

January

was ~~very~~ ushered into life amid our mutual congratulations, being thankful that we are all, with our aged parents who have passed the limit of three score and ten, so hale & hearty together.

The new year was begun with our customary supper. The children & ladies soon thereafter retired & Father & I & Carl & I chatted till 7:30 a.m.

Sunday  
cloudy  
mild

New Year's Day. - We had the customary New Year's dinner, but otherwise the day passed quietly. I computed part of the day. In the evening Maria & I played games with the boys and sang with them, after they were in bed we were at the piano together with Margaret & Mendell's son.

Monday  
cold

Municipal election, also voting on a by-law for granting \$2500 as bonus to the Presler Carriage Co, which is to rebuild our old mill premises. - I took a somewhat active part today, and got some of the old indifferent men to vote - J. Martin Skinner & C. Hornum. I assisted at the counting of the ballots - Dr. Reulley 183, Garrison 135, M.A. Atty 123, P.E. Huntz 121, Jack 114, J. Sisson 83, J. Fenwick 43, St. Paul 35.

For the by-law 131, against 31. - So that our wishes are gratified - The old council - Atty, Reulley & Huntz in & the by-law carried. In the evening the carriage Co. gave an impromptu luncheon to the citizens; not being well made known not very many were present probably 50, the council father Jacob & I amongst them. I was the first called upon to speak & it was in reply to "Canada". - Towards midnight we went home, Dr. Reulley, his brother, J. Lane, Father Jacob & I going together, we stopped at Father's office till 1 a.m. & then adjourned to my library till 3 a.m. by which time we had municipal affairs present & past pretty thoroughly sifted.