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The New Year comes upon us with all the severity cold can give. My Sabbath School Class were not at the school-room this A.M. Too cold.

My Meikle preached a fine Sermon — 11 A.M. Our Seats in the Choir were uncomfortably cold —

At 3. P.M. Mr. M— gave us another fine Sermon —

At 7. P.M. Mr. Burgett, at Government Street, preached from XC. Ps. 12 V. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom — A most excellent Sermon — & a good pray is that text — for the beginning of a Year

MONDAY, January 2d, 1860.

Was busy until 3. P.M. When most of the business houses were closed to Celebrate the New Year - Friend J. W. M. & I paid Mrs. Lawler a New year's call - found Mrs. L. an embodiment of politeness - At 3. Frank S. Horton dined with me, after which we set out on our new year's calling tour. Presented ourselves first at Dr. Walkley's - Saw Miss Ann. W. & Miss Edgard - Were joined by J.W.M. - Thence to Mr. Horton's - Saw Misses Carrie & Mary - Thence to Mrs Robinson's - Saw Miss, R. & Miss Lizzie Hudson - Thence to Rev. Mr Meikle's not in. To Mrs. Dugley's, not receiving. To Mr. Treat's - Two nice misses I - To Mrs. Garrow's, not in - Here J.W.M left us. To Mr. Lake's saw Miss L. & Miss Mitchell. Texas To Mr. Houston's Two Misses H. from Livingston, & Miss Walthall, To Mr Campbell's - Miss Hopper - To Mr. Maffat's - Miss Douglas - Returned to Raymond's benefit "Theatre" 7½ P.M. rather flushed with Wine & Cake,

TUESDAY, January 3d, 1860.

Did not get up early this morning - (My Old friends E. Henderson & Dr. A. P. Stennis) the result of being up late on last night -

H. & S. from Kemper came in early - was glad to meet them - 'Tis truly gratifying to one's feelings to meet with old friends - who willingly confide in our integrity, and in whose "good wishes" there is no semblance of that detestable flattery, which we so often meet with in the like gratulary expressions of mere acquaintances, and pretending friends -

We attended a Democratic meeting together, speeches from Hon. Percy Walker, Judge Meek, John Forsyth, (a little Loud Man,) Mayor Withers - — Robinson, C. J. McRae -

Stopped at Catholic Orphan Fair,

This has been the usual memorable "fourth", when every body has to pay every body(?) every thing every body has (as Mrs. Partington would say) "Our House" went through without a strain.

My Old friend Thos J. Perry dined with me at the Battle House. had quite a good laugh at his expense.

Sold some cotton at 12¢ Middling. Cotton quoted at 10½. Previous to Sunday, and since there has been as cold weather as we are accustomed ever to see here— Jon and I went to the Catholic Fair, which was quite a wonder to the unsophisticated Countryman—

THURSDAY, January 5th, 1860.

After the usual monotonous rotine of business transactions night came, and with night came the Alice Vivian, and on board the Alice Vivian was Mrs. McMiller-

At 8. o'clock went, by invitation to Mr. Hurton's - found several Ladies & Gentlemen assembled to talk, sing, and amuse themselves. Three male Brombergs, and Miss B- in school dress. Carrie & Mary H, Kate Rix, two Misses Pettus, Mrs. Wood, two Yankee's J.W.M. myself and the family composed the party.

The beauty of the females present was fair, (commercial parlance) Gab of assemblage - prime.- Musical talent and performance. Choice- Agreeableness of the evening - Medium - plays. Childish

Read - or rather finished reading - President Buchanan's Message - Not being versed in politics of the day, I am unable to form any political opinion of it - but think it democratic in its principle suggestions, and as pro-slavery in sentiment, as could be expected from a Pennsylvanian. As to his policy of government if it is not the best it is perhaps as good as can be secured in these times of fanatical phrensy, and demagogue warfare -

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Have been busy with matters pertaining to the legitimate business of the House - such as rendering "account Sales", forwarding price-currents, Accounts current &c, &c, Didn't go to tea at the usual hour, being busy closing the day's business, was therefore "on hand" and able to render Mr. Stacey a service, by staying in his Store until he went home, (two miles) after his Store-key, which he forgot to bring with him in the morning. While he was gone, I read Shelley's "Sensitive Plant" and extracts from other of his poems - Took supper for the first time (9½ PM) "Battle House"

Weather clear, moderately cold, and beautiful enough

Rose at 7. A.M. proceeded to the Bath-rooms - Baute House - After indulging in the luxury of a tepid bath for an hour, was shaven and combed - Thence to breakfast - Table-talk with Mr. Bogle, Ameson, & Ben Sam Posey, the latter a Sawyer ex-editor, poet & duelist.

At 9. to Sabbath school; two of my class only present, Wallis Stark & Wallis Reece, Their lessons perfect as could be - 11. Sermon by Mr Meikle - 3 P.M. do -

7 P.M. Sermon by Mr Burgett - as usual - good -

In company with Mr Bogle, was disappointed in our endeavors to escort some ladies to church, they having company engaged already,

Retired at nine - with a aching head - effects of cold -

Weather clear, mild and very pleasant

Have done an unusual amount of walking to-day, which gives me a kind of relish for sleep. The "regular rotine of business" gives little room for, or rather is the cause of too much room, commet- When one is confin- =ed to a Writing Desk all day - he does not feel very poetic at night -

Weather clear and warm.

Busy; busy; busy;
"Work; Work; Work"; If
I was Lord of this Man-
or there should be no
such thing as work,"
was the language of
"Robin-Ruff-Head"
when his master set
him to raking hay-
After tea dressed and
met Mr. Harrison at the
New Market, according to
promise - thence we pro-
ceeded to Mr. Holmes's to
an evening party. - found
a number of ladies - one
Frenchman - two Irish-men
a Scotchman & others -
Talked nonsense - the only
talk appropriate on such oc-
casions - went home with
Miss Bass & am now ready to
"Nest" to bed 12-½ night

If I when a little cloudy, let it alone

WEDNESDAY, January 11th, 1860.

Were I to be litteral in the commencement of this page - I should only quote the first sentence on the opposite.

But as "Autocrat" says - "here's the same thing expressed in different words" -

Weather Cloudy & warm

Mr. W.M. & P.W. have been having short words - to-night - Such is the result of loose business, or a not understanding fully each other -

Commenced to read "Prometheus Unbound" by "Shelley"

Some pretty "flights of fancy" as old Sc. Boyd would say -

Wish the Bouchillon family would make their own calculations and not bother us commission Merchants (Clerks) to do it for them—

Benjamin F. Wilkinson came in this A. M. Did not Recognise him at first— He is much changed— better looking and better acting.

My regular department has been frequently interrupted to-day by several individuals with and without business—

Had made me a business proposition by J. T. Payne— will think upon it till Summer.

Weather warm. raining like hell

FRIDAY, January 13th, 1860.

"Closed up" at 7 P.M.
Went to Theatre. Saw
Anderson in the Char
acter of "King Richard
the Third" (M.R.). Miss Agnes
Elsworthy as Queen Anne.
Never saw the Tragedy
enacted before, was
pleased with the per-
formance. The hypo-
critical Richard was
well rendered by Mr.
A. - Liked Miss Alice
Gray's rendition of Eliz
abeth was good - partic-
=ularly the parting scene
between her and her
children -

At Sunday-school this morning, my own class did finely - Heard Mr. Jack's class recite - Her being absent -

Sermon by Mr. Meikle at 11. A. M.

At 3. P. M. two congregations met at Third Ch. Thanksgiving for the past week's prayer meeting

At Night heard Mr. Burgett.

Dined at Mr. Miller's - Was uncomfortable all day - from headache -

"Frank" dined with me to-day.

Have been bothered all day - because of the return by Southern Bank of a check deposited on Saturday, and not paid. the parties drawing - having failed to deposit a sufficiency to meet the amt. So much for accommodating.

Mr. Harrison and myself went with the misses Baas to Mrs. Cummins' to a - - - - well "talking party" - Had a fast time. This being Leap Year Miss Agnes B. proposed to me and I refused, giving as a reason that I was engaged, which was gratuitous on my part - returned at 12 night.

Sunday January 22 1860

Dr. J. P. Davis - dined with me to-day - wore my new suit, bought yesterday from Boughton & Brown $20.00 -
Mr. Culbertson applied for an advance. Guess he will get it -
Went to Mr. Bacon's to another conversation party.
Met with Miss A. again. renewed our farcical courtship and had quite a fast evening - determined to keep up with her, and did so. (in my own opinion)
Returned just at 12, P.M. - Mr. Harrison took tea with me -
The Check returned yesterday was paid this morning

WEDNESDAY, January 18th, 1860.

Cloudy, & Cold. A, M,

THURSDAY, January 19th, 1860.

A.M. 100 & I went to the Theatre, Some Studies from the Rembrandt the 1st. Strange how perfectly mean, even for a tragedy, to render any person or, more likely, with such lifelike exactness, keep alive for the actor, two things, either great hatred for, or great familiarity with, the part personified. (I speak of Ch. off the stage of course, the life of this great Dramatic Worker.) Mistake! I find on this night was played "Cradue" — Rich. a week again. Ah, well, it saved for applause.)

FRIDAY, January 20th, 1860.

SATURDAY, January 21st, 1860.

I W. M & I went to the Theatre. Saw Anderson in Richard the III. Strange how perfectly man can portray hypocracy, - To render any passion or emotion. with such liflike exactness. bespeaks for the actor one of two things. either great hatred for, or, great familiarity with, the part performed - (I speak of life off the Stage of art, - the life of this great human Drama.) Mistake! I find on this night was played "Evadne*" - Richard a week ago - Ah, well. So much for neglect.

* by Anderson