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**Diary, August 17 – December 31, 1864**

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Aug. 17, 1864

Left Sugar Hill for school, rained hard all night and morning. At Elmira went out and saw the Rebels, saw one thousand more arrive on the cars. Went and stayed all night at my brothers below Corning, had an invitation to go to the circus with a load, but declined, went around and saw some of the old neighbors.

Aug. 18

Rode to Corning with Seward and come on to school, Stopped to Hornellsville for refreshments, arrived at Alfred Station at 1 P.M. walked from the depot to A. Center, Went first to Mr. Burdicks and saw the folks, after seeing all the old friends in town went and joined a club, then went and joined the school, found the faculty for this term to be Profs. Kenyon, Allen, Rogers, Williams, Wightman, and Mrs. Allen, Williams, and Miss Greenman, I next engaged a room at Mrs. Ira Crandalls.

Aug. 19, 1864

Attended the organizing of classes and wrote a letter to S.,H P.,A.,W., also one to H.,A.,W--d Warwick

Aug. 20, 1864

Got out my lessons and wrote to I., B., S-- Reading, a good many new students come in and a few of the old ones, had a good conversation with girls and boys come in today. Classmates last term,

Aug. 21, 1864, Sunday

Attended church at half past ten, discourse delivered by Prof. Kenyon, had a good discourse, He dwelt mostly upon the responsibility of the young to turn their mind towards the future and strive for an education that will be the means of making them useful members and honored ones of society.

I will here insert what should have come before, 20<sup>th</sup> Orophilian Lyceum met at their usual time. I was called upon for an impromptu subject, Peace, Democrats of the North, No regular discussion, committees appointed etc.

Aug. 22, 1864

Rained quite hard most of the day. Recited in C Grammar at 9:20 AM to Kenyon, at 3, B Algebra Prof. Wightman 3:45 PM D Arithmetic Rogers teacher, nothing now but work,

Aug. 23, 1864

took lesson on Piano at 8:20 AM. Miss Greenman Teacher. Wrote a letter to S.B.B-t, T.,S.,W, Cal, & G.,W.,Burt, Cal

Aug. 24, 1864 as usual, study & write, nothing new but the arrival of a few more students. We still lack a considerable of having as many as last term. Two thirds of what we have being boys;

girls I suppose having graduated or else are short of funds. I am sorry that it is so, for, although I am a very bashful young man yet quite fond of the society of the Ladies.

Aug 25, 1864

Robertson one of our Hotel chums of last term arrived, only three of us yet back out of 11 last term, Today I was requested to hear a Arithmetic class recite. Rogers wishing to go to Elmira to try to procure a substitute. This was my first attempt at teaching. I of course received the title of Prof from the boys.

Aug. 27, 1864

Another week rolled past, this is 1/4<sup>th</sup> of a term, it seems short to look back but of such parts is the students life composed. When Consolidated in to a whole, and properly improved, serve to make of the student a good companion & useful member or society. Wrote to M.,H., G.,K.,S.,H.,AD.,CI Cal. & C.,A., B-t Mixville, On the evening the Oro met – had a good speech from SM. Dexter, on the pleasure of meeting again with the Oros. Spoke of the duty devolving upon younger members as older ones gradually leave their places here to struggle with stern realities of life, alluded with pride to Oros now scattered over our whole country in all branches of the business of our country an honor to themselves their brother Oros & their country. Whilst many of their forms lie bleeding on Southern soil nobly sacrificed in defense of their country, and the right of freedom throughout the world,

Aug. 28, 1864

Rained again in the morning. Sermon delivered by Prof. Williams, Text 21<sup>st</sup> of Isaiah 10 & 12<sup>th</sup> verses. Watchmen tell us of the night & the dawning of the day. To the text he first compared the dark age of England under the reign & Persecution Of Catholicism, showed that her day of liberty had all ready dawned. 2<sup>nd</sup> compared the might of Russia with her ten millions of serf held in degraded bondage for years. But finally receiving their freedom as the cause of civilization advances. Last he brought to notice our own distracted country, which for the last three years has been enclosed in a darker night than ever enveloped the Polar regions. He reasoned the cause as sprung from our people as a nation nourishing & protecting Slavery, until the people of the South had begun to believe that slavery should be the chief motive towards the advancement of a free nation, & when the people began to see that the further advanced Slavery was, the more we become degraded as a nation, and when two thirds that had been so long ruled concluded to govern in order to resist the further advance of this evil, then must the one-third rebel and try to ruin the whole, he then showed that while many murmured because we had not succeeded in restoring the union as it was, we are in reality by the aid of providence accomplishing slowly a great and more glorious work. Three months ago we scorned to have our soldiers fight with the black and now we are proud to have 200,000 of them in the field, and he did not doubt--but the whole of the able bodied slave population would yet strike strong blows for their own freedom and in defense of our country. After church wrote letters one to Mar. S All & Mr. H. Burt SH

Aug. 29, 1864

Several students left to enlist in the Navy, great many enlisting for fear of the draft. Today again I had to be teacher for C Arithmetic, am in hopes they will employ a teacher soon.

Aug. 30, 1864

Rained briskly again through the [night]and some through the day. Prof Rogers returned again, but not to stay. We had no teacher in D Arithmetic. I was requested by class to take charge but there being three or four teachers in the class I refused, but worked out & explained a difficult example.

Aug. 31, 1864

Rogers called upon in chapel to make a speech, came forward and said he was no hand at a speech, if he could make figures speak he might. He said our country needed men worse now than at any time during the struggle, and someone would go he did not wish to say that any would be obliged to go, but he was glad that there was to be a draft, not that he was glad to see men go that were in unfavorable circumstances for going, but that the Secessionists might shoulder their share of the burden, and he had one favor to ask those that stay “when the draft comes off don’t let the secessionist run to Canada.” He then requested them to appoint a committee of Ladies & Gentlemen to solicit a contribution of books from the students, to be presented to the Library of the ship Grand Gulf in the name of the students of Alfred University and in behalf of 12 of their numbers aboard the boat. In conclusion he said, “three years ago a large number of our fellow students left this town for the defense of their country, some had returned, some occupied prominent positions and many filled honorable graves at the end of the year for which they had enlisted God only knew where they should be, but, in any event, he only asked that their record might be as bright as those that went before.

Sept. 1, 1864

Prof Kenyon lectured in Chapel on profanity, said there were a great many of the students addicted to the habit. Said there might be some men in high positions that were cursed with such a vice, but if so it had been a hindrance instead of a help towards their getting there. Now while you are improving the mind is the time to improve your habits none are fond of swearing before Ladies. If then it is not fit language to use before the Ladies why cultivate it” He then spoke of Civility of manners “Bow to every person you meet & pass the time of day, if I am riding along the road and meet a farmer on an old lumber wagon and speak to him, he smiles (and looks like the sun breaking through the clouds) to think that a Gentleman has spoke to him”, Great Applause,

Sept. 2, 1864

Another lecture in Chapel by Prof Kenyon contents was Thou shalt not steal; This repeated twice with emphasis constituted our lecture: Sequel was, the night before the boys stole his apples & green corn; at night four of us started on our first foraging expedition; went about a mile, found good apples & green corn and the boys would have taken a turkey, but I persuaded them not to do it, Had on an overcoat and had about ½ B. in the pockets.

Sept. 3, 1864

Attended chapel, wrote letters, commenced a scrap Box for Lyceum 10<sup>th</sup> eat roast corn and had a good time in general, In the evening Lyceum as usual, Question, Resolved; That our government should offer terms of Peace to the Rebs, on condition that they come back as they were, the leaders never to be allowed to hold office, and the government to pay both debts, Supported the negative on the grounds that no peace should ever be made until all the causes of

this trouble should entirely be away done with, among the greatest of which is slavery, and, never to shoulder a debt contracted by Rebs. Resolution was lost.

Sept. 4, 1864

This morning great rejoicing over the news of taking Atlanta. Today Sermon preached by Prof Kenyon, Text 38 ch Isaiah 1 verse; Put your house in order; for thou shalt not live, but surely die. He alluded to Hezekiah, who after severe fighting, had been taken sick. P.K. the text, referred to his world affairs and also to his heavenly: We should all prepared to meet our God, for though we might live to an old age, some one of us and perhaps many would have to answer very soon, and as we would all make great preparation to meet a distinguished person, how much more requisite it was that we should always be prepared to meet our end. In the evening we were all surprised to learn that Prof. Kenyon had gone off to get spliced, and would return about 9 PM, with a bride. The Boys immediately made arrangements for their reception. Anvils and Powder brought out. A pole tied across the bridge; with the boys in the brush to hear the compliments. The Bell and other musical instruments in readiness; To keep out of the muss Yale & I went to his room. Had an introduction to Misses Yale, Joseph, & Clark; besides had a good time. When they commenced their salute on the arrival of the Bride & Groom, went out and viewed proceedings for a short time; They rung the Bell till they broke the clapper and fired salutes (or I dreamed them) through the night

Sept. 5, 1864

First thing in the morning a salute. At Chapel the Boys liked to have stomped the plastering all off the cheering old Prof Kenyon. After Chapel they cried for a speech till they brought him out; He said he wished to make an explanation, Miss Kenyon teacher of German being sick, Miss \_\_\_\_\_ had a charge of that department and wishing to quit it, He had went to considerable trouble to procure a competent teacher; tremendous cheering. It was understood also that he had laid out money for a box of Blacking & 3 cts of peanuts,

Sept. 6, 1864

To day the news of taking Atlanta was confirmed, great rejoicing with preparations to fire a salute. In the morning we received a lecture on preserving our health. "The fall with its great amount of fruit caused us more sickness than any other part of the year. We should therefore be very temperate in what we do or eat, take plenty of exercise and keep the feet dry. In the evening we had a jollification over the victories; The powder most of it going off in a fizzle, The boys were obliged to make most of the noise with their lungs.

Sept. 7, 1864

Weather fair and all quiet in town.

Sept. 8, 1864

Robertson & Thatcher gone to NY to see what the chances are for more of the students in the Navy; several wishing to go if the chance is good.

Sept. 9, 1864

Nothing of interest- weather a little moderate.

Sept. 10, 1864

Nothing interesting through the day; passed most of my time reading & wishing; In the Lyceum I read a scrap book: Look good judging from the noise it created. Our Question for discussion was; Resolved that the Baltimore Platform would bring peace either honorable or dishonorable sooner than the Chicago Platform. Both sides were fully discussed. I took the affirmative believing that nothing offered in the Chicago Platform would conciliate Rebs as soon as bayonets would. Because that say, Union on the old basis, and Rebs say a complete separation or the last ditch. I was placed for an Oration on order of business Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 11, 1864

Sermon today by Prof Kenyon did not hear the text, discourse was mostly upon man mentally & physically; Showed the changes that the mind is constantly undergoing according to the way it is fed by good or bad instruction & the body is changing every with the food upon which we live; and our mind as well as body both depend for their activity upon the quantity and quality of our food; at least to a great extent. It being late & Chum sometime in bed, will close Sunday by following suit.

Sept. 12, 1864

Cold & rainy. In the evening the Oros had an extra session for the for the purpose of electing officers, performed their task by electing the following officers T.F. Shepard President, A.F. Burt Vice-President, B.S. Cook Recording Secretary, C.R. Thatcher Corresponding-Secretary, L.B. Yale Librarian, J.S. Vanduzer Treasurer, H.W. Wells First Teller, A.H. Chapin Second Teller. After which we adjourned to our studies.

Sept. 13, 1864

Cold enough to remind us quite forcibly of what is stored away for winter; overcoats, etc. Rec'd a letter from J.B.S Reading Centre.

Sept. 14, 1864

Still cold and rainy. Rec'd letters from J.B.B-t Corning and C.A.B-t Wiscoy

Sept. 15, 1864

One from J.A.W-b S.H. News today that Fremont has withdrawn. Hope that it may prove true.

Sept. 16, 1864

Rec'd a lecture in chapel on malignant dispositions. A young Lady had a beautiful painting destroyed by some miscreant- Prof said "it was the same spirit that led some of them to tie a string around the leg of a little bird and then throw it out of the window & make it fly when it was tied fast & others to knock off all the green apples they could find. He cited two instances for illustration one a young man got mad at his chum, took a knife and cut a \$22.00 coat down the entire back. The other was a Sister of the same young man, got mad at one of her teachers, took a knife and destroyed 4 breadths of carpet. At night Lyceum as usual.

Sept. 18, 1864

Sermon by Prof Kenyon, slim attendance on the act of rain.

Sept. 19, 1864

Still raining and disagreeable underfoot, rains on the average about every other day.

Sept. 20, 1864

Good news to day, Fremont's letter of withdrawal received, this in connection with Sherman's success at Atlanta is sufficient to floor little Mac.

Sept. 21, 1864

More rain with a good prospect for a long spell of weather.

Sept. 22, 1864

We have organized a company for drill. I was elected first lieutenant but resigned in favor of Edwards. We intend to drill every night for exercise.

Sept. 23, 1864

News from the Shenandoah Valley, Early badly whipped & Sheridan still after him. Mac & Jeff had better go snooks to obtain a boat for Salt river.

Sept. 24, 1864

Raining again, we are receiving principal & compound interest for the dry weather in haying. Question debated in Lyceum – Resolved, that Grant is greater general than any other that ever existed. –Lost—I delivered an oration, subject – Duty of American citizens.

Sept. 25, 1864

Rainy as usual. Sermon by Prof Kenyon, 1 Corinthians 13<sup>th</sup> chapter 38 verse “Be steadfast in good works; read your Bibles, as the mind is now formed so will it act through life.”

Sept. 26, 1864

Something new, it rains. We have had a pitched battle Outsiders organized a company, armed them with clubs and turned to face the music. We charged on them at double quick and sent them in all directions. No killed but a few slightly wounded. I received a club wound on the hand.

Sept. 27, 1864

Fine day once more bright prospects ahead. The farmers are gathering the pancake timber.

Sept. 28, 1864

Cloudy, rained in the night with a prospect for more ahead. This morning Miss A. Kenyon was present at chapel for the first during the term.

Sept. 29, 1864

Cloudy and rainy. Sun must surely be crossing the Penobscot.

Sept. 30, 1864

Continues to rain by spells. The show for flap jacks looks slim, some buckwheat rolled in bunches has lain in the field over a week.

Oct. 1, 1864

Rain more rain and still coming. Nine years ago today I helped Mot log for the last time. In the afternoon started for California. Tonight our question was Resolved that the pleasures of anticipation are greater than those of realization – Lost.

Oct. 2, 1864

Is raining some. It looks as though we might have quite a shower. Today we had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Mr. Vakemine from Almond, Text was 18<sup>th</sup> verse of the 119<sup>th</sup> psalm of David. I pray thee open mine eyes that I may behold the wonders of the law. Subject was divided into three parts, 1<sup>st</sup> showed the obscured vision of the sinner. 2<sup>nd</sup> the great need of obtaining light & third the manner in which it may be obtained.

Oct. 3, 1864

Still rainy disagreeable weather.

Oct. 4, 1864

Ditto.

Oct. 5, 1864

Moist as ever. Today Chum has gone home to view the Fairs, Sex & County. Should like to have accompanied him but couldn't stand the press.

Oct. 6, 1864

Dry spell is broken, it is raining today. Fair in Hornellsville, several wanted to go but couldn't get excused.

Oct. 7, 1864

Growing colder but still raining, had to perform elocution exercise today; Read an essay; subject, education. In the afternoon, by request of Prof Wightman, took charge of D Arithmetic class; is the third class I have had charge of this Term; Think I shall be a teacher soon; Helped Shep gather apples until the storms drove us out. Today we have the first snow of the season, Had an invitation to go home with Youngs, but it was so stormy declined; We had a visitor in Lyceum, C. Chapin, Question was, Resolved, that Congress ought to establish a universal Bankrupt law; lost.

Oct. 8, 1864

Ground covered with snow. Received a smart sermon from Elder Warder text 122 Psalm 6<sup>th</sup> verse "He that loves me shall truly prosper". This was not to be taken as growing rich in worldly goods but in divine grace, He showed that those who had suffered the most had rec'd the greatest reward. Taken for examples the trials of Christ and his suffering while on earth; Also the life of Joseph persecuted for obeying God's commands.

Oct. 9, 1864

Still disagreeable rainy weather, Tonight Chum got back from his visit home, had a good long talk reviewing what he had seen & heard while gone: found the folks still held me in

remembrance especially Mrs. R. Grundy – sorry that I should make her so much trouble, presume, however, the old lady will survive the shock.

Oct. 10, 1864

To day I went to Hornellsville to attend a great Union mass meeting, 26 of us went down with a four horse team besides several went down on the cars, Before we arrived at Hornellsville we had the largest procession of teams, I think I ever saw being one hundred & twenty ranging from one to eight horses to the wagon with banners, flags and devices of every description.

Dickinson, Chapin, Fenton & Greeley, were among those advertised to speak but failed to appear. We however - were favored with some very good speeches from Colonels Baird of Brooklin & Gibbs of Tennessee and a Mr. Sherwood of Texas. Baird showed out Little Mac small enough to suit his most particular Democratic friends. He compared his operation with his army of one hundred & fifty thousand men with Grant, Sherman, Sheridan & others that have achieved great results with armies from ten to forty thousand strong. Gibbs having been drove out of Rebeldom after losing all of his property, confined his remarks mostly to showing out the Rebs many good qualities. We returned in the evening in good spirits but not ardent ones. Wherever we saw Ladies waving Flags & handkerchief we returned the compliment with three cheers for Union & Lincoln; and at known secesh establishments we gave three groans for Mc & three rousing cheers for Linc.

Oct. 11, 1864

Miss Alvira Kenyon officiated in Chapel service for the first time this term, rained a little in the afternoon.

Oct. 12, 1864

Glorious elections news “Ohio & Indiana certain for union Pennsylvania doubtful on the home vote but think the soldiers will straighten her all right; still remains disagreeable weather

Oct. 14, 1864

Fair day once more certainly a glorious sight to behold. In the evening we hoisted a streamer on the flag staff (Lincoln & Johnson)

Oct. 15, 1864

To day I helped Sheppard gather apples & dig potatoes, was offered pay but wouldn't except. They, however, said they would remember it against me next winter when apples were passed around. At Lyceum I had to present the question & open debate. Question was – Resolved, that the influence of the Statesman is greater than the Minister of the Gospel; carried after a lengthy debate.

Oct. 16, 1864

Another rainy day; We have had two fair days, don't know when the next one will come. Sermon preached by Prof. Kenyon text Ephesians 4 chapter & 19 verse. Past feeling, He used for illustrations cases of criminals where it had been shown that they had become so hardened in sin as to be past all feeling. Also an Emperor who in his youth was noted for his tenderness, eventually became so hardened that he wished the whole world would had but one head that he might cleave it at one blow.



Oct. 17, 1864

The weather quite fair again today. I got fourteen autographic likenesses today. Have plenty chances to trade with Gents, But want to save some to exchange with the Fair Sex.

Oct. 18, 1864

Settled weather once more. It is raining again. Quite a rejoicing by copperheads over the world report of the Pennsylvania Election. They better save their ammunition till they are out of the woods.

Oct. 19, 1864

Still raining, but a nice day because it brings us good news from Pennsylvania, 2000 Union majority on the home vote which the soldiers are certain to largely increase. Cops are so hoarse today they can't even whistle.

Oct. 20, 1864

Damp overhead & underfoot. Prof lectured on the choice of studies. Many he said wanted to learn only that which they could make pay immediately, totally regardless of future necessities. Mathematics & Bookkeeping are not all that is requisite for a business man. He requires the study of language to give him the power of reasoning & quickness of thought, To become successful he must also acquire the habit of doing everything just at the time when it should be done.

Oct. 21, 1864

Another lecture from Prof, a continuance of his question. He also gave notice to deliver a course of lectures for two weeks & intends to call upon the students personally to answer questions look out for something rich.

Oct. 22, 1864

We have had another good day to add to our list, today, therefore it had to rain. In the evening we attended the public session given by the Athenians Lady Literary Society. The chapel was well filled & the productions most of them were superior articles and well delivered. The music was well executed, but I thought, a poor selection, too much after the Opera style. The question was Resolved, that conscience should be held superior to human law. The question was introduced by Miss Carrie Langworthy & discussed by a few ladies & then taken up by Gents. The ladies had to yield to gents on discussion.

Oct. 23, 1864

Today it has been again rainy. We had Wardner to preach for us again today, his text was in Jeremiah 13<sup>th</sup> Ch & 16<sup>th</sup> verse. Glorify God before the night of darkness shall appear. He referred to ancient times when the people were allowed a number of years to repent. We had been allowed all of our life so far to repent & perhaps the probationary time was growing short.

Oct. 24, 1864

Stormy weather still continues. This morning Prof commenced his course of lectured on Orthography and Orthropy & designs to continue them for two weeks.

Oct. 25, 1864

Quite a change in the weather but only for the worse as it rains harder than usual. Sheridan has again cleaned out the Rebs capturing prisoners and 30 pieces of artillery.

Oct. 26, 1864

Our lectures still continue & so does the rain, We will all soon be prepared to give lessons in Orthography without a doubt.

Oct. 27, 1864

If it don't get through raining soon I am afraid the subject will get stale. When the Sun lifts the curtain and peeps out we all have to take a look at it. It has become as much of a curiosity as a comet in ordinary times.

Oct. 28, 1864

More rain. The creeks are full to overflowing. This evening we went over to Blakes & had the company of a gallon of cider, had a big time coming in on the old boat through the fog.

Oct. 29, 1864

Rained again through the day. In the evening I made a short visit into the Allegany Lyceum, heard the most of their production and part of the discussion. Their question was Resolved that the human race is a unity. What a few arguments I heard produced were rather weak. I afterwards went in and took part in our own discussion. Resolved, that the construction of a RR to the pacific by government means would be efficient. Our best speakers all took the affirmative and said there was no negative. I was the first to oppose them, but we showed them there was one, for the question was finally lost.

Oct. 30, 1864

Wet. Today Prof Williams preached for us, text 6 Chap. & 23<sup>rd</sup> verse of Romans. The wages of sin is death. He fully explained the meaning of wages taken in this sense and also how to avoid receiving such compensation.

Oct. 31, 1864

Still raining. This evening the Orophilians met by order of President to elect officers to hold over till the 4 Monday of next term. The following were chosen. L.N. Manly President, A.L. Robertson Vice President, A.F. Burt Recording Secretary, C.R. Thatcher Treasurer, E.C. Vanduzer Corresponding Secretary, W.C. Caisson Librarian, R.A. Green First Teller, W.E. Nash 2 Second Teller.

Nov. 1, 1864

The first of the month is coming in cold enough to dry up the Oct. mud if it only remains so, but who cares for cold now, a few short weeks more of hard study and then good visit with our friends.

Nov. 2, 1864

Nov. may introduce winter with a cold shake but it does not appear as a natural consequence for snow to follow up the same company, for it is again raining today.

Nov. 3, 1864

Still continues rainy. We are reviewing all of our studies now preparatory to an examination. Today we again hoisted the flag & streamer, the national emblem of Liberty, Lincoln & Johnson, to the top of the Flagstaff to float in defiance of the town copper.

Nov. 4, 1864

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> dawned upon us with all the majesty of a severe rain storm which continued most all day, but just before night the sun broke through the clouds and for a few moments shone with all of his majestic splendor, a sight well worth seeing, now more so than it was in July last.

Nov. 5, 1864

Ever changeable changing weather annexed as a permanent institution to this glorious old north. This morning we woke to find mother earth calmly reposing beneath a white sheet wove by Nov. from Jan. feathers. It has continued to snow considerable through the day. In the evening we adjourned the Lyceum to attend a Union mass meeting in the church. We had a full house and had the pleasure of listening to a good argument from Mr. Ward, nominee for congress. We also had some good music from the glee club and from the Almond brass band who were in attendance.

Nov. 6, 1864

Glory hallelugerum today we have had a clear day. We ought to draw a credit mark that would reach clear across the Allegany Mountains. Rev. Mr. Wardner preached for us again today, Text 4 chapter of Jon 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> verses. Worship God in spirit and in truth being his main point for discourse. (P.S. I can quote scripture correctly now for I have got a bible of my own, had to buy one to parse out of) He showed that to worship in spirit was necessary to not only to pray devoutly on Sundays but to show the truth of it in all the transactions of life.

Nov. 7, 1864

Cold and rainy. Tonight we had a special meeting of the Oros to change the programe for jubilee session.

Nov. 8, 1864

To day, the day of the greatest importance of any perhaps in the history of America, passed off quietly here although we have to record as usual a disagreeable rainy day.

Nov. 9, 1864

Another fair day for a wonder not having rained for 12 hours to my certain knowledge. The news received today is worthy a persevering nation. It indicates the election of Lincoln beyond a doubt although this state is very doubtful. We may look now for thin ranks among the rebs for their last prop is kicked out & the rope almost around their neck.

Nov. 10, 1864

The news from this state is more favorable & gives us a chance to hope. It has rained but little today.

Nov. 11, 1864

Secesh can no longer rule the old empire state and a traitor sit in the executive chair. The State has gone Union by over eight thousand majority. No rain today.

Nov. 12, 1864

To day it has snowed nearly all day, the snow is about 4 in. deep. This evening we attended the public session given by the Alleganians. The house was full (as usual) and the performance creditable. Some of the productions especially a Poem & Oration was splendid. Their Question was Resolved that the equal culture of all the faculties is the true course of education. (carried)

Nov. 13, 1864

Today it has not snowed but little although still cold. Today Prof Kenyon preached for us choosing for his discourse the 2 v of 3 chpt of Collosians, "Set not your affections on the things of this Earth or He argued that we were indebted to religion instead of education for the advancement of civilization, that religion endowed our schools & colleges throughout the land and that the discoverers of all great improvements were Christian men (doubtful) citing for instance the discoveries of the electric telegraph & Steam engine.

Nov. 14, 1864

Still continues to snow This morning Prof gave us a lecture on the importance of the last few days of the term on the act of reviewing all that had been done during the term. Having the tendency to expand the mind so as to grasp the entire course of studies at once.

Nov. 15, 1864

This morning Prof gave us a fervent prayer, in favor of the glorious Union and full of thanks for the late election victory, after which he gave us a lecture on the subject and was frequently interrupted by the cheering. He said words were inadequate to express the mighty consequences that depended on the issue now determined in favor of Liberty and rights.

Nov. 16, 1864

We still have sleighing & boys are trying to improve it sliding down hill every night and snowballing through the day, girls and boys both taking part in the play.

Nov. 17, 1864

Today it has been raining a little again by the way of change, the consequence is Sleigh riding & snowballing is played out.

Nov. 18, 1864

Today our Lessons ended for this term. We now have nothing before us but examinations.

Nov. 19, 1864

Today the sun has shone bright and although the air was cold it was one of the pleasantest days of the term. In the afternoon three of us walked to the Station & back we went for letters but

found none. In the evening the Lyceum was very interesting and prolonged to within 15 minutes of Sunday.

Nov. 20, 1864

After chapel Prof requested the choir to remain & select some patriotic pieces for church service. The sermon (the last of the term) was delivered by Prof Kenyon Text: 14 chapter & 15<sup>th</sup> verse of Exodus- Go forward, from which he delivered an able & very patriotic discourse. The text had reference to the Israelites going forward into the midst of the Dead Sea under the protection of God. He alluded to the glorious triumphs of Liberty & Union on the 8<sup>th</sup> and said he believed the American people were going forward guided by the same divine hand that shielded the Israelites, in the evening I visited my old friends (Mr. Burdicks family) making my last call for the term. We had a good time & Mrs. Burdick wouldn't allow me to leave until we had an old fashioned sing & to clear our throats she passed around the wine & apples.

Nov. 21, 1864

To day our examinations commenced & tonight the dreaded ordeal is half finished. I passed examination today without a mistake. I have but one class for tomorrow & if that comes in the morning I will start for home on the noon train.

Nov. 22, 1864

C Grammar 10 o'clock, good hurrah for home & two weeks fun before labor commences. After examinations Prof gave me an excuse I hustled around packed up bade goodbye to classmates and was soon rolling towards home. Arrived in Corning in time to get a ride down to the old homestead. Found Henry's folks all well. By went out calling with me in the evening. I stayed all night at Alvea Rowleys and had a good sociable time.

Nov. 23, 1864

Went down to the saw mill & helped the boys awhile. Took dinner at Rowleys, called on Dyer in the afternoon, in the evening visited at Mr. Browns.

Nov. 24, 1864

Thanksgiving day had chicken dinner at Henrys and started in the afternoon for Mt. Morris. Went from Corning via Bath to Avon, arrived in Avon after dark took supper and got aboard the cars. Rode down to Rochester I stayed all night at the Clinton House. Went around through the city till eleven.

Nov. 25, 1864

In the morning went out to see the river where it runs under the town. Then went down to the largest falls (160 ft.) It is just below the N.Y.C. R.R. Depot. Afterwards went down to the middle and lower falls 2 miles below the upper one. The town is built down, the left bank clear to the lower falls the middle falls is the smallest and the upper ones equal the other two. In going from the middle to the lower I passed along the bank below a fence in several places where a slip would have sent me into the river. As I had but one hour left to get back in time for the train. 2 ½ miles off I had to retrace my steps rapidly. Arriv. at the Hotel just in time for the Bus arrived in Mt Morris at noon, found Aunt rather unwell, Cousin Charles at home having served his three years a Capt. We found in the afternoon as near as we could the price of gold. May 14<sup>th</sup> to have

been one eighty—180 and settled at that rate, received a check for one thousand two dollars & sixty cts.

Nov. 26, 1864

Bid good bye to friends went to the bank drew my money and started. At Avon concluded to take the train for Corning in preference to waiting till dark for the Watkins train, In the evening went from Corning to brothers, went to Mr. Shoemakers & spent the evening.

Nov. 27, 1864

Went down in the forenoon to Elmira. Went up to Uncle Abrams in the afternoon. Went down with the girls in the evening to cousin Johns.

Nov. 28, 1864

Spent the day with Garry, In the evening we went over to Mr. Badger & visited with Irene & Miss Badger,

Nov. 29, 1864

Went up on the morning train to Watkins & footed it home, called a few moments at Uncle Andrews & rode from there home with him. Found Julia & Les alone at home in the afternoon. The folks all got around in the evening. Miss Kenyon arrived.

Nov. 30, 1864

Went with Julia to Watkins & Havana met Irene & Miss Badger at the Depot. Went to Conklins & took dinner, in the evening rode home.

Dec. 1, 1864

Went over to Motts and visited during the day, had a social evening at home talking & singing.

Dec. 2, 1864

Stayed at home enjoyed the evening as night before

Dec. 3, 1864

In the forenoon had a call from I.B. Smith & had another sing. In the afternoon went to Corning & Post with Mate, Irene & Mattie Badger. Stayed all night at Badgers at the post.

Dec. 4, 1864

Went to Corning got Mate & drove home, had a snowy cold drive. Stayed at home during the evening.

Dec. 5, 1864

Was at home in the forenoon, In the afternoon visited Mates school had a pleasant time, In the evening went with Mate to see Harvey Nichols & family. Had a good time walking through the mud and over the logs.

Dec. 6, 1864

Stayed at home and helped butcher a beef. Seward came up in the afternoon & we spent the evening at Mr. Lewis's & had a muddy time getting home.

Dec. 7, 1864

Went to Watkins with Seward & devoted part of the day rambling through the glen admiring the grand natural scenery there exhibited. We had a ride in the rain going home. Stopped at Jim Roblyers & took tea and went over to the Mots in the evening.

Dec. 8, 1864

Cold & windy in the afternoon visited Smith's School in co. with Mate. Was at Mr. Scobeys during the evening & had a pleasant ride home.

Dec. 9, 1864

Still very cold, Was at home during most of the day. In the evening had the following visitors, Harvey Nichols & wife, Rev Mr. Huey & John Haring. The night passed off cheerfully.

Dec. 10, 1864

Found three or four inches of snow in the morning. After breakfast bade adieu to friends walked to Watkins & thence by rail to Elmira on my way for Alfred. Went first to see Garry & then called on Rene & Miss Badger. In the evening rode to Corning & walked to Henrys, making about 12 miles on foot during the day.

Dec. 11, 1864

Was at Henry's most of the day. Went out towards night with By to have a sleigh ride, We finally brought up at Jake Wormleys, where we helped eat apples & drink cider & wound up with a sleigh ride with the girls.

Dec. 12, 1864

Went to Corning in a cutter & like to froze, Seward & I then came through to Alfred. Found my room & boarding place all right & also my old friends all that I have seen, fixed up my room & then went & bought what household furniture we needed.

Dec. 13, 1864

Attended chapel exercise & was called upon to help on Tenor. Joined the school & next my classes. Have Philosophy & B Algebra under Prof Wightman & D Grammar under Prof Williams. Expect all the hard work I can do as I take extra Elocution under Prof Allen, Several want me to take music but don't see how it is possible.

Dec. 14, 1864

Still remains cold & snowing a little once in a while for a change. One year ago today I was in NY on my way home. It certainly has been the shortest & most pleasant year of my life. The past is plain to be seen. The future we can only imagine & hope for the best but we should strive to be prepared for whatever may fall to our lot.

Dec. 15, 1864

Some interesting news from Sherman today heavy fighting but still believe he is all right, this morning we organized our choir & I think have a good one for the term Tonight it is snowing quite free.

Dec. 16, 1874

We have now quite fair sleighing, in the forenoon attended my classes and in the afternoon fixed up my room, spent the evening writing.

Dec. 17, 1864

Today by rain and heat our snow has mostly left us. Today I went to the post office & looked long & anxious for letters but none came for me. It nearly gives one the blues to see others getting letters from friends & not receiving any ourselves. In the evening did not feel very well so did not attend the Lyceum first night I have ever missed when in town.

Dec. 18, 1864

Attended church & listened to Elder Hull 14 verse of 2 Corinthians 1 chapter. Dwelt mostly on the propriety of cultivating a spiritual instead of a worldly mind, give for illustrations the habit of using tobacco & whiskey to show how easy it was for a person to follow a bad or good habit when once formed.

Dec. 19, 1864

It rained considerable during the night & some little through the day. Nothing has transpired here of interest but we have received news of a glorious victory over Hood by Gen. Thomas. Received a photo of ADC from Cal.

Dec. 20, 1864

The same news today we had yesterday (nothing new), rained a little in the forenoon In the afternoon I called a while at Mr. Shepards.

Dec. 21, 1864

Looked very strong for some letters I received 0/0, Today it has snowed again so that there is hopes that someone can have a sleigh ride Christmas. T

Dec. 22, 1864

Assigned seats in chapel and seated the choir. We have about fifty in the choir Ladies & Gents. Today I commenced to practice music again are to have one hour a day.

Dec. 23, 1864

Had our first lecture from Prof Kenyon, Subject Sabbath & Sunday & Post Office. Seward had gone home on the act of his eyes. Tonight I have no company but my own thoughts which are not always pleasant company.

Dec. 24, 1864

I was busy most all day preparing for Jubilee Session. In the evening Lyceum met and I transacted private business and then adjourned to attend the Christmas tree at the church. I went



over and witnessed the presentation of presents but didn't get any. There were about 1000 persons present. Lippencott stayed all night with me

Dec. 25, 1864

Christmas has come and nearly passed, Prof Kenyon preached for us in the forenoon 10 chapter 25 verse of Proverbs. He directed his thoughts chiefly to the formation of character, He likened it to the rocks on the sea coast that defies that waves, character whether good or bad would be as lasting as those rocks, In forming it was like the snow in Lapland a breath would blow it in any direction but when once formed like the snow changed to the massive chunks of ice it would sweep everything before it. I look dinner with Lippencott. In the evening we had an oyster supper, called awhile at S.C. Burdicks before going to study, had one ride down hill.

Dec. 26, 1864

In chapel Prof said he desired all intending to teach this summer to join the teachers class, if they wanted a recommendation from him. He then gave a lecture showing how they murdered grammar in common schools, in the evening we had a rehearsal for Jubilee

Dec. 27, 1864

Today they circulated a petition praying the faculty to grant Thursday & Friday for holidays. They got over 100 signers but old Prof couldn't see the point. In the evening we had another rehearsal.

Dec. 28, 1864

The weather this week so far has been warm & pleasant so much so that our Christmas snow has nearly all disappeared, This evening Mr. Dunton paid me a visit & soon after Aunt Nancy called in, guess leap year is not gone yet.

Dec. 29, 1864

Passed the day as usual. In the evening attended the public session of the Alfredians which went off in good shape. One of the Orations, the Valedictory, & music being splendid.

Dec. 30, 1864

In the forenoon was busy with my recitations & then made out roll call & fixed Register for session. In the evening we had our last night rehearsal.

Dec. 31, 1864

Today at 10 we met and had our last rehearsal. Spent the afternoon in preparing for session, At night the grand Jubilee came off in the following order.

- 1<sup>st</sup> House called to order Pres. C.R. Thatcher.
- 2 Prayer Prof W.C. Kenyon
- 3 calling roll by Sec. A.F.B. members responding by sentiments
- 4 Salutatory the voice of 64 T.S. Vanduzer
- 5 from California to New York A.F. Burt
- Essay – Progress G.W. Haight
- Oration –Let there be light. A. Waffle
- Lecture—National Rectitude C.R Thatcher

Radiator & Review L.N. Manly

Valedictory- Our national demands- E.C. Vanduzer

with music by Tenny Cornet band. There were about 50 Oros present & about 450 spectators everything passed off pleasantly for the society and also for the visitors. Thus ends a year which is chained in my memory by many pleasant scenes. That the coming year be as pleasant & profitably spent both for my own good and that of my friends is my ambition and sincere wish.

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Act. Co. Expenses

From Cor to Avon	2.25
Supper	.50
Room & Break	1.00
Avon to Mt. Morris & Back	1.50
Dinner	.50
Avon to Corning	2.25
Dinner in Cor	<u>.50</u>
	8.50
First trip	<u>6.00</u>
	14.50
Brates individ. --	<u>72.00</u>
	86.50
Amt. of note	<u>1002.60</u>
	1916.10
	458.05
Balance	<u>72.00</u>
Due Brate	530.05

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1865

Jan	1 <sup>st</sup>	MHK	SH
	1 <sup>st</sup>	IMB	Elmira

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Letters written

Aug	19 <sup>th</sup>	IAW	SH
		HAWd	Warwick
		JBSh	R Centre

	20	SBBt	Cal
		GWBt	Cal
		FWBt	Cal
	24	MHK	SH
	27	CABt	Mirville
		ADCt	Cal
	28	MStH	Ill
		MHBt	SH
	29	S.Bumn	Sco
		PBB	Gibson
Sept			
	3	EHry	C.V. Cal
	8	SB	St. Wallace
	9 <sup>th</sup>	BFB	Cal
	9 <sup>th</sup>	MHK	SH
	15 <sup>th</sup>	MHBt	SH
	16	JBS	Reading
	18	Greely & co	New York

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September

Letters Received

	2	from MHK	SH
	6	MHBt	SH
	12	JBBt	Corning
	"	CdBt	Wiscoy
	14	S.Beeman	Wallace
	15	JaWb	SH
	17	MHK	SH
	18	JBS	Reading
	19	S.Beeman	Wallace
	26	MHB	SH
Oct.	3	MHK	SH
	5	JBS	Havanna
	7 <sup>th</sup>	SBBt	Cal
	"	JAWb	SH
	"	JHtg	Watkins
	12	MHBt	SH
	26	MHK	Monterey
Nov.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	SBBt	Cal
	4 <sup>th</sup>	CABt	Wiscoy
	8	J.B. B--t	Corning

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G.W. Burt  
North Bloomfield  
Nevada Co Cal

Nov	9	BFB-t	Cal
	10	CBt	Mt. Morris
		JAWebb	SH
	11	JBS	Reading
	14	MHK	-----
	15	ADC	Cal
Dec	15	JIH	SH
	22	"	SH
	27	IMB	Elmira
		JBBurt	Gibson
	28	MHK	SH
	30	ADC	Cal
Jan	2	MHK	SH

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JH 489  
SC 445  
Wm J Pendleton  
S. Chatham Square NY  
Due Brate

114,115 penciled calculations

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21<sup>st</sup> Due JIH 3.20  
I love coffee and you  
Love tea I love you  
And you love me

Initial Pages at the front of the diary:

Front fly leaf, upside down:

10 yds dress	1.25
10 " "	1.25
Reading gra -	2.00
Jennie flannel	0.55

Scarf	0.75
Jennie scarf	0.50
Jennie dress	0.50
shoes	1.00
Jennie Dress	2.00
Ma collar	0.45
Money Ma	2.00
Collar of	0.30
apron	0.25
valmol	1.50
Jennie apron	.15
gloves	1.25
comb	0.25
Gloves Pa	1.25
Pants Pa	0.75
Picture	.25
Towel	0.25

5 pages – scribbled words and calculations

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St. Louis Evening Line [Year of 1863]

Nov.	13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	2.31
	14	Saturday	
	15	Sunday	2.27
	16	Monday	2.47
	17	Teusday	2.50
	18	Wednesday	2.24
	19	Thursday	2.59
		At Six o'clock [pm tonight?]	
		Golden gate wreck	
	20	Friday	2.38
		Acapules 12 Midnight	
	21	Saturday	1.80
	22	Sunday	2.40
	23	Monday	2.33
	24	Teusday	2.15
	25	Wednesday	2.00
	26	Thursday	2.50
	27	Friday	2.45

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Shirts	4.00
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Hat	3.00
Neck tie	1.12
Pin	1.25
Shoes	2.50
Collars	.40

Expenses fall term

At Elmira Sundries	4.25
Fare to A	2.70
Tuition	8.00

Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup> cash on hand	26.22
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.C. Wight paid	1.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Paid Club	10.00
6 Brush & oil	22
Oct. Mending boots & shoes	1.50
Autographic book	2.00
Room & wood	5.00
10 Music	12.00
11 Mrs. Dunton	15.00
Stamps	1.00
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> Dentist	<u>2.00</u>
	63.67

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Expenses continued

Oct. 20 Autographs	1.00
Nov. 2 Bible	1.00

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Winter 1864

Paid out winter term	
Mrs. Dunton on old account	14.00
13 on new	16.00
Clothing	10.00
On boots	.50
Feb. 10 Mrs. Dunton	15.00

Penciled calculations on the next four pages.