

of church life since Mr. Johnson made his election ^{remark} in the pulpit the day before election. Christ mas night we had a great dinner & tree over here, fifteen of us partaking of it, all from Auntys, all from Hubys and all from the James. The roads were bare and icy and our horses can shed or smooth shod so that Dad had to get Faulkner to bring over the ones who couldnt walk over and young Gordie come after them very early so that the evening was too short. Aunty Alice not being content with receipting my note to her on my birthday last summer gave me the cash to pay Douglast note which comes due on the sixth.

Frank and I havent got very much work other than chores done lately as we have not been getting up before seven or half past. but we did get over one load of hay over to the old barn for the cows and got the bent in the west end of the barn covered over with rails and straw and a fairly warm pen made in there for Frank's heifer which is due to calve in a day or two. We went skating two nights last week down on the creek with the Ryess's and England's and to night. Enosh and I printed pictures. I was just undressing when the Old far left.