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- 4 Jan Pres. Buchanan & Gov. Edwin Morgan appointed this day to be kept as a fast for humiliation and prayer. The whole Society assembled in Meeting House, had a very satisfying time, instead of a fast we had a feast of good things.
- 15 Jan Rev. Welch & wife came for some pickles, got 150 in brine.
(This would be the Rev. Bartholomew Welch, the Baptist minister whose sermon on the deplorable condition of Albany's cemeteries prompted the organization of the Albany Rural Cemetery.)
- 16 Jan The young sisters are trying to weave some bonnets.
- 19 Jan Some people come from Schenectady who want two boys taken. We did not.
- 21 Jan Some brethren from each family with some hired men are getting ice from pond to fill the ice houses.
- 27 Jan At the 2d Family there is some rumor about Thomas O.G. running away and taking more than belongs to him. Some brother brought him home.
- 28 Jan Took Thomas G. to officers in Albany.
- 30 Jan I am making some small work stands for sale.
- 3 Feb Aged Sister Eunice Johnson grows more and more feeble.
- 5 Feb Elizabeth Seeley and Ann B. watch with Eunice Johnson.
- 7 Feb Sister Eunice's "spirit took the flight from this cold world of sorrow, never to return." It is just 4 weeks since she came to the Office and made us a visit."
- 10 Feb The Ministry attend our afternoon meeting and had "quite a gift to speak to the family exhorting them to labor for the true gift of repentence."
- 13 Feb George Price, Ann B., Abbie Messenger went to Schenectady "after some cloth and dishes. Went to John Clute's took dinner, and on the way home this side of Peter Lansing's, Chauncy Miller overtook us. He has been gone to the west six weeks."
- 18 Feb George Price and Nehemiah White went to Albany, "they saw the President. He is on his journey to his place of residence."
- 19 Feb Elisa Wells is told she is to go to 2d Order to be Elder Sister and Aurilla White is going to live with her. Elder Sister Lucy Fairchild and Laura P. are going to ChF to live.
- 21 Feb Lucy Fairchild came home yesterday to stay.
- 24 Feb The Ministry went to 2d Order, Sister Elisa Wells and Aurilla with them.
Sun. "They are expecting to sign the Covenant, it has been prepared for them."
- 2 Mar "The hirelings are drawing wood as fast as they can for the snow is nearly gone."
- 6 Mar "D. Sherman went to Albany with a load of garden seeds for the suffering in Arcansus."