

Sunday Dec 20th 1862

This day I have not been to church. it has been very cold to day I think the thermometer must have been down to zero and perhaps below. I have heard that Gen Foster's division has been in the engagement and ~~Winn~~ and ~~Symonds~~ we have had no letter from Frank dated later than the 10th ultimo. To day is the first day that I have had a fire in my room but it will not probably be any colder during the winter than now.

We sold our schooner "Volant" during the last week and think we have done a very reasonable thing. Anne Washburn is here to day - all things are quiet here.

Sunday Dec 27th 1862

Miss Barton received a letter from Frank just written at their return from the expedition and the letter stated that he would go on picket duty some seven or eight miles from that place. I went to church listened to a very fair sermon from Mr Potter many good ideas in the evening called on Mrs and Miss Barton - wrote a letter to Frank and at about 9 o'clock there was an alarm of fire a barn belonging to Mr Pearson on Kempton St and at about 10 there was another alarm and a barn at the corner of Seventh or near there was burned. I started for Boston and remained in Boston during Monday & Tuesday Jan 1st & 2nd in the play called "The Broker of Bogota" a very fine thing.

1863 Sunday Jan 12th 1863

Went to church this morning Mr Potter preached a very good sermon on the Proclamation of the President. It has been quite warm to day. The January term I was in Boston Monday & Tuesday of last week. Nothing out of the common course has taken place. Miss Anna Washburn has been here to day. in the evening went to E Clarke and also to Mrs Barton. in the evening have written to Edmund.

Sunday Jan 11th 1863

Quite pleasant this morning did not go to the house of worship this morning but staid in my own sanctum. Cloudy in the early part of the day and very pleasant in the middle and latter part in the evening went up to Mrs C & Clarke she had gone to New York and I staid in Charming Room a little while and came home and spent an hour or two before going to bed in my own room. Sent a letter to day. Tuesday 13th containing 225.00 did not change my clothes last Sunday. last evening I went to Mrs Cory's. Spent a very pleasant evening came away at 10 & 0 clock and so ended that day. I do not hear much now about any thing.

Thursday Evening Jan 15th 1863

At the meeting of the Council merely told them that I accepted the place to do what I could to carry on the Government in an economical manner and in reply to Mr Geo Phillips that I would be found on the Committee if I were placed there to do my duty my whole duty and nothing but my duty to help me God. Adjourned 2 weeks.

Sunday 18th

Staid at home this day went to Mr Beebe's with Mr Hastings in the evening staid till 9 o'clock came home staid about 10 o'clock and retired nothing new since the last record.

Sunday 23rd Jan 1863

Nothing new to write Mr Louden died during the last week. I went to Boston last Tuesday morning intending to return at night but was there until Friday night went to Susan's the first night and staid at the Parker House two nights. sold and turned out 100 Bk R - and had the other "recited" and pd all the bills and returned. This morning went to church and worshipped God according to the dictates of our own consciences and in the afternoon I went to the Spar yard and walked home in the evening called on Mrs Washburn's folks and then on Mrs Barton and then went to the Parker House and did not see Harriet who has been out to Stone Bridge to see about the Bay of the land Sarah Humphrey - Harriet with a "span" and they returned to night about 5 & 6 o'clock. Very mild weather like Spring to night so ends the day.

Sunday Feb 1st 1863

Went to church to day listened to a very good sermon from J H Ware of Cambridge a very good sermon on the war and all other matters. Nothing has occurred this week out of the usual routine. We settled last Monday for the R in Boston and took Bk check. The times are very quiet but very little doing in the evening at home till 9 & 0 clock and then went up to Mrs Barton's and Maria looked the box and to morrow we shall probably send to Boston and from there out to New Bern and as I have written all I think worth while to write now. I will stop Miss Washburn is here to day.

Sunday Feb 8th 1863

There was nothing specially new during the last week a very cold day the coldest of the season did not go to meeting to day in the evening called on Mrs Barton and then went home with Miss Mayfield and then came to my own home.