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## Martha McMillan Journal transcriptions, January – May 1897

New Year Years day. 1897

The old year is gone with all its joys and sorrows—Another year opens to us—What shall the year bring to us—Let us go forth in the strength of the Eternal—looking leaning and relying on the arm of the omnipotent one—We need this strength up-holding and guiding and directing—We are folly & weakness, but the one who's our [illegible] strength and power—yet willing to help the weakest and most abject of this children—who will come to him for help and mercy.

1 day of January 1897. Friday. [illegible] cloudy day. Clara is still in Chicago—She went the Monday before Christmas to visit Fred—he has been in the “[illegible]” office since last June when he got through College at Monmouth. Fannie & Mackenzie [transcriber note: Thomas MacKenzie is the husband of Fannie, Martha's first born] & Donald & Malcolm [transcriber note: the 2 Mackenzie sons] are settled at Port Jervis N.Y. now. They came from Pine Bush N.Y. there the [illegible] last December—Harlan is still holding forth with Mr. Carson in Springfield—Homer is in the Cedarville College and is at home taking his vacation—Mr. Mc. [transcriber note: how Martha refers to her husband James McMillan] has been in bed with a severe cold since the day before Christmas. Maggie [illegible] is here these days helping me. Aunt Mary Murdock & Annabel Murdock and Uncle [illegible] children Ralph & [illegible] & Jennie here to dinner. Annabel is attending school in the city and will go back Monday morning. Clayton at Springfield today with some things for Mrs.[?] [illegible]. He took dinner with Harlan at Adam's. Homer started to Dayton and came back in time for dinner without going. This Eve. he is at Pitchin. Clara[?] [illegible], [illegible] off duty. Russell working on his fence. Jason & Paul around home all day. Uncle Joe has been away for nearly two weeks sick with cold. This afternoon he & Lizzie Blair called this afternoon to see Mr. Mc. As usual he has been in bed all day. Clayton did not get home until after dark—and it is certainly dark tonight. D. S. [illegible] have gone through a Big Change in their business.

2" Jan Sat. A very gloomy day. Homer at Pr[?]'s Mill with buckwheat and came home past the Cedarville Post Office this Eve—home in time for supper—Jason at C [transcriber note: commonly her abbreviation for the Village of Cedarville] with wood for Aunt Jane—Wm[?] off duty—Clayton & Russell feeding—Maggie N here all day helping me. [illegible] here this P.M. Mr. Mc. In bed to day again. I have certainly had a busy day. Paul around all day. Clayton sat up until late for [illegible] to come down—It was late when he came.

3" Jan Sabb. Another gloomy day. Homer Clayton & Pual at Sabbath School & church—Harlan at Church—Jason at home with me and Mr. Mc.—he is till in bed. Maggie N here and helped with the work[?] to day. Mr. Morton preached as usual—This eve I helped Clayton with his lesson and helped Paul this Eve—Clayton at a meeting of the [illegible]—Homer [illegible] meeting. Harlan went back to his home in Springfield this Eve—he [illegible] to attend church there this eve—

4" Jan Monday. It is getting much colder—Maggie N is here—Her father also. We were expecting a [illegible] from Walthers[?] but he failed to come—Homer at C and called there and was home at noon. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Home at Selma pasture to see the sheep. This Eve he took the clothes to Mrs P and attended the prayer meeting at the hall. Uncle Dan called. So also did Mr. Conner and Uncle Silas. Mr. Mc. In bed all day.

5" Jan Tues Quite[?] a winter day. A letter from Clara she is still in Chicago. A letter from Fred tells us of the death of our dear friend Mrs. Thompson in Monmouth—She died New Years morning—She was a lovely character—[illegible] are being gathered [illegible]—Homer at the College this A.M.—at the Opening. He came back at noon bringing Uncle Joe—He has been away since before Christmas. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Maggie N here—Isaac also. Willie [illegible] called. Homer at Pitchin this Eve for a change. Mr. Mc. In bed.

6" Jan. Wed. A cold day Homer at Selma for sheep. Wm helped him home with them. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Notwithstanding the cold I called to see the german at Mr. Walkers[?]. this P.M. Mr. [illegible] called and spent an hour with Mr Mc—he is still in bed. This Eve Homer at the office and at Clifton brought [illegible] home.

7" Jan Thurs Very cold and dreary. Fast day in our church by order of the Synod. I left Miriam[?] in the kitchen—Uncle Joe around—Mr Mc in bed. I went down to church alone. Mr. Morton preached—[illegible]—As usual I kept this day. This afternoon Uncle Dan here to see Mr Mc Homer at the church. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This Eve Homer at Selma [illegible] to see Wm Bateman this Eve—Clayton at C at the office Mr Mc still in bed to day.

8" Jan Friday. Snowed a little last night Homer out at Uncle Silas' on an errand—home at noon. Clayton at Springfield—Jason at home. Paul at our School. Mr Glass[?] called. Homer at the Congregational meeting this afternoon—He took supper at Aunt Bells. Mr. Fred Smith here for supper and to spend the evening with Mr Mc still in bed to day.

9" Jan Sat. Clayton at the Pranelle[?] mill and brought the buckwheat home. Mr. Co[?] called this morning—Homer at C—brought the mail out. He and Alvin Orr & Co- at Pitchin this P.M. and evening—Mr Mc sat up awhile to day for the first time since Christmas. Obed Knight from near Sidney came to day and will stop with as for awhile—Jason at Uncle Dan or at Wills to help with the husking. This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe home—Myriam in the kitchen. Paul around home to day. Mr Mc sat up awhile to day.

10" Jan. Sabbath—A cold day. Homer and Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School and Church—Paul at home with Mr Mc—Myriam in the kitchen. Prof McChesney preached today. Subject of discourse the Samaritan caring for the man that fell by the way side when going

down to Jerico [sic]. This Eve Homer Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting and at the closing meeting of the week of prayer at the hall.

11" Jan. Monday. A cold day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School— [illegible] McMillan called. Wm made a trip down to his place—Homer went early to College--& Uncle Joe came out in his buggy. Maggie N here awhile this morning. This afternoon took Myriam [illegible] to her home in Clifton. I called to see Dr. Spanah[?] When I came to Cedarville I stopped at Aunt Marys. Homer had been there to dinner. This afternoon he and Alvin Orr out to see Mr. Clemens. Homer came home with me. Mr Mc been up most of the day but not feeling very well to day. Uncle Joe and Obed R- around.

12" Jan Tues A nice winter day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Homer went down to College early this morning. Uncle Joe & Obed around. A colored man here to contract chaffing. Mr Glass[?] called today. Homer at his lessons this afternoon. Clayton and Jason brought a letter from C this evening from Clara She expects to start home from Chicago in the morning. This Eve Mr. Alex Pugh came back. This P.M. Isaac took Maggie home. I am left alone now. Mr Mc still on the sick list.

13" Jan Wed. A cold winter day. I have been busy all day long—Alex at C for his [illegible] & Obed hauling [illegible] Wm. feeding. Uncle Joe around. Homer at College this morning—he came home at noon. Father[?] around the fire these days. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Mr. & Mrs. Morton [transcriber note: these are the pastor of Martha's church and his wife] called to see Mr Mc this afternoon and sat an hour. Mr. Oran Matthews called also to see [illegible] This afternoon Homer at Springfield for Clara—she came in on the nine Oclock train from Chicago—Harlan and Homer were at the train they had lunch at Adam's—Homer and Clara did not reach home until midnight. Wm Mc called.

Jan 14" Thursday. Sleet on the ground—all of us up at an early hour—Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Clara went down with Homer to the College this morning and rec'd a cordial greeting from the students—They were home again at noon. This P.M. Homer at his lessons he went down this Eve to the office—came home in time for supper and went to his lessons. Alex & Obed husking Wm. feeding Uncle Joe around—Mr Mc around the fire all day. Uncle Dan here.

15" Jan. Friday. The ground very slippery. Clayton & Jason at School—Paul at our School. Homer at College all day. He took dinner at Aunt Mary's he had his class this afternoon—home in time for supper—Then the next thing he went to Pitchin. Obed & Alex busy working all day but not for me. Uncle Joe busy. Clara has helped me all day. Alice called this P.M. This Eve Clayton at C on an errand. Can it be that this is our thirtieth marriage anniversary? Thirty years! How long it has been—this is another Era—another [illegible] world has opened up around us—Yet we are left—altho so many have fallen. The dead are elsewhere all along the way, but our race will soon be run—the last sunset. [transcriber note: Martha will be 53 on

January 26 and James is 63] Let me keep hopeful all the way, since there will be a glorious morning beyond the Setting Sun. Uncle Silas called this afternoon.

16" January Sat—Still a winter day. Homer took me to Cedarville this morning—I made but a brief stay. I met Prof McChesney in Bird's Store. I called to see Aunt Mary—It is very lonely without grandmother—Clara had dinner when we got back ready to serve—Miss [illegible] been around the [illegible] all day. This afternoon Homer took Clara to C – They did not get home until dark. Clayton and Jason at Springfield to day to bring horses—Claras [illegible] down—They took dinner at Adam's with Harlan—They got home at dark too. Wm has taken Uncle Joe home—I have had a busy day here—we are expecting Harlan tomorrow.

17" Jan Sabb A nice winter day. Through difficulties we all got to Sabbath School and church excepting Mr Mc and Paul. Alex and Obed are around—Homer Clara or Jason at Sabbath School—I called at Aunt Jane and brought her up to church—O yes Clayton was at home to day too. Harlan was at church and came out home with us. Mr. Morton's text was the story of the woman bringing the alabaster [illegible] of ointment to anoint Jesus. We have here a beautiful picture of a godly woman. Mary loved Jesus so much that she give expression of her love at great cost—and this is a pattern that we ought to follow—the Lord commended because she had done what she could. The best record we can leave is to have the historian say of us she hath done she could—and have the Saviour say she hath done a good work for me. Her love was practical and she expressed it in a practical way—Her love was food clothing and comfort—When we minister to the poor Jesus regards it as doing it for himself—Living companionship and personal contact is the best way to bring sinners to Christ. The picture of Gods servants adorn the gallery of heaven—and shall be loved and honored by the redeemed in the celestial city. And why? Because their deeds are practical. We should give to Christ the best of life—The best of our time. No good deed done for Christ will ever be lost. No kind word or deed or cup of cold water will ever be forgotten. Clara and I soon got the dinner when we came home. This Eve Jason at the meeting of the juniors. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting. Harlan went back to Springfield this Eve—and Mrs. Nettie Anderson went back with him—she came down to church with him this morning.

18" Jan Monday. A nice winter day. Homer took Clara down to College—or rather they both went down to College and Uncle Joe brought the buggy back—both of them at Aunt Marys to dinner—Alex and Obed feeding—Obed Knight went away after dinner he had been here a little over a week—Dave Mc called this P.M.—Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School—Mr Mc around the fire all day. This Eve Jason went in the surrie [sic] to C – and brought Mrs. [illegible] out—She came on the five Oclock train from Cincinnati. Homer came out at the same time. Clara at Aunt Marys to night—She was at an entertainment at the Opera house to night.

19" Jan Tuesday. A bright day. Homer went down to College this morning came home at noon and this afternoon I took [illegible] back to town—He will be at Aunt Marys tonight and Clara is there too—Mrs. Nettie Russell has taken her place in the kitchen & is in charge of the

work—I made but a short stay in town—Several men here to see Mr Mc about the tennant [sic]house. On yesterday the man who had been looking after the tennant [sic] house here took dinner with us—His home is in the vicinity of Clifton. A man from Mr. [illegible] Creswells here to day to look for a location. Mr. [illegible] called Wm took wood to C & at the mill & brought Nettie [illegible]

20" Jan—Wed A cloudy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Wm & Alex at the feeding. Mr Mc around the fire. Aunt Nettie at the work—Uncle Joe around all day. This has been a rough day—blowing and snowing. Uncle Joe at C—at the office this P.M.

21" Jan—[illegible] Cold—a light snow on the ground. Clayton was up most of the night with a tooth ache—this morning Jason went to Selma School alone and I went with Clayton to C to Dr. [illegible] office and he had two teeth filled and the aching tooth taken out—Clayton came back home and stayed at Aunt Marys to dinner and was at a meeting of the W.C. Y.U.—that met there this afternoon. Home and Clara at Aunt Marys—This Eve Clayton came down for me. Aunt Nettie at the work to day. Jason at School & Paul at our School. Mr. Jim Walthers[?] called here to day. Uncle Joe & Alex & Wm at the work. A man killed at the paper mill today. [transcriber note: this last sentence was crossed out; see entry for January 22]

22" Jan. Friday. Another cloudy day--& cold—Nettie at the work—Uncle Joe & Alex & Wm at the feeding. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon I went down for Homer—he did not get ready to come until after the mail came in—Aunt Mary at Uncle [illegible] at a dinner to day. Clara at Aunt Marys She did not come out this Eve—Homer at Pitchin to night. Mr. Tindal here with Mr Mc awhile this P.M. This is by no means a pleasant evening. Mr. Ross killed at the paper mill to day.

23" Jan. Sat—Another gloomy day. Clayton at C at the B—shop this A.M. [illegible]. Mr [illegible] called this A.M. This afternoon Homer at town for Clara but she did not come—Father still around the fire—Nettie and I busy. This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe home. Jason & Paul around to day—A man here for lunch—we gave him dinner. Jason went down to C with Wm this Eve.

24" January Sabbath. Very cold down to zero this morning. Aunt Nettie and Paul at home with Mr Mc. Alex assisting Wm with the feeding. Homer and I went in the buggy to Sabbath School & I went down for Aunt Jane but it was too cold for her to come out. I was at the class part of the time Clayton and Jason went in the sleigh to Sabbath School and Church—Mr Mortons text "And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance—Clara came home with us from Church and went back with Homer when he went down to the young folk meeting. Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting too—Uncle Joe came out with Jason this eve—Clayton waited and came out with Homer—I began reading in Peep of the Day to Paul to day. [transcriber note: Peep of the Day was a book which included a "series of early religious instructions the infant mind is capable of receiving, with

verses illustrative of the subject"] He will soon be able to read for himself—I heard Paul questions.

25" January. Monday Snow on the ground—It is below zero this morning—Will Mc & McDaniel & Dave McMann and Jim Mathews and Clayton & Will Stanforth took the hay & [illegible] to Mr. Tindal in Selma—Homer stayed out of College and went to Selma to see about the hogs. Jason at home from School to day too. Uncle Joe & Alex around at feeding Aunt Nettie busy. Mr Mc out and around the barn & bees to day for the first since before Christmas. This Eve Clayton took Homer down to Aunt Marys—and took the clothes to Mr & Mrs P—it has been two weeks since she washed for us before—We had 42 hogs to day to take to market. Paul at School—It has certainly been a cold day. Mrs. S—here this Eve—Uncle Joe there awhile.

26" January Tuesday. When I write the 26" I remember that this is my 53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday—I wonder if there is any one else that remembers it. This has been another cold day. It has been below zero. Alex in the wood shed most of the forenoon. Wm & Uncle Joe at the feeding. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Mr Mc around the fire all day. Nettie at the work—I have been busy too on different lines—Uncle Dan here most of the forenoon—Will Mc here this afternoon on a chatt[?] No communication from Cedarville to day.

27" January Wednesday. Still at zero. The ground covered with snow—Clayton & Jason went in the sleigh to Selma School this morning. Paul at School. Wm, Uncle Joe & Alex around all day. Mr Lanveres[?] son in law called—Mrs. John J[?] died yesterday. Mr Mc around the fire most of the time to day. Nettie at the work—This afternoon Uncle Joe made a flying trip to C—This Eve Clayton and Jason there. Maggie Haglin[?] here these morning to help me—Dick Townsley moving to the old Townsley farm to day.

28" January. Thursday. Cold to day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Alex, Uncle Joe & Wm looking after things—Nettie in charge of the home—Mr Mc and Paul and I at Aunt Marys to day for dinner—Homer & Clara at the College and home to dinner. This afternoon Aunt Mary and I up at the Missionary meeting at the prayer[?] meeting rooms. This Eve Clayton or Jason went in the sleigh to Hollingsworths with a Selma crowd. Homer came home this Eve with Alvie Orr & he went[?] to Selma.

29" January. Friday. Homer went down to the College in the sleigh this morning—Clayton & Jason at Selma School Paul at our School—Nettie and I [illegible]—Near noon Mr Mc went to town and Clara came out home with him. This Eve Mr Will Daniels came out on the five Oclock train from Xenia and Homer brought him out with him—After an early supper Homer went in the sleigh to Pitchin—Father and Clara and I spent the evening with Mr Daniels in the parlor and had a delightful time—Mr D with us to night. Wm, Uncle Joe & Alex are away at the feeding—I have been on the sick list to day.

30" January. Sat—Moderated Snow still with us. Homer and Clara took Mr Daniels to the ten Oclock train and spent the day in C—and practicing on their lessons—They did not return until time for tea this evening—Mr Mc around home all day. The man from the Bateman pasture[?]

near Charleston here to dinner This afternoon [blank] from Mr [illegible] Creswells here to see Mr Mc Nettie taking care of the work today. I am still feeling quite poorly. Clayton took Uncle Joe home & spent the afternoon in C—Alex called this afternoon—a man from off the pike here to dinner.

31<sup>st</sup> Jan—Sabbath—Quite a nice winter day. Mr Mc at church to day for the first since Christmas—Homer Clara Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School and church—The subject of Mr Mortons discourse—“Prayer”—Alex and Nettie here—Paul home with me—Clayton went to Aunt Marys from Church and came back with Jason from the young folks meeting—Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting too—Clara stayed at Aunt Marys and Homer came out alone—I heard Pauls lessons—Clayton read to us in the Sabbath Reading this eve—

### February

1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Monday—Still moderating but winter yet—Homer went down to the College this morning. Paul went along and got his hair cut and came back with Uncle Joe—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School this afternoon—Uncle Dan called this morning—Nettie at the work—This afternoon Mr Mc at town to see [illegible] Harper and at the Farmers Institute awhile—he was home again before dark. Alice [illegible] this Eve—Clayton & Jason at C—the Institute to night—The Opera House packed—the meeting fine.

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb—Tues Moderating—snow going off a little. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Nettie in charge here—Uncle Joe and Alex around. They repacked the meat. Mr [illegible] Mr Mc and I at the Farmers Institute—We went this morning took our basket and took dinner with Aunt Mary. Homer and Clara at the College and to dinner too. This afternoon at the meeting again it was fine—Had an Essay from Mrs Paul[?]-and a Declamation from Jenni Morton. Homer and Clara at the meeting. Mr Mc and I home at dark—This Eve Clayton & Jason at a Candy pulling at Alley[?] Wildmans and McDormans—Nettie done a small washing.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb—Wed—Moderating considerable—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm Uncle Joe & Alex feeding. Mr Mc drove over to see [Blank]. he was home at noon—This afternoon I called at the Cedarville bank to see Mr George[?] Harper—I also called to see Mr Sterrett and spent half an hour with Mary Caldwell—I met Mr James McElroy in C-- I called to see Mrs Prigg[?]-She did not wash for us this week—Mr Glass called this P.M.—I spent a little while with Clara & Homer at Aunt Marys. Nettie busy to day.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Thurs Quite a winter day, but not so cold—not to zero. Uncle Dan here awhile this A.M. chatting with Mr Mc Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. Nettie sweeping up stairs and putting things in order—I have been busy too. Wm taking corn for feed to the mill to day. This Eve all at home.

5<sup>th</sup> of Feb—Friday. The snow going off the ground very slippery. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Alex and Uncle Joe around home—Wm feeding. This morning Mr Mc and I went down to C—and left [illegible] and the buggy for Homer—and took Frank[?] and



the other buggy and went out to Uncle Bighams—When we got there Uncle Bigham had gone to Clifton and Mr Mc went there and brought him home—Aunt Jeanette had a nice dinner when they came back—When we started home the weather had changed to rain and sleet—Homer and Clara at the Clifton Opera House to an entertainment given by the Cedarville College—Clayton and Jason there too—Nettie getting along nicely to day with the work--

6<sup>th</sup> Feb—Sat—Quite a rough day. The ground very slippery. It has rained most of the day. Wm Alex and Uncle Joe all busy. Paul and Jason around—Nettie at the work. Near noon Mr Mc and Clayton left for Springfield—Alice here this A.M. This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe down home—Homer came this eve from Aunt Marys—he has been busy at his lessons all day. Mr. Mc and Clayton reached home about dark—Most of the family retired early. Jason and Paul around home all day.

7<sup>th</sup> Feb. Sabbath. A very pleasant winter day—some snow on the ground. Homer & Clayton at home Nettie and Alex here also. Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church—I went down for Aunt Jane but she did not go—Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “If any man speak, let him speak as the Oracles of God; if any many minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom be praise and dominion for ever and every, Amen.” The great end for which we live and work is that God may be glorified. The Theme of the text—No work too small to put our religion into it. If you are sad and discouraged nothing will add so much to our happiness as to go out to work for God—Go and see some afflicted one—carry bread to some hungry one—The sadness would soon be gone and love and peace & joy would fill our hearts. We do not need our religion on the Sabbath day but on the week days as well. Lifes battles are fought on the week days when we are brought close to the world—the flesh—and the Devil. The world estimates the value of our religion by our daily life and walk. The world keeps a close watch on those that are Christians. Let us honor God and do all to his glory in everything all the week throughout. On yesterday Clara went up to Springfield with Aunt Bell and her girls and stayed at the Stuarts and she and Sadie came down with Harlan to church this morning and came out with me from church—after lunch this eve Harlan and Sadie went back to Springfield—Jason at the young folks meeting—Mr Mc and [I] attended the revival services at the U. P. Church—conducted by Rev. L. E. Hawks and Prof A. C. McClellen the house filled to the utmost capacity—Subject—“Grieve not the Spirit”—I heard Paul and Claytons questions this Eve.

8<sup>th</sup> Feb—Monday—Snowed last night & thawing today. Homer & Clara went down to the College this morning & Uncle Joe came back in their conveyance. Paul at our School Clayton at Selma School alone. Jason down at Orrs on business and around home the rest of the day. Wm & Alex feeding Nettie busy. Mr Mc and C- this A.M.—took dinner at Aunt Marys with Homer and Clara—He came home in time for supper—This evening he and I went down to revival services at the U. P. Church—Jason took the clothes to Mrs P- (we did not take them last week) and was at the church too—Sermon by Rev L.E. Hawks Subject The Golden God—or Aarons Golden calf—Sermon fine I am sorry I did not take down the notes—Alice called this evening.

Nettie busy. This afternoon I called at Worleys and at Will Mc S and spent an hour with Etta— Uncle Dan was here awhile this afternoon—Although Fannie is so far away we did not forget that this was her birthday—I wonder if she remembers it. One thing I remember about the sermon that it is always wrong to do wrong—and wrong done is always greater and far reaching in its results than any of us ever dream at the time—there are no little sins with God.

9" Feb. Tues. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm & Alex & Uncle Joe at the feeding and removing the potatoes from the cellar for Springfield market—Near noon Mr Mc left for Charleston to see Mr Houston. He learned that his last years shipment of wool was sold in Boston—Mr Mc home in time for supper—This afternoon Mamie & Harry Nye called—also Ella Worley. This Eve Clayton at Orrs at a business meeting of the Jr.—C.E.L. Jason remained at home to look over his coming Fridays declamation. Nettie busy. This Eve Mr Mc and I at the U. P. revival service—The interest on the increase—Rev L. E. Hawks text—"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." All you need to be saved is to have a desire to be saved—you can never take away your sin—all you can do is to come to Christ and bring you sins to him—and he will put them away. When we go forward at God's command in our Christian life God is honored—and our safety is secured—and the power of the enemy is broken—and the enemy is driven back and defeated—There is on Sense in which every man & women & living soul is going forward and that is in point of time—Every step we take we are either that much nearer to heaven or to hell. Let every one stop and enquire which way I am traveling. After preaching Mr Mc and I drive down to Aunt Marys—she and Homer at the meeting tonight—Clara at home at Aunt Marys at her [illegible]

10" Feb.—Wed. A beautiful winter day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Wm [illegible] left with thirty five bushel [sic] of potatoes for Springfield at 25 cts per bus. Uncle Joe and Alex feeding—Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Al Stormont called so also did Mr Andsen from across the country—An all day prayer meeting at the U. P. Church to day. I would like to have been there—Nettie at the work This Eve Mr Mc and I at the revival at the U. P. Church—Clayton & Will Mc and Jason all at the revival too. Subject Gods unspeakable gift—Homer at the meeting to night too—

11" Feb. Thurs. Quite a dreary day—drizzling snow and rain this afternoon. Mrs Worley here and spent the day—but had a very dreary day as I did not have my head up all day—One of my old billious spells came back this morning. This Eve at late bed time the clouds began to lift a little—Mr Mc went to C- this A. M. and did not get back until late this afternoon—Mrs Worley dined with Uncle Joe and Alex and Nettie. This afternoon Uncle Joe took Nettie to C- were gone only a short time—This Eve Clayton and Alex at C- and at the revival meeting—Mr Mc and Jason & Paul around the fire—Clayton Jason & Paul at School.

12" Feb—Friday. Very cloudy—Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Nettie and Alex in charge of the home & Wm feeding. At ten O'clock Mr Mc and I attended Mrs [illegible] Crawfords funeral at the U. P. Church—She died Wednesday Eve—Dr. Carson & Dr Robb and Mr Warnock[?] conducted the exercises—Notwithstanding her beautiful

robe[?] and casket she had to be layed in the cold earth in the Xenia Cemetery. Father and I stopped at Aunt Marys and took dinner with Clara and Homer and Uncle Silas and Wallie[?] there. Homer up at the College at his lessons this P. M. and then we waited until five when Homer came out home with father and I stayed in for the evening meeting. I took supper with Aunt Mary and Clara—Clara and Jennie Morton went up to the young folks rally at the U. P. Church—Aunt Mary and I went up together—the church crowded Rev Hawks remarks was founded on the call of John—Jason & Will Mc & Wm Stanforth at the meeting. Clayton there and I came home with him Mr Mc at the fire when I came home. Uncle Joe & Paul had retired & Nettie also. Homer at Pitchin tonight—Aunt Mary getting ready to go to see Aunt Mary Walker[?] on Monday—I was to go along but Aunt Bell will go in my place—

13" Feb. Sat. There is a general thaw out—the ground very muddy. Jason out at Uncle Silas's on an errand—Clayton down at George [illegible] shop. Frank Orr came home with the boys to help home with a hog—he was here with them to dinner. This P.M. Will Mc called—This Eve Clayton took Frank home and took supper with Clara at Aunt Marys—Aunt Hallie[?] and Aunt Mary at Springfield to day—Homer did not get up until late and after an early dinner left for Springfield—he did not get back until late—well not very late either—near ten—the roads were bad indeed. Wm took Uncle Joe home

14" Feb. Sabb. Quite a mild day. The mud is deep—Nettie and Alex at home—Homer and Clayton and Jason & Paul and I at Sabbath School and church—I drive down for Aunt Jane—Mr Mc at church—Dr Mortons text—Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, we speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness". The house was so full of smoke from one of the stoves that Mr Morton concluded his sermon before it was half finished. After preaching went down with Aunt Mary to stay there to night. Clara came home with us from church and went back with Clayton and Jason to the young folks meeting—and they all attended the revival services at the U. P. Church—Clara remained at Aunt Marys to night—I heard Pauls questions.

15" Feb Monday—Very Cloudy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I went down early this morning to see Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell off to Yorktown Ind to see Aunt Mary Wallker[?] who is very near her last—Uncle Silas & Ervin took them to the train—I stayed at Marys until noon preparing dinner for Homer & Clara when they came down from the College—They will keep house there in Aunt Marys absence—I came home with Uncle Joe in time for a one Oclock lunch—Mr Mc at Charleston to see [illegible] Houston—he did not get home until six Oclock Mr Brown[?] Sr and Uncle Dan here & spent most of the afternoon. This Eve Clayton and Jason at revival services at the Quaker Church—Wm & Alex hauling manure[?] this afternoon—

16" Feb—Tues Bright sunshine Nettie washed today—I attended to the work. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm & Alex hauling manure[?]-Uncle Joe around—This afternoon a peddler here with his son buying pelts both here to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at C. I called at Prof McChesneys to see their son—I spent the rest of the time with

Clara. She and Homer are entertaining Blanch and Mary and Jennie M—to a [illegible] O'clock dinner—Mr Mc called to Bill and Mrs Mitchel. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the revival meeting at the Quaker Church at Selma.

17" Feb. Wed. A gloomy day but almost like Spring. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm & Alex & Uncle Joe around—Nettie in charge of the house—Mr Mc went to C- this morning with Prince for Homer to go to Springfield—he came back home and I went with him to Pitchin to the Farmers Institute We had some good speakers and a nice dinner at the lunch room given by the ladies of the M. E. Church—J. R. Orr and Mr Tom Stewart was near us at the table—we called and spoke to the Worley family as we came home. Mr Wintz Mr [illegible] Houstons cousin was found dead in his bed this morning in Charleston. This Eve all at home. Paul and I took a little walk down to Alice's this Evening for a change—

18" Feb—Thurs Bright a little while the rest of the time very cloudy—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at Spragues sale near Charleston—This Eve he drove in Charleston—he was at the drug store—& brought out a Fountain [illegible] Alex husking to day. Uncle Joe around & Wm husking this P. M. This afternoon I went to see called to see Mrs P- Settled up with her [transcriber note: Mrs. P does some of the laundry]—and spent an hour with Clara—Homer & Mr [illegible] in Xenia to day. Willie around to day. This Eve Clara and Jason at a business meeting Jr. C. E. at Charlie Gallwreaths[?]

19" Feb. Friday. A beautiful day almost like Spring—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around home all day. Alex husking Wm at work—Nettie busy. This morning Mr Brown called—and the pelt peddler. I drove down and brought Aunt Jane out—and Ellen staying with Aunt Matt. Aunt Jane here until after her supper when Mr Mc took her home She has certainly had a bright day here—This Eve Homer came out with Uncle Dan—After supper he went to Pitchin. Clayton & Jason at revival meeting at Selma Quaker church—We had a long letter from Fred [transcriber note: Martha's oldest son] he is at Chicago at his work. A man here for a lunch to day.

20" Feb—Sat—Quite a Thunderstorm this morning early and later in the day rained sleet. It has surely been a disagreeable day. Near noon Home left for C- Perhaps he and Clara will go to Springfield this afternoon—Not much being accomplished to day—There has not been a ray of sunshine to day. Wm & Alex & Uncle Joe and Wm Mc & Clayton and Jason and Paul around home all day. Nettie and I busy. Alice here this A.M.—This Eve Wm & Jason took Uncle Joe home. Jason waited at Aunt Marys alone until Homer & Clara came back from Springfield to bring the horse and buggy home—Mr Mc & I sat up until he came—He brought a letter from Fannie [transcriber note: Martha' oldest daughter Frances and first born] from Port Jervis N.Y. and one from Chicago from Fred—both far away but not forgotten.

22" [sic] [transcriber note: the date should be the 21<sup>st</sup>] Feb. Sabb. A very gloomy day—the roads almost impassable—Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and Church—I went down after Aunt Jane but she did not come to church to day—Mr Mc at Church—Alex and

Nettie keeping house—Mr Mortons text “I sleep but my heart waketh, it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my love, my undefiled for my head is filled with dew and my locks with the drops of the night.” [transcriber note: Song of Solomon 5:2, King James Bible] The theme of the text is the closed door—or the attitude of the drowsy Christian toward Christ. What is the state of our soul—The door of the heart is closed against Christ. What are some of the bolts that bar the door against Christ. Ignorance and the love of the world—and unbelief are bolts that close the door. Notice Christs attitude to us—He makes the first offer of reconciliation—He has long been waiting and knocking for an entrance into our hearts—If he had waited for us poor sinners to have come to him where would we have all been to day. Every chapter read—every prayer we offer—every Sermon we hear is the Saviour knocking at the door of our hearts—Some of Christs loudest knocks are by his providence Christ standeth—it implies he may at any time go away. It is extremely dangerous to trifle[sic] with the knocking of Jesus—If we heed his knocking and arise and bid him welcome & open the door and receive him into our hearts—when that last great day comes when we come to knock at His door will we not be made forever happy by his opening to us the door into the glorious home above— Homer & Clara went both to their house keeping at Aunt Marys—It was too bad for the boys to go to their meeting this Eve—Homer leads the young folks meeting this Eve— Clayton Jason & Paul recited their catechism this Eve. Very dark this eve—it is raining a little.

22” Feb – Monday. This is Washingtons birth day – The day we celebrate – The School & College closed – Although it is 165 years to day since George Washington was born yet he lives in the heart of the people – This morning Clayton took a horse down for Homer to go to Springfield – He and Uncle Joes came back near noon – This has been a dark raining day – Work in a manner suspended Wm, Alex & Clayton and Jason, and Uncle Joe and Mr Mc and Paul around home – Nettie at the work. This eve Clayton at C- at the office and brought Homers horse home. The [illegible] are having a Banquet at the College to night – It is a very important affair. One of the Dobbs[?] men from Xenia here this afternoon – Uncle Dan here awhile too -

Tuesday 23” Feb The weather gradually changeing [sic] day. This Eve it is much colder— Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Uncle Joe and Alex cleaning up the Orchards—Nettie washing—I attended to the other work and baked—Mr Mc around home all day. Alice called this P.M. This Eve all at home around the camp.

24” Feb Wed. Bright Sunshine—but very muddy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Uncle Joe cleaning up the Orchard. Wm & Alex husking corn—Nettie in charge of the house keeping. Mr Mc and I took our basket and took dinner with Aunt Mary. Home & Clara at the College and there as usual. Walter [?] in town and there to dinner also. Mr Mc drove out to see Archie McElroy[?]-After he came back I left him chatting with Aunt Mary & took Mand [transcriber note: appears to be the name of the horse; short for “Amanda”?] & the buggy and went up to town As I drove back I came in contact with the Wittenberg Band boys who were out on parade— (as they hold forth in the Opera House here this Evening). Mand kept all right until she came as far as the big horn and drums when she took fright and made a

sudden turn that broke the wood work under the buggy—and if Mr Mc and Homer had not come to me at that point I do not know what the end would have been—for the buggy fell right into two leaving me in a dangerous place. Homer went out and got a buggy for us to come home in—I called to see Prof McChesney—their baby very sick. This Eve Wm & Clayton in C- On yesterday Evening Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary came home from Ind. They stayed all night in Dayton last night and attended the revival meeting at the Soldiers home.

25" Feb Thurs. Rather a pleasant day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Wm and Alex at work—Nettie in the kitchen—Mr Mc across at Rolland Kyles sale—I went down to town to attend the Womens Missionary Society but on account of the funeral of Prof McChesneys infant son the Society meeting was postponed—I called at Aunt Janes—got to See Aunt Matt—I spent an hour with Aunt Mary until the mail came in—Homer at Springfield this A.M. for flowers for the funeral—He and Clara at Aunt Marys—This Eve all of us at home around the fire—

26" Feb—Friday. A blustery day—blowing and snowing—Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School—Wm at C- this A.M. with corn for C. H. [illegible]—Alex bringing in wood—Nettie ironing—Uncle Joe around—On yesterday as I went to C- I called in and spent an hour with Della & Sallie—This afternoon Mr Mc went through the storm for C- and was home again in time for tea—Clayton and Jason at Wm [illegible] spending the evening—Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul and I around the camp—Nettie and Alex with us.

27" Feb. Sat Still cold—but moderated a little. After an early dinner Clayton and Jason took a load of corn to Selma—Corn only 20 cts per bushel—I have been busy all day baking—Nettie in the kitchen too. This eve Cephas Denny called looking for work—we concluded to keep him for a few days—Alex chopping all day. Wm feeding Uncle Joe around—This P.M. Will Mc called—This eve Homer came back or out from C- with Frank Townsley when passing and after supper took a trip to Selma—I object to such trips on Saturday Eve—for we should remember that "tomorrow is Sabbath." Wm took Uncle Joe home.

28" Feb. Sabbath. A cloudy day—Homer Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. I went down for Aunt Jane but she stayed with Aunt Matt—Mr Mc at church Mr Mortons text—"After ye have suffered awhile make you perfect, establish settle you." [transcriber note: I Peter 5:10, King James Bible] Clara was at church and she came home with us. Homer went back to Aunt Mary. Clayton went there too—he and Homer attended Mr Hutchinsons "talk to men only" at the Opera House—and in the evening the young folks meeting—Clara went down with Jason to the meeting and went back to Aunt Marys to night—Homer and Clayton came back with Jason. Nettie called at Alices this Eve—Alex and Cephas around to day. This Eve Clayton Jason & Paul recited their questions—We read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath.

1.March. Monday. A pleasant day—but gloomy—Jason at Selma School alone—Homer took the Pony with him to C- he and Spense going to Xenia to day. Paul at our School. Near noon

Mr Mc left for Springfield—to attend to some errands—he came home a little after dark it is very dark to night—Clayton at home getting the horses ready for the London sale tomorrow. This afternoon he was down at the shop. Alice rode down with him and Uncle Joe came home with them—Nettie at the work—I have been at home all day.

2" March Tuesday. Very gloomy raining all forenoon—a little after four Clayton had his breakfast and he and Lafe Frost[?] and his friend left with horses for the London sale—Wm Mc went to Selma with Jason when he went to school and went on the early train to London. Paul at our School—Nettie washed to day—I attended to the work in the kitchen—Alex & Cephas in the wood shed all A.M.—Wm around the barn—Uncle Joe around the fire. This P.M. Cephas helping Wm put on feed. Jason waited in Selma until the six O'clock train came down and father came home with him—Clayton and his crowd did not get home until two hours later. They were all here for supper at different hours. Mr Mc went to Mr Stephen Phifers[?] Stand in London to find what time he would be in and learned that he had rented his home and everything and broken up entirely and he and Mrs P- had gone to Annie's [?], their daughter, to live with them. After he found that home and these friends were gone he next inquired about his friend Mr John Mitchel—who has also been tried and proved faithful and true but only to learn that he was gone—He died about a week ago—and his body was layed away in the old London Cemetery—Mr Mc said that he felt almost a stranger in the town that these friends who were his age were gone There seemed to be no one left to look to and depend upon any more—But this is life here. Wm Mc was here awhile this afternoon—It is very dark to night.

3" March. Wed. Quite a dreary day. Getting a little colder—The ground very soft. Business on a stand still. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our school—Uncle Joe & Alex and Cephas around-- & Wm. too—Nettie at the work. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at congregational prayer meeting. The subject was bringing out tithes into the God's house. After the meeting the Women's missionary society meet—Aunt Mary is President of it. Mr Mc and I were down at Aunt Marys before we came home. Riley Little got off the train this eve—Clayton and Jason at Bryants at a party to night—the rest of us around the lamp.

4" March Thursday A gloomy day. Mr Mc and I at C -- expecting to see Riley Little—after we had dinner at Aunt Marys Mr Mc went to Clifton and did not wait to see Riley—Homer and Clara at the College and at Aunt Marys as usual—Riley came in to see me this afternoon—He & Clara had a formal speaking—I called to see Prof McChesney this P.M.—we came home before dark—all of us here around the lamp—Clayton & Jason retired early. President McKinley took his seat today.

5" March. Friday. Almost constant rain last night and to day—The banks of all the streams overflowing—they call it a flood. On acct of the waters raising Miss Wylie dismissed School at noon Bennie and Earl McClain came home with Paul and were here to dinner when some of the men took them home—Clayton and Jason at Selma School—This eve Mr Mc & Paul at C – Homer came home with Uncle Dan & after supper he went to Pitchin. I have not been well to day. Alice called this Eve—Clayton at Stanforths this Eve.

6" March Sat. Uncle Joe and Alex & [illegible] up fences that were washed away late this afternoon Wm took Uncle Joe home—Jason took Homer down this P.M.—[illegible] stayed at Aunt Marys for dinner and returned late this P.M.—Homer was here all night—Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton at Will Mc on an errand this Eve.—Paul around all day—Nettie busy. I helped with the ironing.

7 March. Sabb. A chilly day gloomy most of the time. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School. I went down after Aunt Jane She and Aunt Ellen both at church—Our nephew Riley Little from the Mission Church in Chicago preached for Mr. Morton to day. His text "I beseech you by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice" — consecration the theme of the discourse. Homer and Clara at the Sabbath School and Church. Jason went down with Homer to Aunt Marys and Clara came home with us—and went back with Clara to the Young folks meeting this Eve—They all went to the U.P. Church to hear Riley preach—Clayton and Jason came home alone—Pauls lessons heard.

8" March. Monday. A clear day—until noon—This afternoon gloomy sprinkling rain. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia Mr Will Mitchel went with him from C – Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan—Alex & Cephas husking this A.M. Wm around. Alice and the children here this P.M. Uncle Joe there this eve. Nettie worked to day. I attended to the other work. This Eve Mr Mc returned at dark—Clayton and Jason at C – to take their missionary money to the C. E. treasure. Miss Branscom called this P.M.

9" March. Tuesday. Damp and cloudy this morning Wm at duty—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Van Cozier [?] of Springfield here to dinner and spent a little while with us—Wm absent today at a sale—Alex and Cephas busy all day long feeding. Uncle Joe along—This has been a rainy day. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at our church to hear Mrs. M. Pently speak on social purity—We had a very interesting talk. We called down at Aunt Marys. She and Clara both at the meeting. Homer at Halfields at party to night. Susie Hansel buried to day. Nettie busy to day. Mr Mc and I called at Worleys this P.M.

10" March. Wed. Quite a bright day. Our lame boy Cephas Denney who Mr Mc hired for the Summer left this morning without any formal leave taking—Wm chopping wood on his own acct. to day. Jason at home helping Alex with the feeding. Uncle Joe around all day helping bring in corn—Clayton at School at Selma—Paul at School. Mr Jim Hill and co called. Mr John Moorman here—Mr Mc around with him all A.M.—Mrs Moorman here to dinner—This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Amos Creswells. Came home past 6. This Eve Alice here again and Uncle Joe there.

11" March. Thurs. A gloomy day. Phillip the german called. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—I have been busy all A.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Alex feeding Wm here this P.M. This afternoon I went to town—I called in to see Mrs Pigg—and called to see Mr Mortons and also to see Lizzie [illegible] and spent a very short time with Aunt Mary—and



reached home in time for supper—Homer and Clara at Aunt Marys—A linen peddler from Cincinnati here this morning. Uncle Daniel here this A.M.—This Eve Clayton and Jason at a business meeting at Orrs. This is Clara's birthday. I did not forget it.

12" March. Friday. Quite a windy day. Clayton at home from school to take a horse down to J. R. Orr to see He was at home helping out with the work the rest of the time—Alex feeding—Wm chopping. Jason at Selma School. Uncle Joe around all day. Nettie busy. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield—he went by way of Cedarville and took the buggy that was broken a few weeks ago to be repaired. He took supper with Harlan & [illegible] Carson at Adams. He did not get home until late—I have been busy all day—It is getting much colder this evening he rode in with Uncle Dan—After supper he drove out up the Pike.

13" March. Sat—Quite disagreeable blustery day—getting colder. Jason took Homer down this morning and went to Dr Homans office and got four teeth filled. He was home again at noon—Mr Mc around all morning. This afternoon Clayton at town with food for Aunt Jane. Wm Stanforth here on a settlement. Warner [illegible] called. Alex feeding. This afternoon Paul walked up see Earnest Van Croft and spent the afternoon—This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe home. The rest of us at home—Nettie and I busy

14" March. Sabb. Quite a windy disagreeable day. Paul not feeling very well after his visit yesterday. Clayton and I at Sabbath School—I went down after Aunt Jane but she did not go to church. Mr Mc at church alone—Several of our long absent ones at church to day. H. Stormont & John McCorkle & wife. Mr Morton text "My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the bed of spices, to feed in the garden, and to gather lilies." [transcriber note: text from Song of Solomon 6:2] Christ is here presented as the nearest and dearest of all relationships. The theme of the text is Christ in the garden, in the [illegible] very soul. The church is Christ's garden it is a precious spot where Christ has planted the choicest germs of heavenly growth. Christ visits us in our hearts—in our homes and in our church—There are fruits to be found here in which he delights—there are congenial spirits that have the same father and are going to the same glorious home. If the Saviour does not find the fruits of the Spirit when he comes he will not tarry long. There is not anything that pleases Christ so much as strong unwavering faith. He wants us to look to him and trust him and nothing grieves him so much as a lack of faith—a doubting distrusting spirit. He comes seeking the flowers of love. Love is the crowning grace of the Christian. The other graces are modifications and outgrowths of love. When the Saviour comes and finds the flowers of love blooming in our hearts in our homes and in our church he remains but if there are dead and decayed he goes away—He never stays where there is malice and hatred and envy and jealousy—he will abide where these dwell. We must have faith—love—and obedience if we would please Christ—Harlan came down to church—Nettie Anderson came down with him and returned with him. Homer went back to Aunt Marys—Clara came out with Harlan. After lunch he went back to his home in Springfield. Clara rode down with him to the Young folks meeting. Clayton went down to the C. E. meeting

alone—Jason and Paul at home to day with Nettie and Alex. This is Harlan's birth day—How the years go by.

15" March—Monday Moderated considerable. Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Jason at C—at Dr Homans getting his teeth reviewed. He returned at noon bringing Uncle Joe out. A letter from Fred—he is on a little strike—not settled yet. Wm here helping Alex with the feeding. Nettie washed to day. I attended to the other work—This afternoon Wm here looking over his accts again with Mr Mc. Jason out with Alex. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Amos Creswells to see [transcriber note: the entry ends here]

16" March. Tuesday. Gloomy again to day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School Alex and Uncle Joe around. Nettie in charge of the home—This morning Mr Mc and I went to town. We took dinner at Aunt Marys—Mr Mc drove up in the forenoon to be at Amos Creswells and in the afternoon he drove out to Uncle Silas's and down to the McWhirk farm to see Stanley. I called to see Mr Morton. As we came home this Eve I called in to see Alice—They move to the late J. [illegible] Millan farm tomorrow—Clayton and Jason & Paul down there this Eve—at Wm Stanforths and Alices—at the tenant house for a last meeting.

17" March. Wed. A gloomy day. The Stanforth family move out to J & S (?) to day This morning [Blank] called and and Mr Mc contracted with him for eight months at \$105 dollars. Mr Mc at C- this morning—home again at noon—I called at Wesleys this morning but Mrs W—not at home—Uncle Joe & Alex around all day. Our new man will not be here until tomorrow. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. Nettie and I busy to day. This afternoon rain. This Eve Mr Mc and I at Friends Church at Selma to hear [illegible] Aaron [Illegible] lecture on "Woman as a Citizen"

18" March. Thurs. A cloudy day. Mr Bazel called and carried the Bible over from the Bible Soc. Mr Mc over at Nelson Reids sale to day. I went in the carriage to Aunt Marys and Homer took [illegible] and he and Miss Anderson went to Xenia this afternoon—Aunt Bell brought the carriage around and Aunt Mary and I rode with her up to the W.C.T.U. meeting at Mrs. Alexanders. I called at Aunt Janes—was home near dark. [Blank] came this morning and began work. [Transcriber note. This is evidently the "new man" that Martha mentioned on March 17; it appears that for some reason she does not yet know his name, thus the blank space. She also left the name blank in the March 17 entry about Mr Mc signing a contract with him] Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Alex and Nettie and Uncle Joe here to day.

19" March. Friday—Rain all of last night and to day. Clayton at school alone to day as Jason was not ready in time. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe [Blank] [Transcriber note: again this blank space appears to represent the "new man" working on the farm] & Alex and Mr Mc and Jason around all day. Nettie and I busy. This Eve Clayton and Jason at town on an errand. The Outlook came in this Eve. Prof Henry Drummond of Scotland the well known author of Drummonds Addresses died March 11 aged forty five years. This [illegible] are fine.

20" March. Saturday. It cleared up last night about five O'clock and a rain bow appeared—This Eve the rain began falling again in the sunshine we had quite a little shower and it cleared up again and a rain bow appeared. On yesterday Eve Homer rode out from C- with Uncle Dan—here for supper—and after supper he took his weekly trip to Pitchin—and was here last night and this A.M. This morning Mr Mc and I went to see Wesleys at the old Scott house—They are moving out to day. Clayton helping them away with a load. Mrs Wesley has been kind to us during her years stay. This afternoon I took Homer back to C- I made but a brief stay—Clara and Blanch went over to Jamestown this afternoon—Jason at C- and brought [illegible] Cast out—This Eve he took Uncle Joe home. Alex & Wm feeding. We had a letter from Fred—he is still off from his work at Chicago—He was at Albia Dona (?) for the present. Clayton has had a faithful day—it is nine O'clock and he is just getting home—By the way this is his birthday—we did not forget it—neither did he I am sure.

21" March. Sabbath. Gloomy part of the time. No rain to day—Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and Church—Homer and Clara there with Aunt Mary and went back there after preaching again—Mr Mc at church—Mr. Mortons text "Tell me O thou whom my soul lovest, where thou feedest—where those walkest thy flocks to rest at noon, for why should I be as one that turnest aside by the flocks of thy companions. If thou know not thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the Shepherd tents." [Song of Solomon 1:7-8, KJV] Nettie and Alex and Wm at home to day. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the Junior C. E. They also attended the Sen C. E. at the Church. Clara led this evening the meeting.

22" March Monday. Gloomy this morning but the rest of the day pleasant. Our good man from Adams Co Wm—left us this morning This loss we deeply feel. He went away on the morning train. This morning I went to town for Uncle Joe Clara came home with me too. Mr Mc and Alex & Jason around home—Clayton went to Selma School alone. Paul at our School—This afternoon Warner Hamilton and Coz here helping open a pit of potatoes—Clara serving Nettie at her work—This afternoon I took a Bible and papers over to Mrs Marshal—She is not well—When I came back I called to see Esther McMillan—The papers are all seriously (?) over with an acct of Scott Jackson & Alonza Walling execution on Saturday for the murder of Peasal Bryan—the papers have been full of the trial for over a year now—It is time the matter was settled and the people can have a rest. Cary Wilton Halton [transcriber note: see entry for March 24; this is the "new man."] from Amos Creswells family of Pike Co moved into the tenant house to day.

23" March Tuesday. Began raining this morning before seven – and it cleared off before eleven. Mr Mc and Clara and Uncle Joe and I at home all day at our work. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex feeding. This Eve [blank] [transcriber's note: this is the "new man" mentioned in the entry for March 22] getting in wood for his place. Nettie washed to day and we attended to the other work. At half past seven Mr Mc and Clara and Clayton and Jason and I at our church – Sermon by Rev. W. R. Chesnut Editor of the Advocate

[illegible] "Which shall know by every man the plague of his own heart." Sin prostrates all the energies of the Soul -- There is not anything more dangerous to soul to think because they have connected them selves with the Church that their work is all done and they are saved for eternity while they are dead and every energy prostrated -- Sin is exceedingly treacherous. There are a great many great minds in Science and in worldly things -- Yet they fall beneath those who have their mind enlightened by the Spirit of God rich in love and heirs of the Kingdom -- An enlightened and saved soul grasps everything that is good and grand and enabling in life -- How changed a sinner is when Christ comes into the heart all pride and arrogance and egotism and selfishness gone -- and the new born soul says all for Jesus my self for Jesus -- A new creature -- the old hateful self gone -- all for Jesus all for his praise, glory to glory! Paul at home with Uncle Joe & Alex & Nettie. Mrs Tindal and Mr Marion Wildman called this morning.

24" March. Wed. Winter again Blowing and snowing -- Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Our new man Casy Wilton Holton began work in the wood shed this morning while it was storming. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School [translators note: one of the few times that Martha repeats herself in the same entry] -- Clara hem stitching the dresses [illegible] Nettie in the Kitchen. Uncle Joe and Alex and Mr Mc at home all day. This Evening Clayton and I at the services at our church -- Rev Chestnut Subject "Moses Choice" -- We had a nice meeting.

25" March. Thurs. Still blowing and snowing Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex and Casy H. feeding--Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around Clara busy--Nettie at her work. After an early dinner I formed myself into a committee of one and called to see Hugh Stormont at Edd Smiths and drove out to Mr Archie McElroys--then called at the Walker home to see Mr James McElroy--He is sick -- When I came back I reported this sick brother to Mr Morton and he called to see him this afternoon. Aunt Mary and Mrs. Holton were at the Springs to day at a Co meeting of the W.C.T.U. I reached home at three O'clock--so I called in to see the Holton family as I came home. This morning Robert Mitchel from Carters Creek called -- had a lunch -- I gave him a testament -- although colored he is a grand soul. This Eve. Mr Mc and Clara and Jason and I at church Bro Chestnuts text "Prepare to meet thy God is solemn and the duties and responsibilities of life are solemn -- Life here is a preparation for the life to come. A meeting between God and man is inevitable -- to see the carelessness and indifference with what the world [illegible] on it seems that this can never come. Each one in order to be prepared to meet God has a work to do which no other can do -- It is a personal work -- We appear before God at death and before him every day we live as well. This preparation is made by faith and by doo works and by repentance. Let us come and learn of Jesus -- Sit at his feet if we would be ready. To die the death of the impenitent is the most ignominious death that one can die. When shall we seek God? Now is the time -- Do not be afraid to take a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. Where would we have been if Jesus had not taken a stand for us. On the 8 of this month Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died -- her husband having died on the same day ten

years before – Clara went home with Aunt Mary this Eve. – I regretted that Homer did not get back in time from Springfield to be at church to night Mr Stanley called.

26" March Friday Cloudy and dreary most of the day. Casy H – and Alex feeding After an early dinner Clayton took Uncle Joe home to be ready for church Clayton at C- with [illegible] this morning. He and Mr Mc and Jason and I at church – The boys did not go to school to day. Yes Paul was there. Nettie busy This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at church. Nettie in charge of the home—Mr Chestnut's text – "Thus saith the Lord, stand yet in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest unto your souls. But they said we will not walk there in. " Homer and Clara at church -- They are both staying with Aunt Mary Aunt Jane at church today This Eve all at home. Uncle Joe stayed in C-.

27" March. Sat. Rather a bright day but cold – this morning Clayton at C- at Will Mitchel for coal – home again at noon. Alex and Casy H- feeding all day – the Holton girls called this morning for the first – Nettie and I busy all morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at church – Sermon by Rev Chestnut text "We are journeying into the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you; come thou with us, and we will do the good; for the Lord hath spoken concerning Israel." After preaching we made a brief stop in C- and came home. Nettie keeping the house – This eve what of us who are at home are around the fire waiting for Harlan. He did not get here until after nine and when he came all had retired but father and me. He said he had been getting ready to come all day.

28" March. Sabb. Most a beautiful bright day but a little chilly – Mr Mc and I—and Harlan Clayton Jason and Paul all at church – I drove down for Aunt Jane – Homer and Clara there with Aunt Mary. I hoped to get to the prayer meeting but failed – Rev Chestnut preached – text What think ye of Christ. I did not take notes of this only in memory. After the sermon the Lords Supper was observed – Fifteen persons connected them selves with the church – The services to day were more than a formal observance – A wave of love seemed to sweep into and around us – a blessed experience I am sure After preaching Clayton went home with Aunt Mary. Clara and Homer came out with us – So did Willie Torrence [?] & Mary and Lille – Nettie had dinner ready. Alex had a nice fire in the parlor. We had a pleasant time together After lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield to attend church there. This Eve Paul remained at home with Alex and Nettie and Mr Mc and Homer Clara Clayton and Jason and our Cousins Torrences and I were at church – Jason went alone to the Jr. C.E. meeting. Clayton led the meeting. Rev Chestnut preached to night to a crowded house – Text "Who then is willing to consecrate his services this day unto the Lord." Let us give our best to God – Best gifts – The best of our time – and the best of our selves and all that we have unto God. His sermon was wonderful in power and earnestness. Homer and Clara went back to Aunt Marys this eve – This has been a pleasant evening.

29" March. Monday. A beautiful day but this evening it is beginning to get cloudy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School Alex helping Casy H—with the feeding. Mr Mc and I

at church – Rev W. R. Chestnut preached the closing sermon of our communion services at ten O'clock – Text “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ” When ever we allow anything to come between us and Christ or between us and our best friend then we begin to grow cold – When we begin to separate then Satan steps right in between us – Let no one separate is from Christ or from duty or from one another – Let us keep near to Jesus – and let the love of Jesus come into our hearts then we will be changed – and the world will be changed – we will then speak with new tongues – and will be strong men and women in Christ Jesus. This morning Jim H. McShad his son John Melvin baptized – After preaching we took dinner with Aunt Mary and Homer and Clara were there also. Walter came in to dinner He was going to Springfield this afternoon – Mrs [illegible] called this A M – and Mr. Marion Wildman this afternoon Nettie washed to day. Uncle Joe came out home with us Nettie set two hens today.

30<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday. Damp this morning. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School – Alex and Casey H-- at the feeding. After an early [no word here] Mr Mc left for Charleston – he brought clover and timothy seed – home long before dark – I have been but little good to day. Nettie busy Uncle Joe around. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at the Opera House – The Elocution class of the College gave the Merchant of Venice “—Home was Shylock” This play was called a great success – Pres. McKinney at the meeting to night.

31<sup>st</sup> March. Wed. A pleasant day. Clayton went to school alone this morning. Jason complaining about his eyes hurting him. Paul at our School. Dick Wilkerham [?] here this morning – He took his horse back to Mr Georges and Jason drove out there and brought him back to help for a little while – He was here to dinner Mr Mc and Alex and Uncle Joe and Cary H—getting out potatoes all day. Mrs. Holton called this morning. This afternoon I called at Daves and Sallies to see Della and spent an hour – Della is far from well I was at Aunt Mary – she had gone out Della's to call – Clara and I drove out for her to find she was not there but had come home another way and called at J. D's I saw Homer awhile – and Aunt Mary and Clara – As I came home I called to see Mrs P – but did not tarry long as I was not feeling well – Two railroad men here to dinner.

1<sup>st</sup> April. Thurs. A nice day but windy. Clayton at Selma School alone Paul at our School. Alex began work for another month this morning. He and Dick W and Casey H and Uncle Joe and Jason all busy feeding and getting potatoes ready for Springfield This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma & Gladstone and came home past Wood Warners. Nettie and I busy. Uncle Dan called this A.M. and Dr Wisely this P.M.

2<sup>nd</sup> April Friday. A gloomy day but mild – Clayton at Selma School—Paul at our School. Jason and Casy H—at Springfield with potatoes – Uncle Joe and Alex and Dick feeding and husking corn Nettie and I busy at one thing and another -- As Mr Mc went up he drove into Mr Pages and got several [illegible] trees – Casey and Jason stopped – and dug them out as they came home. Mr Mc did not get into S -- until noon Late in the P.M. he met Harlan and spent some little time with him – and took supper with him at Adam's – Harlan was going to Pitchin this evening. Mr Mc did not get home until late. Alex and Dick planted several wild rose bushes in

the yard to day – They got them in Charlie Barber’s plantation. Uncle Joe around to day. Clayton and Jason at a business meeting at Mrs Nettie Harbison sisters evening.

3” April Saturday. Quite a nice day. Alex and Dick sowing seed until noon. This afternoon Alex and Jason planting out the trees they got yesterday – Mr Mc over to see Warner Hamilton this P.M. – Clayton at C—with this and that for the folks there – Homer & Clara both sticking to their boarding house in C-- Nettie was planning to go to Cincinnati Monday – but finally concluded to go this evening. Jason took here to the six Oclock train. Alex took Uncle Joe home. George Hall in Xenia is dead – Nellie H’s husband. Dick went to Mr Georges.

4” April Sabb. Rained sometime last night. Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – I went down to Aunt Jane – Aunt Matt staying alone Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton’s sermon text “ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him. “ This text is like a bright beam of light bursting upon a dark world “ Amid the darkness and gloom and death God came down and took Enoch body & soul to heaven to teach his children in all ages that there is a glorious home where Gods children can live and reign [?] both body and soul forever – And the life of Enoch teaches us that we can reach this blessed home if we walk and live with God. Subject of the text – Is walking and living with God and enjoying God forever – If we would walk and live with God we must go where God is. God is in the Bible and in the Assembly of his people – and in the sick room – and where the poor and despised and neglected and lost ones are. If we would keep near to God we must be actively engaged in some employment – The Lord Jesus was just as truly walking with God when working at the carpenter trade as when he was teaching and preaching on the Shores of Galilee. If we would walk with God we must be in harmony with him – What is God interested in He is interested in kindness and in mercy and tenderness and forbearance and forgiveness and in the Bible and the Sabbath School and in prayer meeting and in all the ordinances of his house in temperance and morality and in bringing lost ones into his Kingdom – God reaching down to these and to all oppressed only to lift – them to himself – He is also interested in the thousands of working men in this country who are pressed from day to day. God also pities the poor Slaves of drink and reaches down to lift them up to him self. If we are walking with God we are interested in all of these things – we must be warm hearted and sympathetic men and women. God is not far off but is near to bless and keep us. We must come down to where the people are to learn their wants and be ready to minister to their wants. There is nothing that will so promote our holiness and growth in grace as the glory of this kind of work. This is a continuous walk – and work – and living. Let us find out where God is and be there – and find out where he is not and stay away. After preaching Homer went back to Aunt Marys – Jason went there too Clara came home with us and went down with Clayton when he went to the Jr C. E. meeting – Jason there too and came back with Paul. I wonder what Fred and Harlan are doing to day – If they are faithful in keeping the day holy. I certainly trust that they are always faithful in this. To Remember Gods day – and to keep it holy. This was Florences birthday if she had lived She would have been eleven years old.

5" April Monday. A nice morning – Dick here in time for breakfast – He and Alex sowed seed until nearly noon when the wind was not favorable they went to the husking – Jason returned to Selma School (after a few days absence) with Clayton. Paul at our School – he is still in love with his teacher Miss Wylie [?]. Maggie H— here & made the beds & Mr Mc around home all morning. This afternoon he took the hands down to vote. Uncle Joe brought the men back and left Mr Mc to come later with Uncle Dan. This Eve Clayton went down to bring Will Mc after the count is made. This is Jason's birthday.

6" April. Tuesday. Gloomy but pleasant – Casey bringing tile from Selma this A.M. – Alex there this P. M. – for a load – I am at the work by myself – Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School – Mr Mc at Mr All Millers this A.M. – this afternoon he was around home – Uncle Joe around – Mr Wood Warner called – This Eve Clayton and Jason at Cedarville at the office.

7" April. Wednesday. A nice day. The men getting out potatoes & feeding. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Maggie H— here an hour this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at the congregational prayer meeting and remained for the annual congregational business meeting – we did not get out until late – we made but a brief stop at Aunt Marys – and Sallies and Dellas as we came home – Homer in Springfield to day. I had the honor of preparing the supper after we came home.

8" April – Thurs. Damp and dreary. Alex in the wood shed Dick cleaned up the wool house. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Mag H. here awhile this morning. Uncle Joe around – Mr Mc over at Warner Hamiltons before dinner – Rain this afternoon – I am shelling corn. This evening rain Clayton and Jason at C—at a business meeting and at the office.

9" April. Friday. All day rain. The men chopping wood & shelling corn. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon Mrs Holton wrote a letter to Rike Co. – and took it to the office P M – and brought out the mail – Maggie H—here & helped me this morning. The sunshine out before setting this Eve – The night is clear.

10" April – A bright morning Clayton feeding – Mr Mc & Alex and Dick and all [illegible] force sowing seed – Maggie here and helped me with the Saturdays work – This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down home and waited at Aunt Marys until the evening mail came in – Homer going over to the [illegible] Springs to an entertainment this eve Another letter from Cincinnati. This Eve Jason and Dick at C—on an errand. Mrs Hood is dead. I called there this P.M.

11" April – Sabbath – A disagreeable day – Raining a little. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton sat in the pulpit and Rev Mr Edgar from the U. P. Seminary preached for him. Text. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners" Homer and Clara at the church – Homer went back to Aunt Marys Harlan surprised us by being at church to day. Clara and Paul rode out with him from church – He want back when Clara went down to the young folks



meeting and went back to his home in Springfield – Some of Mr Shaws family came with him to Clifton – Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting this Eve – Alex and Dick around to day. I heard Pauls lesson – and this Eve we had Bible reading This is [illegible] day with Paul – it is his birthday – He is seven. Mrs Hood buried to day.

12" April. Monday. A nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at town this A.M. to see Wm Mitchel Uncle Joe came out with them Wm McMillan [illegible] into their family Friday night – [illegible] Barber – a son this morning. Lewis Floyd the old painter came this forenoon – he was here to dinner and with us to night – The men hauling manure this afternoon – Mr Will Mitchel called I went to town this afternoon and called to see Aunt Bell – and spent an hour with Josse Orr – and a very short time with Aunt Mary and Clara -- Homer & most of the Cedarville boys at the base ball game in Wilberforce.

13" April Tues A rough day. Clayton and his father left near noon for Springfield – on a horse and mule trade. Alex and Dice & Casey H – hauling manure. Jason at home to day too. Uncle Joe around Maggie H – here and washed. Lewis Floyd began taking paper off the dining room – Raining and blowing this afternoon – Mr Mc and Clayton reached home at dark – Jason and Dick at the office and back.

14" April Wed. Another damp gloomy day. Alex and Dick & Casey H – tried to keep busy at the manure hauling. Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our school. Uncle Joe here as usual. Mr Mc and Jason looking after the stock – Maggie H – here doing up the morning work. I left early and went to town for paper for the dining room. Aunt Mary and Belle were out in town and helped me make the selection – Holtons little Dede [?] down with me – I was home again at an early hour. This afternoon Lewis began putting on the paper in the dining room – Uncle Dan called. The Eve Clayton and Jason at L. H. Williams in Selma at a party quite a nice affair.

15" April Thurs. A gloomy day. A man and a woman from the Pike here to breakfast – I gave them a testament and a paper "food for the soul." Mr Mc and Clayton at Brysons sale to day. Jason and Uncle Joe around. Alex at the manure Dick and Carey H – at the other work. Maggie here this A.M. Lewis at the papering in the dining room – This afternoon I attended the W. C. T. U. meeting at Mrs Dave Shroders – about fifteen there – we took in two new members – Mrs Will Tarbox [?] and Mrs Tim Harbison. After the meeting I went down home with Aunt Mary. Clara and Homer there. I also met Homer on the street before I started home. Mr Mc and Clayton took supper at Uncle Silas's.

16" April Friday A blowing gloomy day. Paul at our School – Clayton at Selma School. Jason at home with his father. Uncle Joe around. Dick husking. Casey busy. Mr Mc around all A. M. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston this afternoon for seed. Did not get home until near dark. Nettie [illegible] came to town this eve on the five O clock train from Cincinnati and Homer brought her out and past on to Pitchin – This Eve Clayton and Jason at C – Jason at Mr Mortons to practice – singing.

17" April Sat—Bright sunshine part of the time but rather cool. Mr Mc around home all day. Dick busy at the feeding Casey off duty this P.M. Alex at the manure hauling. Maggie H—here this morning and helped awhile. Nettie at the work. This forenoon Clayton and Jason at C—at the mill. Paul went down with them took dinner at Aunt Marys and went to Mr Mortons to a juvenile missionary meeting This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down home – attended to some little business and Paul came home with me – The painters resting today. This is the first “juvenile missionary” meeting ever held here to my knowledge – Paul did not like it as he was the only boy at it – all that were there were girls – I think now the next move ought to be organize a “missionary” meeting for the boys. Nettie began working on her second term this morning.

18" April. Sabbath. Easter Sabbath – a bright beautiful day – a little chilly. The forerunner of Spring. Phillips Brooks verse seem to express our very heart to day – O Risen Christ! O Easter Flower! How dear thy grace has grown! From East to West, with living power, Make all the world Thine own. This morning Dick went to Sabbath School with Clayton Jason and Paul and me. I drove down to Aunt Jane. Aunt Matt stayed alone. Mr Mc at – church – Mr Mortons text “And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately; why could we not cast him out. And Jesus said unto them, this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” The Theme of the text – the reason of failure in the Lords work – or the secret power of success in the Lords work. The disciples at the foot of the cross failed to cast out the demon out of the boys heart because they were sat a distance from Christ. There are demons in our hearts, evil passions, evil tempers and lusts. When we try to get rid of these tormenters but fail because we are at distance from Christ – because of our failure we ought to be ashamed and like the disciples got to him and ask him why we could not cast these out of our hearts. We sometimes feel bad that there is not more love in the home, more kindness and forbearance but if we use the Spirit – if love and peace and forbearance and kindness that God gives if we can root out the evil and our hearts made all “beautiful within.” The reason we fail to do all of this is not the fault of God or of the gospel but in our selves. It is unbelief Want of faith. If we have faith we have every other Christian grace. All history tells us that those who have done the greatest work for Christ have been men of prayer – Men and Women of Strong faith who looked to God and depended upon him for every needed help – Jason went down to Aunt Marys after church – Homer went back too – Even Paul had a great desire to go – picked up his cap and walked down on his own acct. Clara came home with Clayton & Mr Mc and I. Alex & Lewis (the old painter) and Nettie at home. Mr Mc says this sabbath day trips to Aunt Marys has come to an end – Clara went back with Clayton when he went to the Jr. C. E. Paul concluded to come home and he Jason both came back with Clayton – We read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath over to night – and we heard Pauls lesson.

19" April. Monday. The wind blew hard all of last night – Still cool to day – but the sun came out and we call the day pleasant. Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School – At an early hour I left for C- Aunt Mary and Bell went with me to Stuarts Store – and helped me select a paper for Clara’s room – Uncle Joe came home with me – Lewis began taking off the paper

near noon – Jason here with Mr Mc hauling out manure – Casey H- and Dick W- bringing in corn – Nettie at the work – Uncle Joe took the washing to Mrs. P- this afternoon – the first since the first of the year. Uncle Dan called this P.M. Homer was at Springfield to day – we were expecting him to bring Mrs Hollingsworth home with him – from Monmouth Were all ready to receive her – but Homer came after nine alone – His friends in S [pringfield] were not willing that she should come this evening – She is visiting with her sister in Springfield – but expects to return to her home in Monmouth next week. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M.

20" April Tues. A bright day but cool. Casey H- at Selma for tile this A.M. Uncle Joe working with potatoes. Alex at the manure this forenoon and this afternoon he was helping Mr Mc and [illegible] feed – Nettie at the work to day. I cleaned the sitting room press. Lewis began putting on the paper in Claras room he finished the ceiling. Mr Mc busy with the lambs these days – This Eve George Marshal helped him with the sheep home and called in a little bit. It is right cool this evening. Clayton at Selma School to day. Paul at our School – Homer here last night and went back to C- this morning to be ready for his work.

21" April Wed A nice day. The sheep shearers – three of them here today shearing the Moorman sheep – Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School. Jason around home to day – Mr Mc here – Two floors started to day after so long a time. This afternoon Nettie and I very busy. Uncle Joe at C- on an errand – Our men here to dinner and supper. Homer at Springfield to day and brought Mrs Hollingsworth of Monmouth down with him They were here to supper – Homer staying with us to night.

22" April Thurs. A nice day – our men here and finished the sheep shearing this morning. Homer went back to school this morning or to the College. Alex and Casey H- plowing Uncle Joe and Dick around. Mr Mc and Mrs N- and I took dinner alone in the back sitting room – the rest of the family in the dining room – This P.M. – Mr Mc went to New Jasper to see John Thomas. Mrs Hollingsworth and I at C to call to see Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary. Clara & Homer there. We drove to the College before we came home – and up to the School house after we came back. Nettie taking care of the kitchen and dining room kept – Mrs N- and I took tea alone in the sitting room – [illegible] and Paul too eat with us. Mr Mc returned at dark and had supper after he came. Mrs N- with us to night.

23" April Friday. Cloudy & windy. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. After nine Mr Mc left with Mrs Hollingsworth for Xenia Orphan Home where her niece holds forth – Alex plowing Jason in charge of the sheep – Uncle Joe around home. Dave [illegible] and Mr Clemons[?] called. I have been nearly off duty all day – just busy. Nettie busy too Mr Mc home near dark. Clayton at Jamestown to night to the "Merchant of Venice."

24" April Sat. A pleasant day. Uncle Joe and Jason Clayton Dick, Alex – and Casey H- all at their work. Lewis, the old painter, putting in glass – Paul around home. He called at Uncle Dans and [illegible] to day. Nettie in charge of the house this A.M. Mr Mc and I went by way of Cedarville fo Clara and went to Springfield. We took a nice lunch and drive into the woods near

S- and had a nice dinner – hoe coffee was even included in our bill of fare – We reached S- at one O clock. Homer stayed at Aunt Marys to dinner – came up to Springfield after dinner. Clara called at Stuarts and Sadie went the rounds with us. Clara make some purchases – a college suit. She remained with Sadie for tea and they selected her hat – Homer took supper with Harlan at Adams and called at a later hour and took Clara home. Mr Mc and I called at Shaws grocery as we came out of town – We had a nice lunch as we came home Taking it altogether a pleasant day in S- and a nice ride home. We called at the german gardens near Clifton as we came home for twelve [illegible] of Rhubarb that had been ordered this morning – We also called in to [illegible] as we came through Clifton. All had retired when we came home. Dick took Uncle Joe home this eve. On last night – Homer and his class gave the Merchant of Venice in Jamestown last night – Clayton and Charlie Galbreath went over to it.

25" April. Sabbath. A nice morning – Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School. I drove down to Aunt Jane – Mr Mc at church too – Mr Morton "Thou tellest my wandering; put thou my tears into thy bottle, are they not in thy book." God puts in the tears of penitent sinners of the tears of lifes trouble and the tears of parental anxieties – and the tears of the bereaved into his bottle. These tears are Gods jewels and gems – God has love and sympathy and [illegible] peace for all of these afflicted ones. After preaching it began raining – Homer and Clara went back to Aunt Marys – We had quite a heavy shower as we came from church – Jason at home to look after the lambs. Alex and Dick & Lewis and Nettie around home. On acct. of the rain the boys did not go down to the young folks meeting – I was sorry as Jason was to lead the meeting. This evening we read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath. Pauls lessons heard.

26" April Monday. A nice day. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex and Casey H-plowing. Dick on [illegible] work. Mr Mc and Jason around taking care of the lambs. Much to our annoyance Jane took care of one of them this evening. This morning I went to town & while there I drove Clara and Jennie up to College – also called to see Mr and Mrs Morton and Aunt Bell – Homer came down from College while I was there. Uncle Joe came out with me. We did not get home until noon. This afternoon Uncle Dan and Mrs Holton called – This P.M. Lewis and Jason at C- on an errand. This Eve Clayton and Dick there on an errand – they took the clothes to Mrs P- and took Uncle Joe down to be ready to go to Xenia with Jim Harvey in the morning.

28" April Wed. A lovely day A letter came from Fannie. She and Malcom at [illegible] N. Y. Grandfather Mackenzie will come home with them to Port Jervis this week – to abide. This morning I went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out and passed on up to Will McS- to see their new son. I met Mrs Jameson and daughter there – Mr Mc getting potatoes ready for Springfield – [illegible] grocery. Lewis painting the doors – some plowing some getting our Rhubarb. After our regiment was through eating Mr and Mrs Mosley called. I spread a dinner for them – they were here a short time Mrs Holton & sons here – Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Everyone moving. I gave Mrs. Mosley a Bible to day.

29" April. Thurs. The rain kept up all day – Lewis at the hall doors. Clayton took a load of potatoes to Springfield to Shaws Grocery. Mr Mc and I at Springfield too. I got a bonnet retrimmed to day. I called at Stuarts and took tea with Mrs S- and Maggie and Sara [illegible] Mr Mc took supper with Harlan at Adams. We left Harry [illegible] & brought [illegible] home – did not get home until late – I got medicine today from the "Corner Dr – for the first – Uncle Joe, Alex & Jason and Dick and Casey H- all around at the potatoes plowing and looking after lambs. Paul at School and at Holtons this Eve. Nettie in charge of the home to day.

30" April. Friday. The rain came to day – gentle showers – The men in the wood shed late this P. M. I have been in bed part of the time to day – feeling "poorly" indeed. Uncle Joe and Dick and Jason Alex and Casey H- all busy. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. – This Eve Dick and Jason took a hog to Uncle Silas's. Nettie at the work – quite damp this Eve. Lewis on repairs to day.

## **Martha McMillan Journals**

**[Homer graduates from Cedarville College—the 1st graduating class—a class of five members. ]**

**June 10, 1897**

“Mr. Mc, Clayton, Jason, Paul, and Uncle Joe and I attended the first commencement of Cedarville College, at ten o’clock in the Opera House. The five graduates Raymond Poster Garbald of Ross Ohio and J. W. Bickett, of Xenia Ohio and J. ? Orr, and Cal. C. Waston, and our son Homer McMillan, all of Cedarville, and the trustees and faculty filled up the center and side of the stage. Rev. Charles Frederick Pass of Cincinnati delivered the class oration. The principle thought he tried to impress on the class was to consecrate, devote and dedicate their life—soul and body to the best and highest good in life. The blessings and privileges we enjoy today is the gift and sacrifices of those who have gone before us. The greatest height that is possible to be attained is through consecration and dedication and devotion to what is best and highest in life—that reaches beyond the present—the speaker said there was a hallowed charm and beauty and brightness and interest in this day that the graduating class that sat before him could never forget but would follow them to their latest days.

“Dr. David McKinney of Cincinnati, President of the College, conferred the diplomas. He said— young men of the graduating class—and my boys—I can not dismiss you without a few words from my heart. You bid your alma mater farewell today. We say farewell. We can no longer direct you or bid you to do this or that. But boys we will follow you with our prayers. We hope however high the position you may attain you will never forget Cedarville College or duty. Consecrate yourselves to God. Live helpful lives. And God will bless and direct you. This was a grand gathering in the Opera House today. If the graduating class can never forget this day I feel sure that some of the rest of us will always remember it. It will always stand out above and over days bright and beautiful. But while I speak of this day, I remember another day that stands bright and beautiful too and towers above the ordinary days of life—that day is the 11th of June 1896. It is a year ago tomorrow since father and I sat in a gathering in Monmouth. The “Commencement Day” in Monmouth College—then another son was counted among the graduates, Fred McMillan. We were happy there. We were happy today. May the remembrance of that day and of this day help and strengthen us through the years. “Commencement Day” not finished but beginning! May all that is good and best and highest and grandest and noblest and holiest in life crown my boys is the prayer of this Mother.”

“Harlan came down from his place in Springfield and helped to brighten the day with his presence. He came home with us to dinner—and late in the p.m.—he went to Homer and Clara at Aunt Marys. Uncle Joe remained in C—[Cedarville] to be ready for the meeting to night. Father and Clayton and Jason and I went to the Opera House to the Society Contest. Martha Ramsey and Mary Knott on Essay—Robert Harper and Mrs. Rife on Oration—James Pollock and Mary Little on Declamation—and Jas. McQuilken on Debate—Question ‘Should the American Protective Association receive the support of the American people.’ Homer took the negative side—and James McQuilken the affirmative. When the judges handed in their decision Homer failed just enough to say he lost it. The other society won much to the surprise of the audience. Homer won a great deal of praise for his manly [ ? ] after his cause was lost—I feel almost sure, from what has been said that the defeat gained him more friends

than victory possibly could have gotten him. He spoke grandly tonight. We met miss Praff at Aunt Marys. She came around on the train from Y. Springs this evening. She is Prof. of Elocution in Antioch College. Mary Kitchen at Aunt Marys. Harlan went with her and Clara, and Miss Praff to the Opera House. After the contest he went back to Springfield. The Opera House crowded—the interest great.

“Paul home with Louis, the old painter, Dick and Nellie and was asleep long before we reached home. I forgot to note that Rev. Chas. Scott of India opened the Commencement exercises with prayer and Dr. Morton pronounced the benediction.”