

1866 Jan 1. Monday, fine S. E. cleaning up the place, salting butter & writing all day, general - Holiday being New Year.

The commencement of another year, a time for reflection as to how past opportunities have been made the most, to think of the past, to cast a casual glance back & to be thankful that again am I spared to see the commencement of another year, Shall I be spared to see ~~the~~ ^{its} close? is a question which time will prove, may I have strength sufficient for the day to carry me through, - of a truth! I have much to be thankful for, it has been a memorable year for me has '65. The commencement of a new life, the Sun of my life rose in the east & its genial rays, warmed my petals; made me open my bosom to its influences, & has made me doubly strong.

Jan 2. Tuesday, fine S. E. Trade brisk, to Mr Cuddon's & settled up in the evening

Jan 3. Wednesday, fine S. E. Trade brisk, to Mr Mollets in the evening, to see my beloved: who has arrived in safety from the bags, some swept pleasantly on!

Jan 4. Thursday, Showery about 2 a.m. & 1 P.m. the S. W. is hot, Trade brisk, out for orders a.m. delivering them P.m. To Mr Brown's bar: in the evening, & "thanks be to God;" got his consent, to our enjoyment, spent a pleasant evening, now I need walk, not as a thief in the night, but openly before all men, feeling assured that God's blessing is upon us, because of the way He has brought all this about & made me a happy man.

Jan 5. Friday, fine S. E. cool, Trade brisk, to Mr Luke's school. P.m. & met the Teachers, & held a prayer meeting, & the time so spent, quite relieved me, I quite enjoyed myself & seemed doubly warmed in my wrestling with God.

Jan 6. Saturday, fine, N. E. Trade fair, average week late in closing.

Jan 7. Sunday, fine, S. E. & very hot, N. W. P.m., to school & ch. as usual, P.m. I read some extracts out of a small work on Missionary Labours instead of addressing them, after at Library Sunday, late home in consequence. After ch in evening, went to Mr Mollets & spent a pleasant evening with my host. Very shower last night