11 Sat

A pleasant day. Went to the new school room. Saw Mr. Edmunstom. He is fixing desk. He wants a room as the _____ is crowded. He had 3 register yesterday. Went to court this fore noon. After dinner I called on Mr. Ad Kisson. He said that my _____ might do first rate. He told me I know what would be best and he as in favor of anything that would decrease the expense & do as much good for the school. He thinks if Miss Welsch's school is brot in, it would lessen the expense. Nothing particular going on, went up with the jailer to see _____. Composed a piece. Wirz executed yesterday.

Nov 12 Sun

Arose, dressed. Pleasant and balmy day. Went to M.E. Church Frank et moi, Grace and Geo did not go. Rev WHN Moore preached. Writing, reading, etc. At evening, Frank et moi nous nous sommes proneness. Went to the graveyard. Think of death. How soon our countenances will be mouldering dust. These heads we comb, these teeth we clean will be in the grave. So often to the grave & think of death. Think of God's judgement, hell, heaven. I commence tomorrow again. Am in good health. _____ pleasant the neat little buildings in this town look as we

walk past them. Saw several of the young ladies (married ones) with their husbands along trundling their small carriages with their small offspring in them. How pleasant to have childhood.

Nov 13 Mon

O how grand today is as balmy as spring. The atmosphere nice. The sun out smiling _____. Pleasant agreeable. My school has a gap in it, my latin class nearly defunct. Our teachers were made acquainted with the wanted changes. Miss Chappellear thinks she should have more wages. No that is true. Miss Barnett well & on hand. I had a vry pleasant school today. Our _____ postponed. Miss Mollie up. She says the directors are talking of finishing the arrangement. They talk of removing her school. Mrs Porter here took Frank with her to help matters etc. Geo sick on _____. How can we prosper best? I am well and feel hearty. No letters from home. What is the matter? Are they sick? Finishing my article on the improvement of the schools of Clinton. I do not like it altogether. Read it to George. At evening, revel about the time of the _____ etc. One feels lonely so here left alone. One knows not the loss of the society of a dear friend till one has lost it. Balmy and pleasant this evening. I feel in good health.

Nov 14 Tues

Murky looking day. We shall soon have rain. School is prospering finely. I have 30 today. This school seems to be _____ the _____ some out. Mr. Wm Ford is attending the seminary. Well can we prosper in our school as well as usual. Read the part of Matthew that has the Lord's Prayer in it. The school repeated it. The morals of the school should not be forgotten. I had some difficulty in causing my school to understand questions as this

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Ans 100

As my _____ reader was reading _____ to the _____ board tonight, here in came Judge Scott & Mr Greene. They visited the other schools. I sked them to come again as I met them coming out of Miss Rogers' room. At evening, went to see Col. Kelly saw Mr. Jones _____ of Putnam son _____ of Mr. Wilkin Fenner. He says Col. Granger is going along on crutches. Miles is in business. Pete Davis has bot the Gratiot mill.

Nov 14 Wed

We were looking for rain this morning but the day proved to be a fine one. My school is getting along finely. Everything is not perfect for sure. Hear that Frank was in town on horseback for medicine for Johnny. Now I think that she might have given the school a call. At evening, Mr. Ford Ben. & wife & children came this morning. Miss Emma was awful sick last night. I could hear here coughing & _____. Went this evening to see Md De Levis. He read to me _____ et c. He has a scrap book with poetry of his own in it.

_____ was his place of retiracy. He writes very well. He read my article and said to Mr. Morrison "You put that up for next issue." We lead _____ charts articles. They give one a good index of his school. We give geography by topics. Grace was by - _____. I am anxious to hear from home. What are father & Bro Jacob doing. What is Mary and Fla doing? Mary is teaching at _____. I suppose Fla, _____, & Gus are going to school at Bell Hall. Jacob & father are _____ & selling sheep.

Nov 16 Thurs

I am well. All is going along finely. At breakfast I hurried thro' the bell had rung. I got there just as the second bell was ringing. Mr. Howard came up to see me brot up by Miss _____. He looks as of yore. Arithmetic was _____. Mental arithmetic hard. At noon all was nice. Brot the map of the U.S. in from Miss Chappellear's room. Had Conn, Maine, New Hampshire. Pointed them out on the map. Had the scholars point with the pointer. _____ that they learned much on the maps. Failed on hearing _____. Had _____ meet Miss Knadler & Miss Chappellear. Wm Best & Charley Stokes sent in to be _____. At evening went to the grocery. Read the news in the Chicago Tribune. The news from Mexico gives an account of the liberals besieging Matamoras & that a _____ or Imperial vessel fired 4 shots into our boys in blue while they were cheering the Mex camp. Came home committed some Latin verbs. Went to the roost late after reading & studying awhile. My mind engaged after going to bed.

Nov 17 Frid

The sky last night was red. The sky eastward shone with reflected light late at night. Caused probably by a prairie on fire. School very interesting today. Nearly thro Dec. fractions. No writing. No exercises this afternoon in my room. Went to Miss Chappellear's room reading of the paper. Singling then a small address by the principal. When we concluded, I dismissed Mr. Richards. Had trouble with ed Smith, Rob Pratt, etc. about throwing coal and hitting the little girls. Had french as usual. Met Misses Conklin, Han, Muriel, Miss Goodbrake, Porter H., Grace. We all went to the Prof Ed Ministry school. Heard a recitation in Algebra. All smooth. He addressed them on getting to work in earnest & having the consciousness of doing dirty well. Kellys have the new piano. Grace & Goodbrake & Conklin girls played on it & danced. Frank came in this evening with an awful hard face on. She is pretty well.

Nov 18 Sat

A glorious sunny day. At home writing 4 palm verbs, *frecare* to rub, *detere* to blot out, *cedere* to give away, & *sentore* to feel. After dinner, went up town after hearing Fran recite. She keeled over on the floor the effects I ascribed to its being the first time she had recited French. Went to Kellys. Heard Grace on Ura's new piano. She went out to father P's. Ura played some. Came home. Found Frank with herself. She went to bed after Miss Wright & Mr. Ford were came. Quite a lot of people in town. Saw the man who killed

Nov 19 Sun

Went to S.S. at Presbyterian Church. Taught Miss Quigg's class. We had XV John. Went then to church at the M.E. Church. Heard Rev Moore. Beautiful day. Mr. Wm Ford here for dinner. Wrote down poetry. Sat in doors. At night *next two sentences in French*. Retired early.

Nov 20 Mon

A little cool this morning. Hurried up to school, but as I approached and cast my eyes to the smokeless chimney, lo I found there was no fire. The children were there. We assayed to build fires of wood to go. Called to order roll call & dismissed them. No coal. Went to see Mr. Crang, gone hunting. Saw _____. He wrote an order for _____ to Rasback. Gave it to Mr. _____. Went home. Frank & I recited French and then I went up to see Col. Kelly & Richardson. He told me of Lizzie who has been sent up to me in school from Miss Mead. At night went to see gray _____ at the school. Marcus had been there importuning him & after I had told him there was coal now. He said, "If I had known, I wouldn't have given my consent for them to go to Bloomington. But the clerks laughed & the girls had the joke on him. He smile & thought the people might complain. Got brush etc. Was to visit Miss Welsh. If "one pound of sugar costs 9 cents, what will 7 pounds cost. If a pound costs 9 cts, 7 lbs will cost $7 \times 9 = 63$. Therefore my answer is 63." *More arithmetic*. Most a noble day. Saw Mr. Howard. At eve we soon retired. Fine day. I thot as I left Crang, what a good joke. I'll have to tell the girls on the morrow.

Nov 21 Tues

Arose & while dressing heard a train coming. Hurried up to Dr. Madden's, asked if Mrs. Madden had gone or was going to Bloomington. Found the train had gone indeed. Went to the depot. Got tracks of the ladies but found that no train was going till in the evening. Came back _____ consolable. "How are you Bloomington?" Came on home. Went to work writing music. "Beautiful dreamer" which I had got of "_____." Helped Frank in her French. She does finely. Toward evening went up town. Went to the Presbyterian Festival at The Gideon & Humphrey Hall. The entrance fee was \$1.00. Two long tables one in each room were loaded with multifarious brands, cakes, etc. Met many of my friends. Miss Nellie gave me fits. They had returned safely. She called me "_____." Do you know what that means? Met C.H. Moore. He told me he had visited the public school for years. His children were always sent away for education. His son attended a while 2 or 3 years ago. But they tore up his hat & scared him. He took him out of school. He thot he would come up. Do _____ encourages the school. Prof Edmunton said I am opposed to the new fangled notions of modern schools. I think the model school not practical. They have model scholars and don't deal with scholars that are not cultivated as ours and I don't like these easy books for learning. I'm opposed to the _____ in Methotts. It takes away strict. I want scholars to study. I like Reg. Am opposed to the _____ of text books. Dr. Edmunton Jr said I don't eat much of these eatables but I like t see them eat. It will give you _____. I say _____. Mrs De Levis brot around a plate for a share of the cake with the _____. I took 2, 10, & 11 ___ 18 look it Mr Magele. The time about 11 when I retired. Found all asleep.

Nov 22 Wed

Went up to school. My school rather small. Miss Chappellear on hand. She excuses me for not getting along with them on the Bloomington tour. Don't feel pleasant over affairs. Mr. Richards in school this fore noon. The girls learned "Beautiful Dreamer" today. At evening studied and writing of my poetry. I want to improve all I can. Mr. Moon talking some of going to the High School. I comm'd a new arithmike class. Hand numeration in it. Beautiful day as usual.

Nov 23 Thursday

Got to school on time. My first arithmetic class drilled in numeration by the latin numerals. *Next sentence in Latin.* Counting units & thousands period out, I made unus millions, duo billions, tres trillions, & decem decillions. Then to this I prefixed un, du, tres etc making 22 periods. Miss Chapplelear makes them count for unus (one) 3rd place. Now I leave out 1st & 2nd periods and call the 3rd one or commence there. Vigintillion then would be 20 places + 2 places. Had ratios treated them as fractions, thus $2 : 4 = 4/2$ making consequent numerator & $2 : 4 \times 5 : 6$ a compound ratio = $4/2 \times 6/5$ a comp'd frac. Proportion is an equality of ratios thus $2 : 4 = 6 : 3$. Let us take a fraction $2 / 4 = 4 / 8 = 8 / 16 = 16 / 32 = 3 / 6$ We have : $2 :: 8 : 4 :: 16 : 8 :: 32 : 16 :: 6 : 3$. This is a continuous proportion. If 2 men in 6 days do a piece of work, in how many days will it take 5 men to do it $5 : 2 :: 6 : () = 2/5 = 1/6$ That is the French method. $5 : 2 :: 6 : () = 5/2 = 6/$ This is the English method. Now in the first how many 6ths = $2/5$ Ans $2 \frac{2}{5}$ In the 2nd 6 what ths = $5/2$? Ans $6/22/5$

Had reading before 3 in 6th Reading. Some of the girls did not like me causing them to read loud & distinctly I meant. Had spelling writing exercise. Had a fine recitation in the grammar. At eve, met Grace on corner. She isn't going to Kelly's tonight. Don't want to expose her ignorance. Went to Kelly's. Had a fine time. _____ examples. Conversation & music by Ura _____ & Mrs De Levis & Miss Harris. De Levis read poetry, liked it. Come up with it & will change it. Got home at 11 P.M.

Nov 24 Fri

School as usual. Had problems in Proportion. Afternoon had each one of the Geog class give a long history of Penn. Some had maps, some not. We wanted the class of del & Md next Mon. Had reading. Went in to help Miss Chapplelear with Mr. Rogers & Mr. Pratt. They have defied me. He won't take of his coat. "Aren't you going to take your coat off" Off it came with a bold air. Put it on again and take it right off it came & Miss Chapplelear applied the whip to appearance of crying. Mr. Rogers took his seat. You've not had enough. Come back sir she said. Back he came and the dose was repeated. Mr Pratt's coat came off & he cried under the application of the birch. After school, he & my class in Porter. Misses Chapplelear, Rogers to Knadler.

Nov 25 Sat

A glorious day. Huldah reports sick. Frank went up. I got thro with the _____ that I comm'd last night at the whistly match. After _____, went to Kellys. Saw Mrs P. Huldah is better. Played on piano some. Frank went home by bishop's elevator. Saw the sheller choke, went all through the mill. Came on home, saw Chapplelears. House _____ some after supper. Frank et moi nous went to our nous read French. Here came Mrs Woolf & Kate went up town, saw Col. K & talked about Riley & the piano. I gave you the credit of Riley taking such an interest in his studies. Capt Stone is here. Last night Riley was away came back at 11. I'd gone to bed He sat down with his Geometry & comm'd studying. Riley you better go (home) to bed. O I was at Haney's & we had a point in Geom. We could not solve. I want to get it. I persuaded him t go to bed. He went. Next morning after building on a fire, I awakened him. He came down & in two minutes had it. He cried "Eureka" "Eureka". Went to George's got oysters. Found Frank up yet.

Nov 26 Sun

A glorious day. Went to Presbyterian S.S. in Lewis's class. He had texts on subjects. Went to M.E. Church. Rev Moore preached from Jeremiah XVII 8. Mrs & Mr Porter Frank not. Well, a glorious day. No word from house. Geo did not go to church. At evening we had a rehash of the same sermon Psalms 1, 3 & John 8, 15 and Frank took a seat on the left side behind the choir

Nov 27 Mon

Another fine day. Quite an increase at my school. Had an old time today in school. Woodard has returned. He goeth where he listeneth nearly. I'll have to bring the gentleman to his senses. At evening, we had to defer the French. Miss Madden kept him [at] school _____ nearly right. Some were crying. My mind was fully made up this evening to do something for my country. How well it _____. Well I know I'm in for all that's out. Went to Kelly's at night. Saw Jennie, Huldah, & Riley. Riley makes the children git. Frank, Jennie, Huldah, My Self & the _____ are passing the town this evening finely. Talking, etc. Riley studying some.

Nov 28 Tues

The clock all wrong. I had a full school. I am trying to keep them straight. This afternoon at recess saw Lemon hurt a boy at recess by twisting his hand. Boy cried. Lemon came in & after I rebuked Miss Jennie & her contemptuous grunt (?) caused me to be remarked to by her sister. I'd bring her out of [there]. Cam in Lemon & were scuffling. I raved, they promised reform. Miss Chappellear walk out on the floor and stand there. She did as directed. But she was on the floor for nothing.

Nov 29 Wed

Cloudy this day. Had exercises today. Except reading & writing. Algebra & higher arithmetic on hands. My grammar classes have gotten into grammar proper I have left analyzing. At evening went to Knadlers heard Rogers & Knadler on amare. Richards _____ with Rogers. Knadler played one piece, she plays well. Found Frank gone to bed. I was to have been back at 8 P.M. *Next sentence in French.* Cool & windy, feels like winter was coming.

Nov 30 Thurs

Raining as I got up. School going along finely. Had a good school. Had subtraction in Algebra. Com pro in arith. Percent in higher arith. Principles in grammar had taken tonight. Frank & I studying French tonight. Read J.G. Marchant piece on Haste. No letters from home. I am well. We had turkey today for dinner. I had the gentleman to carve. Col. Kelly has not returned. His office looks desolate. I am anxious to give more chance to my readers in my school.

Dec 1st Frid

A fine cool bracing day. Nothing particular going on today. I am doing finely. My school not as prosperous as it was last Monday. Jennie Rennick here today helping Frank. This afternoon we had a lively lesson in geog & reading by each scholar. Read a piece by Marchant on "Haste" and an old time school. The scholars did not know it was the old teacher's production. Nor did I tell them so. Had French as usual. Col Kelly & wife returned this morning. Frank says he looked out at a station & lost his hat. Hurrah for the hat. Mrs. Wakefield offered him her new Dongola (?)

Dec 2nd Sat

Tried to study today some. In the morning went to Kelly's office having been welcomed heartily by him. Was introduced to Mr. Solomon who wants to teach a class in the Spencerian method of penmanship. Went to see Mr Crang. He was opposed to the school on the grounds that it furnished grounds for stealing books _____. Went to see Humphrey. He thought if I would become responsible. Frank & I tried to study toward night. I read a diary awhile. Saw Joe Moore. He told me he was getting along finely. He was going with J. Payne & Pete Conklin to drink. A school teacher drinking. Frank & I went to Kelly's. Saw Mrs K she looked well. She has a new bonnet, silk velvet. Nice blinds _____. She was at the M.E. & got to the church & heard Mackbeth DC at the theater. She says Cincinnati is a dirty place, soot came down like snow. As I went in to Knadler's, look my first Lesson "a, 2, 3," went to Miss Knadler's shop. Saw Nan Campbell & Mrs. McGill, Jennie, etc. Pleasant night for walking.

Dec 3rd Sun

Went to the M.E. Church as the lowering clouds threatening rain. Rev Moore preached from I Chron XXVIII, 8. I sat near the stove. Raining as we got out. I scampered home as fast as my legs would carry me, Read my diary from Camp Homes to Annapolis to Frank. I am well satisfied with my life.

Mon Dec 4th

Carter came up today. My school awful rough. Mrs Cannell came up making a fuss about Lemon throwing Mike on the ground. At recess in the afternoon. I had to go out from _____ Moore & Rob Chappelle who were tussling & half fighting after recess – I gave them a few licks with the pointed. "What do you come to school for" "to learn" But I don't come here to be whipped, said Moore. At that I went for him and splintered it on him. "I didn't say any thing" said Chap as I applied a dew finishing touches to him. I walk him up stairs & proceeded with my classes. Moore took his book & walked very _____ as he left school. Got a letter from Jacob. He has the 1500 dollars. Talks of suing for the 50 interest. Asks my advice about it. All ar well. Mary teaching in Sterley at 34 dolls 6 mos school. Anderson at _____ studying law at the law school. Taylor at Cambridge. May Henry _____ at Nicaragua. Sibley at _____. Munchy at Cinn, Blair at Columbus. Fountain/singing. The 18 Regulars. Lost his money & watch. Father & Jacob have sold 8 or 9 hundred dollars by bucks. One lamb at 300 they sold. The ladies said they had a hard school today. Frank & I recite in French. Don't feel well over the fuss this evening. My femme is comforting me. Dear good girl.

Tues Dec 5

Frosty. Read the letters again by the kitchen fire. I feel well and am ready for any thing. That may turn up at school. Had nearly missed school today at morning & often miss. Heard all my classes & the 5 _____ script spelling & penmanship. Mr. Solomon came up at geog time & has given the penmanship up. He says he could not get up a school to pay him as a room would cost 60 or 70 dollars. I guess he'd better leave. I don't want the school to be hurt by him. Had a good school today. I like it. At night went to Goodbrakes & spent awhile a few times by Grace. Went there (?) Richey's, Baldricks & Cundeff & Mitchels there. Had music by Sam & Austin. Cam home by the plank road. Raining.

Dec 6 Wed

Rainy & cold & windy. My school a little turbulent but all prospering. I had visitors this afternoon. Mr. Riley & Alf Haynie Esqs. I am glad to see the young men enjoying themselves. Had spelling exercises. Heard all my classes. Woodward is a real bright boy. At evening went to Kelly's to practice but the instructor was gone. We went to Welsh's to get it but Mollie had left it at Hiram Smith's. Went to the grocery store. Saw Col. K. He is favor of consolidating the schools and having a fine school building put up. I am perfectly agreeedy. _____ later this evening.

Dec 7 Thurs

"Thanksgiving Day." As I looked out the window, snow covered he ground & digested the sound of the walkers on the side walk. Went to hear Rev Moore at 11. He gave a fine sermon on the war. Thought we had many things to be thankful.

Dec 8 Frid

Rather cool today. Some of the stoves did badly. Went into Miss Chappellear's room. Hear the paper. Got up to read. My girls did badly. I had them repeat themselves Then a suggestion from Miss Chappellear had them get up again and go back thro the exercise. They do poor. They think they know it all. Had French. At evening went to Kelly's to the party. Frank, Jennie, Geo, & I. Al Haynie. Mol. _____ Hunt etc. Got home _____ had a good supper. Played my turn on the piano.

Dec 9 Sat.

Writing preps. Adverbs & verbs. Went to Kelly's at night, practiced my piece. Nate Wheeler, Drew the horse, the Cushman, George & I went to Wheelers & to the furniture room. George is very busy with his store. My fingers & hand sore.

Dec 10 Sun.

Windy snow nearly gone. Went to Pres S.S. as it was nearly out. Heard Rev Moore. He had chosen his text. Wrote to Jacob, Anderson, & Keith. Went to Campbellite Church at night. Frank, _____, and I. Saw Johnny & all Beeby. Had prairie chicken for dinner & supper, pleasant time & weather. Copy off my letter.

Dec 11 Mon

Did not feel much like going to school this morning. Had school as usual. Had Anna McC on the floor at Class "B". Had Laura Madden on floor reading exercise at noon. But Miss Julia Moore on the floor before recess. After dinner, talked with her about her conduct & about the school not doing well generally – recited in grammar as usual Huldah at school. My scholars want to do right yet they are so mischievous that _____ they will have to be close. Kept Ann _____ in for laughing. Had later went to Kellys to practice. Wrote to J.W. Williams. I talked with Mr. Crang about the affairs of my students. I am going to have a _____ the better order in my school. I must talk less and put more on the floor or I will have fun. My scholars are old enough to do what is right.

Dec 12 Tues

Cold as blixin this morning. Did not hardly know whether to get up or not. School was in good order to-day, quite a change for the better, I am trying to restore the lost order that comes from too much laxation about whispering. At evening went thro the cold to Mr. Maguire's with

Frank. She had on her blue. Geo took Grace. We were ushered into the room above ante chamber. Cold. Were ushered in by Mr. Haynie. Here is the parlor in fine order was the elite of Clinton. Dr. Edminston, _____ Knadler, Chas Denton, Wm Kirker, Miss Kirker, the Misses Conklin, Mrs De levis, Wm Rogers, Miss Lewis, Miss Quigg, Miss Anna Hunt, Mr. W. R. Kelly. The family & Mr. _____. We had a fine supper Mr. Haynie _____ grace. We had music conversation. The piano is miserably out of tune. We departed at last, nearly "frizz." When we arrived at house, we wondered why Col. Kelly wasn't there.

Dec 13 Wed

A tin froze solid in our room last night. Cold the frost on the windows tho. Hurried up to school. School very well to day Heard 3 reading & spelling. My grammar class do very well. Went without my over coat last noon & to night my self nearly froze. Yesterday at 4 with darkened windows at Wheeler & saw Camsbell, Formed Hands & Hearts, Bully. Very cold day. Concluded at night not to go to Kelly's to practice on the piano.

Dec 14 Thurs

Very cold this morning. My school is very good, had not as good order as I had yesterday. Hear _____ arith, also 6th reader this afternoon. Decline verbs. We are doing very well in our grammar. No French nor anything else. Cold day but not _____. At night went to Kelly's. Practiced my assignments on the piano. The piece that Riley had was good. Pitts reply to sen Rob Walpole, _____, Trev Clark there. Took supper. I should have more writing composition & declamation in my school. O if Jean get the young ladies thro the grammar & arithmetic & geography next term and then the 3rd term commence a class in French. How fine it would be.

Dec 15 Frid

Pretty cool today. Had school as usual. Had men arith & reading in the 6th reader. I ought to have all that are in class "A" studying men arith. Had no classes in the French on latin. Saw _____ the boys go to the pond skating now. Read Barnett & _____ on the floor. Grace telling or reading a novel. She reads pretty well.

Dec 16 Sat

Still cool but not as usual. Went to Kelly's office. Met Mr. Solomon. He has a school in Munson's neighborhood. He showed me some of this Spencerian. Went up to Kelly's. Got Riley's book. Came back with the _____ to work writing of verbs. Wrote nearly all afternoon. Heard Frank say her French lesson. Went to Kelly's after supper. Practiced amusements 4 to 5 _____ at 7-50. Went to Knadler's. Practiced an hour. Went home. Forgot my over coat. Returned for it. Mrs Knadler wants me to buy those furs for Francis Parmelia. I have a pain in my right side this afternoon. No letters at all. I suppose I'll get some soon.

Dec 17 Sun

Pretty cool this morning. Got ready for church. Just time to eat breakfast & start for church. Hear Rev. W.H. Moore from Job 15, 4. _____ my prayers. He advised the putting away of sins (as chewing tobacco) that keep one from being a Christian. Ready perspective on _____. _____ out the point of sight center of the picture. The vanishing points of the horizontal hue the perspective player _____. At evening, heard Rev Moor. Frank was separated from

me. I was put in the choir seat by the side of Bro Harris _____. Rev Moore gave us a sermon on prayer. Not very cool tonight.

Dec 18 Mon.

Rather cloudy today. Not very cool. Got to school late. Locked out. _____ demanded my excuse. Had a good school. Had divers[e] person on the floor. Hovey was not for going but gave in at last. Had maps of Ind. & Ohio & descriptive maps of them put on the board. At evening, my reading & studying per _____ on chart No. X. I like this manual well. Net to somewhat misty. I often rather in love with my school. I like it pretty well.

Dec 19 Tues

Arose a little early this morning. Got to school on time. Had fractions in review this morning. Had, Ohio, Ind., & Michigan questions. Went to Kelly's at eve with Frank. Had amusement. I am rather at a loss to know what to have get a dialogue the last day. Boys & girls think they can't. Have some idea of writing a piece for the last day.

Dec 20 Wed

Snow falling as we looked out of our window, I got to school in time. Had dec. fractions. Went into Miss Chappellear's room at her request. She had a tough time she said with Harvey _____. He had defied her authority. He was not very repentant but seemed to try to show the blame all on Miss Chappellear. He promised to do better after a long talk. _____ was called before we were thro'. Don't like to be bothered by such cases. He wanted to go home. I gave her some impudence when she told him he could not go. He persisted & said he would. The door was closed on him. At geography I asked Hovey if she was coming to school any more as I saw her books piled up. She didn't know. I told her it might be I didn't do right in causing her to stand on the floor. She said she did not to much. At grammar _____ misspelled. I kept her after school. She told me I did wrong with Hovey & all the girls were down on me of account thereof I kept her awhile and let her go. O but the snow poured down today. Drifting _____ at the piles along the walk along by the schoolhouse & by _____. Found Grace sick. My wife Frank produced (?) a famous drawing of a house. We practiced drawing at evening. Cold & snowy. I had cleared off this eve.

Dec 21 1865 Thurs

The first bell rang as I was dressing. Hurried two buckwheat cakes down my throat and started to school. The cold keen and piercing. The snow squeaking under my feet. The attendance today is small. Went to Ms Knadler's room to help with the innocents who had frozen fingers. Had Iowa & Mo. In geog. Anna McFarland had a splendid map. She got 10. Had verbs conjugating 3rd reader etc. What will we have tomorrow is the question. I am rather at a loss to know we will have to go across the hall, I presume. Cold day. Sleigh bells going & Grace not well.

Dec 22 Frid

Went on as usual this forenoon. After noon we had exercises in Miss Chappellear's room. My scholars were _____. We have dialogue in Jim Hickman's & thos J. Downs – J__ Moore & Jas Kirk. The "Dew Drop" was ready and it was nice. We closed as usual I made a few remarks wishing them a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. So endeth the 1st term of my school in Clinton, DeWitt County Ills.

Dec 23 Sat

A fine day. Went to the printing office. Set about 7 cards. Got to dinner about 3. At dinner read A.O. Abbott's book some. I am glad to see so much good times coming. Snowing to day and also at night. Found Frank gone to bed.

Dec 24 Sun

Did not stir out of the house all day. Reading my diaries all day. At eve went out, the stars were shining. The winter look of Clinton was fun.

Dec 25 Mon

Christmas Day 1865. This morning Frank and I were reposing. Company was reposed down stairs. I arose & went down & there was Mr. Washington Kelly, a school teacher from Armington, Tapewell County Ills. He had finished 3 months & has two more to put in. After breakfast went to George's store. Was followed by the children & had a treat which I most rapidly and expensively, I thought. At noon had a _____ old turkey. Mr. John Porter and Amanda, his wife, Francis [and] Huldah mother. Storts and I ate at the first table. George very sick. After dinner or toward evening went out in the wagon with Will & Joe & the rest home. The roads were very muddy. The snow is nearly off. Found the stove very agreeable at evening.

Dec 26 Tues

This morning we arose late. I am much opposed to this slow way of arising of morning. But I'm too lazy or too much indisposedly. About 10 A.M. Johnny & I went hunting after rabbits. But after running around among the bushes & grass for two or three hours we started for home. Our game we left behind unkilld. Came back for dinner. The snow commenced falling vigorously and snow completely covered the ground. Frank & I study my drawing & colors. I am meditating about what I should do about my next term. Must I be more strict or not. Very pleasant.

Dec 27 Wed

A fine day. Frank & I at work at our books all day. Engaged with the famous compasses. Helped with in with the 21 galls. Of lard for 4 hogs. Al Beebee, Johnny & the gorls went last night to Ewing's in the sled. Snow balling done to day with Joe & Will.