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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.

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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 McClellan 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 Zerpah. 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. MKenzie 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. Wasmoeff. 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 old Sides [?]- 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_he met 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 Freds 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 Harlans 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 Carsy 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 Nellllie L out a riding. This P.M. Mr Mc at C_ again he met John Spark there. Jack S- and Homer called at Wilson Stretchers 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 Sabb 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 McCalloun & 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 Freds 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 Bloom-ington 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 Morrays 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_hoever 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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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 cleave 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 & 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 nerveous 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-

10th 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.

11th 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.

12th 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 Conventer 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 Eeve [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 O'clock 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 O'clock for their N.Y. home Mr and Mrs Savage and White here when Mr Mc came back and remained with us for tea- Harlan & Homer and all in to meet all of these friends to day- We certainly had an enjoyable time. This Eve Harlan and Homer at C- a few minutes.

26" May Thursday. Rain to day again. Harlan and 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 O'clock this P.M. Sermon by Rev Mr White. Text Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree- and instead of

the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off" It is grace that makes the difference between people. The man that has the grace and love of the Lord Jesus in his heart differs very largely from the man that has no claims to this holy life. Homer called at Uncle Bighams this eve. Harlan at C- with same donations for our friends there.

29" May. Sabb. Clouds this A.M. Sunshine towards evening. This is our communion Sabbath- No Sabbath School this morning- but prayer meeting at ten O'clock Mr Mc and 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 o'clock Mr Mc Harlan Homer Clayton Clara and Frank at our church- Sermon by Rev Mr White. Clayton and Frank at home with Paul to day. This Eve Jason and Paul and here alone. Jason read the last chapter in the testament to me while I put Paul to sleep- he read with power.

30" May. Monday. A beautiful day. At half past eight Mr Mc and Clara and I at church Rev Mr White preached- text For what is your life. It is even as a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." What is life and how to make the most of it is the great question of life. We are mortal in life and immortal in death. To be in Christ is life to be out of him is death. Clayton was at church George Williams met him in C- and took Fred, the horse home. Clayton rode back home on Prince and Mr Mc and Clara and I attended Mr Harvey Coopers funeral at the Presbyterian church at Xenia at eleven O'clock. We went out to the [illegible] and drove out in the direction of the infirmary and took our lunch under a shade tree= In the afternoon we attended the Services in the Cemetery- This was

decoration day- A great many people there- This is the first time we have ever attended [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. Bromegan and Will Mc here at the shearing Gidieon and Harlan the work Clayton helping too - so is Jason and Paul Mr Mc around home all day. Frank busy. This P.M. I was at Selma I called to see Miss Roadarmers at Mrs Dugdales - also called to see Miss Cellars when she and her Company were fishing. This Eve the boys took John & Willie & Gid to C- - Gidieons friends with them to night_ Rain this 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 veil of sin and

unbeleif[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 1st chap of the gospel of John – called his attention to the words “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world” Harlan and Homer at the Young folks meeting and the U.P.[?] church. Rev Robb preached –

6th June Monday. Our guest left us this morning. John Bromegan and Mr Mc here with Homer shearing. Frank went 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 Bromegan 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 Mcs 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. McMillan to town - he went down on the six Oclock train - he is feeling quite despondent in regard to his health. I took tea with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Uncle Joe did not come back with us.

12" June Sabb. A warm day. Clayton and Frank at home with Paul. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "God shall hear and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God." Long peace or interrupted prosperity will ruin any people - family church or nation. There must be changes or Satan 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 Murdock's 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 Endeavor 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. Jaspas preached. His text. For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he poseseth" 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 Bromeagan 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.