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This is the twenty ninth of March, it seems late to begin a journal for the year. But I shall jot down the facts as I recall them.

New Years day. I spent at home. The week before on xmas, sister Vell was married. New Year day was very quiet, spent most of the day reading "The House of Gables" or "The [[Cathedral?]] [[Romana?]]." I don't remember which. Vell and Willey came home from Mr. [[Brolbys?]]. After snowed very hard and the snow was almost a foot deep. As Rufus had decided to take me South for my health up to the ~~[[strikethrough]]nine[[/strikethrough]]~~seventeenth of January. I was very busy helping Rufus get his business straightened up and getting ready for my journey. The last Sunday I spent at home was very sad. Sister Mother and Lis came over and Eva [[?]] to spend the day. Sweet little William was there too and we had such a pleasant day. In the Evening Vell and Willey went up to Mr. [[Brolbys?]]. Mr. Post was to be there Saturday and Sunday but he was sick and could not come. Tuesday afternoon I left home. That was January seventeenth, although I made no fuss about it, it was the hardest thing of my life to leave home, for then I did not know when I would return. It was about half past three when we got to town. I did a little shopping and saw a few friends. The train did not come until almost five o'clock. Mr. Post was at the Depot so was Minnie[[?]]. Rufus went



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