

January

and it was 2 a.m. as we sailed. -

Tuesday 1

fine  
after cloudy

I did a little office work. Dinner & supper we took a mother's, where the time was passed in chatting & games with the boys. Misses Grace & Annie Duck were here to tea also. - A total eclipse of the sun took place today, only partial here just before sunset but the heavy clouds prevented it being seen. -

Wednesday 2

pleasant  
cloudy

Busy in office writing an article on "Descriptions".

Thursday 3

fine

Busy in office & finish my article. - The weather is more like that of the latter part of April than January. - Marie & I were out for a walk before tea & at sunset there was a haze around the horizon as in summer. - Waldemar returned home to St. Catherine's. -

Friday 4

fine

Busy at longitude computation. -

Saturday 5

cloudy

see rain

Busy at computation. - Dorothy & Otto came down. -

Sunday 6

after rain there  
snow

Busy at computation. - In evening Marie & I played games with the boys.

Monday 7

Busy at computation. There was an apology for sleeping today the first of the steam, although not many accepted the apology. - Municipal elections - The most intellect centered in the vessel - a mumbakull ex-tavern keeper Jm. Ross running against a capable man Dr. Mulloy. The director-general of the rabble & proposer of the first names was Dr. Duck, the professional enemy of the latter. The result was a terrific defeat for Dr. Mulloy in receiving 89 & his opponent 219 votes. - At last year's election Dr. Mulloy received by far the highest vote for Councillor & now a "grateful" public for years of public service rewarded the Dr. was the grand bouncer. If one of the rabble be asked what the

Dr. has done to meet their disapprobation, no reply can be given, it is simply blindly following the dictates of Dr. Duck, but with open eyes drinking the whiskey & beer for which he & Ross pay. Thus as well is a disgrace to an intelligent community. — In a similar manner Duck had himself elected as one of the school trustees. — In evening I was at the Mechanics' Institute, & thereafter called with J. Pittman on Hurd's who has a very severe attack of bronchitis. —

Tuesday 8  
cloudy  
wind  
we sailing  
Busy at computations. Mr & Mrs. W. Kessler spent the afternoon with us and remained to tea. As I have spent many pleasant evenings at Mr. Kessler's in kindness I was glad to entertain them, also that Mrs. H. made the acquaintance of Maria. They apparently enjoyed themselves very well. Augusta was with us then also.

Wednesday 9  
rain  
Busy at computations.

high wind, rapid snow

Thursday 10  
heavy snow storm

Busy at computations. — The heavy snow storm gives us now a fair representation of winter — although the sleighing is by no means good yet, there is sufficient snow but not evenly distributed, it is either in high banks or bare ground is seen. — Tonight attended annual meeting of Horticultural Society, thereafter J. Pittman & I went to wake with Hurd's who is very ill with congestion of the brain. He soon found that he was so restless & determined to get up that it would be impossible for us to hold him, he having elephantine strength, so we sent for J. Fisher & Martin Rode & the four of us were kept awake & stirring holding the patient all night. He was vicious like a wild animal & especially at me made some dangerous thrusts as I was the one who always put his feet into the bed when he attempted to arise. — His chances of recovery are slight I think