

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  
with  
we rainy

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. W. Pittman & I went to wake with H. Hurd Jr. 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