

improved, quite the "Young Man". Things going on much as usual, Mother living at Old Joymers school house, all well "sound in wind & limb"  
Jan. 28. Saturday, fine, by Sw. S. C. 10<sup>mi</sup> trade dull a.m. brisk after "noon". F. Quilter was with me leading me a hand, to Mr L's after closing

Jan 29. Sunday, fine, lovely day, N. C. up early & walked over to Mr Parsons' Governors Bay to breakfast found them all well, & also Mr Brown sen. & a Mr Cole from Suffolk, lately arrived, a nice pleasant fellow, we all went to Ch. am, I went on after Ch to see Mrs Hodgson. She is looking well & the same jolly old lady, Mr Hodson was over in Church with Miss Jessy Brown, a match brought about strangely. what a short month will bring forth, & that month a turning point in her life.

I spent a few very pleasant hours with Mrs H. Parted between 2 & 4 P.m. & wound my way back to Mr P's. to tea. I rested myself, time passed pleasantly on, & half past seven came when it was quite time for me to take up my staff & walk, so I bid all adieu, & hastened homeward. Plenty of fruit

especially the New Orleans plums, some of the branches loaded to the ground.

But with what different feelings I returned in; — Self-doubt reigned triumphant, as I clambered <sup>up the hill,</sup> as I descended, contentment <sup>reigned</sup> <sup>its right</sup> <sup>reigned</sup> I toddled on, & the distance seemed nothing, & when I reached the plains below I felt "all as chirpy as a bird."

I hastened into town, turned down St Asaph Str to Mr Brown's where I found Mr Brown & Judge ~~James~~. I stopped about an hour had supper & let them know by far fetched phrases & saying that I knew the secret, I left them about 11 P.m. I arrived at my own home safe & sound, thankful that I had ~~where~~ a place to lay my head in.

Jan 30. Monday, fine N. C. Jimmie's 21<sup>st</sup> birth day. Trade dull, to Mr Roggie in the evening

Jan 31. Tuesday, fine. N. C. Trade dull, cleaning windows & putting shops bright, Quilter with me all day, to the mechanics in the evening

Jan Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, fine, Calm morning stiff S. C. 11 a.m. settled into a steady N. C. P.m. Trade fair. to T. Brown in the evening.