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January 1. 1873

Left Delavan at the first hour of the new year to go to school in Champaign brought a letter of introduction to G. S. Cheever from Mr Ward

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Passed an examination at the P. S. I bought one half furniture in room of basement floor of Artemas Scribner, ate my first batchelors supper it consisted of corn meal stirred up in water and fried in water and lard, didn't eat much

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Received papers of admission, had corn meal cakes (baked in the oven) for breakfast with a little mutton, the same for dinner with gravy made of water flour salt pepper and lard for supper Bakers bread and butter. Felt the same as Ben Franklin did when he lived on porridge.

Well Ralph How are

you to-day? How Bread  
where are you & how and  
occupied

Neither skit

from morning, was very much pleased

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Dressed up and went to Baptist church  
and Sunday school at 3 1/2 P.M. went to  
chapel, Doctor Gregory lectured, studied  
my lessons, cooked dried apple sauce  
cost of food per meal Tats. present style  
of living defined thus "Thrinaceous Frugality"

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Recited in Botany for the first time  
Read an hour in library Feel rather  
blue about Chemistry Received the  
Warren Gazette from home with cuff  
buttons was rather surprised to receive  
them. Botany and Chemistry are my  
studies for this year

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Nothing particular happened, made arrangement to recite Chemistry to Mr Jeffers

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Received a letter from home was pleased with it, Scribner taken sick.

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Received 2 letters from home with P. Cordier, no coal to be had very cold and windy bought University cap 1.75 earned 10 cts. by wheeling coal scribner better.

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Bought a cap badge 20 cts. 24 bread tickets for \$1.00, worked 1 hour, earning 10 cts, wrote part of a letter home. plenty of coal. no chapel, too cold;

11

Received box provision from home pie, meat, butter, preserves, cookies & co bought a botany and Chemistry, went to Urbana for the first time worked 7 hour & 36 min. had beefsteak for supper. lost 2 lbs during the week ending Saturday the 11 weigh 135 lbs

Thursday

1777

Appetite returning take - Buns bread  
butter and pie peach pie for dinner and  
supper, no gravy, called at Dr. C. when  
when I got up to poke the fire I found  
a note in my dressing gown pocket  
from Mother, was very much pleased

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February 24. Moved in from I two or three weeks ago, received a box of provisions week ago Saturday am taking five courses of lectures, Veterinary, History, Propagation, Elocution, and Hogg's Agricultural Lectures. We have a visitors register nailed on the wall. The Mercury has stood at 28 degrees below zero. Went to call on M. J. Bailey, was to at home so went to church with I of his Chums the Mackay boys.