

- March
 Monday 11
 fine
 Busy at latitude work. - I sold one of my "farm" lots for \$165, it is the best return I ever got from any investment, having paid \$95 for the acre (+lots) in '81. To the cost must be added the fence, taxes & interest. -
- Tuesday 12
 very fine
 Busy in office, reading proof for Edville's work &c.
- Wednesday 13
 fine
 warm
 Sleighting is getting very poor. Busy in the office. -
- Thursday 14
 raw, cold
 In forenoon did some carpentering for Maie, examined the sides which I have just had cleaned. Otherwise busy in office. -
- Friday 15
 fine
 Busy in office. Robins put in their appearance. -
- Saturday 16
 fine
 I am suffering from an attack of cold contracted day before yesterday. - Busy at proof reading. -
- Sunday 17
 very fine
 My cold prevented me from doing much during the day. - In evening the children, Maie & I musicized - Later Maie & I played cribbage, and then in memory of the anniversary of our Velobumps trip in 1872, I got my diary of that year and read the entry thereof, thereby opening a treasure of by gone days, which we turned over again tonight. The flame of love burns as brightly today as then & shall so continue to the end. -
 - After Maie retired I worked till 4 a.m. correcting Edville's proof.
- Monday 18
 mild
 Clouds appear
 Busy in office, especially at proof reading. -
- Tuesday 19
 Busy in office. In evening attended public meeting to discuss the school building question, the meeting being called by the school trustees. - There was a good attendance.

The chairman Mr. Patterson explained the position and condition of the school and his views on the question, this latter I requested him to do, as it would influence probably a number of freeholders. — Father next spoke, then Dr. C. Schuster, and Geo. Clare all trustees. The last has been trying his best to have his furnaces introduced into the Cumberland building instead of the David Green's system of heating ventilating & closets. I was the first speaker called upon — I had written down my thoughts somewhat hurriedly last night — as I am pressed with other work — and not wishing to miss anything I had written I read my remarks. — A hearty applause greeted me when done. — Then Habbschmidt spoke, followed by Shantz, Lude, Mullroy & Shepburn — all spoke in favor of the building. No one offered to speak in opposition — so I made a motion seconded by Habbschmidt that the meeting heartily supports the building & the David Green's system &c. — This motion was carried by 39 to 2. I then got up & thanked those 39 in the name of the children of Preston for their support in behalf of the children. —

— I remained after the meeting and listened to the discussion of the trustees who went into session. — In the evening home called at J. Doebster's for mail. —

Wednesday 20
cloudy
cool

Busy in office. In afternoon mail, I went in with Jell doing some shopping — distasteful to both of us.

Thursday 21
cloudy
cool

Busy in office. —

Friday 22
fine
mild, cloudy

In forenoon made a survey for J. L. G., in afternoon for Henry Jones and thereafter one of the Catholic Cemetery.

Saturday 23
fine

Busy in office. I look off storm windows. — In evening music with the children.