

will determine. Lincoln's election has  
already caused a great amount of trouble  
and anxiety. Business of nearly  
all kinds is nearly defunct. Hundreds  
are thrown out of employment in the  
South and many many more at the  
North. Probably this winter will be  
a time that has no parallel in <sup>the</sup> history  
of our nation since the revolution.  
Prime famine and pestilence will stalk  
about in our once happy land.

All this trouble has been brought  
upon us by rabid abolitionists.

Would that they alone could bear the  
penalty of their evil doing.

Wednesday Oct. The weather is much colder to-day.  
A few flakes of snow fell this morn-  
ing. I think we shall have cold weather  
er now, but it can not affect us much  
in this warm cosy room. We must  
prize our comforts while we enjoy them.  
The cry of "hard times" is continually  
ringing in our ears, I almost tremble