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Introduction to May-June 1891

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During these particular months in Martha McMillan’s journal, she describes how daily life on the farm and in the Cedarville community keeps the McMillan family busy and grateful for times of rest, especially the Sabbath. While there are some major events that take place in these two months including a wedding and the death of a close family friend, most of the journal entries focus on the simple, daily occurrences that either bring the family joy and laughter or frustration and sorrow. One must learn to appreciate the beauty of an ordinary existence while reading through these sections of the journal. Although the McMillan family did not accomplish anything extraordinary in terms of wealth or fame, they created an extraordinary home environment for the children and all of the visitors who communed with them or stayed for even weeks at a time. They had an open home and open hearts toward their relatives and friends and even strangers passing through Cedarville, and the family was a source of generosity and faith to everyone who encountered them.

One particular theme found in these two months is the theme of separation and change. Martha mentions the mixture of sadness and joy she experiences leading up to the day when her eldest child, Fannie, gets married and then leaves for New York. While she is happy and helping with wedding preparations, she mentions how precious it is to have everyone together for something as simple as a family dinner. She mentions how everyone is together except for Florence, her youngest daughter who died at the age of two, and this sadness lingers in Martha’s mind in light of Fannie’s wedding and her impending departure. As a mother, Martha is experiencing the first phase of becoming an “empty nester,” although she has the rest of the children, including baby Paul, at home with her. Fannie’s Wedding Day is both beautiful and
terrible for Martha, who mentions it felt like a funeral after the wedding. Everyone was missing Fannie, especially some of the older children. For several days after the wedding, Martha mentions how the reality of the separation is finally hitting her and how she misses Fannie more than ever. These heartbreaking sections remind the reader of how deeply Martha feels the loss of her daughter’s presence in the home because of the strong family connections the McMillans have with one another. From the wedding day forward, Martha often mentions how much she misses Fannie and waits for her next letter, but Martha realizes that she must find hope in tomorrow and joy in her current circumstances.

Several deaths occur in the community, which Martha records intermittently, and many of these deaths affect Martha emotionally, as seen in the journals. She raises a general outcry against the untimely loss of life and uses the haunting imagery of the burial process to highlight her sorrow. Although her faith assures her of an afterlife and the promise of heaven for Christians, she takes the time to voice her pain and mourn through writing. Her husband, James McMillan, loses his close friend, Sam Galbreath, who died rather young and unexpectedly. Martha describes the sadness surrounding this event and the sadness of the Galbreath family. She mentions how James serves as a pallbearer and records the details of the funeral in the journal. In addition to Sam’s death, she mentions several other deaths including the Jones’ small child, whom she helped dress in burial clothes and place in the coffin. Despite these morbid moments, Martha clings to her faith as her source of joy and continues to move forward with each new day. While Martha’s experiences take place over a hundred years ago, her experiences may be strangely familiar to her readers. She speaks to universal themes of loneliness and the fear of change and describes events like a wedding and a funeral, and these themes and events have continued into the future and will continue as long as people live, marry, and die. The essence of
Martha, the struggle to find beauty and meaning in an ordinary life, is something still appreciated and felt by readers today, and her legacy will live on through her journals which record the testing and triumph of her faith.
May 1891

1 May, Friday. Mr Mc at Springfield he went prepared to bring the buggy from old Drifcol Stand. Harlan bid good bye to Mrs Stuarts (?) and to the “Commercial College” and came home to night. Mrs. Stuart came with them. Uncle Joe away all day at his canvassing and back again this Eve. Homer and Isaac plowing. Clayton and Jason at School. Hoger mans team here for oats. Mollie Della and Clara put in a full day in the yard-- The Yard and front rooms all in nice order this Eve. Fannie and Miss Roadarmer all busy sewing. Mr. ChasCronse called.

2 May. Sat Cool. Isaac off duty to day. Homer finished plowing the field next the railroad at noon. Fannie and Miss Roadarmer at the Sewing all day. Mrs Stuart with us. Clayton at C- this morning He and Jason at School. This is the last day of Mr. Dawn Stretchers School. Clara Della and Mollie there this afternoon. Mrs S. and Paul and I out walking this Eve. Mr Mc and Harlan around home all day. This afternoon they were at Charleston to see Laura Houston and Joe home again a little after dark. After Supper Fannie & Clara and Paul took Miss Roadarmer to her home in Selma. Della & Mollie took a walk to Thomas’s this eve. Homer took Uncle Joe home. Mrs. S- with us to night.

3 May Sabb- gloomy part of the time- bright the rest of the day. Fannie Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Clayton and Paul at home with Mollie Della Isaac and Clara. Mr Mortons taught (?) “Quench not the Spirit.” Mrs. Stuart went with Mr Mc and I to church today and is with us this P.M. & to night. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and the baby Paul all here Fred still absent at Monmouth Lizzie Murdock came home with us from church and went back to the Young folks meeting with Fannie Clara Harlan & Homer

4 May Monday. Cool. All out at an early hour. Near noon Fannie and Homer took Mrs Stuart to Springfield. They took tea with her this Eve _ they were detained in S- and did not get home until late_ Uncle Joe out all day at his assessing did not get home until late too He was at Jacks to day- one of his horses sick--Mr Mc around home all day_ John Mitchell and J. Harvey McMillan here this morning. Mr. J.R.Hill here to dinner to dinner [sic] to day for the first this season. Harlan took Homers place at the plow. Fred plowing. Joseph Norwalkowski came this morning and began work. Aunt Bell and Fern here to day to dinner Blanch called for them this Eve. Harlan at Selma for Miss Roadarmer this morning. The Sewing progressing. Two of the little lambs killed last night.

5 May Tuesday. Cool. Mr Pigg here at an early hour. he and Mr Mc at the London Sale to day. Fannie and Mrs Roadarmer moved their sewing to the Sitting room to the fire. Harlan & Isaac plowing. Joe and Clayton whitewashing. Homer at C- and brought Aunt Jane home with him. Aunt Bell and Erwin at Cincinnati to attend R.Y. Reids Anniversary this Eve, Della washed yesterday from morning until night_ next she and Jane in for a siege of ironing have been ironing all day. This
P.M. Fannie took Aunt Jane home. Mr Mc home near dark. Uncle Joe out at his work assessing here as usual this Eve.

6 May Wed. Pleasant. Uncle Joe & Fannie at town Uncle Joe came home in time for dinner Fannie remained at grandmothers She sent out the invitations for their wedding next week. This P.M. Mr Mc and J at the congregational prayer meeting Subject “Love one to another”. After the meeting Mr Mc around town- he and Fannie and J took supper with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Lizzie & Jamie Bell and the sewing woman there called to see Mr Mortons and Sam G- & Mr Mc remained for the Crein [?] auction of trunks _ After Fannie and J came home Harlan and Homer at town for dinner. Harlan and Isaac plowing to day. Homer at C-- with wood for Aunt Jane.

7 May Thurs. A beautiful day Mr Ralf McClellen here looking at cattle. Mr Mc and Harlan and Fannie at Springfield _ Fannie about bringing her shopping to a close She and Harlan took tea at Mrs Stuarts this Evening. Homer plowing all day. Isaac plowed until noon. This afternoon he dug the grave in the old Baptist Cemetery for Mrs Jones little child. It died last night I called there this afternoon. Della Mollie and Clara at town _ Aunt Mollie Ira and Jennie called and spent awhile looking through Fannie’s wardrobe _ This Eve I called at Mrs Jones and dressed their little one and put it in the coffin for them_ And read a chapter with them The folks did not get home until after dark. [2 words illegible] C- & Clayton & Jason whitewashing Clayton helped Homer in the field this P.M.

8 May Friday. Mostly beautiful day. Uncle Joe at Springfield. Isaac off duty until noon- he attended jones child funeral this P.M. Mr Mc at C- home in time for dinner. Harlan and Homer busy all day plowing [?]. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr John S parrs [?] in jamestown [?] did not get home until near dark. Aunt Jeanette and Nellie L- called and remained with us for tea _ Mr Mc brought a telegram from Fred asking to meet him in Springfield tomorrow. Miss Roadarmer bid us good bye this Eve and Clayton & Fannie took her home. Harlan and Homer at the Operahouse to hear the “little whistler” Della and Mollie and everyone busy.

9 May Sat. Quite a nice day. A lovely day. After so long a time Mr Mc left for Springfield did not reach there until noon-- Fred came in on the eight o clock train and had to wait_ Mr Mc would have been there but the horse he expected to have driven had got out of the pasture and this kept him busy. He and Fred reached here about five_ It has been nearly two years since he left us and their is a general rejoicing to see him home once more. Lizzie Murdock came home with the boys last night and is here to day and with us to night. Aunt Bell called this morning and she left Mary Bell and Annabel with us to day. Uncle Joe out on his assessing. Little Joe & Clayton and Jason at the work whitewashing Harlan and Homer at the plowing [scribbles] Isaac came last November and left this morning. Lizzie Sewing all day for Fannie. Della put the upstairs all in order. Mollie at the work in the kitchen. I have been busy- all have been busy to day. Mr Mc at C- at the Auction at the late Cal Crains “Saddler Shops”. Uncle Joe and Ira Bell and Mary B- went with him. Fred and Harlan at grandmothers and Aunt Janes to see them.
10 May Sabb. Quite a lovely day. Fannie Fred Homer & Clara at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Lizzie and Harlan Clayton Jason Paul and our new boy, Joe, and Della and Mollie all at home. Mr Mortons text “Good and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way”. All at home too to day- all here_ none missing but Florence. At dinner we all sat down together- How seldomly we have been this privileged in the last three or four years- And today as we looked over the flock father mother children all the happiness was tinged with sadness at the thought of the separation this week will bring to our home. Separation; how little we can pretend the depth of the meaning of this word until we learn it by actual experience _ This Eve Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Lizzie Murdock at the young folks meeting Mollie and Della went with them and stopped at their church. Clayton and Jason recited their question and read the eighth chap of Matthew. Uncle Joe came back with them.

11 May Monday. A bright day but cool. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Bell and Fern and Aunt Bell making calls and Fannie assisting. Mr Shepherd and Mr J. R. Still here to dinner Uncle Joe out assessing and back to dinner- all of our own family here too_ quite a crowd altogether this P.M. Clayton and Fern took the clothes to Mrs P [?] Mc and George Smith shearing sheep and here to supper. Della and Fred took Aunt Bell and Fern home. They called to see Sam Galbreath and family and Aunt Roseanna and Zerphah. Fred to call-- & Fannie to tell them good bye

12 May Tuesday. Bright sunshine to day but cool. Frost last night - Uncle Joe out all day at his assessing home this Eve again. Mr McMillan & George Smith here all day at the shearing & with us to dinner and supper. Aunt Bell brought Aunt Malt with her this morning- I resumed her calls (?) but finally consented to go back to town and finish there. Fred went with her and was home at noon. This afternoon Clara and Clayton took Aunt Malt home [smudged] - We have all been busy to day _ Mr Mc and Fred at Jacks this afternoon and came home by Aunt Jeanette's and over there for tea- Mr McKenzie here this eve he and his father arrived in Xenia to day from N.J. this afternoon Mr Mc K- will stop at Aunt Bells and to night and go back to Xenia in the morning.

13 May Wed. Most a beautiful day. At an early hour Mr Mc Mr M and Fred left for Springfield. Mr P.H. McKenzie brought Aunt Bell out and made a short call. Lulu Morton brought Aunt Mary and Aunt Malt out_Aunt Mollie here too all day. Uncle Joe at home helping until noon. George Smith and Will Mc here most of the day shearing -were with us to dinner. This afternoon Clara and Aunt Malt went to town with Uncle Joe_Aunt Bell went back with Fannie to town_Fannie called to tell Aunt Mary Little good bye - and to meet Boy Carry at the four o clock train. They were both here for tea_ Cara Blain brought Lizzie Murdock up this P.M. -and to see Fannies wardrobe and preparations_ Della Mc was here to call this P.M. This Eve Mr P.H. McKenzie came_ Uncle Erwin and Aunt Bell & Fern brought Dr McKenzie out to call_ He and his son came to C- on the four o clock train and will stop at Erwin's. This is the first time Fannie met the Dr. Near dark about five o clock Uncle Joe brought Aunt Mary Eliger out to call to see Fannie she got off that four o clock train too_Near dark Mr Mc and
Fred came bringing Maggie Stuart with them. Harlan at Selma at Miss Roadarmers for flowers_ And also to bring Miss Eva R-here to. E ready for the wedding in the morning- but she could not come. Homer at C- for a load of chairs and furniture_ It has been a Throughfare here all day and until late to night before our weary eyes will rest. Mr McKenzie here until afternoon. Boy Carry Maggie Stuart & Lizzie Murdock here with Fannie and Clara to night_ 14 May Thursday. Fannies Wedding Day! Mostly a beautiful morning. Early in the morning we had a little fire. Quite a number of invitations were sent to different parts of the state and to others states who could not be with us Those who were here were Dr McKenzie of Salem N.J. Dr & Mrs Morton & Lulu. Rev. & Mrs Murdock and sister from Monmouth. Mr & Mrs John S Williamson, Mr P Mc Michel & J. Hamra (?) of Monmouth. Uncle Dan and Imma Uncle Dave Torensce and Lida Willim Master Mr John Collins and daughters, Blanch & Ella. Mr Osen Bradforte and wife_Mr Harbison and Aunt Jeanette - Uncle Erwin and Aunt Belle and all their children Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie and Walter_ Aunt Rachel and Della Aunt Jane and Aunt Malt & Aunt Mary Eliza Grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary & Man Caldwell_Boy Carrey & Maggie Stuart & Nellie Little- Uncle Joe and Father Fred Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul & Della and Mollie and Jim Hill & our new boy Joe and my self with all the above friends gathered around the front door in the lawn around 8;30 (sic)Fannie and Rev. T.N. McKenzie took this place on the front step where the (sic) stood while the ceremony was performed. Rev. Mr. Morton officiated assisted by Dr. McKenzie and Rev. Mr. Wasmoelf. Immediately after congratulations breakfast was served-and after a hurried good bye Fred, Clara Boy Carrey and Lizzie Murdock drove them to Cedarville to 10;30 train for New York city-where they will spend a week or two at Salem N.Y. Aunt Belle and Uncle Erwin and others accompanied them to the train_Boy Carrey went to Xenia at 11Oclock. Aunt Belle and Lizzie came back and had their breakfast_As the train passed by the whole crowd that remained went out and waved their handkerchiefs. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jeanette and Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary (?) and Maggie Stuart and MrMc & Uncle Joe and Mr Shepherd & Nellie Little (Note in the margin: Fannie and Mr McKenzie were invited to the wedding of Edith Collins and Rev. S. Cleveland this Eve.) and all of our own children here to dinner_This PM Harlan took Maggie S_ home _and Fred took Aunt Jane & (Nellie_Little) Mary E- & Lizzie M- to C_. All were gone and we were left alone -And we felt alone. We felt like it was after a funeral. Fannie got several very handsome presents. Dr McKenzie gave them a check of one hundred dollars a piece. Fred stayed for tea at Aunt Janes and did not get home until dark. All very lonely_and sad to night. Clara and Clayton especially so. 15 May Friday. A lovely day. Harlan Homer and Jim Shepherd at the planting-Clayton and Clara went with Uncle Joe to C- and attended the close of the School. Clara stopped with Blanch & Mary and Clayton at grandmother Murdock Uncle Joe took McKenzies & Fannies announcement cards to the office. There were about three hundred of them Mr _Mc_
around home all day Fred here. Aunt Mary & Aunt Belle here this afternoon Aunt Bell put up thirteen bo[?] cake for friends—at Monmouth & here and there. Della & Mollie ironed. Clayton came home with Uncle Joe Clara staying with Blanch to night. I counted the little chickens they number one hundred twenty five. Sam Murdock came to C- this eve—he is a delegate to Young Falls Convention in Y- next week. Fred & Harlan drove out a little while this Eve.

16” May. Sat. Fine all day. Della sewing for Fannie’s [?] Mollie busy, Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary E-came stopping in and spent the day with us. After dinner Mr Mc and Fred at Xenia Before he went away Mr Mc and Aunt Mary went over all the presents— After an early tea Jason and I took our good Aunts home—and Clara came back with us. I left Paul with Della. Mr Mc and Fred returned after dark. Uncle Joe away all day and home this eve-Harland took Uncle Joe down home. No preaching at our church tomorrow. Mr and Mrs Morton left C- with Fannie and Mr McKenzie Thursday morning and went with them as far as Columbus. He assists Mr Crawford with communion at Denansburg N.Y. tomorrow.

17 May. Sabb. Bright Sun (scribble mark) Heavy frost last night—that and the garden [illegible] Mr Mc and Clara Homer and Jason and Fred and I attended church at the [illegible] Rev Sprawls taught And Christ is all and in all. He is all and in all in life in death and throughout eternity. Harlan Clayton and Paul at home with Della & Mollie-Joe O- went to our Sabbath School and to lunch. This P.M-I heard Claytons and Jasons questions and this eve they & little Joe read the ninth chapter of Matthew Della & Mollie & Laura R walked to the M.E. church. Fred & Harlan & Homer and Clara at the Youngfolks meeting and at the M.E. Church Rev Lifts preached.

18 May. Monday. Bright—but cool—and very dry. Jas Shepherd here planting. He finished field next the rail road. Harlan & Homer and Joe O_ at work too. We had a letter from Fannie Friday eve. It was written Thursday Eve_ They were at the “Seventh [2 words]” Pittsburgh. I have written to them every morning since they went away “Sabbath excepted” Della plucked the geese and ducks and filled Fannies pillows this P.M. Mollie at the other work. I am so tired it seems like I will never get rested. Mrs Edd Vanhorn Sr. died last week. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia_hed Mr John Spark there. He took supper with the Sisters when he came to C_ This after noon Uncle Silas brought Sam Murdock out_they were here for tea Sam with us to night. Fred at C took the clothes to Mrs. Preve [2 words] Sister Mary E here this eve or tomorrow [?] She need J dispatch that Mrs. Dr. Moony is dead—And she went home some time this afternoon. We read a letter from Fannie they are at the Zedway House_Broadway N.Y. Homer at Selma this Eve. Uncle Joe came this Eve.

19 May. Tuesday. Cool. Fred took Sam Murdock to C and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Bell out. They with Uncle Joe packed Fannies things—Uncle Dan came into dinner Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan and Homer at the plowing. This P.M-our men washing Sheep At four Fred took Aunt Jane & Aunt Bell home_Clara went down with him for the ride and took Supper at grandmothers. Lizzie and Sam Murdock went down on the five Oclock train to the Opening meeting of the Young folks convention at Xenia. This Eve Cal M- called for Fred and they went to
Selma to spend the evening. This is Fred's birthday. He is "twenty one" a man now. And I feel that he is a man. And very thankful to feel that I am right in my opinion.

20" May Wed. This P.M. It began raining and rained now and then all day. It is the first rain we have had since the 22" of April and the ground was parched and dry. After an early dinner Homer drove out with Fannies goods to ship them from Springfield to their new home in Pine Brush N.Y. Mr Mc and Fred drove up after him in the buggy. Uncle Joe was faithful to the last in getting them off. Jack S_ came at noon he and Harlan began plowing in Uncle Dans field. Della & Mollie & Clara & all of us busy. I have felt very lonely all day. I realized more fully than ever that Fannie has indeed gone. Uncle Joe at C this P.M.-and brought the washing out. Stopped off the pike and took Harlands team and began plowing. Harland came home and fitted up the third team and went to work. Another storm this Eve Jack S-and our new men all here to night. Our boy Joe O_ did not accomplish much to day. Mr Mc & Fred returned a little after dark.

21" May. Thurs. A little damp. Jack S- and our new man and Harlan at Dans field at the plowing. Mr Mc at C this morning. Homer & Clayton & Jason & Joe O_ at the sheep washing. Uncle Joe went to town to be gone a few days this evening. Fred took the pony & buggy and went to Xenia to the Youngfolks Convention. This is the evening that our good friend Bay Carcy and Rev. W. P. White are to be married. We read a letter from Fannie they are still in N.Y. city but expect to go to Salem Friday Eve. Mr Mc was home to dinner and all of the boys. This P.M. Will Mc here shearing sheep. Mr Mc at Aunt Jeanettes this P.M. he also took Nelllie L out a riding. This P.M. Mr Mc at C again he met John Spark there. Jack S- and Homer called at Wilson Stretcher's to night.

22 May Friday. Cloudy. Fred stayed for the convention last night & Lizzie M- came home with him too. Aunt Malt and I took Della to Springfield to day. Della expects to visit about two weeks. (?) came and stopped at house during the Storm had wind rain and hail. Mr Mc and Fred at X- this afternoon met Mr Moffatt & wife of Monmouth. Fred stopped off at C_ for the Commencement. And came home with Harlan and Homer who were there. (?) Minister (?) the graduates. Mollie and Clara kept home and took care of Paul. rain here, rain this Eve. Jack S- & Harlan & Homer putting in field at Dans. On yesterday Eve Clara & Della took Will Mc home.

23 May Saturday. Damp after the rain. Jack S_ and Albert C_ & Harlan & Homer all working in Uncle Dans field. Clara and Jason at C_ on an errand this P.M. This P.M. Fred took Aunt Jane with him to Uncle Bighams. Mr Mc (scribble) home. Jack S_ went home after supper. Della and Clara busy. Our boy Joe O_ cleaned the meat house & cellar. This Eve Harlan at C and came home with Fred.

24 May Sabbath. A pleasant day. Mr J.T. Morton still absent. Harlan & Clayton at our Sabbath School and at the M.E. church. Mr Mc Fred Clara Jason Paul and Mollie & Albert C_ and Jack home. Our boy Joe O_ at Sabbath School & church. This Eve Fred Harlan Clara & Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. Clara & Mollie at Aunt Janes while Fred Harlan were at the M.E. church. Rev. Tufts text "Lesson of love"
25-May Monday. Gloomy & cool. Yesterday a hog eat 20 of claytons ducks only 26 little ones left. Harlan & Albert at the Mitchell field. Homer around_Fred at Uncle Bighams Mr Mc & Will Mc at Springfield. Fred home at noon Mr J.R. Hill and Mr John Mitchell of London here to dinner with our own crowd. I made a Shirt for Harlan to day. Mollie flying at the work_ She & Clara swept up stairs this P.M. The meal on time Joe O- at the garden & whitewashing. Fred dressed and went to C- this P.M he took the clothes to Mrs P. this P.M. Mr Mitchell with us this afternoon and this eve_Fred took tea at grandmothers and called to see Mrs Bell & Mr. We read a letter from Mr MKenzie he and Fannie reached Salem Friday eve_expect to start for there [sic] home at Pine Brush N.Y. on Wednesday Eve. Finished Uncle Dans field

26"May. Tuesday. Cool. Mr Mitchel left us this morning. I left Clara and Mollie in charge of affairs and Paul and I went to town with Uncle Dan as he passed down He spent the day at grandmothers. Homer came after one in the evening. Lizzie Murdocks School closed to day. Quite a number at her school. She and Annabel will be around for two weeks yet. Mrs Dallas and Mary Ramsy called at grandmothers to day & so did Uncle Joe & Uncle Silas Mr Mortons have not got back from [?]. This Eve I called to see Sam Galbreath & Aunt Roseanna. Nellie Little is staying there now they moved Aunt Mary to ours Monday Mr Mc M & Fred at Charleston this afternoon. Fred & Harlan drove out this eve.

27" May. Wed. Mr Mc left at an early hour this morning & met Mr Sich & Mr Elroy in C- and went to Springfield they were Summons there on the Synard Case_ Mr Mc did not get home until after dark. Harlan at the Harbison mill to day. Will Huntington here for dinner. Homer at Charleston this afternoon. Fred around home all day. I have been busy sewing. Mollie and Clara at the work. Clara has been faithful these days. Clayton and Jason around home. Albert & our boy Joe here on chores.

May 28" Thursday. Rain today. Mr Mc and Mr McElsey at Springfield to day again. Harlan at Bazels until this afternoon. Albert & our boy Joe and Clayton & Jason around. Homer around collection until noon. This afternoon at home among the Sheep This afternoon Fred at C- Mollie busy_Clara helping with the work_they ironed to day. I have been sewing. Mr Mc home before dark.

29 May Friday. Still damp. Fred and Uncle Joe at Springfield. Uncle Joe has taken Mr Mcs [?] Sail off his hands. Mr Mc around home all day Homer at Creswells to shear but was too late. Harlan at Bazells this P.M. Albert plowing for a “truck patch.” Little Joe whitewashing. This after noon Clara Clayton and Jason at C- on an errand. Clara came from town with Uncle Joe and Fred. Paul busy all day. Mr Pigg came in with Mr Mc to Supper_

30 May Sat. Bright Sunshine after the rain. Harlan and Albert in the truck patch- Mr Mc and Homer working with sheep all day. Fred went to Uncle Silas’s _took dinner there_ Uncle Joe went back to C- with him this morning. Earl Caldwell came to C- today and came home with Fred. After tea he & Fred and Harlan at town at the Operahouse at [?]. This P.M. Mollie and Clayton and Jason & Paul at Wylie JoneS_

31” May. Sabb. Quite a nice day. Fred Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton and Homer kept Paul. Albert around _Mollie went home_ will not be back until tomorrow. Our boy Joe absent to day.
Mr Mc and I at church. Rev Sam L Ramsey preached. Behold I stand at the door knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and he with me. Is Christ our intimate friend does he often come to our houses and tarry with us or do we close the door against him by our ignorance or carelessness or unbelief. Jesus stands and knocks and waits for us to open the door_How does he knock He knocks by his word by the gospel and by his providence. Fred stayed at cousin Will McS to the Young folks meeting. Harlan & Clara there. J took this afternoon for Clayton and Jasons questions and Psalms they do their own reading.

June

1”June Monday. Two men boarding with us who are putting up new poles for the telegraph in front of our place on acct of the tress. Harlan & Albert finished the plowing in J R Hill patch at noon. Father and Fred took dinner at Aunt Janes and started to Springfield but had to come back on account of the rain It first poured down for two hours. J R Hill here with our two boarders to dinner_Mollie back at P.M. Met Mr Martin Barber_ Our telegraph men with us to night. Clara began sewing on the one dime to day. She is making kitchen aprons.

2’ June Tuesday. Had a little Shower to day. Homer at C- early to tell the sheep shearers not to come. Mr Mc and Fred at the London Sale_took dinner at Mr John Mitchels and tea at Mr Phifhers. Mrs P at her daughters in Fayette Co. They did not get home until after night. I have had a busy bustling day Those tow telegraph men with us for breakfast and dinner and a third with us for Supper. Clara at C and brought Lizzie MCalloun & her two sons and Lizzie Blair out to dinner. They were invited to Mr Morntons to tea_Fannie and Clayton took them home this P.M. Homer at Charleston this afternoon. Harlan with these telegraph men to day. Joe our boy on the fences. Albert around. Mollie very tired so is some of the rest of the folks. This Eve after dark John Kyle brought Lizzie and Annabel Murdock here. They will be with us until tomorrow eve. They took tea at their Uncle Henesys this Eve_

3”June Wed. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Fred left for Springfield to look among the papers. Our Telegraph men away last night but with us to dinner and supper and with us to night_George Smith and Willie McMillan here Lizzie and Annabel and all of our own crowd here to dinner and supper. Father and Fred were home before Lizzie and Annabel left us. Harlan took them over to their Uncle Rolls. We had a nice day with the girls and they seemed slow to go away. We missed Fannie to day more than usual. Lizzie wrote to her to day. This was the day of the Congregational Prayer meeting but none of us there. Rained a little

4”June. Thurs. Another busy day. George and Willie Mc here at the Shearing. Harlan up the road with the Telegraph men at their work. Homer shearing Albert & Joe re-planting. Mollie busy. Fred at C this P.M. & there with Prince at the shop this P.M. again. Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan drove in with the men this eve all here for supper. They settled up their bills and passed on payed us 9.25 for there accomodations_Harlan 6.00 for his service_Our sheep shearing ended_all of our men gone_A little of the burden lifted
5"June. Friday Pleasant Albert & Joe replanting & letting out plants. Harlan with the Telegraph men until morn- Mr Mc around home all day. Fred & Uncle Joe at Springfield among the paper men Uncle Joe and Fred home in time for supper. This afternoon Paul and I at town but all of the folks gone to Bowersville to a W.C.T.U. Convention sent Jane there alone and grandmother was out at Uncle Silas's. I called to see Anna Morton and Mr Morton and at Sam G's and was home in time for tea. Mr David Shroud's little boy was drowned in the creek at Cedarville this afternoon. Mollie and Clara finished the ironing and attended to the workers.

6"June. Sat. Gloomy all day_rain this morning. Clayton at C- at the office Mr J. C. McMillan came up on the morning train and came out with him. He has come to spend a week with us. Fred and Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason all at home Mr Mc around home all day. Clara & Mollie and [sic] busy. This afternoon Aunt Bell and the three girls came & stayed awhile. Frank came out with Clayton this morning. This Eve Fred & Harlan at town. Mr J. C. around the fire.

7"June Sabb. Rain this morning Fred Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School. Clara & Jason at home with Paul. Our boy Joe and Albert & Mollie around home. Mr J. C. Mc at the Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “For what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world, and lose himself or be cast away” The subject of the text is profit and loss. We should not purchase the world at such as cost because it costs too much, and is perishable and our interest in the world will soon be gone and the world can not Satisfy us and because the world is dangerous and because one can not take the world with us when we come to leave it. After preaching went to Aunt Marys-Walter there. This Eve Fred & Harlan came home with them. Mr J. C. Mc with us. All around the fire. The children read the 9" chap of Matthew. Their catechism heard this P.M. I have been feeling very sad all day as this Feds last Sabbath at home. The longer he stays the harder to see him go away.

8"June. Monday. Pleasant. Fred at C-to get rats [?] and to tell the folks good bye. Clayton & Jason went to town with him. Harlan at Uncle Joes to help him make out his books. After dinner Freds trunk packed and all and after a hurried good by Mr Mc drove out with him to Springfield he left from there on the 6:30 train for Monmouth Mr Mc stayed with him until he got started. Same every one all felt more sad than usual to have Fred go away. The C[?] lived life seems to me more real & earnest. Homer taking care of Sheep this P.M. Albert & our boy Joe replanting. Mr Hill here to dinner. This Even Mr J. C. and Clara drove out to C- Mollie busy as usual.

9"June Tuesday Quite a nice day. Mr J. C- and Paul and I at town we took dinner at grandmother Murdocks. Samuel A. Galbreath died this morning at 6:30. He has been in bed for eight months and literally wasted away. He was 54 years old. I called there and we came home early this P.M. After a hurried good bye Lizzie Murdock and Annabel left on the 11 Oclock train for their home at Bloomington Ind. They went by way of Muncie and Yorktown will visit there a week. Mr Mc Kyle died very unexpectedly last night. Mr Mc and Mr J.C went down to call at Galbreaths this Eve. Harlan & Homer Albert and “boy Joe” at the replanting. Mollie and Clara busy all day.
10 June Wed. A nice day. After a long time Mr Mc and I got started to Springfield to the Prohibition Convention. I left Mollie and Clara in care of Paul and the house. Clayton and Jason assistants Albert & Harlan and boy Joe at the farming Homer Shearing at Forbeses. We met Aunt Bell and Mary & Mr Mortons at the Convention. They stayed for the night meeting but we came home to Paul & the rest of them. We had a nice meeting. There must have been fifteen hundred people there. Clayton took Mr J. C- to town this morning and went after him again this Eve. He visited at Dellas and was home again for supper. Harlan at Uncle Joes again. Della took her trunk away. Mollie alone left to serve us. This is the year that a governor is to be elected.

11 June. Thurs. Warm_A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Mr J.C. Mc and Clara and I at Samuel Galbreaths funeral. It was a private funeral. Mr Mc and Willie Torrence and others among the pall bearers. Willie rode with us to the Cemetery. Mr Morton Rev Wasnock conducted the exercises. Mr J.C. Spending the day at H.H. Mcmillans. Mollie and Clayton and Jason watched the boys and took care of Paul. Harlan Albert & boy Joe at the corn plowing & replanting. This Eve Mr Mc at C- he and Mr J. C. McMillan out Calstormants the later spent the hour with Aunt Marion Reid. Homer Shearing at Forbes’s and home again to night.

12” June. Friday. A warm day. Our men all employed as the men yesterday Homer over in vicinity of Clifton shearing. Mr Mc in the yard all P.M. Mr J. C. MrM- took the Conveyance to C-until he comes back. Clara picking berries (?) to can. She and Mollie busy. I have not been feeling like doing much to day. This Eve Mollie and Clara and Clayton took Paul and drove over to Janes’s. Mr J C returned near dark_ He took dinner at Mrs Conleys and tea at the Stuarts. Homer came back in time for Supper.

13” June Sat. Albert & Harlan plowing. Boy Joe replanting. Homer at McCarty’s shearing. Mr J.C. McMillan bid us good bye and Clara & Jason took Paul with them and took him to the train. They remained at Grandmother Murdocks for dinner- This afternoon Mr Mc out with the men Albert & Harlan plowing. Our boy Joe replanting. Homer at McCarties with Will Mc Shearing. Did not get home until dark. Harlan at C- Mr Mc and Paul and I at Roadarmers. Mr Mc called at Calverts also. It is quite a beautiful evening.

14” June Sabb. Very warm Homer at home with Paul. Albert & Joe around the yard. Mollie here. Harland Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect Stablish, Strengthen, and Settle us.” Subtext of the text. The Christians prayer in affliction. No great or lasting good ever comes to an individual family church or state without first enduring or going through affliction. The great good and change comes after we have suffered a while. Those who do most for God & humanity are those who have suffered awhile. At no time do we need to pray so fervently as in the hour of affliction. We need Strength to do the work and bear the burdens of the hour. God Strengthens us as the Oak strengthens the vine. You will note that all the great blessings of life that Gods children receive bear date after ye suffered awhile. The last blessing
mentioned in the text is "to settle us" to be settled is to feel at home it is to be satisfied with God dealings with us. To rest in Him.

After preaching Clara went to Aunt Janes. Clayton & Jason & Paul took Mollie part of the way to her Sabbath School at two Oclock. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the Young folks meeting. Clara & Mollie came back with them This afternoon I went over the Sabbath School lesson with Clayton and Jason & heard their questions [scribble] By the lamp after the folks came home they read the 10" cap of Matthew.

15"June Monday_Warm_All up at an early hour." All at work." Harlan & Albert plowing. Joe around until noon. At noon J.R. Hill called and took him to work for his daughter _J.R. here for dinner as usual. Uncle Dan & Willie here this P.M. Homer at Harbison’s mill with wheat. Dave Mc called. Della & Nora Barber left for Washington [?] _ to visit Colin & friends. Mollie & Della and I done the weekly sweeping to day. This Eve Clara and Jason took the clothes to Mrs P & called in C. We read a letter from both Fannie and Fred this eve_ They are [3 words]. Mr Mc around home all day. Had a swarm of bees.

16"June. Tuesday. Very warm_ Clara & Paul at (?) for Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane. They were here all day after tea this Eve Clara and Mollie took them home & Uncle Joe came back with them. He has not been here very much for [two words]. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer and Clayton at Hartisons mill this P.M. and Homer was at Selma this P.M. Mr Pigg called & Harlan and Albert plowing This Eve Harlan & Homer at C- a few [illegible].

17"June Wed. Very warm a light shower last night Mr Baker here with wool. Mr Mc in the bill business all P.M. Uncle Joe around. Clayton & Jason churning picking cherries feeding chickens. It has been cloudy most of the day. This Eve Clara took Paul and went with his father to the meadow This Even Harlan & Homer at Wilberforce_A great many there from Cedarville & County around. All the rest of us at home.

18 June Thurs. Warm. Mr Wade here with wool. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara got started to Springfield. Uncle Joe went by way of C- and took Will Mc with him Harlan plowing. Homer & Clayton working on sheep_Jason taking care of Paul & watching the bees. Albert working in the garden [scribble] I have had charge of things my self_Mollie at Wilberforce Commencement to day I fixed a basket for her & company. Things have seemed rather quiet here to day. This Eve Harlan & Homer at Mr Morrys at a Lawn [space] - None of the folks got home until late_Clara spent her time with Sadie Stuart took tea there_Clara got a [?] while hot to day her fathers selections.

19 June Friday. Not so warm They are having heavy rains at Springfield this week The rain detained the folks there last night and when they started home found it extended only three miles out of the city. Homer at Baker to day for dinner he was there with the Sheep. Harlan & Albert plowing. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- Mr Mc there too. Clayton & Jason putting in most of the day trying to wash the buggy. This Eve Homer and Clara finished it_ and then polished up the Surnie [?]. Harlan went by way of Mr Mortons to a party at John Barbers.

20"June Saturday. A heavy shower last night Near noon it came on heavy rain and rained in the evening again. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and I
at Selma at a Basket meeting at the Quaker church Miss E Spencer from Wilmington conducted the meeting not many there or many baskets however we continued with them and remained for the afternoon meeting. The leading thoughts this afternoon_

"Tie your self to one man’?"Hide your heart in the word of God” Keep your eyes on the Uttermost parts of the earth.
Again let your lifes motto be to give life and to save life.” Homer at the meeting this afternoon This Eve Uncle Joe and I came home and Mr Mc and Homer went to Charles-ton Came home in the rain. It rained too hard for Uncle Joe to go home this Eve Mollie Clara got along well with the housekeeping took good care of Paul. I enjoyed the meeting and felt that it was good to be there. Clayton at C. this morning.

21”June Sabbath. Gloomy most of the day. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton at home with Mollie & Paul. Albert around home Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons preached a grand Sermon but not having a pencil did not get any of his fine points down Uncle Joe came home with us and he and Homer went to Selma to the Quakers church to hear Mrs Frame. Harlan Clara and Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. He had our Bible reading and catichizing [sic] this P.M.

22”June Monday. Clouds and Sunshine Uncle Joe at C- a little while Near noon Mr Mc left for Charleston Homer there too. Albert & Harlan busy. CLayton & Jason around Mollie & Clara busy. This Eve Albert & Clayton took the clothes to C- Harlan called at Selma this eve. J R Hill with us to day to dinner. Mr Wilson Stritcher called. Uncle Dan here awhile.

23” June Tues. Quite a beautiful day. Homer and Clayton at Charleston all day. Mr Mc at Springfield left here at nine home before dark. Albert and Harlan busy. Clara and Jason watching the bees. At noon I drove up in the Surnie and brought Miss Roadarmer down She finished my back lawn and this eve after tea went back to Selma with Harlan when he went up for Lorrie Lott to go to (?) Smiths party. He read a letter from Fannie and Fred this eve. Fred is not very well these days. Uncle Joe at C-at the shop this P.M. Blanch stopped off here with some of their men and went back with him again this Eve.

24”June Wed. Warm. The bee man here and took off 150 lbs of honey and returned bees to hives. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia. Albert Harlan Homer at work. Clara Clayton and Jason watching the bees watching Paul and picking currants [scribble] This after noon Aunt Jeanette and Nettie Little called and remained with us for tea. Mrs. Wasmock and her daughter Ruthie called. This Eve Homer and I at Selma Miss Roadarmer fitted my duster. When we got home all had retired. This is a lovely night.

25’June. Thurs. A lovely day. All up at an early hour Business progressing. Uncle Joe at Springfield to day to see there (?) men. Mr Hugh Huntington here (?) after dinner Mr Fred Smith called he remained here and chatted awhile with the home folks and Mr Mc and Homer took Daisy & Welsh Coalt to Charleston She went on the P.M. freight to Ky. Mr H- allowed us three hundred dollars for them. Like Paul let us thank God and take courage How easily God can raise up buiers [sic] and send them from the South and from the North country and help us
through every straight Albert & Harlan plowing Mollie and Clara took Paul with them over to Jones & called at Kyles. To see Clara. Clayton & Jason talking care of things around the yard. MrCarty here this P.M.

26”June. Friday. Warm. Mr Mc & and all the boys_Uncle Joe and Albert around. Will Mc here in the afternoon and began cutting clover this afternoon. I made a shirt for Harlan this P.M. and this afternoon I left Mollie and Clara with Paul and the work and called at [2 words illegible] and spent awhile with Aunt Marry Little. She is clear down arms_I never Saw her so frustrated_I took tea with Aunt Mary & grandmother Murdock_This Eve Uncle Joe and albert at C- for fish. All the rest at home.

27”June Sat. Warm. George Smith and Will Mc here helping with the harvest_Clover Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. took dinner with Calverts. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Clayton Jason & Albert all on duty. At noon old Midnight kicked Homer he is off duty this P.M. All the rest busy. This Eve Jack S_two sons here for tea. Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

28”June Sabb. pleasant. Homer and Jason at house with Paul. Albert & Mollie here. Harlan Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “Now, therefore ar we all here present before God to hear all things that are commended.” One remark what we need as parents to enable us to our duty as father and mothers and to train our children for God eternity is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We need to tarry in our closets until we are renewed and filled with the Spirit and love and earnestness of the master himself. This Eve spent with Clayton and Jason. At six oclock Harlan Clara and Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. Uncle Joe came home with them.

29 June Monday. George S- and Will Mc Uncle Joe & Albert and our own boys began cutting wheat this morning_began raining as we were at dinner_And for awhile it did not rain but it poured. Business suspended this after-noon This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P. Mr Payton called. All of us resting this P.M.

30 June. Tues. The last day of June. Clayton and baby Paul were both sick last night. Our man George S- & Will Mc and Mr Mc all of yesterday have gone to the wheat it is a little damp. Homer has gone to Hoglers for wool_he took dinner at Moses Hoglers & did not get home until give P.M. This Eve Clayton and Jason & Paul took a drive at a later hour Clayton at C- at the office_At a later hour still Harlan took Will Mc and George Smith to C- Homer at Selma at Calverts. To day W.R. Smith a painter and carpenter that was here in 1889 stopped with us to day for dinner and spent most of the afternoon with us.
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January

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 (Transcriber note: the following words have been inserted with a carrot between “words” and “be”: of the following text) 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 and 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 Bill 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 Gidieon 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 when 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 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 house – 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 [?] - and did not get home until after dark – Mr Mc came early this eve. Mr L[?] Stretcher opened school this morning after the holidays – Clayton and Jason both there. Will Mc and Mr Jim mason[?] 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 upon[?] work – She is doing fine – “New brooms sweep clean, so they say. [Transcriber note: Sometimes McMillan does not include a closing quotation mark. The transcription here and elsewhere such as January 1 above reflects the missing closing quotation mark.] I have written to both Fannie and Fred – Fannie has been sick. Harlan at the prayer meeting at the hall – Homer at Jack Ss. 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 R 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 nineth 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. We 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 Stretchers ill [?] – no school today.
12” Jan. Tuesday. Moderated a little. Cloudy. Began snowing, a little, this afternoon. Gidieon & 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 Gidieon 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 recd a letter from Fred – he and [illegible, 3 words] there new office – printing, sketching this eve – Harlan & Homer at home.

14” Jan. Thurs. Snowing Gidieon 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 Wc [?] & [illegible] 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 L[?] M – were thrown out – Harlans face scratched up considerable – he went to Dr Stuarts office and had it dressed – L[?] came off without a scratch -

15” January Friday. Harlan in the house by the fire. Homer around home with Gidieon. Mr Mc around home all day. Will Mc around most of the day – Grocery 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 – [Transcriber note: accounts] this P.M. This Eve Harlan & [?] Hallie May attended the party at Florences 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 to 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. Gidieon 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=Frances went with him to her home in Clifton and staid 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—Sleighing fine. Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School. Harlan and Jason Paul and Frances 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 – [illegible, 2 words]. This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P—Frances 
with us.

19” Jan. Tuesday. Snowed last night- much colder today. Homer and Clayton at Jack [illegible] 
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 Mason Wildmans this p.m. Homer out with 
Gidieon about the feeding - Frances 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-sleighing 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 Kisers 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 sleighing fine – Uncle Joe took Paul and 
me to town & left us to spend the day with grand-mother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Aunt Bell 
and her children at grandmothers these days while Erwin is at Findley. Mr Mc and Jason came 
after us this Eve and took tea with us. Harlan and Homer out sleigh riding tonight.

22” Jan. Friday. Harlan & Gidieon bringing a [illegible, 7 words] & Uncle Joe busy. Homer 
around making arrangements for tomorrows work. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Abraham 
Kisers-near Clifton. Frances and I busy. Clayton and Jason out of doors and in doors-helping take 
care of Paul—Frances 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 I [tried ?] making a business of 
hauling out [illegible] the [Spenser ?] 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- Frances 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 Frances. 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 Sh[?] still sick. L [?] Smith teaching for him. Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Arthur Forbes and Mitchel Collins called=Will Mc around this p.m. Frances 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. Mc 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. Frances 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 Frances. 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. Frances 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- 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 [illegible]- This p.m. Mr Dinsmore Collins stopped in. Mr Mc at Charleston at Mr S[?]gh Huntington's and took supper there- Harlan & Clara returned about nine they had supper at Mrs Stuarts- Clayton and Jason at School to day. Frances 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 MrDills 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. Frances 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 Frances and Jasons care. Harlan Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath school. Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons sermon on text [illegible, 2 words] “Whether therefore we 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 If 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 rule [applies?] to whatever you do or [enjoyed?] - 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 [illegible] what way can I honor and glorify God most= let that determine your life’s work. This afternoon and eve catechisms and Bible reading. This Eve Harlan and Homer at church- the U.P. Mr Robt Evans preached.

February

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 pm. 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 [Grocery?] 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. Frances and Paul and I busy to day. Mr Mc around home all day.

2 Feb. Tuesday. Rain early this morning. Cloudy the the [sic] 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 Philhory[?] = 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 this home. This Eve Mr Mc and Jason made a hasty trip to C- Frances and Paul and I around today.

4 Feb. Thursday. Very gloomy most of the day. Aunt Jennette and Mrs James Carson of Crawford Co Le[?]= here to dinner. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Gideon and Mr Mc around. This Eve I called to see Mr John Barber- he is in 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 and Gideon- Clayton and Jason at School. Frances in the kitchen Homer took Paul and me to Aunt Bells this am- grand-mother Murdock and Aunt Mary were there- Their children all at School. This Eve Mr Mc called for ms. Harlan and Homer at Wades with their company to a party tonight.

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 pm. Mr Mc took Frances over home to Clifton- as he came back he called at John Thomass. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home= Clayton at C- this pm- at the office- He bought a fine specimen of a Bramah chicken from Mrs [?]

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- Whateovern you ask in prayer & believing you shall receive [illegible] 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 Menton 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 Frances 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. Frances at her work. Mr Mc around all p.m. Harlan & Gideon busy. This is
Fannie's 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 born in 1868. Fannie lives in Pine Bush, New York. At the time this entry was written, Fannie is married to Tom MacKenzie.]

9 Feb. Tues. Sunshine And pleasant. Clayton and Jason at School. Gideon & Harlan working & Homer trying to feed. Uncle Joe around- On last night a dog among the lambs in sheeps 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 [illegible] 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 Frances 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 McClellan [?] and [illegible] Smith Turnbull at supper there were altogether between forty and fifty there. This eve Homer went back there tonight 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 Z. [?] G 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 today to appraise the Lambs. Frances 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- Frances 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 meet-ing.

14” Feb. Sabb. Cloudy And damp- Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabb School. Clayton kept Paul and stayed with Frances. 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 caravan. 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 strenght [sic] 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 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 Christ's strength [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 [?] 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 & Frances began reading the story of the Bible.

15” Feb. Monday. Moderated a little. At an early hour Harlan left for Springfield with Clara. Gideon and Homer at the work. Uncle Joe came up this morning Frances 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 Gideon around at the work. Jason at school. Clayton at home with Frances. 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 G is in a very critical condition I was in there this eve- Mr Mc at Horvel Waddel] 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 [sic] office to the [?] 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 Gideon husking corn- Frances and Paul and[?] at our work. Harlan at C- this eve Jack I- here to supper.

18 March [sic] 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 Frances and Mr Mc and I at C- I called to see Ethel Galbreath- several there- we made but a brief stay- I called at W[?]dd[?] 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 pm in Selma-
19 March [sic]. Friday. Raining all day. Gidieon & 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 Alan (?) 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 & Gidieon & Fixing gates - Mr Mc Harlan & Homer around. Clayton and Jason at C- this A.M. Will Mc here to day for dinner. A fore (?) hunt at Selma- Frances 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. Frances 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 honor (?) 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 (?) 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 (?) the speakers-

22” Feb. Monday. Very windy. Very gloomy all day. Clayton and Jason at school. Gidieon & 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- Gidieon 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 Mcs- 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 Frances 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.
24th Feb- Wed. Another spring day. Uncle Joe put up the meat in paper sacks to day. Harlan & Gidieon and Homer finished husking the corn and bringing it in from field by the railroad. Mr Anders (?) of Dayton acting in behalf of the Liberator a Prohibition weekly called this morning. Clayton and Jason at school- Mr Mc went to Caries this P.M. Mr L[?]- 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.

25th Feb. Thurs. A gloomy day it rained a very little last night- but is damp and chilly to day. Mr Mc and Homer, Harlan and Clayton and I at Ethel Galbreaths funeral. Jason at school until noon- at home with Frances and Paul this P.M. The services conducted by Mr Morton and Sprowl and Wa[rnock?]. Mr Morton's sermon is (?) on these words “As one whom his Mother come-forteth [sic] so will I comfort you”- Aunt Matt and Lizzie Blair rode with Mr Mc 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- [illegible] of us at home.

26th Feb. Friday. Gloomy and chilly. Will Mc 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. Gidieon & Harlan & Homer hauling manure to the old barn lot. Mr Mc at Will (?) Sale. This afternoon I was at C- I called to see Lizzie G.- and Will Torrences wife= [illegible] as I came home I met Henderson (?) moving his goods into the Spenser place- This Eve Harlan & Homer at C- a calling.

27th Feb. Sat. Gloomy & chilly. At an early hour I left Paul in care of Frances and Mr Mc 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 Deller[?] to day. This eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Gidieon and all of our four sons hauling out manure today.

28th Feb. Sabb. Quite a gloomy “[illegible]” day. Harlan & Homer and Jason at Sabbath school & church. Clayton at home with Paul and Frances. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text “For we know if the 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, our 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 on all day hauling out manure. Jason at School. Luke[?] 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. Frances at our work. Paul and I around.

March

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- [illegible] - 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 came walking 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 Frances 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 Frances in charge of the home- and Mr Mc and I took Paul to Springfield to day to get his pictures taken. Deller [?] 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. Gidieon & 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 Bromeegan 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 Frances 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. Frances went with them and stopped off at her home in Clifton to spend the day. Homer brought Eli[illegible] Small and family back to C- in our surrie- Archie funeral at our church at two Oclock to day. Rev S 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 Frances- 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 rope[?] 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 Crawfords 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 & Gidieon went back and gathered up the fragments of the wreck- This morning Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P Gidieon & Harlan husking- Mrs Hansman[?] went to Hugh McMillans to spend the day Gidieon came in with the boys to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at [illegible] sale- Uncle Joe 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 drive 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- Frances busy.

[Transcriber note: 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. Gidieon 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—Frances here as usual.

11” March Still a cold blowing day. Gidieon Harlan and Homer and Uncle Joe all around- they are hauling in hay this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at School. Frances 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 & Gidieon 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 Frances 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 Frances 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 Gidieon 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 Lizzie’s 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 Frances. Mr Mc around home all day. This is Harlans birthday. He is twenty. [Transcriber note: As Martha McMillan indicates, Harlan was born in 1872.]

15 March. Tues. Still cold. Clayton at Mrs P.s with the clothes early this morning. Harlan Homer and Gidieon 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- Gidieon & 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. Bagel here sowing seed this afternoon: I was at C- awhile- I left Paul with Frances. I took Supper with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. This Eve all at home. Frances 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 Frances 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 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- Frances prepared it before she went away. This is his birthday- he is 12 years old. [Transcriber note: As Martha McMillan indicates, 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 Frances 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: comment 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. Frances 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 Gidieon plowing- Homer and Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc around all day. I have been sewing. Frances 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 Gidieon plowing. Homer in the sheep pen & husking. Uncle Joe in the yards. Clayton and Jason at school- Mr Simon Nicely & brother from Spring-field 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 Mclellens. THis Eve Riley McMillan and Minnie Alexander were married.

25” March. Friday. Harlan and Gidieon 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. Frances and I put in a full day.

26” March- Sat- Mild towards evening rain- dark & disagreeable: Della with us. Harlan and Gidieon 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. Frances and Della S- here Clayton at home with Paul. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School & church- Mr Mc and I at church= [illegible] text- “Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest 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 Frances 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 Oclock 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 Oclock train for Pine Bush N.Y. She had at last made up her mind to go to Fannies Home and Will Mc took horse up to Simon Nicely and they rode back with father. Harlan and Gidieon at the plowing= Paul and Frances 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 Mc and Homer back from Springfield a little
after six. Homer & Will Mc 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 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 Frances M$r Mc and I at Uncle Robert Galbreaths funeral- Mr Morton text [illegible] “In my fathers house are many mansions” Aunt Jane rode with us to the Cemetery. We came home to dinner-We rec’d letter from Fred- he is still busy in his office in Monmouth. This eve Harlan & Homer at the Opera House at Miss Henrietta Moores lecture. Clayton and Jason and Frances here with Paul M$r Mc 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 Mc at Charleston for oats Harlan and Homer plowing. Frances 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 Frances. Uncle Joe & Gidieon Harlan & Homer all busy. At an early hour Mr Mc 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 Mc came from uptown and took dinner with us- we had everything in the best of style- Ralph has a place in Mr John Adamss store- When Mr Mc 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= Frances 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 Mc and I went by way of Selma this morning to Springfield- I called at Calverts store as we passed through to see Miss Eva Roadarmen= we reached S- near noon-and Mr Mc 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. Frances worked 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 2” 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] Slate[?] 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-

4” April Monday. Damp after the rain- Gidieon Harlan & Homer busy. Mr Paxton here and traded for- “Billy.” Clayton at Clifton and brought Frances 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 Roadarmen this eve- This was Florences birthday if she had lived she would have been six. Rain to night Harlan & [Cal-W-?] out tonight _ [Transcriber note: As Martha McMillan indicates, Florence was born in 1886. She died on November 18, 1888 after a long illness.]

5” April. Tuesday. Quite a blustery day. Harlan Homer & Gidieon & Clayton hauling manure. Frank at her work. Miss Dayley- 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.”

6” 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-

7” April. Thurs. A dreary day. Gidieon & Harlan & Homer plowing- I left Paul with Frances and Clara and Mr Mc took me up to Mr Wm Wildmans to see Miss Roadasmen- 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- Bagel called-
8” April. Rain to day. The men busy- to wet to go out to the field- The men at the barn repairing [?] Miss Daily sewed ‘till noon when Clayton took her home. Clara making a dress for Paul. I have busy [sic] all afternoon- Frances 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. Gidieon and Harlan Homer [illegible] Miller hauling corn from Bolins this A.M. This P.M- Gidieon & 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. Frances 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 Roadarmens we found her at Mr [J?] 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 Frances 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. It at 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 Frances & Paul- they sowed the lettuce [illegible] Harlan Homer Gidieon & Cehus.[?] 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 Crawfords at a Social. This was Paul’s birthday- Just two years old- just starting on on [sic] 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 Gidieon plowing. Clayton around Jason at School- We began cleaning the cupboards a 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 Mc here helping Homer in the sheep pen. Mr Mc and ChasMiller 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 Mc left for Springfield= but found that the case had been put off- This afternoon Uncle Joe and Clayton took the buggie to the shop to be repaired. Gidieon & Harlan plowing Jason at School- Paul around. Frances finished the ironing- I have been at work in the bed room- cleaning the wardrobes & taking up the carpet- Mr Mc 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 Gidieon whitewashed the bed room- he took supper with us- Mr Mc taking stock to the Barber place. Jason at School Uncle Joe around home. This Eve all at home.

15” April Friday Rain ver and gone The men all at the plowing Chas M- hauling manure- Uncle Dan and Aunt Jane called this morning. Mr Edd Caray here this A.M. Frances and I cleaned the bed room to day. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the Operahouse 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 Oclock.

16” April Sat. A nice day. Mr Mc and Will Mc 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. Frances went home this eve- Gidieon off duty today- Harlan took Uncle Joe home this eve - I called at Gidieons this afternoon. I was at Mrs Hs to day- they had [illegible, 2 words] there

17 April. Sabb. A nice day Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and at church. Mr Mc 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. Gidieon White washed the boys room and the dining room ceiling to day. Harlan & Homer off duty most of the day. Frances at her work= This eve Uncle Joe and I at Gidieons 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. Gidieon off duty. Chas M- at work till noon= at the husking this P.M. Jason at School. Mr Mc and I left Paul with Clayton and Frances and we took dinner with Mr Pidgeon at Grandmother Murdocks and went to the hall at two Oclock to hear Rev Barn speak on Prohibition by the way this was the day of our Community 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] into their family last week at their home at Little Rock [illegible].

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 [illegible] 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 Clay 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 Frances 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. Frances 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 Frances 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. Frances 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- Gideon & 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 Frances and went to town- Jason at School. Clayton harrowing I called to see Mrs Marten 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. Frances cleaning in Claras room- I made a shirt for Jason. Harlan Homer and Gideon 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 [illegible] Jason at School. Clayton at work.

27” April Wed. Harlan Homer Gideon 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. Gideon white washed Uncle Joes room. This P.M- Gideon and Clayton at C- for lime and ashes- The boys at work. Jason at School- Uncle Joe away all day. Mr Mc around home- Frances 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 Gideon at work- Mr Mc at Springfield- Clayton rode old [?] up= They did not get back until after nine Clara came back with them. Frances and [illegible] finished cleaning the back part of the house up stairs. This eve Harlan and Homer and company at a party at Riley W Williams [?]. 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 chancel 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 & Gideon harrowing= Frances 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 Roaderman= 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 [scratched out, 2 words] 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 Co[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] John [illegible] and attended the meeting and came home with me. Frank cleaned the windows and doors in the front room and had 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 & Ches 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 villiage 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 [sic] see Miss [illegible]- 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 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 Gidieon and Chas Miller at the corn planting- The Hay Bailers employed by Mr Pringle putting up hay in the old barn- the [sic] 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 C— with 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 Gidieon & 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 Gidieon Harlan Clayton Chas Miller at the corn planting Frank at the work— Mr Mc at [illegible] at the Kinker 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 cunning— if I do not remember thee let my tounge cleeve unto the roof of my month: if I perfer 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 readings & Psalms This Eve Harlan & Homer at young folks meeting U.P. church Uncle Joe came back with them.

9” May. Monday. Harlan Gidieon 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 & s Uncle Joe away all day and home this evening. He brought a letter from Mr. McKenzie telling us that their baby was born the 7th of May- Saturday morning at half past one. A son. I have felt very nervous all evening all evening [sic]. 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. Gidieon 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 recd 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 Coswell 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 Gidieon 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 Monday- will to go to Millersburg. Sabbath to Mr John Marewells home to preach- he was only with us a short time- He
rode down with Homer when he went to mill- Rily 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- H has been a long time since he was here-

13” May. Friday. Very pleasant this morning but rain in the afternoon- Harlan Homer Gidieon 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 Henrietta 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 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 morn-ing comes back to me- they are all here I see them just as they were then.

Harlan Homer & Gidieon 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 Mr [sic] 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” Gidieon & Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clayton & Jason & Paul- farming and washing sheep- Homer at C- this A.M. 7 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 [sic] 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 Rily [illegible] 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 Convenanter Church N.S. met in Mr Mortons church this eve at half past seven- Sermon by the retireing Moderator Rev Gailey of [illegible] 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 Harlan at C- to help with his assessor books. Homer at Bozels
shearing. Daisy Grey 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 tirp[sic]- 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.

[illegible] 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] Balton 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 Phil d 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 millenium 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 Daniel and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.” We had quite a fine Sermon- Our ministers 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. Boyle- 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 [sic] 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 Murdocks 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 [illegible] Counting all the delegates and friends there were a large company over two hundred-

24 May Tuesday. A nice day but cool. Harlan and Gidieon 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 Oclock Mr Mc took Mr and Mr A & Aunt Mary back to C- he took them around to some points of interest in the villiage and they left at five Oclock 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 Gidieon 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. First day [illegible] to our Communion. Frank and Clayton and Paul at home- Mr Mc and Harlan and Home [sic] 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 [illegible]- 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 Oclock 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 Oclock Mr Mc and and[sic] 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 and with all thy getting get understanding." We had our communion services this afternoon. This eve at 7 oclock 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 Oclok. We went out to the [illegible] 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 Cemetary- This was
decoration day- A great many people there- This is the first time we have ever attended [illegible] 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 even 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- & Gidieon planting pumpkin seed. Homer with the sheep. Harlan and Homer at the hall at a Festaval[sic] to night.

31" May. Tuesday. Very warm- Homer shearing sheep at John [illegible] and Charlie Barbers to day. Harlan plowing. Gidieon 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 [illegible] 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. [illegible, 2 words] 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 Shuntington — came home with the boys and went back to Charleston on the eight Oclock 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 pre-vented her — It rained very hard this afternoon — Damp and raining this eve — This afternoon I called at Mr Y.D.[?] William-sons — 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
sliver [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 Leauge district meeting at the W.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. Bromeegan 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 Ev —

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 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 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 vail 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 Mr 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 1" 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 –

6" June Monday. Our guest left us this morning. John Bromegan and Mr Mc here with Homer shearing. Frank went ove[?] last night and came back this morning. Harlan and Gidieon 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 Gidieon 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 JC McMillan with us

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

9” June. Thurs. Gidieon & Harlan plowing Homer at Mr Amos [illegible] 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 [illegible]. Quite a nice meeting. Aunt Bell and Ervin returned from the old side Synad at Mansfield yesterday. Aunt Jeannette 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” [scratched out] Friday. Quite a nice day. Homer stayed last night at Will Mc’s in C- he and Will at Mr Author Forluss[?] 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 [illegible, 2 words] and Harlan at A social at Doc Elders near Selma. This is a lovely night — Jason and Clayton and Gidieon went a swim-ing — 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. Mc Millan 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 Satin will have his own way. We must have
changes or [illegible] 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 individ-ual
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 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 &
[illegible] 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 Lindal & Mr Moorman called
when passing. This eve Harlan & Homer at C-

14” June Tues. Another warm day — See 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 Fowsleys 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 recd letters from Fannie Fred & Clara Mr Mc at Selma at Miss Roadarmers and around. This Eve Harlan Homer an 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. Gidieon 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 Murdocks all day. Heavy rain this afternoon again to day. Paul and I came home alone. Gidieon 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 faithful-ness 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 Commenda-tion 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 amid[?] 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 A.M. A Christian Endevor union meeting at Clifton to day. This
P.M Harla [sic] & 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 Gidieon 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 – 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 recd 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. Gidieon 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. Gidieon 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 Gidieon 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 poarch – Frank with us. This Eve Harlan Homer and CLara at Young folks meeting and at M.E. church. Rev [illegible] of N. Jaspar preached. His text. For a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he posseseth" 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 Home[sic] & Gidieon 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. Gidieon Harlan and Homer plowing. Paul and I at C- this forenoon_ Clayton and Jason at mill – Mr_ Mc went with them as far as Priggs[?]. John Barber the cripple son of the late S.G_ Barber burried 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 yes-terday. 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 — 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 Gidieon 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. Gidieon and Harlan putting dead branches off the trees in the yard. This Eve Homer at C- on a drive — he was breaking a coalt this P.M. Clayton and Jason and Paul around — Frank at the[?] work — Clara around.