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Introduction: January and February 1898

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In the January and February 1898 journals, Martha McMillan continues her entries through the New Year and into the harshest weeks of winter, narrating the events of the new year as nineteenth-century Cedarville draws ever-nearer to the turn of the century. True to her character, Martha meets the unique challenges of managing a large household and farm estate with surprising joy and celebration. She poetically describes the passage of the old year as “looking back more of joy than sorrow,” reminiscing in fond remembrance despite the past hardships. The following months are then filled with the bustle of everyday life, from tending to her sick husband to instructing students weekly at the Sabbath School, managing hired workers, and occasionally grieving lost friends and family. In mid-January she celebrates her thirty-first anniversary and celebrates her own birthday on January 26. Although endlessly tasked with her own responsibilities, Martha consistently takes time to reflect on the deeper meanings of life through two key themes which repeatedly arise.

First, Martha constantly emphasizes the importance of placing trust in God. On the first page she quotes Bishop Patrick, who states that “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.” On her musings on New Year’s Day, she expresses thankfulness for the joys of the previous year and expresses trust that God “always gives us what is best.” She returns to trust despite whatever challenge arises over the winter months.

Martha also retains a Kingdom-minded, future-oriented perspective throughout her entries. She expresses her desire to “Let us be in earnest in our walk for every day the resurrection morning is one day nearer” (Jan 9). On her anniversary day she finds herself grieving her late parents, yet finds comfort through lines of poetry which commemorate their joyful passing into the Kingdom of heaven (Jan 15). Finally, she reflects on her own struggles and surmises that “Sometimes Amid the Sorrows and trials of life Jesus comes and speaks comfortably to us— and gives us a glimpse of the heavenly world” (Feb 6). In times of difficulty, Martha turns towards her future hope for comfort. These themes reveal the true character of a woman at once proficient in managing daily tasks while retaining profound spirituality. Her faith upholds her through struggles and enables her to get through any difficulty presented to her.

Martha remains just as relevant today as she was for her contemporary readership. Her example of trusting God amidst personal trials remains a poignant topic not only for her children, but also for the modern-day freshman, professor and graduating senior alike. She describes with all-too-familiar language the overwhelmed feelings of a believer who fails to trust, as well as the relief of surrendering that trust to God. This trust, combined with her unrelenting Kingdom-mindedness, provides a model worthy of emulation for all believers who are likewise still waiting on Christ’s return. Although the struggles may have changed over the last century, her choice to alter her stance towards them remains a deeply relevant testimony worthy of reflection and emulation today.

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On front cover: [illegible, 3 words] Ohio-
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 13" Nov 1898.

M. E. McMillan
Journal for 1898

New Years day, 1898.

"All hail,
New Year! We bid thee come in peace [illegible]
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 night 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.

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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 person 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 seemed last night "The old year was laid to rest with a
beautiful covering of white" The snow stops all prisoners [?]
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 1894 & [?] 1898. Also missionary money at J Coopers- This afternoon James & [?] W William and Miss K McMillan [?] called. Paul down at the tenant house with Mary & Mara Waltons__ And Winnie [?] & Harley [?]. This Eve Clayton is

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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 2" of August last. On this New Years night I [?] nice write the names of all the children and their whereabouts. Fannie is at her home at Port Jenn's N. Y. [illegible] Fred is working on his railroad deal at Bussey Iowa- Harlan is just getting over the measles - He has been slant [?] in his room at the Browns on W. High St - for the last two weeks. He has been with Carsma W [marked above, Springfield O.]- for over five years now.

Homer [?] [illegible, 2 words] at the Cedarville College the 10 of last June and left for the Union Seminary, the 16" of September, in New York City. He is at Mr. [illegible] and Fannies [?] spending his vacation with them.

Clara left on the 8" of September for Monmouth College She did not come home at the holidays as we [illegible]-

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

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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 Gary Milton Walton who resides in the tenant house. Mr Mc and I around the camp [?] tonight - Clyton Jason and Paul retired early.

2" 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 [blotted out, work]

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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 word, and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Aunt Mary Murdock was at church to day – She came home from Cincinnati yes-terday 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 Walton 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

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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 Dusly [?] here this morning.

This Eve Clayton at town in the sleigh was not gone long. Jason around the camp [?] with his boot [?] – 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 [after, crossed out] A. M. Mr. Mc. at McCarlies and at Mrs. Worshals [?]

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this P. M- Mr. Mc. and I attended the Annual Congregational meeting at the prayer meeting rooms. Mr J. S. Williamson answered Mr Preps [?] short [?] of his taking [?] money out of the poor fund for Mrs Nisbit - 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 in [?] [illegible, 2 words] here to help us butcher in the morning Clayton took Robert to town in the sleigh.

5" Jan. Wed. Moderated & pleasant winter day. Clayton at Selma School Paul at our School. Jason at home. Mr Nye is a chaplin [?] and Stoolley [?] 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 pairs [?] They got along [?] nice with the butchering to day. Uncle Joe here as usual. These are beautiful evenings we are having now.

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6" 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 Stoolley [?] and Mr Nye in the lard today. & Sanscape [?] getting all in ladiners [?]. 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. Stooley's horse had sharp shoes [?] and I draw [?] it on account of the ice and event [?] to church alone. Mr Mortons test [?]. O Iseral [?], return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thy own vanity [infirmity?]. We had but a small congregation to day. Mr. Mc. [illegible] 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 reserved [?]. Casey at C- this P. M- with Alex P[?]s trunk-

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This Eve Will Mc here and helped the boys & Uncle Joe grind [?] the Sansays [?]. I rode down as far as Daltons [?] with Sloolley

[?] and made a call there. Mr. Matthewes [?] brother in law here to see Mr. Mc. to day.

7" Jan Friday. Another beautiful day Mr Nye & Stoolley [?] and Uncle Joe at the lard. Robert and I put away the Sansays [?]. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our school. Mr. Mc. at Mr Sammie Smiths this A. M. on an errand. [Matthews brother? crossed out] This afternoon fathers [?] brother in Conv [?]. And J H W Willem and H F Carty [?] called to see Mr Mc. Mrs. N- continued with us until the evening and Stoolley [?] until long after dark. Carsy [?] here this eve looking over a colt. Uncle Dan called this A. M. Old George came this Eve.

8" Jan. Sat. Still moderating Stoolley [?] 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 Massis [Massie?] Creek Cemetery to Waltons- to see the folks there. I did not reach home until near dark- We all [illegible] a letter from Clara this Eve - the first [at bottom of page: (old George in the woodshed all day)]

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since before Xmas. Mrs. Baily 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 [is?] 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.

Stoolley here at this hay covers & here to dinner. Casey at his feeding. Mr. Mc. in bed most of the day. I have scarcely [illegible] 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 prolong[ed?] chart [?] this [illegible, A.M.?] This afternoon Casey at C— for lumber—Stoolley finished his covers at noon— and went home after dinner. Miss Cassie

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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 sense 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 there. 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. [illegible] see

Stormint called to see Mr Mc this afternoon. Nice this is one busy day past and gone. Old Mr Hammibury [?] buried to day. Wilbur Pancake died at Charleston about to 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. Stoolley [?] 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 Stoolley [?] 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 Mylie [?] this morning and spent the day going back with her again this Eve. Uncle Dan here this morning. Stoolley [?] 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.

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15" January Saturday. Another cloudy day. Stoolley [?] here until after dinner at his wardrobe. Uncle Joe busy all day. Casey busy. George cleaning the leaves of [sic, off?] the yard. Clayton and Jason busy. Paul around. Mr Mc in bed part of the time. I have been busy all day. Mc Walton called this morning. She wrote a letter for me to P. K. Co. to day. This Eve Casey took Uncle Joe down home and brought out letters from Fannie, Fred, Harlan & Minnie [?]- 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 fact 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,

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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."

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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 [illegible, commence?] Sabbath School up at our School [illegible, two words] three Oclock was the hour-So be all ending [?] 'by in company' with Paul opened the house and rang the bell loud & long Several of us met there-and at three Oclock 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

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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 [illegible] 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 with next week-He stoped [sic] for dinner and

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washed up the dishes and went back home - By the way old George stepped out this morning. Paul went to School this afternoon- Uncle Sam called and spent the forenoon with Mr. Mc. This Eve

Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P- Mr. Mc. in bed until this afternoon. Casey helping Will McGuney with his hops [?].

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. Walton called. This P. M- Casey is taking potatoes to Grays [?] at Kits [?]- Old George returned this morning and has been taking leaves off the yard. This Eve Clayton at C- Jason cleaned the camp, 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 [illegible] 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. all the mill [while?] 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 hurricane all day. Old George

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in the wood shed all day. Uncle Joe and Casey around all day looking after things Mr. Davis & Joey from Jamestown here for the Fred Smith cow [?]. Will Mc. called. Mr. Mc. in bed until noon & the boys around the camp this ev [sic, eve].

21" Jan. Friday. Quite a gloomy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr. Mc. in bed until nine Oclock 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 time. 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- [illegible, I?] 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

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began work directly after dinner.

May he prove a blessing. Old Charlie Selm [?] was to come Monday. he said if we could not wait for him we would have to get someone else- and this was just what we did "got some one else". This Eve Clayton & C. and Jason attempting 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 Sulton [?] all on the program- Charlie Miller in the kitchen. He baked some lovely bread this morning. Mr. Mc. up [illegible] 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 [illegible] everything before it. Three of the window panes broken.

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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 Wed [?] 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 Himmel [?] 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 camp 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

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to C- for the clothes and for Uncle Joe. Nora Walton 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. & 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 M Harlem & Albert Janis were both in C- this morning- & Old Charlie [illegible] 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 dis-agreeable I went alone. Miss Groff 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

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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 Mr. S) and stayed until after ten. Uncle Joe at C- this A. M. Alex Pugh at C- for his trunk. This afternoon he began repairing Cistern pumps [?] & I met 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

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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 E[illegible] 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.

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28" January Friday A dreary day and windy Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr. Mc. sound 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. Walton 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 Sonnings [?] 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 how often mine [?] Clayton called to see Mrs Stewart she is still sick. Ms Fannie Shaw is there. Paul at Waltons this P.M. Charlie at work all day.

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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 S. staying with Aunt Matt.

Mr. Mc. and Harlan at church. Paul at home with Charie M. and Alex.

Mr. Martons 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 Oclock 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 five 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 & Stoolley 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 around. 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 harding [hauling?] a drawer of "old letters" of Fannie written & [illegible] from her numerous correspondants [sic] while in Mommouth 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.

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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" [illegible]. Charlie in charge of the kitchen. This Eve all gathered around the fire. Paul [?] 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 manur [sic, manure?]. Casey taking care of the stock. Charlie M- busy. I have been busy all day. Mr. Prusdale [?] 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. Clayton [illegible] 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

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but feel her time is short. She surely was glad to see us all. We met Mrs Fannie Sha[illegible] there. Sara [?] going right along with the work. Maggie & Charlie home to their dinners While they done everything for our happiness yet there was a sadness brooding 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 lunch. 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

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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 [Lord Jesus, crossed out] 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 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."

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Alex & Charlie M. at home. This afternoon at three O'clock 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. [on margin, illegible] 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, elevation?] book that Homer left there for Clara [crossed out] - I came to town & mailed it to Clara she is a member of L. B. Litary [sic, literary?] Soc now in Mommouth College- & needed this book. I made a slight call at Aunt Marys and Uncle Joe came out with me [illegible, leaving?] 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

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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- Joe 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 bright to day. Jason at C- at Stewarts Store this Eve. Thus an other busy day has past and gone. Eve Casey called.

9" Feb. Wed. Almost little 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. Every thing past off very pleasantly. Uncle Dan took him home again this Eve. Mr. Nedd Stewart here to [illegible] for a [illegible]. 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

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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 after noon 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 there, a lovely lady and Mrs Fannie S Shaw. Sadie was at home to day again. I met Dr. Atlas there. All seem a little more hopeful to day about Mrs. S-

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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 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— Fannie [?] McClain called and got paper 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.

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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 McCollum died very unexpectedly [?] to most of her friends this morning. Mrs. Holton called this morning. 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 McCollums.

16" Feb. Wed. Quite a nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Casey feeding.

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

Alex here alone. Mr. Mc. and made an early start to Sue MrCollums funeral. We took dinner with Rev Mr. McCollum at Aunt Belle & Uncle E. Swift [?]. Aunt Mary & Aunt Belle went with us after dinner to the funeral. Mr Morton assisted Mr. Rev Ransey & Prof McChestney conducted the [illegible]. Her remains were layed [sic] to rest beside her father & Mother in the Old Massey Creek Cemetery. We reached home before dark. We waited and brought out Claytons [illegible, wool?] coat from the Express office—He and Jason & Co were at an entertainment at the Selma M. E. Church to night.

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 [illegible] remembered in the prayers to day. I called at the McNeil sisters and had my

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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 feeing. 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.

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20" Feb. Sabb. A gloomy winter day. Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr. Mr. 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 host 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— Warren Hamilton also— And Mr. Denning Jr. They are having experiences [?] at our school & the Selma School Celebrating Washingtons birthday. Jason is to read a Biography of Washington

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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 Mommouth. She was Fannies friend. This after noon Mr. Mc. at Paytons. 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

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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. [illegible] Nye and Will Mc. called. This afternoon I attend the missionary Society. We rcd [?, received?] a letter from Maggie Stewart 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 1 [illegible]. Her remains were taken to Chicogn [?]- and will be laid in Rosehill Cemetery by her Mother.

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Clayton at Mary K 8 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. Payton's sale. Mr. Payton expects to move to the Springs. Alex hefting a little around the house. Uncle Joe at C- This afternoon a letter are 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 string 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

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Uncle Joe around all day. Alex [?] feeling very badly most of the day. Will Mc. called this morning- his sister Effie Townsly is quite sick this week. Paul at Haltons this afternoon. This Eve Casey took Uncle Joe down home. At eleven Clayton and Harlan arrive 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 house 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 last, 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 judgment." The subject of the text Is the church and what God

does for it- The last are those that have wandered away from God from home and from happiness and have no desire or

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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 then 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

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Aunt Jane home- and he and Jason drove down to Uncle Joes for [illegible] drive for Mr. Mc. I came got dinner & attended to only work and Paul and I at the School house at three Oclock 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 talking Harlan back to Springfield in the morning. Mrs Dallas died this evening at five Oclock She is eighty years old- one of our good cousins.

28" Feb. Monday. Quite a gloomy day all of after early hour. Uncle Joe left with Harlan for Springfield- he called at Mrs Stuarts- found her still improving a little. She took dinner with Harlan at Adams- and returned this afternoon. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr. Will Marshal and Mr. Stoolley 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

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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 they we would not be over this evening.
Clayton at C- this eve on an errand.

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1 April, Friday. Rather a pleasant day, but by no means warm. Stanley(?) 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 _____ 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 _____. He was in the rebel army. [editor's note: she leaves a long space for traveling man's name in the journal, but never fills it in.]

2 April, Saturday. Rather a winter day. Clayton at Seth Smith's for Rhubarb riots. 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. _____ Shan (?) still there. She goes home _____. Harlan busy - Mr. Mc took dinner with him at [Adams?] - I took dinner at Mrs. Stuarts. This afternoon I _____ a cloth jacket at _____. Harlan called to see me at Mrs. Stuart's - Clayton took Uncle Joe home and brought Jim Little back with him. Jim is with us tonight. Clayton forgot the mail and we had him go back after it, late and all as it was.

3 April, Sabbath. A gloomy day but moderated. Alex & Luella keeping house. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath school. _____. Jim L. sat 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 _____. Rev. Gillespie of the Xenia S_____ 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 _____ 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 Haltons (?) 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? Lomonts?) woman but to no (purpose? Purchase?). 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 F_____ in Port _____ 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 [Spring 8?] and from a visit in St. [Loms? Johns?] last _____. Fred was at Monmouth when she wrote. All at home this evening. It's still cold. We did not forget that this was Jason's birthday – he is sixteen.

6 April, Wednesday. 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 Mary's after meeting. We were home in time for supper. All at home this evening.

7 April, Thursday. 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 Wilson's 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, Saturday. Blowing a good deal & quite cloudy. Casey sick today & off duty. Russel & Clayton making a full [track?]. Uncle Joe and Jason & Paul around. Mr. Will Mitchel here again [tacking?] up [tracks?] This afternoon I took Uncle Joe home and made a brief call in the city. I met Mrs. A_____ Morton at Aunt Mary's. This Eve Mrs. McLain came over in great trouble. Her husband came home drunk and tried to kill her. Clayton & Russel took her to [Salem? Solon?] – they did not get started until nine. Directly after dinner Mr. Mc. went by way of [Joe?] Cans & 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, Sabbath. A nice day, but cloudy. Clayton & Jason and Paul at Sabbath school & church. Mr. Mc. and Harlan and I at church. [St.? H?] Carrall White preached - he is just from

the seminary. Alex keeping house – he made the _____ 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. White's 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 & old Casey home and brought Luella back. They reached here after one. I have had a busy day. We had four sheep shearers home from the vicinity of [Doley Varden? Daley 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 [over?] 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 and 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 _____ fishing. He also brought a letter from Homer – he was having a nice time with Mr. McKenzie and Fannie and the children at Port Jennis. 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 & Russel busy. Luella at the [work?]. After supper Jason and Russ at the office – Clayton & _____ at [Attkisons? Attkinsons?] 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 & 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. _____ and did not get back until after dark. Clayton & Jason at a show at the Clifton Opera house to night. Luella and I around today. I cleaned the sitting room cupboard in part to day.

16 April, Saturday. Very much like Spring. We have fifty little chickens. Casey & Alex sowing seed this morning. They [returned? 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 McCarthy sheep. This afternoon Mrs. Halton & Luella took Uncle Joe home for a little outing. 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 is 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 Carall White preached text "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own Soul." Luella came home with roy?. 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 [Ript?] house and made a fire in the school house, as usual. Russ at the M.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 read 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 Smith's and at Mrs. Bridgeman's brother in law's and at Mr. Bailey's 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, Wednesday. Another blowing morning. I went to see Mand Robbison this morning. She will come to next week. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Luella at the work. I brought the clothes home and we [around?] today. Mr. Mc. looking after the sheep very closely. This afternoon he and Russ were over at Matthew Wilson's. Russ is bringing corn from there. quite disagreeable rain and wind. This eve Clayton and Jason at Mr. Dennis Bryan's at a party. Uncle Joe and Alex reading war news.

21 April, Thursday. Weather 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's and 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. Mrs. 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 _____ and the pantry. 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 [reeming? Seeming?] upstairs. Luella cleaned Clara's room, the hall, and the boy's room all of her work yesterday, and today waiting to be put in order. Clayton and Russ hauling hay from -

Mr. Mc. and Jason around at McCarthy's 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 & old Carrey 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 term. 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 have bright 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 dentist’s M_____ He stayed in C – until the clothes went down this eve he came back with Clayton. He took his meals at Aunt Mary’s. Miss Blair there and Miss Graff came in this evening. Uncle Joe came out near noon bringing Mand Robbison with him. She began work this afternoon. [Stookey?] called to day, and here to dine. Sprinkling rain. Casey & Alex sowing seed.

25 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 [Cason?]. Mand 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 _____ this eve. Mr Holton here this P.M.

27 April, Wednesday. 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 – Mand taking care of the house. Near noon or about ten Mr. Mc. and I left for Springfield to attend the Moody meetings for this P.M. & evening we made a brief call at Mrs Stuart’s when we went in S– and again called to tell her goodbye. 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. (Editor: Is this a reference to D.L. Moody? – his death is December 22, 1899.) After the meeting we called to see Harlan and took supper with him at Adam’s. He spent what time he could with us. There 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 o’clock we were at the meeting again. The hall was 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 _____ 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, Thursday. Rather pleasant. Alex and Casey plowing. Russ around. Uncle began planting a few things in the garden. Near noon Mr. Mc. left for Matthew Wilson's and around. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon I attended the missionary _____. 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 Carry's.

29 April, Friday. A very pleasant day. Jason at Selma School alone. Clayton went with his father to Uncle Silas's took dinner there. They brought the sheep from Bridgeman's and 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 helped Uncle Joe put most of the garden in today. Mr. Stoddard when passing stopped to speak to me.

30 April, Saturday. . . I called in to see Mrs. Stuart. She has nearly finished her work. She will soon be gone. Will scarcely live until the morning.

May 1898

2 May, Monday . . . 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.

3 May, Tuesday. . . A letter from Homer. He is at his work in the Union Seminary. A letter from Fred. He is at his work at Bussey Iowa We rec'd a letter from the old painter. He is at Columbus.

5 May, Thursday. . . . At an early hour Clayton and I left for Springfield with the double team & the carriage we went by C- and Aunt Mary Bell went with us. Clayton left us at the 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 _____ while a number of delegates there – we took dinner at [Mrs _____] with quite a number of _____. We attended the Convention in the afternoon and with a number of the delegates. Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell and I took supper at Adam's. . . . 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."

6 May, Friday . . . Mrs. Mitchel went back with one to the Convention. We had quite a nice meeting – quite a good audience 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. This closed the annual Convention of the twentieth District _____ W.C.T.U.

9 May, Monday. . . . This P.M. Uncle Dan called. [Elton?] also dropped in a few minutes. I took the washing to Mrs. P– and took Miss [Wylie?] home. I met Miss _____ and Miss Blair at Aunt Mary's. I called to see Mr. Morten. I stopped and chatted a little while with Mr _____ Harper. I met [Jesse Orr?]. Jim Little left last Wednesday for Omaha.

10 May, Tuesday . . . This eve Jason and I took a hasty trip to C–. The Ohio Presbytery meeting in our church today.

11 May, Wednesday . . . 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.

12 May, Thursday. . . . 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.

13 May, Friday . . . The Eve Clayton and Jason and I attended the Class exercises of the graduating class of the Cedarville Schools . . . 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, Saturday. 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.

16 May, Monday . . . 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 Billie's. When I came home I went straight to bed. One of my old bilious spells back in full force.

17 May, Tuesday . . . A nice traveler stopped here for lunch. He will return the first of next month I think.

19 May, Thursday. . . . I attended the W.C.T.U. monthly meeting at Mrs. Lott's 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. . . . Commencement of the Selma High School this evening. The

meeting held in the M.E. Church. . . . Amid the bustle of activity all around us we did not forget that this was Fred's birthday – May he grow better & better as the years go by.

20 May, Friday . . . 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.

22 May, Sabbath . . . At three O'clock I left Paul at home with Alex Mosses 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 spake grandly on the outlook 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?"

23 May, Monday . . . A letter come from _____ 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.

25 May, Wednesday . . . A letter came from Fred saying our distinguished guest would be here on Friday morning train.

28 May, Saturday. . . . 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. . . . Mr. Morton & co home from the Synod that met in Phila _____. 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.

30 May, Monday. . . . by the way this was Decoration day. [former name for Memorial Day]

June 1898

2 June, Thursday. . . . 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 3 June. Another nice day but warm. Casey & Alex & Russ & Clayton putting up a fence between us and Henry Kyles and [uplanting?] and [harrowing?]. Uncle Joe at C- at noon for the mail. This afternoon he and Alex working with potatoes. Mr. Charleston 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.

5 June Sabbath . . . Dr. McKinney, Pres. of Cedarville College, preached 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 as power – the mind is my Kingdom and the [selling?] of it wisely is as much to each one of use as the [selling?] of a Kingdom. I did not take notes very closely. Quite a good audience. Dr. [Irons?] from the Xenia seminary there.

6 June, Monday . . . 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. . . . The way seems clear and she is waiting to go home. . . . Mr. [Heron?] the Irish student called to day.

7 June, Tuesday. . . . "Billie" here for the potato planter for "Jimmie."

8 June, Wednesday . . . At two o'clock this P.M. Nora Holton and I attended Mrs. Wylie's funeral. Mr. Morton conducted the exercises.

10 June, Friday. Flower Mission day. By a little bad management I was not there. . . . It is a year today since Homer graduated. I do not forget that day.

11 June, Saturday. . . . It is two years today since Fred graduated. I do not forget that day either. Such days are very bright days in a mother's life.

12 June, Sabbath . . . this 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 part – 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.

13 June, Monday . . . Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. at the mill. He brought out several letters, one from Harlan & one from Homer. 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.Y., but just as he was starting a change came & 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.

June 13, Monday: Heavy rain this A.M. Jason at C—this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Carey and Jason cutting weeds and putting in full time. . . .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 . . . Saturday evening. After the Union Seminary closed he began work in Monmouth's 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 Carey all busy. Jason and Uncle Joe and Paul at something. Rosey in charge of the kitchen.

14 June, Tuesday . . . 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. Our last goodbye. She is getting very near the other country. I will miss her in many ways. We will all miss her. . . . It is nice to have Homer with us again. He has been gone since the middle of September. It seems a long time.

June 14, 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. Carey and Russel and Uncle Joe and 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 bye. 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, Wednesday. . . . 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.

June 15, Wednesday: Another nice day. Alex at his work on the yard fence. Carey and 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 someone 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 . . . Mr. Thomason's remains were taken up past here this morning . . . 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 experiences.

June 16, Thursday: Another bright day. Alex at his fence around the yard. Clayton busy. Russ and Carey 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. Raddasa(?) 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 . . . Mr. Mc. and I went to C – and Mr & Mrs Morton went with us to Springfield to attend, our friend's, Mrs. Stuart's funeral. . . . The flowers were in abundance and very beautiful. The funeral was at two o'clock. Their Springfield friends filled the house. . . . It was near six when we reached the Cemetery. Her remains were laid away to rest until the resurrection morning. . . . While we had a sad day yet it was a pleasant day, spent with friends who seemed to appreciate us.

June 17, Friday: A beautiful day. We left Uncle Joe, Homer, Clayton, Jason, and Paul, Alex, Carey, and 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 friend's, Mrs. Stuart's, 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. and Mrs. Morton to the train, then came back, and took Father and me and Mrs. Stuart's niece from Bellefontaine to.... A select few followed her remains there. It was near six when we reached the cemetery. Her remains were lain away to rest until the resurrection

morning. Rev. Thompson . . . very impressive at the grave. The grounds are beautiful. We stopped along with Margret and Sara and Charlie and Theodore and Mrs. Fanny Show at Mr. Duncan's in Urbana to supper. They entertained us fine. Our drive back to S—was delightful. The lady from Bellefontaine stopped at Urbana and 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 and 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 a few miles on the other side of Clifton.

18 June, Saturday. . . . I am feeling how tired I am after the ride yesterday. This afternoon Homer left for Springfield on a visit. . . . Mrs. Stuart died on Wednesday morning. She was 66 years old. John [Sparh?] near to Jamestown dropped dead this week at his home. . . . A busy very busy week to all of us.

19 June, Sabbath. . . . Clayton & Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church. . . . I did not feel well enough to go. Rosey and Alex and Russ here. Luella Davis & Rosey brother here most of the day. We tried to treat them kindly and set them a good example.

23 June, Thursday. . . . This afternoon I attended the W.C.T.U. at Mrs. Shrodes.

26 June Sabbath. A Nice day. This morning Jason & Paul and I at the exercises of the church. It was Review day. Several of the girls read papers. Aunt Mary read. . . . Mr _____ [Scoot?] – The Hindoo 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.”

June 28, Thursday: A beautiful day. Alex making the front gate. This A.M. Russel and Clayton plowing. Carey and Jason firing up the. . . . This afternoon Jason plowing and Russel whitewashing the barn. By the way, Mrs. Pollock's barn was burned down Saturday night. This afternoon Mr. Mc at Springfield. Uncle Joe at mill. Clayton with. . . . 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. . . . Will Mc here this eve.

29 June, Wednesday. . . . 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.

July 1898

1 July, Friday. . . . At an early hour this morning Homer left with the carriage and the two [sarls?] 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. . . . Fannie and the boys are looking well, but Fannie is very tired.

3 July, Sabbath. . . . 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.

5 July, Tuesday. A beautiful day. Russel Stanforth “departed” this morning, to the great joy of us all.

6 July, Wednesday. . . . Mr. Mc. left this A.M. for Springfield to meet Clara & Mrs Baily. They came in at ten. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Esply 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.

8 July, Friday. . . . Clara and Mrs Baily and Donald and Malcolm & Paul and Fannie around all day.

10 July, Sabbath. . . . 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.”

12 July, Tuesday. . . . When we came to C– I stopped to attend our W.C.T.U. Sociable at the old [rustic?] building by the creek.

13 July, Wednesday. . . . Fannie and Donald and Malcolm invited to Will McMillan’s to dinner. She met several of the cousins there. . . . This morning our cousin J. Harvey McMillan died.

14 July, Thursday. . . . 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 [Esther?] McMillan. She is quite sick. . . . Uncle Joe rode to C– with [Din?] Collins to stay until after the funeral tomorrow.

15 Aug, [sic] Friday. . . . This afternoon at two o’clock Mr. Mc. and Homer and Clayton and I attended cousin J. Harvey McMillan’s funeral. The exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. Morton & Rev. S.R. Ramsey.

19 July, Tuesday. . . . Early this morning Clara and Mrs. Baily left for Springfield to meet Fred. He came into Springfield at eleven o’clock. They had dinner at Adam’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.

20 July, Wednesday. Mr. Corner, Joe Johnston, old Isaac H, & Will Mc. and John Stanforth and a colored man from Cedarville and Edd Robinson and Homer, Fred, Uncle Joe, and Clayton and Jason and Mr. Mc. and Mrs Baily and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm and Paul and Clara all here to dinner.

21 July, Thursday. . . . This afternoon I went as far as 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_____ the principal speakers after the meeting refreshments were served.

27 July, Wednesday. . . . I have been on the sick list all day. . . . This eve I am still feeling not well.

28 July, Thursday. . . . This afternoon I attended the W.S. missionary Soc at the prayer meeting rooms. . . . Called to see Walter and Nellie’s baby. She is quite sick.

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 our 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. McKenzie. 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 goodbye 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. Mand 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 _____ Henderson went to his bro James’s this eve. This is the last day of July. How quickly this month has past & I can scarcely realize that it is indeed gone.

September

1 Sept. Thursday: A beautiful day. Some people take the train at an early hour to the state fair in Columbus (she first mentions the state fair on Aug. 31). Clayton and Jason go to Jamestown to the (Street ?) Fair. Paul plays at the Waltons while I attended the (W. ?) Missionary Society meeting. (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 this trip - Something to

appreciate and to be proud of. This is a most beautiful night of clear of 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 ---

The men return from the state fair and have "a conveyance from Walter". All the returnees are over for dinner.

3 Sept. Saturday: I have not been well all day and was in bed when they (Mr. Mc, Harlan, Adam S-J, and Mrs. Bailey) came. Mrs. Webster had a faithful day sweeping (out/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 is pencilled in above the line!) went down with him. Jason and Paul around home. Casey and Albert busy to day.

4 Sept. Sabbath: "Rain this morning. This Webster still here going right along with the work. Mrs. Bailey not at church but with us here at home. 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."

5 Sept. Monday: All out at an early hour (by ?) this is the day Clara goes back to Monmouth. Mrs. B- goes too. By the way Miss Wylis opened her School this (morning ?) in our School house on the (I can't guess this word) - and Paul was there this Forenoon. A group went into Springfield. This was Labor day - and the town was full and teeming over with crowds and crowds of people. Clayton took advantage of the day and went out to the fair, & round to their exercises. 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 we lighted up at the stove 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. Clara started on the 6" last year to the College in Monmouth I think - Now this is the beginning of another year.

6 Sept. Tuesday: A nice day after the shower yesterday. Everything quiet at home this morning since so many have gone. [few sentences about where some people, including Mr. Mc are) Jason at (Mrs.?) Jessie Marshal at the thrashing. Mr. Mc around talking machine and (?) to have our thrashing done. Uncle Joe at C_ this RW (?). Clayton around home to day. All here this evening.

11 Sept. Sabbath: Tonight (?) 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. [more to transcribe about church, preachers, family's whereabouts, & verse from sermon]

21 Sept. Wed.: (Martha talks about their switching churches.)

23 Sept. Friday: (get carpet for the girls' room)

24 Sept. Sat.: "Apples are a scarce article in this country this season."

25 Sept. Sabbath: "Clayton & Paul tried to get to Sabbath School."

26 Sept. Monday: "This morning Clayton drove down to School alone in his rubber tires (?)."

27 Sept. Tuesday: ". . . were here for a special dinner, by request." "We have had a busy day and are all tired to night. I speak for myself."

29 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 Watt 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 - Mc at C- this evening too - Uncle Joe and Jason & Will Timmons and Albert & Hawkins and Cary 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 awhile a late hour doing our extensive "letter writing". Mr Hovd and Mr Dan Halkey called to cancel their engagement to take dinner with us to day - much to our relief - Albert Harris left us this Evening."

30 Sept. Friday: "A beautiful day. All of us busy Old Hawkins and Will Limmons 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 Jane's - 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. Worton 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."

October

1 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 way. 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 Ervings, 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 Jane's for me _ Lillie M Callum 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 Jane's last night too. Clayton at Aunt Mary's 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 Rass 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 Jane's 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 Jane's bed. Aunt Jennette sleeping in the parlor with Aunt Watt - I sat up the first part of the night with her.

[water smudge on pg. 200, and very circular ink drop (?) on pg. 201]

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 Smith Harlan -- and did not get home until afternight. 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 Mary's on the rester 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 Mary's 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 Mary's. I went over & stayed all night at Aunt Jane's. 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 PM. 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. Tonite a number of the nieces in at Aunt Jane's helping this morning - Mr. Mc came down early this morning - I took my breakfast at Aunt Mary's with Ellen Cooley and after breakfast Mr. Mc came over - he & Clayton and Aunt Bell, who came over, and Mrs Conley had prayers - she read the 34" Psalm - Clayton at College. When Mr. Mc and I were at Aunt Jane's- Mr. Morton came in there too and read the 14" chapter of John - All were gathered into the parlor and Aunt Watt along with the rest - Mr. Morton had prayer -

Mr. Mc and Aunt Jeannette at the Cemetery Mr. Mc stopped at Aunt Jane's 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 Jane's 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 McMillan's 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 Ramsy conducted the exercises _ Aunt Ellen L- stayed with Aunt Watt while we went to the Cemetery - Aunt Jane's remains were laid away to rest in the low beside her father and mother and brother Riley. As we came home this eve stopped in to speak to Aunt Watt 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 May 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 Mary's 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 Clara's 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 Watt - 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 [squiggle not period, it could be an Etc.]"

8 Oct. Sat.: (more carpet chronicles) (names someone who walks into church late)

9 Oct. Sabbath: (sermon quotations. had communion service after regular service, lists the people who addressed the tables and Prof McChesney (I think) is one of them. three communion tables which gives us an idea of the size of the church.)

10 Oct. Monday: (someone gets baptized. She writes an exclamation point, but I'll need to decipher the proceeding sentence more closely.) (someone is preparing to move.)

11 Oct. Tuesday: "After dinner Mr. Mc and I at town _ I called to see Mr..McCallum (not sure on spelling) the Jeweler and settled our ac et (perhaps 'account'?) with him."

12 Oct. Wed. : "Cool after the rain - Paul called at the tenant house to tell the folks (gluttons?) good by - when he came back his eyes were wet - He said but I did hate to see them go. I felt sorry to - for I know he will be lonely. Edd Nelson cleaned the bed room and this afternoon he went with me to two. Aunt Watt went out to Aunt Jeanette's 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 Watt 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: "A letter came from Clara at Monmouth - She seems to be getting along nicely at the college there - Mary finished the ironing. We had a fire in the grate this evening for the first. All around the lamp to night."

14 Oct. Friday: *(Martha writes about what a gloomy and depressing day it was.)

15 Oct. Sat.: (Homer and possibly someone else do something before leaving for New Brunswick Seminary. Aunt Mary writes a letter asking them to visit her soon. This entry is hard

to decipher and the end tells why, "It is late I have written (can't read this word) above while I am asleep _____ so good night ___ to all -----")

16 Oct. Sabbath: **"One of our fine Jersey Cows very sick. - Jason at home and helped George take care of her" (sermon notes that don't make sense to me, but then Martha expands on how trials and changes are necessary to reveal our bad selves to ourselves and to draw us closer to God)

17 Oct. Monday: "Jason hauling pumpkins" (Mr. Mc brings someone to look at the sick Jersey, someone hangs their gates, Mr. Mc goes to Clifton to see someone's sheep, Will T.(?) hauling gravel)

18 Oct. Thursday: *"Our Xenia men with us to night ___ And to (?can't read this word, might start with an "m") sadness of heart Jason rode out to C- with Will Timmons (?), but I did not feel quite so sad when they came back early."

20 Oct. Thurs: (Uncle Joe drops Martha off in C- for a WCTU meeting, but the speaker could not come, so she and/or the group does something else. [this section was difficult to read])

21 Oct. Friday: "Mr. Gus (?) Lawrence buried today." (the McMillians have someone plaster their back rooms upstairs)

23 Oct. Sabbath: *(Martha again provides the sermon text)

25 Oct. Tuesday: "Clayton spoke at the Society last night at the College - the (not sure about this word, looks like Philosophy) Miss Proff (I think that's the name) says he got along nicely." (Jason went to a show at the Opera house.)

26 Oct. Wed.: "Our new tenant began work in the corn field this morning. Our Xenia man husking."

27 Oct. Thurs. : "Our Xenia man Joe Grimm (not sure about his last name) went away this morning.) "Will Mc brought us a roast of lamb this morning --" "This afternoon I attended the missionary Society --"

28 Oct. Friday: "At Seven O clock (a name I can't read) & I left for our Semi annual trip to Wilmington to see Aunt Mary E.W. William -- She was expecting us."

29 Oct. Saturday: "Thus another busy week has ended."

30 Oct. Sabbath: (There were only three Sabbath schoolers today. Martha makes an exasperated comment then reminds herself that there is a crown for those who are faithful not those who are successful.) "The wind is blowing to night but with in all is cheery."

November

1 Nov. Tues: "At noon Joe (name I can't read) came back from Xenia he and Uncle Joe and Will L_ and Phillip at the potato gathering."

4 Nov. Friday: "I was not well last night and in bed most of the day - Uncle Joe was in a scramble to get down to the train this morning and I got out of bed and drove down for him. I came direct back and went to bed again."

9 Nov. Wed.: "Miss Stella Barber & Mr. Moore of Jamestown married this Evening. Two boys from the Orphan's Home by the name of Lewis and Brown here for breakfast. They were runaways heading for London."

10" Nov. Thurs.: "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."

11" Nov. Friday: "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 election with his old roommate at the Union Sem_ where he attended last winter_ He me his (Cap Daniel ?) McMillian and took supper with him_ Homer had just got back to this place at New Brunswick in the (Spring ?) when he wrote"

12 Nov. Sat.: "Will (Timmons ?) and Paul at C- bringing out some things from Aunt Jane's old home ---- Among other things grandmother McMillan's "old Rocking chair." It belonged here while grandmother McMillian occupied this house- but it is over thirty years since she left here and began living in Cedarville - She with Aunt Jane and Jeanette & Martha moved there the 9" of Oct. 1867 - and grandmother McMillian 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.

13" Nov - Sabb-: "Clayton and Jason at home - as Jason failed to get ready in time." [No one came to the Sabbath School today, so Martha sat and listened while Paul gave the lesson. Martha records an entire page verbatim of the lesson.

15" Nov." Tues: "Uncle Joe still absent he is on the sick list."

17 Nov. Thurs.: "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"."

18" Nov. Friday: "We drove into London and called to see Dr. W.S. Cristopher (not sure about the spelling) at his office and made arrangements to see him in the morning."

19" Nov. Sat: "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."

20" Nov. Sabb.: "I have been in bed all day." "This afternoon Jason made the fire in the School room - and I crawled up and heard the class."

21 Nov. Monday: "Mr. Mc attended old Mr. John Williamsons funeral at eleven O'clock."

22" Nov. Tues.: "Jason wanted to go to an entertainment in Selma this evening _ but sat down by the fire with his paper like a good boy."

23" Nov. Wed.: "Philip at town and brought out a new wagon bed from (Sterrett ?) with coal." "Aunt (Jennette ?) busy getting ready for Thanksgiving Aunt (Matt ?) still there_ as we came home we called at Aunt Mary's- Her boarders all gone home to be ready for tomorrow." (several sentences about where everyone will be for Thanksgiving.) "What are here of us shall gather together 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."

25" Nov Friday- "After the meeting (missionary meeting) I made some business calls around town_"

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."

29" Nov Tues.: "Two men from Springfield have rented the Lowery building to start (huge blank) It will surely be a curse to the town if they succeed--"

30" Nov. Wed.: "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 (over?) my had a stomach attacks."

December

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."

2" Dec. Friday. "The world moving very slow with me. Paul at home from School today with something like chicken pocks." "A revival at the Quaker church_" "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 W.E. Church."

6" Dec. Tuesday. "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."

8" Dec. Thurs: "Mr. Crites rode home with (lima ?) from Mr. Crampton's 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."

9" Dec. Friday: "Mr. Mc brought my 2" supply of medicine from Dr. M.H. Christofer London - from the express office -"

10" Dec. Sat. "I also called to see Mrs. John Wiliamson She has Ellen Litte staying with her since Mr. Williamson's death."

11" Dec. Sabbath.: "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. "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 (word I can't read) train_ She goes to Cincinnati to see her sick daughter."

14" Dec. Wed. "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”

16” Dec. Friday. “While the month “is passing by” we must not forget that this is Mr. Mcs birthday. __1834__1898.

“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.”

[Editor’s note: Words: George Cooper (1870). Music: Ira Sankey (1881).]

18” Dec. Sabbath: (Martha writes notes on the 23” Psalm from a selection of notes that Aunt Mary sent her.)

19” Dec. Monday. “This is Homer’s birth day. 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.”

21” Dec. Wed- “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.”

25” Dec. Sabb. “Philip off duty to day and Clayton on _ Jason came out with his (men? nice?) 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. (Claser ?) brought Mr. Morton's 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 it-self 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? sun?) to day."

26" December. Monday: "We certainly had a long pleasant day - We stayed 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."

27" Dec. Tuesday- "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." "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."

"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 (Prigg?) and to two little girls in C_."

28" Dec. Wed. "This afternoon at one O'clock Mr. Mc and I at the church to witness the contest in shorter catechism. And here the little folks speak and receive their Christmas presents."

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. Downing's "Art Gallery" - Mr. Mc and I sat for pictures and came direct home."

"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.

Hard 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.