

stick, but I had quite a job getting it, as it was
green & heavy. I fell down with it once and got covered
with snow getting out from under it, by the time
I got my wood home & unloaded and the Chieftens for
it was nearly five so I then returned to town for
the family. Frank was there too so he came home
with us and took the team back. Snowed most of the
day and is still mild. The sleighing is good.

Sunday January 4th

The peaceful and quiet observance of the Sabbath at
Downybrook to-day was uninterrupted by any excursions
abroad on our part or visits from others. I just did
what was necessary out side and this morning
helped Mary wash the dishes as she didn't feel very
well, and she bequiled the twins and lightened the twins
by reading Rob. Ray to me while I worked. We had
a late breakfast and an early tea and dispensed with
a middle meal and gained what ever energy such
meal would have afforded us by napping. Mary insists
on my writing my share of the Christmas letters of thanks
a task which has formerly devolved entirely on her so I
spent about two hours this evening writing a note to Grandpa & my
South west wind - cloudy now but quite mild.

Monday January 5th

School opened again this morning and as I had a
lot of snow shovelling to do over there I got around
pretty early and did most of my morning chores by
lantern light. I saw Mabel to-night and she said
every pupil was on hand and glad to get back after
their long holiday, owing to the measles. I had intended
going over home, getting the team and getting a load of
coal this morning but put it off till after dinner. When
I got there I found Frank going off with the Pick for us to
help them load straw or some thing so I advised me
not to take the team to-day as it would be so late before I
could get out with the coal and back with the team, and they
won't go to-night as they are taking in the evangelical
meetings of Mr. Robinson a friend of Mr. Cornish's. I borrowed
his cutter and drove down town, posted some letters got a cone of
coal oil and went to interview Mr. Carpenter & Al. Faulkner
about cutters which they had advertised for sale. Mr.
Carpenter was in Post Office voting I suppose but Dr. Bicknell
said he didn't think he wanted to dispose of the cutter
with out selling his horse buggy and harness. Al. has
sold one of his cutters and is keeping the other but has a
pair of light hooks for sale. They have no shafts on them.