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[Transcriber note: the following was written inside the front cover] Bishop Patrick said- It is distrust of God to be troubled about what is to come, impatience against God to be troubled about what is present, and anger at God to be troubled for what is past. Sabbath Eve 13th Nov 1898.

M. E. McMillans Journal for 1898

January 1898

New Years day, 1898.

“All hail, New Year! We bid thee come in peace

All hail, New Year! Thrice welcome to our waiting hearts; We bid thee come. Could men but know what thou— In days of anguish brought with toil and cares— For him, before thy final day departs, Wilt bring: the storms might gather on his brow. But better as it is, that none may know His future state. Thy coming lifts the soul— To higher hopes; and richer joys shall flow To him whose thoughts are centered on the goal. All hail.”

Another year has been numbered with the past. How quickly the years go by. It seems but a little while since the first day of 1897-but now the year has gone O how much it brought us; it seems on looking back more of joy than sorrow. In this we see how wonderfully God has blest us-He knows our needs- and always gives us what is best. Now the question comes. “What manner of persons should we be” since we have received so much from God— As we turn to a new page and write 1898 Let us put on the Armour and go forward in the strength of the Almighty arm to meet the duties of the New Year.

It snowed last night “The old year was laid to rest with a beautiful covering of white” The snow stops all business in a manner. Casey looking after the stock. Clayton and Jason putting the wool house in order. This afternoon Mr Mc at C— Uncle Joe went down with him. Mr Mc paying up church acct for 1897 & 1898. Also missionary money at J Coopers- This afternoon James T. McMillan and Wm R. McMillan called. Paul down at the tenant house with Mary & Mara Holton and Winnie & Harley. This Eve Clayton is nearly sick with cold. Jason at town on an errand—home in a short time. Robert McFarland was busy in the kitchen to day - he has been here since the 2nd of August last. On this New Years night I will write the names of all the children and their whereabouts. Fannie is at her home at Port Jervis N. Y. Fred is working on his railroad deal at Bussey Iowa -- Harlan is just getting over the measles - He has been [illegible] in his room at the Browns on W. High St - for the last two weeks. He has been with Carsma Co, Springfield O.- for over five years now. Homer graduated at the Cedarville College the 10 of last June and left for the Union Seminary, the 16th of September, in New York City. He is at Mr. McKenzies and Fannies spending his vacation with them. Clara left on the 8th of September for Monmouth College -- She did not come home at the holidays as we expected- Clayton & Jason are at the Selma School these times -- Paul at our School on the pike. Joseph P. Caldwell or Uncle Joe as we call him is still with us and has been here for all of ten years now. For once in our life we have come out of the old year into the new with out a single hand with us in the house - excepting the cook - and Casey Milton Walton who resides in the tenant house. Mr Mc and I around the camp to night - Clayton Jason and Paul retired early.

2nd January, Sabbath. Very cold day. Clayton nearly sick with cold - Jason and Paul at home with him. Robert in the kitchen as usual. Mr Mc and I at church - Mr Mortons text— “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” To day as we enter upon the duties, trials & struggles and disappointments of the new year let us resolve to

walk worthy of the Lord. To walk worthy we should be active and to abstain from all evil and to grow in grace. If we do not have the Spirit of love and charity and forbearance we are not walking worthy of the Lord. We should grow and do more — pray more and work more and read more and increase in liberty as the years go by. Let us resolve upon this first day of the New Year to be more in earnest in the Christian life - “That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Aunt Mary Murdock was at church to day - She came home from Cincinnati yesterday where she spent a week with Lizzie and Frank Reid. Cold and all as it was she came home with Mr Mc and from church. On account of the severe cold we did not have our Sabbath School at the School house this afternoon. We had our first meeting there the 23rd of May last and this is first time we failed to have the school. Mary & Nara Holton stopped in here instead of going to the School house - Aunt Mary went over the lesson with them. Jesus & John was the subject. This is the week of prayer they are having their first meeting to night - Jason took Aunt Mary down to the hall and came back home. We read the Birth chap of John and the church paper.

Monday, 3rd Jan. Moderated considerable The boys did not get ready in time for School and concluded to wait until tomorrow - Paul at our School. Clayton at C- at the shop with the sleigh and Uncle Joe came out with him. This afternoon Clayton and Jason at C- on an errand. Mr Mc at Charleston- Mr Insly [?] here this morning. This Eve Clayton at town in the sleigh was not gone long. Jason around the camp with his book - I sent the clothes to Mrs P-

4th Jan. Tues. Snow on the ground Clayton and Jason started back to Selma School this morning. They went in the sleigh. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe around. Casey at his feeding. Uncle Dan here this A. M. Robert in charge of the kitchen - This A. M. Mr Mc at McCarties and at Mrs. Marshals This P. M- Mr Mc and I attended the Annual Congregational meeting at the prayer meeting rooms. Mr J. S. Williamson answered Mr Greys report of his taking money out of the poor fund for Mrs Nesbit - After the meeting I went down with Aunt Mary I meet Miss Graff there. I also called to see Mr & Mrs Morton. This Eve Jason went to invite [illegible] here to help us butcher in the morning Clayton took Robert to town in the sleigh.

5th Jan. Wed. Moderated – A pleasant winter day. Clayton at Selma School Paul at our School. Jason at home. Mr Nye – Isaac Hoglin and Stookey and Casey here to dinner-- Mr Mc here awhile but did not remain for dinner. Robert in bed until noon I took care of the dinner my self - This afternoon Mr Mc at C — Our men here most of the P. M- they divided up the hogs in pieces They got along nice with the butchering to day. Uncle Joe here as usual. These are beautiful evenings we are having now.

6th Jan Thurs. The yearly day set apart by our church for fasting humiliation and prayer - but only kept by a very few - I always feel that we need the day - that our families need it - But how do we keep it - Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe and Stookey and Mr Nye in the lard today & sausage getting all in readiness. It has rained nearly all day. The Snow going off the roads very slippery. Mr Mc has a bad cold and stayed by the fire. Robert in charge of the kitchen -- Stookey's horse had sharp shoes and I drove it on account of the ice and went to church alone. [In margin: A colored young man here seeking employment] Mr Mortons text O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thy own iniquity[?]. We had but a small congregation to day. Mr Mc rec'd a letter from Harlan he went back to his soliciting in Springfield for Carson & Co Monday. A letter from Fred he is back & forth at Monmouth with Mrs B. and Clara- Mrs B is very much recovered. Casey at C— this P. M- with Alex Pughs trunk— This Eve Will Mc here and helped the boys & Uncle Joe grind the sausage. I rode

down as far as Holtons with Stookey and made a call there. Mr. Matthews brother in law here to see Mr Mc to day.

7" Jan Friday. Another beautiful day Wm Nye & Stookey and Uncle Joe at the lard. Robert and I put away the sausage. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our school. Mr Mc at Mr Sammie Smiths this A. M. on an errand. This afternoon Matthews brother in law. And J. M. McMillan and McCarty called to see Mr Mc Wm N- continued with us until the evening and Stookey until long after dark. Casey here this eve looking over accts. Uncle Dan called this A. M. Old George came this Eve.

8" Jan. Sat. Still moderating Stookey here and helped until all was complete— Finished. Robert finished his work at noon. This afternoon when I took Uncle Joe down he told us all good by and took his wardrobe and went with us to town – He has been with us since the 2" of August - but now he has gone. Uncle Joe and I drove down past the Massies Creek Cemetery to Holtons— to see the folks there. I did not reach home until near dark— We rec'd a letter from Clara this Eve - the first [at bottom of page: old George in the woodshed all day] since before Xmas. Mrs. Bailey has been very sick - and she has had but little time to write. This Eve Clayton and Casey at C- Mr Mc still on the sick list.

9" Jan. Sabbath. A dreary day - drizzling rain all day and raining this evening. Mr Mc in bed part of the day. Clayton & Paul and old George at home - Jason I at Sabbath School— & Church. I went down for Aunt Jane but she did come out. Prof McChesney preached to day. Text. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked". Every man either confesseth God or else denies Him. If we make a profession we ought to make it right because we influence those around us. Did you ever stop to think you are leading many lives in the community where you live? This walk begins at the cradle and ends in the ushering into eternity- In everything let us be resigned to the will of God. For he knows what is best. When some mysterious providence dashes our finest dream to the earth we often feel and wonder why it is so but let us be reconciled to Gods will for he knows what is best. Let us be in earnest in our walk for every day the resurrection morning is one day nearer.

10" Jan. Monday. Dark and dreary. The ground covered with water & slush. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School— Old George in the wood shed most of the day. Stookey here at his hog covers & here to dinner. Casey at his feeding. Mr Mc in bed most of the day. I have scarcely been able to keep up to day either. This Eve Mr. Sammie Smiths son called. Clayton went with some of the Selma boys a coon hunting. Jason took the clothes to Mrs. P- She opened a new acct at the beginning of this year – A colored man from Jessie Marshals called this Eve. Uncle Joe came out with Jason to night.

11" Jan Tuesday. Another dark dreary day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe around all day. Old George in the wood shed. Uncle Dan [?] here on a prolonged chat this A.M. This afternoon Casey at C- for lumber—Stookey finished his covers at noon- and went home after dinner. Miss Cassie Stewart called this afternoon. Toward Evening Mr. R. Tindal called to see Mr Mc Mr Mc ventured out with him to see the hogs. He stayed in bed until nearly noon - and for a change eat dinner with us. I have surely had a long day. This eve all at home.

12" January Wednesday. Rain last night and very dark and gloomy all day - part of the time almost dark. Jason at School alone today. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Casey busy all day They were trying to fix a fence this P. M. George in the wood shed and helping me- Clayton stayed out of School and drove a double team up to Charleston this A. M. and brought Mr. Snively down they reached here at noon. We had a nice dinner waiting them. Mr Mc up most of the day. This afternoon Mr. Snively put the meat

down in sugar cured brine. Clayton & Old George and I all gave what even little assistance we could. Clayton started back to Charleston with him after four. And he had a very disagreeable ride back – It rained – and blowed. Al Stormont called to see Mr Mc this afternoon. Well this is one busy day past and gone. Old Mr [illegible] buried to day. Wilbur Pancake died at Charleston about two weeks ago.

13" January. Thurs. Another dark dreary day. Mr Mc & Casey took the hogs to Mr Tindal to Selma to day. Only [blank space] I think. Uncle Dan & Edd Casey here to see Mr Mc. He has been up most of the day. Mr Fred Smith here nearly all day. He was here to dinner Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Stookey working on the tenant house until noon- he was here to dinner & spent quite a while on Georges wood saw. George took up the carpet in the front room up stairs and Stookey began the wardrobe. I have been busy all day— no let up. This Eve Clayton at C- on an errand for the family.

14" January. Friday. Dark and dreary. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School until noon. Aunt Mary Murdock rode up with Miss Wylie this morning and spent the day going back with her again this Eve. Uncle Dan here this morning. Stookey working on the ward robe in from room upstairs- and also on the back wardrobe. He was here to dinner. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Paul at C- Paul got his hair cut. All at home this Eve – Mr Mc up most of the day.

15" January Saturday. Another cloudy day. Stookey here until after dinner at his wardrobe. Uncle Joe busy all day. Casey busy. George cleaning the leaves of the yard. Clayton and Jason busy. Paul around. Mr Mc in bed part of the time. I have been busy all day. Mr Holton called this morning. She wrote a letter for me to Pike Co. to day. This Eve Casey took Uncle Joe down home and brought out letters from Fannie, Fred, Harlan & Homer - no letter from Clara for Fred wrote for her- he has been at Monmouth a good deal lately. We can scarcely realize it is thirty one years ago to night since we were married. All this afternoon and evening I have been traveling back to the old home and in fancy can see father and Mother again – When this anniversary day comes around I always go back there in memory. But where are Father & Mother tonight. They are gathered Home. Our friends all along the way—

"Are gathering homeward one by one,
And we follow that way;
Their labors are ended, their journey done,
And closed is their day.
They tread the streets of the city fair,
No scars from earth's conflicts fierce they fear,
Nor feel the pain of life's goading care,
In their unalloyed bliss."

16" Jan. Sabbath. Another dark day- but not so very cold. Clayton and Paul and I at church. Jason at home with Mr Mc Old George around. I went down and took Aunt Jane to church. Mr. Mortons text "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things," On the 23" of May last Lewis Floyd, the old painter as we called him, had us announce Sabbath School up at our School House & three O'clock was the hour—So he accordingly in company with Paul opened the house and rang the bell loud & long Several of us meet there—and at three O'clock the year through each Sabbath afternoon we never failed to have our meeting on a few occasions we numbered fifteen once or twice 20—but the average attendance was eleven or twelve. The first two days of this year we did not meet because the weather was so unforable [sic - unfavorable?]- This afternoon Charlie Nye opened

the house and made the fire & rang the bell—Clayton and Paul and I were there We had ten Scholars this afternoon I was glad to see the children so much in earnest. This Eve Clayton at the Young folks meeting. Jason and Paul and I had Bible reading and I heard Jason's questions. Father has been in bed all day.

17" January Monday. Stormy day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Stooky here & began work but finally concluded to stop & came back when Mr Mc was able to superintend. I put the kitchen in order and drove up to the School house for Paul and left him with Mr Mc while I went to town to see a woman and bring Uncle Joe out—the woman failed to appear—we met Charlie Helm and he agreed to come this evening— Uncle Joe came out with me. Charlie was not long after us when he called to tell us that he could not come until next week—He stayed for dinner and washed up the dishes and went back home — By the way old George stepped out this morning. Paul went to School this afternoon— Uncle Dan called and spent the forenoon with M. Mc. This Eve Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P— Mr Mc in bed until this afternoon. Casey helping Will Mc[illegible] with his hogs.

18" Jan. Tuesday. A bright day. The clouds all gone. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr. Sparrow & Uncle Dan here to see Mr Mc this A. M. Mrs Holton called. This P. M- Casey H- taking potatoes to Grays at [illegible]— Old George returned this morning and has been taking leaves off the yard. This Eve Clayton at C— Jason around the lamp reading. Mr Mc in bed until noon.

19" Jan. Wed. Mild and gloomy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Dan here this morning. Uncle Joe at Will Mc to dinner- he there helping them butcher. Old George at C— until noon He is cleaning the leave off the yard this P. M. Casey at C— this P. M. at the mill This Eve all at home.

20" Jan. Thurs. It began raining last night and poured down all the night long – everything overflowing this morning. The wind has been blowing a hericane [sic] all day. Old George in the wood shed all day. Uncle Joe and Casey around all day looking after things Mr. Davis & son from Jamestown here for the Fred Smith cow. Will Mc. called. Mr Mc in bed until noon & the boys around the lamp this eve.

21" Jan. Friday. Quite a gloomy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc in bed until nine O'clock this morning. Uncle Dan called. Casey & Uncle Joe busy. Old George in the wood shed. This morning a german by the name of Charlie Miller stopped with us for a lunch – He has worked in a restaurant and a bakery As we were needing help and he was needing work we concluded to give him a trial – It is two weeks to day since a Southern darky called and wanted work— we refused him— & repented of it afterwards so we concluded not to repeat the mistake and accept this man— He took a bath changed his apparel washed all the clothes he layed off – was ready for dinner nice & tidy - and began work directly after dinner. May he prove a blessing. Old Charlie Helm was to come Monday – he said if we could not wait for him we would have to get some one else- and this was just what we did "got some one else". This Eve Clayton at C- and Jason attended a meeting of the Salvation Army in the Opera House in Charleston — The house crowded to over flowing—

22 Jan. Sat. Gloomy day. Drizzling rain. Mr. Stooky called this A. M- Work rather at a stand still— Uncle Joe & Clayton Jason Paul & Old George and Casey Holton all on the program— Charlie Miller in the kitchen. He baked some lovely bread this morning. Mr. Mc. up near noon— This afternoon The wind began blowing that I gave up going to C— Jason went in my place and took Uncle Joe home. He brought

out a letter from Homer— he wrote to us as usual- then a letter to Paul and to Jason each – The wind blowing a hericane [sic] this eve—

23" Jan. Sabbath. Last night the wind blew high & strong all night for awhile it looked as though it was going to sweep everything before it. Three of the window panes broken. The effects of it are seen here & there all over the "plantation" this morning. It seemed so stormy that none of us were at church to day. Something very new in our history. To keep from taking cold Mr Mc stayed in bed all day. Charlie M- at the work. This afternoon Clayton and Jason and Paul and I read the 8" & 9" chap's of John – and heard a few questions. This afternoon Nora & Winnie H- opened the school house made a fire and rang the bell – Paul and I were there— that was the extent of our school— yet we tried to teach just the same as if there had been more there. This Eve around the lamp this seems a strange long day – We have had our Sabbath at home. Old George around the fire.

24" Jan. Monday. A calm after the storm. The sun shining brightly all day long. Uncle Dan called this morning. Mr Mc got up this morning for a nine Oclock breakfast. We employed Charlie Miller to work for us until the 1" of April—ten weeks from to day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Old George, by request, went away this morning He is no charity—he has money in the bank. I went to C— for the clothes and for Uncle Joe. Nora Holton went down with me. I called briefly at Aunt Janes & at Aunt Marys. The Farmers Institute meeting in C— to day & to night and tomorrow. Mrs Nettie S. Anderson called to see Mr Mc to get a horse to drive back and forth to Springfield—her Mother is sick. Father gave her old Fred for awhile to drive. This Eve Uncle Joe & Casey & Clayton & Jason at the Farmers Institute. By the way Robert McHarlen & Albert Janis were both in C— this morning— & Old Charlie Helm too—just think of it— see wanting work.

25" Jan. Tuesday. We were expecting another bright day—but instead it has poured down nearly all day long. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Charlie Miller in the kitchen. Mr Mc around the fire all day. Uncle Joe Casey looking after the work. Mr Mc expected to have gone with me to Aunt Marys to day to dinner & attend the Institute but the day was so disagreeable I went alone. Miss Graff took dinner with Aunt Mary & me. This afternoon Aunt Mary & I at the Opera house at the meeting— as usual it was packed. This Eve Jim Little came home with me— he was here to tea and with us to night. It is colder this Eve— Alex Pugh came this Eve.

26" Jan Wed. A pleasant winter day. Jim L- and Mr Mc around the fire. Will Mc here most of the A.M – Clayton and Jason at Selma School— Paul at our School. This afternoon Jim L— there (at Will Mc s) and stayed until after tea. Uncle Joe at C— this A. M. Alex Pugh at C— for his trunk. This afternoon he began repairing cistern pump. I must not forget that this is my birth day. 1844 from 1898 leaves how many years:

27" Jan Thurs. A bright day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Alex cleaning the cistern. Casey feeding. Charlie Miller in the kitchen. Mr Mc and I attended the College prayer meeting in the College Chapel this morning. Jim Little went down and stopped off at Orrs. The meeting quite interesting. Several ministers there and made addresses— Letters read from friends- the one that interested father and I the most was one read from our son Homer who is attending the Union Seminary in N. Y. the letter was certainly fine. After the meeting we went down to Aunt Marys to dinner. Miss Blair had helped her self to dinner before we came. Blanch Ervins was there too and took dinner with us. Her father and Mother went to Cincinnati yesterday Mr Mc stayed by the fire while Aunt Mary and I attended the Missionary Society. Aunt Mary was reelected Pres. of it to day again. After the

meeting we went to Stewarts store. After the meeting I called at Aunt Janes— Aunt Ellen is staying with her and Aunt Matt. Mr Mc and I home in time for supper. This Eve Clayton & Jason and Paul Tindal at Charleston at the Opera House to hear the Salvation Army.

28" January Friday A dreary day and windy Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around the fire. Casey at the feeding. Alex helping haul hay. Uncle Joe at mill this P.M. Uncle Dan called. Will Mc here this evening. I finished the ironing. Charlie Miller in the kitchen. Mrs. Holton called.

29" Jan. Saturday. Another gloomy day. All up at an early hour and busy most of the day. Mr Mc around the fire all day. This after noon Jason at Cedarville on an errand & at mill for Will McS. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe home and called at Downings Photo gallery. Alex and Casey busy all day. Clayton at Springfield this afternoon for Harlan. This is his first trip home since he had the measels [sic]. He had them the later part of Dec. they reached here

after nine Clayton called to see Mrs Stewart she is still sick. Mrs Fannie Shaw is there. Paul at Holtons this P.M. Charlie at work all day.

30" Jan. Sabb. Rather a pleasant winter day. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. I went down and brought Aunt Jane to church. Aunt Ellen L. staying with Aunt Matt. Mr Mc and Harlan at church. Paul at home with Charlie M. and Alex. Mr. Mortons text "Rise up, ye women that are at ease, hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech." Charlie had a nice dinner ready when we came home. Alex made the fire in the School house—and at three O'clock Paul and I were at the Sabbath School. We had 12 Scholars to day and a pleasant hour with them. This Eve Harlan read the tenth chapter of John with us. It has been snowing this Eve. Mr. John Kyle is dead. His funeral tomorrow. The Kyle brothers are passing away.

31" Jan. Monday. Quite a rough cold day. All up at an early hour —Clayton left a little after six with Harlan for Springfield – and returned at noon Jason went to Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Charlie M- in the kitchen. Casey feeding Alex around. This afternoon he went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out – Mr Mc around the fire all day. Uncle Dan & Stookey called. Blowing and snowing this Eve. Alex took the clothes to Mrs. P—

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1" Feb. Tuesday- Snowing a good deal to day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey taking care of the stock. Alex getting wood. Uncle Joe around all A.M. Mr. Daniel Taylor stopped with us to day for dinner – He stayed quite a little while after dinner and had a pleasant time with him. Uncle Joe at C— this afternoon came home with only one letter and that was from Homer to Clayton. I have been over hauling a drawer of "old letters" of Fannie written & rec'd from her numerous correspondants [sic] while in Monmouth College— Everything even our friends pass away. "Change seems written all around us" How sad we might be were it not that every day brings us nearer life everlasting. This Eve all at home. Paul is very sad to night that Uncle Joe forgot to get his marbels [sic]. Mr Mc up all day "at the fire"

2" Feb. Wed. Snow on the ground blowing & cold. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around the fire all day. Alex sawing wood. Casey taking care of the stock. 27 This afternoon Uncle Joe took me to the Congregational prayer meeting and called for me at its close. We called to speak to Mrs. Condon and came direct home. Only a few at the meeting— Subject "They that be wise shall shine

as the brightness of the firmament” Charlie in charge of the kitchen. This Eve all gathered around the fire. [illegible] Thompson called this A. M.

3 Feb. Thurs. Snow on the ground but not sleighing It is cold – two degrees below zero. Uncle Dan here this A.M. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I ironed to day. Charlie at the work. Alex getting wood & helping Casey. Mr Mc around the fire. Uncle Joe at C— this afternoon at the office— This Eve all at home.

4” Feb— Friday. A bright beautiful day! Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex hauling out manure [sic, manure]. Casey taking care of the stock. Charlie M— busy. I have been busy all day. Mr. Trusdale from C— & Uncle Dan here this afternoon. Uncle Joe at C— and brought out a supply of letters— which adds much to our happiness Mr Mc still around the fire. This Eve all at home.

5” Feb Sat. Rather a pleasant winter day. At an early hour Mr Mc. and Clayton and I left for Springfield. Claytons business to drive and to get an over coat— While Mr Mc and I went to see Mrs Stuart and were surprised to find her so low as what she was— We cannot but feel her time is short. She surely was glad to see us all – We met Mrs Fannie Sha[illegible] there. Sadie going right along with the work. Maggie & Charlie home to their dinners While they done everything for our happiness yet there was a sadness broadening over every one. Mr Mc and I there to dinner Clayton took dinner with Harlan at Adams Mr Mc called at Carsons Store to see Harlan- but I did not get to see him. We left Springfield at five & reached home after dark. Casey had taken Uncle Joe down home. Alex & Jason & Paul at the fire. Charlie in the kitchen.

6” Feb. Sabbath A nice day. Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. I drove down for Aunt Jane but she did not go to church but stayed with Aunt Matt. Mr. Mortons text “He which testifieth these things, saith surely I come quickly; Amen Even so come, Lord Jesus.” It was Jesus that said surely I come quickly and it was John that responded Amen, Even So come Lord Jesus. Sometimes amid the Sorrows and trials of life Jesus comes and speaks comfortably to us— and gives us a glimpse of the heavenly world and when we look at our burdens and sorrows we can truly say Even so Lord Jesus come quickly. The Subject of the text Is the Christians longings for Jesus. Who is it that longs for Jesus? The penitent sinner who feels the burden of sins long for Jesus to come to take them away and give salvation. When we feel the burden of sin pressing us down Jesus saith surely I come quickly. Often amid the sorrows and trials of life we long for Jesus to come to bless and comfort us. Sometimes we long for Jesus to drive the disturbing element out— and bring the sunshine of his love and peace into our hearts and homes. When we meet with disappointments in the work and warfare of life we need Jesus to come to us quickly The dying Christian above all others long for the sympathy and support of Jesus to be washed from sin and be ready to enter through the gates into the city. “That beautiful city when where falleth no night.” “The beautiful city of God.” Alex & Charlie M- at home. This afternoon at three Oclock Jason & Paul and I at the Sabbath School. There were fourteen out to day. All in one class – we had some singing to day. And a pleasant hour. This Eve Clayton & Jason at the young folks meeting. I spent the evening writing Mr Mortons sermon to send to Mrs Stuart in the morning.

7” Feb. Monday. A beautiful day – Still a sprinkle of snow here and there. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around some to day looking after things Casey Wilton Holton off duty— Alex taking up his work. This morning I drove out to Uncle Silas’s and got an [illegible] book that Homer left there for [illegible] — I came to town & mailed it to Clara she is a member of L. B. Litary [sic, literary] Soc now in Monmouth College— & needed this book. I made a slight call at Aunt Marys and

Uncle Joe came out with me reaching here after twelve – I have been busy this afternoon – Uncle Joe went back to C— with the clothes for Mrs P— This Eve all at home.

8" Feb. Tuesday. A bright mild day. All of us up at an early hour. Mr Mc and Clayton left for Springfield. Jason at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Casey at the feeding to day. Alex & Uncle Joe fixing the cistern with cement. Charlie M— and I busy all morning near noon Nellie Murdock and Mrs. Condon came— we had dinner all ready for them. We had a pleasant visit. Mr Mc and Clayton came after dark – here to supper. Mrs. Stuart seemed a little brighter to day. Jason at C— at Stewarts Store this Eve. Thus another busy day has past and gone. Edd Cary called.

9" Feb. Wed. Almost like spring. Very mild drizzling rain now & then – Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey taking care of the stock. Uncle Joe and Alex working at the cistern this A.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Dan at C— and brought out Mr. Riley Stormont to dinner and spent the day with us. Everything past off very pleasantly. Uncle Dan took him home again this Eve. Mr. Nedd Stuart here to [illegible] for a calf. This Eve Jason & Will Mc at C—

10" Feb. Thurs. A bright mild day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Near noon Uncle Joe at C— home to dinner Mr Mc across at old Mr. Stretchers to see his sheep at McCartys. This afternoon Mr Mc at town to see Mr. George Harper— he was able to be in the Bank. He called to see Aunt Mary a little while. Casey feeding and helping Alex to husk corn. Charlie at his work in the kitchen. This Eve Clayton & Jason at Jennie Brottons at a lunch Social. Uncle Dan at Springfield to day.

11" Feb. Friday Mild & gloomy. A little shower this Eve. Charlie & I busy. I ironed— Uncle Joe around Alex husking. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon our german friends Mr. & Mrs. Boyd called and also Uncle Dan. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – It is dark and raining to night. All at home. Charlie busy to day as usual.

12" Feb. Sat. Gloomy to day again but not very cold. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at Springfield— were happy to find Mrs Stuart a little better. Mr Mc and Clayton took dinner up in town and completed the coat trade. I spent the day with Mrs. S— I met their Cousin from Bellefontain [sic, Bellefontaine] there, a lovely lady and Mrs Fannie S Shaw. Sadie was at home to day again. I met Dr [illegible] there – All seem a little more hopeful to day about Mrs. S— Theodore at his books. Maggie & Charlie both home to dinner. This afternoon Harlan called to see me at Mrs. Stuarts he went up this eve to Bellefontain to stay over tomorrow with Mr Gladstone. We reached home at seven. Jason was at C— this A. M. – with wood & C for Aunt Jane. This Eve he took Uncle Joe home. Alex husking to day. Paul at Holtons this P.M. Charlie Miller taking care of the kitchen dept.

13" Feb Sabbath. A gloomy forenoon- but the sun shining this P.M. Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc & I at church – he went after Aunt Jane and I got the benefit of the Sabbath School lesson Rev S. M. Ramsey taught the class to day. Rev Mr. Morton preached as usual— Text "My Soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." Charlie Miller had dinner ready when we came home. Alex around to day. At three Jason & Paul and I met the class at the School. We had thirteen there to day. We had a pleasant hour together— [illegible] McClain called and got [illegible] of day for his Mother to read. This Eve all at home. Clayton Jason & Paul and I read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath. This eve our cook Charlie Miller walked in & said he was going away & would call tomorrow for his money— such is life. That was all that was of it— he went.

14" Feb. Monday quite a nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Dan called. So also did our cook Charlie Miller called for his money— and said good by. I am in charge of the work to day. Alex husking – Casey feeding. Mr. Ansly [?] called this afternoon Mr Mc at C— took the clothes to Mrs. P— and Uncle Joe came home with him. Sue McCollem died very unexpectedly to most of her friends this morning. Mrs. Holton called this evening. All of us at home around lamp –

15" Feb Tues Quite a rough stormy day. It began snowing this Eve – Clayton & Jason had a rough ride down the pike from Selma they were there at School to day Paul at our School. Mr Mc around the fire on account of the weather. Alex getting wood part of the time to day. Casey feeding Uncle Joe around. This Eve Clayton took Uncle Joe down home He is to assist at the funeral tomorrow at the McCollems.

16" Feb. Wed. Quite a nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey feeding. Alex here alone. Mr Mc and made an early start to Sue McCollems funeral. We took dinner with Rev Mr. [illegible] at Aunt Belle & Uncle Ervins. Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell went with us after dinner to the funeral. Mr Morton assisted Mr. Rev Ramsey & Prof McChesney conducted the exercises – Her remains were layed to rest beside her father & Mother in the Old Massies Creek Cemetery. We reached home before dark. We waited and brought out Claytons over coat from the Express office—He and Jason & Co were at an entertainment at the Selma M. E. Church to night.

[Along margin] Walter called this morning & Clayton went with him to Cellars.

17" Feb. Thurs. Another nice day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around home all day. Alex husking. Casey feeding. Uncle Joe still absent— he is assisting Jim Harvey with Miss Cellars funeral to day. I have been busy all forenoon & this afternoon I attended the W. C. T. U. meeting at Aunt Bells. Miss Willard is sick. She was remembered in the prayers to day. I called at the McNeil sisters and had my black dress fitted when I came back we had supper and Mr Mc and I went down to Mr Ambrose [illegible]. "On A Fool in Politicks" The Opera house was crowded— Aunt Mary sat with us. Clayton and Jason and Paul and Alex at home.

18" Feb. Friday. A gloomy mild day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey feeding. Alex husking. Mr Mc around all A.M. I finished my work at noon and this afternoon Mr Mc and I went to Selma & Courtsville for a girl but did not succeed in finding one – This Eve Clayton and Jason invited with the Sabbath School class to Mr Phillips.

19" Feb. Sat. A mild gloomy day. Alex husking. Casey feeding. Clayton at C— this morning at the office a letter came from Homer. Mr MacKenzie is in N. Y. this week. Fannie & Donald and Malcolm are visiting at Pine Bush. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston. Mr MacKenzie stopping with Homer. This afternoon I have been very busy. Clayton & Jason at the office to night.

20" Feb. Sabb. A gloomy winter day. Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. He drove down after Aunt Jane but she did not come to church to day – She was staying with Aunt Matt. Mr. Mortons text "For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Alex at home to day— he made the fire for the Sabbath School. This afternoon Paul and I at the Sabbath Class at the School house we had seven there to day— but a pleasant hour— all were attentive. This Eve Clayton and Jason and Paul and I read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath – And we had a few questions.

21" Feb. Monday. Snowing to day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc over at Mr. Stretchers farm to see MrCarties— home again at noon. Alex tried to sow seed but the wind was contrary. This afternoon Alex by the fire he is not feeling well. Casey at his work. Uncle Dan called— Warner Hamilton also— And Mr. Denning Jr. They are having exercises at our school & the Selma School celebrating Washingtons birthday. Jason is to read a Biography of Washington Clayton is President of the Lit Society. Paul has a declamation to day On Washingtons "Cutting the Cherry Tree." This Eve Clayton took the clothes to Mrs. P— and brought the mail. Uncle Joe came out with him. A letter from Harlan saying he thought Mrs Stuarts time was short— I am feeling sad to night.

22" Feb. Tuesday— Snowed last night & still snowing this morning. Alex in bed to day. Uncle Joe around all day. This is Washingtons birthday. The Schools all closed and the children all at home. Miss Jennie Hamilton died in Monmouth. She was Fannies friend. This afternoon Mr Mc at Paxtons. This afternoon Uncle Joe around home. Clayton at C— this A.M.— with wood for Aunt Jane and took dinner there. In the afternoon I made a hasty trip to C— Will Mc here this P.M— This Eve Clayton and Jason went to the [blank space] on the train to Xenia— A car load went from Cedarville and came back at ten Oclock—

23" Feb. Wednesday. A cloudy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. This A.M. Mr Mc left for Mr. John Gillows funeral or I mean Sale— he was there to dinner – and seemed to have a nice day. Uncle Joe at C— this P.M. Alex quite sick to day. I spent my afternoon writing to Uncle Dave & Aunt Jennie and Mr. & Mrs Adams. This Eve all at home.

24" Feb. Thurs. A gloomy day. Snowed last night & snowing a little to day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home all day. Alex able to be around the fire. Mr. Wm Nye and Will Mc called. This afternoon I attend the missionary Society. We rec'd a letter from Maggie Stuart saying her Mother had a change for the better. I spent a little while with Aunt Mary this Eve— Miss Willard died in New York city on Friday the [illegible]. Her remains were taken to Chicago — and will be laid in Rosehill Cemetery by her Mother. Clayton at Mary Ks to night in Selma.

25" Feb. Friday. A cold winter day – Snow on the ground. Jason at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Mr Mc and Clayton in vicinity of Clifton at Mr. Paxton's sale. Mr. Paxton expects to move to the Springs. Alex helping a little around the house. Uncle Joe at C— this afternoon – A letter came from Fannie She had a nice visit at Pine Bush— and so did Donald & Malcolm – Mr McKenzie spent the week with Homer in the Union Seminary in N.Y. City. A letter came from Fred also. He was at Bussy Iowa— expected to be in St. Louis & back to Monmouth Saturday night to be with Clara – Clara staying with Mrs Hugh Thompson while Fred is away— He said he expected to be back & stay with Clara over Sabbath. Mr Mc returned from the sale this evening sick— and went to bed in a short time.

26" Feb. Saturday. A beautiful bright day. Mr. Mc. in bed to day — we had our arrangements to go to Springfield to day but after an early dinner Clayton went expecting to bring Harlan down this eve— Jason at C— at the mill for feed home again at noon. Casey feeding Uncle Joe around all day. Alex feeling very badly most of the day. Will Mc called this morning— his sister Effie Townsley is quite sick this week. Paul at Holtons this afternoon. This Eve Casey took Uncle Joe down home. At eleven Clayton and Harlan arrived from Springfield— Mr Mc sitting up this evening and is feeling very much better.

27" Feb. Sabbath. Quite a gloomy day. It is getting colder. Harlan slept in the bed room down stairs. I moved to the boys room. Father & Alex both at home on the sick list. Clayton Jason and Paul at the Sabbath School & church. Harlan and I at church. Mr. Mortons text "I will seek that which was lost, and

bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgement." The subject of the text Is the church and what God does for it- The lost are those that have wandered away from God from home and from happiness and have no desire or disposition to return. A lost soul is the worst of all calamities. A lost soul none but God can find – and none but God can save. Only the lost know what it is to be lost. Only the dead and dying know what death is The promise to the lost is- I come to seek and to save that which is lost. This is our mission into this world— to seek and to save the lost. Those that are driven away he promises to bring back – Those that are broken with cares & perplexities and sins- they are not lost- but often times they are crushed and oppressed they have not wandered away or been driven away yet they are so often overwhelmed with care and financial troubles that they do not know which way to turn or what to do— yet God promises to bind these broken ones up and to heal them. He hears their cry & lifts their burdens by his wind & by his Spirit and by the gospel. This text is a message to every class of Sinners in the whole world. After preaching Harlan took Aunt Jane home- and he and Jason drove down to Uncle Joes for [illegible] for Mr Mc I came got dinner & attended to my work and Paul and I at the School house at three O'clock for Sabbath School. We only had seven Scholars to day. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting. Harlan with us around the fire to night. When Clayton returned from the young folks meeting— and from attending preaching at the U.P. church- he brought Uncle Joe out with him. He is thinking a little about taking Harlan back to Springfield in the morning. Mrs Dallas died this evening at five O'clock she is eighty years old— one of our good cousins.

28th Feb. Monday. Quite a gloomy day all up at an early hour. Uncle Joe left with Harlan for Springfield— he called at Mrs Stuarts— found her still improving a little. He took dinner with Harlan at Adams— and returned this afternoon. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr. Will Marshal and Mr. Stookey and Mr Ansly called. Mr Mc around the fire all day. This is the day we expected to go to the Farmers institute at Jamestown. Alex around home all day— he is feeling a little better this afternoon I took a hasty trip to town took the clothes to Mrs P— and had Ervin telephone over to Jamestown to Pidgeons to tell them we would not be over this evening. Clayton at C— this eve on an errand.

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1st March Tues. Another gloomy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Dan called this morning. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. Alex keeping house – Uncle Joe and I at Cedarville – Aunt Mary and I went out to the Dallas home. Met all the children there. Mrs Dallas' funeral at two O'clock tomorrow. While Uncle Joe was waiting for the mail I went to McCollums and got my glasses & we reached home in good time. All of us at home this evening. Snow on the ground.

2 March Wed. Snow still on the ground – Clayton & Jason went to Selma School in sleigh this morning and left their sleigh there and came back with Casey – father had him go, Paul at our School – This morning early Uncle Joe went to town to assist Jim Harvey Mc with the funeral. Alex keeping house this afternoon. Mr Mc and I at Mrs Dallas's funeral. Aunt Jane & Aunt Mary M- rode out with us from town. Mr Horton conducted the services – After the services were over they waited for Dan McMillan to come in on the four O'clock express from N. Y. It made it late getting to the Cemetery and home – only a few of the particular friends went – They laid her poor dead body away in great style – but after all she has to sleep beneath the clods & what does it all amount too – nothing but corruption & decay. This Eve

Clayton & Jason with their Co were at Mr Fred Tindals at a party – Uncle Joe reached home near dark. Paul was at Holtons when we came.

3" March Thurs. A bright day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex sowing seed. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around all day. Casey feeding – I have been going on with the work the best I could – This Eve all at home.

4" March. Friday. A nice day Clayton & Jason at Selma School. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia Paul at home at noon. Only School this A.M. as the Township schools met at the Opera house this P.M. to practice I took Paul down – He staid [sic] with Aunt Mary for tea – and she went with him to the Opera house. I came back home and went down for the exercises with Clayton – Jason and the Holton family there too – The Opera house packed Paul was in the Songs – Waldo made a little speech – There was a little mistake about my getting home – and Paul stayed all night with Aunt Mary I did not get home until late.

5" March Sat. Quite a bright day Mr Mc at C- this A.M. – and this P.M. again and brought Paul home. Uncle Joe went down with him. Jason not feeling well. Casey & Alex busy. I have been busy to day too. This Eve all at home.

6" March. Sabb. Almost like Spring – The roads very bad. Alex keeping house – he made the Sabbath School fire. Jason not feeling well and at home. Clayton & Paul at Sabbath School & church. I went down for Aunt Jane but she did not feel like coming out I was in Sabbath School only a short time. Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton's text "But none saith, Where is God my maker who giveth songs in the night." Often it is night with us a dark bitter night of adversity like a mighty leaden pack settles down upon us. We do not have any songs in the night – the trouble is we do not appeal to God that giveth songs in the night. God gives light in darkness – and comfort in affliction. God gives songs in the natural night – The night has its advantages – its grandeur & glory and suggest many suitable things for songs. While it is true it excludes from our view much of the glory of the day, yet it has its own peculiar beauty and loveliness. God gives songs in the moral and spiritual night. In the most impenetrable gloom there has always been some glimmering of light. The sweetest songs and the happiest experiences this world has ever known has been in the night. We had better set our darkest and bitterest experiences to music than to wailing or brooding over them to keep our lives bitter – for in doing so we will feel better and will help man more and honor God more. We all have our cares and sorrows bereavements our sleepless nights – It is night in our hearts – God gives us songs. The man of sorrows draws near and puts his everlasting arms around us and bears us up. We read the Bible with new eyes – we pray more – we get close to the Saviour – Often when we get three days journal away from prosperity we come to a water but we find it bitter God shows us a tree the leaves of which will sweeten the water and we drink with delight – This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and I were at the School house at the Sabbath School class – We only had seven scholars there – but tried to make the most of the hour. This evening all at home.

7" March. Monday. A bright day – very much like Spring. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Ansly called this morning – Casey feeding – Alex husking – this afternoon he & Alex at Jessie Townsleys with cattle. I took the clothes to Mrs P- and called at Aunt Mary. Uncle Joe and Jim Harvey at Xenia. I came home alone – We rec'd a letter from Clara. She is still going on with her work in Monmouth College – Fred is taking a two weeks trip to Chicago St Louis and Bussey Ia. Mrs Bailey still at the Springs for her health – Clara is stopping with Mrs Hugh Thompson while they are away. A letter

came from Harlan they are having hopes of Mrs Stuart recovery now – This Eve Clayton & Jason made a hasty trip to C-

8" March. Tues. Another Spring day Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex & Casey bringing in hay into the barn all day. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Uncle Joe sick and did not come out. This afternoon he was at Clifton at Smiths seeing his sheep – Uncle Silas and Walter called while he was gone. He reached home about dark. Clayton and Jason at the revival service at the M E. Church to night at Selma.

9" March. Wed. Another Spring day. Uncle Dan called this morning. Alex husking Casey feeding. Mr Mc around home all day – This afternoon I started to Clifton but finally landed at Edd Carys old farm to see a grass widow from the hills She is to come to us Monday. I came home past Clifton & Cedarville – did not get home until nearly dark. Clayton & Jason at Selma School to day and the M. E. revival to night again. Paul at our School and is writing a letter to Harlan this Eve.

10" March. Thurs. Another Spring day. The mud is fastly disappearing. Alex helping Casey bring in hay. Mr Mc at [Blank space] sale near Selma – I have been very busy all day – I finished ironing this P.M. This afternoon Walter & Jim L- called Near four I took a hasty trip to C- Mr Mc brought a hungry man from up the pike into supper. Clayton & Jason at Selma School to day and home this Eve – Paul at our School to day as usual. Uncle Joe on the sick list – I called to see him this Eve when in town.

11" March. [erasure] A mild day but began raining near noon – Our guest remained with us until this morning – He was here to breakfast & past on – Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Alex in the wood shed making nests. Mr Mc around all day. Stookey called this P.M. – I have had a busy day. Ben Irvin called. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Selma at the M. E. revival. I did not forget that this was Clara's birthday.

12" March. Saturday – It rained last night and damp to day. Mr Mc and I at Springfield to day to see Mrs Stuart – I took dinner there and Mr Mc with Harlan at Adams's. Mrs S- is improving very slowly. They have a nurse. Mrs Fannie Shaw is still with them. She wants to visit us next week. It rained hard this P.M. – Mr Mc and Sara went to Wrens this P.M. and got me a paper for the bed room. Harlan called at Mrs Stuarts to see me – When we reached home to night it was after eight. Jason kept house for me to day and Alex assisted. Clayton was at the office – he brought out a letter from Fred – he was at Bussey but expected to be back in Monmouth with Clara by the evening.

13" March Sabbath. The sun shining after the rain. Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church – he went down after Aunt Jane. Aunt Ellen Little staying with Aunt Matt. Mr Mortons text "Elisha prayed, and said Lord I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; & behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Alex kept house and made the fire for me in the school house. At three O'clock Paul and I were there we had eight there – This Eve Clayton & Jason at the young folks meeting.

14" March. Monday. A little cooler. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex husking. Casey feeding. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- & at Harvey Stormonts – Jason went with him & stopped at Dr Homans office & got tooth filled. This afternoon I went to the late Edd Casey's place for a girl Luella Davis Colored. She came with me and began work this evening. Clayton at Selma this evening at a private Entertainment. We did not forget that this was Harlan's birthday.

15" March Tuesday. A gloomy day – drizzling rain. Jason at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Clayton went with Walter Murdock to a sale at Jamestown. After an early dinner, Mr Mc went to Charleston – came home in time for supper – I went to C- this afternoon on an errand. I called to see Aunt Mary a little while. Uncle Joe came out with me. I forgot part of my errand and Uncle Joe & Jason went back for me. Alex & our new girl Luella took the paper off the bed room – and took up the carpet for me to day. Clayton took supper with Walter & Nellie & the Condon family this Eve.

16" March. Wed. A nice day. Clayton at School alone – Jason at Mr Kyles for Pidgeons and returned home too late to go. He turned his hand to good account and helped Alex put the paper on the bed room ceiling. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield – to bring Mrs Fannie [illegible] Shaw down to make us a little visit – they reached here after dark – I had supper awaiting them. This was the day of the Big horse sale in Springfield. Harlan went out with his father a little while this afternoon – Paul at our School to day. Luella and I very busy to day. Uncle Joe at town for us this afternoon on an errand. This Eve all at home.

17" March. Thursday. Another beautiful day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mrs Fannie Shaw and I at Cedarville at Aunt Marys to dinner. The McNeil sisters and Miss Blair there for dinner. After dinner I took Mrs Shaw to Massies Creek Cemetery – I stood beside Mothers grave to day. She wanted to see where the old church stood – and visit the old spring again – It is all of forty years since she was there before. When we came back to town we attended a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Nettie Harbison – Many sad hearts over the death of Frances E. Willard – After the meeting I took her to Mrs Mary Nesbits to call. Then we called for Aunt Jane and she went with us out to the late home of Mrs Dallas and met Mrs Mary Ramsey and Mrs Lizzie Steel and Aunt [illegible] there. We came back to town and Mrs Shaw and I took tea with Aunt Mary along with Miss Blair and Miss Graff – After tea we called at Mrs Mortons – then came home – Mr Mc in the parlor with her & Paul most of the evening while I spent awhile writing to Homer & to Clara and Fred. Uncle Joe & Alex around all day – Mr Mc here & there around all day. Luella kept house for me to day. [in margin]: Mr. D. Spenser calling here to see Mr Mc

18" March. Friday. Rain last night and dark and gloomy this morning. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc and I left with Mrs Fannie Shaw for Springfield this A.M. Uncle Dan was here awhile this morning – Mr Mc and I had quite a little time driving around in search of Park Ave – but were disappointed – came back to Mrs Stuarts to dinner – were sad to find her very much worse than at any time yet. We met Dr. Ottis there. The nurse goes home this Eve – the clouds are hanging heavy over the Stuart home these days. At three O'clock we bid them good by & getting fuller directions we drove at once to Park Ave and met Mrs [Blank space] We are thinking about having her come to live with us by & by. We came home reaching here at seven Uncle Joe & Jason had taken our tickets and gone to Miss Graffs & Miss Beagels Literary & Musical entertainment at the hall or Opera House. Uncle Joe & Alex & Casey around to day – Luella keeping house. [in margin]: H. H. Stormont called this morning.

19" March Sat. warm & gloomy I am feeling very tired this morning. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Clayton and Jason around home all day -- & Paul. Alex resumed papering the bed room this morning. This afternoon Mr Dave Spenser & Son called. I took Uncle Joe down home – It came up a heavy shower & I stopped in at Uncle Joes until it was over. All at home this Eve. Jason out at H. H. Stormonts this P.M.

20" March. Sabb. A mild gloomy day. Clayton & Paul at Sabbath School and church. Jason at home Mr Mc at church – Alex around he opened the School house as usual – Luella at our work. At one O'clock

I met with the class at the School house – Jason there and Paul came as soon as they drove in from church – we only had seven to day. At three O'clock Mr Mc and Clayton and I attended the Memorial exercises of Miss Willard at the Opera House – Aunt Mary Chairman of the meeting – A beautiful program very beautiful All of the ministers of the town present – Rev Boyd a U. P. from a distance and an old side student from the Seminary gave us nice addresses. Miss Willard is dead – and yet in another sense she can not die but is more alive to day than ever. The opera house well filled. Clayton staid for the young folks meeting at the prayer meeting rooms. This Eve Jason & Paul and Luella and I had our Bible reading Mr Mc asked the questions.

21" March Monday. It rained last night again. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Ansley here this P.M. His dog killed two or three of our sheep when passing. Alex papering the bed room – This afternoon I called at James Hendersons their daughter is sick. I went to Cedarville to the office – A letter came from the Union Seminary N. Y. from Homer & one from Fred in Iowa – he will be at Albia[?] a few days longer. Uncle Joe is assisting Jim H- with Mr Canons funeral – he will be out tomorrow. Clayton at Selma at lecture.

22" March Tues Quite a damp gloomy day. A heavy rain this evening The waters are high – Alex finished papering the bed room – he did it well – Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey feeding Mr Mc around home all day. This Eve he went to the office a letter came from Margret S- Her mother continues the same not much hope of her recovery. A letter came from Mrs Margie B- from S- All at home this Eve. It is still raining. Mr C. Brewbaker of Pitchin came in with Mr Mc to day to dinner.

23" March. Wed. Still gloomy – heavy rain last night and still raining to day. The roads are water – the trains have stopped running to day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. The boys says that Mr Hugh Huntingtons are moving into the old Kitchen home to day. Alex in the wood shed most of the day. This Eve all at home Luella at the work. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. at mill and around. Maggie H. called.

24" March Thurs. The sun has come out after a week of gloom & clouds. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Danl Taylor of Jamestown chatted with Mr Mc awhile when passing. Old Mr Syphers buried in Jamestown yesterday. His son here from Indianapolis. Uncle Dan here this morning. Mr Chas Stookey and John & Clarence McMillan here and took dinner with us. Alex putting in a full day in the cellar – Luella ironing this P.M. Uncle Joe at C- on errands and at the office. This Eve Clayton at [Blank space]

25" March. Friday. Bright sunshine to day. Clayton and Jason at Cedarville – at Aunt Marys on an errand – Casey & Alex at work in the lower fields. After an early dinner Mr Mc & Clayton and Jason and I at church. Paul at School Luella keeping house – Rev S. M. Ramsey preached – text – "Lord what will thou have me to do . Our obedience does not dictate to God what is to do. God does not reveal to us our work very far ahead. He only asks us to do present duty. Uncle Joe did not come out to night. When we drove up I went up to Michaels Scotts old place and called on Mrs McCory – they have eight children – Poor and ignorant – she promised to send her children to Sabbath School. I then called at Clines on the rail road – I found a nice family there – they too promised to come to Sabbath School This evening all at home.

26" March. Sat. A gloomy day. This morning Jason walked to town with Charles and Eddie Nye to the office – Clayton drove down and brought them back. After an early dinner Clayton left for Springfield to bring Harlan out – There was a card in the office this eve saying he would be ready to start at noon – but we were too late getting it for that. Mr Mc and Jason and Paul and I at church at two this P.M. Prof McChesney preached this text – “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.” The only way for us to over come the tempter is by the word of God and by clinging close to Jesus. After preaching we called at Aunt Marys – we took Aunt Jane down home – Mr Pollocks little grand child from Colorado was buried to day in the Xenia Cemetery. Harlan came. All at home this Eve.

27" March. Sabb. Heavy rain last night – and a damp gloomy day. Alex & Luella keeping house. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason & Paul and Harlan & I tried to get to the ten Oclock prayer meeting. Harlan and Paul and I were there. Rev S. M. Ramsey preached this A.M. Text “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” This afternoon we had our communion services. Will Torrence and wife and Lide Torrence came home with us from church to dinner. Luella had it waiting for us – About the time we were through with it Paul and I excused our selves and went up to the class at the School house. We had nine Scholars to day. This Eve we all went back to church – Alex & Luella at home again. We took our company back wiht us. Will & wife went to Will Conleys to night and Lide stopped of with Sallie & Dave & Jim A. Prof McChesney preached his text “He lingered” The subject was Lot leaving Sodom. Harlan with us to night.

28" March. Monday. A gloomy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc and [I] at our church at the closing services of our Communion. Rev Ramsey preached. Be not weary in well doing for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.” After preaching we took dinner with Aunt Mary along with Silas and Mollie and Miss Clair. After dinner Mr Mc went back home and [I] stayed in town and attended a meeting of the W.C.T.U. at our church – especially for the women. We had a talk from Miss Marie Bresher [?] from Chicago – I took supper at Aunt Marys along with Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie & Miss Blair and Miss Graff – and attended the regular address given by Miss Bresher [?] at our church. She made a fine impression and made a fine address. Subject chiefly W.C.T.U. work – womens right to vote. Mr Mc and Paul and Mary & Nora Holton and Jason were there. George Marshall rode down with Jason and was at the meeting. This morning I wrote Jason was at Selma School – no he was not he took Harlan up to Springfield – he took dinner at Adams with Harlan and called to see Mrs Stuart Mrs Fannie Shaw is still there – and Mrs Stuart still a sick woman – he got home about half past four – Uncle Joe came out this P.M. -- he & Clayton & Alex and Luella here as usual.

29" March. Tues. Sun shining to day. Mr Mc drove over to Jamestown to see Mr R. Syphers – but he was in Xenia and he missed seeing him. Alex & Casey hauling straw – Uncle Joe around. Clayton at Selma alone. Jason “sick” Paul at School. Mr Mc reached home at two Oclock. This P.M. I drove with him to the old Galbreath house to see a Mrs Leach – but to no purpose. Mr Mc down the creek on Dave Mc land looking for 9 sheep – Luella busy to day. Claud Phillips here this Eve. All at home.

30" March. Wed. Much colder this morning – quite a winter day Snowing this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex & Casey busy all day – hauling up [illegible] feeding. Stookey here and [illegible] enclosing the little room off corner of the porch up stairs. He was here to dinner Luella going on with her work. Clayton at C- this evening After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Jamestown to see Mr R. K. Syphers. He found him there – had a nice chatt and was home again near

dark. Uncle Dan here this afternoon – This Eve Clayton at C- on an errand – Luella busy. I have been busy too.

31" March Thurs. Quite a change in the weather. The sun shining. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home. Casey & Alex busy. Chars Stookey here at his carpenter work. Luella in charge of the home – and the kitchen dept – I left at an early hour for the County W.C.T.U. meeting at Jamestown – Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary went with me. I called to see Mr R. K. Syphers to day. Mrs Margret Pidgeon at the Convention and she took Aunt Mary & Bell & me home with her to dinner. Mr Henery from near Rusville there. Caroline & Mary at home. Charlie is in a store – he was home to dinner. We had quite a nice meeting. Mrs Judy is Pres of the County & led the convention. Mrs Clark the state President from Columbus was there too. And our ex pres Mrs Monroe of Xenia was there we surely had a grand meeting.

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1" April. Friday. Rather a pleasant day, but by no means warm. Stookey here and finished up his work after dinner. Alex cleaning the yard. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our school. Casey busy. Uncle Joe around. I went on a hasty trip to C– on an errand this morning. The men began the fence along the ditch in the lower meadow. Mr Mc at C– on an errand too. Luella and I busy. A traveling man here to supper and with us tonight. His name [Blank space] he was in the rebel army.

2" April Sat. Rather a winter day. Clayton at Seth Smith's for Rhubarb roots. Alex cutting out roots along the branch in the lower pasture. Casey at the work. Uncle Joe around – Luella in the Kitchen. Paul around Mr Mc and I left at an early hour for Springfield. We found Mrs S– looking very much better. Mrs. Fannie Shaw still there she goes home next week. Harlan busy – Mr Mc took dinner with him at Adams – I took dinner at Mrs. Stuarts. This afternoon I got a cloth jacket at Wrens. Harlan called to see me at Mrs Stuarts – Clayton took Uncle Joe home and brought Jim Little back with him – Jim is with us to night. Clayton forgot the mail and we had him go back after it, late and all as it was.

3" April Sabb. A gloomy day but moderated. Alex & Luella keeping house. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath school & church. Jim L. rode down with us and was at church. Uncle Dan came down and rode with Mr Mc to church. Mr. Morton & wife are away on a two weeks visit in Tenn[?]. Rev. Gillespie of the Xenia Sem. preached for us to day. The subject - Why am I a Christian? Jim L. came back with us from church. This eve he went back to Orrs when Clayton & Jason went to the young folks meeting. This afternoon at three Jason and Paul were with me at the class in the School house. There were thirteen there – Luella at Holtons this evening.

4" April Monday. A gloomy day Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex setting out the Seth Smith Rhubarb. Russel Stanforth came this morning and began work – he has been out with Casey all morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Clifton to see Mrs. Lamonts woman but to no purpose – we came home past Cedarville. Mr Mc stopped there to vote – I was at Aunt Mary for tea. Miss Graff came in on the evening train. Miss Blair there. The women of C– are holding a sham election today - the W.C.T.U.s are. Mr Mc and I reached home about dark. Luella had the supper ready. Alex & Casey & Russell at the election this afternoon. Uncle Joe came out with them. Clayton & Charlie G – out at the old Miller home to see Albert Dallas who is quite sick -- Jason at town until they came back. Mr Mc and I by the fire when they came home. This would have been Florence's birthday if she had lived -- she

would have been twelve. A letter came from Homer – he went to Fannies in Port Jervis to spend his Easter vacation -- He will be there until next week.

5" April, Tuesday. A winter day – blowing & cold. Alex completed setting out the Rhubarb yesterday and is in the wood shed to day. Casey & Russell hauling pickets [?]. Clayton & Jason at Selma school. Paul at our school. Luella busy. Uncle Joe at C– this P.M. A letter came from Clara. Mrs. Bailey returned from taking treatment at some springs and from a visit in St. Louis last week. Fred was at Monmouth when she wrote. All at home this evening. It is still cold. We did not forget that this was Jason's birthday – he is sixteen.

6" April Wed. It is still cold. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our school. Casey and Russell feeding and hauling rails. Alex cleaning up the Orchard. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at the Congregational prayer meeting -- we also called at Aunt Marys after meeting. We were home in time for supper. All at home this evening.

7" April Thurs. Moderating considerable. Clayton and Jason at Selma school. Paul at our school. Uncle Joe around all day. Alex put the meat in sacks and was cleaning up the orchard Casey & Russel hauling rails all day. Mr Mc away all day at Matthew Wilson's sale. Luella busy. I have been putting my time in ironing . Mr Mc[?] at C– this afternoon. Casey here looking over accts. Mr Mc home in time for supper. This eve Clayton & Jason at a meeting at Selma at the M.E. Church. Mr. Joe Johnston called here to day. Uncle Joe at C– this P.M. Mr Mc came through there this evening.

8' April Friday. Sun shining today. Mr Mc and Jason at Mr Matthew Wilsons for sale sheep – did not get home until this P.M. Casey cleaning up the orchard. Casey & Russell hauling rails all day. Mr. Will Mitchel called this A.M. This afternoon Mrs Mary Townsley wife of the late Newton Towsley died. This Eve Russell & Clayton at C– The rest of us at home. Luella and I both busy all day.

9" April. Sat. Blowing a good deal & quite cloudy. Casey sick today & off duty. Russel & Clayton making a full team Uncle Joe and Jason & Paul around. Mr. Will Mitchel here again [illegible] up a [illegible]. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe home and made a brief call in the city. I met Mrs Anne [?] Morton at Aunt Marys. This Eve Mrs McLain came over in great trouble. Her husband came home drunk and tried to kill her -- Clayton & Russel took her to Solon – They did not get started until nine. Directly after dinner Mr Mc went by way of [Joe Carrs & took Luella along and left her there to stay with them until Monday. Mr Mc went on to Springfield but is not home yet. We are expecting Harlan to come back with him. What a busy day we have had. Clayton was so very tired I was sorry to see him go – it will be late when they get back. Mr Mc is home and Harlan came with him.

10" April. Sabb. A nice day, but cloudy. Clayton & Jason and Paul at Sabbath school & church. Mr Mc and Harlan and I at church. H. Carrole White preached - he is just from the seminary. Alex keeping house – he made the fire in the school house as usual. Paul and I at the class there. Had nine only -- but they were interested and behaved nicely. The boys at home this evening. Mr Whites text: "Give glory to the Lord your God." Harlan was with us tonight. He is here so seldomly these times -- we so much enjoy having him here.

11" April. Monday. Very much like Spring. Clayton took Harlan back to Springfield early this morning – he came home past the late Edd Cary home and brought Luella back -- they reached here after one. I have had a busy day. We had four sheep shearers here from the vicinity of Doley Varden [?]. Jason home

helping them. Near noon Mr Mc at C- and brought Uncle Joe out. Casey and Russ hauling in hay. Alex around helping. Our sheep shearers here for supper again. Luella at the work. Meeting at the schoolhouse to elect two new directors – Mr Mc is still in. They are going back to the old way now – having three directors in each district to attend to the business. I attended the meeting for the first time and cast the first ticket ever cast by a woman in this school district. I hope & pray the day is not far distant when they can vote on every question from the highest to the lowest. This eve Clayton & Jason took the clothes to Mrs. P- and expected to visit Elbert Dallas. Jim Little came out with Uncle Dan this evening and is here tonight. Paul was at school today. This was his birthday – he is eight. “Happy hours of Childhood.” I must state here that Mr. John Kyle and Mrs Charlie Barber were elected to the office of school director last evening. This is the first time a woman has ever been granted this right in our district – How long we have all been asleep – it is now high time for the people to awake out of sleep on this subject.

12” April. Tuesday. A nice Spring day. Two of our shearers back to day to finish out the sheep. Clayton at school alone. I am sorry to know that Jason is at home. O if Abraham Lincoln could have had his opportunities for an education how happy he would have been. Uncle Joe around. Casey & Russel still hauling. Alex Pugh began plowing to day for the first in the field next the house. Paul at school. Mr Mc around home all day. Luella busy. I began cleaning wardrobes to be ready for house cleaning proper[?]. Jim L. took a trip to C- after dinner and brought out a fishing line and went a fishing. He also brought a letter from Homer – he was having a nice time with Mr. McKenzie and Fannie and the children at Port Jervis. He goes back to the Union Seminary at N.Y. to day. Our shearers finished after three – This Eve Jim L. and I at town a little while. The rest of the folks at home this Eve. Mrs McClain called.

13” April Wednesday. Clayton at Selma School. Jason at home. Alex plowing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Paul at our school. I cleaned the press in the front room up stairs to day. This afternoon rain. Jim L. around the fire. Casey & Russ busy. Luella at the work. After supper Jason and Russ at the office – Clayton & Co at Attkisons at a party. Mr. John Moorman called.

14” April Thursday. Damp this A.M. Alex in the wood shed. Casey & Russ around. This afternoon Alex at his plowing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Luella at the work. Clayton and Jason at school at Selma. Paul at our school. Uncle Dan & Will Mc called and chatted with Jim L- & the rest of us this A.M. I have been sewing and looking after the chickens. We have several little ones. This eve Jim L- and I at C- at the office.

15” April Friday. A nice day. Alex and Casey plowing all day long. Uncle Joe and Russ busy. Jim L- left us this morning – he went back to town. He says this is his birthday he is 39 years old. Alex and Casey plowing. Russ rearing the team. Father and Uncle Joe around all A. M. Clayton and Jason at Selma school. Paul at our school. After an early dinner Mr Mc at Charleston – he spent a little while chatting to Mr. [illegible] and did not get back until after dark – Clayton & Jason at a show at the Clifton Opera house to night. Luella and I ironed today. I cleaned the sitting room cupboard in part to day.

16” April. Sat – Very much like Spring we have fifty little chickens. Casey & Alex sowing seed this morning – They resumed[?] plowing at ten o’clock. Clayton & Russel hauling hay. Jason in the sheep pen. Mr Mc at the old Stretch place to see the McCarty sheep. This afternoon Mrs Holton & Luella took Uncle Joe home for a little outting. This Eve all at home. We rec’d a letter from Clara She is going on with her work in Monmouth College. We rec’d a letter from Fred he is in Iowa & here & there we rec’d a letter from Fannie in Port Jervis She’s planning to come early in the summer. How happy we will be. The

Xenia paper announced the death of Mrs John Kyle. She was only sick for a week. Her funeral on Monday.

17" April Sabbath. A nice day. The boys and I at Sabbath School & church. We took Luella with us and she stopped at Mrs Priggs and went to church with her. I went down and brought Aunt Jane to church. Mr. Mc at church. Rev Carole White preached text "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and looze [sic] his own Soul." Luella came home with us -- At three O'clock, Jason and Paul and I were at the school house -- Mrs Thompson with us today. We had eleven scholars. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting today. Alex kept house and made a fire in the school house, as usual. Russ at the U. P. Church to day -- and around this morning & evening as usual. We had eleven scholars out this P.M. Mrs Thompson there for the first.

18" April Monday. A nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey & Alex finished the field by the house. Luella busy. Russ out with his team. Mr Mc around all day. Luella at her work. Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan this A.M. -- and this afternoon I went with him to town to attend to some things. I rec'd a letter from Homer which interested me very much. This Eve Clayton took Alex to C-- Will Mc here calling. Mrs John Kyle buried this afternoon. I called to see Nellie M-

19" April Tuesday A shower last night and damp this morning. Casey plowing his garden -- Alex in the wood shed. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Luella busy. Quite a blowing cold afternoon. Mr Mc and I at Clifton to see Mrs Croomley [?] and we called at Smiths and at Mrs Bridgemans brother in laws and at Mr. Baileys to see sheep -- we came home past C-- The soldiers passing through C-- today. We did not reach home until dark -- I am feeling tired. Luella had the supper over when we came.

20" April Wed. Another blowing morning. I went to see Maud Robbison this morning. She will come here next week. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Luella at the work. I brought the clothes home and we ironed today. Mr Mc looking after the sheep very closely. This afternoon he and Russ over at Matthew Wilsons. Russ bringing corn from there -- quite disagreeable rain and wind. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Mr Dennis Bryans at a party -- Uncle Joe and Alex reading war news.

21" April Thurs. Much pleasanter today than usual -- Mr Mc around home all A.M. This afternoon he called to see Mrs. Sammie Smith. Alex and Casey plowing. Russ and Uncle Joe busy with the team. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon I attended the W.C.T.U. at Rev. Maddox -- had a very interesting meeting Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell were there. Delegates appointed to attend the District W.C.T.U Convention in May 5 & 6. Luella cleaning the bedroom parlor & hall leaving it for me to put in order -- I attended to the work in the kitchen to day first -- & last.

22" April. Friday. Rain on last night. Damp this morning. Mr Bridgeman called to see Mr Mc last night. Paul got a new third reader and lost it as he came from school. Clayton at Selma School alone. Jason had the toothache. Paul is at school. Alex & Casey plowing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home. Luella cleaning the front bedroom upstairs & putting down the carpet there. I am taking care of the kitchen dept and the poultry. We have nearly a hundred little chickens. Russel at the mill to day. This Eve all at home.

23" April Saturday. A damp day. Alex & Casey plowing all A.M. The coal stove running upstairs. Luella cleaned Clara's room, the hall, and the boy's room all of her work yesterday & today waiting to be put in

order. Clayton and Russ hauling hay from -- [Blank space] Mr Mc and Jason around at McCartys till noon. This afternoon Alex off duty -- he took Uncle Joe down home in the rain and brought out the mail. This Eve Mr Mc took Luella over to the late Edd Corry residence – perhaps she will be back next week and perhaps not. Heavy rain this Eve.

24" April Sabbath. Damp today. Jason on the sick list with toothache he and Russ and Alex at home. Clayton and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. I went down after Aunt Jane. Mr. Morton preached to day after an absence of three weeks in Tenn. Text: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy work perfect before God. This afternoon, Jason still has the toothache. Paul and I at the Sabbath School – we had eight scholars. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting. We had our Bible reading at home.

25" April Monday. A nice day. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our school. Jason at C– this morning. At the new dentists [illegible] [Blank space] He stayed in C – until the clothes went down this eve he came back with Clayton. He took his meals at Aunt Marys. Miss Blair there and Miss Graff came in this evening. Uncle Joe came out near noon bringing Maud Robbison with him. She began work this afternoon. Stookey called to day, and here to dinner Sprinkling rain Casey & Alex sowing seed.

26" April. Tuesday. A pleasant day. Alex and Casey plowing Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Dan called this morning Russ at Wilson, Matthews, for corn. Maud busy all day. I had one of my stomach attacks and have been in bed all day mostly. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. and came home past McCastries [?] sheep. Jason at C– to get his tooth filled – Russ went along. Uncle Joe at the office this P.M. Clayton at Selma at some kind of an entertainment in their "City hall." I am feeling convalescent this Eve -- Mrs Holton here this P.M.

27" April, Wed. A very pleasant day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey & Alex plowing. Russ and Uncle Joe busy. Uncle Joe at C– this eve – Maud taking care of the house. Near noon or about ten Mr Mc and I left for Springfield to attend the Moodie [?] meetings for this P.M. & evening We made a brief call at Mrs Stuarts when we went in S– and again called to tell her good by. She is evidently nearing the other country. A great change since we last saw her -- At two o'clock Mrs Fanny Shaw went with us to the city hall where we saw the great Moody for the first time and were entertained. After the meeting we called to see Harlan and took supper with him at Adams. He spent what time he could with us. Their [sic] were 800 soldiers gathered up from Dayton & Charleston and Springfield on their farewell parade in Springfield – they have enlisted for the Cuban war – they will leave for Columbus in the morning. The town crowded. At eight Oclock we were at the meeting again – the hall packed we were too far back to be comfortable – we left long before he was through as it was hard to keep up to him. Harlan came with us to the stable and helped us off home we reached here at eleven – feeling we had an unusual day. A letter here from Mrs O.M. Randal telling me that her precious mother, and my dear friend had passed away Tuesday afternoon – A sweet rest for her – A rest in the arms of Jesus. She said her mother loved me very much and appreciated the letter I wrote to her. She rec'd it the evening before she died. How many friendships begin here to be completed in heaven. A letter here from Clara – the Williams revival is taking Monmouth – a wonderful awakening – may the fire keep spreading is my prayer.

28" April, Thurs. Rather pleasant. Alex and Casey plowing. Russ around. Uncle began planting a few things in the garden. Near noon Mr Mc left for Matthew Wilsons and around. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon I attended the missionary soc. I called around town &

waited for the mail. This Eve a colored man stopping here – Paul out fishing this eve. Russel and Jason went on an errand to Corrys.

29" April. Friday. A very pleasant day. Jason at Selma School alone. Clayton went with his father to Uncle Silas took dinner there. They brought the sheep from Bridgemans did not reach home until near evening. Our colored brother with us today. Mr Mc at the Bridgeman sale yesterday. This eve Clayton and Jason at C– on an errand. I have been sick to day again. Alex and Casey plowing. Russel busy. Our colored brother of last night Moses [Blank space] helped Uncle Joe put most of the garden in today. Mr. Stoddard when passing stopped to speak to me.

30" April. Sat. A nice day. Alex plowing Casey & Russel hauling corn from [Blank space] Moses planted the flower seed to day. Uncle Joe around home all day. Maud in charge of the house. Clayton and Jason up at the Independent School house at a picnic – the Selma School there. Mr Mc and I left near noon for Springfield to return cloak and also bonnett. I called in to see Mrs Stuart she has nearly finished her work. She will soon be gone – will scarcely live until morning. We called to see Harlan. We came home early – Clayton took Uncle Joe down home. Jim Little and Ada Creswell called. Walter M- was here this morning.

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1" May Sabbath. A beautiful day. Alex and Moses and Paul at home. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc rode down with them I went in the buggy and took Maud down to her home – and took Aunt Jane up to church – "In the name of our God we will set up our banners" was the text. At three O'clock Paul and I at the Sabbath School – we had nine scholars. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting – Maud came out with them.

2" May Monday A beautiful day. Alex & Casey plowing – Russ around with his team. Clayton at Selma School alone. Jason at home to shear sheep. Mr Mc around home all day. Maud in the kitchen this morning. I went to C– to do some errands and to bring Uncle Joe out. This afternoon I went to town again took the clothes to Mrs. P– and brought out the mail. Moses cleaning the yard – Paul at our School. Clayton at town on an errand this eve. Walter here and took the two horses away he & Uncle Silas purchased from us.

3" May. Tuesday. Once and awhile sprinkling rain a little. Alex and Casey plowing. Russ [illegible] the wagon cleaning up. Moses at something – Uncle Joe at C- and brought out lime. A letter from Homer he is at this work in the Union Seminary. A letter from Fred he is at his work at Bussey Iowa. Maud and I both busy. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe at town again this Eve I called at Mrs Holtons to day. This Eve all at home. We rec'd a letter from the old painter – he is at Columbus.

Wednesday 4" May. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Moses cleaning up the barn lot – Russel around with the team. Alex and Casey plowing. Melisa Robbison here visiting Maud to day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and every one busy. This afternoon I went down to the congregational prayer meeting It is cool and raining this evening. Clayton & Jason and Russ spending the evening at Billie Stanforths.

Thursday 5" May. Raining a little and disagreeable on a small scale. Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Raining most of the day. Alex & Casey H- and Russell and Uncle Joe around. Maud at her work.

At an early hour Clayton and I left for Springfield with the double team & the carriage we went by C— and Aunt Mary and Bell went with us. Clayton left us at the M. E. Central church of the District W. C. T. U. Clayton stopped in S— awhile with Harlan and came back home. While we stayed in Springfield Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell stopped with R.S. Thompson. I stayed with Mr & Mrs [illegible] Quite a number of delegates there – we took dinner at Mrs Illiffs [?] with quite a number of others. We attended the Convention in the afternoon and with a number of the delegates Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell and I took supper at Adams. We hoped to have met Harlan there but failed. After supper I called at Mrs Stuarts and to my astonishment found her reclining in the invalid chair – not dead as I supposed but still alive with a faint hope of recovery. I made but a brief call. I met Charlie on the street and had a short conversation with him. I went to the Central M.E. Church again and listened an address given by Miss Frances H. Ensign State Sec. of the W.C.T.U. of Madison Ohio. Subject “Queen Esther and Her Mission.” Harlan called at the church to see me. Aunt Mary and Aunt Belle went home with Mrs R. S. Thompson to spend the night and I went with Mrs Mitchel.

6” May Friday Quite a damp day – especially this afternoon and evening – I was quite nicely entertained at Mrs Mitchels I called at Dr Carrolls this morning and got medicine – Mrs Mitchel went back with me to the Convention. We had quite a nice meeting – quite a good audience. Blanch and Mary came in the A. M. and went with their Mother and Aunt Mary & me to Adam’s to dinner – Harlan was with us this time and eat at our table – We had quite a nice meeting this afternoon – more than usual interest. I met so many kind friends. The supper was brought to the church to us this eve at the close of the Convention. Thus closed the annual Convention of the twentieth District W.C.T.U. I came home with Aunt Mary & Aunt Bells crowd through the rain reaching C- at nine Oclock – I will stay with Aunt Mary to night. I have no report for the folks at home to day.

7” May Sat – Another damp day. Jason and Paul brought Uncle Joe down this morning and I came out with them. While I was away not much was accomplished on acct of the rain Moses whitewashed the kitchen & cellar – and tried to take care of the 100 head of little chickens for me which he did all right. Mr Mc around all day and was busy superintending while I was away. Alex in the wood shed part of the day. The rest trying to be busy. Moses cleaned the wool house, the garden and on the pike. Maud got along pretty well while I was away. This Eve Clayton took her home and Russ rode back with him. Thus another busy week is ended.

8” May Sabbath. A bright day. Alex and Moses home. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School. Mr Mc drove down for Aunt Jane. Mr Mortons text “So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul.” At three Oclock Paul and I at the class at the Sabbath School at the school house – only had six scholars. Clayton and Jason at the Young folks meeting Maud came out home with them. I called to see McCoys to see them about the Sabbath School.

9” May Monday. A beautiful day. Alex and Casey plowing. Moses began whitewashing on the pike this morning. Russ hauling out manuer [sic] Mr Mc was at the sheep beyond Clifton – at Smiths. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This P.M. Uncle Dan called – Etta also dropped in a few minutes I took the washing to Mrs. P— and took Miss Wylie home. I met Miss Graff and Miss Blair at Aunt Marys. I called to see Mr. Morton. I stopped and chatted a little while with Mr George Harper. I met Josse Orr – Jim Little left last Wednesday for Omaha. This Eve Clayton took Casey to C- Clayton met Uncle Joe and took him out to “Billies” their baby very sick. Jason & Russ up at Will Mcs to night.

10" May. Tuesday. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex & Casey plowing – Russ harrowing Moses whitewashing along the pike – All were driven in by a shower a little after four. Mr Mc around home all day. Mr John Moorman here to dinner. Maud busy. This Eve Jason and I took a hasty trip to C-. The Ohio Presbytery meeting in our church today. I took tea at Aunt Marys – at the second table – Miss Graff and Miss Blair both there.

11" May Wednesday Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around home all day. Alex and Casey getting ready to plant corn. Russ around. Maud not feeling well. It has had the appearance of rain all afternoon. After waiting quite a while Mand and I left for Selma. She called to see Dr. Davis. It came up quite a little storm & shower and we drove into Wards and stopped there awhile. We were in home in time to get supper – This Eve Moses & Russ and Jason out fishing a little while.

12" May Thursday. Heavy rain last night and still quite damp this morning. We rec'd a letter from the old painter – Lewis Floyd – the other day. He was holding forth in Columbus. We were glad to hear from him once more. Paul at our School to day. Clayton at Brysons and back to C- this P.M. Alex and Casey and Russ all busy at something after the rain. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Jason and Russel and I attended Will Stanforths little childs funeral out at J. [?]. McMillans late home. Rev Maddox conducted the exercises. Lizzie Blair rode with us out to the Cemetery North of town – When we came back to C- I called at Aunt Janes – Aunt Jennette was there – I also called at Walter & Nellie Murdocks to see their new daughter – She came to their home yesterday morning. This eve Mr Tindals son Robert called to see Mr Mc. This Eve all at home.

13" May Friday. A nice day. Alex and Casey putting in their time getting ready for planting. Russel around with Mr Mc Moses flying at the whitewashing on the pike. This makes his third day there. Mr Mc and Russel took the lambs to Selma for Mr Moorman this morning. I ironed all of the curtains this A.M. – This afternoon Mrs Mary Grindal called. This Eve Clayton and Jason and I attended the Class exercises of the graduating class of the Cedarville Schools. Maud busy to day. The Union Theological Seminary closed in N.Y. today. I do not know what Homer will be directed to do next – We are waiting to see.

14" May. Sat. This morning brought back the ever memorable 14" of May 1891 – Just seven years ago. I do not know why but some way this morning seemed a counterpart to that morning – and I have lived it all over again to day. Very vividly indeed – I am gifted in that way. After an early dinner to day Mr Mc and Jason left for Xenia – Jason got a new suit at Steinfields. Casey & Alex & Russel getting ready for planting. Jason was at C- this morning. Clayton around all day This Eve he went to Selma to get tickets for the Selma High School Commencement – Maul around all day. I have been busy all the day long. Paul and Charlie [illegible] or Eddie I mean were a fishing most of the day.

15" May Sabbath A beautiful day. Rain last night. Clayton and Alex and Moses at home. Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. Maud went down this morning. Mr Mc and I at church – I was at Sabbath School a very short time. Mr Morton assisting Rev Walters in Pittsburg with Communion to day. Rev Ramsey preached for us text "So shall we ever be with the Lord." Moses finished up the kitchen work – and Paul and I went to the School house to the Sabbath School class. We had twelve scholars a pleasant hour together. This eve a shower prevented the boys from attending the young folks meeting.

16" May, Monday. All up at an early hour. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Mr Mc busy all the day long. Alex & Casey getting ready for planting – It has been too wet to go to the field

this morning – they were cleaning up the orchard – I went down to C- and brought Maud out I have been busy all morning -- This afternoon Mary Holton went with me to C– Uncle Joe came out with us. He has been absent for over a week taking care of the sick at Billies. When I came home I went straight to bed one of my old bilious spells back in full force. Clayton and Russ made a brief trip to C- [illegible] from X- here to see Mr Mc. Mr Brown and son here.

17" May Tuesday. A bright day. Alex & Casey & Russ busy cultivating and planting – Moses whitewashing along the pike to day again. This afternoon he and Maud helping to put the house in order up stairs and down – I have been in bed all A.M. I crawled out this P.M. After dinner Mr Mc and Clayton left for Springfield Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe around looking after things – Mr Wilson "Bee brothers" here putting the hives in shape. A nice traveler stopped here for lunch, He will return the first of next month I think.

18" May Wednesday. A nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. This morning I went to town on a hasty trip. I was back home before dinner. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe around too. This Eve Clayton taking balance of the corn to Joe Johnston – Charlie Galbreath came home with him.

19" May Thurs. Alex & Casey & Russ putting in corn – Charlie G- here and went with Clayton & Jason to Selma School. Paul at our School. Moses Collier cleaned the sitting room to day. To day Mr Mc brought in Mr Sprague and two little boys to dinner. The work is overflowing. I attended the W.C.T.U. monthly meeting at Mrs. Lotts this afternoon. Subject: "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." I led the meeting. We had quite a little shower this P.M. Commencement of the Selma High School this evening. The meeting held in the M.E. Church. Charlie & Jason there – Clayton and Mary Ervin attended. Amid the bustle of activity all around us we did not forget that this was Fred's birth day – may he grow better & better as the years go by.

20" May. Friday. Appearance of rain but it kept off all day. Clayton at C- on an errand early this morning & took Charlie G- down home. He & Jason at the last day of Selma School to day. All of the favored opportunities past forever – the year gone. This was the last day of Miss Wylie's School also. Paul there as usual. Mr. Mc. and I went up at noon and attended their little picnic We had a nice dinner and a nice time. Several of the friends there. Moses cleaning the dining room. Maud at the work in the kitchen – Uncle Joe around. Alex & Casey & Russel finishing putting in the field by the house in corn. All at home to night.

21" May Sat. A nice day. Alex & Casey & Russel busy at the corn planting – Moses finished the dining room & the boys room up stairs – Jason around. Paul at home all day. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton at Spragues & Charlston. This Eve Russel took Uncle Joe &, our girl, Maud down home. We have surely had a busy day. Mr Mc at C- this AM on an errand – he called to see Aunt Jane.

22" May Sabbath. Very much like rain but we only had a light "sprinkle" Clayton and Jason at our Sabbath School and at the U. P. Church to hear Mr Hutchison [?] Mr Mc at the old side church – I staid [sic] at home to day. Alex & Moses & Russ around all day. Paul at home with me – and went with me to the Sabbath School at one O'clock – We had a nice class fourteen in all. It is just a year ago to day since Lewis Floyd rang the bell – and we opened the School for the first time. We have only missed two days at the beginning of the year and then because it was too cold for the children to come. At three O'clock I left Paul at home with Alex Moses and Russ and Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I attended the

Baccalaureate Sermon to the High School class delivered by Pres. Bahford of Delaware. The Opera House was packed. This text "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this" He said the wealth of this country is a problem that is to be solved and confronts the young people of the twentieth century. The liquor traffic is another problem that confronts us on every side and demands a solution speedily. Then he spoke grandly on the out look of the world – the nations of the earth and summed up with the question "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." Clayton and Jason remained for the young folks meeting and went to hear Mr Hutchison [?] at the U. P. Church. Maud came home with them.

23" May Monday. A beautiful day. Near noon I left for C- on an errand – I stopped by way of accommodation & took dinner with Aunt Mary. Miss Blair & the Mc Neil Sisters were there to dinner also. Uncle Joe came out home with me – A letter came from Homer telling us he had began work in Wannamaker's big store. We were thinking he would be home and feel a good bit sad that he is not coming but hope it is all for the best for him to remain away awhile longer. I am afraid he will find it a big undertaking to fill a place in that big store in N.Y. City day out and day in. Yesterday evening father at Clifton and came home past Cedarville. Clayton at Ella [?] Wildmans to night. Uncle Joe took the clothes down to C- he rode down with Will Mc – The men busy plowing the orchard & finishing planting corn. Jason at Din Collins's shearing sheep to day. Paul at Holtons part of the day. Every one busy.

24" May Tuesday. Another nice day. One of the coalts [sic] died this morning. Russel & Clayton hauling rails. Alex & Casey plowing in the Orchard. Moses whitewashing on the pike. Uncle Joe around – I washed the parlor curtains to day. Maud at the work. Uncle Joe at C. this P.M. Mr Wm Nye called this morning – Mannie N- called to day also. This Eve Clayton at Allie Wildmans Maud spending the night with Bessie Proster [?]

25" May Wed. All up at an early hour – We sat down to breakfast a few minutes after five. "Life is real life is earnest." Moses began the exercises of the day by hoeing in garden an hour or two. Alex and Casey & Russ and the boys all busy. Paul around as usual and so was Mr Mc. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. – A letter came from Fred saying our distinguished guest would be here on Friday morning train – Mr Wm Nye called this evening. Mr Mc around among the neighbors this afternoon – Clayton at Springfield to day with Harry Patchin – horse. This Eve Harlan stopped when returning from Pitchin – with us for supper – This A.M. Mr Mc went out to Uncle Bighams to see Aunt Jennette – he was there to dinner and came home past C- This Eve Clayton and Jason and Harlan and I at the Commencement of the Cedarville High School. Mary Ervin among the graduates. Tom Walker and Jason finished shearing the sheep a little after dinner. Mr Mc did not care to go to night.

26" May Thursday. Pleasant. The men busy planting pumpkin seed hauling rails. This afternoon Mr Mc at Warners, Gladstone & Selma and home – Moses helping me put the house in order. This P.M. Uncle Joe & Maud & Mrs Holton at C- What a busy day we have had. Harlan went back to S- this morning.

27" May. Friday. A lovely day. Casey, Alex & Russel and Uncle Joe & Moses and Jason all busy. Jason at C- this morning and brought Aunt Mary out – Mr Mc at C- at the eight Oclock train and met Miss Ina Law Robertson from Chicago – she stayed with us for dinner – Clayton and Paul at C- this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc and Aunt Mary and I took Miss Robertson with us to Xenia – we called to see Mr John Nesbit. We spent most of the afternoon in the parlor at the Florence Hotel – we took supper there together – Mr Mc and Aunt Mary and I came home – and Ms R- left on the eight Oclock train for

Chicago. It is moonlight and the ride was fine – on yesterday morning I called at Robert Carrs beyond Selma to see Rosey Davis late of Ross Co – she is to come to us to work next Tuesday.

28" May Sat. A shower to day. Alex & Russel & Casey setting posts and hauling rails – on Thursday Casey was at Charleston and brought the shingles down – for us and for Aunt Jane. Mr Mc around home all day. Moses helping to clean up around. This afternoon Jason took Uncle Joe home. This Eve Clayton took Maud and her wardrobe home – Another busy week has past & gone. Uncle Dan called this morning. How strangely our lives are passing – day after day.

29" May Sabbath. Day of the May meeting at Selma – the people passing in great numbers. Clayton and Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mc went down after Aunt Jane and took her home this evening or I mean after church. Mr. Morton & co home from the Synod that met in Philad.." His text But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God and all these thing shall be added unto you." We are to seek personal religion. Seek the salvation of others. Seek a home in the Kingdom of God. How can we do this? By being in earnest and by making it the great business of our life. At three O'clock Paul and I at the Sabbath School at the School house we had seven scholars. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting and at the U. P. Church. Alex & Moses around to day. Russel absent. This has been a beautiful day. Old Mrs Mary Nesbit very badly burned on Friday. Her suffering intense – her life is despaired of.

30" May Monday. A beautiful day. Casey & Alex replanting corn – Russ around in the wagon – he was at C- this afternoon with wood for Aunt Jane and to mill. Jason took our colored man Moses Collier to town this morning to clean house for Aunt Mary. Mr Mc at C- took supper with Aunt Jennette at Aunt Janes. He drove out to Mr Hopping to see his wool. Clayton at Charleston this P.M. May Hoglin here and helped me this afternoon to put things in order around the kitchen and cove. Mrs Mary Nesbit died near noon do day. Uncle Joe did not come out – by the way this was Decoration day.

31" May Tuesday. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan this A.M. Mr Mc drove up to Robert Carrs and brought down Rosey Davis – she began work this A.M. Alex and Casey and Russ & Clayton and Jason & Mr Mc busy. This P.M. Mr Mc at C- This Eve Clayton & Russ there on an errand. Paul called at Nyes.

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1" June. Wed. A beautiful day. Casey and Alex digging post holes – Russ harrowing. Uncle Joe around & Clayton & Jason & Paul. Rosey at the work. This morning Mr George Harper brought in his wool – Mr Mc and I attended Mrs Mary Nesbits funeral. The services held in our church – Mr Morton conducted the exercises – she was in her 85" year. After the funeral – Mr Mc stopped with Aunt Mary to dinner and Jason called for me and I came out home to get ready to go to Wilmington in the morning. Mr Mc at Xenia this afternoon. Every one busy. Paul fishing with Holtons most of the day. We have over 100 little chickens and over 20 little turkeys. Clayton at Pitchin at a commencement -- this evening he went by way of Kishners.

2" June Thurs. A beautiful day but very warm. Our men Casey C- & Alex and Russ setting posts. Clayton at C- this morning and went with Walter to Xenia this afternoon. Jason and Paul at home – Uncle Joe here all day looking after things. Rosey in charge of the home – turkeys and chickens. Mr Mc and I left at an early hour for Wilmington this morning. We found Aunt Mary E. not very well. We had a very

pleasant day with her – a fine dinner – and strawberries in abundance this evening for tea. The ride home especially fine – It was almost as clear as day. All had retired when we reached home. Miss Lulu Waddle and Will Rife married this evening.

Friday 3rd June. Another nice day but warm. Casey & Alex & Russ & Clayton putting up a fence between us and Henry Kyles and replanting and harrowing. Uncle Joe at C– at noon for the mail. This afternoon he and Alex working with potatoes. Mr Mc at Charleston this P.M. Rosey finished the ironing. Mr Mc home from Charleston in time for supper. This Eve all at home. I have been sick to day again. Clayton & Jason at Selma for potato planter.

4th June Sat. Another nice day. Russ & Casey & Alex planting potatoes & harrowing. Uncle Joe around Mr Lawn Stretcher called. Mr Mc around looking after things most of the day. Rev Robertson called to settle up for his posts. Moses Collier returned Aunt Marys this evening he has been there since Monday morning He cleaned her house from top to bottom. This Eve Casey & Moses took Uncle Joe down. Clayton up at John Townsleys. Mr Mc drove out after supper to see Mr Stookey.

5th June Sabbath A beautiful day. Clayton Jason & Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. I stayed at home to be ready to meet with the class at the school house at one O'clock – When Paul came he came up there too. There were only ten scholars there – Moses here and helped with the dinner. Rosey at the Sabbath School too. Alex around to day. This afternoon at half past three Mr Mc and Clayton Jason and Paul & I at our church. Dr. McKinney, Pres. of Cedarville College, preach the Baccalaureate sermon. His text: “King Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, and answered them after the advice of the young men.” The mind is power – the mind is my Kingdom and the ruling of it wisely is as much to each one of us as the ruling of a Kingdom. I did not take notes very closely. Quite a good audience. Dr. Irons from the Xenia Seminary there – After preaching Clayton & Jason remained for the young folks meeting It is quite warm and dusty this Eve.

6th June Monday A warm day – dry & dusty. Jason at C- and brought UncleJoe out this morning -- Harlan telephoned down last night to Uncle Joe to tell us to come up to day and bring Paul with us to see Mrs. Stuart as she is getting very near to other shore – at ten O'clock Mr MC and Paul and I there – We found her able to receive us but very low. As we came into Springfield we stopped at Carsons and saw Harlan. He had quite an interesting afternoon with Mrs Stuart – The way seems clear and she is waiting to go home. Mr Mc Paul and I there for tea. Mrs S- and the girls were very anxious I should stay with them for a few days – but things seemed so pressing at home – I had to come back. We did not get home until late – Casey & Alex & Russel and Uncle Joe & Clayton & Jason all busy at something. Rosey at the work all day. Mr. Heron the Irish student called to day.

7th June Tuesday. Another warm day. Clayton got up at two O'clock to start for the London stock sale – he went alone I got up and prepared him his breakfast – I then a few hours afterwards took Mr Mc to the 8 O'clock train to go to London – Mr Robt Tindal and others went up on the train ride also. I stopped to see McCoys as I came down also to see Ett Mc Uncle Joe set out 50 tomato plants. Casey & Russ plowing Alex covering the little bedroom of the porch and the wardrobe. Jason & Paul around home. Rosey busy. Mag Hoglin here and cleaned the porch & Rocks [?]. “Billie” here for the potato planter for “Jimmie.” This Eve Uncle Joe went down to assist Jimmie trim Mrs Wylie basket [?] – The funeral tomorrow. Clayton & Mr Mc sold Harry Patchin [note: a horse] to a livery man from Plain City Ohio. Mr Mc had quite a nice day – Earl Caldwell was in L- and took him and Walter Murdock with him to dinner

at the Presbyterian Eating house – Mr Mc also met Mr Kemp in London. They reached home a little after dark.

8 June Wednesday. A few drops of rain early this morning – We had quite a little shower this evening. Mr Mc busy here and there all day looking after things Clayton at C- this morning at the shop – Alex finished the roof this A.M. I have been busy most of the forenoon with the chickens. We have a hundred early chickens – and 125 of late ones and twenty seven turkeys. Alex getting posts prepared for yard fence. Casey & Russel plowing. Clayton at the shop again this P.M. and he has gone to Lawn [illegible] at Dr Elders to night through the rain. At two O'clock this P.M. Nora Holton and I attended Mrs Wylies funeral – Mr Morton conducted the exercises. I called at Aunt Marys as I past – She is having some of the College folks into tea – Rosey getting along nicely with the work.

9" June Thursday. A beautiful day but warm. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at the Cedarville Commencement of the College – James McMaster McQuilkin and Mr Elder of Clifton the two graduates. They both gave Orations. And a noted speaker from Cincinnati the [Blank space] upon whom the College gave the degree of DD – He also made the address to the class. After the meeting we all came home to dinner. Clayton and Jason came home past Orin Matthews on a horse trade. Jason went back to C- with a letter to the office for "Chicago" – and brought Uncle Joe out. This Eve he and Paul and Alex and Russel and Rosey D- at home. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at the Opera House at the College Contest – We did not get home until late.

10" June. Friday. Flower Mission day – by a little bad management I was not there. Clayton at C- as the Shop – he and Mr Mc left for Springfield after an early dinner. They took the Matthews horse up. Clayton & he brought Harlan's buggy home – Russel and Casey plowing. Alex putting up fence in the old meadow by the railroad – Uncle Joe busy. Jason over at the McCartys at the sheep most of the P.M. He and Paul around. Rosey busy. A heavy shower came up this evening about four O'clock – Will Mc called this evening. It is a year to day since Homer graduated. I do not forget that day.

11" June. Sat. Bright and pleasant this morning but a heavy shower this P.M. Alex at his fence. Casey & Russel plowing Uncle Joe around – Clayton and Jason also and Paul. Mr Mc brought Mr Hugh Huntington in with him to dinner. He is living now in the late Isaac Kitchen Residence near Selma. Rosey busy. It is two years today since Fred graduated. I do not forget that day either. Such days are very bright days in a Mothers life. A heavy shower this P.M. This Eve I took Uncle Joe down home and took tea with Aunt Mary and had her go over the Sabbath School lesson subject – "Christ Crucified." Casey & Russ at C- this evening. Aunt Bell getting Blanch & Mary ready to do to Cincinnati next week.

12" June. Sabbath. A pleasant day Alex & Rosey at home. Clayton, Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mc went down after Aunt Jane as usual. Mr Mortons text "I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mothers house, who would instruct me; I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate." After preaching I went to see Mrs Conley – she had a stroke of paralysis on yesterday – but was more comfortable to day. This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and Rosey and I were at the Sabbath School We had thirteen scholars. This afternoon after we came home we had our Bible reading & a few questions. This eve Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting and at the U. P. Church. Mr Mc and I at the U. P. church to hear Rev Pressley Thomas Mr Pollocks son in law. His text: Can a man be profitable unto God as he that is wise is wise unto himself. A man cannot be profitable unto God in selfishness. A man cannot be profitable unto God with wasted energy. A man cannot be profitable unto God when he only uses half of his capacity for God. God wants every past –

every power which a man possesses. A vision of faith is that which awakens a man and makes him profitable unto God. I want you to realize God wants you just where you are. The eyes of the world is upon you where you are, watching your every word & action. Paul stayed with Alex this evening and retired early.

13" June. Monday. Heavy rain this A.M. Jason at C—this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Casey and Jason cutting weeds and putting in full time. Alex at the yard fence all day—he began working on it for the first time this morning. Russel assisting him this afternoon. Uncle Joe at C—this P.M. at the mill -- he brought out several letters one from Harlan and one from Homer. Homer came to Springfield at six O'clock Saturday Evening. After the Union Seminary closed he began work in Wannamakers Store—He expected to go from there on Thursday morning to Elizabeth N.J.—but just as he was starting a change came, and his plans were suddenly changed—and he left for home. The letter came too late for anyone to go up after him this P.M. Rosey D- and I both very busy all day. Uncle Dan called this P.M. Clayton at Selma for corn. He brought a load both this afternoon and this forenoon. Mr Mc left for Xenia this A.M. He called to see Mr. Robt Little on business. Alex and Russ and Casey all busy. Jason and Uncle Joe and Paul at something. Rosey in charge of the kitchen.

14" June Tuesday. A nice day, but warm. Mr Mc left for Xenia this morning again. Clayton at Selma for a load of corn. Alex at the fence. Casey & Russel and Uncle Joe & Jason busy. Paul around—Rosey busy. This afternoon—Clayton and I went after Homer, to Springfield. I went to see Mrs. Stuart. Mrs. Fanny Shaw came Sabbath. I felt that this was my last call—her last good by. She is getting very near the other country. I will miss her in many ways—we will all miss her. Harlan took Homer, Clayton, and me with him to Adam's to supper – we certainly appreciated his kindness. The supper was nice. We had a pleasant ride home—did not reach here until dark. Father was home when we came. It is nice to have Homer with us again. He has been gone since the middle of September. It seems a long time.

15" June. Wed. Another nice day. Alex at his work on the yard fence. Casey H- & Russel plowing. Clayton took Paul with him to Selma this morning. This afternoon he went to C- on some errands. He brought out a cot for us from Jim H. McS furniture store. Homer rode down with some one when passing and came back with Clayton. A letter from Fannie says she will start home the last day of June, she thinks. Jason picked cherries this P.M. We put up fifteen quarts. A dispatch from Springfield tells us that Mrs. Stuart is dead. We know it is farewell now. Mr Mc at Charleston this afternoon—home near dark. Homer made but a short call in C—Uncle Dan here to see Homer this morning. This eve Homer went up there to see the folks. Clayton and Jason at Selma this eve.

16" June. Thursday. Another bright day. Alex at his fence around the yard. Clayton busy. Russ and Casey plowing. Uncle Joe at mill this P.M. Mr. Thomason's remains were taken up past here this morning. He was in an adjoining Co. buying cattle to drive to his farm in Madison County – He dropped dead yesterday. This morning Mrs. Carr called and took Rosey with her to the Wilberforce Commencement – Mr Mc and I attended Mrs. Raddosa(?) Kyle's funeral. Dr. Carson of Xenia conducted the exercises. After the services we came direct home. Near noon Homer and Jason left for Wilberforce Commencement. They took dinner with Aunt Mary Murdock and she and Fern went with them to it. This evening Homer came home had supper and went over to Y. Springs to see Prof, Miss, Graff—she is to go home in the morning. Clayton at home today and this evening he took his first ride to Selma and vicinity in the new buggy.

17" June. Friday. A beautiful day. We left Uncle Joe, Homer Clayton Jason & Paul & Alex, Casey & Russel all at home – and Rosey in charge of the home and Mr Mc and I went to C- And Mr. and Mrs. Morton went with us to Springfield to attend our dear friends, Mrs. Stuarts funeral – We reached there at ten O'clock. We all took dinner there along with Mr. Duncan and several others. The flowers were in abundance and very beautiful—the funeral was at two O'clock. Their Springfield friends filled the house. The services conducted by her pastor and Dr. Fourberton(?) and Dr. Morton. Harlan got a fine carriage with grays from the Livery Stable and drove Dr & Mrs Morton to the train – then came back – and took Father and me and Mrs. Stuarts niece from Bellefontaine to Urbana – a select few followed her remains there. It was near six when we reached the cemetery. Her remains were layed away to rest until the resurrection morning. Rev. Thompsons remarks very very impressive at the grave. The grounds are beautiful. We stopped along with Margret & Sara and Charlie and Theodore & Mrs. Fanny Shaw at Mr. Duncans in Urbana to supper. They entertained us fine. Our drive back to S—was delightful. The lady from Bellefontaine stopped at Urbana & Theodore rode back with us. We called at the old Stuart residence to tell the folks good by—and we got our own double team & left for home after ten O'clock – we reached here after one. While we had a sad day yet it was a pleasant day – spent with friends who seemed to appreciate us. It rained here quite hard this afternoon but it did not extend only 9 miles on the other side of Clifton.

18" June. Sat. Pleasant after the rain. Alex at the yard fence – Casey & Russ plowing Clayton & Jason around & Paul & Homer. Uncle Dan called this A.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Rosey busy – she finished her ironing. I am feeling how tired I am after the ride yesterday. This afternoon Homer left for Springfield on a visit. Casey took Uncle Joe down home. Mrs. Stuart died on Wednesday morning she was 66 years old. John Spark near to Jamestown dropped dead this week at his home. Harlan and Theodore Stuart left Homer in Springfield and came down in his conveyance and are with us to night – they did not get down until late. Now this week closes – a busy very busy week to all of us.

19" June. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Clayton & Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc & Harlan and Theodore S- at church – I did not feel well enough to go – Rosey & Alex and Russ up here. Luella Davis & Rosey brother here most of the day. We tried to treat them kindly and set them a good example. This afternoon Paul and I at Sabbath School – quite a number missing but we tried to make the most for those who were there. This Eve the boys all at home – Harlan & Theodore with us.

20" June. Monday. A beautiful day. Harlan & Theodore left at an early hour for Springfield. Homer was home from Springfield in time for dinner. Mr Mc at C- and brought Uncle Joe out this A.M. This afternoon he & Homer at Charlie Turnbuls home near the Springs and at Dave Spensers & at the Y. Springs and home – They were here for supper. This P.M. I took the clothes to Mrs P- and called at Aunt Bells and at Aunt Marys & took tea with her – and called to see Mrs Morton – This Eve all at home.

21" June. Tuesday. A shower this morning. The men were cutting weeds. Ale at the fence – he has completed the yard fence – he is building around the old barn lot I front. The men plowing this afternoon – Jason plowed & Russ came to me and was in my employ – he cleaned the meat house & wood house and yard partly. This P.M. Mr Mc & Homer in Xenia on business. This forenoon Rosey got a dispatch from her home in Ross Co. that the baby was dying and for her to come – Mr Keys brought it out. Uncle Joe took her to her Uncle Bob Carrs beyond Selma. This afternoon Margret Hoglin and Nora Holton here and took up the work – and helped me out. Uncle Joe at C- This Eve Jason took Paul and

Nora Holton & [illegible] and George Marshal to Ida Matthews to an ice cream supper – Clayton at Selma for corn.

22" June Wednesday. Another pleasant day – Jason & Casey plowing – Russ began whitewashing our new fence this morning – Mr Mc at C- this A.M. & home to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc & Homer at town Mr Mc went out to see Aunt Jennette & Uncle Bigham on a little business – he is to meet them in C- in the morning – he and Homer back home in time for supper. Alex continuing his new fence along the barn lot -- & the orchard. This evening Clayton drove out in his new buggy – Homer rode out in the old one. Nora Holton helped me to day. I have been very busy. Uncle Joe around as usual.

23 June Thurs. Quite a nice day. Much to my happiness Mag Hoglin came back & helped me along with the work. Nora H- here also all day. This morning Mr Mc and Homer in C- they met Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette and [illegible] Wood at Aunt Janes – they were home in time for dinner. Alex at his fence Russ is whitewashing – Casey & Jason plowing. Clayton hauling wood to Ervin this P.M. Mr Mc at Xenia alone to see Mr Robt Lytle. Homer at home. Uncle Joe and Paul around. This afternoon I attended the W.C.T.U. at Mrs. Shrodes[?] Aunt Mary around with me for awhile at the store. Maud Robbison came home with me to help until further notice. This Eve Homer and Clayton at the C. E. Social at the prayer meeting rooms. Jason at an ice cream social at Mr Grant Matthews – Mr Mc at Xenia this afternoon.

24" June. Friday. A nice day. Alex at the fence. Russ whitewashing. Casey & Jason plowing – Uncle Joe around Paul went with Fred to C- he is hauling wood to Uncle Ervins. Paul at C- with Clayton this A.M. Homer at C- at the office and brought out Lytles document and this afternoon he went to Springfield with said document – Maggie H- ironed for us this A.M. Homer took supper with Harlan at Adams's – and spent the evening with his friend in S-

25" June. Sat. Homer did not get home from Springfield until late last night. Alex at his fence. Russ whitewashing. Casey & Jason plowing Clayton hauling wood to Ervin. Near noon a heavy rain. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down – I expected to call to see Robt McFarland but learned he was located at Jasper – While waiting for the mail I took supper with Aunt Mary. Casey & Russ at C- this evening. Our boys at home.

26" June Sabbath. A nice day. This morning Jason & Paul and I at the exercises at the church. It was Review day. Several of the girls read papers – Aunt Mary read – And J. Alvie Orr Mr Mc and Homer at church – Mr Mc heard part of the exercises. Mr Scoot [?] – The Hindu from India preached for Mr Morton to day. His text "Let your light so shine that men seeing your good works will glorify your father which is in heaven." This afternoon at three O'clock our Sabbath School Some little trouble arose among the scholars and part went home leaving only four scholars. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Young folks meeting. Maud went down home this morning and came back with the boys this evening.

27" June Monday. A shower last night but pleasant to day. Homer at C- this morning & waited for the mail and brought Uncle Joe out. A letter from Fannie she and the boys will be here the last of the week. A letter from Fred Mrs Bailey & Clara will be here the last of the week also – Maud taking care of the kitchen dept – Mag H- here awhile this morning and an hour this afternoon – Homer at C- again on an errand this P.M. He called to see Mr Morton awhile. He was home for supper and this Eve he and Blanch were calling to see June Pollock. Alex completing the yard fence. Mr Mc around here and there all day. Rus whitewashing. Casey & Jason plowing – Russ whitewashing & putting the yard in order.

This Eve Russ & Clayton [hauling] rails – & what time they had left they were breaking a colt. Blanch did not go with Homer as she expected.

28" June Tuesday. A beautiful day. Alex making the front gate. This A.M. Russel & Clayton plowing. Casey & Jason firing up the mower – This afternoon Jason plowing and Russel whitewashing the barn. By the way, Mr Pollocks barn was burned down Saturday night. This afternoon Mr Mc at Springfield. Uncle Joe at mill. Clayton with Russ to C- this Eve. Homer at C- this P.M.—home in time for supper. Mr Mc did not get home until late. Maggie H- here this morning and scrubbed the [illegible]. Will Mc here this Eve.

29" June. Wed. Another clear warm day. Casey began cutting clover yesterday afternoon. Alex busy with his fences this A.M. – The men plowing and helping put up clover. Mr Earl [illegible] called this morning. This A.M. Mr Mc and Homer at Charleston – They met several of their friends. They were home to a one O'clock dinner. This A.M. Nora Holton here and ironed – I helped too. This P.M. & Eve Homer at C- for the mail. After supper he went back to Charleston to see Scarf – he has enlisted for the Cuban war – will go soon.

30" June. Thurs. Another bright warm day. Maggie H- here and churned. Nora H- here and finished her ironing. Rev Robertson and a man from Barbers place here helping with the clover – They were with our own crowd Mr Mc, Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason and Homer and Paul and Alex & Russel for dinner and supper. I have been on the sick list to day. This afternoon Homer at C- with one of the carriage wheels for [illegible] to repair. This Eve Clayton & Jason at C- at the Barber shop. Will Mc here on a chatt this evening.

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1 July Friday. Another bright warm day. Our Rev Robertson & John Van Dike from Barbers here helping in with the clover all our men of yesterday at work – They finished gathering in that clover this evening. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe at C- this afternoon – Maud and I very busy. At an early hour this morning Homer left with the carriage and the two [illegible] for Springfield to meet Fannie and Donald and Malcolm. They got into the Old Erie Depot at noon. Harlan did not know Homer was coming and he drove out and Homer did not know Harlan was going out so they were both there to meet her. Harlan took them all with him to Adams to dinner. They did not get here until near five. We had supper before the men came in from the field. Fannie and the boys are looking well – but Fannie is very tired – Homer went with Will Mc to town this eve. I am sure he would be highly edified.

2" July Sat. A warm day We began cutting wheat this morning Just our own men here and boys. Uncle Joe around all day. Near noon Mr Mc at C- and brought out a letter from Fred – Clara & Mrs B- are to start home the fourth of July from Monmouth. This P.M. Homer took Uncle Joe home – and was back home by supper time Clayton was down at the shop did not get back until later.

3" July Sabbath. A very warm day. The thermo—up to a 100. Homer and Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons text. "But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Fannie and Donald & Malcolm and Paul at home. Alex around home. Aunt Mary Murdock came home with us from church to day – was here to dinner and went back with Clayton to the Young folks meeting. This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and I at the Sabbath School class. We had only four scholars to day. The subject of the Bible lesson was "The Kingdom divided." We had a pleasant hour.

We must keep pushing forward when the way seems dark and discouraging. It is not the successful that are rewarded but the faithful. Maud R- went down this morning and came back this evening.

4" July. Monday. A light shower this morning. Clayton and Jason drove out to Charleston to the fourth. Homer drove out to Springfield to spend the "4" with Harlan. Fannie went to town to the office and waited for the eleven O'clock mail – A letter from Fred stating Clara & Mrs Bailey will start for home this evening – will leave Monmouth at four O'clock. Fannie made a few calls while in C- Casey & Russel & Alex in the wheat. Aunt Mary invited Fannie and the children to tea this Eve. Uncle Dan called and Donald and Malcolm and their Mother rode down with him – at a later hour Mr Mc took Paul down – and left him there and brought Uncle Joe out home – and after supper he went back to C- and brought Fannie and the children home. Malcolm not very well this Eve – The boys staying at Charleston for the fireworks. Homer staying with Harlan to night – Maud and I busy to day.

5" July Tuesday. A beautiful day. Russel Stanforth "departed" this morning – to the great joy of us all – At a late hour Mr Mc took Alex W. Pugh to the 8 O'clock train. He told us all good by. Mr Mc around home all day – Homer came back past C- from Springfield this evening – Fannie and the boys around to day. Uncle Joe around as usual. Casey & Clayton and Jason at the wheat cutting. Edd Robertson here until after dinner – We have all been busy to day. Clayton & Jason retired early. Homer at Selma this evening.

6" July. Wed. A bright beautiful day but warm. Edd R- here all day. He and Homer and Jason and Casey in the wheat. Uncle Joe at C- at noon This afternoon Homer put in an hour or so cleaning the yard. Everything looking bright. Fannie and Donald and Malcolm & Paul around all day. Mr Mc left this A.M. for Springfield to meet Clara & Mrs Bailey. They came in at ten. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Espy met them at the train and took them home with them to dinner. Mr. Mc. called around for them –and they reached here at five. Clara has been away since September – We certainly were delighted to see her home. This afternoon Clayton at Selma for corn. This Eve Homer at Selma on a visit.

7" July Thurs. A warm day. Jason off duty this afternoon – Homer and Clayton and Edd R- & Casey at the wheat cutting all day. Mr Mc at town and brought out Mrs Baileys & Claras trunks. Uncle Joe around Fannie & Clara & Mrs Bailey and Donald & Malcolm and Paul around – Maud in the kitchen. This A.M. and until after dinner Nora H- at the ironing. After supper Clara & Mrs B- at C- to meet the folks. Homer took a hasty drive with Alvie Orr to Selma.

8" July Friday. Casey & Homer and Clayton & Edd R- in the wheat field. Jason still off duty. Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around. Clara and Mrs Bailey and Donald and Malcolm & Paul and Fannie around all day. This afternoon Fannie and Uncle Joe at C- home in time for supper – This Eve Mr Mc took Mrs B- and Fannie and Donald & Malcolm and Clara and Paul as far as Selma on a drive – It came up a little shower this Eve. Homer at Selma this evening too – on a prolonged call.

9" July. Sat. A lovely day after the rain. The wheat harvest ended at noon – the rye finished this evening. Homer stuck [?] until noon – This afternoon the took Mrs Bailey up to Mr Joshua Espys at Springfield. Edd R- & Jason & Casey finished the rye. Clayton plowing the potatoes. Fannie took Uncle Joe home and stayed at Aunt Marys for tea – Clara taking care of Donald & Malcolm – Maud and I busy to day Margret H- here and helped me this morning. Homer brought Harlan down this evening.

10" July Sabb Quite a cool day. Mr Mc Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at church and Fannie they did not get in time for Sabbath School. Paul and Malcolm and Donald and I here alone – Maud went down with the folks this morning and came back with Clara and Clayton from the young folks meeting. I had dinner waiting the folks to day when they came back from church. Alvie Orr preached to day for the first time text "It is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." This afternoon Jason and Paul and I at our Sabbath School. There were eleven scholars. Harlan with us this evening and Fannie and the boys.

11" July. Monday. A little cool – Clayton & Edd Rob's helping Uncle Dan with their wheat At an early hour Homer left with Harlan for Springfield – and was home again at noon. Fannie at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Jason chopping & cleaning up along the pike this A.M. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. Donald & Malcolm and Paul having a nice time. This P.M late Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- & to the office home again in time for supper – This evening he went to Selma. Maud busy to day.

12 July Tuesday. A lovely day. Clayton and Edd R- finished the wheat stacking at Uncle Dans and Casey & Homer & Jason & Clayton and Edd began putting our wheat in the old barn. Uncle Joe around. Paul at Holtons all day. He even took dinner there. Clara & Maud in charge of the kitchen. Mr Mc at mill this P.M. Fannie and Donald and Malcolm and I took dinner at Mr & Mrs Eva Roadarmer [?] Currie at the Y. Springs along with Mrs [illegible] & her daughter Fannie late of Xenia – and Miss Mary Currie and Ina Roadarmer [?] They gave us a grand dinner – We had a lovely day there. As we came home we stopped off at Aunt Jennettes and had lunch there – When we came to C- I stopped off to attend our W. C. T. U. Sociable at the old [illegible] building by the Creek – Fannie took the boys home – I expected some of our folks down but they did not come. I went home with Aunt Mary.

13" July Wed. Another nice day. Uncle Joe came down to town for me this morning. I stayed last night with Aunt Mary. I made a few calls around town this morning. Fannie and Donald and Malcolm invited to Will McMillans to dinner. She met several of the cousins there. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara left for Springfield – They met Mrs Bailey there she helped them lay in Clara's clothes to go back to College this year Clara called to see Maggie Stuart – They took supper at Adams's this evening. They did not get home until after dark. This Eve Uncle Joe and the boys retired early. They were all tired as they together with Casey & Edd R- finished putting the wheat into the barn to day. Maggie H- here and finished part of the ironing. This morning our cousin J. Harvey McMillan died.

14" July Thurs. Warmer to day Casey hauling rails. This morning Mrs Bailey opened her sewing dept – and began on Claras clothes. Mr Mc at C- this morning – he brought Aunt Mary Murdock home with him -- she & Fannie & Clara trying to help with the sewing. This afternoon Mr Mc and I called to see Mrs. Harvey McMillan and her family. The funeral is tomorrow – This Eve Mr Mc drove up with me to call to see Etta McMillan. She is quite sick – This Eve John Alvin Orr here to tea & to make us a little visit. He and Homer spending the evening with their friends in Selma. Clara and Mrs Bailey took Aunt Mary home after tea – Fannie and the children around home. They went with grandfather to feed the pigs. Uncle Joe rode to C- with D[?] Collins to stay until after the funeral tomorrow. Maud has had a busy day. Nora here and finished the ironing this morning.

15" Aug [sic] Friday. The rain did come in good earnest this afternoon – After quite a long dry spell. Homer at C- this morning. Mrs Bailey and Clara at the sewing. Fannie left the boys here and went down with Home to Aunt Bells to make an all day visit. This afternoon at two o'clock Mr Mc and Homer and Clayton and I attended cousin J. Harvey McMillans funeral – the exercises conducted by Rev Mr Morton

& Rev S.R. Ramsey. We did not reach home until six O'clock – the rain detained us. This Eve Homer at Selma. Mrs Bailey & Clara & Donald & Malcolm and Paul went down after their Mother "Fannie." Clayton & Jason and their father around the lamp. Lank Bull her putting in a new pump across the road. Maud busy to day. Casey around at work – he is the only hired man that we have now.

16" July. Sat. All up at an early hour. Mrs Bailey and Fannie and Clara around home – busy sewing – Paul & Donald & Malcolm enjoying them selves back and forth at Holtons. Casey cutting weeds – A heavy shower this afternoon again. Maud busy in the kitchen. This Eve Jennie Morton came to see Clara She was here to tea – Homer at C- this afternoon. Clara rode down home with Jennie and Homer and Mrs Bailey went down and Clara came back with them. This afternoon late Clayton was at Charleston.

17" July Sabbath. Heavy rain all morning – Mrs Bailey not feeling well. She and Fannie Clayton and Donald and Malcolm and Paul at home. Homer and Clara and Jason and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church – Mr Mortons text "Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Only a few at church to day on account of the rain – Maud at home to day – She and Fannie had dinner ready when we came home. This afternoon at three O'clock Clayton and Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School We had ten scholars to day – This Eve a shower no one at the young folks meeting. Mrs Bailey & Fannie and children and all here.

18" July Monday. The ground damp. Homer at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Fannie and Mrs Bailey at the sewing J. A. Mc called he expects to start west this morning. This afternoon Homer went by Selma to Springfield – This Eve late Clayton & Jason rode out for a little drive to the office – They met Aunt Bell in Birds. Blanch and Mary leave for Indiana in the morning.

19" July Tuesday. A pleasant day. Mr Conner & Edd R- here helping Homer Clayton Jason, & Casey stack the wheat. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around This afternoon Wm Mc here helping – Donald & Malcolm & Paul at Holtons most of the day playing. Early this morning Clara and Mrs Bailey left for Springfield to meet Fred – He came into Springfield at eleven O'clock – They had dinner at Adams's – they waited to see Harlan and did not reach home until after four – we were all glad to see Fred – It is a happy day to have all the children home. This Eve soon after they came – Fannie went with them to Aunt Marys to take tea with her – as they were all especially invited – We had all the folks we had to dinner here to supper with the addition of Will Mc. Maud came back with the folks last night and has been busy to day. Mag H- here and helped scour the [illegible] this morning. This Eve Jason across the country – Clayton went down on the Xenia pike to see Joe Johnston Homer went with him – they did not get back until late. What a busy day we have had.

20" July. Wed. Mr Conner Joe Johnston old Isaac H & Will Mc. and John Stanforth and a colored man from Cedarville and Edd Robison and Homer Fred Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason and Mr Mc and Mrs Bailey and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm and Paul and Clara all here to dinner – Just a little before noon the rain began falling – it fell in torrences [sic] no more wheat stacking to day. Clara at Selma to take a message for Homer to Mary K. Fannie and Mrs B- sewing to day & Clara Maud busy in the kitchen – This Eve Jason & co at "Billies" Stanforths. Homer at Selma – Clara & Fred & Mrs B- took a ride.

21" July Thurs. The rain kept off but very damp. Casey & the boys laying the wheat out to dry. Fred and Mrs B- at C- this morning for the mail. This afternoon I went as far at C- with Mr. Mc. and Fred as they

went to Xenia and stopped by at Orrs at a "Mother's Meeting." This was our first meeting – but it was well attended. Mrs Rev. Maddox & Mrs Day from North were the principle speakers – after the meeting refreshments were served. I went down home with Aunt Mary and remained until Uncle Joe called for me. Homer came down with Uncle Joe and Homer came back with us. We reached home in time for supper – Mr Mc and Fred home early. Fred & Mrs B- and Clara took a drive up the pike. Homer at Selma to see Mr Conner on an errand & to see some of his other friends too. Jennie & [illegible] Pollock called this P.M.

22" July. Friday. A clear day. Mr Conner and Joe Johnston & John Stanforth & Will Mc and Rev Robbison & Son & Isaac Hoglin all in the wheat – Fred and Mrs Bailey went to C- this morning and brought Aunt Mary out – They were here to dinner along with all of our men & Homer Uncle Joe, Clayton and Jason and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm & Paul and Clara and Mr Mc and my self. Aunt busy helping Aunt M- & Mrs B- with the sewing – Maud busy all day. Most of the folks here to supper – This Eve Fred Clara and Mrs B- took Aunt Mary home Mrs Bradfute, Hanna Mary Nesbit, died last night at eleven. Homer at Selma to night again for a change. The men finished ricking [?] the wheat this evening.

23" July. Sat. A nice day. Casey & boys around at the work. Fannie & the boys and Clara & Homer and father & Jason & Paul around. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Clayton left for Xenia This A.M. Fred and Mrs Bailey left for Springfield – for a drive & for Harlan. They did not leave S- until after supper and reached here in due time. This Eve Jason & Casey at C- Maud rode down with them – and Fannie went along for a little fresh air. She saw Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell – Aunt Bell had a spell with her heart to day – Mr Mc around home.

24" July Sabbath. Quite warm indeed. Mr Mc and Fred Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason and Fannie & Clara and Mrs Bailey at church to day – but none of them were to Sabbath School in time. Mr Morton preached as usual. This afternoon at two Oclock Mrs Bradfutes funeral – but none of us attended. All home after preaching. I had Paul & Donald & Malcolm with me to day. This afternoon at three Oclock Paul and I at the Sabbath School at the School house. There was twelve scholars to day. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting and at the U. P. church. Maud was at Bush meeting to day and failed to come back this Eve.

25" July. Monday. Homer left at an early hour with Harlan for Springfield and was back at noon. Mrs Bailey writing letters to day and resting. This morning Fannie at C- and brought Uncle Joe and Maud out – Mr Mc nearly sick with cold. This afternoon a shower. Casey mowing the yard. This P.M. Homer at C- at the B- shop This eve he is at Selma Fred and Mrs B- and Fannie & Clara took a drive to C- This Eve [blank space] took the clothes to Mrs P- Fred at Aunt Jennettes this A.M.

26" July Tuesday. Fred & Mrs Bailey at C- this morning – did not get home until late noon. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fred at C- Homer took Fannie down – but returned leaving here in C- She and Fred took tea at Aunt Bells. Mr Mc home – They had a little busines meeting at Aunt Janes – This Eve Mrs Bailey & Clara & Donald and Malcolm took a drive to C- Fred and Fannie took a little drive & came back home early. Homer at Selma this Eve. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fred took a hasty trip to Mrs John Spands [?] – but she was not at home. They drove into Jamestown hoping to find her but failed. Maud and I and all concerned have had a busy day. Casey & the boys busy I think. Homer is at home this eve – not at Selma.

27 July, Wed. Fred and Mrs B- at C- this morning. I have been on the sick list all day. Fannie and Clara busy helping Maud. Clara busy ironing. This afternoon Mrs Sparr & her brother in law called to attend to some business. This Eve Mrs Bailey and Fred and Clara took a drive to C- Fannie and the children at home – I rode over with Mr Mc to Clifton to see Mrs Crumley [?] – I stopped there while he drove to the Smith sheep pasture. Dr Spands [?] daughters remains were brought home from her late home in Cedarville to her fathers in Clifton this eve. I am still feeling not well. Casey & Jason out looking up some things this eve – Homer at Selma this evening.

28th July. Thursday. Very much like rain this P.M. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. This morning Fred & Clara took Mrs B- to Cedarville to the train. She goes east. Fred and Clara drove out to Uncle Silas's. Clayton took the trunk to the depot. Fannie and her boys and Homer and Fred around with the rest of us. This afternoon Fred & Clara at Jamestown but missed seeing Mrs Sparr [?] again. When they came back to C- they took supper at Aunt Marys. Fred meeting Uncle Silas in C- by special arrangements this eve. This afternoon I attended the W.S. missionary Soc at the prayer meeting rooms. Homer took me to C- and came back with me – This Eve Homer and Will Mc around on a chatt. I called to see Walter and Nellie's baby. She is quite sick. Clayton at Selma for corn this P.M. Homer and I came home past Robert McFarlands. After supper Mr Mc and I drove over to the old Jamason [?] farm to Calloways. Homer spending his precious time chatting on the pike with Will Mc. Casey Wilton Holton & Mrs H- and Mary & Nora & [illegible] & Harley left with Calloways carriage for Pike Co.

29th July Friday. A pleasant day. Fred & Homer at Mrs John Sparrs near Jamestown this morning – they were home in time for dinner – Fannie at C- this morning for Aunt Mary – She was here all day. This afternoon Fred and Mr Mc at Y. Springs but they failed to see Mr Forbes. They came home past Aunt Jennettes & Uncle Bighams they were there for supper. This Eve Fannie and Clara and Donald & Malcolm & Paul took a drive to C- Homer at Selma this Eve. Paul and Donald and Malcom have had a busy day playing. Clayton at Colaways [?] at the thrashing to day. Maud busy.

30th July Sat. A pleasant day. Fred and Clara at C- this morning at the office. Mr [illegible] Forbes & Mr Wm Henderson along with Mr Mc Uncle Joe & Jason Fred & Homer and Fannie Donald & Malcolm and Paul and Clara and I all here to dinner. Maud busy. This afternoon Mr Henderson with us – and will be here over Sabbath. Mr Forbes looking over accts awhile this P.M. This P.M. Fannie took Uncle Joe home and stayed at Lizzie Blairs for supper with [illegible] & her little ones and husband. Fannie did not get back until Donald & Malcolm were taking their baths. Fred and Clara at Springfield this afternoon for Harlan – they took supper at [blank space] and did not get home until late. Maud busy to day. Clayton at Calloways until noon.

31 Aug. [sic] Sabbath. A pleasant day. Fannie & Mand & Donald and Malcolm at home. Father & Fred & Mr Henderson and Homer Harlan Jason and Clara all at Sabbath School (part only) and church. Mr Morton's text: "Wherefore, the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall not fall." All of the children at home to dinner today – all but Mr. MacKenzie [transcriber note: this is Fannie's husband]. All to be here is something new in our life – or lives. At three O'clock Jason and Paul and I at the schoolhouse at Sabbath School. We had nine scholars. Mr. Henderson came back with us from church here to dinner and at four O'clock he told us good by and went with Mr Mc Fannie & Homer to the Opera House to a meeting for the purpose of presenting the cause of the Army Christian Commission & the meeting to be addressed by the ministers of the town – Maud went down with the folks to remain until morning – None of our folks at the young folks meeting

this eve. Harlan went with the folks to the meeting this P.M. All here this eve – Mr Wm Henderson went to his bro James's this Eve. This is the last day of July. How quickly this month has past as I can scarcely realize that it is indeed gone.

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1 Aug. Monday. Heavy rain this A.M. Early this morning Homer left with Harlan for Springfield – returned at noon bringing Mr MacKenzies wheel This A.M. after the rain Fred at C- at the office – he brought Aunt Mary home with him to dinner. After dinner he took Aunt Mary to Clifton to see Mr White. They came home past Aunt Jennettes Clayton at C- early & brought Maud out. Uncle Dan called this afternoon – Clayton at C- at the B- Shop – Homer rode down with him and staid until Fannie and the boys went to the six Oclock train for Mr McKenzie and rode out with them. Uncle Joe came out with Fred and Mr Mc was at C- too on an errand and all were home in time for supper. We have put in a full day at this thing and the other. Clayton & Jason took the clothes to Mrs P. this Eve. Homer at Selma.

2 Aug. Tues. A beautiful day – part of the family up at an early hour – and part up at a later hour. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Homer left for Xenia and Mr McKenzie and Fannie Fred and Clara left for C- to visit at Uncle Ervins and Aunt Bells – All of this family invited there for tea this Evening. Rev F. O. Ross was installed pastor of the U. P. Church in Cedarville this P.M. This is beautiful day. By the way Fred and Clara called to see Prof McChesney this A.M. Fred was also there yesterday morning and evening. Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason around – Donald & Malcolm & Paul had a busy day playing – These boys retired early. Maud busy to day.

3" Aug Wed. All up and sat down to breakfast together this morning. Fannie and the boys around. Clara and Mr MacKenzie went in Claytons "rubber tire vehicle" to Xenia – they visited Donings [?] photo gallery – they had dinner in X- and called at Mr John Collins's as they came home – They reached here at three. Homer at C- this morning – this evening he is at Selma. Mr Mc and Fred at Charleston they came home to a two Oclock dinner. This Eve Fannie & Fred and Clayton took a drive to C- to the office. Uncle Joe & Clayton & Jason around all day. This P.M. a very heavy rain – Warner Hamilton hanging the front gates –he was here to dinner.

4" Aug. Thurs. A lovely day after the rain. This A.M. Mr MacKenzie and Fred & Homer at C- they were home in time for dinner. Uncle Joe around all day. This afternoon Homer at the Y. Springs to meet a Selma picnic which will extend into the night – This Eve Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm and Paul and Fred and Clara took tea at Aunt Marys. Clara ironing this A.M. Fannie working on her shirt waist (red) Warner Hamilton began work yesterday was her half a day then and was here to day again – he took dinner with us. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. Maud busy to day.

5 Aug. Friday. A beautiful day – and lovely this evening – bright & clear – a little cool. At an early hour this morning Father Fannie Fred and Clara left for Wilmington to visit Aunt Mary E. (our departed bro Riley McMillans wife) – they were there fordinner and supper and had a fine time. They were home again as the clock struck ten most of the family had retired when they came. This morning Homer and Mr MacKenzie at C- They were home to dinner – but Mr Mackenzie has been on the sick list and has been resting from food most of the day. Jason at town with Fannies wheel at Keys shop for repairs. Warner Hamilton here to day working on the roof of the barn – Clayton and Jason after corn – at Hopping S- I think. Uncle Joe around all day. Uncle Dan called to see Mr MacKenzie this evening

Donald Malcolm and Paul had a full day playing over at the crib. Clayton and Jason at C- this Eve. Maud busy to day.

6 Aug Sat. A beautiful day. Fred at C- this morning and brought Aunt Jane out to dinner. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and the children here. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon Fred and Claar took Uncle Joe and Aunt Jane down home. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and Malcolm at C- too – They took supper at Aunt Marys along with Fred & Clara – After supper Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and Malcolm called at Mr John Collins's – Mr Collins and daughter are to be with us Tuesday. Fannie saw Robert McFarland he is to come to us Monday – This afternoon Homer went up to Springfield after Harlan – they did not get down unto after ten. What a busy day & week we have had. Maud busy as usual. Warner Hamilton here roofing the porch to day – he was here to dinner. Paul and Donald busy playing all day. Malcolm not feeling well.

7" Aug. Sabbath A lovely day, Clayton at home with Paul, Donald and Malcolm – Maud busy in the kitchen. We were all too late for Sabbath School but we were at church as follows. Mr Mc Fannie Fred Harlan Homer Clara and Jason. Mr Morton present but Mr MacKenzie preached. Text "And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Mr & Mrs Currie from Y. Springs and Miss Mattie Clark of Xenia and Miss [illegible] of the same place were at church – they all came in a carriage together – and came out with us for dinner. All of the preparation for dinner made yesterday – yet there is something about having visitors on Sabbath that never does seem exactly right – I am sure as a rule I would want Sunday visitors few and far between. I think we had a pleasant day with these and tried to have it profitable too. At three O'clock I left the folks and Paul and I went up to the School house to the Sabbath school. We only had four scholars to day – but yet a pleasant hour. This Eve Jason and Mr MacKenzie at our church at the young folks meeting – and at the U. P. Church to hear Mr Ross. Mr Mc and Fannie there too – Fred went home with Uncle Joe from church – and was at the U. P. church too – and came home with the folks. Mr McKenzie Fannie and their boys and Fred Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason & Paul and Mr Mc and I all here this evening. Maud went down with the folks and came back with them.

8" Aug Monday. This morning Clayton left with Harlan for Springfield. Fred at C- at the office and brought Uncle Joe out Maggie H- here helping this morning Maud & co- had a busy day putting the house in order – Homer went with Fred to town both were back to dinner – Clayton home from S- a little past noon. This afternoon Fred Mr MacKenzie and Fannie at C- they were home in time for supper and brought Rob McFarland home with them. After supper Fred & Clara at the office and took Maud home as Robt is here in her place – Homer at Selma – Clayton calling at Mr Homes [?] with Charlie. This has been a damp drizzling day.

9" Aug. Tuesday. Gloomy all day long. Fred at C- this morning. Mr John Collins & daughter Ella here to dinner – Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and Donald & Malcolm and Fred & Homer and Clara & Paul & Uncle Joe all here. Clayton & Jason at Hoppings for corn this afternoon. This eve Fred & Clara at Selma and brought Mary Kitchen down she was here for supper – Mr Mc and Homer at C. this eve. Robert running the kitchen fine.

Aug 10" – A beautiful day [Transcriber note: For this day's entry, the handwriting has changed as another family member, Fannie, is completing the journal. Martha and James left to spend 2 days at the Urbana Camp Meeting. Martha will pick up the pen again on August 12] Father and mother left this morning for Urbana Camp Meeting. Clara and most of the family are the sick list. Fred and Mr

MacKenzie at town this morning. Homer and Mary taking a ride on the wheels. This afternoon I went to town with Uncle Joe – spent my time with Aunts Belle & Mary at Aunt Belle's. Aunt Belle has not been well since Sabbath. When we got home found Aunt Mollie here – she stayed for supper. Tonight Fred took Robt to town and Clayton and Jason have gone to the Tindalls – All the family have retired early – 9 P.M. something usual. I hope Father and Mother are having a fine time at Urbana and that the "change of air" will do them good.

Aug 11" The family all up in good time for breakfast. Fred at home this morning. Clayton & Jason up at Joe [illegible] the old Will Smith place helping with the thrashing. In the afternoon Fred Homer, Clara and Mary at town making some calls. Mr MacKenzie left at an early hour for Dr McMichaels at Sugar Creek. Donald Malcolm and Paul playing at the corn crib. Father and Mother got home from Urbana about eight o'clock and reported a fine time. Rob still keeping up his reputation.

12" Aug. Friday. [Transcriber note: Martha returns to the journal this day with a lengthy entry] A beautiful day. Before writing the events of today I will write a few items about our time at the Urbana Camp meeting on Wednesday & yesterday. Fannie kept a record of the doings here while father and I were away. We did not reach the grounds until afternoon. Mr Kemps were through with their dinner when we reached there, but kindly set our dinner for us. The next thing in order was the afternoon prayer meeting that met in Mr Kemps Cottage – The room was full and a very delightful meeting it was – at half past two we went to the Auditorium – we had a sermon by Dr Chapman "Until the breaking of the day." The time of your conversion is really the breaking of the day to you. To the Christian to day ought to be better than yesterday – Every week a better week – every year a better year – From strength to strength – from glory to glory is the exhortation. There is the things that will bring the night. Unconfessed sin – Our characters are often scared and marked because we do not confess our sins. If we allow sin to dwell within us we are shorn of our power. Let all bitterness and evil speaking be put away. When these things fill our hearts, there is no room for the holy spirit – Another thing that brings the night is [illegible] our selves – When we stop leading a selfish life the day begins to break – Another thing that brings the night is fellowship with the world. A Christian living away from Christ never cares very much for the Bible and service is always a drudgery. Come out of the darkness into the day. What will bring the day back again – Confession of sin is one thing that will bring the day back again. Next make an absolute surrender to Christ without any conditions. No matter how scared and wasted your life is it is not beyond the power of God – for he can make us every whit while. After preaching Mrs Kemp and I too a walk over the grounds and finally dropped into the young folks meeting and had a pleasant hour there. Mr Mc and Mrs Kemp and I attended Dr. Chaplains [?] service at the auditorium Mr Kemp too tired to attend. Dr. Chapmans text "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many day's hence" The gift of the Holy Spirit is always associated with Christ. A constant feeling of unrest tells us we need the baptism of the Holy Ghost – If we are making constant failure at the same point is an evidence of our need of the Spirit – when a man surrenders him self to God the Spirit fills him and the Bible seems sweeter. Our inability to pray indicates our greater need of the filling of the Holy Spirit. Feableness in prayer is a mark of disease – if a man surrenders himself to God he will then know how to pray. I can walk with Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. At the close of this service we went back with Mrs Kemp to their cottage and spent the night. On yesterday morning Thursday we awakened up at Mr Kemps – After breakfast and prayers, Mr Mc and I attended the morning prayer meeting – After this service sermon by Dr. Chapman. Subject – The intercession of Christ. After the sermon I called at Dr Chapmans cottage – He gave me a book for Clara entitled "The Lost Crown." I also got Prof

P. P. Bilhorns Song book – Mr Mc and I again took dinner with Mr & Mrs Kemp – we waited for the afternoon prayer meeting at their cottage When Mr Mc and I told them all good by and left for home – reaching here about 8 O'clock last night Now I will begin again writing the

12" Aug. Friday. A lovely day. Homer and Mary Kitchen went to C- in the carriage and brought Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell & Fern out to spend the day. Aunt Bell has not been well Fred at the office near noon – home to dinner – He and Mr Mc and Homer and Uncle Joe and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm and Paul and Clara and Uncle Joe and Donald & Malcolm and Clayton & Jason all here – Robert keeping up the kitchen fine – Our company was here to dinner & supper – Mr MacKenzie returned from his trip to Dr. McMichels in time for supper – we were glad to see him home. Prof McChesney & Lulu called this Eve. Fred took Aunt Mary & Bell & Fern down home – Aunt Bell has not been very well these days. Mark Kitchen with us to day and here to night – we are enjoying her visit. This afternoon Homer & Clara and Mary went to the Cliffs on a little outing – took a lunch with them and suppered there – It is now after ten – I have been asleep while writing this page I have discovered it since I have gotten awake.

13" Aug. Sat. Another beautiful day. The Xenia Fair has been in session most of the week but none of this family have attended it. This morning Mr MacKenzie and Fannie left for Cincinnati Fred took them to the train – Donald & Malcolm are left in our care. This A.M. Homer took Mary K- up home – Jason took wood with him to Aunt Janes this P.M. – Clara & I finished the ironing Robert busy all day long This afternoon Sallie Mc called – Homer went on the wheel to the post office --- After supper Fred & Clara took Uncle Joe down home. Thus closes a busy busy week.

14" Aug. Sabbath A very beautiful day. Casey Wilton Holton and his family returned from their trip to Pike Co last night at ten O'clock. Clayton has been on the sick list most of the week with sore throat and a poisoned hand. He and Clara at home to day with Clayton and Malcolm – Homer, Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Fred at church Fred went down after Aunt Jane but she thought it best to stay at home with Aunt Matt. Mr Mortons text Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. Our home is in a manner quiet to day. We miss the ones that are gone. Robt had dinner near ready when we came home. At three O'clock Jason and Paul and I at the Schoolhouse at the Sabbath School We had eleven scholars. This Eve Clara and Jason at the young folks meeting. We do not feel so lonely with out Mr MacKenzie and Fannie since we have Donald & Malcolm with us.

15" Aug Monday. A lovely day. Robert moving out and has every one else on the move. Homer and Clara at Cedarville to see Prof McChesney – Homer came back at noon leaving Clara in C- to take dinner with [blank space] and brought Uncle Joe out with him – After an eleven O'clock dinner, Fred told us all good by and left with his father for Springfield. They went by town for Clara to take her with them and to give Fred an opportunity to tell the folks there good by. We feel sorry to see him go away yet we ought to be thankful he has been here as long as what he has. It will be four weeks tomorrow since he came. Prof Malory called this afternoon. Homer was here to entertain him. Etta McMillan (Wills wife) called here this afternoon too. Casey and Jason begun plowing this morning. Clayton went to [blank space] after corn. Homer went to Selma after an early supper. This is a very gloomy evening – and we feel very lonely at this home – all because one has gone out from us. This Eve Casey & Jason taking Caloways carriage home – Clayton at C- with the clothes to Mrs P- Robert went along. Mr Mc and Clara

came near ten bringing Sara Stuart with them. She was all alone at the dear old Stuart mansion – Margret being at Chicago under the Dr's care – her eyes the trouble.

16" Aug Tues. Another pleasant day – but warm and dusty. Jason at Lee Barbers place at Clines at the thrashing – there to dinner – he met Mr Lee Barber there. Sara & Clara at the sewing – Robert in the kitchen. I done quite a little washing yesterday and ironed it to day. Casey & Clayton plowing. This afternoon Uncle Dan rode down with Mr Mc and me to the U. P. church to the Bible Society – they raised 92 dollars – Rev Ross delivered the address. After the meeting I called to see the folks down town – Mr Mc went into see Matt & Aunt Jane. Robert in charge of the the kitchen – Homer at mill this P.M. Warner Hamilton here yesterday & to day all day finishing the porch roof & working on gates to day here both days for dinner and supper. Uncle Joe around to day. Donald & Malcolm & Paul and Minnes [?] & Harley Holton put in a full day playing. Rettie L- Clemen's baby buried this P.M. Ex Banker – This Eve Clara & Sara out a riding Homer at Selma this Evening.

17" Aug Wed. Another nice day. All of us up at an early hour. Casey & Clayton and Jason plowing. Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc and Homer at Selma this P.M. Sara & Clara put in a full day sewing. Donald & Malcolm and Paul busy playing all day. Nora here and helped me with the ironing. Robert and I busy all day. This Evening Clayton and Jason at C- Sara & Clara went to meet Fannie and Mr McKenzie – they were to have taken supper with Aunt Mary – but Mr MacKenzie stayed to visit a friend in the city – and Fannie came on the evening train alone – could not stay longer – She and Aunt Belle took supper with Aunt Mary. She reports a delightful time with Lizzie R- and their family. Mr MacKenzie preached on Sabbath for Rev Ross Fannie & Lizzie and all of that family and Mother Reid went to hear Mr MacKenzie preach.

18" Aug Thurs. Quite gloomy most of the time to day. Fannie went to C- this morning and brought Aunt Jane out to spend the day. Clara and Sara busy at the sewing Fannie cutting out waists for Donald and Malcolm & Paul all day. This P.M. I attended a meeting of the W. C. T. Us at Mrs D Shroders. I drove down for Aunt Bell and took her home again from the meeting – She is not very well She gave up her office of treasurer to day – on acct of her poor health. This was the day of the election of officers for the year. Aunt Mary reelected Pres. I was appointed a delegate to the annual Co- meeting at Xenia next Wednesday. They are having a new porch at Aunt Bells – I reached home in time for supper. Aunt Jennette & Uncle Bigham taking dinner at Daves & Sallies to day. They called here this evening Mr McKenzie came back from Cincinnati this evening Fannie took Aunt Jane home – and Aunt Mary had tea ready & she & Mr MacKenzie stopped with her. Homer at Selma this Eve. We had a little shower this evening. Casey & Clayton and Jason plowing – We had a pleasant evening after Mr MacKenzie and Fannie got home. Donald and Malcolm and Paul had a busy time playing to day. Sara and Jason gave us some nice music the evening I will note here I was appointed superintendent of the Purity Department to day. I hope I will be faithful to do what I can – “not I” – for I remember the promise to every Christian worker – “Lo I am with thee always.”

19" Aug. Friday. Gloomy most of the day. Mr MacKenzie and Homer took Fannie down to Aunt Bells this morning – Aunt Bell invited her there to learn the “mystery of making new fangled Partiers” They were home at noon – This afternoon Homer went by way of Selma to Springfield to see Harlan. This A.M Mr Mc and I went to Robert Carrs to ask about our old girl Rosey who is wanting to come back to

us. Then we drove to the old Hollingsworth farm to see a well digger. When we reached home it was noon. This afternoon Matt Stormont & her two children called – So also did Jennie Morton and Alice Bromegan – the two later stayed with us for supper – they seemed to have a pleasant time. After supper they left us and Mr MacKenzie and Clara & Sara went to town for Fannie and Clara & Sara drove out to Aunt Jennettes. Donald & Malcolm and Paul at Holtons nearly all day playing. Clayton & Jason at Hoppings for corn. Mr McKenzie went with the girls to Uncle Bighams this Eve. This morning Miss Anne [?] Roadarmer called when passing on her wheel to see Clara – Sara & Clara entertained her for an hour. What a busy day this has been. Donald and Malcolm and Paul were all asleep when the folks returned from town. Fannie called to see Mrs Williamson.

20" Aug. Sat. A pleasant day. We were all up at an early hour. Robert leading the forces. Casey & Clayton and Jason plowing. Warner Hamilton here looking up a "site" for a new well. This morning Homer and Clara and Mr McKenzie and Sara Stuart took Donald and Paul & Malcolm to town & had their pictures taken – Mr Mc went on a hasty trip to C- All were back to a one O'clock dinner – This afternoon Mr MacKenzie and Sara Stuart and Clara left for Springfield – Mr MacKenzie is to preach in Mr Humes church (U. P.) tomorrow and they will all remain in Springfield until after preaching tomorrow. Fannie very busy cutting out waists for the boys. Mrs Holton called and took them home to make next week. Mr Mc busy all day – and so were the rest of us. This eve Homer and Fannie took Uncle Joe down home – Fannie and Aunt Bell rode out to Uncle Silas's – Mollie and the children came into town – Fannie took supper with Aunt Mary. Aunt Mollie there too – After Fannie came back – she packed her trunk to be ready to move out early Monday morning.

21" Aug. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Homer, Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Fannie at church – Sermon by Mr Morton as usual. After preaching Fannie went down & told Aunt Jane and Matt good by and Uncle Ervins. Aunt Belle not feeling very well these days. Donald and Malcolm and I at home. Robert in the kitchen – dinner ready when the folks came back from church. Aunt Mary came home with them to be with Fannie a little longer. At three O'clock Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School – on acct of the painting we had our school in the yard under the shade trees. We had eleven scholars – This Eve Aunt Mary went down home when Clayton and Jason went to the young folks meeting. At seven O'clock Mr McKenzie and Clara reached home from Springfield – Harlan came with us to see us before he leaves on the Lake trip with Mr Mackenzie and Fannie in the morning. We had our lunch after they came – We were all here but Fred – but he was not forgotten. We are feeling a little sad & restless – for we know how soon all the children will be scattered.

22" Aug. Monday. A little after four the rain fell in torrence [sic] – It fairly poured for about an hour – or perhaps less. After that a calm and before noon the sun was shining and all bid fair for a bright day. Robert up at an early hour – All up to breakfast. Fannie busy packing her trunk until that time. We gathered into the old sitting room for prayers – and the children (as many as could) were seated on the old satee [?] as in the days of yore Mr MacKenzie read part of the 9 chapter of Mark – The last words of the chapter "Have salt in your selves, and have peace one with another." Homer took the trunk in the express and Mr MacKenzie rode up with him Fannie and Harlan rode up to Springfield with Mr Mc and Clara. The feeling of loneliness that I always experience at these partings is wonderfully modified by having Donald & Malcolm still with us – but how will we feel when they are gone. Homer returned at one O'clock – for dinner. In the afternoon he went to town to the B. Shop & office. Clayton in C- the A.M. – took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out – this P.M. Uncle Joe at town on an errand.

Casey & Jason plowing all day. Clayton putting his buggy in order. Mr Mc and Clara returned after dark bringing Sara Stuart with them – Mr Mc and Clara took dinner and lunch with her and Charlie – Mr McKenzie and Fannie and Harlan went out for Cleveland at ten O'clock – They will start on their Lake trip from there. Robert and I very busy to day – We put up twenty one qts of peaches.

23" Aug. Tues. Quite a warm day. Mr Mc at Selma this morning Clayton went up to the factory and brought a load of tile down. Warner Hamilton and his nephew began digging a well yesterday morning in the barn across the road. They are working at to day again – they board themselves. Albert Harris began working for them at noon. He is to board with us. This afternoon Homer and Clayton at Hoppings for corn – Mr Hoppings son and Ollie McGarry of X- married this eve. Homer at Selma to night. This Eve Clara at town to see Prof McChesney. Donald & Malcolm & Paul and Holtons busy playing – I have been busy fixing for the "Covenanter Picnic" to day. Robert busy.

24" Aug Wed. All up in good time – Robert and Uncle Joe in charge of affairs here – Albert boarding with us the men busy at the well digging – Father & Homer and Clayton & Jason and Paul and Donald and Malcolm and Sara Stuart and Clara and Nora and Mary Holton and I drove out to the picnic grounds at Uncle Silas's woods – but a heavy rain drove the people up to our church where they had their dinners Mr Mc and Homer and Clara and Sara S- & Donald & Malcolm & Holtons girls and I eat our dinner at Aunt Mary after which Mr Mc and Homer left for Xenia – but the rest of us went to the church to the closing exercises of the picnic. It poured down all afternoon. This Eve Homer at Selma – Clayton & Robert in C- on an errand.

25" Aug. Thurs. A nice day after the rain. The men worked on the well till noon. Casey hauling manuer [sic] all day – assisted by Albert this P.M. Clayton and Jason at Springfield fair – Uncle Joe around all day. Donald and Malcolm and Paul busy playing all day long. This afternoon Homer at Uncle Silas's and over at Mrs Sparks [?] near Jamestown but she was not at home – he came back to tea – and is at Selma to night – Mr Tom Morris here looking at stock to day. Charlie Barber here also. This afternoon Mr Mc at mill – Mary H- went at the same time to the grocery. Clara is helping Sara put up her peaches to day – I have been ironing. The annual of the W. C. T. U. meeting in Xenia to day – but I was too busy to go.

26" Aug. Friday. Another pleasant day. M Mc left this morning for the fair at Springfield. Sara Stuart went with him home and Clara went along to attend to business. I have been busy washing the needed clothes for Homer Donald & Malcom next week – Albert & Casey digging potatoes. Uncle Joe around. This afternoon Clayton & Jason after corn – to Hoppings. At four O'clock I left Paul and Donald and Malcolm busy playing and left for C- on a little errand. I left Robert in charge of the supper. I went with Aunt Mary to see Nellie and Walter their baby died this morning at eleven – the funeral at two O'clock tomorrow. I went down home with Aunt Mary and met Harriet Rhonimas [?] & Mary Jane Reed – old school mates in the days of yore in Clinton Co- It has been over thirty years since I saw them before – they are taking supper with Aunt M- and will be there to night – and here tomorrow to dinner. Homer was at Jamestown & met Mrs Spaarh [?] – he also called to see Prof McChesney & Aunt Mary and was home in time to dinner. This afternoon he called to see Lee Rife. Mr [?] expects to attend Monmouth College this winter. Homer at Selma this evening. Mr Mc and Clara home after dark.

27" Aug. Sat. A beautiful day. Homer at C- on an errand this morning and brought Aunt Mary out and piloted the way for Hattie Rhonomus Priest [?] and Mary J. Reed Haynes. They were all here to dinner – Robert on the fly. I feel that it something wonderful indeed to have the pleasure of meeting these old school girls which I have not seen for over thirty years – they were changed of course but for the better

– we had a grand time with them the only trouble the time was too short for they had to leave us after dinner to go back to Sabina and they needed all the time they had – Mrs Haynes lives in Sabina but Mrs Priest in Washington [blank space] – Aunt Mary went with Mr Mc and Clara and me to the funeral – Father and Mary drove down after Aunt Bell – and she went with us to the cemetery. Clara stayed in C- until we came back. What a busy afternoon – Robert had supper ready when we got home. This Eve he took Uncle Joe home. This afternoon Homer and Clayton at Springfield they took Mr MacKenzies wheel up to express – and returned home by way of Selma for a final good bye. O what a busy rustling week we have had – The men hauling manuer [sic] & harrowing. Uncle Dan called this morning.

28th Aug. Sabbath. What a beautiful Sabbath day this had been. Robert at his duty – Clayton at home with Donald and Malcolm. Homer Clara Jason and Paul and I at church & Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. I drove down for Aunt Jane – Aunt Matt staying alone Mr Mortons text “Verily, Verily, I say unto you He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; This afternoon at three Oclock Jason and Paul and I at the School house we had twelve scholars This is the first time we have had Sabbath School since the house has been papered & curtains put up. This is a kind of sad day to some of us – for tomorrow Donald & Malcolm & Homer leave us.

29th Aug. Monday. All up and on the stir at an early hour getting the childrens clothes packed & Homers trunk ready. After breakfast and worship Mr Mc left with Homer and our two grandsons for Cedarville for the Eight Oclock train. They would be in Columbus at noon and at Cleveland at four Oclock hoping to meet Mr Mackenzie and Fannie & Harlan there as they were to return from their Lake trip this Evening – then Homer expected to travel with them until their return to Port Jervis and remain there until the [blank space] Seminary opens. Miss Mary K- was to accompany them from Selma to her sisters in Columbus. Jason took the trunk down & Clara went with the folks to the train too and remained in C- to visit at Jennie Mortons. Mr Mc and Jason came back as soon as the train moved out and Uncle Joe came with them. Mr Morris, the hog merchant here again the A.M. Albert & Casey hauling manuer [sic] – the boys busy. On yesterday P.M. Homer called to tell Uncle Dan good by – when Clara and Clayton went yesterday eve to the young folks meeting he went down to see Aunt Mary and have a chatt with her. Clara and Clayton at the U. P. Church yesterday evening – Homer came back with them to be ready for this morning. Mr Mc at C. this evening. Uncle Joe there on an errand too this afternoon. Our home looks like a forsaken place this evening I cannot help but feel very lonely indeed – I realize that the summer is past and all of our folks gone if I never realized it before. Everything very quiet in Donalds and Malcolms room to night – the light is gone it is dark. Homer is gone too – there is no lamp burning for him to night – the light is gone – it is dark but this is life – how strangely it passes. We do not lead – O no –for we are led. “Let us keep close to our leader – Let us walk in the light – as He is in the light.” It’s now late – all are a sleeping while I linger around the lamp.

30th Aug. Tuesday. Another bright day. Robert and I surprised our selves at what we accomplished in putting up grapes – Jason gathered them in for us. Casey & Albert busy. Mr Mc around home. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- on an errand and brought Clara home from her visit to Mr Mortons – on yesterday Eve Jennie and Clara went on “Wheels” to Mr Frank Spensers and took tea there with Prof McChesney & Lulu. Blanch and Mary Ervin returned from their trip to Indiana and around.

31st Aug. Wed. A beautiful day. Clara doing her “[illegible] washing” this A.M. Warner Hamilton & co finishing the well in the stable. At four Oclock this morning, Robert set breakfast out to the folks, and Mr Mc and Casey and Albert & Clayton and Paul left with [blank] for Cedarville Mr Morris shipped from

there At a later hour Uncle Joe and Jason drove down. All up in a little while home again. Several leaving Cedarville for the state fair at Columbus this morning. Uncle Dan called this P.M. This Evening Clara called to speak to Blanch and Mary. She and Jennie M- called to see the "Pollack girls." Mr Mc at C- this eve Harlan came in on the evening train from his Lake trip. He parted from Fannie and Mr McKenzie and Donald and Malcolm and Homer at Cleveland this morning. Homer went on with the folks to Port Jervis. Harlan seems to have had a grand time. Clayton at C- this eve – Jason was invited to a "watermelon cutting" at Ida Matthews – but did not attend. Albert cutting wood to day.

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1" Sept. Thursday: A beautiful day. All up at an early hour. Jason took Mr Mc and Harlan to the train to Selma to go to Columbus to the State fair. This afternoon Clayton and Jason went to Jamestown to the Street fair. Paul went to Holtons to play – while I attended the Missionary Society – After the meeting I called to see Aunt Bell and met Aunt Jane at Aunt Marys. When I came home I met Robert, our cook, journeying to Cedarville. Clara was at Springfield to day – she had a wonderful experience and a wonderful deliverance [?] – She took dinner with Mr and Mrs Shaw & She rode from Springfield with Uncle Dan and Arch McMillan and Eli S- rode down in her rigg. She was here when I got home. Uncle Joe around all day. Albert cutting wood – Casey cleaning in the stables. Harlan brought me a beautiful Bible he got for me when away on his trip - Something to appreciate and to be proud of. This Eve Casey at C- to meet the folks if they should come, but he has come in just now to say he waited until the last train pulled in but they failed to come. This is a most beautiful night as clear as day. It is very lonely here – the boys are not home yet – I will be glad when they come.

2" Sept. Friday. A beautiful day. Robert gone – for good – Clara went to C- for Aunt Mary and they drove past that way hoping to find him. Casey & Clayton cleaning the stables. Albert helping Warner Hamilton clean the well at the pump house – Bulls sons & Shroders here helping. [in margin: Warner Hamilton & Williams and Albert here for dinner too] – just at noon Mr Mc & Harlan came from the State fair. They got a conveyance from Walter – All of the above men along with Clara & Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe & Clayton and Jason and Paul here to dinner. This P.M. Uncle Joe at C- Clara went along to meet Prof McWilliam – he went back on the evening train to Monmouth to his home. Harlan around all afternoon and this Eve he took Aunt Mary home. When father took Walters buggy home, I went along & called to see Mrs Vandike in Mr Jessie Barbers tenant house but to no purpose. We called at Aunt Marys and rode back with Harlan from town – Harlan calling at Aunt Bells. Mr Mc and Harlan entered to see Lewis Floyd at his room in Columbus yesterday – They had quite a lively time in Columbus last night and left there for home this morning. Clara at home doing up the work in the kitchen and vicinity.

3" Sept. Sat. At very early hour Clara at C- ad brought Mrs Webster out – The pump men here awhile this morning Mr Mc and Clara took Harlan back to his place with Carson and co in Springfield this morning. Clara took her meals with Sadie Stuart to day and Mr Mc with Harlan at Adams's. They did not start home until after supper. They brought Mrs Bailey out with them from Mrs Espys – I have not been well all day and was in bed when they came. Mrs. Webster had a faithful day sweeping up stairs and down putting the house in order – She is with us to night and what a blessing she has been to me. This afternoon Clayton at the B- Shop - & Uncle Joe went down with him. Jason & Paul around home. Casey and Albert busy to day.

4" Sept. Sabbath. Rain this morning. Mrs Webster still here going right along with the work. Fannie or I mean Clara and Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Mrs. Bailey not at

church but with us here at home. Paul was at Sabbath School & church too -- I am still sick. Aunt Mary came home with the folks from church and took charge of the Sabbath School class at the School house. Jason & Paul went with her. This Evening she went back when Clayton and Jason went to the Young folks meeting. Mrs W- here this evening and waited on Mrs B - and the folks at lunch --The cloud that has settled over me yesterday and to day is beginning to clear away this evening.

5th Sept. Monday. All up at an early hour as this is the day Clara goes back to Monmouth. Mrs. B- goes too. Clayton took her to Springfield to get her trunk packed by noon. Jason took the clothes to Mrs P- and Mrs Webster went as far as Sallie Macs and Dave brought her up this afternoon to take charge of the work here -- Uncle Joe came back with Jason -- Albert around after an early dinner Mr Mc and Paul and I took Clara and her trunk to Springfield to be ready for the six O'clock train this evening. By the way Miss Wylie opened her School this morning in our School house on the pike - and Paul was there this forenoon. We had a little shower as we went into Springfield -- but cleared off nicely. This was Labor day and the town was full and running over with crowds and crowds of people. Clayton took advantage of the day and went out to the Fairgrounds to their exercises. This Evening Harlan and Clayton and Mr Gladstone came around to see Clara off -- & Mrs B- Mr Mc drove around to Espies. Mrs Bailey and Mr & Mrs Espy rode down with him to the train. As usual I felt sad when the last good bye came. Harlan took Clara & me to supper at Adams. Then after the train moved out he took father and Clayton and Paul with him -- After supper he lighted up at the store and I spent a little while with him. He is far from well -- I do not know when I have seen him look so badly. I called to see Dr. Wood to day on consultation. Paul rode out home to night with Clayton and I came with father -- we reached home after ten. Uncle Joe was at C- this P.M. Mrs Webster here in full charge this P.M. -- and with us to night -- Clara started on the 6th last year to the College in Monmouth I think - Now this is the beginning of another year. [in margin: We had a shower this morning.]

6th Sept. Tuesday. A nice day after the shower yesterday. Everything quiet at home this morning since so many have gone. Paul at Miss Wylies school to day. Uncle Joe and Casey and Albert working on the pump at the pump house. Mrs Webster and I canning peaches. Mr Hoppings called to see Mr Mc to day. Jason at Mr Jessie Marshal at the thrashing. Mr Mc around talking machine and preparing to have our thrashing done. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Clayton around home to day. All here this evening.

7th Sept. Wed. Quite cool. Casey at Mr Jessie Marshals till noon This afternoon he and Jason at Will Mcs helping at the thrashing -- Jason gathered in the peaches they are fine. This afternoon I attended the Congregational prayer meeting. A College meeting [blank space] Father here and there all day. This P.M. he went down to see Joe Johnston on the Xenia pike. Mrs Webster busy all day. This Eve four of the Shepherd men drove in with their machine from Uncle Dans -- and are with us to night. Clayton up the pike looking for hands.

8th Sept. Thurs. Most a lovely day. The Shepherds thrashing the ricks by the creek -- fourteen men besides Mr Mc Uncle Joe Clayton Jason and Paul here to dinner. Paul at School till noon and at home this P.M. Uncle Joe at town this A.M. Mrs Webster leading out on the work. They finished near dark most of the men in by lamp light to supper -- We have had indeed a busy day. Ben Irvin here to day and with us to night.

9th Sept. Friday A beautiful day -- Mrs W- and I canning peaches -- Uncle Joe and Jason gathering peaches for sale -- they were at C- this P.M. Clayton there on an errand this A.M. Casey there with a load of wheat getting cleaned -- This Eve Jason took Mrs W- to town -- Clayton out in his new buggy. Mr

Mc around home all day. Paul at School till noon. This afternoon with Mrs Holton at C- getting his hair cut.

10" Sept. Sat. A beautiful day but a little cool. This A.M. Mr Mc and Paul and Clayton shipped wheat to some parties in Ind. Mrs W- and I putting up corn. Albert cutting corn all week and boarding with us. This afternoon Jason took peaches to market when he took Uncle Joe home. I will state again that this A.M. Clayton & Paul went with their father to C- with wheat to send to some parties in Ind. They were home to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- Mrs Webster went down home with him. This Eve Clayton and Paul bringing in pumpkins. All of us at home this Evening.

11" Sept. Sabbath. Quite cool - a little frost in the land - Albert keeping house to day. A fast horse man from off the pike here for lunch. Clayton and Jason & Paul at Sabbath School and church. Uncle Dan rode down with Mr Mc and I to church. Mr Mortons text "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" After preaching Clayton went down to Aunt Marys and came home with Jason from the young folks meeting & from the U. P. church – Rev Ross preached. This afternoon Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School Only five scholars – This evening it is almost cold.

12" Sept. Monday. A beautiful day. Albert began cutting the corn in field by the house. Clayton at C- this morning and brought Mrs Webster out. Jason harrowing. Casey & Clayton both busy. Mrs W- and I canning apples this P.M. Paul at School to day. Mr Mc at town this afternoon – This Eve all at home.

13" Sept. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Paul at School. Mr W- and I canning apples to day again. Will Mc take his hogs to Selma – Albert cutting corn – Clayton & Jason & Casey all busy at the wheat sowing. Uncle Joe still absent. This Eve Clayton took Mrs Webster home – She came back again with him.

14" Sept Wed. A beautiful day. This was the opening of Cedarville College – Jason wanted to go but he withdrew in favor of Clayton and went to the field & put in a day harrowing Clayton and I went down to the opening we called and took Aunt Mary with us. At a later hour Mr Mc & Uncle Dan went down. They had quite an interesting meeting Rev Maddore addressed from others – I came back in the buggy alone – and Clayton stayed at Aunt Marys to get ready his lessons for College tomorrow – Mr Mc at Jamestown to see Mrs [illegible] (but failed) As he came home through Cedarville this evening Clayton came out with him. Casey busy at the sowing – Will Timmons came this morning and began work – Hawkins her at work to day – here for dinner and supper. Mrs W- taking care of things to day. Paul at School. Uncle Joe came out this evening.

15" Sept. Thurs. Sprinkled rain about day light – a good deal of thunder. I took Clayton to College this morning made a brief stay. Paul at our School. Will Timmons & Jason gathering in the peaches. Mr Mc drove over to Jamestown and met Mrs Sparr home again to a late dinner. Uncle Joe around as usual. Late this P.M. Jason took his peaches to C- to market – he took supper at Aunt Marys and Clayton came out with him – wind and rain this evening Paul at School to day. Mrs W- and I busy ironing. Mr All Miller called this morning.

16" Sept. Friday Pleasant after the rain Will Timmons and Casey & Jason at the wheat sowing. Albert cutting corn. Mr Mc called to see Warner Hamilton this A.M. This afternoon he went to the Y. Springs to see Paxton. I took Clayton to College this morning and drove up to McCoys when I came home for

cucumbers. Mrs W- standing by the work all day. Mr Mc came home past the sheep at Smiths Uncle Joe at C- this afternoon. This Eve Timmons & Jason at Clines on an errand. Clayton at Selma this Eve.

17" Sept Saturday. A nice day – much warmer. Mr Mc at C- to meet Mrs Sparr – Mrs Webster went down with him – she will not be back before the first of the week. Albert cutting corn. Casey & Will Timmons at the wheat. This afternoon Clayton & Jason and Paul taking wood to Aunt Jane. Mr Mc over at Baileys about the sheep. This Eve Clayton took Uncle Joe home. Will T- went home.

18" Sept Sabb. A beautiful day. Albert around. Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Sermon by Rev McChesney. I have been in bed most of the day. When the Sabbath School bell rang I slipped up and heard the class and came back and went to bed – I had only three scholars. The boys did not go to the young folks meeting the Eve. Jason attended to the work to day.

19" Sept. Monday. A beautiful day. Jason & Paul helped with the kitchen and dining room work this morning. Will Timmons came back last night – Albert at the corn cutting – Will T- and Casey and Jason busy. Clayton drove down to the College this morning and Uncle Joe came out in his conveyance. Paul at School. This afternoon Jason & Will T- gathered in what ever few apples there were. Alice Stanforth & baby & sister called this afternoon – Mrs W- washed at Sallie McS this morning & Dave brought her up this afternoon. I left her in charge of the work and took the clothes to Mrs P- I called at Aunt Marys for Clayton. Miss Graff came in on the evening train and is stopping with Aunt Mary. Clayton came out with me and he and Jason have gone into the College social at Mr Mortons this evening. Hawkins here at work to day – and here to night with Albert and Will T-

20" Sept. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc at Jim Collins this morning Near noon he left for Xenia. He spent most of his time while there with Mr LeSourd – he did not reach home until after dark. Jason took apples to the Cedarville market this morning – Clayton went down with him to College. Paul at School to day. Uncle Joe around all day. This afternoon I called to see Cousin Mary late Harveys wife – the first time I saw her since Harveys death. She and her daughters there alone. They are feeling very lonely. How blessings brighten as they take their flight – the grave covers every defect. After my visit there I called at Mr Stookeys garden and came home by Cedarville and brought Clayton out. He seems to be in love with his College work – this makes me happy indeed. Casey at the wheat. Will Timmons & Albert and Hawkins at the work to day. All of them here to night. Mrs Webster faithful until the finishing up of the affairs in the kitchen & vicinity to night.

21" Sept. A nice day. Uncle Joe working at the beans – Will Timmons Casey & Hawkins gathering potatoes. Albert cutting corn. Near noon Mr Mc and Jason left for Springfield –they took supper with Harlan. Jason was in quest of an overcoat. They did not reach home until most all had retired. Mrs Webster and I put in a full day at the work – Mrs Brotherton brought tomatoes up this morning – Hawkins went home to night – the rest here. Uncle Joe at C- this morning – he took Clayton to College. Uncle Joe at C- this afternoon but Clayton did not come out – he is staying to night at [blank space] A letter came from Homer – he took his place in the New Brunswicks Seminary yesterday, Theological of the Dutch Reformed church – A new step on his history – out of the R. Presbyterian church into the Dutch R – church. He also sent me a letter that dear Dr Morton sent him on the eve of leaving our church. Mr Morton seems to have made wonderful attainments have gotten up far beyond the bickerings and jealousys of life – so calm and peaceful reaching out his hands to others – O the heights that can be reached even in this world – How beautiful and grand we would all become if we were to be what God would have us to be – Every step as we grow stronger and stronger is up – up – no falling –

and if we fall he will raise us up is the promise left us. Mr Mortons words were so beautiful I will write a few of them here. He said "I am so sorry to have you leave us and transfer your membership to another church – but I am sure you do this not from any dislike to us or to the church of your fathers but because you feel that all things considered it is best for you to do so. Now Homer be assured, we will not forget you, we will not lose our interest in you, we will think as much of you, love you as much as ever. Wherever you are or however employed, you will have our prayers, our sympathies our best wishes We will always be glad to see you back at Cedarville. At the last he said But now when you go elsewhere, our prayer is that Heavens best benediction may be upon you – will be glad to hear from you. Affectionately Yours J. F. Morton -- That this same spirit of love may be largely Homers is my prayer – O how poor and mean our lives often are – O for a higher up lift – to a clearer purer atmosphere – where the blessed light shineth.

22" Sept Thurs. Heavy rain this morning. Casey & William T- & Uncle Joe getting out beans. Mr Mc and Jason around all day. Mrs Webster began cleaning the kitchen this afternoon. Paul at School to day. Uncle Dan called this P.M. Mr Mc at Warner Hamiltons & Mr Dan Deans this Eve. Uncle Joe at C-

23" Sept. Friday. Another nice day after the shower this morning. Casey at Springfield with potatoes. Paul at School and took his dinner for the first. Uncle Joe at Mr Brothertons this morning for tomatoes – and stopped at Barbers and got a carpet for the girls room – Mrs W- cleaning away nearly all day sweeping up stairs & this P.M. – She stopped off to help me put up the tomatoes – I took charge of the kitchen up 'till now. We have both been busy all day long. This afternoon a music man here doing repairs on Organ. Jason superintending the job. This Eve Mr Mc at C- and brought Clayton out from College. Will & Albert busy cutting corn. This Eve Clayton at Selma to night Elbert Dallas called this P.M.

24" Sept Sat. All up early this morning Albert cutting corn – Jason at market with apples this morning about the last of the crop. Apples are a scarce article in this country this season. Clayton Jason and Will T- and Casey busy all day gathering pumpkins. Mrs W- and I very busy too. About four Oclock Uncle Joe took the conveyance and took Mrs W. down home expecting some of the folks come down after [illegible] but a very heavy rain fell that prevented any one from going Albert walked down before the rain. Mr Mc left for Springfield late this P.M. but when he got about half way he turned around and came home – He was going up to bring Harlan home, but the rain prevented his going – Paul around home all day. Another busy week has ended – and yet there is very much that remains to be done.

25" Sept. Sabbath. A nice day. Jason at home alone. Albert & Will T- both went away last night and are still absent – Clayton & Paul tried to get to Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Dr. Mortons sermon was on the Transfiguration and was specially fine. This afternoon Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School. We had four scholars only – yet we must be faithful. This Eve Clayton at the Young Folks meeting and at the U. P. church. Mrs Webster came home with him.

26" Sept. Monday. This morning Clayton drove down to School alone in his rubber tires [?]. At a later hour I went down & attended to a little business – we got home, Uncle Joe and I, just at noon. Albert and Will Timmons both back to day & with us to night as usual. Paul at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Mrs Webster busy. This Evening Miss Graff came to C- on the five Oclock train and Clayton brought her out home – Uncle Joe went to C- with the clothes and rode down with Uncle Dan. Jason helping all day. This Eve he is at the Opera house at an entertainment – Will Timmons went down with him. We had a nice evening with Miss Graff. She was her to tea with us & with us to night.

27th Sept. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Clayton took Miss Graff back this morning o her classes and he went to College – Mrs Webster and I very busy – This evening at four O'clock Uncle Joe took Mrs Webster and her traps home – and brought out Mrs Mary Elizabeth Peterson of Cincinnati They were here in time for supper Hawkins and Will Timmons & Albert and Jason all her for dinner supper – Mr Mc around home all day. Paul at School to day. Our men all here to night as usual. Mr Hood and Mr Dan Halley are surveying [illegible] dish and were here for a special dinner, by request. This one of the lovely evening Clayton did not get back with his buggy until nine O'clock this evening. We have had a busy day and are all tired to night – I speack for myself.

28th Sept Wed. Most a delightful day. Our woman Mrs Mary Peterson began work in the kitchen this morning This has been another busy morning. Uncle Joe took Clayton down to School this morning. We had by special arrangement Mr Hood and Mr Dan Halley to dinner along with Mr Mc Uncle Joe Jason and Albert and Will Timmons and Hawkins. Paul came down from School and was here too. This Evening Hawkins and Albert at Cedarville. This afternoon Mary P- and I ironed.

29th Sept Thurs. Most a lovely day. This morning word came that Aunt Jane was badly burned. Mr Mc and I went down and found her indeed badly burned - She lighted a little fluid lamp last night that she has had in constant use for many a year - but it took fire and her clothes caught and she came out badly burned - Aunt Matt done a noble part in saving her from being burned up – Dr Oglesbee is waiting on her. Mr Mc came back home in time for dinner I stayed until this evening and came out with Uncle Dan – Mr Mc at C- this evening too - Uncle Joe and Jason & Will Timmons and Albert & Hawkins and Casey all very busy all day - gathering corn putting in wheat. Word came to C- yesterday that Maggie Connord late C- died yesterday at her home at New Carlisle -- This Eve Jason started to C- to the College Lit Society - but did not get there in time—Will T- rode down with him. I have been up until a late hour doing an extensive "letter writing". Mr Hood and Mr Dan Halley called to cancel their engagement to take dinner with us to day - much to our relief – Albert Harris left us this Evening.

30th Sept. Friday A beautiful day. All of us busy Old Hawkins and Will Timmons and Jason and Casey all busy. Paul at School I left our good woman Mary in charge of the home near noon - and Mr Mc took me to Aunt Janes – Mr. Mc came back home at noon - I stayed with Aunt Jane all day. I took dinner & tea with Aunt Mary. This Evening Mr. Mc and I spent the evening at the W.C.T.U. Social at Aunt Bells - We had a nice Evening and a nice company. We invited for our guest Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Pollack. Aunt Mary was chairman of the meeting. Mrs. Brotherton led devotions. Rev Madden - & Mr.Morton gave short addresses. The College girls & boys furnished the music - Clayton at the Social to night and helped Frank and the girls wait on the table - The refreshments fine. Clayton came home with his father and I stayed all night with Aunt Jane. Sallie Mc and Lizzie P-- there too. Uncle Joe around home all day as usual.

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1st Oct Saturday. A lovely day. Mr. Mc at C- this morning Paul came with him and came out with them to look after things and cheer up Mary. Everything going on nicely – Only Will Timmons here now - he and Jason and Casey & Uncle Joe away. This afternoon Edd Nelson put in his appearance - He has been in the war. He will be with us until after Sabbath. This afternoon Mr Mc took me to town to stay with Aunt Jane until tomorrow. This Eve Clayton took Uncle Joe down home. I took tea at Uncle Ervins. Lizzie P- and Lizzie Blair and I with Aunt Jane to night.

2" Oct Sabbath A beautiful day. Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School & church – Mr Mc at Church – after preaching he called at Aunt Janes for me – Lillie McCallum came and stayed instead of going to church – Aunt Jane very restless last night and to day – More so than at any time since she has been burned - Aunt Ellen was at Aunt Janes last night too. Clayton at Aunt Marys for dinner - and came home with Jason from the U.P. Church - They were both at the Young folks meeting - Jason and Paul went with me to the Sabbath School. Edd Nelson rang the bell at three O'clock. The Calaway children there - we had eleven Scholars and a nice meeting Mary P- our woman had dinner ready when we came home. Miss Ross a trained nurse came to take care of Aunt Jane this evening.

3" Oct Monday A nice day. Clayton went to School and Uncle Joe came back in his conveyance – Mr Mc went down to see Aunt Jane this morning and went out to Baileys that has the sheep. - He was home at noon and went back to C- on an errand this afternoon. Mary P- and I very busy all day. Casey & Will T. and Jason & Uncle Joe at work. Paul at School. After dark Jason and I took the clothes to Miss P- and I stopped off at Janes to stay with her to night and Jason came back home. Sallie Mc and I there Miss Ross, the nurse, rested on a bed near to Aunt Janes bed. Aunt Jennette sleeping in the parlor with Aunt Matt - I sat up the first part of the night with her.

4" Oct. Tuesday It began raining in the night and damp this morning. I sat up last night with Aunt Jane until half past two when Sallie Mc sat up until morning. Aunt Jane sleeping a heavy dead sleep. She is kept under the influence of morphine all the time now - I am feeling sick this morning. Mr. Mc came to town early this morning but I did not come home with him – Mr. Mc was home for dinner and in the afternoon he went to Springfield - he took supper at Adam's with Harlan -- and did not get home until after night. Casey & Will T- and Jason and Uncle Joe busy. Paul at School Edd N- put in a full day yesterday cleaning the boys room or rather the hand's room to day he has been doing I do not know what. I have been at Aunt Marys on the rest most of the day with one of my sick spells - Ellen E. Cooley came up on the eight O'clock train from Xenia to take charge of Aunt Marys boarders for a few days. Aunt Mary is a delegate to the Ohio W.C.T.U. Convention that meets in Columbus tomorrow - She left for it this evening at five O'clock – Mrs Monroe of Xenia was on the train so she would have company. Clayton sleeping with Frank Ervin to night. Ellen Little sleeping with Ellen Cooley at Aunt Marys. I went over & stayed all night at Aunt Janes. Terzah & Lizzie P- there for awhile - Aunt Jeanette and Joose Orr and Matt Stormont and the nurse and I all there – Mr. & Mrs. Morton there the first part of the evening - Aunt Jane has gradually been growing worse since Sabbath - at eleven O'clock this P.M. She peacefully passed away - What a long busy life she had had - How much we will all miss her - She was in her 86" year - but never seemed old - always young.

5" Oct. Wed. A dreary, damp day. Quite a number of the nieces in at Aunt Janes helping this morning – Mr Mc came down early this morning - I took my breakfast at Aunt Marys with Ellen Cooley and after breakfast Mr Mc came over - he & Clayton and Aunt Bell, who came over, and Mrs Cooley had prayers - she read the 34" Psalm - Clayton at College. When Mr Mc and I were at Aunt Janes- Mr. Morton came in there too and read the 14" chap of John - All were gathered into the parlor and Aunt Matt along with the rest – Mr. Morton had prayer - Mr Mc and Aunt Jennette at the Cemetery Mr Mc stopped at Aunt Janes for dinner Miss Ross staying with them. I helped Mrs Cooley up with her work and took dinner there - After which we came home. Mary P- got along with the work nicely while I was away. Edd Nelson took up the sitting room Carpet this afternoon. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Will T- and Jason & Casey busy. After supper Mr Mc and I at Aunt Janes again - several of the nieces in - Jason at Selma to night but did not make a long stay. Paul at School to day.

6" Oct Thurs. Very gloomy all day and rather chilly. Mr Mc took Uncle Joe to town this morning & came back in a little while. Uncle Dan called. All of us busy. George Huff, german, - who stopped here for breakfast Sabbath morning came back here this morning again - here for breakfast and spent most of the day in the wood shed - Edd Nelson completed the sitting room has the carpet down again and everything in place. Casey and Will T- busy. Paul at School until near noon. This afternoon at two O'clock Mr Mc and Jason and Paul and I attended Aunt Jane McMillans funeral – Clayton was there. Harlan came down from Springfield and was there too - he and some of the other nephews were the pall bearers – Dr. Morton assisted by Rev Ramsey conducted the exercises – Aunt Ellen L- stayed with Aunt Matt while we went to the Cemetery - Aunt Janes remains were laid away to rest in the lot beside her father and mother and brother Riley. As we came home this eve stopped in to speak to Aunt Matt the house certainly did look like a place forsaken - The nurse & others will be there to night. Harlan went back to Springfield. Uncle Joe came out home with us. Uncle Daniel rode down with Jason and back home again – Our woman Mary P- has been very faithful to day.

7" Oct. Friday. A very dreary day. This morning Uncle Joe took me to C- to help Aunt Bell take care of Aunt Marys boarders - but when I went I found she had come back last night from the Convention at Columbus - I made but a short stay. I came back home with Uncle Joe - Our new man George has the wood house in order and has been cleaning up the yard to day. Edd Nelson put the dining room carpet down and took up the carpet in Claras room and put it down. Casey & Will T- busy. Paul at School this afternoon he went with Mr Mc & Jason and Uncle Joe and I to church - Rev Benson preached - Text "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need". After preaching Mr Mc and I took Aunt Mary down home - I called over to see Aunt Matt - The nurse woman and Aunt Ellen L- still there - The home seems very lonely without Aunt Jane. Uncle Joe stayed in town to night - On last night H. J. Lawrence and Sister of Marion Ind. stopped with us - they were here to breakfast this morning. They are out on some kind of a Christian mission. Be careful to entertain strangers.

8" Oct Sat. A very gloomy day but much warmer. Casey busy. Will T- here until noon. George busy all day in the wood shed. Edd. N. took up carpet in the hall up stairs and put it down and looked after the cleaning of the windows. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at church. Rev Benson preached – text "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. One thing that God can not do he can not see sin through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nellie Murdock Walters wife came into the church at this time. After preaching we made a brief call at Aunt Matts. After the sermon Clayton started from the church to Springfield for Harlan. Mary E. P- busy all the day long. They did not get down from Springfield until ten O'clock – The most of us had retired when they came.

9" Oct Sabbath. A nice day. Edd Nelson and George [blank space] and Mary E. P- at home – Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Harlan at church. Rev Benson preached text – Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." At the close of the service we had our communion service – The tables were addressed by Dr. Morton – Prof McChesney Rev Benson and Rev Ramsey. We had the three tables. When we came home dinner was waiting for us – We did not reach home until half past two – I was a little late getting to the Sabbath School The bells rang just as we came home – We had six scholars this P.M. This Eve at 7 O'clock Mr Mc and Harlan, Jason Paul and Mary E. P- & Edd Nelson and I at church "If the Son therefore should make you free ye shall be free indeed." Clayton at

home to get is Bible lesson for the College in the morning Will Timmons home – he and George both here.

10" Oct. Monday. A nice day. Paul at School. Clayton rode down to College with Uncle Dan when passing. Casey & Will Timmons at work – George in the wood shed – Edd cleaning the dining room stove and the yard. Mary E. P- in charge of the house – Mr Mc and I at the closing service of our communion. Mary & James H. McMillan had their son Joseph Edgar baptized this morning and Harry Stormont their son Andrew [illegible]. Rev Benson preached – text “Thou has given a banner to them that hear thee, that it many be displayed because of the truth.” After preaching we made a brief call down in town – Uncle Dan rode out with us. I have been busy all afternoon. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- at the mill. Mr Henry Kyle called here this afternoon. This eve Casey Milton Holton called to look over accts – as he expects to move this week. This morning Jason took Harlan back to Springfield He took dinner with him. He got a new over coat to day on his own acct. This Eve He is at the Society meeting at the College. Uncle Joe came out this afternoon.

11" Oct Tuesday. Cloudy most of the time. Quite a shower this morning. Work stopped for awhile – A load of pumpkins was taken to Mrs Webster this morning. Uncle Joe, and Edd Nelson & Wm Timmons & Jason & George around. Pal at School Mary E. P. & I very busy all morning – After dinner Mr Mc and I at town – I called to see Mr McCallum the jeweler and settled our acct with him. I called to see Aunt Matt – we expected to take her out to Aunt Jennetts but she did not come in – Aunt Ellen still with Aunt Matt – We got back home in time for supper. Charlie Turnbull & Harrison Lillie here to day. Paul having his last day with Nora and Mary & [illegible] and Harley Holton at the tenant house this evening as they move in the morning.

12" Oct Wed. Cool after the rain - Paul called at the tenant house to tell the folks Holtons good by - When he came back his eyes were wet - He said but I did hate to see them go. I felt sorry too - for I know he will be lonely. Edd Nelson cleaned the bed room and this afternoon he went with me to town. Aunt Matt went out to Aunt Jennetts this evening - they locked up their house in C- what a change in so short time - In a moment Aunt Jane stepped out of life into death - and Aunt Matt was left alone in the world. I was only a short time in C- We got back in time for supper. Jason & Will T- hauling pumpkins. Uncle Joe around - George in the wood shed -

13" Oct. Thurs. Cool. Will T- and Jason sowing buckwheat. Edd Nelson left us this morning – Mr Mc took him to the train. Uncle Joe around. George in the wood shed. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- waited until after the evening mail – A letter came from Clara at Monmouth - She seems to be getting along nicely at the college there – Mary E. P- finished the ironing – We had a fire in the grate this evening for the first. All around the lamp to night. Paul was at School to day to Miss Wylie as usual. Frank Orr called.

14" Oct. Friday. Rain and gloom this morning. Work at a stand still – Mary E. P- busy. I have been patching all morning. Paul at School. It has been quite a disagreeable day. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Clayton came home with him this evening and very foolishly drove to Selma after he got here. Mr Mc at Selma this afternoon. Jason & Wm busy. George in the wood shed.

15" Oct. Sat. The sun shining most of the day but it is quite cool. This A.M. Mr Mc over at Baileys Clayton there and brought the sheep home – they were home at noon – Uncle Joe putting in glass at the School house. Paul with him most of the day. This afternoon Paul very busy helping Mrs Holton & Nora

gather up their linens [?]. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Downings [?] photo gallery and sat for pictures because Homer made me promise before he left for New Brunswick Seminary that we would. Mary P- busy to day. This Eve Will Timmons went home. Clayton took Uncle Joe home. We rec'd a letter from Aunt Mary E- She is wanting us to come over some of the days soon. It is late I have written the above while I am asleep – so good night – to all.

16" Oct. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. One of our fine Jersey cows very sick. - Jason at home and helped George take care of her Clayton and Paul and Mrs Mary P- and I at Sabbath School and church. Mrs Mary P- went into Aunt Marys class. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text "Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed." Trials and changes are needed to reveal to us our selves. We never suffer affliction for a long time from the hand of God without making some new discovery about our selves. We discover some evil lust – or old crasified [?] lust that has come to life and in our extremity we come to God for help & deliverance. Our very falls show us how in future we may stand. These changes are needed to show us the world as it is and to draw us closer to God. If we are Christians at all and the ordinary means of grace do not reach us he will send us something extraordinary. Clayton went down home with Aunt Mary to stay. At three O'clock Jason Paul and Mary P- and I at the Sabbath School at the School house. There were only six scholars there this afternoon. This Eve all of us around the lamp.

17" Oct. Monday. A gloomy cool day. Will T- came back this morning – he and Jason hauling pumpkins. Mr Mc at C- this morning and brought Mrs Walker out to proscribe for our sick Jersey – she was here to dinner. Mrs Mary P- very busy. George not well for awhile this morning – but finally spent the remainder of the day hanging gates – Mr Lee Barber called this morning. Paul at School – Mr Mc went over to Clifton to see the Smith sheep – This Eve I took Mrs Walker home – It was dark when I got back home. Mr Mc came in at dark too. Will T- hauling gravel to day.

18" Oct. Tuesday. A cloudy day and cool. Will Timmons and Jason a man from Xenia husking corn. George waiting on the sick Jersey cow most of his time. This morning I went to C- and Lizzie P- rode out with me to Aunt Jennetts to see Aunt Matt She has been there since last week – we only made a short call – when we came back to C- Uncle Joe came out home with me. We got here at noon. Mary P- had the dinner ready. Paul at School to day. Mr Mc across the country to day in the vicinity of Wm Stuarts. Our Xenia man with us to night – and to my sadness of heart Jason rode out to C- with Will Timmons, but I did not feel quite so sad when they came back early.

19" Oct. Wed. A gloomy day. Mr Mc and Jason over at Smiths beyond Clifton – they were home again at noon. Uncle Joe around all day. Paul at School. Will T- hauling gravel on the roads. George helping around the house all A.M. This afternoon he was helping in with corn. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon – Mary busy to day. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- Jason helping haul corn. This Eve all at home this Eve

20" Oct. Thurs. Gloomy part of the time. Mr Mc at Deans this morning – Mr Worley called – Near noon Mr Mc left for Mr Isaac Cummins sale – Ironed until noon and Mary finished it this afternoon. Jason at town this morning for sand & lime & [?] for plastering. George preparing mortar – Will T- hauling gravel. Paul at School – This afternoon Uncle Joe took me to C- and left me to attend the W. C. T. U. at Mrs Barrs – I had planned to remain & attend a Prohibition speech – but when I found the speaker could not come I got Blanch Ervin to bring me home. Mr Mc reached home at dark. Will Timmons went to C- and Jason went to Selma.

21" Oct. Friday. Began raining early this morning. Mr Gus Lawrence buried to day. George began plastering the back rooms up stairs. Uncle Joe & Will T- and Paul around all day. Mary P- in charge of the housekeeping. Paul at School Near noon Mr Mc and I left for Springfield – we spent most of our time at Ramans store – We layed in a supply of blankets to day. We called to see Margret and Sara Stuart before we came home We saw Harlan & we came into Springfield but did not get to see him again. Mr Mc and I took supper at Adam's before coming home – It has been dark and raining most of the day.

22" Oct. Sat. Another dark day. Raining this evening. Mr Mc and Jason at Deans to bring the sheep home but concluded to let them remain. This afternoon Mr Mc up at Worlies. George plastering. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe home & we took a donation to Aunt Ellen I did not tarry long in C- but hurried home – I drove up and spoke to Mrs Will Mc a minute. Dark and dreary all the day long Mary P- busy. This Eve Will Timmons went home.

23 Oct. Sabbath. The sun came out to our surprise – it is rather a bright day. Clayton at church to day with Aunt Mary & went home with her again. Jason & Paul and Mrs Mary P- and I at Sabbath School and church. I heard Miss Mattie Bromegons Sabbath School class this morning. Mr Mc at church. George in charge of the house. Mr Mortons text "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared unto all men, Teaching us that, that denying ungodliness, and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." This afternoon Jason and Paul and Mrs Mary P- and I at the School house at the Sabbath School class --- we had 9 scholars. This Eve Jason at C- and the Young folks meeting and at the U. P. church. Mrs Fanny Rolkstraw Johnstons funeral at the M. E. church this P.M.

24" Oct. Monday. A bright clear day. Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Joe this morning I went to C- on an errand – made but a brief stay. George going ahead with his plastering. Mr Mc at Worlies to day to see about the [illegible] horse. Jason at Clifton to bring the Smith sheep home. Will Timmons came back this morning and went to Solon to move [blank space] to the little tenant house. They got there after three – Will around doing up the [illegible]. This P.M. Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P- and went to the office – George plastering all day.

25" Oct. Tuesday. Gloomy most of the time. This A.M. Mr Mc and Jason at Clemmins for the sale sheep. They were home to one Oclock dinner. This afternoon they went to Clifton to see about sheep. This A.M. Uncle Joe & George at C- for lime. On Monday evening the Xenia corn cutters came back – and has left a bright mark gathering potatoes to day. Will T- hauling gravel. This afternoon I made a flying trip to C- I met Miss Graff & Clayton at Aunt Marys. Clayton spoke at the Society last night at the College - the Philog Miss Graff says he got along nicely. This Eve Jason along with Clayton and others invited to Walter Murdocks – When Jason reached town he found he was behind time and he did not go there but went to a show at the Opera house. Paul at School to day.

26" Oct. Wed. Rain last night – and blowing cold – & is very cloudy all day long. Bro Dan called this morning Near noon Uncle Silas called and remained for dinner. Miss Wylie not feeling well came down for a little medicine. Uncle Joe around all day. Our new tenant began work in the corn field this morning. Our Xenia man husking. George P- plastering. Mrs Mary P- and I finished the ironing at noon

After Uncle Silas went away this afternoon Mr Mc left for Doc Creswells. Will T- & Jason bringing in pumpkins and corn. Mr Mc did not get home from Doc Creswells until dark.

27" Oct. Thurs. Clearing off this morning and our Xenia man Joe Grimm went away this morning. Will T- and Jason hauling pumpkins and corn – Will Mc brought us a roast of lamb this morning – Uncle Joe around all day. He went to C- this morning for necessaries about the plastering. Philip Wisecup from tenant house husking corn. Miss Wylie here by invitation to dinner – This afternoon I attended the missionary society – Afterwards I took Aunt Ellen Little and drove out to Aunt Jennette to see Aunt Matt – did not get home until late – Mr Mc at Charlie Turnbuls this P.M. home again at dark. Paul was at School to day. All of us at home this Eve – Will T- went to town.

28" Oct Friday. A bright clear day – but the air frosty. Our new man [blank space] and Will T- & Uncle Joe and Jason all busy hauling gravel & a little of everything old George off duty – he went to see the Dr about his arm. Paul at School. Mrs Mary P- in charge of the home. At seven O'clock Mr Mc & I left for our semi annual trip to Wilmington to see Aunty Mary E. McMillan She was expecting us. She had a lovely dinner – This afternoon we had a grand time talking – Mr & Mrs McKenzie still occupy part of her house. At five O'clock she had supper and near six we left for home leaving Aunt Mary E. very lonely. All had retired when we came but Clayton he came from Aunt Marys with Uncle Dan and went to Charleston this evening. It was after ten when we reached home – We had a lovely day – only one thing to [illegible] the chilly air. Casey Holton called this evening while we were away.

29" Oct. Saturday. A lovely day. Our new man [blank space] and Clayton Mr Mc and Jason and Will T- and Uncle Joe all busy selecting sheep and hauling corn & gravel and a little of everything Old George missing all day – and several other things missing as well. We came back from C- this evening. Mr Mc around home all day. This Eve Jason took Uncle Joe home – came back in a short time. George Marshal called this Evening. Thus another busy week has ended.

30' Oct. Sabbath. Gloomy indeed to day. Old George around all day. Mrs Mary P- and Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church – Mr Mortons text "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear, and with a shield but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel whom thou hast defied. After preaching Clayton went home with Aunt Mary to be ready for the meeting this evening and the College in the morning This afternoon Mrs Mary P- and Paul and I at the Sabbath School class at the School house – Only three scholars. Is it time to get discouraged? Almost – But it is the faithful that receive the crown not the successful – The wind is blowing to night but with in all is cheesy.

31" Oct. Monday. Chilly and gloomy. Will Timmons came back this morning. He and Phillip W- hauling corn. This morning I went to C- I called to see Miss Pauline Ross and attended to a little business and got Uncle Joe & came home. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia and returned after dark. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- again. George H- resumed the plastering this morning. Mrs Mary P- busy all day. Paul at School. Jason helping around home. This afternoon I called at the tenant house to see Phillips wife and little child. Will Timmons at C- this evening.

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1 Nov. Tues. Rather a pleasant day. This morning I went to C- on an errand I made but a short stay. Mr Mc and Jason looking after sheep most of the day. Paul at School – When he came home he went

with Mr Mc to town and out to Uncle Silas's. [illegible] Collins here – he went to Springfield to day – At noon Joe [illegible] came back from Xenia he and Uncle Joe and Will T- and Phillip at the potato gathering. When in C- this A.M. I drove out to Cannons – Mrs Mary P- at her work to day. All around the lamp – Joe [illegible] here – George plastering.

2" Nov Wed. A beautiful day. Old George Huff on a strike Will T- & Phillip and Joe [illegible] & Jason and Uncle Joe at the potatoes – Uncle Joe at C- Paul at School. Mr Mc and I at Springfield – we reached there at twelve and found Harlan at Carsons and we took dinner with him at Adams's and a fine dinner it was. We called to see Mrs Morgan in regard to Claras dress. We also called at Stuarts only Sadie there – she made me a present of a nice bonnet. We got home pretty good time. Mr Charlie Trunbul here this morning for sheep.

3" Nov Thursday. Most a delightful day. Mr Mc and Tom Crawford at Charleston and Spragues sale. Mr Mc took dinner at Will Torrences in Charleston. George resumed plastering this morning. Will T. and Philip & Jason and Uncle Joe at the potatoes Mrs Mary P- busy. This afternoon I went to C- and Lizzie P- went with me to Aunt Jennettes to see Aunt Matt I did not get home until late – Mr Mc here when we came. Mr Mc reports a fine time at Will Torrences. He took Mr Tom Crawford with him to dinner. A traveling man there also. Jason at the Society at the College.

4 Nov. Friday. A bright day – I was not well last night and in bed most of the day - Uncle Joe was in a trouble to get down to the train this morning and I got out of bed and drove down for him & came direct back and went to bed again. Phillip and Joe [illegible] and Will T- busy at the potatoes and corn. George H- plastering. Jason helping his father with the sheep. Mary busy all day. This P.M. Clayton and Charlie G- called in search of Aunt Marys cow. Will Mc called & he and [illegible] will attend John Erwins reception in Xenia the Evening. Nora Holton at School to day. She and Ida Matthews called to see me. Clayton expected to attend a party at Dallas's this eve.

5 Nov Sat. Began raining this A.M. It has been very dark all day & raining. Joe [illegible] went home this morning. Jason at C- on an errand. George plastering. Will T- and Phillip H- bringing potatoes to the cellar Mr Mc around home all day. Mrs Mary P. busy in the kitchen. Paul around all day. I have been around too. Will Mc & Tom Crawford called. Will T- went home this evening. Still dark and damp.

6" Nov. Sabb. Rather a nice day but gloomy. Mr Mc at church – Jason & Paul at church and Sabbath School and church. Mr Morton preached as usual. Mrs Mary P- and I at home. Old George H- around all day. He made the fire for me at the School house. This afternoon at three Mrs Mary P- and Paul and I were there – we had six scholars. This Eve we had Bible reading. Mr Mc heard the Catechism. Paul has got as far as the sixth question.

7" Nov Monday. A nice day. Uncle Dan called this morning. Jason at C- and brought Uncle Joe out. Old George Huff began the exercises of the day by getting off his base and Mr Mc settled with him and he left us. Will T- and Phillip and Jason at the corn. Paul at School. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Matthew Wilsons this afternoon – Uncle Joe at C- with the clothes.

8" Nov. Tuesday. A nice day. Old George came back last night and left again this morning by special invitation. Mr Mc at Wilsons this A.M. and this afternoon he and Uncle Joe and Wm Timmons at the election – the highest office on ticket is Sec of State. Jason & Phillip busy all P.M. Mary at our work – I have been sewing. Will Mc called this Evening.

9" Nov Wed. A dreary damp day. Mr Mc at Mr Alex Turnbuls this A.M. Philip W- and Will T- bringing potatoes into the cellar – Uncle Joe took letters to the office and came direct home. It is almost too dark to be out – Mr Mc around home all P.M. Mr Matt Wilson called. Miss Stella Barber & Mr Moore of Jamestown married this Evening. Two boys from the Orphans Home by the name of Lewis and Brown here for breakfast – they were runaways – heading for London.

10" Nov Thurs. Dark and raining all day again – I was in bed nearly all day and do not know what the men were doing – Jason out with the [illegible] all afternoon. Uncle Joe on the sick list – in bed part of the time. Paul at School. Mr Mc at the office this P.M. Aunt Jeannette sent word for us to take the things out of Aunt Jane's house - that she had it rented but it was too damp to do it to day. Mrs Mary busy in the kitchen and ironing – Jason at Mr Alex Turnbuls for sheep this P.M.

11" Nov. Friday. Bright and pleasant but cool. Mr Mc & Jason working with sheep most of the day. Will T- and Philip W- at the corn – Uncle Joe around all AM. This P.M- at C- and brought a letter out from Homer – He had been in N.Y. to meet the board of education there he stayed until after the election with his old roommate at the Union Sem – where he attended last winter – He met his coz (cousin?) Dan'l McMillan and took supper with him. Homer had just got back to his place at New Brunswick (in the Sem.) when he wrote – This Eve Uncle Joe and Jason called at Will Mcs – Paul was at School to day and this Eve went a rabbit hunting with one of his school mates – Eddie Cline. Mary P. finished the ironing to day.

12 Nov. Sat. Bright & clear but getting cold. Mr Mc over in the vicinity of Clifton looking after sheep. Will Timmons and Paul at C- bringing out some things from Aunt James old home – Among other things grandmother McMillans "old rocking chair." It belonged here while grandmother McMillan occupied this house – but it is over thirty years since she left here and began living in Cedarville – She with Aunt Jane and Jennette & Martha moved there the 9" of Oct 1867 – and grandmother McMillan died on the 12" of Dec. 1872. But all things have an end – the old home is broken up at last – since Aunt Jane is gone. That is why after all these many years the old rocking chair came back here to this old home – If that old chair could speak what a story it could tell us – how much both bright and sad it has witnessed. Uncle Joe on the sick list to day. Clayton came back with Will T- and Paul at noon – This Eve he took Uncle Joe down home. Mr Mc & Will T- getting hogs ready for pasture. This Eve he and Paul took a sheep across to Baileys – Mr Bailey here this P.M. Will Mc called. Mary P- and I both busy all day. Clayton here to night.

13" Nov. Sabb. Drizzling rain most of the – very gloomy. Clayton and Jason at home - as Jason failed to get ready in time. Paul and Mrs Mary P- and I at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church – Rev MacMaster out on Christian Reform work preached – subject – The Kingly reign of Christ – Harlan at church he drove down in James Carsons buggy. He came out with us from church and went back this evening. Clayton rode down with him – Jason went down and he and Clayton both at the young folks meeting and at the U. P. church to hear Rev MacMaster on Christian reform. Clayton stayed at Aunt Marys to be ready for the College in the morning We had a nice time with Harlan and were sorry to see him go back. Clayton made the fire in the School house – and Paul and I went up and rang the bell – and at three rang the last bell – and although no scholars came yet I heard Pauls lesson and the room being nice and warm I heard his lesson. The Sabbath School lesson to day was the Assyrian Invasion – In this lesson we learn that Hezekiah rec'd a very threatening letter for the King of Assyria. "We were told that when Hezekiah received this letter and read it, he took it into the temple and spread it out before the Lord – We ought

to get a good lesson from the Kings example. We may one day receive a letter which troubles us and which we do not know how to answer. It may tell us of some danger or some sorrow. It may be from an enemy full of unkind words. It may cause us perplexity in some way. Now the best thing to do with this letter is to spread it out before the Lord – We can not answer it our selves. We cannot defend our selves against the danger nor can we solve the perplexity, but God can take care of the matter, whatever it is. Too often we try to handle our own difficulties and unravel with our own hands the tangles which we find. We would better put them all into the hands of the wise Master and keep our own hands off.” What a beautiful lesson this is for every one of us. May we take this for the rule of our life in all matters both great and small.

14” Nov. Monday. Rained last night and has been damp and gloomy all day. Will T- came back last night for a change – he and Philip husking corn. This morning I took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought out the mail reaching here at noon. Mr Mc and Jason looking after the sheep. Uncle Dan here this morning and Will called this evening. Jason went down to a college meeting to night – Mrs Mary P- busy to day.

15” Nov. Tues. Bright sunshine but cool. Mr Mc at James Orrs sale to day – he was there to dinner quite crowd there. Jason took down feed for Aunt Marys cow this P.M. and stopped off at the sale. Wm Timmons & Philip husking – Wills two months up and he left this evening. This afternoon Mrs Mary P- and I drove to Selma & Courtsville and came home past Mr Henry Kyles We called to see Mrs Nye as we came home. This Eve all around the lamp. Mama Nye called to day. Paul at our School as usual. Uncle Joe still absent he is on the sick list. A letter came from Fred he and Phelps left for New York last Monday morning at three Oclock on a business trip – They expect to put up at the Morton House.

16” Nov Wed. A gloomy day. Mr Mc and Jason around home all day. Rev Robison began husking here and so did Wm Nye & Sons. Philip W- hauling in corn. Mary in charge of the kitchen. This morning at C- I called to see Lizzie P- and Aunt Mary. Uncle Joe came out with me – He is still on the sick list. Jason at the Opera house at an entertainment to night Paul at School to day.

17 Nov. Thurs. Gloomy most of the day but pleasant Paul at School. Mr Mc and Jason looking after the stock. The men of yesterday husking Philip hauling in the corn – Mary in charge of the kitchen. This afternoon I attended the W.C.T.U. meeting at Aunt Bells - several there. Subject “Be ye faithful unto death and ye shall receive a crown of life”. Uncle Joe did not come back with me but stayed in town to take care of Marys little ones while she and Jim H. Mc & their mother attended Melancthan Harbisons sons wedding to night Will Mc here this evening. Uncle Dan and Ett visited at McCollums to day.

18” Nov. Friday. A mild and beautiful day. Mr Mc & Jason around all morning Jason went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out. Paul at School. Philip hauling in corn – The huskers still at work. Near noon we began getting ready for going to London – Uncle Joe went to C- this afternoon to the office – and Mary here alone went along. Jason was out a hunting. Clayton came out with Din[?] Collins and went to Selma to night – Directly after dinner Mr Mc and I left for London – We called to see Mr Snively at Whentzs store and took him a little present – We reached Mr Kemps near four Oclock – We drove into London and called to see Dr. W. H. Cristopher at his office and made arrangements to see him in the morning. We went back to Mr Kemp for supper and stayed with them all night – They gave us a hearty welcome and we surely enjoyed the evening.

19” Nov. Sat. Not so much like summer as yesterday it is getting much colder – it is very gloomy all day. This morning we drove into London & called to see Dr. Cristopher - he made a rigid examination of my

case and sent enough medicine home with me to do me a month. Mr Kemp came up to the office and stayed with us until we got started home – we did not get here until after two. Uncle Joe & Clayton around. Paul and Jason out a hunting all day with Timmons & his little brother. They were here to dinner. This eve Clayton took Uncle Joe home. Everything quiet at our home to night – Mary busy all day.

20" Nov Sabb. Rather nice day. Mr Mc & Jason & Clayton at Sabbath School and church – Mr Morton preached as usual. Mrs Mary and Paul and I at home. I have been in bed all day. Clayton went home with Aunt Mary from church. This afternoon Jason made the fire in the School room – and I crawled up and heard the class. Paul went with me. We had seven scholars to day. This Eve Jason at the Young folks meeting – and at the U. P. church.

21 Nov Monday. A lovely day. I have been in bed most of the time. Paul at School. Mr Mc attended old Mr John Williamsons funeral at eleven O'clock – He was not gone long until Mr Blue called from near London. Jason went down to town for his father – but when he reached there he and Uncle Joe were starting home. They came when were at the table – Mr Blue looked around awhile and left for home – Our huskers making the corn fly. Philip W- has been hauling in the corn. Jason around home. This Evening Mr Mc took the clothes to Mrs P- At a late hour Jason attended a society meeting at the College with some of the Selma boys. Paul went over with Harry Nye to his place to get persimmons but failed. Mrs Mary busy all day. This eve Mrs Wisecup called and her little child.

22" Nov. Tues. A rough blowing winter day. Uncle Joe at C- this morning expected to meet Frank Weaver of Dayton who promised to put in his appearance this morning but failed to do so – Mr Mc and Philip & Jason moved the potatoes into the barn. This Eve Uncle Joe at the office. Jason wanted to go to an entertainment in Selma this evening – but sat down by the fire with his paper like a good boy. I cut out those napkins after so long planned to day. Mary busy as usual. Paul rec'd a letter from Mrs Holton – and is writing an answer to her to night.

23" Nov Wed. Bright but cold. Philip at town and brought out a new wagon bed from Sterrett with coal. Uncle Joe at town this morning on an errand. Paul at School. This afternoon Jason went a hunting with Bob Townsley – he and Effie visiting at Willies to day. Mary busy. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Uncle Bighams to call – Aunt Jennette busy getting ready for Thanksgiving. Aunt Matt still there – as we came home we called at Aunt Marys -- Her boarders all gone home to be ready for tomorrow. Clayton still there he and Aunt Mary are coming out to dinner tomorrow. We rec'd a letter from Homer he & Dan Mc and his old roommate from the Union Sem- are to spend Thanksgiving at Fannies – Harlan is at a party in S- to night and is thinking a little about spending tomorrow with Gladstone in Columbus. We rec'd a letter from Fred he was at St Louis when he wrote but will be back by this time to Monmouth to spend his Thanksgiving with Clara & Mrs Bailey. What are here of us shall gather to gather at home.

24" Nov Thurs. Thanksgiving day. A beautiful bright day but cold. I was sorry it was not so any of the family could go to church but father and me. Mary in the kitchen getting dinner. Uncle Joe and Jason and Paul at home. We went to the U.P. church -- Rev. Ross preached. The theme of his discourse- The greatness of this nation and the long suffering goodness of God notwithstanding the great sins of the nation. Aunt Mary Murdock came home with us. Clayton was at church with her and went home with Charlie Galbreath to dinner. We had a nice afternoon with Aunt Mary. After lunch this evening Jason took her home & Clayton came back with him.

25" Nov Friday. A winter day but bright & clear. Mr Mc at Will Marshalls this morning and at Dave Mcs Uncle Joe around all day. Clayton and Jason hauling corn & Philip also. Mary busy. Paul at School. This afternoon I went early to town – I met Maggie Pidgeon at Aunt Marys – Later in the P.M. Aunt Mary and I attended the W. Missionary Soc. After the meeting I made some business calls around town – I then stopped a little while with Aunt Mary – She was having her base burner put up to day. I did not get home until late – Clayton and Jason at a party at Katy Nesbits this evening. Clayton went back to Aunt Marys and Jason came home alone.

26" Nov Sat. Snow on the ground quite a winter day. Rev Robbison called this morning Philip feeding – Mr. Mc and Uncle Joe and Jason look like they have been overtaken with a storm. No one so happy as Paul He has been shoveling snow and running a snow wagon all morning. Mary busy all day. It was so cold that Uncle Joe concluded to stay her to night – Philip & co at C- and brought the mail out.

27" Nov Sabbath Quite a bright day. Several degrees warmer – A light covering of snow on the ground – Jason at home and kept house – and made a fire in the School house for the Sabbath School Mrs Mary P- and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Uncle Joe rode to town with him but was not at church. Mr Mortons text When they tasted the bitter waters – “And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet.” God gives us light in darkness. Joy in sorrow – There is not only blessings and comfort when life is over but there is comfort in the hour of affliction here – The family and every day trials of life need sweetening – There are bitter water in our hearts – God shows us the tree of Calvary and shows us what his love has done and is doing and will do for us. Clayton at church with Aunt Mary and went back with Aunt Mary to be ready for the College in the morning. This afternoon at three Oclock Mary & Paul and I at the Sabbath School – we had five scholars This Eve Jason at the young folks meeting – It is almost as bright as day this evening.

28" Nov. Monday. Another winter day – snow on the ground but more pleasant. Paul at School. Mary busy in the kitchen. Jason around all day. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- Uncle Joe rode out with Uncle Dan Mr Bigham Harbison with us to dinner. This Eve Jason at the College at a meeting of the Society. The rest of us around the lamp. Not so cold to night.

29" Nov Tues. A light covering of snow on the ground. It is thawing a little – It has been very cloudy all day. Uncle Dan called this morning. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe and Jason around all day. Philip took a load of feed to Aunt Marys – Our Mary at home taking charge of affairs. Paul at School. I spent most of the day at Aunt Marys – there to dinner – She had eight boarders to sit down to dinner. Miss Graff among the number. Aunt Belle and Blanch were over to see me –Two men from Springfield have rented the Lowery building to start [blank space] It will surely be a curse to the town if they succeed – I called to see Mrs [illegible] and Mrs Nettie Harbison – And Mayor Woolford. I did not get home until after the mail came in. Will Mc called the Eve.

30" Nov. Wed. Another winter day. Will Timmons came this morning and here to night – he and Philip hauling hay. Uncle Joe and Jason around home – Paul at School until noon. Not well and at home this P.M. Mr Mc at C- late this P.M. I have been in bed most of the day with one of my head and stomach attacks. Mary has been busy to day. This Eve all at home around the lamp – This is the day of November – How soon the month was gone.

December 1898

1" Dec Thursday. I have been on the sick list most of the day again – What would become of me if it were not for Mary's faithfulness. Some of the school girls called Mr Mc at town this A.M. and this evening he was there again. Uncle Dan and Leon called this afternoon. Philip & Jason & Timmons hauling hay from Din Collins's to day. Mrs Wisecup called. This Eve we are all at home around the lamp. Mr Will Turnbull & Miss Woolford were married this Eve. Paul at School to day.

2" Dec. Friday. Another beautiful day. The world moving very slow with me. Paul at home from School to day with something like chicken pox. Uncle Joe around all day. Philip & Timmons and Jason hauling hay until noon and corn this afternoon – Late this P.M. Mr Mc at C- he rode out to see All Stormont -- & reached home in time for tea – Clayton rode out with Uncle Dan – and is in a rush to get to Selma to night – A revival at the quaker church – A letter from Fred he was at Mrs Baileys with Clara – he said she was studying – Mrs B- reading and he was writing. Mr Clemens the ex banker of C- called this morning and spent a pleasant hour. Old Mr. John Crain, a life long resident of Cedarville - with the exceptions of the ten months spent this last summer and fall in London died at his home there – And his remains were brought to Cedarville this morning. Funeral in the M.E. Church.

3" Dec. Sat. A bright beautiful day – Philip W- at Springfield with a load of potatoes for Mr Shaw – Mr Mc and Clayton went up at a later hour hoping to reach there by noon. Frank Orr and Jason out on a hunt – they were both in to dinner. Timmons hauling corn – Mary busy as usual – Paul around the room & out doors part of the time. This Eve Jason took Uncle Joe down home – and brought the mail. Mr Mc and Clayton did not get home until after dark – They took supper with Harlan at one of the churches that were giving a supper for the benefit of the church.

4" Dec. Sabb. Out of the mild beautiful day of yesterday into winter to day – It began with rain – then snow – blowing and disagreeable. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Mary and Paul and I at home. Clayton went down with Aunt Mary from church – the weather so bad we did not try to have the class at the School House the afternoon. This Eve Jason at the Young folks meeting this evening. Rev Clemens of Dayton preaching at our church this evening but it was too cold for Mr Mc or I to go.

5" Dec. Monday. Still a cold winter day. Snow on the ground. Everything quiet at our home to day. Mr Mc and Philip and Jason taking care of the stock all the day long. Uncle Dan called this afternoon – Mary busy in the kitchen all day – This evening a man from off the pike stopping with us. Jason went to town to the office – Paul over the chicken pox and back at school.

6" Dec. Tuesday. Snow on the ground quite a cold winter morning. Dr. McMichael of Bellbrook formerly president of Monmouth College gave an address to the students and friends of Cedarville College in the chapel this morning. Jason attended it. If the weather had been more inviting we would loved to have been there. Uncle Joe not well these days and has not ventured up here. Paul at School to day. Mr Mc and Philip and Paul put in full time this afternoon at the work. Our guest who stopped with us last night past on this morning – Another took dinner with us and passed on too. Mary busy to day at her work. Jason attending the revival in Selma at the friends church to night. This Eve Will McM- here and chatted awhile.

8" Dec. Thurs Another winter day. Jason and Mr Mc around & Philip taking care of the stock. Paul at School. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma. Mr Calvert rode with him out to Cramptons sale. Mr Crites rode home with him from Mr Cramptons sale – When passing the track at Selma they came into too close contact with a freight train for comfort – They escaped by pulling old Frank & the sleigh off the track – We never know how many deliverances & blessings we have to be thankful for. Uncle Dan called here this P.M. It has been too cold all week for him to go to town – and for my self also. Mary in the kitchen. Paul and Jason with us around the fire this Eve. I wrote a letter & sent it to Fannies at Port Jervis N.Y. and one to Homer at New Brunswick N. J. and this evening I am getting one ready to send to Fred and Clara Monmouth Ill.

9" Dec. Friday Another cold winter day. Jason around with Philip most of the day looking after stock. This A.M. near noon Mr Mc made a flying trip to Cedarville – he brought John Steinforth back with him. He and Philip and Jason bringing hay from Din Collins barn. Mr Mc brought my 2" supply of medicine from Dr W.H. Christofer London - from the express office. Paul at School to day. Mary busy. I have been sewing to day – This Eve Jason at Cedarville in the sleigh – Clayton came out with him.

10" Dec. Sat. Mr Mc and Jason & Clayton & Philip are busy. They brought hay from Collins barn. Paul around home Mary in charge of the kitchen. This is a winter day – sleighing good – cold. This A.M. I went to Aunt Marys – took dinner with her boarders. Mr Herron [?] & Mr Penny & Mr Andrew [?] and Miss Bessie Crain there to dinner – This afternoon I called at Mr Dowings gallery for a second sitting. I also called to see Mrs. John Williamson She has Ellen Little staying with her since Mr. Williamsons death. I called in to see Aunt Bell – I came home near dark – This Eve all at home. Philip at C-

11" Dec. Sabbath. Another winter day. Jason and Paul at home – Mary and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church in the sleigh. Clayton rode down with him and went to Aunt Marys as his clothes were there – to be ready for the young folks meeting this evening and the college in the morning. Mr Mortons text "And gave to every man his work. The man taking the far journey is Jesus. The house that he left is his children – Our duty in view of Christs coming is threefold – pray, watch and work. The highest place and the greatest work any man can do is to do the work God has for him to do. This afternoon George Marshal and Charlie, Eddie, [illegible], and Mary Nye came in here. They were at the School house expecting Sabbath School but Miss Wylie had taken the key with her Friday evening and we could not get in. This eve Mr Mc and Jason and Paul and Mary and I around the lamp. It is two years this evening since grandmother Murdock left us - She knows more than she did then – while those of us who are here learn but slowly.

12" Dec. Monday. Sleighing fine – snowed again to day. Harry Nye called and went with Paul to School this morning. Mr Mc on the go all day here and there over the farm. Jason at town this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Mary rec'd a letter from her daughter and she expects to go to the city [?] in the morning to see her. Philip at Cedarville this afternoon for coal. Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P- and called to see Mrs Webster She promised to come Wednesday. This Eve all around the lamp. It is twenty six years ago this evening since grandmother McMillan died. We should remember these anniversaries.

13" Dec. Tuesday. Uncle Joe took Mrs. Mary E. Peterson to the morning train – She goes to Cincinnati to see her sick daughter. Mr Stookie called this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and Philip and Jason and Uncle Joe took our hogs to Mr Crouses slaughter house – Uncle Dan called this A.M. Paul at School to day. This Eve all at home around the lamp. Will Mc here this Eve.

14" Dec. Wed. Another cold winter day. Sleighing fine. Paul at School – Uncle Joe around home all day. Jason at C- this A.M. on an errand – Mr Mc across at Nyes and around all day. Philip at Crouses and brought a load of pork out. I have been busy all day. Mr All Miller here to see Mr Mc this P.M. I will write here a beautiful verse I saw in the paper to day -- it was this. Let impatient reformers remember the words of Burritt: "Ours is the seed time; God alone beholds the end of what is sown. Beyond our vision dark and dim, The harvest time is hid with him"

15" Dec. Thurs. "This Eve I went in the sleigh with Jason to C- and attended an open meeting of the W.C.T.U – at Mr. Morton's. Aunt Mary gave the Scripture reading - and the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Caroline (name I can't read) and Miss Esther Pugh- There were quite a good company--- assembled in their parlor--- they had refreshments" [In the margin: Jason began making fires this morning]

16" Dec. Friday. Still moderating – After two Mr Snively [?] completed his work and Mr Mc took him to Charleston – and did not get back until after dark – Wm Nye & sons here in continuance at the pork assisted by Uncle Joe and Mrs Webster. I took charge of the kitchen. Paul at School Harry Nye came home with him – here for supper with his father & the boys and went home with them to night. This Eve Jason at C- sleigh riding. It is so warm that it has been sprinkling rain – The sleighs passing all day & this evening While the month "is passing by" we must not forget that this is Mr. Mcs birthday.
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"Let us remember
There are lonely hearts to cherish
While the days are going by;
These are weary souls who perish,
While the days are going by;
If a smile we can renew,
As our journey we pursue,
O the good we all may do,
While the days are going by.
But the seeds of good we sow
Both in shade and shine will grow.
And will keep our hearts aglow,
While the days are going by."
[Transcriber note: Words: George Cooper (1870). Music: Ira Sankey (1881).]

17" Dec. Sat. Moderated considerable – thawing. Jason broken out with the chicken poxs this morning. Work at a stand still. Philip feeding Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Paul out in the snow most of the day. Mrs Webster doing up the Saturdays work. Mr Mc out among the neighbors this afternoon The sleighs still passing. This Eve Philip took Uncle Joe and Mrs Webster down home. Jason and Paul retired early. Mr Mc and I around the lamp – waiting for Philip to bring the mail.

18" Dec. Sabbath. Moderated considerable – The snow melting but the sleighing good. Jason and Paul at home. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And as thy servant was busy here and there he was gone. And the King of Israel said unto him, so shall thy judgement be, they self has decided it." The neglect of present duty – and of the family – and church and state is dangerous and ruinous. When we

do our duty we are safe – but if we do not – it is loss and ruin. Clatyon at church with Aunt Mary and went back with her. This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and I at the School house – Only two scholars to day. Philip made the fire for me. While I have time I will copy a few thoughts on the 23rd Psalm – I do not know the writer, but it is beautiful.

“The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want”

I shall not want rest. “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.”

I shall not want drink. “He leadeth me beside still waters.”

I shall not want forgiveness. “He restoreth my soul.”

I shall not want guidance. “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake.”

I shall not want companionship. “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.”

I shall not want comfort. “Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

I shall not want. “Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of mine enemies.”

I shall not want joy. “Thou anointest my head with oil.”

I shall not want anything. “My cup runneth over.”

I shall not want anything in this life. “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.”

I shall not want anything in eternity. “And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Aunt Mary E. sent me this selection. Now I have it.

19th Dec. Monday. Moderated drizzling rain all day. “Rev” Robertson here at work all day. Mr Mc went down through the storm & brought Mrs Webster out, but failed to find Uncle Joe – This has certainly been a rough disagreeable day. Paul at School but as he was the only scholar, Miss Wylie dismissed for the day and went home. Uncle Dan here this P.M. Uncle Joe came out this evening. Jason around the house all day. Robertson here awhile after supper.

20th Dec. Tuesday. John Stanforth and Mr Nye at work to day finishing up the matters in vicinity of the pork-packing. Paul at School this A.M. This afternoon he went with me to Cedarville and got his hair cut – I made but a brief stay in C- A letter from Clara she expects to come home if possible at the holidays – The College of Monmouth only allows two weeks. Will Timmons here to day and with us to night. Mr Mc called at Mr Samuel Smiths this P.M. Mrs W- put in a busy day. This is Homer’s birthday. How quickly the years have gone by- He counts a man now - a boy no longer. I wrote to him to day. He is at the Seminary at New Brunswick. On the 6th of this month Rev James Steel was married to Miss Abbott.

21st Dec. Wed- Cloudy most of the day – Uncle Joe took Mrs Webster to C- to help Mrs Tasbore [?] with a little work – Uncle Joe waited until she was through and they were both back by noon. Philip & Timmons and Jason and Mr Mc all busy. Paul at School – he took his dinner for the first time this year. I have been busy all day. Will Mc called this P.M. This Eve Timmons at C- Warner Hamilton here this A.M. Mr Mc called at Mr Dan Deans. Mr Clemens called. He sent me his “Mother’s Book” to read to day-- Like other lovely bright souls she has passed long since into the beyond. She too could have said “How beautiful to be with God.”

22nd Dec. Thursday. Gloomy most of the day – but this evening it is getting much colder – Philip and Timmons busy all day. Mr Mc and Jason and Uncle Joe around. Paul at School and came home for his dinner as usual. This Eve Uncle Joe at C- a letter from Fred telling us Clara left Monmouth this Evening

and will be in Springfield in the morning. I hope it will be milder than it is this evening. Jason at C- this evening and Clayton came out home with him.

23" Dec Friday. A nice day but chilly. I might [illegible] cold. Clayton came out home last night – he got through with his examinations in the College on Wednesday. Most of the students have gone to their homes. Clayton left at an early hour for Springfield to meet Clara – near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia – Wm Timmons and Philip and Jason around at the work – Uncle Joe around – He had an early dinner – Mrs Webster here – hard at it. Clayton got home after one with Clara – They failed to find Harlan and came direct home after stopping for a short time at Mr Carsons After they had dinner Clara took a long sleep on the reater – I have not been feeling very well to day and took a rest too – Clara hardly got in when Uncle Dan, passing to Cedarville, stopped and came in to see her. Mr Mc did not get home until after night – he and Clara took supper together – Jason at C- a short time this evening. Clayton & Jason began cleaning the yard – Frank Perkins passing – Clayton hailed him and in a short time he was in helping with the year – He is stopping with for the present & he has been faithful this afternoon at the yard.

24" Dec. Sat. Gloomy but not so cold. Will Mc called this morning [illegible] at C- awhile this morning to lay in a few Christmas presents for Paul. Will Mc around – Uncle Joe and Paul invited up to Wills to dinner – and to a Christmas tree. They have had their invitations for several days – Near noon Mr Mc drove down for me and took me up to see the Christmas tree. I met Mrs Jammison and her daughter Ella and Robert Townsley & Effie and Montrose and Fred were there – and Paul and all of Wills crowd – three boys and Helen – Clara busy at home – Will brought me down when the Ceremonies were over – Uncle Dan seemed to enjoy their [illegible]. This Eve Uncle Joe took Mrs Webster home and at a later hour Jason went down with Philip and brought the carriage back. We waited long for father & Harlan to return but when he came he came alone – Harlan will not be here until the morning. Mr Mc called to see Sadie Stuart and invited her home with him but she could not come. This afternoon Aunt Bell and Blanch and Mary came and spent an hour. They want us to spend Monday with them. Clayton and Frank and Jason have put in a full day in the yard. Most of the leaves are off it now. What a busy day we have had.

25" Dec. Sabb. Rather a pleasant day. Philip off duty to day and Clayton on – Jason came out with his new suit – “long pants” and he and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr. Mc and Clara there. I was at home to day. A matter of necessity I never like to be away from church- especially the last Sabbath of the year or the first Sabbath. Clara brought Mr. Mortons text home to me “And thou shalt remember all the ways which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness” The text itself is a sermon - for many of us have been in the way all of forty years – and we have much to remember. Clayton and Frank Perkins started the fire for me in the School house – Harlan at church and came home with the folks - I had dinner waiting for them. Paul and I at the School house at three - A nice warm room a pleasant hour - it being Christmas day - the Scholars were absent. Paul and I went over the lesson and spent the hour as though there were a number there. These are the difficult things that confront every Christian mother -- but the exhortation is “Be ye not weary in well doing for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not” To become discouraged is natural To keep from being discouraged we must look away from our selves and from the gloomy surroundings. We have had a pleasant evening here at home. We missed all the absent ones - We read the 1:2 chapter of the Gospel of John this eve - Paul gets along nicely reading. Frank P- not very well this evening. None of us at the young folks meeting this evening. Snowed - beautiful snow to day.”

26" December. Monday A nice winter day. Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out – Mrs Webster came out this morning too – and will take charge of things here to day. Frank is convalescent this morning. Mr Mc and Clayton, Jason & Paul and Harlan and Clara and I took dinner at Uncle Ervins and Aunt Bells – Aunt Mary there too – Jennie Morton there this afternoon. We certainly had a long pleasant day – we stayed until the lamps were lighted – until Harlan started back to his place in Springfield. Some way I felt sad to have him leave us for we have had an unusually pleasant time with him. So glad he and Clara were both here and sorry all the rest could not be here. Clara stayed with Aunt Mary to night. Clayton there awhile to help Aunt Mary with her shoers – and came home bringing Charlie Galbreath with him. They made a slight call and went to Selma for a longer call. All the rest of us around the lamp. Mrs Webster Uncle Joe and Frank around to day. Thus another Christmas day has past and gone. "Past – into history." Christmas presents received see page 281 [Note: Dec. 27]

27" Dec. Tuesday- "Blowing" another cold day. Jason at C- this morning and brought Aunt Mary and Clara out – After an early dinner Clayton and Charlie P- left for Xenia on a Stove expedition. They took our little coal oil stove down and brought out a fancy coal stove. They did not get home until near six O'clock. After supper Clayton left Charlie in our care and "pushed" out to Selma. Aunt Mary helping Clara with her repairing. This evening Mr Mc took her home. Paul went down to stay with her to night and tomorrow - We have missed him here this evening for no matter who comes or who goes we always have Paul with us. Frank selecting potatoes to day in the wool house. Uncle Joe and Jason around all day John Stanforth and Mr All Miller [?] called to day. Mrs Webster and I both busy. Mr Mc took the clothes to Mrs P- after omitting them last week. A letter from Fred this evening saying that since Clara has come home he is home sick to come too. Under "Christmas day" I intended to note the Christmas present rec'd. Harlan brought me a lovely Fountain pen and 14 lbs of candy and about ten of nuts for the Sabbath School class. He brought father a handsome carving knife and fork - and a neck tie – also. A tie for Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason - A beautiful knife for Paul. Clara rec'd ten dollars from him and a box of fine candy. Out of the abundance of his supplies - I sent a Christmas present to Mrs Pigg and to two little girls in C-

28" Dec. Wed. Rather a pleasant day. Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- around all morning. This A.M. Clayton took Clara out to Aunt Jennettes to see Aunt Matt. Jason and Charlie out with a [illegible] most of the day. Mrs Ansley and son here getting turkeys – they were here to dinner. Uncle Joe called at Will Mcs – Dave Mc here this A.M. Mrs Webster faithful all the day long. This afternoon at one O'clock Mr Mc and I at the church to witness the contest in shorter catechism. And hear the little folks speak and receive their Christmas presents. Paul was there with Aunt Mary and came home with us. Clara and Clayton at Aunt Jennettes & Uncle Bighams to dinner. When they came back to C- late this P.M. Clayton went to Edd Stuarts, I think. Clara called at Prof McChesneys and took supper with Aunt Mary – She and Clayton reached home about nine. Jason & Charlie P- made a hasty trip to C- and were home in short time. Mrs Webster going right along with the work.

29" Dec Thurs. Almost like a spring day – if it were not for the wind - & the lack of Sunshine. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Clara and I at Xenia - we went direct to Mr. Downings "Art Gallery" – Mr. Mc and I sat for pictures and came direct home. Aunt Mary is to have company there and Clara stopped off there. Clayton had gone there when he came home – After supper Jason & Robbie at C- I got my second express package from Dr W. Christopher of London this evening. Uncle Dan not well – Uncle Joe calling there Paul called to see the Nye children to day. Mrs Webster in charge of the home to day. This morning Jason & Charlie P- at Mrs P- for the clothes. Mrs W- ironing to day. Uncle Joe and Frank P-

and Clayton and Jason and Charlie P- around. Charlie & Clayton at Selma to day. Clayton at Aunt Marys with the company and brought Clara home. Charlie P- and Jason made a brief call at C- this evening.

30" Dec Friday A rough disagreeable – snowing raining and blowing Clayton and Charlie P- at the office and brought the clothes from Mrs P-s Uncle Joe and Mr Mc and Charlie P- and Clayton Jason and Paul and Frank Perkins all around. Clara here with us. It is dark and dreary all day. This Eve Clayton and Charlie P- left for [blank space] they went by way of C- and stopped at the office for Clara. All the rest of us around the lamp.

31" Dec. Sat. A rough cold disagreeable day. Charlie P- left us this morning after his weeks visit – Mr Mc and Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Uncle Silas's and Aunt Mollies. Uncle Joe was invited but he did not feel well enough to go – He and Mrs Webster and Frank P- at home. Uncle Joe took Mrs W-home this Eve – and Jason came back in his conveyance. Quite a crowd out at Uncle Silas's to day. All were nicely entertained – Although the storm was raging without it was bright and peaceful within. All of Uncle Ervins there but Aunt Bell She had gone over to Dayton yesterday. Aunt Mary was there to day and all of Mr Mortons.

“O Year, that like a pilgrim worn and old, goes out to face the storm and wintry cold;
O Year, when you were young, and blithe and fair.

And glad bells jingled in the frosty air,
We greeted you with hope and hearty cheer,
And made you welcome at our hearths, Old Year;
We blessed you for the Sun, and Shower, and Snow,
but now we say “Good bye” and let you go.

Now good bye to 1898
Good bye.

[Transcriber note: the following was written inside the back cover]

We had better set our darkest and bitter experiences to music than to wailing and to keep them alive by brooding over them to make our lives bitter – for in doing so we will feel better – and will help men more and will honor God more.

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