

- 30 Jan Elizabeth Seeley began to varnish bonnets at the iron room. Lydia is putting on braid & crown lining & the like. C. Miller goes to Troy to get a gallon of varnish for the bonnets.
The brethren have a laboring meeting to teach the younger men. The Ministry brethren attend.
- 31 The sisters had a laboring meeting in the evening. Sister Betsey came to see & show how it should be done. "She was very pretty indeed."
Clarissa fixing crowns & wiring bonnets like everything.
- 1 Feb CM "takes Leonard Castle & oldest Simons boy to go to their parents. He did not like their appearance & wanted them to go."
Lucy Fairchild brought bonnets she had finished from the NF.
- 4 Brethren had another laboring meeting in the evening.
Hired men & boys begin sizing broom corn on the machine at the mill. With "little Patrick," there are 13 of them.
- 6 Hester is appointed physician, Sarah Taylor is to help Lucy; Harriet Ingham is to take the dairy. Sisters had a laboring meeting.
- 8 A little boy named William Smith came, said his parents were both dead. We sent him to the shop, Elder Brother took him to Charles & "gave him up for trial."
- 9 CC had to leave his team in Denmark and FSW his team in Boonville--it was impossible for them to travel, the snow in the roads being 4-5 ft. deep & the drifts 10-15 ft.
The father & step-mother of the boy that came yesterday came looking for him. The father had been looking a couple of days.
- 10 Letter received told that Mary Lyal had been kidnapped from Lebanon 2d Order by her father. (SEE DAB's Journal.)
- 13 Sisters had a laboring meeting. "Eldress Asenath went in & spoke some in relation to the wastefulness in the kitchen, etc."
- 15 William Edwards (16 yrs) decided he wanted to leave. Came to Office & stayed all night. FSW, Elizabeth Harrison & Maria Gillet went to Albany to see about taking some girls & brought home two.
- 16 CM gave Wm. Edwards an overcoat, a hat, paid his passage to NYC, gave him \$4 & all the clothes he wanted, & took him to Albany.
FSW & CC were taken to Schenectady to go & finish their journey & bring home their teams.
- 19 CM made some boxes for bonnets & packed 50 doz. for market.
Water froze in Office kitchen & they had 11 men to be cooked for.
- 20 CM took Patrick Burke & Tom Kelly to Troy. Tom sent \$120 to Ireland to bring his family over and Patrick sent \$35 to bring his daughter.
Bonnets were taken to Albany to be shipped to NYC.
- 23 Elizabeth Ostrander, 12 years old, brought by her mother & taken on trial.
- 24 CC & SFW get home at 4 pm. They have had a very hard time. CC had to go right to bed.