Friday Jan. 6th

The old year passed leaving us in liberty. But last night was spent in singing the old year out and the new one in. Often have I felt habits but when under circumstances similar to these, the depth of those old habits on songs are greater than ever in my experience. General U. V. was occupying the habits try to forget the dust and hope for the future. Advising that all beyond slavery is married and raise up a genus another to fight the Yankees for years to come. The evening passed away in a ball in which many whirled in the "quickly dance", and all apparently felt happy. With a letter to Mother, it was cold the rain kept falling and in general the weather was very disagreeable for many days past. Exchange gone out, and in hand come down to the plan thing stay at residence.
Saturday Jan 2nd 1844

The night was rather cold and hard the ground, of the soldiers who had to stand the cold. The ants got to work for the iron works, subduing water for the prisoners, and the "negrts" had to cut the wood. The day passed with the addition of chasing all day to keep warm, besides the exercise which makes it one of the most commendable of amusements in Hotte de Libby. St. Louis is said to hear the cavalry, and two cases of smallpox are at the officer's hospital. Rendle Smith's of Virginia Inaugural, while the editors think the state may not be cured as again, as such is few as Lieutenant John Martin did not go to the city owing to the sickness of his wife. Pray God, Rendle Smith, Wm.
Sunday Jan. 3rd 1765.

Dry cold but not disagreeable so that we enjoy the cool breeze again. Nothing to cause excitement and the usual cry Exchange has grown into an inmeaning cry and mere for at last many to give to doubles any exchange, at all. Had breakfast by a camp, but as usual the men came little for religion exercise then they play cards write read, and even talk at the cheaters elbow. Est acquainted with J. Kressup of 76th Fox, Jr. of West Newton Pa. Being a gay fine little fellow and an intelligent officer. Was glad to meet him being from my old country and of her many exchange of opinion of opinion of the state they were subject to Army of Cumberland and was captured at Chickamauga 4th. My girl health continues and are in good health.
Monday Jan 4 1864

The weather has so moderated that the water has been put on again and it seems much more friendly. The letter came bearing two for me from S. & M. and Bro. John. Glad to hear all well. If McKay is sick with symptoms of fever and unless treated more quickly in his method of eating he will intial some disease. Read part of "The Strange Story" by Bulwer and it seems as if really as delightful would indicate. Read part of the sermon in drilling on the life based on Daniel's thinking that the exercise would

Buy Foll and again we can stand as to the exchange question by the name of a boatload of prisoners.
Tuesday January 5 1849
Spent most of the day reading
"The Strange Story" and I was a
good deal non-plussed with its
ideas of Clearavance and me-
memism, and brought to mind
many thoughts that I have for-
merly had as to the supernatural
but usually in all matters of the
kind the "Deeper the Darker."
News again waned and we are
left alone to try and spend the
time as best we can possibly. But as
the mind grows tired of itself
and in vain tries for something
upon which to meditate.
The weather is tolerably pleas-
ant for the month, and some-
times I feel thankful that we
are not out among the storms
and rains, but still it all only
willingly accept the latter in
preference to this confinement.
Wednesday Jan. 6th 1764

Papers say that the States of the Off in Gibby have been sent off proposing to exchange them for men providing such arrangements can be made, which gave another impulse to the exchange question, since this seems all that our government wants. It was still augmented by the authorities getting us all in part of the Gibby and calling our names, sending us to the other parts, thus verifying their rules. The day was cold and snow fell upon the ground to the depth of one inch, making it look indeed similar to the muddy homes in the North. To which point will contrast with the gloomy aspect of the deorosed City. How fallen, and now how full yet bleeding.
Thursday Jan 9th 1864.

Began the day with the labors of the wash, but getting calling as an answer. Guy Bryan got a good supply of eatsable from the Sandian C's, being in good playing at this time. News of Blue Butte threatening the Rake, that if they injure one hair of the Union soldiers he will burn the whole confederacy in重温ing. He is a good tree and equally hated and feared by the Rake, and after all their sacrifices they appear willing to secretly accept him as Agent of Exchange alls under that ban of cuttowry.

The skies bright and the future not entirely wanting signs of a success in favor of the Union, and reaching broad horizon, great things before one year, has budged its naked cycle.
Friday, January 8th, 1864

I know upon the ground, and the jingling of sleigh-bells brings to my mind the thought of my husband home in the colder regions of the North, but with the snow comes the pain and sorrow, both bodily and part of the man, and sympathizing on the part of us, since the poor fellows in the Island will suffer many no doubt die of freezing.

Write two letters to Sister Martha and Bro. Ino. but report says the U.S. at war, on the refusal of the Rebels to accept dead Butter as Agent of Exchange, has not favored them with a flag of truce also that the Rebels are surely to send a Boat to Yorktown.
Saturday Jan. 9th 164

Had considerable excitement as the Committee appointed to distribute the corn, stone, after issuing to some of the officers decided to sell the remainder at auction, highly injuring the officers, since some of the part were charged with grain insufficient. An indignation meeting was held and the passed resolution to request a new Committee.

Mr. John Morgan, C. P. Hill, C. S. A. came in Libby, but I saw them not. Read part of Dickens' 'Little Dorrit' and was partially pleased with it. But his style is strange, it seems to require a long time to become accustomed to. The evening was very cold and the guard secure people almost. But what is the small fire of the men on Bell Block?
9 Sunday January 11th 1814
This morning the must ice saw thick upon the Rafter (Dan and Jane) as reported to have exceeded my three feet in the space of many years. Remains of the musts treatment by our prisoners by Col. Sanderson who has been appointed to deal with the clothing is creating a good deal of dissatisfaction and of the number we have to deal with is distressing a great deal and their shallowness day light when in Jet home, Noon Day! Thy suffer enesp. and may I fear last night have been placed beyond the tomb and brutality of humour in the same circumstances may be no better than they Hatt bald head and naked feet.
Monday January 11th, 1864.

The weather delightfully pleasant, the hard, cold winter passing by leaving the sun to burst forth once more in beauty. A flag of truce being at present raised, the Rebel army getting uneasy, wanting evidently to exchange badly, and if an agreement only shows a little backbone, they will come with any proposition we may dictate.

Eleven officers from Fort St. late Burnside's command came into the city. Spent most of the time reading, but the day seems so short that but little progress is made. Health good. Shirts damped.
Tuesday, January 12th, 1864

What a little world in itself, have we in Libby. Men from every class of society, high and low, rich and poor, and from every country and climate, so that our relations in reality human nature has plenty to exercise his faculty. Today brilliant again, protection of rain or snow. Nothing new, and the day passes by succeeding each other in rapidity so that we barely notice it, and become impossible that three months have passed over my head since a capture. Speculation of the future is wild and none can come to any conclusion, but every thing indicates the gradual decline of the armies of the Confederacy.
Wednesday, Jan 13th 1847

Today was a day of excitement, caused by an impending meeting to consider the actions of Lt. Col. Sunderson, being charged with cruelty toward our men on the Island and divers complaints, but they grew so severe that they ordained the matter and killed themselves. Read a new committee for the distribution of the army goods, the pinbare sector, etc. A factory. Flour was issued at getting $2.50 a piece. Rumors of exchange growing better. The weather chill and winter passing swiftly by. Speech most of the time reading “Little Don’t” and enjoy myself better.
Thursday Jan. 14th 1864

Capt. Metcalf and Capt. Gregg were exchanged by special order of Major (Reb) who sent down to exchange for Major White—but the authorities would not accept him so the Major had to go back to confinement. News from the North say that the Gov. will not appoint any other one but General Butler as Com. for Exchange, and in addition he is to head the Committee of most of the Premiers and treat them accordingly as you can deal with. We hail this with pleasure as it seems the Gov. has at length learned that the only way to bring down the rick is to hold them with a firm hand.
Friday Jan. 18th 1864

Additional news from the north that Genl. Kelpatrick is recommended for Major General. Bausinger is to take command of the Cavalry with the West. Near from the High Bridge at Stephensburg yet, and on picket duty. Had hoped that they would be relieved to recruit but no hope of any rest. Long to hear from home but as a boy has been signalized today as hope for a mail soon. Time passes pleasantly as could be expected, but with hope of exchanges we could endure anything. God health, good health, and good prospects.
Saturday Jan. 16th. say.
The fay of Vice come at last
the papers say Do mail. Congress
U.S. is coming down strong
op the war question lably with
turp majorities all propositions
of treaty and even shows a di-
minution in exchange, which
may be the policy of Gov-
much after all I hope that some
some good thing shall come
till from the confinement
as that though would mean
us greatly. Get some saugry
stones. Read paper of "Children
of the Abbey" being decision of
knowing the content of that
ancient record. Exchange has
gone down and the trade coming
again a boat load today we are much but not at
writing.
Sunday Jan 17th 1764

Today was passed as usual, with its alternating variations, familiar to library life; some devoting the time to reading and writing, while a few still indulging in gaming, a practice so low as to excite pity rather than disgust. A decent Minister found or cursed us with a sermon, but being engaged I did not attend, not caring much for his effusion. Happily dear I today received a prospect of a mail, and flattering myself that I shall have a goodly number of letters. Rumors grow as less bold than formerly but being duped as often I have learned not to trust its various and contradicting rumors.
Monday 18th June 1844

Spent most of my time in reading and find the day passes pretty if not pleasantly by and if nothing else results from the feeling misfortune of being a prisoner, the fact the many interesting works will be a matter of daily study. With a letter to sister Jennie. Hope the day shall soon come when this troublesome medium of communicating thought will be unnecessary. But still how delightful to dwell behind brick walls and guard by a line of bayonets, to have the comfort of saying to those we love. I pray you will...
Tuesday, Jan. 19th 1864

Papers tell us that all the U.S. Sanitary Stores (some 300 tons) have been confiscated by the Rebels, but the papers are so faithful that we dare not believe them. The mail came, I got two from Brit. Bros. one from Sis. Mattie. Was glad to hear from them, and the happy Christmas of their was spent, I long to be at home and have the pleasure of seeing the pleasant snow of which they speak. Hear of Senator Wilson of Mass., introducing a Bill in the Senate to lower the officers wages while they are in the army, which seems to cause a good deal of feeling. Why not be civil officers of enormous...
Wednesday Jan 20th 1864

The remainder of the letter came hearing five men for one, one from Lizzi, one from Br. "F.A."
o one from dear Hattie and family also one Business one. But all good letters news and was  
especially glad to hear of my letters getting through. Before my letter concerning the Confederation of W.
& Sandlins contradicted as the had reason to suppose. I was gotten quite interested in the "Children of the Abbey" but felt quite right handed to see the young "Amanda" so successful yet subject to such horrid treatment. But I ubhore the panny of colds Roger would have at 8
Thursday Jan. 21st 1864

Finished reading "Children of the Abbey" and after many disappointments was pleased with the ending up. Wrote to Sisters Kate and Jennie. To mother and Bros. "A" coming at length to the conclusion that I had used the war name fully enough for once. News of Jeff. Davidson's being tried to be burned down, also that his fourth servant has run away showing something wrong or some dislike somewhere.

The day really fine and although the dead of winter it is wonderfully fine. Had no meat for 2 weeks from the Confeds, and those who had no Confed ration alone had dry meat.
Friday, January 22nd 1864

Work to Sister Lizzie and Bro. Jo. to the latter for a box of clothing and food, having thought that we are going to stay here for a long time. The Ricks refuse to open the boxes downstairs until they are satisfied that the prisoners in the north got what is sent them. Hope they may soon get the desired information since a few days will well till we eat by our Reb. rations. Col. Straits commanded must shut off from the rest of us cutting a little hole in the door for the privilege of talking through. Some of the officers last evening got liquor from the yard and are quite merry or even drunkin.
Saturday, Jan. 23rd '64.

The weather is delightful with the
air of Spring as such a Spring
as I have been used to. One of the
Committee from the Rep. Senate, ap-
pointed to inquire into the treatment
of Prisoners come in today and was
introduced to Genl. Duv. Being shown
the rations he said they were too
small, and being told that we
could not get what Bows had
been sent to re, he promised that
it should be attended to.

About dark a lot of officers
got in the dining room and began
singing patriotic
songs, and cheering and ma-
king noise generally, when they
were surprised by the guard and
made stand "in line" for the honor.

I was nearly caught with the rest
being working at the time.
Sunday Jan 24th 1864

The most surprising affair of the day was the issue of a meat ration, being the only one for nearly two weeks and we had a good dinner then by, had the front door open and had the pleasure of standing on the pavement, which is a rare thing. As usual on Sabbath, a good many people came around and it is a pleasure to see & citizens face, although hateful to the reflecting. The sun is just going down. The air mild and under other circumstances I should be very happy. But when I think of all things, I have crossed the gun, am my thankful. Dear Sir,

Laws is a little lying of Small Box.
Monday Jan. 28th /64

The weather is still delightful, being warm as Spring, and after the winter in the north it is very severe, being 10° to 20° below zero. Still we have suffered none.

All things seem to point to our staying here for some time which is a gloomy aspect, since there are fears and doubts lest the snow never be permitted to come. Remarkably quiet and nothing happening to break the lazy state that has fallen upon us. Otherwise I fear some evil may grow upon us either bodily or mentally through this confinement. Sword exercise is still progressing and infantry drill increasing, the various classes continuing as usual as ever.
Tuesday, Jan. 26th 1864.

Today a portly he of yesterday, in quietness and do-nothingness. Two men came in today, having been recaptured after escaping from Columbia prison and wandering about from week to week, finally enclosed within a few miles of our lines. They are nearly naked and are a sorry sight. For a change of diet, occasionally got some beans and meat pot for dinner, and baking over of the grated bread we found we had a good dinner, got a hunk from the stock and administered to find how far we are growing behind the age. All things from here in proportion and there is a good hope of some overspreading.
Wednesday Jan. 27th 1864

Another Flag of Truce Boat is said to be at St. Mary's with horses & c. The Rebels began barring the windows with strong iron bars, either because they are afraid of us getting away or to lighten the guard. It makes our confinement very like imprisonment, for we are to be cut off from the entire world. Still the officers are sanguine enough to think, were they only furnishing quarters for themselves; they would be dined into which to fall. The day comes and goes having nothing by which to be recorded, and so we expect to pass many months. Shaw Boat has made a Raid in the James River doing a good deal of injury, burning provisions & c.
Thursday Jan. 28th 764

Was shocked this morning to read in the "Examiner" of tomorrow on the Island editing that story, and yet no one but the editor feels over it by saying "it was the last of the Turkey to preserve dog of the meat beans and each of the Confederate Commissary"

How sad and how much must he have fallen that could join at the sufferings of even an enemy. Still she has issued our order to his men, praying them to bear up under the God's ration they get, being a good evidence of scarcity, as well as speaks not when not wished.

The day fine, wonderfully pleasant, Ballying as Shining and all the windows can.

Wished grace to remove the pain and of Heaven.

Had a long chat with Dr. Potts of Pittsfield R.I.
Friday Jan. 29th 1804

Felt rather badly today and had I given up to feelings I am afraid they have been melancholy enough. This added to the constant smoke that filled the kitchen and parlor made our abode almost hateful. Two officers escaped from the west room by getting off clothes and passing the guard unobserved.

George Mosby capturing a wagon train of our forces by passing himself off as one of the 18th Va. CA. The Convention Act of the Confederate States has been made public and excites a good deal of curiosity.

Our brave remain below and no hope of getting them. Have got a bad cold and the breath being so unpleasant the carbime is disagreeable.
Saturday Jan. 30th 1874

Today was a disagreeable one. Both out sick and in. A load of

ropes came from city point. The office evacuated by barring the

guard to citizens and, which

caused a general count and

calling of the names to find who

they were. This occupied the rest

of the day. The morning had

been occupied in guarding

a squad of officers in the kitchen

for insulting the guard and the

prevental man far from getting

breakfast. Dr. Conner had found us eating a little bread and
corn meal grist rice.

And the offices all crowded

into the kitchen and the smoke

was blinding showing the dirt

disposition of the rebels who

try to incendiarize us as much

as possible. Rusk and kim could

be seen. For the love of Virgil

Arnold and has a good heart

really. Want to bind it.
Sunday, Jan. 31st, 1864

Today was spent in roll calling having to file through a door while two clerks on either side counted, but they are in mind of the farmer counting his sheep after getting through some rugs persuaded the clerk that one had been on the roof while calling and the caused the hatchet to be nailed down and a reprint of the roll called. They at length found they had a few degrees too many and come to the conclusion that the citizens had shifted in to evade the draft. But one thing is sure, they keep their books in a wretched state, and as the clerk says a thousand yank up are too much for one head. Had the headache pretty badly and was quite out of humor.