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January 1892

New Years day. Friday. "O January! First of this new year,
What scenes are hidden in thy coming hours?
We greet thee with a mingled joy and fear,
Knowing thou hast for us both thorns and flowers;
And as we blindly meet each newborn day,
We ask for guidance o'er the untried way."

"Welcome, New Year! Faith bid each heart be strong,
For God will order all that comes with thee
To Him we leave it, glad to march along,
Feeling that what is best alone will be
And as we onward pass kind wishes fall,
That this may prove a happy year for all.

The old year is gone – The new year has come – And Let those words be the rule of our life and actions during this year – Text "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Clara at Cedarville at Lide Torrences and around since Wednesday morning. Ray Bromagem here after an early dinner he and Harlan and Homer went to the Shooting match at Stevensons – they did not get home until dark. This eve Clayton went to C- and brought Clara Mary & Ervin came home with her. Mr Mc has been around home all day. Jason and Paul here – Mary Graves with us. This has been damp stormy disagreeable day.

2" January. Sat – Cold disagreeable day. Mary Bell and Clara busy. Clayton and Jason & Baby Paul around home. Mr Mc took Ray B – to the eleven O'clock train. Harlan at the feeding Gideon Harsman still on the sick list Homer around [blank space]. I have been busy all day putting a stitch here and there.

3" January. Sabbath – Cold and clear. A sprinkle of snow on the ground. Homer at home – Clara stayed with Paul. Mary Graves here. Harlan Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mary Ervin went down home with them this morning, Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." The Jews were watching and waiting for the Saviour to appear – John the baptist was sent before to get the world ready for his coming. Our

work is similar to John the baptist – our mission is to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. The subject of the text is Our years work – Our lifes work – The Lord appoints you and me to do this work. Christ will never come to any heart or home or community until the way is prepared – We are sent to tell all around us and everywhere that the Saviour is coming and to get ready. We need hearts full of love for sinners and for the Saviour to do this. We need to lay one hand on Jesus and the other on the Saviour and beg the sinner to be reconciled. To do this we need to love the Saviour with a pure heart fervently. Let us get the way ready for the Saviour wants to come into our homes to bless them There are selfishness and estrangement in our hearts and home – let us seek to have this removed that the Saviour may come. Christ will not come to any heart or home or community until the way is ready. What is the work that is to be done – We are to tell people of their sins – and to tell them to repent. When the Saviour is about to appear in any place – he sends a preacher before to tell them of their sins and to be ready for his coming. We are also to tell the world plainly about the coming of Christ = and about his life and death – and like John the baptist tell them to “Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” We are to prepare the way of the Lord by living Godly lives – Nothing can do so much to make people love us as by cultivating and manifesting a spirit of kindness of sympathy and love. And this is what we are to do this year for Jesus. If the Saviour does not come this year to our heart and home and to the world around us it is because we have not done our duty – because we have not prepared the way and made ready for his coming. This Eve all at home – We had our Sabbath lesson.

4 Jan. Monday. A cold day. Snow on the ground. Mr Mc took Clara back to Springfield to School this morning Mary Grave late of Louisville Ky who has been with us for two weeks went with them to S- to look out for a home – Mr Mc called for Mitchels daughter as he came home but she had concluded not to come – As he came through Clifton he called for Frances Lamont and she came right along – and I was certainly glad – for I felt that I could go no farther. Harlan and Gidieon has been at the feeding all day. After an early dinner Homer went to [illegible] - and did not get home until after dark – Mr Mc came early this eve. Mr Lawn Stretcher opened school this morning after the holidays – Clayton and Jason both there. Will Mc and Mr Jimmason called this eve. Harlan at C- with the clothes.

5 Jan. Tuesday. A cold day. Harlan and Gidieon feeding. After an early dinner Homer went to Harbisons mill – Mr Vase called this a.m. Our new girl at our work – She is doing fine – “New brooms sweep clean, so they say. I have written to both Fannie and Fred – Fannie has been sick. Harlan at the prayer meeting at the hall – Homer at Jack S’s. Clayton and Jason at School today.

6” Jan Wed. It snowed last night – Quite a cold winter day – Harlan and Gidieon feeding – Homer trimming sheep Clayton and Jason at School. Frances at her work. I have been sewing this P.M. This Eve Harlan and Homer at the Prayer meeting.

7” Jan. Thurs. Fast day – throughout the R.P. church – A very cold day – Snow on the ground. Clayton and Jason at home with Paul. Harlan and Homer helping Gidieon take care of the stock. Mr Mc and I at church – and at the prayer meeting this morning. Mr Mortons text or the subject

for the prayer meeting the Christian Worker – Go work to day in my vineyard. Mr Mortons text – “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their Sin.” Our church today is in a low and dying condition – the subject is our duty in view of the low state of religion in the church and in the world. Our duty is tell the world and those around us plainly and pointedly of their sins – and this is the first thing to do in order to bring about a reformation. When you convince the people that they are sinners it brings them to their knees – it brings them to the foot of the cross. It is not pleasant to be told of our sins and faults but this is Godly method. He says “Cry aloud spare not.” It is not the sermon that flatters us but the one that humbles us and makes us ashamed at our littleness that does the most good. The minister and the true followers of the master are train dispatchers on the road leading to eternity. You will not be pardoned and reach heaven because you are a church member but because you have a personal interest in the Lord Jesus Christ – and have their sins washed away in his blood. Fathers and Mothers some of our own sons and daughters are out of Christ We need to cry aloud and show them & tell them plainly of their sins we must do this in love and kindness if we would succeed in bringing them to the Saviour. We should never forget that the eternal interest of our children are in our keeping and we can never be in earnest enough in leading them to the Saviour. This Eve Harlan & Homer went in the sleigh to prayer meeting – The rest of us around the fire Clayton and Jason and Frances and I read the eight and ninth chapters of Romans.

8” Jan. Friday. A cold winter day. Gidieon and Harlan feeding and sawing wood – Mr Mc and Homer around. Clayton and Jason at School. Frances at the work – Paul around. I have been busy sewing. This Eve Clayton and Jason around with their father in the sleigh feeding. Harlan and Homer at a later hour went to the hall to the prayer meeting in the sleigh.

9 Jan Sat. Cold day. Snow on the ground. Gidieon & Harlan feeding. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer and Jason here – Clayton Paul and me to grandmother Murdocks. He stayed there for dinner – and went home and came back for me in the evening again – Grandmother & Aunt Mary there alone. Grandmother not very well. Harlan & Homer at the prayer meeting this evening at the hall.

10 Jan. Sabb. Cold. Jason and Frances took care of Paul. Harlan helping Gidieon with the stock. Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church The subject of Mr Mortons text was the Lingering Sinner – or Lots coming out of Sodom. Lots life was a failure – he was barely saved – He lost his property his family and all because he made the wrong choice in early life. This Eve Harlan and Homer at the prayer meeting. We had catechism and Bible reading at home.

11” Jan Monday Cold. Harlan & Gidieon feeding Mr Mc and Homer around. Uncle Silas here to dinner. This afternoon Clayton and Jason left for Uncle Silas’s with a Turkey to trade – they will stay there tonight. Harlan and Homer took clothes to C- Jess Townsley called around. Frances at the work – I am so lonely without Clayton & Jason that I can hardly stay here – I miss them every way I turn. Mr Stretcher sick – no school to day.

12" Jan. Tuesday. Moderated a little. Cloudy. Began snowing, a little, this afternoon. Gideon & Harlan at their work. Mr Mc & Homer busy looking after the stock. Clayton and Jason came home from Uncle Silas this A.M. This afternoon they took Prince down to the shop. This Eve Harlan at the hall at a concert – Frances and Paul and I here.

13" Jan. Wed. Snowing again today. Harlan and Gideon driving from morning until night. Mr Mc and Homer around – Clayton Jason and Paul around. Frances, our girl busy. Mr Mc and Jason at C- a few minutes this P.M. We rec'd a letter from Fred – he and McDonald [illegible] there new office – printing. Sleeting the eve – Harlan & Homer at home.

14" Jan. Thurs. Snowing Gideon and Harlan busy. Mr Mc & Homer busy too. After an early dinner they left for Xenia – they went in the sleigh – Homer got a new suit. Clayton & Jason around home – they called at J. Harvey Mc & the Townsleys this P.M. I have been sewing all day. Frances at her work – The folks did not get home until late – Harlan out in the sleigh this eve – He met with an accident – Old Prince ran off – and he and Lulu M – were thrown out – Harlan's face scratched up considerable – he went to Dr Stuart's office and had it dressed – Lulu came off without a scratch –

15" January Friday. Harlan in the house by the fire. Homer around home with Gideon. Mr Mc around home all day. Will Mc around most of the day – Crouses man here looking over the meat- he and Will Mc here to dinner This P.M. Harlan at C- Dr Stuart dressed his face again Mr Mc and Will looked over accts this P.M. This Eve Harlan & [?] Hattie May attended the party at Florence's Forbes. Homer and Alvie Orr and a crowd out sleigh riding- Clayton Jason and Paul around home. Frances at her work. This has been a cold day – bright sunshine A great many sleighs passing Mr Mc around the lamp with the rest of us to night- This is our twenty fifth Anniversary. It is twenty five years to night since Mr Mc and I were married. It is nearly a counterpart of that night to look out upon the Snow covered earth. Fine sleighing- bright moonlight almost as clear as day. But that night lies sleeping—far away – buried in the past— and this is another night— and thus the years pass on. While we review these years let us not waste too much time in regrets but let us remember that "it is never too late to be what we might have been." "I've counted over all the long years stretching Back to those first sweet years— when every thorn held up its crown of roses And joy laughed over tears." As we review these years we can see that a Kind hand has led us—That we have been marvelously helped and kept all the way. Let us redeem the time. Fill our lives with the best things. Work on— watch on and Wait.

16" Jan. Sat. Cold. Gideon and Homer around all day. Harlan around the fire. Homer had one of his ears frosted last night for a change. After an early dinner Mr Mc over at the Springs to see Mr Dannavan [?] – Frank went with him to her home in Clifton and staid [sic] until he came back-they reached here about dark. This P.M. Clayton and Jason at the office – This eve all at home

17" Jan Sabb. Moderated considerable—Sleighb fine. Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School. Harlan and Jason Paul and Franck at home. Mr Mc and I at church-Mr Mortons text "And the people asked him saying, What shall we do then?" Our business is to preach the gospel to the vast multitudes in this wilderness world - Subject of the text is the nature of the true convert. What shall we do is the language of a humble penitent soul. The first step to the road to heaven is repentance and the first lesson a child has to learn is obedience and submission. And when a child has learned that lesson well it is fitted for the great battle of life. And this is the first lesson that parents have teach. When we ask what would thou have me to do means that we are ready for whatever God may require of us. If we are in earnest we feel our individual responsibility and a willingness to take Christ for our all-and we will devote our lives to his services. This Eve Catechism and Bible reading . Harlan still at home. Homer went to the U.P. church. Uncle Joe came home with him.

18" Jan Monday. Moderated Harlan still in the house-he went out awhile this P.M. This afternoon Mr Mc made a brief call at Jacks. Gidieon at the feeding. Uncle Joe around Homer at Cedarville for coal – at Andersons. This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs C—Frank with us.

19" Jan. Tuesday. Snowed last night- much colder today. Homer and Clayton at Jacks and brought some of the [illegible] that were taken away Thanksgiving Day-they went away full and were brought home empty. Mr Mc called at Mr Marion Wildmans this P.M. Harlan out with Gidieon about the feeding – Frank and I busy. This Eve Harlan and Homer at town Homer at a little party at Condans—Harlan sleigh riding. Mr Mc nursing lambs.

20" January. Wed. Moderated a little-sleighb excellent. Gidieon & Harlan and Homer and Clayton and Jason attending to business- after an early dinner Mc left for Xenia A traveling man entertained here to dinner & Mr Abraham Kizer called here this P.M. Mr Mc reached home a little after dark. John Bromagem went with Mr Mc to Xenia. Harlan Homer and Uncle Joe around the fire with the rest of us.

21" January. Thursday. Moderated considerable. The sleighb fine – Uncle Joe took Paul and me to town & left us to spend the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Aunt Bell and her children at grandmothers these days while Erwin is at Findlay. Mr Mc and Jason came after us this Eve and took tea with us. Harlan and Homer out sleigh riding to night.

22" Jan. Friday. Harlan & Gidieon bringing a [illegible] from [illegible] Spencers place. Uncle Joe busy. Homer around making arrangements for tomorrows work. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Abraham Kizers-near Clifton. Frank and I busy. Clayton and Jason out of doors and in doors-helping take care of Paul—Frank and I busy. This Eve Harlan at C- a little while in the Sleigh.

23" January. Sat. Rather a nice day-a little cold. Harlan and Gidieon making a business of hauling out [illegible] of the Spencers corn. John Shears helping them he was here to dinner. Homer takes charge of the feeding Uncle Joe husking corn in the barn- This P.M. Clayton at C in the sleigh to the office- This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe home- Frank here today as usual. I have been busy getting ready for the Sabbath.

24" January. Sabb. A lovely winter day. Sleighing – Two sleighs drove out from our home to Sabbath school and church. Harlan Jason and Homer at the Sabbath School Clayton and baby Paul at home with Frank. Mr Mc and I at church- Mr Mortons text “And Elisha prayed and said Lord I pray thee open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” This text is a graphic description of our surroundings in this world. We are often in the midst of trials sorrows and disappointment- are in straits and know not what to do. But these words are ours “Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them” The subject of the text – Is our surroundings as Christians in this world- as Christians we are surrounded by two great armies. One army Seeking our destruction the other waiting to save and redeem us – headed as it is by the great Captain of our Salvation. When external and internal foes are too strong for us- then God draws near and delivers us. In the cloudy and dark day God reveals Christ to us and strengthens us. In the dark and cloudy day he reveals to us the truth of the Bible. In the dark and cloudy day Christ comes between us and the storm and the clouds and the billows. Our most signal victory comes in answer to prayer and by using the means God has appointed. What we need is our eyes open and the eyes of the world open - And this can be done as Elisha did – by prayer. My pesonal [sic] experience is that we have come to God to remove some sin to give us some victory and we have been waiting and asking so long that we have become discouraged- our faith grows weak. Our hands drop down-but now I feel we need the assurance “Fear not for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them.” O, for more faith for more power to look up and see the “mountains full of horses and chariots of fire. O for that victory that overcomes the world even our faith.”

25" January. Monday. Very much milder- John Shears Harlan and Gidieon taking advantage of the snow and bringing the corn home from Spensers – Shears here to dinner Mr Mc and Homer taking care of the stock Mr Stelcher [?] still sick. Lulu Smith teaching for him. Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Arthur Forbes and Mitchel Collins called. Will Mc around this P.M. Frank at her work. Paul taking care of things. Harlan & Homer sleigh riding this eve- or trying to- the snow too much off at places to be good sleighing any more.

26" January Tuesday. Quite cold today again. Shears here all day until dark this eve helping Harlan with the Spencer corn and hay home. Uncle Joe came up this P.M. Mr Mc and Homer at the work Gidieon helping bring home the corn too. Clayton and Jason at school. This Eve Jacks and Mrs Jack here for tea. Frank at her work- I have been feeling very serious today- for this is my birthday. I do feel that the time is short “Work while it is day- for the night is coming” is the admonition- for us all. Paul taking his place around the fire. Uncle Joe here as usual

27" January. Wednesday. Snow on the ground but no sleighing. Harlan and Gidieon hauling hay from Spensers Uncle Joe and Homer and Mr Mc around home- Clayton and Jason at school This afternoon Mr Mc and I at at C- a short time We took tea with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Paul stayed at home with Uncle Joe and Frank. This Eve Harlan and Homer at C- a very

short time. We rec'd a postal from Fannie she and Mr McKenzie had just returned from a visit to New York.

28" January. Thurs. A pleasant winter day. Mr Mc and Homer at Mr Owen Brocks Sale- Harlan at C- at the Blacksmiths shop this P.M. Uncle Joe around. Clayton and Jason at school. Frank ironed today. Katy Pidgen died this week- her funeral Tuesday morning- Homer went by way of Dr Winters to a party at Jimmasons tonight- Harlan at C- a few minutes

29" Jan. Friday. Quite cloudy this A.M. - but rather pleasant this P.M. - Harlan and Gidieon & Homer and Uncle Joe around at the work. This afternoon Homer took Harlans place and let him go to Springfield for Clara- This P.M. Mr Dinsmore Collins stopped in. Mr Mc at Charleston at Mr Hugh Huntingtons and took supper there- Harlan & Clara returned about nine they had supper at Mrs Stuarts- Clayton and Jason at School to day. Frank and I busy. Paul around home- Harlan met Lamb in S-

30" January. Cloudy- not so cold. Harlan, Gidieon Uncle Joe and Homer around home- This P.M. Homer at McDills mill for the first for a long time- Mr Mc and Clara and I at the church meeting to decide upon a location for our new church- quite a good spirit manifested. After the meeting we made a brief call in C- grandmother Murdock not very well. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Clayton and Jason skateing this p.m. Frank took care of Paul while we were away.

31" January. Sabb. A lovely winter day. A remnant of snow on the ground Paul left at home in Franks and Jasons care. Harlan Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath school. Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons sermon on text "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do- do all to glory of God." This text teaches us that we are to carry our religion with us and be governed by it at our tables and wherever we are- The Subject is religion is our daily life There is nothing that is worth doing if not done to the glory of God and the interest of religion. The object for which we are to labor The Glory of God. If we fail in this no matter what else we do our life is a failure. If the leading object of our life should be the glory of God how often we would change our plans- and give up things in which we are now engaged. If this was the rule of our life- The glory of God the world would soon be conquered for Christ- The secret of happiness is to be interested in helping others- If you feel cast down and discouraged go and do some thing for Some one quick. This [illegible] to whatever you do or engaged [?]- Whatever you can not Commence and continue and finish to the glory of God is wrong- We ought to be concerned about the glory of God- at our tables- homes and at our firesides- both at home and away from home- One reason why we are not more successful in our christian work is because we fail to work for his glory. We should be governed by this rule in our business and in the trials of life and in our prayers and devotions- young men and women starting out in the journey of life let the great question of life be in what way can I honor and glorify God most – let that determine your lifes work. This afternoon and eve catechisms and Bible reading. This Eve Harlan and Homer at church- the U.P. Mr Robt Evans preached.

February 1892

1" Feb. Monday. Bright Sunshine mild. At an early hour Homer left with Clara for her school in Springfield- He reached home again late this P.M. He had a little trouble with his buggy- one of the wheels gave way. Uncle Dan here and chatted awhile. Uncle Joe came up with him. Clayton at C- and brought Crouses man out he [illegible] for the last time to put the meat in right condition. This after noon Uncle Joe took him home and attended a meeting of the Cemetery[?] Association. Clayton and Jason at school- Mr L. Stretcher called he came back to his place in the school to day. This Eve Harlan and Homer at the Opera house—Harlan called at Mr Mortons. Frank and Paul and I busy to day. Mr Mc around home all day.

2 Feb. Tuesday. Rain early this morning. Cloudy the rest of the day. Mr Mc at London Sale to day. Homer took him to Selma to the train- About the time the train drove out Mr Robert Tindal came in when he found he was left he got Homer drive him to Charleston to meet the express- Uncle Joe around. This Eve Homer at Selma- Mr Mc did not come- we will expect him tomorrow. Harlan at C- at the office. Cousin Hugh McMillan called this P.M.

3" Feb. Wed. Bright Sunshine Homer at Selma- Mr Mc came at 11 O'clock this A.M. from London- he took dinner at Mr John Mitchels- and took tea and stayed all night at Mr Phipers [?] = Mr Mc met Mr Kemp yesterday. Harlan Gideon & Uncle Joe and Homer around at their work. Clayton and Jason at School. Will Mc called this afternoon- they have a "new son" at their home. This Eve Mr Mc and Jason made a hasty trip to C- Frank and Paul and I around today.

4 Feb. Thursday. Very gloomy most of the day. Aunt Jennette and Mr James Carson of Crawford Co Ill - here to dinner. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Gideon and Mr Mc around. This Eve I called to see Mr John Barber- he is in a very critical condition. Harlan and Homer on a brief stay at C- tonight. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Paxton called. Will Mc around this eve.

5" Feb. Friday. Snowed considerable last night but is going off to day. Harlan Uncle Joe. Mr Mc and Homer around home most of the day & Gideon- Clayton and Jason at School. Frank in the kitchen Homer took Paul and me to Aunt Bells this am- grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary were there- Their children all at School. This Eve Mr Mc called for us. Harlan and Homer at Wades with their company to a party to night.

6" Feb- Sat. A gloomy day. Gideon Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason around and Mr Mc also. Will Mc called this a.m. This P.M. Mr Mc took Frank over home to Clifton- as he came back he called at John Thomass. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home – Clayton at C- this P.M. at the office- He brought a fine speciman of a Bramah [?] chicken from Mrs Crains [?]

7" Feb. Sabb.- Pleasant after the rain last night – Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church- Paul and I here alone- Mr Morton's text- Whatsoever you ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive. This afternoon Bible reading- This Eve

Catechism- Harlan & Homer at the M.E. Church tonight. On last Sabbath Eve the great Rev C.H. Spurgeon died. He was at Mentone Italy. He was a member of the Baptist church- had preached for forty years. Although he is dead his words and sermons will never die.

8" Feb Monday. Cloudy and cold. Mr Mc went over after Frank reached here at noon. Clayton and Jason at school. Homer at C- at mill this P.M. Uncle Joe came out- This eve Harlan & Homer at C- a few minutes. Frank at her work. Mr Mc around all P.M. Harlan & Gideon busy. This is Fannies birthday- she has been near me all day- in my memory. Although she is far away now. [Transcriber note: James and Martha's first child Fannie, born in 1868, lives in Pine Bush, New York, at the time this entry was written. She is married to Tom McKenzie.]

9 Feb. Tues. Sunshine and pleasant. Clayton and Jason at School. Gideon & Harlan husking & Homer trying to feed. Uncle Joe around- On last night a dog among the lambs in sheep house. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston to see Mr H- but he was not home – All at home this Eve.

10" Feb- Wed. Gloomy and cold. Harlan & Gideon husking. Homer at the feeding. Uncle Joe began smoking the meat. Clayton and Jason at school. Will Mc chopping up at their old place and came down here to dinner. This P.M. Mr Mc at Xenia. This afternoon Homer at C- for coal- but forgot to call at the office- After tea Harlan went to the office- and brought out letters from Fred & Clara and J. S. McMillan.

11 Feb- Thursday. A clear winter day. Clayton at School alone. Jason at home to keep Frank company. Uncle Joe and Harlan & Gideon around at the work. Mr Mc and Homer and Paul and I at a dinner party at Uncle Silas. It was quite a large affair. We met Mrs Lucy McClellan [?] and [illegible] Smith Turnbull at supper. there were altogether between forty and fifty there. This eve Homer went back there to night again at Walters party. Harlan at the Opera house.

12" Feb- Friday. A cold day. Harlan and Gideon husking and feeding Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around- Homer left near noon for Springfield for Clara They reached here a little after seven- I have been writing a little today. I received a letter from Mr J. C. Mc It is just a year Sabbath since Mary died- He is very lonely these days- and wanted me to write to him. I felt that I must write today. Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Brown and Dave Mc here to day to appraise the Lambs. Frank busy most of the day. Clayton and Jason at school. Gideon getting his wood this P.M. We call this one of our cold days.

13" Feb. Sat. Moderated Gideon Harlan Homer and Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason around- Mr Mc here. This afternoon he and Clara and I at the congregational meeting Church building the order of the hour- Frank very busy all day. Clayton & Jason helping to take care of Paul. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home- Clara remained in C- with Blanch & and Mary B - after the meeting.

14" Feb. Sabb. Cloudy And damp- Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabb School. Clayton kept Paul and stayed with Frank. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text "Only be then strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my

servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest." Subject of the text is the conditions of success in the warfare of life- What God directs us to do- Notice the important work we are to do- we are to lead Gods people out of the wilderness into the heavenly [illegible]. To do this the conditions of our success is courage- and strength- to have this we must exercise the Christian Graces – When God commands us to be strong he means for us to have all these graces in active exercise to be led by the Spirit- if we have this power we are able to do whatever work God appoints- To be strong we must use the power of prayer. The strength of the Christian lies in prayer- the strength of the home of the church and of the nation depends or lies in prayer. and in godly living. We are to go forward in the name of the Lord- we are to lean on his arm and look to him for success. Faith is a power that lays hold on God and lifts us above the world and makes us strong in every Christian grace- we need not fear but go forward in our work for" Christ strengthening us we can do all things- We have a terrible struggle and fight against indwelling sin- against an evil heart and corrupt and evil desires and appetite and we often feel like we are driven back- but God says unto us be strong in the Lord and go forward- and call in the reserved forces- Look-and see that "the mountain is full of horses and chariots of fire" God has placed great responsibilities in our keeping- we need Christs strenght [*sic*] in this we need the spirit of obedience- for if we are successful we need do as the Lord directs- for if we follow his directions we can not but be successful – This afternoon we had Bible reading and catechism by all- we began reading the 10" chap of 1" Cor- This eve after a long absence [blank space] and [blank space] were at the young folks meeting and at the [blank space] church sermon. Clayton and Jason & Frank began reading the story of the Bible.

15" Feb. Monday. Moderated a little. At an early hour Harlan left for Springfield with Clara. Gidieon and Homer at the work. Uncle Joe came up this morning Frank and I busy. Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. Homer at C- this eve with the clothes. Harlan came back after dark. Rosie White McMillan came with him to C- he called to see Archie Small- he is sick- his cousin Matt, Mrs Small helped him to a lunch-

16 Feb. Tuesday. Quite a bright day. Harlan and Homer and Gidieon around at the work. Jason at school. Clayton at home with Frank. She helped him with his lessons this afternoon. Uncle Joe took Paul and me to C- to grandmothers Aunt Bell there this afternoon I called at Mr Mortons- Cargils- and Aunt Jane this P.M. I met Aunt Jennete there- grandmother seems enough better. Ethel P- is in a very critical condition I was in there this eve- Mr Mc at Howel [?] Waddels sale to day- had dinner there. He came after me this eve. Paul is feeling very happy. We rec'd a letter from Fred- He and McDonald have changed their office to the Democrat building.

17" Feb. Wed. A cloudy day. Clayton and Jason at school. Homer went by way of Uncle Silas's to a sale at [blank space] Mr Mc across the country at a sale [blank space]. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Harlan and Gidieon husking corn- Frank and Paul and [I?] at our work. Harlan at C- this eve Jack I- here to supper.

18 March [sic - Feb] Thurs- A little damp all day. Gideon and Harlan & Homer husking this A.M. Will Mc here to dinner Uncle Joe around Clayton and Jason at school. This afternoon I left Paul with Frank and Mr Mc and I at C- I called to see Ethel Galbreath- several there- we made but a brief stay- I called at [illegible] Ervin's also. This Eve Harlan & Homer & co at a lecture at the Opera house – Uncle Joe there too- Dr G.K. Moris [?] delivered the lecture- subject "The measure of a Man." Homer at Calverts this P.M. in Selma-

19 March [sic - Feb]. Friday. Raining all day. Gideon & Uncle Joe & Harlan & Homer helping around what little they could Clayton and Jason at School. This afternoon Homer at C- he met Henry Townsley & Vance [?] there. This Eve Harlan at Mr Alex Turnbuls at a party went by way of Mr M.s. Ethel has taken a change for the better.

20" Feb. Sat. Another damp day. Uncle Joe & Gideon & co fixing gates - Mr Mc Harlan & Homer around. Clayton and Jason at C- this A.M. Will Mc here to day for dinner. A fox [?] hunt at Selma- Frank at her work. Paul watching his chances to get out of doors. This eve Homer took Uncle Joe home.

21" Feb. Sabb. Damp and gloomy. Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath school & church- Mr Mc and I at church. Frank and Jason taking care of Paul. Mr Mortons text- And if it seems evil unto you to Serve the Lord, Choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Subject decision in matters of life. God demands decision select your master love own and serve him. Our holy living depends on our week day service Our Sabbaths and hours of devotion are mere fragments of time. The great question is not what pleases us best- but what pleases God best. We should decide at once because indecision makes person unhappy, and because it is very sinful and because it is dangerous and is fraught with imminent peril if presented in and if persisted nearly always end the wrong way. As long as we hesitate Satan and the power of darkness double their energies against us- and because death is on our track and if undecided [?] when that hour comes our souls salvation is decided against us forever and ever. This afternoon we had our Bible reading and catechism. At seven O'clock Harlan and I at the M.E. church where they had a Temperance meeting talking Bible law and order for protecting their town. Rev Mr Morton and Rev Sprowl [?] and Rev Hannock [?] and Croft [?] Tufts [?] the speakers-

22" Feb. Monday. Very windy. Very gloomy all day. Clayton and Jason at school. Gideon & Harlan and Homer at the work. Mr Voce [?] called this A.M. Mr Wm Stuart here and remained with us to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at a church meeting- The church building still going forward- The new grounds will be bought tomorrow. After the meeting we called at Lizzie Gs- Ethel sinking gradually away. This Eve Homer and Alvie Orr and co- at a social at the 1" church in Xenia. Harlan took the clothes to Mrs. P. this Eve & Uncle Joe came home with him.

23" Feb. Tuesday. Almost like spring. Clayton and Jason at school- Gideon and Harlan bringing in corn & husking. Uncle Joe and Homer at Jack Ss. for the remainder of stock- I went with

Uncle Joe and stayed until he came back. I took dinner with Aunt Bell and the children at grandmother Murdocks- I called to see Will M_cs- Ethel Galbreath died this morning.

[**Transcriber note:** Mary Ethel Galbreath died at the age of 16 years. She is the daughter of James McMillan's niece Elizabeth Little Galbreath.] I was there awhile- Father was at Charleston this afternoon- I left Paul with Frank to day. This Eve Homer took Harlan to C- Harlan offered his service at Lizzie Gs to night to be one of the ones to sit up- but they were supplied.

24" Feb- Wed. Another spring day. Uncle Joe put up the meat in paper sacks to day. Harlan & Gideon and Homer finished husking the corn and bringing it in from field by the rail road. Mr Anders [?] of Dayton acting in behalf of the Liberator a Prohibition weekly called this morning. Clayton and Jason at school- Mr M_c went to Caries this P.M. Mr [illegible] - called this eve- I have been on the sick list to day. This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe home to be ready for the funeral tomorrow.

25" Feb. Thurs. A gloomy day it rained a very little last night- but is damp and chilly to day. Mr M_c and Homer, Harlan and Clayton and I at Ethel Galbreaths funeral. Jason at school until noon- at home with Frank and Paul this P.M. The services conducted by Mr Morton and Sprowl and Warnock. Mr Mortons remarks on these words "As one whom his Mother comforteth so will I comfort you - Aunt Matt and Lizzie Blair rode with Mr M_c and Clayton to the cemetery- I was not feeling well and stayed at grandmothers. Uncle Silas's all there to dinner. Harlan & Homer there- The rest of us dined here Uncle Joe came out with us. They moved the [illegible] to the back yard this eve- All of us at home.

26" Feb. Friday. Gloomy and chilly. Will M_c around this morning. Dave Stormont house & contents burned up last night. Who will help them now. Clayton and Jason at school. Uncle Joe working on the roads. Gideon & Harlan & Homer hauling manure from the old barn lot. Mr M_c at Will Spensers Sale. This afternoon I was at C- I called to see Lizzie G.- and Will Torrences wife - [illegible] as I came home I met [illegible] Henderson [?] moving his goods into the Spenser place- This Eve Harlan & Homer at C- a calling.

27" Feb. Sat. Gloomy & chilly. At an early hour I left Paul in care of Frank and Mr M_c and I went by way of C- to Springfield. We took Aunt Bell with us- I looked for a cloak [?] but was too late in going- we got Clara a spring cloak- Father and Aunt Bell took dinner at the resturant [sic] and I took dinner with Clara at Mrs Stuarts- we met Fanny Shaws son there to day. We had a pleasant day found all well when we returned- after seven - Aunt Bell and I called to see Della to day. This eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Gideon and all of our four sons hauling out manure today.

28" Feb. Sabb. Quite a gloomy "[illegible]" day. Harlan & Homer and Jason at Sabbath school & church. Clayton at home with Paul and Frankie. Mr M_c and I at church. Mr Mortons text "For we know if this earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God A house not made with hands eternal in the heaven." The subject- The Home of the Soul. The soul is of so much importance in Gods sight that he has prepared two homes for it. The text is divided into parts- The present home - and the future home. The present dwelling place is the

human body- and we are more apt to be concerned about the house, or body, than about the immortal occupant that dwells there. The present dwelling place is perishable- The food of the body is earthly but the food of the soul is heavenly. No one should rest a moment until the dwelling place for the future of the soul is prepared. The present dwelling place shall be dissolved but God has another home in an eternal world. This home is full of love and it is from everlasting to everlasting. This eve we had Bible reading and catechism- and Psalms. Harlan and Homer at the young folk meeting- and at the U.P. church- Rev Mr Douglass late of Monmouth preached.

29 Feb. Monday. Raining a little all day- but Gidieon Harlan and Homer and Clayton worked all day hauling out manure. Jason at School. Lulu Smith taught today. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon with a donation to Lizzie G.- John Bromegan is sick there. This Eve Harlan and Homer at C- with the clothes. Frank at our work. Paul and I around.

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1" March Tuesday. Quite a winter day- snow last night and sprinkled snow today. It is cold. Clayton and Jason at school Gidieon & Harlan and Homer around trying to get something done- Mr Mc left this A.M. for Xenia - he was home at dark- Uncle Joe came out this evening with John Mitchel. All at home this eve- Mrs H- called- Mr Mc drove out to Wilberforce to see Charlie Helm but failed to find him.

2" March. Wed. A winter day. All of us busy this A.M. Clayton and Jason at school. This afternoon Mr Mc and Harlan at Frank Townsley sale- Homer at McDill's mill Uncle Joe around home. Frankie took care of Paul while I attended the congregational prayer meeting- Mr Morton was called to Springfield to see Archie Small to day. After the meeting I called to see John Bromegan- he is in a very pitiful condition- I spent a little time with grandmother Murdock. I stopped at Aunt Rachels as I came back. This Eve all at home.

3" March. Thurs. A gloomy day. Clayton and Jason at school. Clayton began making fires for Mr S- yesterday. Uncle Joe working in the yard- Gidieon & Harlan and Homer all busy. Will Mc here to dinner- Mr Mc over near Clifton at a sale- Uncle Dan called this afternoon Frank at her work- Paul around all day. This Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer at Willets lecture at the Opera house. Mr Mc and I there and took Aunt Matt with us. His subject Sunshine. We learned from him that none were too poor or of so little consequence as not to be able to make the world the better and brighter for their being here. How to make sunshine is worth knowing—
"A little bit of patience often makes the sunshine come
A little bit of love makes a very happy home-
A little bit of hope makes a rainy day look gay.
A little bit of charity makes glad a weary way."

4" March-Friday. A gloomy day but mild- Clayton and Jason at school Harlan & Homer at Andrews for coal- Eastern Horse buyers in C- to day. Uncle Joe around home- Gidieon around I left Frank in charge of the home- and Mr Mc and I took Paul to Springfield to day to get his

pictures taken. Della Scott and Mrs Stuart and Mr Mc and I took him to the gallery- this afternoon Paul behaved himself well. Paul and I took dinner at Mrs Stuarts- When Clara came home from school at noon Paul was delighted to see her- This Eve Clara and Sadie Stuart came home with us this eve- Harlan took Homer to C- Homer and Alvie Orr sitting up with John Bromegan to night-

5" March- Sat- A very dreary day. Gideon & Harlan scattering out manure- Clayton at C- and brought Homer home. This afternoon Clara and Sadie at C- they took tea at Mr Mortons and called around a little- Mr Mc has been around all day. Paul rec'd two bibs by mail from sister Fannie to day. This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe home- Harlan and Will Torrence sitting up with John Bromegan to night- Archie Small died at eight O'clock this morning at their home in Springfield.

6" March. Sabb. A gloomy day- Jason and Paul at home with Frankie Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Sadie S- at Sabbath School and church- Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Subject "Seasoned Conversation" The seasoning that is needed is the graces of the Spirit – The Spirit of the Lord Jesus- This eve Harlan Homer Sadie S- and Clara at the young folks meeting and at the M.E. Church. Mr Morton preached. The subject of his discourse was "Christian zeal as consecration"

7" March. Monday. Mild to day. Homer took Clara and Sadie S- back to Springfield this morning. Frankie went with them and stopped off at her home in Clifton to spend the day. Homer brought Eli Small and family back to C- in our surrie - Archie funeral at our church at two O'clock to day. Revs Morton- Sprowl-Warnock and Dickie, from Iowa, conducted the services- Mr Morton spoke on the peace and comfort Christ troubled children find in him. This was Archies birth day- he is twenty years old to day. One week younger than Harlan – We shut up the house and Mr Mc and Harlan Clayton and Jason and Paul and I attended the funeral. Clayton and Jason were at School till noon. Mr Mc and Paul & I did not go to the cemetery- after we came home Mr Mc went across to Clifton for Frankie- Came home past Cedarville- about the time they passed the graveyard- Prince took fright and shied off the road and threw them out- just stood long enough for Mr Mc to get out of the top of the buggy- as it was thrown on its side and then started off on a run and never stopped until he smashed the buggy up and got away- They got Tom Crawford's rig to come home in- Runaways and smashes are getting painfully frequent If we could only understand their meaning. but the mystery troubles us. Harlan and Homer at Brown's at a party to night. Uncle Joe came back this eve. On Saturday Vince Imans wife died.

8 March Tuesday. A very gloomy day. On last night Mr Mc and Clayton & Gideon went back and gathered up the fragments of the wreck- This morning Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P Gideon & Harlan husking- Mrs Harsman went to Hugh McMillans to spend the day Gideon came in with the boys to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at [illegible] sale- Uncle Joe & Homer around- Clayton and Jason at School- Paul climbing on the table all day- this is his greatest amusement. Harlan went by way of John Barbers to Mr Haines to a party this eve.

9" March. Wed. A mild day Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe working in the yard these days- Harlan and Gideon and Homer busy. Harlan began plowing in field next the house on pike to day. Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary & Bell spent the day with us. Mr Mc with us until this P.M.- when he drove up to Oscar Masons. Quite a change in the weather, before the folks got started it began to rain- and the wind got up. Mr Cam Dean of the Jamestown Bank here to see Mr Mc while he was away. We sent a chicken to John Bromegan this eve- Frank busy.
[Transcriber note: in the margin - Homer at C- for the clothes this eve]

10" March. Thurs. Back to winter again- It is snowing and blowing and has turned real cold. No plowing to day. Gideon Harlan Homer Uncle Joe and Mr Mc looking after things and keeping close to the fire every leasure [sic] moment- This P.M. Homer at C- brought a letter from Fannie- they have been having a week of sleighing at their place- We finished ironing to day. Clayton & Jason at School. All of us at home around the lamp to night—Frankie here as usual.

11" March Still a cold blowing day. Gideon Harlan and Homer and Uncle Joe all around- they are hauling in hay this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at School. Frankie at her work. This afternoon- A fruit tree man from near Dayton here his name- [blank space] Mr Mc made a small selection of trees- This Eve Harlan went by way of Mr Mortons to a social at Mrs Russels at Clifton. Homer remained in C- until he came back. This is Claras birthday- How the time passes- The years go by in quick succession [Transcriber note: Clara Lucille was born on March 11, 1876. She is sixteen years old.]

12" March. Sat- A gloomy day. Harlan & Gideon and Homer attending to the work and Clayton. They were hauling hay from Spensers- Mr Mc around home all day. Jason and Paul around & Uncle Joe Frankie at her work- This eve Homer took Uncle Joe home – Harlan at Barbers & around- home again in good time. Mrs. H – and her children here awhile-

13" March. Sabb. A gloomy day. Moderated a good deal. Clayton at home with Frank and Paul. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School and church- Mr Mc and I at church- Mr Mortons text "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." This afternoon we had catechism & Bible reading. Harlan and Homer at the young folks meeting and the U.P.church.

14" March. Monday. A cold day Harlan and Gideon busy- Homer here till noon. This afternoon at C- at the shop. Paul and I at grandmothers to day. Uncle Joe at X- in our conveyance. Homer called there this afternoon Aunt Bell there this P.M. Mr Morton called. Jennie Caldwell died at the asylum at Columbus this morning. O if the people "were wise if they would consider their later end." Uncle Joe stopped at Lizzies awhile and we did not get home till after dark. Harlan and Homer and co at a party at Mitchel Collins's residence this evening. Jason at school. Clayton at home with Frank. Mr Mc around home all day. This is Harlans birthday. He is twenty.
[Transcriber note: Harlan was born in 1872.]

15 March. Tues. Still cold. Clayton at Mrs P.s with the clothes early this morning. Harlan Homer and Gideon busy. Homer went with his father across the county- They took dinner at Mr Caries

– Uncle Joe working in the yard most of the day. Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan at Dick Townsleys this Eve- Gideon & co took Uncle Joe home he is thinking of going to London to Jennie C.s funeral tomorrow. Uncle Dan called this P.M. I am nearly sick with cold this Eve. Father & Homer were at Oscar Masons.

16" March. Wed. A nice day. Gideon & co - hauling manure all A.M. Harlan began plowing again this afternoon. Gideon & Homer away Will Mc up at the farm here with us to dinner. Bazel here sowing seed this afternoon. I was at C- awhile- I left Paul with Frankie. I took Supper with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. This Eve all at home. Frankie ironing. Mr Mc around home all day. The boys at School.

17" March. Thurs. Back into winter again- cold- blowing and snowing. Clayton and Jason at School. Homer took Frankie Lamont over to her home in Clifton-her brother is sick. Gideon & Harlan at Cellars for lumber. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at John Barbers Sale. Harlan and Homer at a free lecture at the Opera house on "Phrenology." Bessie Caldwell at C- today.

18" March- Friday. Blowing all day and Snowing-Harlan & Gideon & Homer hauling hay from the Henderson farm. Uncle Joe still absent. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Bessie C- started to her home in Missouri- this morning. She is married but I cannot remember her husbands name. This Eve Homer at a party at S. K. Williamsons- Harlan at the hall at the free lecture "Phrenology"

19 March. Sat. Another cold windy day. Jason helping me with the work- he called at Shearers. Clayton called at Mr Henry Townsleys – and went to C this eve for the mail. We rec'd letters from Fannie and Fred- Gideon & Harlan sawing wood. Homer in the sheep pen- Mr Mc around home all day. Paul around as usual.

20" March- Sabb- A nice day- but still cold. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School and church- Mr Mc at church- Clayton at home with Paul and me. Mr Morton preached as usual. We had a large white cake to day in honor of Clayton- Frank prepared it before she went away. This is his birthday- he is 12 years old. **[Transcriber note: Clayton was born in 1880.]** We had a nice dinner. After dinner we had Bible reading Psalms and Catechism- Clayton is getting along nicely with his Catechism- When Jesus was twelve years old He said I need to be about my Fathers business-so do little boys today twelve years old need to be about their fathers business This Eve Harlan and Homer at the young folks meeting. Harlan and Uncle Joe sitting up with Uncle Robert Galbreath tonight- I called at Gideons this eve and read to them.

21" March. Monday. A nice day but cold. Jason and Clayton busy this morning doing their choers [*sic*] and building a fire in the school house. Then Clayton went to Clifton after Frank Lamont and Jason went to C- for Harlan- They all reached here a little after ten. After an early dinner Harlan went to plowing- Gideon & Homer around. This P.M. Mr Mc at Charleston to see Mr Huntington. Uncle Dan called this afternoon. After dinner Clayton and Jason went to school. This Eve they went to Mr Henry Townsleys for ducks or geese. Harlan & Hattie May at Mr

Forbes's this eve- Miss McClintic there-[**Transcriber note:** in the margin reads "J.R. Orr called today."]

22" March Tues Sprinkling rain most of the day. Harlan plowing this P.M. Clayton left at an early hour with the clothes for Mrs P- Uncle Joe came back with him. Gideon and Harlan & Homer & Uncle Joe all busy husking. Mr Mc around home all day. This eve very disagreeable all at home. Frank at her work-Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around-

23" March Wed. A very gloomy day. Uncle Joe at the shop until noon. Harlan and Gideon plowing- Homer and Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc around all day. I have been sewing. Frank at her work. Clayton and Jason at school. Paul around. This Eve Harlan and Homer at C- for a brief call-

24 March Thurs. Harlan and Gideon plowing. Homer in the sheep pen- & husking. Uncle Joe in the yard. Clayton and Jason at school- Mr Simon Nicely & brother from Springfield with us for dinner. Mr Mc around home for the rest of the day. This Eve Clayton rode to the office. Harlan in the surrie to C- Homer at a party at Mr Robert McClellens. This Eve Riley McMillan and Winnie Alexander were married.

25" March. Friday. Harlan and Gideon plowing over by the Creek & Homer husking. After an early dinner Mr Mc left in the surrie for Springfield and returned after dark with Clara and Della Scott- Della will start to Fannies on Monday. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- Uncle Robert in a very critical condition. Homer at C- to see Mrs Morton. Clayton & Jason at school- Paul in the yard for the first to play to day. Frank and I put in a full day.

26" March- Sat- Mild towards evening rain- dark & disagreeable: Della with us. Harlan and Gideon plowing. Homer bringing in corn- This afternoon Della Clara Frances & Clayton and Jason fishing. After dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia he was at C- this forenoon- Della and Clara at C- this P.M- too- they stayed at Aunt Bells for tea and came home through a storm- Harlan took Uncle Joe home- Homer went and met the girls and helped them home- They came through the rain and dark and storm- Mr Mc had a bad dark road from X- it was raining and too dark to see the way only by the flashes of lightening.

27" March Sabb- A damp gloomy day. Frankie and Della S- here Clayton at home with Paul. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School & church- Mr Mc and I at church= Mr Mortons text- "Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and causeth to approach unto thee- that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple." Subject- The advantage of piety: The grace and glory and love God bestows upon those who love him is a grand thought. I have lost the notes of this sermon. This afternoon Della and Frankie at Clifton. We had catechism and Bible reading This Eve Harlan and Homer at the Young Folks meeting and at the U.P. church-

28" March Monday. A nice day. All up at an early hour. At six O'clock Della S [illegible] told us all good bye and she and Clara set out with Mr Mc for Springfield- Clara stopped at her School and Mr Mc put Della on the ten O'clock train for Pine Bush N.Y. She had at last made up her mind to

go to Fannies Homer and Will M_c took horse up to Simon Nicely and they rode back with father. Harlan and Gidieon at the plowing= Paul and Frankie at home. Clayton and Jason at School. I took the buggy down for Uncle Joe to go to Xenia and stayed at grandmothers until he came back. Robert Galbreath died yesterday evening He was in his [blank space] year= Uncle Joe stayed in C- this eve and I came home alone- Mr M_c and Homer back from Springfield a little after six. Homer & Will M_c took dinner at Matt Smalls to day. This Eve Harlan & Homer at Bayerds [?] near Clifton at a meeting. I spent part of the time to day with Lizzie G-

29" March Tues. Quite A nice day. ~~Clayton and~~ Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan & Homer and Gidieon at their work- A man from off the pike husking for us and stopping with Gidieons. Clayton and Paul here with Frankie Mr M_c and I at Uncle Robert Galbreaths funeral- Mr Morton text today "In my fathers house are many mansions" Aunt Jane rode with us to the Cemetery. We came home to dinner-We rec'd a letter from Fred- he is still busy in his office in Monmouth. This eve Harlan & Homer at the Opera House at Miss [illegible] Moores lecture. Clayton and Jason and Frankie here with Paul Mr M_c around the fire too- I drove to C- alone- took the surrie to Field's stable and went to the meeting alone.

30" March. Wed. A gloomy day indeed. Clayton and Jason at School Gidieon and Mr M_c at Charleston for oats Harlan and Homer plowing. Frankie at her work. Paul around. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- and to Clifton to see Belle Daily for me. About four Oclock came off a heavy rain poured for awhile- We rec'd a card from Fannie Della S- reached them yesterday at noon- Fannie met her at Middleton. This Eve all at home.

31" March. Thurs. A beautiful day. Jason at School. Clayton & Paul at home with Frank. Uncle Joe & Gidieon Harlan & Homer all busy. At an early hour Mr M_c and I left for Jamestown- we called and took Aunt Mary with us. When we reached Mrs Pidgeons- she and her sister were away on an all day visit- When the children came home from School- Aunt Mary and I helped them with the dinner- and Mr M_c came from uptown and took dinner with us- we had everything in the best of style- Ralph has a place in [illegible] Adamss store- When Mr M_c got through with Mr Clemens & Dean at the Bank we started home-we met Mrs P- and her sister on their way back. One way it was a disappoint [*sic*]- but in another way it was a very pleasant day. I called to see grandmother Murdock awhile as we came home. This Eve Uncle Joe at a Citizens meeting at C- Harlan and Homer across at the Spenser farm at Mitchel Collin's this eve= Frank got along well- she and Clayton took good care of Paul.

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1" April Friday warm- Uncle Joe working in the yard. Jason at School. Clayton and Paul at home with Frances Gidieon Harlan and Homer busy plowing hauling corn. Mr M_c and I went by way of Selma this morning to Springfield- I called at Calverts store as we passed through to see Miss Eva Roadarmer – we reached S- near noon-and Mr M_c and I took dinner with Clara at Mrs Stuarts- I spent most of the day there- Clara came home with us. Her vacation is next week. Frank walked over home this eve- we saw her at her home in Clifton. Homer at C- with Gidieon

this eve Harlan at C- and at Clifton- we all were tired when we reached home- Paul still awake- he has been a good boy to day.

Saturday 2nd April. Blustery a little rain last night the sun shining. Clara and I at the work- all the men busy. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer at C- this P.M for coal. This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe home.

3 April Sabb. Damp and dreary. Harlan Homer Clayton Jason & Clara at Sabbath School and church. Mr. Mc and Paul and I at church - Rev Robt [illegible] Slates of Monmouth- now at the Xenia Seminary preached- his text- Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap- Sermon fine. This P.M- we were here just by ourselves- Bible reading & catechism- This eve Heavy rain all at home-

4th April Monday. Damp after the rain- Gidieon Harlan & Homer busy. Mr Paxton here and traded for- "Billy." Clayton at Clifton and brought Frankie and Belle Daily- Belle here to put Clara in order making & repairing dresses. This P.M. Mr Mc and I at a church meeting - I spent the eve with grandmother and Aunt Mary had tea there. Homer Clara and Miss Daily called to see Miss Roadarmer this eve- This was Florences birthday if she had lived she would have been six. Rain to night Harlan & [illegible] out tonight – [**Transcriber note:** Florence was born in 1886. She died on November 18, 1888 after a long illness.]

5th April. Tuesday. Quite a blustery day. Harlan Homer & Gidieon & Clayton hauling manure. Frank at her work. Miss Dailey- worked 'till noon when her brother came for her- her brothers child was dying. Clara sewing. Jason at School until noon he is not very well- This is his birth day [**Transcriber note:** Jason was born in 1882 and turned ten on this day.]- Clara made him a beautiful cake yesterday for to give him to day. He has not been well for two or three days= This Eve Mr Mc and Clara and I at the Opera house at an Address from Dr Works of Dayton on the "Enfranchisement of Women." It has been clear to me for a long time- but it is all "Clear" now- all doubts gone. Homer at the meeting too. Uncle Joe there and came home with him. Frank here with the rest of the children- Madden Ervin met with a terrible accident and death this morning He was carried around in the Corn crasher His body terribly mangled- he lived for three hours- led in prayer- His last words were the last verse of the 23 Psalm- His Soul was free- and would escape as a bird to the "Paradise of Love"- Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

6th April Wed. Wood Warner called this morning- and purchased the Turnbul horse. Gidieon and the boys busy. Uncle Joe around this afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia. Clara and I at prayer meeting at our church. Subject "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." After meeting we called to see Grandmother Murdock- she is not very well these days- Clara went with Blanch to Mrs. Madden Ervins- I expected to have called but my heart failed me. This eve Homer at C- awhile-

7th April. Thurs. A dreary day. Gidieon & Harlan & Homer plowing- I left Paul with Frank and Clara and Mr Mc took me up to Mr Wm Wildmans to see Miss Roadarmer- she will make Claras

dresses. We came home near noon This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara, Clayton, Jason and Uncle Joe and I at Mr Madden Ervins funeral- Rev Sprowl conducted the exercises assisted by Revs Morton & Tufts. The funeral very large. Grandmother Murdock not very well. Miss Daily came back this AM and resumed her sewing- This eve all at home- Bazel called-

8" April. Rain to day. The men busy- to wet to go out to the field- The men at the barn repairing wagons Miss Daily sewed 'till noon when Clayton took her home. Clara making a dress for Paul. I have busy all afternoon- Frank at her work. This Eve Harlan & Homer at C- Jason at School to day after a few days absence.

9" April Sat. Snowing and blowing and cold- We are away back into winter quarters to day. Gideon and Harlan Homer Chas Miller hauling corn from Bolins this A.M. This P.M- Gideon & Harlan around- Homer at C- at mill and at the shop- Mr Mc at C- a short time at the clerks office- Uncle Joe around at the work. Frank and Clara busy. Paul up in the house Jason around the fire. Clayton looking after his ducks. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Homer took Clara and me up to Roadarmers we found her at Mr Wm Wildmans and she came back to her home with us and done some cutting for Clara. It is cold to night.

10" April Sabb. Cold & gloomy Homer and Jason at home alone with Paul. Harlan Clara Clayton and Frank at Sabbath School and church- Mr Mc and I at church also- Mr Mortons text "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." The subject of this text is Christian living. This afternoon I heard Harlan & Homers questions and Psalms. They read the last chap of 2" Cor. At a later hour I heard the rest of the questions. Harlan Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting this eve.

11" April. Monday. Bright sunshine but cool- At an early hour Mr Mc and Clara left for Springfield. Clara has had a week of vacation and goes back to her School again it will close the 11" of June= Uncle Joe and I at Xenia- we stopped in town for dinner- I was at grandmother Murdocks. She is still not very well. Aunt Jane went with us- I spent some little time with Mrs Shaner[?] – We reached C- a little after four- I took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary- We found Paul in the yard to meet us. Jason was at school this A.M. and this afternoon he was home with Frankie & Paul- they sowed the lettuce [sic] Harlan Homer Gideon & Chas Miller & Clayton all busy. Mr Mc did not get home until after dark- he came home the Selma road past Cories. This Eve Harlan and Homer at Mr Thom G Crawford's at a Social. This was Paul's birthday- Just two years old- just starting on lifes journey- many a mile to go— then perhaps not so far.

12" April. Tues. Cool- Mr Mc summoned on that Synard [?] case- had to go back to Springfield to day again- On Saturday afternoon Mrs Rebeca Henderson Kyle died at her home in Sabina- On Sabbath night Mr Henry Townsley died at his home in Springfield— His funeral at his daughters in C- this afternoon Uncle Joe attended it. Will Mc here till noon helping Homer in the sheep pen- Harlan and Gideon plowing. Clayton around Jason at School- We began cleaning the cupboards & presses to day- preparatory to cleaning house. Mr Mc did not get

home till after dark- Mr Moose [?] from the Dayton nursery at the fields house with trees for his customers to day- Uncle Joe brought ours out- and our new buggy from Owens shop- Harlan and Mr Balderage at Selma to night.

13" April. Wed. Cloudy most of the day. Will M_c here helping Homer in the sheep pen. Mr M_c and Chas Miller setting out those fruit trees till noon- Set a group of plum trees at the gravel pit- between here and the railroad. After dinner Mr M_c left for Springfield= but found that the case had been put off- This afternoon Uncle Joe and Clayton took the buggy to the shop to be repaired. Gideon & Harlan plowing Jason at School- Paul around. Frank finished the ironing- I have been at work in the bed room- cleaning the wardrobes & taking up the carpet- Mr M_c home after dark he saw Clara to day at Mrs S

14" April. Thurs. Rain most of the day. Work suspended this afternoon at a late hour Gideon whitewashed the bed room- he took supper with us- Mr M_c taking stock to the Barber place. Jason at School Uncle Joe around home. This Eve all at home.

15" April Friday Rain over and gone The men all at the plowing Chas M- hauling manure- Uncle Dan and Aunt Jane called this morning. Mr Edd Carey here this A.M. Frank and I cleaned the bed room to day. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the Opera house at the Horse [?] Show. Frank and Clayton and Jason went a fishing this eve- Mr Edd Conwells hardware store was blown up in Xenia yesterday- he had powder in the building which became ignited- Mr C- was blown into the middle of the street- he died this morning at three O'clock.

16" April Sat. A nice day. Mr M_c and Will M_c at Springfield on that Synard case. Homer went up with a load of Apples. Harlan and Chas Miller and Clayton sowing oats- Uncle Joe at C- this P.M- Jason went with him to the horse show at the Opera house= Clayton was to have gone this evening but finally gave it up because it was Saturday evening- if he is living and well he is to go to the next Horse Show that comes to our city. Frankie went home this eve- Gideon off duty today- Harlan took Uncle Joe home this eve - I called at Gideons this afternoon. I was at Mrs Hs to day- they had Dr Oglebee there

17 April. Sabb. A nice day Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and at church. Mr M_c and Paul and I at church- Mr Mortons text "A foolish son is the heaviness of his Mother" Mr Morton spoke with feeling and with power to day. Paul prevented me taking notes- This afternoon- I heard the questions and had our Bible reading= This eve I called to see Mrs H—

18" April Monday. Raining all day. Jason at School. Clayton went over after Frank this morning. Uncle Joe went to C- this PM. Gideon white washed the boys room and the dineing [sic] room room ceiling to day. Harlan & Homer off duty most of the day. Frank at her work= This eve Uncle Joe and I at Gideons awhile Mrs H- had another bad spell. Harlan and Homer took clothes to Mrs P- this Eve.

19" April Tues. A nice day. Uncle Joe away all day at his assessing. Harlan & Homer sowing oats. Gidien off duty. Chas M- at work till noon= at the husking this P.M. Jason at School. Mr M_c and I

left Paul with Clayton and Frank and we took dinner with Mr Pidgeon at Grandmother Murdocks and went to the hall at two O'clock to hear Rev Barr speak on Prohibition by the way this was the day of our County convention - Several there from Jamestown and Xenia. When we came home Clayton had finished whitewashing the yard fence- and Frank had cleaned the dining room when I came in I took hold of the work and continued faithful until late bed time. All at home this eve- Jason helped all he could this eve.

20" April Wed. Rain all day. Uncle Joe away until this eve at his work. Mr Mc and boys around home. Jason at School- Gideon whitewashed the kitchen and we cleaned it this P.M. Homer at C- at the shop- Harlan at Will Marshals on an errand. We rec'd a letter from Fred. Rev H White had a [blank space] rec'd into their family last week at their home at Little Rock Ill.

21" April. Thurs. Harlan & Homer and Gideon busy- hauling hay etc. Homer at the shop this P.M- Mr Mc around home until this P.M- he was over at Edd Caries. Jason at School- Clayton and Frank at home. This Morning Paul and I at C- at an early hour we rode down with Uncle Joe and spent the day at grandmother Murdocks. Aunt Mary & Bell and Matt at Alpha at a W.C.T.U. quarterly we had a nice day with grandmother she seemed a little better to day. The folks returned after six. Cargill Morton [?] and wife and Gracie left for [illegible] Wednesday morning- Cargill is in very poor health.

22" April. Friday. A cold gloomy day. Gideon Harlan & Homer at the oats. Uncle Joe away all day. Mr Mc around home. Jason at School Clayton Whitewashing- I called to see Mrs Gideon H- Frank at her work- Paul around. This Eve Mr Balderige called and he and Harlan attended the Demerest Contest at Charleston with their friends. This Eve Uncle Joe at home with Clayton Jason & Paul Frank here too. Mr Mc and Homer and I at the Opera house hearing Mrs Mary T Lathrap the Daniel Webster of the Temperance Reform movement. Quite a good audience- [Transcriber note: Mary T. Lathrap was a president of Michigan's W.C.T.U. She also worked for women's suffrage.]

23" April Sat. Bright Sunshine all day. Uncle Joe away- Gideon Harlan Homer and Mr Mc all busy planting potatoes plowing the garden. Clayton and Jason helping Paul around. Frank and I busy. We cleaned the boys room we have it about ready for the carpet. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

24" April. Sabb. A nice day- but cool. Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and Frankie at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church too. Mr Morton's text "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die:" One way to reform your family is to reform your family is to reform yourself- One way to have a revival in your family is to go to God and have your heart renewed and be filled with the warmth and love and power of his holy spirit then you will be ready to go out and teach others- will be ready for work and usefulness in your own family- unless you have this spirit and baptism of Godly holy spirit you can have but little power but little success. Now remember that first of all to be able for the work and warfare of life in our own homes we need this outpouring of Gods holy spirit as ministers and workers in the church

we need it- And everywhere throughout Gods word he promises this new heart this Holy Spirit- Let us be in earnest in this matter- and the victory will be ours. This eve I heard the questions- Harlan & Homer in the class. Frankie has completed the shorter catechism since she has come home. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the young folks meeting and at the M.E. Church. Uncle Joe came out with them.

25" April. Monday. Quite a bright day. Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P this morning and brought them back this Eve- Gidieon & Charles Miller and Homer hauling corn from Marshals or somewhere. Harlan plowing. This afternoon Mr Mc went with Mr Pigg to Solon. I left Paul with Frank and went to town- Jason at School. Clayton harrowing I called to see Mrs Martha Ervin & family. and several others- I took tea with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. This Eve Harlan & Homer made a brief call at C.

26" April Tuesday. A nice day. Frankie cleaning in Claras room- I made a shirt for Jason. Harlan Homer and Gidieon busy. Uncle Joe away to day at his work. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- at Cal Barbers & [illegible] and around. This Eve Harlan and Homer across the country at Wm Ms Jason at School. Clayton at work.

27" April Wed. Harlan Homer Gidieon Mr Mc and Clayton all busy- planting potatoes and plowing- Clayton whitewashing this A.M. They did not get in to supper until late= Uncle Joe away all day. I have had a sick day- again. Jason at School.

28" April Thurs. Rain all A.M. Gidieon white washed Uncle Joes room. This P.M- Gidieon and Clayton at C- for lime and ashes- The boys at work. Jason at School- Uncle Joe away all day. Mr Mc around home- Frank and I finished cleaning Uncle Joes room- The Eve all at home. Homer started to Charleston- but returned-

29" April. Friday. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe away until this eve- He was here to dinner- Jason at School. Harlan Homer and Gidieon at work- Mr Mc at Springfield- Clayton rode old Lucy up= They did not get back until after nine Clara came back with them. Frank and nearly finished cleaning the back part of the house up stairs. This eve Harlan and Homer and company at a party at Riley McWilliams. I went with Harlan and stopped of at The Township Sabbath School Convention at the U.P. church- It has been such a lovely evening. The church decorated- and every thing beautiful- we had a nice meeting- Aunt Mary & Matt among the performers. After the meeting went down to Grandmothers and went asleep with them until Harlan came from the party- I slept for nearly two hours- a novel way of attending a convention but I enjoyed it all. All were asleep when I returned=

Saturday 30" April A beautiful day. Uncle Joe around assessing above here- home to dinner and away this afternoon again. Father & Homer among the sheep- Homer & Gidieon harrowing= Frank busy. We took off 33 Little chickens this morning. Mr Mc at Calverts this P.M. at Selma. Clara and Jason at C- this eve took tea at [blank space] After they came home Homer took Clara and me to Selma to see Miss Roadarmer= She and her sisters and all at home- She just came down from Selma this eve- Harlan took Uncle Joe home-

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1" May Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Frankie at Sabbath school and church- Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Mr Mortons text "The chariots of God are twenty thousand - even thousands of angels - The Lord is among them as in Sinai - in the holy place." Some of God's chariots- Christ- and the Bible- and trials- are some of the chariots which lifts his people up- I had Paul to care for and could not take notes with pencil- This afternoon We had Bible reading- Catechisms- Psalms Frank has committed the Shorter Catechism since she has come here- This eve Harlan Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting and at the old side church they had Sermon by Rev Boyd.

2" May. Monday. Uncle Joe came home with the folks last night and went out to his work again this morning and came back this eve- Mr Mc took Clara back to her school in S- and came home past [illegible] a little after two- to be ready to go to church to the prayer meeting and church meeting- by the way I had gone a few minutes before he reached here- he had dinner here- and rode down to [illegible] with John Mitchel and attended the meeting and came home with me. Frank cleaned the windows and doors in the front room and hall up stairs. Jason at School. Rained nearly all day. Gidieon cleaned the wool house Harlan & Homer and Clayton here & Paul.

3" May. Tues. Rain most of the day but Gidien & Chas Miller & Harlan plowed right along. Mr Mc and Homer around. Uncle Joe away all day at his work and home this eve. I washed the Curtains from rooms up stairs- and attended to the dinner while Frank cleaned the parlor & hall- did not lift the carpets Clayton takeing care of his ducks and the chickens for me- this afternoon- Clayton at C- Jason at school. Paul around all day in the rain.

4" May. Wed. A pleasant day. I left Frank and Clayton at home in charge of the home and Paul and took Aunt Jane with me to Xenia. The Co Republican Convention met there to day and the Co Sabbath School convention. I hoped to have looked in upon the latter but when I attended to the little buisness and called to see my friend Crissie Moodie there was no time left- I took tea at grandmothers when I came home to C- They have all been busy here to day- Mr Mc solved the remainder of clover seed- Homer with the sheep- the others Harlan plowing. Frank at the cleaning. Uncle Joe away and back this eve- Harlan and Homer at the village a short time.

5 May. Thurs Warm- Gidieon Chas Miller Harlan Homer and Clayton and Mr Mc all away. They began planting corn this afternoon Frank and I put in a full day ironing we had all the curtains in the wash- Jason at School. Paul around. Uncle Joe away all day- This Eve Homer took me up to to see Miss Roadarmer- found her sick- we made a little call returned- the evening beautiful but I was by far too tired to enjoy it as I might- Mr Balderidge here and went with Harlan to Selma [In margin: We began planting corn today]

6" May Friday. Mr Mc and I made a start for Springfield – but it began raining and we came back home to wait for another day. Aunt Bell was to have gone with us. Homer at the sheep

Harlan Clayton Gideon and Chas Miller at the corn planting- The Hay Bailleurs employed by Mr Pringle putting up hay in the old barn- the[y] have taken up quarters in the wool house boarding them selves. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon I called at Mr Cellars- I passed over a new county to me getting there- I stopped to see Mrs Jones and Sister. Uncle Joe away all day- home again this eve. While I was away Aunt Mary and Bell called- and were entertained by Mr Mc and Paul- by the way Paul got his face stung yesterday- he looks badly. Jason rode to Cwith Uncle Joe- got his hair cut- took dinner with grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary and visited the Cedarville School this afternoon- Homer out at C- this eve calling. He made a nice seat [?] for the yard to day. This eve Gideon & Clayton at C- with wood for Aunt Jane. It is just a year this eve since Fred came home on a visit from Monmouth to be here at Fannies wedding. On last week Grace Mc Michel died. Truly death is no respecter of Persons- The million heir William Astor is dead. "Death dealt with ninety millions- He died too young- His age was only sixty two." Jason walked back this eve.

7" May Sat. A pleasant day. Homer at the sheep Gideon Harlan Clayton Chas Miller at the corn planting Frank at the work- Mr Mc at [illegible] at the Kirker place for corn- Frank at the work- I made most of the sitting room carpet today. Jason busy getting things ready for Sabbath. Mr George Ervin called to day. This eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

8" May Sabbath. Cool but pleasant- Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and Frank at Sabbath School & church- Mr Mc and Paul and I at church- Mr Mortons text "If I forget thee O, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her [illegible] - if I do not remember thee let my tounge [sic] cleave unto the roof of my mouth: if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." Subject of the text The Christians attachment to the church. I could not take notes for Paul would not allow me a pencil. This afternoon I heard the catechism- we had Bible reading & Psalms. This Eve Harlan & Homer at young folks meeting & U.P. church Uncle Joe came back with them.

9" May. Monday. Harlan Gideon Clayton and Mr Mc all busy looking after the stock and plowing & planting. Jason at School Paul following after his father most of the day. Frank and I busy making the sitting room carpet and getting that room ready for cleaning. Uncle Joe away all day and home this evening He brought a letter from Mr McKenzie telling us that their baby was born the 7" of May- Saturday morning at half past one. A son. I have felt very nerveous [sic] all evening all evening. O what would I not give to see this wonderful boy. I can hardly content myself to wait to a future time to see him. It all seems like a dream- like it was not a real fact Can I wait to see Fannie and the baby? must I wait is the question that troubles me to night. Homer was at Charleston to day. This Eve Jim Hill called- he and Frank at Clifton awhile. Rain this eve.

10" May Tuesday. Heavy rain this morning. Harlan & Homer at the farming. Gideon white washed three ceilings for us this A.M. Frank and I ironed- On last Saturday night Mary Shepherd, that used to go to our School, died. All out trying to work this afternoon- the hay bailers still around. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe away all day as usual- We rec'd another letter from McKenzie- He reports Fannie and the baby doing nicely. This Eve Harlan and Homer at C- at the hall.

11" May. Wed. Another damp day- but the men stuck to the work all day. Uncle Joe around home assessing back here to dinner. I have taken charge of the kitchen to day. This afternoon I washed sitting room Curtains. Will Mc here and built a duck pen for Clayton in a new location- Frank cleaned the sitting room to day- everyone tired this eve- Ada Criswell well and Rosa Stuart called this A.M. This Eve Harlan & Homer at town to see Aunt Bell- and at the hall again a very few minutes.

12" May. Cold- almost like snow. Harlan Gideon at the corn planting Clayton at work- Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Riley Little called to see us. He came from Allegahny [sic] Monday- will to go to Millersburg Sabbath to Mr John Maxwells home to preach- he was only with us a short time- He rode down with Homer when he went to mill- Riley will leave here Saturday to be ready for his work on Sabbath. This Eve Homer at Selma on an errand- Frank and I busy to day at the house cleaning. Uncle Joe at his work to day again and home this Eve We are getting ready for Springfield tomorrow. Old German George Miller came back this P.M- It has been a long time since he was here.

13" May. Friday. Very pleasant this morning but rain in the afternoon- Harlan Homer Gideon and Clayton around at their work all day. Jason at School. Old George resting- Mr Mc and I left Paul and the home with Frank and went to Springfield. Aunt Bell went with us- and Uncle Ervin rode up with us to go to Finley on the Ten Oclock train- We had quite a days shopping. I got a light drab bonnet and [illegible] cloth dress. Clara out with us this afternoon- she got a new hat- a beauty. This Eve we called at Stuarts we came home through the rain- Uncle away all day and home this eve- Mrs John Carrey Jr is dead- She was burried [sic] Wednesday.

14" May. Sat. Quite a change in our home from this morning one year ago. It is damp- raining- and very gloomy not a lovely day for a wedding. This is Fannies first anniversary. That morning comes back to me- they are all here I see them just as they were then. Harlan Homer & Gideon trying to keep busy. Homer brought load of tile this A.M. and Harlan this PM- Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Frank walked over home this Eve it poured down rain- We were washing sheep this afternoon- This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe Home- and Homer took me to Selma to see his Miss Roadarmer we started early and got back at ten Oclock- we had a nice ride.

15 May Sabb. A nice day. rain this morning. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church. Harlan and Paul and I here- we read the 3" & 4" chaps of Colossians This afternoon- we had Catechism & Bible reading. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the young folks meeting and church. Mr Mortons text "Be ye one another burdens" in connection with Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.

16" May Monday. Clayton and I up at an early hour and drove over to Cellars- for their girl but she was sick and I will lay my dress away and appear in my old one at our meeting "To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without it is power" Gideon & Mr Mc and Harlan

Homer Clayton & Jason & Paul farming and washing sheep- Homer at C- this A.M. – He and Harlan there to night.

17" May. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Jason at School to day. Clayton & Paul and I at C- this A.M. until nearly noon- Mr Mc and Homer Gidieon Homer all busy plowing and looking after things This afternoon I began in earnest to put the house in order- Frank busy at the work all day. This Eve Homer at C- with wood for Aunt Jane- Harlan at C- Mr T.Balderidge goes to East Liverpool to the Young folks Convention to day. Mr Riley Stormont here awhile this eve- We had a light shower.

18" May. Wed. Rain most of the day. Harlan and Gidieon around. Homer shearing sheep. Mr Mc at Paxtons and in the vicinity of Clifton this afternoon- Frank busy. The house all in order this Eve. Our Synod- The Synod of Reformed Presbyterian or Conventanter Church N.S. met in Mr Mortons church this eve at half past seven- Sermon by the retireing [sic] Moderator Rev Gailey of Phila" Mr Mc and I there- Harlan & Homer there also- text [blank space]. Frank at home with Clayton Jason & Paul. Quite a disagreeable eve.

19" May. Thurs. Too wet for work- Gidieon & Clayton at town for lumber. Harlan at C- to help Uncle with his assessor books. Homer at Bazels shearing. Daisy Gray & Mrs Crains little girl here- Jason came home from school to give some assistance- and got his fathers consent and went with him to Springfield- they brought Clara home- both went and came home in the rain. Jason seemed to enjoy trip- but is very sleepy and tired. We did not forget that this was Freds birth day- How long it has been since he has spent a birth day at home

20" May. Friday. Almost Constant – from about eleven Oclock. Homer at Bazels shearing sheep- Harlan at C- to help Uncle Joe he took dinner at Aunt Janes- Clayton at home with Paul and Frank- Mr Mc and Clara and I at the meeting of Synod this A.M. and took dinner with friends and delegates at Mrs Crains- a bountiful dinner served there to day. Mr J.C. McMillan at the meeting and took dinner there- We were at the meeting this afternoon again. We left Clara with Blanch and Mary. At eight Oclock Mr Mc and I attended Dr Willets lecture- subject "The Model Wife". Uncle Joe came to the lecture with us. Clara went with Uncle Ervins. This was the last day of our School. Lulu Smith has taught about six weeks- Jason "speech" to day was "Little Bessie. I would like to have heard him. Harlan and Homer at commencement at Selma to night Rhoda Elder and [blank space] Bolton among the graduates- Emma Conners [illegible] also.

21 May Saturday. A beautiful day- Harlan and Gidieon plowing. Homer shearing at Browns. Clayton and Jason and Paul around home- Clara busy helping Frank busy. Near noon Mr Mc at C- and brought Mr Burdett of Phila" and Mr Park of Cincinnati and Aunt Matt out to dinner- We had quite a nice time- Clayton and Jason came to the table with us- and Clara also. Mr Mc and Clara took them back home- and took tea with a company of the delegates and friends and Aunt Bells- and staying there to night Mr Mc took tea with Mr Burdette at Aunt Janes.

22" May. Sabbath. Cold dreary day- Frank and Jason at home with Paul. Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School and church- Mr Mc and I at church. Rev Mr White explained the 67"

Psalm- That Psalm is a millennium Psalm as well as a missionary one. Rev Mr McKinney preached text "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." We had quite a fine Sermon- Our brethren scattered around preaching in the different churches. At half past seven Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason and I at our church Sermon by the Rev J. Y. Boyce- text "Be therefore followers of me as dear children" Quite a good Audience- Author Forbes & Florence there- Mrs Andrew White of Clifton dead- She was buried on Friday This Eve Lulu [blank space] stayed with Frank and Paul. Clara came with us from church to day- and went back with us this eve.

23' May Monday. Rained a little today- gloomy. Uncle Silas called- Mr Mc went with him to Charleston home again at noon After an early dinner I went to grandmother Murdock's a very few minutes- and attended our meeting of Synod this afternoon At a late hour Mr Mc came to it- he came back with me Homer took Clara back to Springfield to School this morning reached C- at noon again and attended the Synod this P.M.- went from it to grandmothers and from there to a social at Mr Mortons to night. We left Paul in Franks care and Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason and I all there We had a grand [blank space] Counting all the delegates and friends there were a large company over two hundred.

24 May Tuesday. A nice day but cool. Harlan and Gideon planting corn. Clayton harrowing. Jason and Paul around Homer shearing sheep. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Synod- quite a number there. We came home to Supper and went back to the closing session. Harlan and Homer there too – they went to the train to see some of the delegates off. Frank and Paul- and Clayton & Jason all asleep when we came home.

25" May. Wed. We had a shower this A.M. Mr Mc at C- and brought out Mr & Mrs Abbott from N.Y. city- Rev Mr Savage and Rev Mr White came out also- and so did Aunt Mary all here to dinner- About four O'clock Mr Mc took Mr and Mrs A & Aunt Mary back to C- he took them around to some points of interest in the village and they left at five O'clock for their N.Y. home Mr and Mrs Savage[?] and White here when Mr Mc came back and remained with us for tea- Harlan & Homer and all in to meet all of these friends to day- we certainly had an enjoyable time. This Eve Harlan and Homer at C- a few minutes.

26" May Thursday. Rain to day again. Harlan and Gideon at the planting Homer shearing. Mr and Mrs Williams, from Aunt Jennettes, here this afternoon- and remained with us for tea. Willie Huntington here to tea also- Mr Balderige and Harlan & Co & Homer attended the Commencement at Charleston to night. Katy and [illegible] Huntington among the graduates- Frank ironed to day. Clayton Jason and Paul around.

27" May. Friday. Still damp and chilly. Fast day previous to our Communion. Frank and Clayton and Paul at home- Mr Mc and Harlan and Homer and Jason and I at church Rev Mr White preached- text- "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." It is an evidence of genuine piety if we love our Bibles- if we love the house of God- if we love our neighbors -

Harlan went to Springfield for Clara to have her here for the services tomorrow- at six Homer at C- at the young folks meeting.

28" May Sat. All of us busy. This afternoon we left Frank and Jason with Paul and Mr Mc and Homer and Clara and I at church at two O'clock this P.M. Sermon by Rev Mr White. Text – Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree- and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off" It is grace that makes the difference between people. The man that has the grace and love of the Lord Jesus in his heart differs very largely from the man that has no claims to this holy life. Homer called at Uncle Bighams this eve. Harlan at C- with same donations for our friends there.

29" May. Sabb. Clouds this A.M. Sunshine towards evening. This is our communion Sabbath- No Sabbath School this morning – but prayer meeting at ten O'clock Mr Mc and Clara Jason Harlan and Homer and I at the prayer meeting we got there in good time. Rev Mr White preached. Text. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding." We had our communion services this afternoon. This eve at 7 o'clock Mr Mc Harlan Homer Clayton Clara and Frank at our church- Sermon by Rev Mr White. Clayton and Frank at home with Paul to day. This Eve Jason and Paul and here alone. Jason read the last chapter in the testament to me while I put Paul to sleep- he read with power.

30" May. Monday. A beautiful day. At half past eight Mr Mc and Clara and I at church Rev Mr White preached- text For what is your life. It is even as a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." What is life and how to make the most of it is the great question of life. We are mortal in life and immortal in death. To be in Christ is life to be out of him is death. Clayton was at church George Williams met him in C- and took Fred, the horse home. Clayton rode back home on Prince and Mr Mc and Clara and I attended Mr Harvey Coopers funeral at the Presbyterian church at Xenia at eleven O'clock – we went out to the Cemetery and drove out in the direction of the infirmary and took our lunch under a shade tree – In the after noon we attended the Services in the Cemetery- This was decoration day- A great many people there- This is the first time we have ever attended any of their exercises on this day. We were so impressed to day with the nothingness of the whole performance that it is hardly probable that we will ever want to go to Another "Decoration" Occasion. We were in X- a short time reached home about dark. Frank and Clayton and Jason took care of Paul and the things around home. Harlan planting corn- & Gideon planting pumpkin seed. Homer with the sheep. Harlan and Homer at the hall at a Festival [sic] to night.

31" May. Tuesday. Very warm- Homer shearing sheep at John Mitchels and Charlie Barbers to day. Harlan plowing. Gideon and Chas Miller replanting. Clayton assisting Jason and Paul around home- Frank busy. Mr Mc went by Selma and Roadarmers to Springfield- Clara going back to her School- Mr Mc home at dark. This afternoon I called at Jimmie Hendersons and Mrs J. H. McMillans- at C- at the office and stopped in at Rachels- This eve all at home.

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1" June Wed. Men replanting corn. Harlan at C- this P.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Wm Mc here helping Homer shear sheep. Clayton and Jason and Paul around. This Eve Harlan went by way of Selma to the Cedarville Commencement. Lulu Morton among the graduates. Homer there. Gidion went and took Clayton and Jason — I was just starting to the Congregational prayer meeting when a heavy shower drove me back —

2 June Thurs. The folks reached home at midnight. The Opera house crowded inside and out. Willie Huntington — came home with the boys and went back to Charleston on the eight O'clock train this morning. Mr Mc here helping Homer with the shearing. Harlan & Gidieon busy. Clayton & Jason around. Mr Mc at home — Paul and I took Prince and the buggy to Uncle Joe to go to Xenia and we spent the day at grandmothers. Crissie Moodie expected to come up on the morning train and spend the day there but a heavy rain in Xenia prevented her — It rained very hard this afternoon — Damp and raining this eve — This afternoon I called at Mr Y.D.[?] Williamsons — This Eve Uncle Joe and I called at Mr Mortons to see Lulus graduating dress and presents. This Eve Homer took Will Mc to C-

3" June Friday. Too wet for work this morning. A sick man, old and tired, stopped here for breakfast — Harlan took him to Selma and Mr Mc gave him the money to pay his way to Columbus — Harlan bought the ticket and put him on the train — when Fannie was six months old. John Bromegan gave her half a dollar in silver [sic] which has lain in among the deeds and papers until this morning it was taken out & put in to buy this poor mans ticket. The promise he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord. Mr Mc here helping Homer with the shearing. Gidieon & Harlan at the shearing until noon. This afternoon they were in the field again. This P.M. Mr Mc over at Mr & Mrs John [illegible] on the Jamestown pike — The Epsworth League [League] district meeting at the M.E. church this eve Homer there. A book [illegible] from Westerville here this A.M. Frank and Clayton and Jason at Gidieons to night awhile for recreation.

4" June Sat. A shower last night. John M. Bromegan and Will Mc here at the shearing Gidieon and Harlan the work Clayton helping too — so is Jason and Paul Mr Mc around home all day. Frank busy. This P.M. I was at Selma I called to see Miss Roadarmers at Mrs Dugdales — also called to see Miss Cellars when she and her Company were fishing. This Eve the boys took John & Willie & Gid to C- — Gidieons friends with them to night_ Rain this Eve —

5" June. Sabb. A pleasant day. Frank and Paul and Jason at home - Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church also — Mr Mortons text — "Tell me O thou whom my soul loveth where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? If thou knowest not O thou fairest among women go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherd tents." The first part of the text is the christian lender[?] a cloud — and the latter part is Christs answer to the troubled Christian_ We have here a picture of Christ and the

christian. The noon tide rest and the pasture grounds. The first thing the troubled Soul wants is Christ. We feel that the Saviour is near but we cannot see him — but we address him through the dark veil of sin and unbelief [sic] Sometimes when we think Jesus is farthest away he is the nearest to us. What we regard a calamity and trial when seen by the eye of faith only is brightness and glory. The christian needs nourishment. We want to know more about God — more about Christ we want more faith more spiritual power — We need to be delivered from our indwelling sins lusts and passions. Let us look to the hills from whence cometh our aid. Let us come to him and rest upon him. The footsteps of the flock lead by the closet[?] — family worship The ordinances of Gods house to follow the footsteps of the flock is to be found in these places — to feed here — and to bring our children with us if we would have Gods blessing and guidance. This Eve a young fellow stopped off the pike with us for lunch — name Wm Harper says his mother is poor dressmaker in N.Y. city We invited him to stop with us until morning as it was Sabbath — he read with us in the Bible the 1st chap of the gospel of John — called his attention to the words “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world”. Harlan and Homer at the Young folks meeting and the U.P. church. Rev Robb preached.

6th June Monday. Our guest left us this morning. John Bromegan and Mr Mc here with Homer shearing. Frank went over last night and came back this morning. Harlan and Gideon plowing Clayton replanting. Near noon Mr Mc drove to C- and brought Mr J.C. McMillan out he came in on the eight Oclock train from Xenia. All here to dinner. This P.M. Clayton and Jason at mill. Everyone busy. Uncle Joe came back with the boys after an absence of two weeks. Homer at Miss Roadarmers on an errand.

7 June Tuesday. John Bromegan and Will Mc here at the shearing. Uncle Joe cultivating the garden Gideon and Harlan at the plowing — They have the new Monmouth plows. Near noon a pouring rain fell — which stopped farming for the day — Clayton at mill — came back in the rain. Frank and I busy. This eve Harlan Homer and I busy. This eve Harlan Homer and Uncle Joe at the Alumni Exercises at the Opera house — Mr J C McMillan with us

8th June Wed. Rained a little John M Bromegan here and helped Homer with the sheep — to get through Mr Mc sheared three — Gideon & Harlan one apiece [sic]. Our sheep shearing ended. Little Frank Barber here on an all day visit. Mr J C McMillan around all day. This Eve Homer and Harlan at the “City hall” at a concert_ Uncle Joe around all day.

9th June. Thurs. Gideon & Harlan plowing Homer at Mr Amos Creswells shearing sheep_ Mr J.C. Mc on the sick list last night and to day. Frank and I ironed. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Jason and Frank at town. Uncle Joe in the garden to day. This Eve he and Mr Mc and Harlan & I at the hall — this is the evening of the Prohibition Alert quartette. Quite a nice meeting. Aunt Bell and Ervin returned from the old side Synod at Mansfield yesterday. Aunt Jennette and Matt returned from their little visit at Wilmington. Mr J.C_ still with us to night. Frank taking care of Jason and Paul while we were away. This has been a beautiful day and a lovely eve_ Clayton at the meeting too — Homer and Alvie Orr at some of the Turnbuls.

June 10" Friday. Quite a nice day. Homer stayed last night at Will Mcs in C- he and Will at Mr Author Forbes shearing sheep to day. Harlan & Gidieon plowing. Clayton at C- on an errand_ Uncle Joe in the garden_ Mr Mc at Mr Rankin Gordons for seed potatoes to day. Mr J.C. Mc here on the sick list. Frank and I busy. This Eve Mr Talmage [illegible] and Harlan at a social at Doc Elders near Selma. This is a lovely night — Jason and Clayton and Gidieon went a swimming — Homer did not get home until late.

11 June. Sat. A warm day. Harlan Homer and Gidieon in the corn — Clayton and Jason and Mr Mc around. Paul around too. Uncle Joe in the garden Mr Mc at Selma at Calverts this P.M. Mr J.C. Mc still on the sick list. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Paul and I took Mr J.C. McMillan to town — he went down on the six Oclock train — he is feeling quite despondent in regard to his health. I took tea with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Uncle Joe did not come back with us.

12" June Sabb. A warm day. Clayton and Frank at home with Paul. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "God shall hear and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God." Long peace or interrupted prosperity will ruin any people — family church or nation. There must be changes or Satan [sic] will have his own way. We must have changes or reverses to fit us for Gods best service, and to show us our selves. We can not suffer affliction from God a long time without making some discovery about our selves. We learn our Sin & defects in duty. Our falls often show us how to stand_ These changes are needed to show us the world how vain and worthless it is — and to draw us closer to God — And to fit us for higher holier and better service. When an individual family church or nation meet with sore trial it is often Gods message to stir us up to a grander higher and nobler life. These changes are needed to fit us for heaven. This afternoon we had our Sabbath exercises on the poarch [sic] up stairs. Harlan and Homer at the M.E. church this eve_ Frank went over home.

13" June. Monday Quite warm_ Jason at C- with the clothes. Uncle Joe walked out — he and Mr Mc and sons & Gidieon planting potatoes Frank and I very busy. We swept and put all of the house in order — Mr Tindal & Mr Moorman called when passing. This eve Harlan & Homer at C-

14" June Tues. Another warm day — All the force of yesterday at the potato planting Mrs Harsman here fitting Franks dresses. All busy this afternoon again. This Eve Homer around at Frank Townsleys or Jesses — All the rest at home.

15" June Wed. Another warm day. Gidieon Harlan and Homer plowing all day. Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- until after dinner_ We rec'd letters from Fannie Fred & Clara Mr Mc at Selma at Miss Roadarmers and around. This Eve Harlan Homer and co — at the Contest at Wilberforce.

16" June Thursday. Very warm. Harlan Homer Clayton Gidieon and Uncle Joe all busy plowing and in the garden Jason and Paul around home. Frank at her work. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Wilberforce Commencement_ I saw Emma [illegible] and Amanda Ramsy and others of the

girls_ We stopped a few minutes at C- We reached home a little after dark — had a pleasant time_

17" June. Friday. Gideon Harlan and Homer at the plowing. Clayton at C this P.M. Uncle Joe putting in Cucumbers. Mr Mc around home he was at Bazels this eve. This afternoon Grandmother Murdock Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell and Fern called as they came from calling at Timmie[?] Hendersons to see old Mr Henderson_ Aunt Mary said over and over again he would say "you know our sure and all sufficient help is in Jehovahs name" and then he would say God does not take any pleasure in the death of the wicked." The folks stayed with us for tea_ Near dark it began raining had almost a May flood.

18" June. Sat. We had almost a deluge last night — poured right down until after midnight the creeks and streams overflowing — Our sheep at Bazels surrounded by water. Mr Mc and four sons around home Uncle Joe at Xenia — Paul and I at grandmother Murdock's all day. Heavy rain this afternoon again to day. Paul and I came home alone. Gideon and family over at their friends near Enon. Frank in charge of the house Lulu Taylor here until they come back tomorrow. All at home to night—

19" June Sabb. Damp. Frank and Lulu Taylor and Jason and Paul at home Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text. "Ye are our epistles written in our hearts known and read of all men." Subject The very important position Christian occupies. The great responsibility that rests upon us as followers of Christ. Ye are epistles of Christ — A growing working church testifies to the faithfulness of the ministers and teachers of the church — they are also letters of commendation for Christ as well. We are the letters that Christ sends into the world_ The first thing the world does is to read these letters — is to read you and me — Who pens these letters_ God children writes them. It is the spirit that changes our lives. These epistles are known and read of all men. We are the worlds Bible — the world reads us to what Christ is — and what religion is. We are letters of Commendation of a lost world for Christ. Heavy rain to day & this evening. Harlan and Homer at the young folks meeting — and at church. Levie[?] Taylor with us 'till this evening We had our Bible & reading up stairs.

20" June Monday. The water still prevails upon the earth_ Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out_ Gid and Harlan around_ Homer at the sheep. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at a congregational meeting to make arrangements to go forward with our new church building we were down in town a few minutes — as we came home. Harlan and Homer and company at a contest at the College at the Y. Springs_ This is the week of their Commencement. Uncle Joe putting up screens to day. I left Paul at home with Frank.

21" June. Tuesday. Frank and I busy. Work still suspended_ Mr Mc around here and there all day. Mr Samuel Howel called_ Heavy rain again this forenoon and exceedingly heavy rain this P.M_ A Christian Endeavor [sic] union meeting at Clifton to day. This P.M Harlan & Homer thought of going over but got no farther than Cedarville — came home — after dark they went

to Aunt Bells to a social. Uncle Joe finished his contract putting up the screens and went down home will not be back any more this week.

22" June. Wed. Clouds passing around and over all forenoon Gideon Harlan and Homer in the sheep pen. Mr Mc and Clayton Jason and Paul here and there all day. Frank busy. I am kept busy too_ We have two hundred and thirty little chickens by actual count — 24 Turkeys and Clayton has between fifty and sixty ducks and geese — This makes work. This afternoon Mr Ansley called — sold 16 of the chickens at 21 ct a peice [sic] — A little later Jason and I at C- payed into the treasury of our missionary Society \$3.00 — We made a few calls and came home. Tomorrow is Commencement at Springfield High School. We rec'd a nice invitation from Sadie S- about a week ago — This eve a pressing invitation came again — also from Clara — Clayton at C- this P.M_ too_

23" July. Thursday. Cloudy this morning. Gideon Harlan & Homer at the work — too wet to plow. Clayton Jason and Paul around. Luie[?] Taylor here to keep Frank company while Mr Mc and I went to Springfield to attend the Commencement of the high School — We left after an early dinner_ the morning exercises nice over early,

24" June. Friday. A warm dry day. We went to Springfield yesterday after an early dinner_ and were right royally entertained at Mrs Stuarts — Clara finished her exam — nations [blank space]. We took tea at Mrs S- and Sadie had our tickets for reserved seats at the Grand Opera house for the Commencement exercises. There were [blank space] graduates mostly young ladies only [blank space] boys_ Dr [illegible] delivered the address — [blank space] presented the Diplomas — quite a rain fell while we were there — On account of the lateness of the hour we concluded to remain all night — After an early breakfast this morning we brought and her trunk and all home with us reached here after nine. Lulu Taylor remained until after dinner They got along all night while we were gone_ Paul was a good boy. This afternoon Clara and Jason and Paul at C- to see the folks_ they took tea at Aunt Janes. This Eve Homer at C- Harlan at Selma both home in good time.

25" June Sat. Gideon Harlan and Homer have all began plowing this morning the first plowing that has been done before the great rain that fell on the seventeenth — This morning Mr Mc at [sic] Clayton went part of the way to Springfield to meet Simson Nicely and bring horse home — they were back at noon. We had young peas for dinner_ Clara in the kitchen and around most of the day. Frank busy. Will Mc called. This Eve Homer and Gideon at C- a short time. Mr Mc and I called Roadarmers in Selma_ — and then we drove to Charleston_ Mr Mc spent most of his time with Mr Lawn Houston — he saw Mr Moorman also. Mr Huntington took me around to his home to see Mrs H- and the children. When we reached home all had retired.

26" June. Sabbath a very pleasant day. Harlan Homer Clara and Clayton at church and Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church — Mr Mortons text. "my flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever." This text is a picture of life in this world. There is a time in the history of us all when things either within or without Seem very dark and discouraging The Christians refuge in the storm or in the dark day is the theme of the text.

Some reasons for our sadness and for our dark days are the memories of the past — The experience of the present — and the dread of the future when we feel so utterly pressed down and driven back so little to cheer and so much to discourage us — let us look up and say “God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” And when we remember who God is and much he has done for us and has promised to do why should we be cast down. We ought to be hopeful and confident because of what we have enjoyed and do enjoy of Gods loving kindness and favor. There is a time not far distant when all the Sorrows and trials of life will have past away and we shall enjoy peace and Joy eternal. Soon it shall be said of each of us our flesh and our heart faileth — may we then be able to look up and say God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Frank and Clayton at home with Paul. This afternoon we had our Catechism and Bible reading up stairs on the porch [sic] — Frank with us. This Eve Harlan Homer and Clara at Young folks meeting and at M.E. church. Rev [illegible] of N. Jasper preached. His text. For a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth” This afternoon at the U.P. Church Caroline Serretts funeral services were conducted she was an old friend and a schoolmate of mine. Her death was a triumphant one.

27” June Monday. Quite a change in the weather — a little cool — and blowing considerable. A man from off the pike here last night — he worked awhile in the garden this morning Will Mc here helping Harlan Homer & Gideon on with the plowing. Clayton at C- this A.M This eve Homer took Will Mc home — Clara washed up her Summer dresses and ironed them. Frank Ervin here to day.

28” June. Tuesday. A nice day. Will Mc absent. Gideon Harlan and Homer plowing. Paul and I at C- this forenoon_ Clayton and Jason at mill — Mr Mc went with them as far as Piggs[?]. John Barber the cripple son of the late S.G. Barber buried this morning. He and his brother Bob got into a quarrel Sabbath morning_ Bob struck him heavy blows from which he died in the evening. Bob was taken to jail yesterday. Aunt Bell left for the Prohibition Convention at Cincinnati this morning Aunt Jane came home with the boys and Jason and Clara took her home this eve. Mr Morton was taken very suddenly with a bad pain in his back this morning which has rended him very helpless. A letter came from Fannie — she sent a picture of him [Translator note: Martha’s grandson, Donald McKenzie, born May 7] — in Dellas arms — he weighs [blank space] and his [blank space] weeks old_ He is certainly a cute little darling. This eve Morton Bromegan came home with them.

29” June. Wed. A light Shower last night. Harlan Homer and Gideon all plowing. Clayton and Jason and Morton playing[?] Morton went down home with Uncle Dan this eve — Mr Mc around home all day. Will Mc here plowing to day. Homer took him home this eve —

30” June — Thurs. Rain last night. Work suspended this forenoon. This afternoon Mr Mc over at the vicinity of the Y. Springs. Gideon and Harlan cutting dead branches off the trees in the yard. This Eve Homer at C- on a drive — he was breaking a coal [sic] this P.M. Clayton and Jason and Paul around — Frank at her work — Clara around.

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1st July – Friday. Quite a pleasant day. Mr Newton Townsley died last night while sitting on his chair getting ready to retire – he was in his 79th year. This morning Paul & Jason and I took a hasty trip to C- Uncle David came this morning from Cincinnati where he has been among the Minnesota delegates at the Prohibition National Convention there this week [Blank space] was nominated for President. Clayton at C- and brought Will Mc out Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan – Aunt Mary and Mary Bell Ervin were here this afternoon and took tea with us. Clara brought them out and Mr Mc took them home. This Eve Harlan had an appointment with Mr Balderige at the Y. Springs. He is attending the institute there.

2nd July Sat. Gideon Will Mc Harlan and Homer plowing. Uncle Joe in the garden Mr Mc at C- this morning. Near noon Clara took Uncle Joe home to be ready to attend Mr Townsleys funeral. Frank went over home. Clayton took her as far as C- very heavy rain. This Eve Harlan took Will Mc home. Homer at Miss Roadarmers for me.

3rd July Sabb. Pleasant. A shower this A.M. No preaching at our church. Mr Morton still suffering with his back. All of us at home. Harlan and Homer at the Friends church in Selma. This afternoon at four O'clock Uncle David Murdock preached at the hall -- Mr Mc Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul and I there. Text "Good master what shall I do to inherit eternal life." After the meeting a brief call at grandmothers. I bid Uncle David good bye - he goes back to Howard Minn – tomorrow. Harlan Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting at our church this eve. Clara stayed at Blanches to night. Frank came back. How quickly this day has passed.

4th July. Monday. Most a beautiful day. Homer at Selma this morning and brought Miss Roadarmer and her sister Nellie down They have put in a full day in the front room up stairs sewing. Will Mc around a little while this morning. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason & Gideon & Uncle Joe all at Cedarville taking in the fourth – This eve Gideon took his family and Frank down to see the fire works. Miss Nellie R- rode down with Mr Mc Miss Roadarmer and Paul and I here alone – Clara came home. Jason stayed with Will Mcs and Clayton with Morton B- at Aunt Janes – Uncle David concluded to stay till five this eve – A great many strangers in C- to day. Mr Pidgeons family over this eve.

5th July Tues. Another nice day – Mr Mc here helping Gideon & Harlan & Homer plow and start the Binder. Clara t C- with the clothes – Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason came back this morning. Aunt Bell and [illegible] B here all day. We had supper at five – and then another supper later. Homer took Miss R- and sister home this eve. Harlan took Will Mc home. Mr Morris of X- called late this eve. Frank and I busy to day. Mr Mc at home all day.

6" July Wed. Another pleasant day. We rec'd a letter from Fred he has been sick for two weeks and that was the first day he had been out – He had pleaurisy [sic] again – the third attack since he went to Monmouth. Prof Mc and others go to NY. to the E. E. Convention – had been around twice for Fred to go – but he thinks he can not leave his work. Will Mc here to day. They are cutting wheat by the rail road. This P.M. Clayton at Harvey Mcs on an errand – and at Piggs this A.M. Clara took Paul with her to C- this afternoon Mary Bell came back with them to spend a few days. This Eve Uncle Joe took Will Mc home. Homer at Piggs.

7" July. Thurs. A beautiful day. Will Mc here they are cutting wheat in field by the rail road. Uncle Joe and all of our boys and Gidieon busy. Clayton at mill this A.M. – I went with him and spent the day at grandmothers. I came back after dark when Homer took Will Mc home. I called at Mr Ws – and to see Lizzie Galbreath. Paul at home to day. Mary Bell with Clara – Clayton and Jason around. Frank busy. Mr Mc in the vicinity of Clifton this afternoon.

8 July Friday A beautiful day They finished cutting wheat. Mr Mc at Selma this A.M. Will Mc here – Uncle Joe busy. This eve Clara, Mary Bell & Paul and I at C- we took a basket of new beans around for our friends – and left half a bushel at Grays for sale – Harlan and Homer calling around Selma this eve – Uncle Joe and Gidieon took Will Mc home – Uncle Joes correspondent here from Pa – and he stayed in C- and will not be back for a few days. Frank and Clara & Mary B- and boys, Clayton and Jason, having a big time to night.

9" July Sat. A beautiful day Wm Mc absent – Mr John Barbers funeral at ten Oclock this morning Gidieon and boys plowing. Clayton at C- this A.M. Mr Mc at Springfield came back in the cool of the evening. Homer at Selma this eve again. All the rest at home. Blanch and Jennie called this afternoon. Mary still here.

10 July. Sabb. A beautiful day. Mr Morton still on the sick list. Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath school – and at the M. E. church. The rest of us at home. At four this P.M. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at the hall – Rev Mr Sprowl preached – text & subject – “The Sabbath” He did well. Mary Ervin and Clara taking care of Paul. Harlan and Homer at Selma at Church this Eve. I stayed at with grandmother and Aunt Mary – to be ready to see Dr Rose the Cincinnati eye Dr in the morning.

11 July. Monday. Warm and dry. Clayton at C- early this morning for John Bromegan – Will Mc at George Winters grocery and could not be here – Mr Mc in this way could not bring in wheat as he expected – The boys went to plowing and John B- brought buggy back for me to town. I met Dr Rose and came home as soon as possible Frank and Clara & Mary Ervin busy at the work. [illegible] Conner here to dinner. Mr Mc around looking after things – he was over at Boyds this afternoon. This eve Harlan and Homer at C- and brought Mr Talmage Balderige out to make a little visit.

12" July. Tuesday. Quite a warm day. Gidieon and Harlan and Homer at the plowing. Mr Balderige out with the boys helping to plow until noon. John Bromegan came out this morning and helped put the yard in order. Mr Balderage around all afternoon – Mr Mc around all day.

This Eve Harlan and Homer and Mr Balderage at Selma spending the evening. Mr Mc took John Bromegan home. Mary Ervin here with Clara – Frank and the rest of us busy.

13th July. Wed. Warm – John Bromegan and Uncle Joe came out this morning – here to day and with us to night – Boyd here till noon – A heavy rain stopped the plowing. Harlan and Homer Clayton & Jason Clara & Mary Ervin and Rank and Paul all here. Mr Mc and I left at an early hour for London. We spent most of the forenoon with Dr. E. J. Rose at the Madison house – took dinner and spent the afternoon at Mr Phippers. A heavy shower prevented us calling at Mr Kennys as we expected – we remained at Mr Phippers for tea – drove past Dr. Roses office as we came home – did not reach here until after ten. Harlan & Homer at Selma this eve – A cyclone passed over a part of Springfield this morning. Homer & Clayton at C- to day.

14 July Thurs. Warm. Uncle Joe and John Bromegan Gidieon Harlan Homer and Jones bringing in the wheat. Mr Mc around. Frank and I busy. Clayton and Jason and Paul around. Mrs H-called. Clara and Mary Ervin at C- on an errand. They took tea at Aunt Bells – Harlan had quite a wait for them to come home he wanted the buggy to go to Selma – did not get started until late. Homer & John Bromegan at C- for a short time only.

15th July Friday. Warm Uncle Joe John Bromegan Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason Boyd Jones with us bringing in the wheat. Gidieon at work too. A heavy shower this afternoon before they were quite through. Mr Mc & Jason at Selma for the new mower. Mary Ervin her with Clara. Work stopped. After an early supper Homer took John Bromegan home – Irma Williamson died after midnight last night.

16th July. Sat. Gidieon and Frank and Clara cleaned the cellar from top to bottom I took charge of the kitchen. This afternoon Harlan mowing. Clara and I at Irma Williamsons funeral at three Oclock – The services conducted by Mr Morton – Revs Tufts & Sprowl – Quite a large crowd. Mary Bell Ervin went down home with us – She has been here for several days. Mr Mc at Xenia this afternoon – he took supper with Mr Morris and a Boston wool man. Clara and I came home early called at Aunt Rachels gate to see Della – Frank working away when we came. Near dark Clara and Clayton took Frank nearly all the way to her home in Clifton Homer at Selma to see Miss Roadarmer. Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Jason and Paul and I here alone. Miss R-will come Monday. In the midst of our hurry let us not forget that tomorrow is Sabbath.

17th July. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and Paul and I there – Mr Mortons text – “After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man can number, of all the nations, and kindred and people, and tongues stood before the throne, and before the lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.” This a graphic description of the heavenly world – of the redeemed in glory. This afternoon all of us here – At four Oclock Lulu from the tenant house stayed with Clara and Paul and Mr Mc. Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and I the hall sermon by Rev Tufts. He discussed how a Christian ought to vote from a Bible standpoint. The all was crowded. Harlan & Homer at the Young folks meeting at church.

18 July Monday. A beautiful day. Clayton at C- Aunt Jane and Uncle Joe came home with him. Mr Mc atd Selma and brought Miss Roadarmer and her sister down. Frank and Clara and I very busy. Miss R- at work on a gray dress and a calico – and a black under skirt. Near noon Mr Mc at Boyds – he came to work this afternoon – I am very tired – Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary called and Aunt Jane with home with them. This afternoon our old painter, how we are shouting, came here for supper and with us to night – Homer at Clifton on an errand – came back early.

19" July. Tuesday. Rain last night – Mr Mc at C- this morning – Clara went with him. Mr Mc home in time for dinner. Miss R- and her sister busy all day and with us to night. Our painter still with us. Boyd here with the men this afternoon. I went to C- Clara stayed and Aunt Bell got a dress for her at Stuarts. This eve she and I stopped long enough at grandmothers to eat supper. I called at Dr Homans had him take out a tooth – Frank waited on our girls and men while we were away. Homer out – over at Townsleys on an errand. Morton Bromegan came back with Clayton this morning.

20" July. Wed. A nice day. Boyd, Harlan Homer Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason and Morton Bromegan and Gidieon all at the hay. Mr Mc at C- this morning. The painter went with him for a brush. He began mixing his preparation this morning – he has been busy at it all day. Miss R- and her sister busy putting in every stitch they can to help [illegible] – about dark Harlan took them home. Their work all done. Homer & Uncle Joe at C- a little while. Clayton took Morton down this afternoon – and brought Charlie Galbreath back. We had a little shower but the men went back to the hay field again. Boyd in with the crowd to supper.

21" July Thurs. Our painter began putting on his paint on the house this morning. Mr Mc at C- on a flying trip. Boyd out with all of our on force of yesterday – stacking back of the old barn. Mr Mc at Selma to see Mr Calvert. Clara and Paul drove out this morning to Aunt Jennettes. Aunt Jane and Matt and Alice Bromegan went out with them. Alice came back with Clara this eve. Mr Mc at C- after supper. Harlan and Homer at Piggs.

22" July. Friday. Very warm. Uncle Joe plowed all day. Boyd Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and Charlie G- here in the hay all day. Mr Mc around. This eve the men into a five Oclock supper. Clara and Frank spread it in the shade in the yard. Paul seemed delighted with the arrangement – Clara and Alice at C- this morning. Aunt Bell invited Clara there to tea. Miss Roadarmer there to day. Clara could not go. Harlan and Homer at [illegible] Yarnels in Selma to night by special invitation Our painter did not work to day.

23" July. Sat. Very warm. Alice B- at the hay field with Charlie G- and Clayton and Jason. Boyd here all day. Uncle Joe plowing The painter worked the second day on the house painting. Clara at C- this morning Aunt Jane came out with her – Mr Mc around all day. Frank and Clara and Paul and Mr Mc took the supper to the hay field Homer took Uncle Joe Aunt Jane and Alice and Charlie home this eve – We have had a busy week. It seems longer than usual.

24" July Sabb. Very warm. Harlan Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will

pour out of my spirit upon all flesh – your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams, and on my servants and on my hand maidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit and they shall prophesy” Mr Morton will be absent two Sabbaths – Frank and Jason at home with Paul. The painter around. This afternoon I heard Claytons and Jasons lesson and at half past four they went down to the hall with me to hear Presiding Elder Mitchel of Springfield – his Sermon for the Young men & women. Clara went home with Aunt Mary from church – and attended the young folks meeting and will stay with Blanch to night. Lulu T- here with Frank while I was busy. Harlan and Homer at the Eppsworth League at Selma this eve.

25’ July. Monday Very warm. Blanch and Clara passed up at an early hour for Miss Roadarmer – when they came back Clara stopped off and went down in the buggy for Uncle Joe – Blanch came back with her and is here to day. Charlie G- here he came with the girls early this morning Mr Mc not feeling very well. Boyd here to day. Our Carpenter at the painting to day. Gids father here helping with the harvest he came Saturday or began working then. This afternoon at half past four it came up quite a little shower – work stopped for the day. This Eve at half past seven Harlan Homer Clayton Jason Charlie Galbreath Clara and Blanch all attended Dr. Nands lecture at our church on the “Manners Customs and Religion of India. He is a native of that country and a student in the R. P. Seminary. The rest of us at home.

26” July. Tuesday. Very warm. Uncle Silas and Ralph here and took coalt [sic] away. I was at C- a few minutes this morning. Boyd and Old gent Harshman in for dinner The Carpenter at his painting to day. Uncle Joe around. Charlie G- and Blanch here. This afternoon Mr Mc left for Springfield to bring our Son Frederic home – He came in at half past 8 on the evening train from Monmouth It is a little over a year since we have seen him – It was near midnight when they reached here. All were asleep when they came but me. He and J. A. Macdonald are running a printing office there. Fred is looking fine. This Eve Boyd and old gent Harshman here to supper – Gidieon absent. Uncle Joe here. This Eve Homer took Clara and Blanch on a little drive to Selma.

27” July. Wed. We have had another warm busy day. Boyd and Mr Harshman here all day, to board, Harlan & Homer & Gidieon with them in the hay field. Uncle Joe hoeing all day. Mr Mc around. The painter at his work all day. Fred around this eve We sent the supper to the field – We had a little supper for Mr Mc and Fred and Uncle Joe and the painter. This eve Uncle Joe & Fred at C-

28” July. Thurs. Very warm – The work the most prominent feature of the day. Boyd and the old gent Harshman and Uncle Joe & Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Blanch and Charlie G- all in the hay field. Jason took the painter to C- to make selections in paint for the finishing of the cornice doors & window casing. The main part of the building completed or will be this eve. Frank & Clara & Blanch took the supper out to the field. Fred around all day. This eve he and Mr Mc (after our supper) went to Selma awhile – Uncle Joe hoeing most of the day. This eve all at home.

29" July. Friday. Warm. Boyd old gent Harshman and all our boys & girls and boys of yesterday here for dinner. Fred here Mr Mc at C- this A.M. – home in time for dinner. The men came into supper this eve when they finished work – Boyd & Harshman Uncle Joe and the painter here. Fred at the table also Mr Mc Harlan and Homer – Charlie G- & Blanch here – This eve late Fred & Homer at C- The painter finishing the trimming of the house.

30" July Sat. Cloudy most all day – only a sprinkle of rain this eve. This morning Fred and Paul and I at C- Blanch went down home then – Fred and Aunt Matt called at Aunt Jennetts this A.M. After they came back to town he took dinner with Paul and me with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. After dinner he and Blanch called at Uncle Silas's. Came back to C- and Fred stopped at Aunt Janes for tea. Uncle Joe took the buggy down after we came back for Fred to come back in. Harlan & Homer at Selma. Charlie G- went down home this eve.

31" July. Sabb. A beautiful day indeed. Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and Fred at Sabbath School. Mr Morton still being at Chatauqua [?] no preaching at our church – but instead a few of the faithful ones gathered in the church for prayer meeting Mr Mc and I went down – I stayed but Mr Mc concluded to go back & keep Gideon from taking the risk of driving a coal [sic] to the Y. Springs. We had a busy earnest meeting – All of our five boys remained for the prayer meeting and I came back with them. Clara & Paul at home with Frank – the carpenter around. Clara and Fred, Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason and I read the last three chap of Thess" we all gathered on the poarch [sic] up stairs and had our closing exercises there – we also felt very sad. Fred will go away again tomorrow – not many of his Sabbaths spent here any more. This eve Harlan and Homer at the meeting of the league at Selma – Fred here with us. This is the last day of July another month is gone.

August 1892

1" Aug. Monday. A nice morning Fred at C- to tell the folks good bye – and brought Uncle Joe out. All in the hay field. Frank and Clara and I busy. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Fred and all the rest of our Boys and the painter and Boyd and old gent Harshman sat down to dinner at twelve. This afternoon Fred told all of us good bye and Mr Mc took him and his trunk to Springfield to the evening train. How many times we have seen him go – yet it is always hard to say good bye and have him leave us – this is something we do not get used too. A little shower stopped the work about the middle of the afternoon. All at home this eve – Mr Mc did not get back until late. The painter at the trimming of house.

2" Aug. Tuesday. Gloomy & a little damp this A.M. Old gent Harshman here to dinner This afternoon he went with the force to the hay field. Jim Boyd there. This afternoon Frank & Clara at C- remained and took tea with Mrs Laura Foster Boyds daughter & others at Aunt Bells – Charlie Miller and Lulu Taylor from our tenant house married in Xenia to day. This Eve Frank and our younger set serenaded them – They had quite a lively time – Our painter still at the finishing of the house—painting.

3" Aug Wed. Quite a nice day. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer, Boyd & old gent Harshman Clayton and Jason in the hay field and oat field – all here for dinner & supper – Mr Mc at C- and brought Clara home this morning She and Clara took the supper to the field – Mr Mc at Selma – he and the painter and I had supper here. The painter still at the finishing off of the house. This Eve Homer at C- to see Alvie Orr.

4" Aug Thurs. Rain last night – which stopped the work a little while. Boyd and old gent Harshman here for dinner. This afternoon Gidieon and Harlan & Homer finished the harvest. The Harvest Ended and all are happy. Clara at C- and took her first lesson in physical culture from Mary Orr. Aunt Jane came home with her – here for supper. Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason took her down home – The town full of people – A reunion of soldiers there – and Merry go round which is taking Clayton's and Jason's attention. Alvie Orr called and went with Homer to Selma. All the rest at home. We rec'd a card from Fred he was as far as Peoria [?] waiting for the train for Monmouth. We also rec'd word from Fannie. Lizzie Murdock is still there. Riley Little is there too. I have been making a curtain for to put my dresses away. Frank around as usual.

5" Aug. Friday. Quite a nice day. Mr Morris and son here sacking wool and here for dinner. The painter resting & and doing little at the painting. Gidieon and Harlan putting their tools away. Uncle Joe and Homer helping with the wool – They finished up this afternoon. Mrs G. H. McMillan called – Homer called at Ada Collins. Harlan at Selma to night.

6' Aug. Sat. We had a shower last night Mr Mc took Frank home this morning to be ready for Springfield. Clara and I have been very busy. This morning Harlan and Clayton left for Xenia with the wool Morton went with them [illegible]. This P.M. I took Uncle Joe down home and stopped with grandmother for tea – Aunt Mary there – Aunt Bell came over and stayed while I was there. This eve I stopped Aunt Rachels gate – Della about as she has been. This eve Homer at Selma awhile.

7" Aug. Sabb. A beautiful day. On last night Rev G. C. Gohan [?] stopped with us – after dark – he occupied the same [illegible] with the painter. This morning he and the painter with our own family here for breakfast. Our Rev went with Harlan Clara Clayton and Jason to the Sabbath School. He was invited by some of our people to preach – and he occupied our pulpit to day – and preached to them Jesus. Bazel came running to tell us that the sheep had dogs among them last night – eight of them dead. Homer and his father there I prepared dinner and [illegible] Paul – the painter around. Our Reverend went with Harlan and Clara to the hall at four O'clock. He also went with them to the young folks meeting. He stayed all night at Grandmother Murdocks.

8" Aug. Monday. Very dry and warm. Clara and Paul went after Frank this morning. Then Jason took Clara to C- to have Aunt Mary help her with her Challie [?] that Frank got her Saturday. Uncle Joe came out with Jason. Our man Rev. G. C. Gohan spent the day at Uncle

Ervins. This afternoon Mr Mc took our painter to C- to get his paints. Uncle Silas here to dinner – he and Mr Brown and Robt McClellan appraising the sheep. Mr Dines [?] passed up to day. This eve Mr Mc went to C- to meet the Trustees. I went and attended Rev Barrs address at the hall – We met to organize a Prohibition Club -- I was happy to put my name down and give all of my influence and work to this cause. Aggie K. White was there. Aunt Bell not feeling very well. Our new friend Rev. G. C. Gohan came home with us. All had retired when we came. Paul was in Franks care. Clara at Aunt Bells to night. Harlan and Homer at Selma. Homer & Gid at the sheep.

9 Aug. Tuesday. Warm. Clayton at C- this morning with the clothes. Our painter began on his new contract this morning. Our Reverend G. C. Gohan with us. Homer at the sheep. Harlan and Gidieon cleaned all the stable out to day. Clayton at C- this afternoon at the shop – Homer out at Criswells on an errand. Uncle Joe at C- this eve & brought Clara home. She took her lesson to day at Mary Orrs.

10" Aug. Wed. Quite a beautiful day – not so warm. At an early hour Mr Mc and [!] left for Wilmington. Uncle Joe took Harlan and Gidieon with him to begin opening the gravel pit. Homer at the sheep. The painter at his work. Our Rev G. C. Gohan with us. Clayton Jason and Paul around. Frank and Clara at work. We reached at Mary Es in time for dinner. We had a nice time with her and started back home at five Oclock. We stopped and spoke to Mr Adams in Jamestown and Ada Collins to see Proff Mc & wife they are to come to visit us Friday – we reached home in due time – all well. Homer and Alvie Orr at Roadarmers this eve – A colored man from off the pike dined here to day.

11" Aug. Thurs. Quite a continued heavy shower this morning – which was most acceptable – Business in a manner stopped. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- Earnest Henderson came this P.M. to make us a little visit. He and Homer at C- this eve. Harlan at Selma. Our painter worked a little while this P.M. Our preacher still with us. Clayton and Jason and Paul around. So also is Clara and Frank busy.

12" Aug. Friday. Quite a beautiful day. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit this forenoon. Homer at Bazels working with sheep – came home and went to C- and he and Orr came back in time for dinner and directly after dinner they went by way of Selma to Clifton to a picnic. Mr & Mrs Proff McMillan with us to dinner to day and so was Earnest Henderson and Rev. G. C. Gohan and the painter and Uncle Joe. Mr Mc right here with us all day. Harlan and Earnest Henderson at Springfield this afternoon and brought Mrs Stuart down. She and Clara occupying Claras room to night. Mr Mc and I at C- a little while after the Proffs went away. Mr Mortons are home from Chautauqua. Our preacher still with us.

13" Aug. Sat. Most a lovely day. Homer called at an early hour at Mr Anderson Collins to see Proff J. H. McMillan. Mrs Stuart and the Reverend and the painter all with us. Mr Earnest

Henderson left us this morning. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit. This afternoon Homer at Corrys. Mr Mc at Charleston – did not get home until after dark. Clayton and Jason at C- with wood for Aunt Janes. Mrs Stuart and Rev G. C. Gohan and I at C- to make some calls at Mr Mortons & Aunt Bells. We had tea after we came back. Harlan took Uncle Joe home this eve – Clara and Frank and Paul busy.

14th Aug. Sabb. Most a beautiful day. Rev. G. C. Gohan and Harlan and Homer Clara Jason and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Mrs Stuart at church. Sermon by Mr Morton text “Remember my bonds” Some of us are hampered and fettered by poverty sickness and domestic care – yet every one of us feel that we are bound. The Christians bonds are no disgrace they are an ornament. These very bonds tend to widen our field of usefulness neither do they hinder the happiness of the Lords people neither do they lessen his reward. After preaching Mrs S- went to Aunt Janes and remained until our preacher and Clayton went down to the meeting at the hall. Clara went to grand mothers and attended the meeting – then went with our preacher and Clayton to the young folks meeting. Mrs Stuart came home with them. Harlan & Homer at the Eppsworth league at Selma. This after noon Bible reading and catechism – the painter read with us 1st book of Timothy.

15th Aug Monday. A beautiful day. Harlan at John Thomas’s at the machine. Homer at Corrys – Clara took our new found friend G. C. Gohan to town and Aunt Bell gave the money and Blanch and Mary Bell went with him to the train and bought his ticket to Cincinnati. Uncle Joe came out with Clara. This afternoon Mr Mc took Mrs Stuart back to Springfield – we had a nice visit from her. Our painter at the shutters to day. I have accomplished but little to day. I put the curtain up for my dresses. We rec’d a letter from Fred. Clayton at C- this P.M. at the shop. Jason at the work around home. Clara took her lesson at Mary Orrs to day. Harlan nor Homer did not get home until after night – nether did Mr Mc . Mrs John McClain burried yesterday.

16th Aug. Tuesday. A nice day. Uncle Joe ad Harlan and Homer getting ready for the thrashing & Gideon. The painter at the blinds. Jas Boyd here to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia – Frank and Clara and I busy. This afternoon Clara and Clayton & Paul at town. This eve Homer at C- and Uncle Silas’s. Harlan at Selma.

17 Aug. Wed. A beautiful day. The men finished the foundation of shed to be covered with straw. Walter Murdock and Boyd here to dinner. The painter began work in the parlor this morning – Uncle Joe at C- Fosters from Selma here with their machine this afternoon by working faithfully they finished the oats at dark – Frank and Clara and I very busy – We had, I suppose, sixteen men for supper – Everything passed of well.

18th Aug. Thurs. A beautiful day. Harlan and Homer away from early this morning until late at night at the Xenia fair. Mr Mc and Jason at Selma this morning. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. he met Mr George Harper in the Bank – Clayton took Frank to Clifton this morning and she came back

to Cedarville with him to take the train for Middletown – Clayton took dinner at grandmothers – This eve he and Gideon took a load of oats to Andrews. Uncle Joe gathered corn for [illegible]. I have been busy all day until late at night. Aunt Bell and Mary Glenville and the children called this eve. Mary expects to go to the nursing school to Chicago in a week. The painter on the sick list. Clara helping all day with the work. Paul around.

19" Aug Friday. A nice shower last night – Homer and Gideon working on the sheep – This afternoon Harlan at McClains at the thrashing. This morning Jason and the painter at C- about their paints – This P.M. Uncle Joe there – Homer driving sheep in the direction of Selma – Clara and finished putting up corn this eve –

20" Aug. Sat. Most a lovely day. Clara at C- to meet Mr J. C. but he failed to come – She stopped at Mary Orrs and took her elocution lesson. Harlan away all day [illegible] at the thrashing. This afternoon Mr Mc Homer & Uncle Joe, Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul and I attended the reception given by the good people of Cedarville to our candidate for vice President The Hon Whitelaw Reid. The meeting was held in the [illegible] of the late James Dunlap. Quite a large concourse of people from the village – the surrounding country & cities and towns around. Whitelaw was kindly rec'd and made a good impression Homers horse got away from where it was hitched – and was caught by [illegible] Morton [?] The painter kept house for us – Homer at Selma to night again.

21" Aug. Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School & Church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Whitelaw Reid & wife and Maggie White among the audience. Mr Mortons text. Therefore thus saith the Lord God. Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste." This Eve the painter came up stairs to the porch and read with us in our Bible reading. This Eve Harlan and Homer at Selma.

22" Aug. Monday Most a beautiful day Mr Flanagan here in time for breakfast he came to C- last night – he went back to the early train. This morning Harlan and Clayton at the thrasher at Dick Townsleys – there most of the day and at Crites [?] this eve. Homer and Gideon at the sheep all day. Mr Mc around home. The painter varnishing in the parlor – Jason and Paul around. Clara at the work prepared the dinner while I drove out to Aunt Marion Reids to see Whitelaw. I also called to see Mrs Haley – stopped at grandmothers for dinner and Aunt Mary came out with me. This afternoon Aunt Jennette and Mrs Williams came they were here for tea – Uncle Joe here this eve – he went to Cincinnati Sat eve – Uncle Joe took Aunt Mary home – Clara went down and went with her to the organization of the Prohibition Club – Harlan and Homer at Selma this eve.

23" Aug. Tues. The painter varnishing the parlor furniture. Uncle Joe at the gravel pit – Gideon and Homer at the sheep. Harlan and Clayton at Crites [?] at the thrashing. This afternoon Clara at C- to take her elocution lesson at Mary Orrs. This eve Homer at Selma on an errand.

24 Aug. Wed. Quite a nice day a light shower this eve. Uncle Joe & Harlan at the gravel pit & roads. The painter finishing up his work. This morning I was at C- a little while – home in time for dinner. Clara had it about ready. This afternoon we put the house in order and this eve Clara went to C- and brought Jennie Morton out. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at Corries all afternoon. We rec'd a letter from Fannie – Lizzie Murdock and Della Scott [?] left there on Monday. Mr McKenzie and Fannie and Donald go to Salem this week to make a visit. We rec'd a letter from Fred he is going right along at his business.

25" Aug. Thurs. Rain last night and damp to day This morning our Old painter Louis N. Floyd told us all good bye and he went with Mr Mc to C- to the train. He came to us the 18 of July and he has certainly been more than we could have asked him to be in point of faithfulness kindness and cheerfulness. His work will speak for him now that he has gone. Alvie Orr called here this morning. Jennie Morton went down with Mr Mc to take her music lesson. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the road work. Homer looking after the sheep. Mr Mc around. I have been very busy ironing. Clayton Jason and Paul around. This Eve Homer took me to see Miss Roadarmer – Clara at the work.

26" Aug Friday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Homer and I left Clara and Jennie Morton in charge of things and we went up to Springfield to fit Homer out for College – and Clara for school. I took tea as Mrs Stuarts and Mr Mc and Homer had tea there too. When we came home we found all well. The report is that Frank has ran off and got married – what will become of us. Our painter who left us yesterday has come back to night highly [illegible]. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit. Will Mc there too – he was here to dinner and supper. Harlan at Selma to night.

27" Aug. Sat. A beautiful day. Clara and I very busy. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit. Homer at the sheep. Clayton not very well. Mr Joshua Shi[?] here to dinner. The painter with us. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara & Clayton at the Bible Society at the M. E. Church – Jennie Morton went down home with them. The Baptist minister, Rev Redinar, preached. The meeting not very well attended. Mr Mc began his five dollar plan of giving to day again. This eve Uncle Joe rode down with Will Mc. Homer at Selma at the M. E. choir meeting. I have been busy all day and till late to night.

28" Aug. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and at church Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Behold I send the promise of my father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." No matter what the work we are called to perform for our selves or for the welfare

and spiritual upbuilding of others we are powerless and helpless without the help of Gods holy spirit. It is the spirit that maketh us alive and helps us forward. After preaching Clara went to Aunt Janes and came back with the boys from the young folks meeting. She and the boys were also at the hall at four Oclock to hear Rev McHatton of Chicago. This afternoon the painter read with Clayton and Jason and me several chaps in Hebrews. I heard the questions.

29" Aug. Monday Quite a nice day. Uncle Joe came out this morning. Our painter with us. Harlan at the gravel hauling. Homer at the sheep. Clayton & Homer took sheep up by Selma this P.M. returned near dark bringing Miss Roadarmer with them. Alvie Orr called at the latest hour and he and Homer spending the eve at Selma. Harlan at C- Mr Mc around all day. Mr Edd Corry here – Clara and I very busy all day Paul very busy too.

30" Aug. Tues. The painter here on the sick list with his hand. Mr Mc and Homer left at noon for Springfield to complete Homers College outfit. Homer at Selma for girl this morning but failed to get her – Miss Roadarmer busy all day sewing. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- I went down awhile and he came back with me. Mr Palmer Balderige came this eve while I was away. Clara prepared tea and waited on him and Miss Roadarmer. I am not feeling very well – it is so cool – almost like frost. Harlan and Balderige at Selma to night. Mr Mc and Homer reached home after dark.

31" Aug. Wed. Quite a nice day. Miss Roadarmer and Mr Balderage with us – Homer and Balderage at C- this A.M. – back in time for dinner Uncle Joe at C- for a girl but she did not come. I pity Clara for I have a terrible fight to keep out of bed. Uncle Joe at the roads – Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Harlan Homer and Balderage went with the Selma crowd to the Y. Springs to the Neff [?] grounds to a picnic. Alvie Orr in the company. Clayton & Jason entertaining Frank Orr to day – he walked down home this Eve.

September 1892

1" Sept. Thurs. Cloudy most of the day. Uncle Joe at C- for a woman that promised to come – but she came not. Clara and I hard at it – Miss Roadarmer with us. Mr Mc Harlan Clayton and Jason left this morning for the Springfield fair. Homer and Gidieon looking after things – Homer at C- this eve – The folks came back after dark – it is quite cool – and clear – Clayton and Jason very tired but happy. Gidieon here to dinner.

2" Sept. Friday. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc Homer Clara Clayton and Jason left for the Springfield fair this morning. Gidieon left at an early hour with a load of straw for Springfield market. Uncle Joe at his supervisor work. Harlan around. Miss Roadarmer up stairs all day at her sewing. Paul around. The painter still on the sick list. I have put in a full day at the house keeping. Uncle Joe at C- this eve brought out a letter from Fred and also from Fannie. Fannie is still at Salem – visiting. Fred rushing his business his printing office. The folks did not get

back until after dark when they all sat down to supper. Happy Jack at the school house to night given an entertainment.

3rd Sept. Sat. Quite a nice day all up at an early hour. I went to C- on a hasty trip this morning – Harlan around he and Uncle Joe at the Cemmetery [sic] most of the day. Clayton went with me to town this morning and he stayed at Aunt Janes to dinner and came up with Will Mc this afternoon and took the buggy down to town for Uncle Joe to go after Mary Caldwell to Xenia – She came home this eve from her western trip – Uncle Dan came from Kansas City last night – This Eve Aunt Bell and the children came up to call awhile to see Miss Roadarmer and tell Clara good bye – There is no end to what we have to do – Harlan at C- Homer took Miss Roadarmer home – Father looking after pigs that were killed on the rail road. What a busy week we have had.

4th Sept. Sabbath – All up in good time – Harlan Homer Clara VClayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and Paul and I at church – Rev John Rindal preached – text “Ye also a lively stones are built up a spiritual house.” The carpenter here – This eve our Bible lesson. Harlan and Homer at the young folks meeting at C- and at Selma at a later hour as this is Homers good bye.

5th Sept. Monday. Mr Mc at Xenia meeting the commissioners. Harlan began plowing Gidieon around. Homer around till noon when Walter Murdock called and took him around in his buggy to tell the folks good bye. Harlan left after dinner with Clara for School in Springfield – they went past Selma Clayton where Gidieon was working on the fence. I left Paul with Jason and the painter and then I made a hasty trip to town – sat down with grandmother and Aunt Mary for tea – Uncle Joe came out home with me – we called at Mrs Hickmans and her girl came out with us. I helped Homer pack his trunk to night – he leaves for Monmouth College in the morning. For years I have longed and planned and hoped that he might have the advantage of a college education – Now I do hope that he will be so kept – helped and animated with this spirit that he will never stop short of getting the very best that can be obtained. It is now near midnight – there were so many things to be thought of – but I must rest.

6th Sept. Tuesday. A beautiful day and a lovely evening. When I came to write this date it reminds me that on this day in 1886 Fannie left for Monmouth College – and on the same day the year following she again left for the same place and then it was the first week in September that I helped to pack Freds trunk for two successive years – and now to day Homer left us – Father took him to Xenia to the nine Oclock express – quite a crowd left – among the number Howard Bratton. We all felt sorry to have him go away – for to [the?] boy it means a great deal – and it means a great deal to father and to mother as well – but we hope for the blessed out come as result of his going – we look a way yonder and hope for the best. Mr Mc did not get back until this P.M. This morning Uncle Joe and Clayton Jason and Paul and the painter took a drive to the village and Aunt Mary came home with them and helped me with the grapes

Harlan plowing. Gid around. This eve Uncle Joe took Aunt Mary and Lizzie Hickman down home. The Prohibition club is giving an entertainment this eve but I am too tired to go.

7" Sept. Wed. Mr Mc has taken up his burden without Homers help – Harlan plowing Gideon and Clayton at Kyles at the machine all day. Jason went over and took Claytons place for an hour this P.M. Mr Mc at Selma this eve. Uncle Joe at C- Lizzie H- here to day. I have been busy all day long – The painter white washed the meat house to day. This eve Harlan at Selma.

8" Sept. Thurs. Quite a nice day. Harlan plowing Mr Mc and Gideon working at a fence. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. brought a letter from Homer – he reached Monmouth at half past ten Tuesday eve – Fred and Proff McMillan a the train. Lizzie Hickman helping me put the house in order. Harlan at Selma this eve – he and company passed down to the entertainment at the Opera house.

9" Sept. Friday. A beautiful day Mr Mc around all day. This eve he went to Selma – Clayton at town this morning – Lizzie Hickman went home to be away until next week. Aunt Jane came up with Clayton and Uncle Joe took her home this eve. Mr Balderage called – he and Harlan at Selma. Mr B- will be with us to night – Clayton and Jason and Paul around. Harlan began his work on the out buildings to day – beginning at the scale house.

10" Sept. Sat. A beautiful day. Harlan plowing Gideon cutting corn – His father and brother with them now. This afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia. Clayton and Jason at C- this evening Gideon took Uncle Joe down home – I have been busy all day long as usual. The painter at his work.

11" Sept. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church – Mr Mortons text Acts [blank space] chap and [blank space] verse. Mr Whitelaw Reid at church to day. This afternoon catechism and Bible reading. The painter read with us. Harlan at the Young folks meeting.

12" Sept. Monday. Mr Mc around all day. Harlan at work plowing. This afternoon Wm Mc here looking over accts Dave Mc called. Clayton and Jason at C- this afternoon and brought Uncle Joe out. It came up quite a little shower. I have been at the work alone to day again.

13 Sept. Tuesday. Heavy rain last night and to day again. Work suspended. The painter around. This A.M. Mr Mc and Harlan at C- This afternoon Harlan at Springfield. Uncle Joe around looking after a girl. Our School opened to day Lulu Smith teaching. Jason started this afternoon – Lulu Taylor Miller moved to our new home at Fairfield to day from Gidieons at the tenant house.

14" Sept. Wed. Gloom & sunshine alternately to day. Harlan took Mr Mc to Selma to the train for the State fair this morning and met him at C- this again. Harlan has been busy plowing all

afternoon. Gidieons folks at the corn cutting. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. and to Clifton this P.M. I left Paul with Clayton this afternoon and went to C- a little while to see Grandmother. Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell at Xenia – and Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt at Aunt Jennettes with Uncle Dan. Jason at School.

15" Sept. Thurs. More pleasant to day - the painter made another beginning at the pump house painting it. Jason at School – Harlan and Gidieon plowing – Clayton went out to help them this afternoon. Walter Murdock called when passing this eve to Mr Stretchers vineyard – Jason went with him. We rec'd a letter from Fred the publishing house of Springfield has made him an offer – Fred got started back to College Monday and hope he will not be tempted to leave it or his work in Monmouth. Homer sent us a letter too – he has a roommate M. W. Lorimer from Clearfield Iowa – We also rec'd a letter from MacKenzie and Fannie they are entertaining friends from Brooklin this week. Harlan at Gidieons looking over accts this Eve – Miss Satterfield called this P.M.

16" Sept. Friday. Harlan and Clayton finished plowing at noon – Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. The painter at the pump house – He just got a start yesterday – this is his first full day at the work – And the beginning of his work. Jason at School. Paul around. I am here alone at the work – and there is no end to it – it is laying all around me. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton at Springfield expecting to bring Clara & Della S- but it was not convenient for Della so Clara came alone. Clayton very much excited over [illegible] when he came. Harlan at Selma to night. Mrs Stuart not home yet.

17" Sept Sat. A beautiful day. Mr Mc on the sick list. Harlan and Clayton helping wheat sowing. Jason around. Clara helping me with the work. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. with oats. Paul around – the painter at his work. Harlan took Uncle Joe home – Balderage passed up this eve. I done the ironing this P.M.

18" Sept. Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc not feeling well he and the painter at home. Paul and I went to church alone. Mr Mortons text "Ye, have dwelt long enough I this mount – go in and possess [sic] the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers" – This afternoon I heard Clayton and Jasons Psalms and catechisms The painter read with us the three 1st chapters of 1" Peter. Harlan and Clara at the Young folks meeting and at the U. P. Church.

19" Sept Monday . A nice day Aunt Bell her at an early hour and went with Mr Mc to Springfield when he took Clara back to School. He reached home at three Oclock. I have certainly had a busy day. Uncle Joe came out this afternoon and took the clothes down this morning. Harlan and Clayton at the wheat sowing Gidieon and his crowd at the corn. Jason at School. This eve Cousin Hugh McMillan and son called. Harlan rec'd a letter from Cleveland has

an offer of a situation in a Publishing house there. James Carson has also sent him an offer of a situation in his whole sale grocery in Springfield – which he will accept.

20th Sept. Tues. A nice day I went to see a woman in C- this morning but failed – the way seems very dark – [illegible] car of coal came yesterday eve. Harlan and Gidieon hauling it home to day. Uncle Joe around – the painter at the corn crib yesterday and to day has begun on the barn across the way. Mr Mc and Paul down the road at Piggs – Jason there yesterday eve – Clayton there this morning. This afternoon Clayton and his father at Corries or at Cains near Selma – ddi not get home till dark.

21st Sept. Wed. A beautiful day. All up early – and late too. Harlan and Clayton at the wheat sowing. Gidieon and his crowd at the corn cutting – Boyd here yesterday he and Jason had a trade – Uncle Joe around all day. Paul around too. Jason at School. Uncle Joe at C- this forenoon – This afternoon Mr Mc at Corries – came home by Clifton but Frank was not able to come – perhaps she will come tomorrow. This Eve Harlan & [illegible] Balderage making a little call around town.

22nd Sept. Thurs. All up at an early hour – I left a little after seven for X- At C- we changed things a little and I went with Aunt Bell – Mary and Matt in Ervins Surrie – we attended the Annual W. C. T. County Convention which met at the 1st U. P. Church – Quite goodly members there – Aunt Mary was elected President to day for the 2nd term – and Matt rec^d Sec. I called to see Crissie at Nellies to day. We had quite a nice meeting indeed – we did not reach C- till dark. I stopped long enough to take tea Aunt Bells – Blanch came home with me – Harlan had an errand to C- and Blanch went back with him. Uncle Joe at Clifton for Frank but she was too sick to come. This afternoon Jason and Paul went with their father to Aunt Jennettes – Jason was at School. Clayton Harlan Busy. [Illegible] kept house to day. The painter finished the barn.

23rd Sept. Friday. A nice day. Harlan finished the wheat sowing at noon – Gidieon at the corn cutting with his folks. Mrs Mitchel called and rode with Uncle Joe to C- Mr Mc around home. This eve Harlan and Mr Balderage at Selma – Mr B- stopped with us to night. I finished the ironing The painter busy. Clayton at C- early this morning. Uncle Joe at McDills mill this afternoon.

24th Sept. Sat. A beautiful day. I have been busy from early morning until late to night and then I am not through with my work. Jason took Mr Balderage home – and Aunt Jane came back with him. Clayton busy rolling the wheat in. Gidieon took Uncle Joe and Aunt Jane home. Harlan at Springfield to look out for a room and to see Mr Carson he went up this afternoon – and got home again a little after dark. He called to see Mrs S- and Clara.

25th Sept. Sabbath. A lovely day. Harlan Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church – Mr Mortons text – “shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or

the careful [?] captive delivered; But thus saith the Lord. Even the Captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee and I will save thy children." What a wonderful and a gracious promise in these words I will contend with him that contendeth with thee and will save thy children. What have we to fear with such a deliver and a redeemer. Let us carry our burdens – our sins and lay them at his feet. Let us come and abide there also. This afternoon spent with the children. This eve Harlan at C- at [blank space] church – we had quite a nice shower. He stopped in at grandmother Murdocks.

26" Sept Monday. All up at an early hour – After a very busy morning and after an early dinner Harlan told us all good bye and Mr Mc left with him for his new place and work in Mr James Carsons wholesale grocery in Springfield. He will room for the present at Mrs Stuarts and take his meals up in town. This will be a new life for Harlan but wheather [sic] long or short may we not hope that it may end successfully. The painter finishing off the barn across the way. At five this eve after Jason came from School Uncle Joe and Paul and I at C- Paul and I went to tell grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary and Bell good bye – They go at five in the morning to Uncle Johns at Bloomington to attend Lizzies wedding – which is to take place next week. Clayton finished rolling the wheat and assisted Gidieon with bringing in corn – they had their suppers over and the work finished when we came back – Mr Mc home after dark too.

27" Sept. Tuesday. Quite a beautiful day. The painter began working on the old barn this morning Jason at School – Clayton made a start to – but I am almost sorry for I know he will be at home tomorrow and the rest of the week. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home all day. Gidieon busy.

28" Sept. Wed. A nice day. Uncle Joe at C- and brought a letter out from Homer – he says potatoes are a dollar a bushel in Monmouth and Apples two dollars. This P.M. Clayton and Mr Mc at Seth Smiths looking for the stock that is out. This eve Uncle Joe at C- Jason at School. The painter at the old barn. Paul around all day. Mr Ansley here this P.M.

29" Sept. Thurs. A lovely day. Gidieon and Uncle Joe at the husking – Jason at School. Clayton went with Mr Mc and they called at Mr Hollaways and found the missing stock there. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- for more lime. Mr Mc and Clayton at the Springs. Frank came home with them. This is a beautiful evening. Jack Stretcher here and made us a strange sad call – "Death is the wages of Sin" – "if the light that be in thee is darkness how great is that darkness."

30" Sept. Friday. A lovely day. Aunt Jane here to day. The painter at his work. Jason at School. Mr Mc around home – and Paul. Uncle Joe and Gidieon busy. Frank here to day on her visit. This eve Mr Mc at C- and out at Silas's. He and Mollie have gone to the old Anderson [?] home near to Dayton. Frank with us to night – Aunt Jane went back this eve.

October 1892

1" Oct. Sat. A little gloomy part of the time. The painter putting the wool house in readiness for painting. Mr Mc and Paul here and there all forenoon. Clayton took Frank home this morning—Jason helping me with the work. This afternoon he and Uncle Joe at C- they expected to raise Mrs Whitelaw Reids Flag – but failed to gather a crowd. Clayton and Gideon bringing in potatoes.

2" Oct. Sabb. Most a beautiful day. Our numbers small this morning. Clayton and Jason drove out alone to Sabbath School and to church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church – Mr Mortons text “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” This eve the painter read with Clayton and Jason and I the three last chaps of 1" Peter. I heard their Psalms and catechism.

3" Oct. Monday A beautiful day. Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out Paul and Mr Mc at John Thomas's and around. Jason at School. Mr Sam Howel called he is making arrangements for a Prohibition meeting at Selma church – The painter began on the wool house this morning. This eve Mr Mc and I at the hall – to hear Rev Buchanan's Prohibition speech. Clayton and Jason put things to right in kitchen and vicinity and they had Paul in their bed up stairs and all sound asleep when we came home.

4" Oct. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Uncle Silas here and went with Mr Mc to London Sale – Jason at School. Clayton out with Uncle Joe and Gideon at the potatoes – Jason at School. This morning Paul and I at Courtsville. This eve Clayton and Paul and I there again. Mr Mc and Uncle Silas came in and had supper when they came back – Jason had the kitchen and dining room work all done up nicely. Uncle Joe and the painter visiting. Mr Seth Smiths barn burned down this eve – Mr Mc and Silas took dinner at Mitchells – and called at Mrs Phippers in the eve.

5" Oct. Wednesday. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe and Gideon and Clayton around at the work. Mrs Jas Townsley called this morning. Jason at School The painter at the wool house – This afternoon Mr Mc and I at the congregational prayer meeting – After the meeting we were around town a little while. Paul at home with Uncle Joe. It is cool – we are around the fire to night. Clayton took a load of wood to Aunt Janes – and brought a load of lumber from Jacksons. As we came home I called to see Mrs Harsman.

6" Oct. Thurs. Another bright day. Uncle and Joe and Gideon putting the new plank on the front of the old barn – The painter at the wool house. Mr Mc across at Dim Collins this P.M. Jason at School. Paul and Clayton around. This was the day of the late Mr Newton Townsleys Sale – Mr Ainsley & co. here to see Mr Mc this afternoon. This eve Uncle Joe & Clayton at the

office – They rec'd Lizzie Murdock's announcement cards. She and Frank Reid were married yesterday morning at her home in Bloomington Ind.

Oct 7" Friday. Preaching at our church previous to our communion – Clayton went over to Clifton after Frank but she failed to come. Uncle Joe and Gideon and the painter around – Jason at home with Paul – he and Uncle Joe got the dinner – Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church – Rev Mr Blair of Idaville preached text "We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said I will give it you; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel" This day I have kept sacredly. I have not been feeling well all evening – Clayton and Jason helping with the work.

Oct. 8" Sat. Quite cool blustery day Clayton left for Clifton at an early hour and brought Frank over. We have had a busy forenoon. The painter at the wool house – Uncle Joe and Gideon finishing putting the plank on the wool house. This afternoon Clayton at home helping Frank to care of Paul. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Jason and I at church – Rev Blairs text "If ye be risen with Christ seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." The union between Christ and his people is close. Whatever Christ has accomplished it is for his people. After preaching Mr Mc went over to Springfield for Harlan and Clara – he had a very disagreeable cold damp ride over – they did not reach home until ten. Jason and I came from church alone.

Oct 9" Sabbath. Cool and cloudy. Our communion Sabbath. The painter here – Clayton at home with Frank and Paul. Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church also. Rev Blairs text "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." This afternoon the Communion Services. At seven this eve preaching again. Mr Blairs text or subject The preservation of the three children who were cast into the burning fiery furnace – "None so safe as those who put their trust in God" "because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Mr Mc and Harlan Clayton and Jason and I at church – Harlan also attended the U. P.s young folks meeting this Eve. Clara at home with Frank and Paul and the painter. It is quite cool this eve.

10" Oct. Monday. A beautiful day. Harlan and Clara started back to Springfield at an early hour this morning. Dave Mc drove them up – they reached S- before nine O'clock – Frank went over to Clifton home with them and came back with Dave when he came back this afternoon. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Blair's text Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Let us remember that Christ intercedes for – Jason at School. Clayton at home with the Painter and kept Paul – Uncle Joe came this eve. At the hall Mr Mc and I heard a Kansas lady speak on Prohibition to night.

11 Oct. Tues. A beautiful day. Jason at School – Uncle Joe and Gideon and Clayton busy. Near noon Mr Mc went by way of Uncle Silas's to Xenia – Silas went with him. I have been busy to

day. Frank in bed most of this time. Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- this eve – Lizzie Kyle and Sam Rainey married to day. The painter at the wool house. Mr Riley Stormont made his first call on his rounds do day. I called at Mrs H- S-

12" Oct Wed. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe at [illegible] this morning for tomatoes – The painter at the wool house – John Bromegan painting John Ms carriage – and is boarding with us to day and is here to night. Frank in bed some of the time Mr Mc around home most of the time. Jason at School. This eve Mr Mc and I at the friends church at Selma Rev Henderson spoke on Prohibition and made a grand speech.

13" Oct Thurs. A lovely day. John B- did not stay last night as I supposed but went home and came back this morning. and is with us until after tea this eve when he went down to town with Uncle Joe. Jason at School to day. The painter finished off the wool house and began on the old barn this afternoon. Clayton at C- this morning – and this after noon he and Mr Mc at Joe Stuarts sale. I have been canning tomatoes to day. Frank helping what she could. Uncle Joe at C. this eve.

14" Oct Friday A beautiful day Gidieon and Clayton at Mitchels at the machine. Uncle Joe at Selma. The painter at the barn. Jason at School. I finished the tomatoes—have up eighty or so quarts. This afternoon Rose McMillan and baby daughter, Nellie, and Etta McMillan and baby son Waldo called. We finished the ironing – Mitchel Collins here for [illegible] one of the days this week. John Bromegan here to dinner again. This eve all around home.

15" Oct. Sat. A nice day. The machine here to be ready for Monday. Uncle Joe at Selma this morning – Mr Mc around here and there all day. Frank and I busy. Clayton and Jason around home – Gidieon around. This Eve he took Uncle Joe down home – The painter making progress on the old barn.

16" Oct. Sabb. A beautiful day. Jason at home with Frank and Paul The painter around. Clayton at Sabbath School alone – Mr Mc and I at preaching. Mr Morton's text "I have made a covenant with my chosen." Subject – The stability of the covenant of grace. We had the catechism and Bible reading – the painter read with us. He read the 2 book of Peter through.

17" Oct Monday. Truly a beautiful day. All up at an early hour. Fosters Machine from Selma moved in on Saturday – ready to begin here this morning. Four of the machines men here to breakfast – Sixteen of the men here to dinner – and a few for supper – they finished about five had three hundred and twenty bushels of wheat – wheat is worth sixty five a bushel. Mr J. C. McMillan came up on the morning train and bro Daniel brought him out to make his weekly visit. The painter at C- this morning to bring Uncle Joe out. Jason at home helping Frank and me – Clayton helping us this evening.

18 Oct. Tuesday. Another bright day. Mr Moses Hagler here for dinner – The painter finishing off the old barn. Gideon & Uncle Joe and Clayton around. Mr J. C. with us. Frank and I busy. This Eve Mr Mc and I at the hall at a Prohibition meeting Rev Middleton of Y. Springs addressed the meeting. The Glee club from Xenia there.

19 Oct Wed. A shower last night Quite a bright day. The painter and Clayton at C- this morning. After they came home Clayton took me down. I called at Orrs gate to see Riley L- [?] he came from the Seminary at Allegahny [sic] this morning to be present at Mary Orrs and Rev Hutchisons wedding this afternoon – he goes back tomorrow eve – we were back home again at noon – Mr J. C. with us but is on the sick list Uncle Joe and Gideon around. Mr Mc up the pike and down the pike at [Blank space] this afternoon. Clayton went with him. Uncle Joe at C- this eve – I finished the ironing. Jason at School.

20" Oct. Thurs. A gloomy day. Mr J. C. here. He visited Jasons School this afternoon and heard their exercises. This was [Blank space] day in the Schools. Clayton left for Springfield near noon to bring Clara and Della Scott down – he returns with them a little after dark. Mr Mc at Granells mill and at John Harbisons sale to day. Uncle Joe and Gideon at the buck wheat. Frank and I made our Quince and Apple butter do day. Aunt Jennette and Matt called this P.M. It is very cloudy and chilly this Evening. Mr Mc home at dark. The painter repainting the scale house.

21" Oct Friday. Gloomy – Clara took Mr J. C. to town this morning. Uncle Joe and Gideon around – Jason at School. Mr Mc and Clayton at Nelson Reids sale. This is Columbian Day in the Schools and Mr J. C. visited our School to day instead of yesterday. This Eve Della and I at C- Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell and Fern came in on the five Oclock train from their visit to Indiana. Della and I called there a few minutes after they came – we made but a brief stay. Della and I were at the depot to get our painter Louis Floyds package.

22" Oct. Saturday. Chilly and cloudy. Mr J. C. with us – but is feeling very badly to day. Uncle Joe and Gideon and Clayton and Jason around. Mr Mc looking after things to day. Paul around with him as usual. Della helping Clara with her aprons. Frank at the work – I have been at the tomato butter. All of us crowded in the kitchen. This afternoon Uncle Joe helped me with it and Della and Clara and Frank went to town awhile to see the folks – The painter began painting the fence this morning. This Eve Uncle Joe went down with Gideon to town.

23" Oct. Sabb. A cool gloomy day. Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast keep the good wine until now." This text shows the difference between the entertainment which the world gives and those that Christ gives. The entertainments which the world gives diminishes in value and sweetness all the time – while those that Christ gives grows sweeter and better all the time – and this sweetness and blessedness extends into eternity and is as lasting as eternity. Mr J. C. McMillan

went with us to church – Della and Frank and the painter at home. Jason at home with Clayton. This afternoon Della and Frank over at Clifton and this Eve they went with Jas Till to church – Mr Mc and I at the old side church this eve – had a sermon by Rev Mr Smith text “ In my fathers house are many mansions.” His sermon perfectly grand and inspiring.

24” Oct. Monday. An Autumn day. cool – cloudy most of the time – At an early hour Clayton left for Springfield with Clara and Della – I took Mr J. C. McMillan to the eleven Oclock train. He has put in a sick week with us and quite sick all night and this morning. Uncle Joe came back home with me – reached here in time for dinner. Clayton came back this afternoon – he took dinner and was nicely entertained at Mrs Stuarts – he was too proud to ask to put in his horse at the [illegible] stable and felt too poor to go to the livery stable and therefore stopped and feed his horse by the road side when he came out of Springfield – there is nothing like a little pride and independence in the building up of a boys character – Uncle Dan called this P.M. Frank at the work – The painter at the fence. Mr Mc at Carses [?] this afternoon – This eve Uncle Joe at Clayton at town –took the clothes to Mrs Ps

25” Oct Tues. A chilly cloudy day. The painter going on nicely with his fence. A german with us last night. Uncle Joe and Gidieon at the Buck wheat. Mr Mc at Brocks sale. Aunt Bell and grandmother and Aunt Mary here spending the day. Neither grandmother or Aunt Mary are very well. Frank at her work. This P.M. Clayton at the office. Jason at School to day. I called at Mrs Hs this eve.

26” Oct. Wed. Cloudy & cold – Gidieon and Clayton at Galloways for potatoes – Uncle Joe around. The painter here – Frank at her work. Jason at School. Mr Mc and Paul and I at Aunt Jennetts. Mr Mc and Uncle Bigham at Jim Rainey's sale. We had a one Oclock lunch – and supper when they came from the sale. We had a pleasant day indeed. We rec'd a letter from Homer – Columbus day observed at the College – The students marched – one thousand in the procession. Fred was not well again with the pain in his side the day that he wrote.

27” Oct. Thursday. A very dreary day. The painter white washing down the pike on the fence. Gidieon & Uncle Joe and Clayton fixing a gate in the fence. Clayton at C- on an errand. Mr Mc feeding sick pigs all A.M. This afternoon was at the Hatfields sale. This Eve Uncle Joe spending the evening in C-

28” Oct Friday. Blowing hard all day & cold & cloudy. Jason at School. Near noon Mr Mc and Clayton at George Smiths for potatoes. Uncle Joe and Gidieon hauling gravel to make a road into the different gates. The painter on the pike at the white washing. Frank ironing. I have been busy all day making Chilla [?] sauce – We rec'd a postal from Fannie she and Donald & co home from their visit to Brooklyn.

29" Oct. Sat. A gloomy chilly day. Clayton at Charleston. Mr Mc Jason and Gidieon took 23 hogs to Selma to Mr Tindal at 5 cts – Uncle Joe at C- We rec'd a letter from Homer – Fred still in bed he has been there since Tuesday. This Eve Gidieon took Uncle Joe home.

30" Oct. Sabb. Gloomy to day again. The painter around. Clayton at home with Frank and Paul. Jason rode the pony to Sabbath School & church – Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text – If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Wisdom furnished – our needs supplied is the subject of the text. Sometimes amid the perplexities of life we realize our weakness and our lack of wisdom but this text teaches us where we may find wisdom and grace and spiritual power. We need wisdom to perform our individual – our social duties – we need wisdom in our Homes. Fathers and Mothers if any of you lack wisdom go to God – tarry in your closets in earnest importunate prayer until you receive power – and strength from unhigh. If we can touch our children and those around us with good and heavenly influences and aspirations we must receive that power from God. The secret of success of those who have succeeded in their families or in their business – they used what wisdom they had and then went to God for fresh supplies – The promise to those that comes to ask God is – "It shall be given him."

31" Oct. Monday. A beautiful Autumn day. Clayton at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out – We rec'd letters this morning from Fannie Fred Harlan and Clara. We rec'd a letter from Homer Saturday Eve. Fred thinks he will be able to resume his work again to day. One of the fine Jersey found very sick at the pasture at Bazels – Gidieon and Uncle Joe hauling gravel and rock to improve the gate ways around the farm. Mr and Mrs Morton by special invitation here and took dinner with us. Jason at School and came home to dinner Uncle Joe with us. Mr Mc with us most of the time. Clayton and Paul around home. The painter here nailing at something.

November 1892

1 Nov. Tues. Rain last night – and damp to day – dreary – The Jersey dead this morning. Mr Mc around home all day. Din Collins here this P.M. – Batts here with big wagon – a few of the stock hogs sick – two or three dead – Uncle Joe and Gidieon cleaned the cistern – This afternoon Clayton around with Mr Mc he was at C- this A.M. I left Paul with Frank and attended the monthly prayer meeting. I called to see Aunt Jane and Grandmother Murdock. Jason at School to day. Mr Mc and I at the hall this eve – hearing Rev Henderson of Enon on Prohibition. A grand speech.

2" Nov. Wed. Rain last night and damp – and raining this morning Mr Mc at John Thomas s sale. Clayton there too. Gid around. Jason at School – Frank at the work – The painter fixing the platform of the cistern. This P.M. Uncle Joe and I at C- I left Paul with Frank. The republicans holding forth in C- This was the day of their "walk around" Doan of Wilmington

spoke on the Steps of the Opera house this P.M. I called around to see the folks and took no notice of them. Grandmother Murdock not well these days This eve Uncle Joe and I called at Harshmans.

3rd Nov. Thurs. A gloomy day – not one ray of sunshine. Mr Mc around at the pastures and called around with some Dean at Dave Mcs. This morning I was at Mrs Harshmans – Gideon reported a new daughter there this morning. This afternoon I spent there – came home for tea – and took supper down to Mrs H- I have been carrying her meals to her to day. I then went and stayed until Gid came back with his mothers – did not get back til near eleven Uncle Joe and Frank at C- to night. Mr Mc and the painter here.

4th Nov Friday. Raining a little all day Near noon Clayton left in the Spring wagon for S- Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe and the painter here – Frank and I busy. Jason at School – This Eve Clara came home with Clayton – We were anxious to see her –

5 Nov Sat. Clear day. Jones from Clifton here at the sheep. Clara and Frank called at Harshman We have been busy all day. Mr Mc and Jason at Caries this P.M. and brought the sheep home from there. Frank went over to Clifton with Jones this eve to be gone until Monday. Clara helping me this eve.

6th Nov. Sabb. A nice day – No preaching at our church – Mr Morton at Cincinnati to day. All of us at home. Clayton at Sabbath School and the U. P. Church – We had dinner at one O'clock and lunch this eve – We had the catechism this eve -- & the painter; Clara Clayton Jason and I read the two last books of John Jude through. Mr Mc and Paul around the fire.

7th Nov. Monday. Rained last night and damp to day. Mr Mc took Clara up to Stuarts – to Springfield. He got her a new imported Navy blue cloak to day. He called to see Harlan at Mr Carsons. Mr Mc took dinner with [illegible] and Carson at their house Mr Mc reached home after dark – Jason at C- and brought Uncle Joe out – and did not get to School to day Clayton around home. This eve Jason took Paul and me on a hasty trip to C- we called to see Aunt Jane and grandmother Murdock. Frank did not get back this morning but came with Mr Mc this eve.

8th Nov. Tuesday. A beautiful day. This is the day of the Presidential election – Whitelaw Reid on the Rep ticket with Harrison for Vice Pres – This afternoon Mr Mc Clayton Uncle Joe and Gideon at the election Frank and I busy all day at the pumpkin butter and up to twelve O'clock to night – Uncle Joe stayed and came out with Gideon at a late hour. He says Cleveland, the democrats, are carrying everything before them. The painter at his painting on the pike.

9th Nov. Wed. Cole disagreeable day. It has snowed almost constantly – All up at a late hour this morning. Jason at School. Jones and his brother here at the sheep – The painter has got a fire in the wool house – and is working on the wool house windows. John Mitchels moved out

of Uncle Dans house this morning – and Clayton and Gideon helped Will Mcs move up through the Storm. Clayton took dinner at Uncle Dans. This eve rough and stormy – All of us around the fire. Jason at School Mr Mc at home all day.

10 Nov. Thurs. Moderated a little The painter fixing the screens in the wool house. Uncle Joe and Frank taking up and cleaning the dining room carpet and putting up the stove – Jason at School This afternoon Clayton at C- at the office. This Eve he went to C- again with Gideon. Will Mc called. Mr Mc around home all day.

11" Nov. Friday. A dreary cool day. Mr Mc and Clayton went past Williams at Uncle Bighams tenant house – and took dinner with Aunt Jennette and Uncle Bigham – and went to Paxtons in the afternoon -- Clayton drove the sheep home from there and Mr Mc called at Williams again as he came home. I left Paul with Frank and near noon I went to town to see grandmother. She is still in bed – She and Aunt Mary there alone – before I came home I called to see Aunt Jane. Paul got along nicely to day The painter at his screens – Uncle Joe and Gideon around.

12" Nov. Sat. Rather a mild day Clayton took Frank home this morning. She will go to Springfield to day and will be back Monday. Jason at C- with Will Mc this morning. This P.M. he went with his father to Cains to see the sheep, The painter around Clayton took Uncle Joe down late this P.M. All around the camp. Clayton and Jason washing the dishes. A man from off the pike here to supper.

12" [13] Nov. Sabb. Mr Mc and I at church. Clayton and Paul and the painter at home – Mr Mortons text "And now I say unto you refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye can not overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." This eve I heard the catechism – Clayton is to the fourth Commandment. Jason to the nineteenth – we must have more study – systematic study – we read the 1: 2: chaps of Rev this eve. Aunt Jane able to be at church to day again. A Pleasant day.

14" Nov Monday Cool and sprinkling rain this P.M. Jones here at the sheep & Dudley here at the husking – Frank came back with them this morning. She saw Clara in Springfield Saturday – Harlan got his finger mashed in the store – Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out. The painter white washed until noon. This afternoon he is fixing the [illegible] house Walter called Jason at school. This afternoon I left Clayton with Frank and went to town to see Grandmother Murdock – she is sick – does not seem to get well very fast – Mr Mc up at Bazels this afternoon and around. Very dark this eve – I called in to see Mrs H- as I came home.

15" Nov. Tuesday. Damp and mild. Dudley here at the corn husking The painter working on a gate – Uncle cleaning the yard. Jason at School. Clayton and Paul around. This afternoon Will Mc went with Mr Mc to Thomas's sale near Charleston – I left Paul to day again with Frank and

called to see old Mr Henderson at Jimmies. I went from there to town to see Grandmother Murdock – She was so very sleepy could not keep awake. Scarcely to speak to me – it was dark when I came home. Mr Mc returned from his trip near the same time.

16" Nov. Wed. Most a mild beautiful day. Mr Mc and Clayton took the sheep to Din Collins this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc went to Cris Siglers sale. Dudley from Clifton here at the husking – takes his meals here. Frank Carson that suffered with us Saturday night called & took dinner here to day. The painter at work on the pike Uncle Joe and Gidieon husking. Frank ironed for Mrs H- Jason at School – I have been busy all day. At four this eve I drove down to see Grandmother Murdock she seemed much better. Frank went over home with Dudley. [Blank space] with us to supper and with us to night.

17" Nov. Thurs. There has been a change in the weather. High wind all A.M. and rain towards evening. Our new man [Blank space] and Dudley at the corn husking. Frank came back this morning and ironed to day. Gidieon and Uncle Joe bringing in corn & putting the turnips away. This afternoon Mr Mc at the Wildman & Ginoe [?] sale – The painter working on the fence along the pike – Dudley here to night. Quite a dark disagreeable evening.

18" Nov. Friday. Blowing & cold. [Blank space] and Dudley at the husking. Gid and Uncle Joe bringing corn. The painter working on a gate by the stove in the wool house. Frank and I both busy. Uncle Joe at C- at mill – he reports Grandmother Murdock still continuing better – Jason at School Clayton sold forty [illegible] for #13.20 cts – He has twenty dollars in the Bank from his sales last year – Mr Mc around all day. Clayton with him – This eve Frank went over with Dudley to Clifton.

19" Nov. Saturday. Snowed right along this A.M. Dudley and Frank came back this morning – he was here until after dinner – too disagreeable to husk. The painter at the carpenter work in the wool house Frank busy. I have been getting the clothes ready for tomorrow. Walter and Ralph here to dinner with [Blank space] the painter and Dudley – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and our three boys – Uncle Joe went down with Walter this eve. Gidieon has been busy all day – too tired to go to C- for the mail. Mr Mc at Canadies.

20" Nov. Sabbath. Moderated. Clayton at Sabbath School. Jason at home with Paul and Frank. The painter and Jordan around. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that wherein you bestowed no labour; other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours." In this text we notice our indebtedness to the past and our duty in the present. Of every one it may be said that he began on the capital that he did not earn [sic]. The generation of to day begin where the one of yesterday left off [off]. We are the heirs of all the generations that have gone before us. In view of all the legacy and blessings which have been left us our duty is to apply all of this to the experience of the present. Take all that is good and noble in the heritage we have and apply it to the duties of the present. Each

generation as well as each individual has his or her work to do. May each of us awake to our great responsibility. This Eve we had catechism. The painter read with us in the beginning of the Revelation. Frank at C- to night.

Monday 21" Nov. Jason at C- for Uncle Joe. He did not go to School till noon. The painter doing odd jobs. Jordan and Dudley her to day at the husking Uncle Joe pulling turnips. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton at Cains for sheep Uncle Joe drove for me to town. Grandmother Murdock keeping better. Dudley here to night Jordan boards here and sleeps at Gidieons – Jason at School to day.

22" Nov. Tues. Cold and gloomy. Mr Mc has been away all day at the Bob Barber murder trial in X- Jason in School until recess this P.M. Gideon Uncle Joe and Clayton around at the work. The painter in the wool house. Dudley and Jordan at the husking.

23" Nov. Wed. A cold disagreeable day. The painter at his carpenter work in the wool house. Jordan at the husking Uncle Joe around. Paul at home with Frank Jason at School. Mr Mc at Xenia at the trial. Clayton and I went through the freezing cold to Springfield – took dinner and supper at Mrs Stuarts – At seven O'clock Harlan Clara and Maggie Stuart started home with Clayton and me to be here to spend Thanksgiving tomorrow. We came by way of Selma Harlan stopped off at Elders and rode down with Balderage – we did not get home until eleven O'clock – Mr Mc came from Xenia a long time before us.

24" Nov. Thurs Thanksgiving Day. We did not get to sleep until late last night and were late getting up this morning. We had so many hindrances that we could not get to church – but sent Harlan Clara Clayton Jason and Maggie Stuart – Uncle Joe went down home. Gidieon's invited Jordan the painter and Frank there to dinner. We locked up the house – and Mr Mc and Paul and I went to Grandmother Murdock's to meet with friends there and take our Thanksgiving dinner. Clayton and Jason and the rest of Mac Coopers Sabbath School class took dinner at Mr Mac Coopers and spent the afternoon there. Mr and Mrs Morton – Uncle Silas's family and Uncle Ervins family and Mr Mc Harlan Clara Paul and Maggie Stuart and Mr Balderage took dinner with grandmother and Aunt Mary. After dinner we all gathered in grandmothers room and sang the one hundred & thirty third Psalm and Mr Morton led us in prayer – the absent ones of our family were not forgotten. This Eve Harlan & Maggie S- went back to Springfield on the six O'clock train Aunt Mary gave them a nice lunch before starting. Mr Mc came home and sent Gid to the train with an over coat for Harlan. I have not been well to day and feel quite sick this eve. Frank has gone to a festival to night. Clara at the work. Another Thanksgiving day has come and gone – and thus the years are passing. Rev Vance the M. E. minister preached at our church to day. Fannie and Mr MacKenzie were here last year.

25" Nov. Friday. A gloomy cold day. The old painter tinkering in the wool house. Jordan husking. Gid at the feeding. Uncle Joe away since yesterday – came back this evening. Jason at

School. Clayton around. Frank and Clara busy. Paul around. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon – met Harper at the Bank. I went down with him and attended the free-will offering meeting at the church had quite a nice meeting – we raised something like 84 dollars. After meeting I called at Aunt Janes and at grandmothers. Quite a disagreeable night. Sleet and snow and cold. The old Dayton tree man called.

26th Nov. Sat. Moderated considerable – the ground white with sleet – Paul said look at the salt that is spilt on the ground – we asked him who did it – he said Jason. Uncle Joe at C- to send Homers draft. The old painter in wool house. Jordan at the wood cutting. Mr Mc around. Walter here to dinner – he was out with his [illegible] Clayton and Jason with him. This eve Uncle Joe went down home with Walter.

27th Nov. Sabb. A gloomy day. The ground covered with sleet. Clara and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and I at preaching. Clayton at home with Paul and Frank. The painter and Jordan around Mr Mortons text “But we all, with open face beholding as in a open glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” This afternoon Catechism. This eve Bible reading Miss Amelia Miller died last night.

28th Nov. Monday. Very gloomy & disagreeable – the ground covered with sleet. Mr Mc left with Clara for Springfield. Clayton went to C- for Uncle Joe – Jordan at the husking. The painter painted the rustic seats. This eve Clayton & Jordan at C- with the clothes – Mr Mc reached home after dark – he took dinner with Harlan at his boarding house – Some Stock men here from Brighton to look at sheep – Jason at School. Gidieon at the feeding.

29th Nov. Tuesday. A very dreary day – not quite so cold – Clayton started to School to day. Jason there too – near noon I went on an errand to C- took dinner with grandmother and Aunt Mary – while there – made a brief stay – Mr Mc at Xenia this afternoon. Mr and Mrs Sam Mitchel celebrating their golden wedding to day. Mr Mc home at dark – We made pumpkin butter assisted by Uncle Joe and the painter.

30th Nov. Wed. A nice day. Mr Mc Gidieon and Jas Boyd – Uncle Joe and Jordan and the painter here for dinner. The order of the day killing hogs – three very large ones the number. Frank busy. I have been in bed most of the day. Clayton and Jason at home. Paul around. This Eve Uncle Joe at C-.

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1st Dec Thurs. A nice day. Jordan attended to the lard. We easily finished the work this eve. Mr Mc around home – he was up at the pasture. This P.M. Mr [illegible] called. Clayton and Jason at School. After school this eve Clayton at C- Uncle Joe there this forenoon. Frank and I

busy. Paul has been on the go all day. Gideon her helping awhile to night – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe by the fire.

2nd Dec . Friday A beautiful day – Uncle Joe working on the culbert (culvert?) by Bates Mr Mc in bed until noon – but around at Thomas s this afternoon. Gideon hauling in corn – Jordan in the meat dept until noon then he went to setting a gate post. J. H. Mc called this A.M. Clayton and Jason at school. The old painter finished his fences and posts along the pike to day. Frank at her work – Paul out of the house and in the house and all around. For a change of scene I called to see Will Mcs at the old home of Uncle Dans. Waldo is nine months old. I met Mrs Lolo Townsley Tarbox there – This has certainly been a bright pleasant day.

3rd Dec. Sat. Pleasant. School running to day – but Clayton and Jason at home. On last night Clayton and Jason at an entertainment at the School house. Mr Mc there a little while but came back before it began. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. We rec'd a letter from Fannie Mr McKenzie has gone to Newark to help with a series of meetings for two weeks. We also rec'd letters from Fred and Homer – Fred is going on with his business in Monmouth and Homer with his work in College – Mr Mc around here & there all day. Gideon and Jordan sawing wood. The painter preparing turnips for market – This eve Jordan rook Uncle Joe home and wood to Aunt Janes. This is a bright evening.

4th Dec Sabbath. A bright day. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church alone. I stayed at home with Paul and Frank. The painter and Jordan around. This afternoon Catechism Clayton and Jason read aloud to me the church paper. This eve the painter took part in our Bible reading. Frank at church this eve. Mr Morton preached to day.

5th Dec. Monday. A bright day. All up at an early hour. Jordan at his husking Gid at his feeding The painter at the turnips in continuance. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton and Jason at School. This morning Paul and I took the clothes to Mrs P- and the buggy to Uncle Joe to come out home in and we spent the day at Grandmother Murdocks. Grandmother not feeling quite so well. Uncle Silas there putting the stable in order. Aunt Mary busy. We were there until after tea this eve when Clayton came after us. Frank taking care of things to day.

6th Dec. Tues. Damp & dreary. Rained a little most of the day. Clayton took Mr Mc to the eight Oclock train – he spent the day in London. Stopped with Mr John Mitchel took dinner there. Mr Mitchel not well. This was sale day. Clayton and Jason at School. This eve they met their father at the six Oclock train at Selma. Uncle Joe at C- this eve – Gideon and Jordan husking all day. The painter spent most of the day at Crites – Frank and I have been busy. Paul around.

7th Dec. Wed. Gloomy. Windy. Gideon & Jordan husking – Uncle Joe and the painter cleaning yard this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at School – Paul around home with Frank and the folks –

Mr Mc at C- at the Bank – At two O'clock I attended the Congregational prayer meeting – Mr Mc and I home in time for tea. Grandmother Murdock a little better.

8 Dec Thurs. A cold blustery day. Gideon hauling in corn and feeding. Uncle Joe and Jordan around. Clayton took cow to Aunt Mary – there for dinner. Jason at School. Paul around. Frank at her work. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at C- we called at E[?] Osbarns. Mr Mc at the Bank – This eve at home around the lamp. Gideon took wood to Aunt Jane.

painter at Crites yesterday and came back this eve. Mr Mc at Selma this eve – Clayton and Jason at School – Frank and I busy. Paul around. Mr Thops [?] Crawford called and Walter. This Eve Frank at C at a dance.

10" Dec. Sat. A very disagreeable day cold & blowing and snowing. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Jordan and Gideon all busy. Walter here and went with Clayton and Jason a hunting he was here to dinner. Paul around all day. Frank went over home through the storm. Gideon & Jordan took Uncle Joe home.

11" Dec. Sabb. Moderated. Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Jason at home with Paul. The painter and Jordan around the fire. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Go work to day in my vineyard." Subject of text. The Christian's duty. What is the field we are to work in? Our own souls – and the family and the church are all important fields – This afternoon spent with Clayton and Jason. To night the painter read with us several chaps in the book of Revelation.

12" Dec. Monday. Moderated – Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Jordan working on gates – Gideon hauling gravel – Frank came last night – at the work to day. Paul around. I took the washing to Mrs P- and called to see Grandmother Murdock – She was anxious for me to stay awhile – I waited until after dinner when Uncle Joe and I came home. The painter working on clock.

13" Dec. Tuesday. Rain & sleet last night and almost constant showers to day – It has been exceedingly dull & dreary. The painter, Lewe[?] around the fire Jordan out and in & doing chores most of the time Gideon at the sheep & feeding – Uncle Joe on the sick list with a weak back. Frank at her work – Paul around the fire – Clayton and Jason at School – I have been sewing most of the day. Mr Mc among the stock the live long day. This Eve all around the lamp.

14" Dec Wed. Moderated – very gloomy. Jordan at the husking – The old painter around. Uncle Joe here Frank at the work – taking care of Paul. Clayton and Jason at School. After an early dinner Mr Mc and I left for Xenia – I called at Nellie Halls and at Mrs John Ciscoes to see Crissie Woodie – She is to visit here at the holidays – we did not get home until after dark.

15" Dec. Thurs. Another gloomy day. Jordan at the corn – Gidieon at the feeding. The painter and Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc around all day and at the village this afternoon at the Bank. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around. I have been in bed all day. Mr R. F. Kerr here to ask me read an Essay at the Farmer alliance – which is to meet in the Opera house in C- in Feb.

16" Dec. Friday Moderated but gloomy – not one ray of sunshine. Lewes N. Floyd who came back to us the 26" of Aug and has been with us ever since painting barns & fences told us all good bye and he rode with Mr Mc as far as Cedarville. Mr Mc is at Springfield to day. Jordan husking Gidieon around. Frank busy. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Mr Mc did not get home until after dark – Harlan at his place at Carsons – Mr Mc took dinner with Clara at Mrs Stuarts.

17" Dec. Sat – Very gloomy to day again. Jordan husking. Uncle Joe around – Gidieon at work – Frank at her work – Clayton Jason and Paul around home. Mr Mc and I at C- we met Crissie M- there and took dinner at Grandmother Murdocks – this afternoon Aunt Mary & Bell went with her to "J. Ds" where she is organizing a class in Literature Crissie went back to X- on the six Oclock train. Uncle Joe took the buggy down and I came back alone this eve – Grandmother not feeling very bright to day. This Eve I called to see Lizzie G- & Aunt Janes. Frank at a little party at Thompsons to night.

18" Dec. Sabbath. A very gloomy day – winter – Jason went to Sabbath School alone. Mr Mc and I at church – Clayton at home with Paul and Frank – Jordan around. Mr Mortons text "But to do good and communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." We can do good and communicate by earnest prayer. We must get our earnest purpose and power and aspiration from God in prayer and through his power go out and impart it to others – We should first stop and impart it to our families. Teach them the way. Then shall we be able to teach others – God has put the power of prayer into our hands and wants us to use it – Prayer gives us moral power and spiritual power and the power of doing good and the power of communicating. If all the members of a family will pray for wisdom and love and grace and heavenly power and inspiration what a family we would have on earth. Another way of doing good is by direct personal effort. We must be energetic men and women – be up and doing. We must develop and cultivate our powers and share them with others – We must by our faith and devotedness and nearness to God receive so much of his Spirit as to be able to do this – The greatest example of goodness found is the history of the apostles – Each one of these consecrated to the master went out to work for the master in the masters name. Each one of us need to go out equipped in the same armour to bring in souls to Christ. If every individual would spend one hour each week in personal effort what could not be accomplished. We can do good and communicate by Christian giving – in liberality – and by living godly lives. If we are kind and patient and forbearing we are doing good – and commends the religion of Jesus. This afternoon we had the catechism and Clayton and Jason read the church paper aloud – in our

meeting. This eve we finished the New Testament in our Sabbath reading. We did not forget the painter, Lewis N. Floyd – he has been reading with every Sabbath evening while he was with us.

19" Dec. Monday. A cloudy cold day – Jordon putting in gate posts. Gidieon feeding. Clayton and Jason at School. Frank taking care of Paul and the house. Mr [illegible] Spenser called. Mr Mc at Mr Paxtons beyond Clifton. I went with him and called at Mrs Williams and Aunt Jennettes – we reached home after dark – We rec'd a letter from Fannie this eve – after long waiting.

20" Dec. Tuesday. Another gloomy day. Gidieon at C- this morning and brought out a barrel of Portland Cement – Jordan repairing sitting room grate. Mr Mc around all day. Young Mr Tindol and Allie Barber me here – This afternoon I left Paul with Frank and went to C- on an errand. Grandmother Murdock seems a little better. Uncle Joe came home with me. The family occupying the dining room to night.

21" Dec. Wed. Cold. Clayton at C- this morning & at School this P.M. – Jason at School to day too. Bazel here assisting Gidieon Jordan and Uncle Joe with [illegible] butchering – all in for dinner – Frank busy putting down carpet in the sitting room – This afternoon I went on an errand to C- to the Bank for Mr Mc I called to see Josi [?] Orr as I came home – Mrs Harshman and the children and Gidieon here for supper – This Eve Frank at C-

22" Dec. Thurs. Very cold – Gidieon & Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around. Clayton and Jason at School. Jordan finished up the butchering this eve – After supper Uncle Joe and Gidieon at C- Prince upset the buggy and threw them out and done some little damage – Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason over at Gidieons awhile Uncle Joe went on to C- and will not be home until the morning. Homer starts for home this afternoon from Monmouth College.

23" Dec. Friday. Very cold. Mr George Haines called this morning. At nine Oclock Mr Mc left for Springfield to meet Homer and to bring Clara home to spend the holidays – Homer reached S- at half past nine – and father & them reached here at seven this evening – we had supper for them. Frank and I have had a busy day. Clayton at C- this morning. Uncle Joe came out – and then went back to mill – Gidieon at the work to day. Jordan around to day. Frank went away this eve. Clayton and Jason at School to day. They both had declamations on "Christmas" They will have a few weeks vacation now too – Their Teacher, Miss Lulu Smith gave them a nice treat – We were glad to see Homer and Clara home – Homer has been away since the 6" of Sept. Jordan made brine for the meat of [Blank space]

24" Dec. Saturday. Still very cold. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Gidieon and Jordan around. Homer called at Will McS this morning and after an early dinner went by way of C- to see the folks as he went to Springfield to bring Harlan home – They had a cold ride home – did not get here until after

eight. Gidieon took Uncle Joe down home. Clara and I have had a busy day. We moved the milk from the cave to the cellar to day. It is clear – a light covering of snow on the ground – very frosty and cold.

25" Dec. Sabb. Cold. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church alone – Paul and I at home. Jordan around. After dinner we had our catechism and Bible reading. We began reading the 1" Book of Genesis having finished the New Testament last Sabbath evening – Mr Morton preached to day. His subject "Laying up treasure have been feeling sick this afternoon and this evening. It is cold to night Clara around the fire with the little boys.

26" Dec. Monday. Cold and clear. We expected to have Aunt Janes here to day but I have been sick all day – and the girl Jane Havner [?] at C- this morning to tell Aunt Janes and Balderage the situation Clara up early – prepared break fast and next dinner – then a lunch for supper – After twelve to day Uncle Bigham and Jennette came and some Mr Dean here [illegible] and Mr Mc and took dinner. Uncle Joe came out with Homer this morning. Mr Balderage called and went to Selma to see Harlan and Homer they were there this P.M. and went back again to night – we rec'd a nice pack from Wilmington – Homer brought my black dress from Miss R's – made up with the striped goods. This eve Clayton and Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P-

27" Dec. Tuesday. Cold. Clara taking care of the kitchen to day again – I have been up part of the time. Uncle Joe took Harlan back to Springfield came home past C- and did not get here until after dark. Walter called this P.M. Homer went home with him as he is keeping house his folks having gone on to spend the holidays in Indiana. Claud [?] Phillips here to dinner and having a day with Clayton and Jason. Mr Mc Gidieon and Jordan around. Mr Phillips called this eve. Snow on the ground.

28" Dec Wed. Snow on the ground – quite cold. Clara at the work to day again – No girl here – Blanch and Mary and Frank Ervin her to spend the day. Near noon I got up to try to help a little After dinner they all sent to the ice to skate and I washed the dishes for them – The skating is very fine. Mr Wood Warner called to see Mr Mc to day. Gidieon Jordan & Uncle Joe around. Clayton and Jason on the ice with Frank most of the day. Homer returned from Walters at noon. This eve he went to C- a little while – he took tea with Aunt Mary. Clara at the work this eve again.

29" Dec. Thurs. Cold. Clara at the work to day again – Mr Mc Clayton and Jason Gideion, Jordan and Uncle Joe around home all day. This eve Mr Criss Sigler called. Homer at C- for the mail. Clayton at Clifton this A.M. Mr Pigg called this morning.

30" Dec. Friday. A cold winter day. Clara at the work to day again. Uncle Joe and Gidieon Jordan and Mr Mc around home. Mr Criss Sigler called and brought the Turkeys. Young Mr

Spenser called & Mr Geo Smith. Jas Boyd here settling up with Mr Mc this P.M. Homer around all day. I have been up all day to day. Clayton and Jason will help me while Clara takes a little vacation at town – She went down with Mr Mc Homer walked down to Alvie Orrs to a party this eve. Mr George Creswell married this week – his reception this eve at the old Creswell mansion. On last week Charlie Ervin was married. Homer called at Willie Mcs this morning and met Uncle Dan and Grace there on a visit – Cousin John McMillan from [2 words illegible] at Aunt Roseanas this week – Mr Mc called to see him this eve.

31" Dec. Sat. A winter day – snow on the ground & cold. Homer went home with Walter last night – Gideon & Jordan and Uncle Joe around. Near noon Mr Mc went by way of Criss Siglers to Springfield – and Harlan came home with him to night – They had supper here after they came. Uncle Joe went to town in the Surrie for Homer and Clara to come home but Clara remained in C- with Jennie Morton and Homer came home alone – after supper he called at Will McS. Jason helped me with the work to day.

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“How to quit using Tobacco”

“I know the power of the Tobacco habit – and can sympathize with those who are under its influence. I will give my experience and if followed – the desire for Tobacco will be taken away. On rising in the morning insted [sic] of taking a chew of tobacco I rinsed out my mouth with fresh water two or three times – and then retain a mouthful as long as convenient. After breakfast I repeated the process and as often as the desire would return during the day. The hankering for tobacco gradually grew less and in two weeks it was not only all gone, but I had a perfect disgust for the filthy stuff, and never have had any desire for it since, although nearly thirty years have elapsed. There must not be any tobacco taken into the mouth while the remedy is being applied.”

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