Tuesday, January 4, 1876
Mr. Brown – absent – ill.
Visitors – Mr. C. B. Metcalf and Mr. Shaw – of Highland Coast School.

Wednesday, January 5, 1876.1
Views of Hall, Lunch Room, Office, Recitation Room and Vestibule taken by a photographer – sent by Mr. Philbrick.

Thursday, January 6, 1876.1
Second distribution of teachers commenced.
Friday, January 7, 1876.1
Miss Eaton from Framingham, two strangers.

Saturday, January 8, 1876.1
Second set of teachers ready for work on Monday.
Miss Crane’s mother visited the school – two other ladies.

Wednesday, January 12, 1876.1
Two little children, 4 and 6 year old, began to come regularly for 15 minutes each day, to be taught reading by our senior class.

Friday, January 14, 1876.1
Mr. Rice and Mr. Chapin spent part of the forenoon in the school.
Three other children wish to enter the school to learn to read.

Saturday, January 15, 1876.1
Mr. Clay, principal of Grafton High School, spent most of the day here.
Miss Jones visited Mrs. Foskett and saw Miss Buxton taking charge of Miss Sprout’s school, also visited Miss Power, Miss Dearbrune’s teacher, Miss Geary (Miss Grount’s) both at Woodland St., also Miss [“Carroll” crossed out] Shannon (Miss McCloskey) at Lamartine St. and Miss Harrington (Miss Murphy).

Wednesday, January 19, 1876.1
The First and Third Classes had a written examination in Algebra.

Thursday, January 20, 1876.1
Written examination in English Composition, “Language is the armory of the human mind.” Explain and illustrate.

[Is not Composition the true test of proficiency in “Rhetoric.” What shall be the test in Literature?]

Scholars came late to recitations in No. 10. Was it because the clocks did not agree, or because the school was not wound up, in consequence of the absence of the Principal?

[**different writer**] Miss Elizabeth P. Peabody and Mr. A. Bronson Alcott have both accepted invitations to address our senior class, the former on the Kindergarten, the latter on Principles and Methods of Teaching.

Mr. Russell spent the day in attendance on the graduating exercises at Westfield Normal School.

Friday, January 21, 1876.1

Miss Jones visited Miss Webber’s teacher at Thomas St. Misses Newton’s and Boyd’s at Dix St., Miss Lyford’s and Mr. Lyford’s at Belmont St., and Miss Kalaher’s at Sycamore St. Saw Miss Lyford give a Geog. lesson.

Several unknown visitors in school.

Saturday, January 22, 1876.1

Examination of third class in Geog.

Visit from Mr. Jones and Miss Taft.

[**different writer**] Mr. H. Krüsi accepts our invitation to lecture to us on Pestalozzi.

Tuesday, January 25, 1876.1

Mrs. Tucker, Miss Eaton and Mrs. H. W. Brown, visited the school.

[**different writer**] Ordered two copies of the *New England Journal of Education* for the school.

Wednesday, January 26, 1876.1

Semi-annual examination of Class I. in Physiology.
Thursday, January 27, 1876.1

Semi-annual examination of school in Reading. Partial examination of 2nd class in Geography.

Friday, January 28, 1876.1

Mr. Clay of Grafton and three of his pupils visited the school – also Miss Sargent’s brother and Miss Bullard and her brother’s wife.

Tuesday, February 1, 1876.1

Drawing at school. Schools closed for three weeks’ vacation.

Wednesday, February 2, 1876.1

Examinations of applicants began.

Thursday, February 3, 1876.1

Examinations continued and concluded.

Mr. Russell absent.

Friday, February 4, 1876.1

[news clipping]

State Normal School

Examinations and Admission of Pupils.

Twenty applicants, all young women, were examined at this school last week and the following fourteen were admitted without conditions:

Jennie Irene Adams, Winchendon.

Emma Frances Brown, Worcester.

Mary Julia Brown, West Brookfield.
Stella Augusta Bullock, Oxford.
Annie Crosby Cutting, Templeton.
Mary Addie Drake, Worcester.
Matilda Gunderson, Worcester.
Frances Lillian Newton, Worcester.
Mary Louisa Parker, Leominster.
Emma Miller Plimpton, Whitinsville.
Sarah Elizabeth Rogers, Shrewsbury.
Fannie Louise Smyth, Worcester.
Marietta Sykes, Millville.
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The average age of the above is seventeen and one-half years.

They are all residents of Worcester County. Their examination was very credible, and it may be interesting to note that the highest percentage of correct answers was given by the youngest applicant.

Copies of the questions will be sent to all who apply for them until the supply is exhausted. The next term of the school will begin on Wednesday, Feb, 23.

Wednesday, February 23, 1876.

School re-opened. Three applicants had examinations.

[different writer] Admissions:

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Only about two – thirds of the applicants have been admitted, more than 33 [“66” crossed out] % having failed to pass the entrance examinations.

Thursday, February 24, 1876.1
Classification determined and announced.
Seats assigned to 103 pupils.
Programme made out.
Three visitors from the High School.

Friday, February 25, 1876.1
Programme made over.
Saturday, February 26, 1876.1
Programme put in operation.

Tuesday, February 29, 1876.1
Miss Porter – absent – ill.
First drawing lessons.
Wednesday, March 1, 1876.1
Miss J. absent in P.M. – ill.
Mr. Adams absent in P.M. – ill.

Thursday, March 2, 1876.1
Miss Porter – absent.

Friday, March 3, 1876.1
Miss Porter still absent.
Incidental fund paid to Miss Jones.

Saturday, March 4, 1876.1
Miss Porter – absent.
Mr. Marble called.

Wednesday, March 8, 1876.1
Regular school-work suspended in P.M. to give place to a lecture from Prof. Tweed of Charlestown. The School Board of the city and the teachers in the Public Schools were invited to be present and many of the latter accepted the invitation though the weather and walking were very unfortunate.

A discussion of the paper in “Principles and Methods” was taken part in by Mr. Marble, Supt. of schools. Messrs. Chase, Carmine, Woodman, Haynes and Jones. Grammar Schools Principals, each, specially invited by Mr. Russell who also spoke of the paper to the edification of all.

“A very successful occasion.”

Thursday, March 9, 1876.1
Visitors – Mr. Marble and Prof. Tweed – two or three pupils’ friends.
Friday, March 10, 1876.1

Pupils asked for books in which could be found criticisms of Irving as a writer, in order that they might have something to say in their compositions upon that author.

The answer was that they had better read something of his writing, were it only a single piece, and then write out their own estimate of it. Is it interesting? What makes it so? Is there anything affected in the style? Is it simple? How does it differ from the style of Emerson? From that of Dickens, etc.

Two Bridgewater graduates visited the school. Four unknown visitors.

Thursday, March 16, 1876.1

Mr. Brown gave to the first class a talk about Socrates; Mr. Russell, Miss Porter and Miss Jones present to hear it.

Mr. Russell visited the second class in “Methods.”

Mrs. Smythe visited the school.

Friday, March 17, 1876.1

Mr. Brown continued “Socrates.”

Mr. Woodman, Mr. Woods of Brimfield, Mrs. Foskett and Miss Symonds and Miss Adams spent the A.M. Two strangers present in the P.M. Miss Merriam spent the day.

Mr. Russell visited the second class in Methods again.

Tuesday, March 21, 1876.1

A severe storm of snow and rain so that but a third of less of the pupils present.

Prof. Krüsi came but his lecture was deferred a day.

Programme put upon the black boards.

Wednesday, March 22, 1876.1
Prof. Krüsi gave his talk about Pestalozzi at eleven o’clock. Mr. Marble, [Mr. crossed out] Major Harlon, Mrs. Dr. Studley and Miss Webb present to hear the lecture which was given to the first and second classes.

Fourth class wrote “A Letter to the poet Longfellow.”

Thursday, March 23, 1876.1

Messrs Hubbard and Rice – visitors.

Written examination of 2nd class in Mental Science.

1st class wrote upon “Architecture”

Saturday, March 25, 1876.1

Teaching little children to read was commenced in both the first and the second classes today.

Tuesday, March 28, 1876.1

X Drawing as usual.

Wednesday, March 29, 1876.1

X Dr. Mann and Mr. Henry Knight from Central Falls, R.I. visited the school.

Teaching exercise continued in both classes.

Thursday, March 30, 1876.1

The excitement in the city concerning the breaking of the dam at Leicester was felt somewhat at school.

Miss Ella Brown and Miss Martha Rice were two of half a dozen visitors.

Friday, March 31, 1876.1

Several of the pupils got excused for a walk to Cherry Valley but the majority desiring to go were convinced that some later day would be better.
Mrs. Dr. Studley called at school, looked over new books, pictures and examined with interest the busts lately added to our Hall-furnishing.

Mrs. Aldrich of Worcester and Miss Woods of Barre visited us.

Wednesday, April 5, 1876.1

Very deep snow. Thirteen inches on a level. School was called to order. There was no disorder, however, among the students present.

Mr. Olmstead of Leroy (?), a friend of Mr. Russell, visited the school-building.

Lowell says of Wordsworth’s early life in a simple country village, – “Nothing could obliterate the deep haze of that early training which enabled him to speak directly to the primitive instincts of man. He was apprenticed early so the difficult and of being himself.”

Thursday, April 6, 1876.1

School visited by Mr. Alcott who spoke to the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} classes.

Friday, April 7, 1876.1

Mr. Alcott spoke in the first recitation hour to the 1\textsuperscript{st} Class about teaching, then to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} + 3\textsuperscript{rd} Classes in Literature about Henry D. Thoreau; then in the Hall to the whole school and several visitors – Judge Chapin, Mr. Adin Thayer, Mr. Theo. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lameon, Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Dr. Studley, Mrs. Russell and several strangers, subject – Noted men and women, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Hawthorn, Margaret Fuller, Thoreau and Louisa Alcott.

Saturday, April 8, 1876.1

Salaries for January and February came today.

Thursday, April 13, 1876.1

Fast-day.

Friday, April 14, 1876.1
Warm and beautiful. A little drizzle on an April shower in the P.M.

Saturday, April 15, 1876.1
Miss Prentris of the Westfield Normal School spent the day with us.
Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Lincoln and Miss Adams also visited us in the P.M.

Tuesday, April 18, 1876.1
One or two visitors – unknown.
First of the course of lectures by Prof. Proctor given this evening.

Wednesday, April 19, 1876.1
Rev. Mr. Blanchard visited the school.

Thursday, April 20, 1876.1
3rd and 4th classes examined in Geography.

Saturday, April 29, 1876.1
Miss Foster absent. Seven or eight visitors with the pupils.
Miss Taft (Belle), in greatly improved health reported progress.
Pupils answered (by writing) questions upon health and progress.
Second class given an examination in Physiology by the 1st Class – Miss Ball, putting out questions.
School dismissed early.
Tuesday, May 9, 1876.1

Day rainy and uninspiriting. School reopened after a week’s vacation with full number (almost) and programme of Tuesday followed entirely. No visitors – an ununusual fact – but there was one – Mrs. Adams who belongs to us.

Friday, May 12, 1876.1

Miss Hyde, Principal of Framingham Normal School and Miss Davis, teacher in the same visited us also a cousin of Miss King from Nantucket.

Miss Jones visited the Edgeworth St. School.

Tuesday, May 16, 1876.1

Mr. Russell absent. Mrs. Lord visited the school, as the guest of her daughter. Examination of first class in Mental Science.

The selections recited were very good, and there was no apparent lack of spirit in the delivery or of the lack of interest on the part of the hearers.

Mr. Brown visited Mr. Adams during the instruction of a class in Arithmetic.

Wednesday, May 17, 1876.1

Mr. Russell still absent. Six of the second class were introduced to the teachers with whom they are to begin practice next week.

Thursday, May 18, 1876.1

Mrs. Sumner spent half an hour with the school, hearing the voice in singing and helping Mr. Russell to classify the school for part singing.

Friday, May 19, 1876.1

Miss Tucker from the High School and a cousin of her from out of town spent the A.M.
Monday, May 22, 1876.1
Second class commenced practicing in the public schools.

Thursday, May 25, 1876.1
Miss Bridgeman visited school.
Mrs. Sumner sang with the school after 3.15 o’clock.

Saturday, May 27, 1876.1
A brother of Miss Sykes visited the school.

Tuesday, May 30, 1876.1
Memorial Day – no school.
Visitors however – Mr. & Mrs. Washburn from Natick.

Thursday, June 1, 1876.1
Mr. Green came and gave the drawing lessons that were lost by Memorial day’s coming on Tuesday.
Mr. Adams and Miss Webb of Weymouth visited the school.

Saturday, June 3, 1876.1
Misses Maynard and Towne visited the school.
Mr. Timon also visited the school.

Tuesday, June 6, 1876.1
Mr. Parker visited the school.
A new globe was rec’d today from Ginn Brothers.
Work on the road up the hill begun by the city.

Wednesday, June 7, 1876.1
Mr. Russell visited schools in Framingham and Boston.

Friday, June 9, 1876.1
School closed for Teachers’ Convention at Millbury.

Saturday, June 10, 1876.1
Rev. Mr. Tiffany – friend of Mr. Brown, Miss Mack, Rev. Mr. Centhing and several other visitors.

Monday, June 12, 1876.1
Ten of the Senior Class met the Com. on Teachers and had an oral and private examination.

Tuesday, June 13, 1876.1
Written examination of the candidates for graduation commenced today.

Wednesday, June 14, 1876.1
Written examination of C of G – continued.
Mayor Jillson and Supt. Marble visited the school.
Miss Phelps and Miss Lewisson visited the school.

Friday, June 16, 1876.1
Fourth class had a written review of Geography.
Saturday, June 17, 1876.1

Mayor Jillson and Supt. Marble visited the school and the latter occupied some time with the graduates, talking about schools and teaching.

Miss Jones absent – ill.

Monday, June 19, 1876.1

Mr. Russell and Mr. Brown visited the Normal School at Westfield.

Tuesday, June 20, 1876.1

Rev. Mr. Weston visited the school.

Mrs. Olmstead and Miss Lacy of LeRoy, N.Y also Miss Olmstead and Miss Lacy (2)

Miss Jones visited the girls school kept by the sisters – Roman Catholic.

Wednesday, June 21, 1876.1

Mr. Russell rec’d check for May bills.

Fourth class had a concluding examination in Geog.

Thursday, June 22, 1876.1

Committee on Flowers, Lunch Room; Gen. Assistants and Ushers chosen by teachers.

Wednesday, July 5, 1876.1

Drawing took the place of Wednesday’s usual exercise.

Tuesday, July 11, 1876.1

Day of graduating the first class from Normal School of Worcester.
Wednesday, July 12, 1876.1
A new class for examination.

Thursday, July 13, 1876.1
Examination continued.

Tuesday, September 12, 1876.1
School reopened. Eighteen applicants for admission. Nearly all the old scholars – excepting the graduates who are all teaching, present.

Wednesday, September 13, 1876.1
Examination of the candidates concluded – thirteen of the eighteen admitted. Eight of the applicants came for the second time.
No lessons assigned yet nor any programmes made out.

Thursday, September 14, 1876.1
Programme made out.

Friday, September 15, 1876.1
Programme announced to the school and put in operation.
Miss Foster absent – ill.

Saturday, September 16, 1876.1
Call from Mr. Marble.
Miss Foster absent in P.M.
Tuesday, September 19, 1876.1
Miss March absent – ill.

Wednesday, September 20, 1876.1
Programme put upon blackboard.

Thursday, September 21, 1876.1
Miss Fuller from Fort Wayne visited the school.
Miss Porter absent – ill, Mr. Brown absent in A.M – “well.”

Saturday, September 23, 1876.1
Visitors – Worcester Normal School graduates and two or three others – besides Mr. Dunton of Boston Normal School.

Wednesday, October 4, 1876.1
Call from Mr. Marble.

Thursday, October 5, 1876.1
Visit from Mr. Peterson.

Friday, October 13, 1876.1
Mr. Russell absent to attend an Institute at Clinton.

Saturday, October 14, 1876.1
Mr. Clay of Grafton visited the school.

Tuesday, October 17, 1876.1
Several unknown visitors.

Wednesday, October 18, 1876.1
Visitors – Miss McCambridge and Miss Brown – teachers in the city schools.

Thursday, October 19, 1876.1
Dr. Studley spent the forenoon in the school.

Friday, October 20, 1876.1
Mr. Russell and Miss Jones visited five graduates in their own schools.

Saturday, October 21, 1876.1
First class concluded their practicing in the city schools. Visitors – Misses Warren & Nichols.

Tuesday, October 24, 1876.1
Visitors, Prof. Busher –

Monday, October 30, 1876.1
Second class commenced practicing in the city schools.

Thursday, November 2, 1876.1
Mr. Marble and Mr. Fairbanks visited the school after recitations were over.

Friday, November 3, 1876.1
Mr. Walton visited the school, talked, in the time of speaking exercise, to the scholars of his experiences; in the afternoon, about teaching Arithmetic.
Saturday, November 4, 1876.1
Miss Tyler – teacher at Union Hill.
Mr. Russell absent most of the day – gone to N.H.

Tuesday, November 7, 1876.1
Stormy day – the first in a long time. Clock stopped in the Hall, Mr. Russell absent all day; Miss Foster, Miss Porter and Mr. Adams absent at the opening of school and Miss Porter all day. Miss Munger, teacher and Miss Munger, pupil at Farmington, Me. visited the school.

Saturday, November 11, 1876.1
Third class in Geog. finished the use of Houston’s Phys. Geog. and had a written examination.

Thursday, November 23, 1876.1
Mr. Hubbard not only visited us, but with Mr. Russell visited also, two of our graduates and one of our apprentices at work. Several other visitors present.

Friday, November 24, 1876.1
A large number of visitors – mostly unknown.
Teachers’ meeting after school. Decisions as to graduates or candidates for graduation.

Saturday, November 25, 1876.1
The last day of the second class’ first season of practice.
Vacation of a week begins for the school tonight.
Miss Jones absent – ill.

Tuesday, December 5, 1876.1
School reopened for the last half of the fifth term.
Wednesday, December 7, 1876.1

Judge Chapin brought the word that no public day would be required by the Board at the close of this term.

Friday, December 15, 1876.1

November money rec’d today.

Thursday, December 21, 1876.1

Miss Jones went home with sick headache.

Friday, December 22, 1876.1

Mr. Barton visited the school.

Mr. Hubbard called upon us.

Tuesday, December 26, 1876.1

Visitors – Mrs. Waite, Masters Morris Earle + E. Jones and two young men from the tech school.

Wednesday, December 27, 1876.1

Mr. Russell absent – at Teachers’ Convention, Springfield – Mr. Adams also, absent, at the Convention.

Thursday, December 28, 1876.1

Mr. Russell gave the schools a talk about what he saw, heard and felt at the Convention.

Friday, December 29, 1876.1
Day of examination of first class by Wor. School Board Com. – Mr. Marble, Prof. Thompson, Major Harlow, Father Conaty, Mr. Metcalf.

[end of 1876.1]