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M. E. McMillan's journal for the year 1893

January 1893

New Years day. 1893.

"I watched the old moon in its slow decline; So pass, Old Year, beyond life's Stormy Sea  
Whate'er the waiting New Year brings to me, I Know 'Tis ordered by a hand divine, So, fearless,  
'mid the wild bells mingled din, I open the door and let the New Year in!"

"A new year dawns upon us:

Lord great that it may be

A year of richest blessings.

Of fellowship with thee;

A year of full Surrender

Of all at Jesus feet,

of Patient, earnest toiling

In Thine own Service Sweet.

A year of constant trusting

My Self, my all, to Thee,

Thus meeting all the changes

The coming year may bring,

While on my pilgrim journey.

Thy praises I will sing

And when at length 'Tis ended,

And pilgrim trials o'er,

In nobler Strains I'll Praise Thee

At Home for evermore."

Sabbath the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the New Year. Harlan came home last night from his place in Springfield. Clara at home from attending the school there and Homer is home on his vacation from Monmouth College. These along with Clayton and Jason were at Sabbath School this morning and church. Mr Mc at Church alone. Paul and I at home – Jordan around. On Last Sabbath evening the last Sabbath of the old year we began our Sabbath reading in the Book of Genesis and today all of the children excepting Paul read in continuance – also took up our lesson for Sabbath School next sabbath. This eve rough & cold. Harlan and Homer at the Young folks meeting and at the hall at the prayer meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> January. Monday. Snow on the ground – cold. At an early hour Homer left with Harlan and Clara for Springfield— Home again about two O'clock – he took the clothes to Mrs P- came home – and took his company along with others to Walters. Mr Mc around home all day. Jason at home helping me. Clayton at school. Gidieon & Jordan around. Homer in the sleigh this eve.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Tues. Another cold day. Homer came back last night bringing Uncle Joe with him. Allie Barber calling here today. After an early dinner, Mr Mc and Homer left for Xenia. Frank L- called

today. She will be back next week. Jason at home helping me- Clayton at School. Jordan & Gideon around. Mr Mc and Homer reached home after dark. They went in the sleigh today. A party at Barbers. Homer could not go.

3 Jan. Wed. Cold. Sleighing good. Gideon Uncle Joe and Jordan around. Clayton and Jason both at school. Homer at C- this A.M. and back again this afternoon. Mr Mc went with him to attend the Congregational meeting at the church. He had a letter from Fannie from Pine Bush. She and McKenzie and Donald all well\_ We also had a letter from Fred he and McDonald are going ahead at their work in their printing office. Mr Mc and Homer for tea. Homer went away to spend the evening sleigh riding.

4" Jan. Thurs. Cold and blustery. Fast day throughout our church stressing this the week of prayer. It is too cold for me to venture out today again. Mr Mc Homer and Clayton & Jason at our church. Homer drove to the train to say good bye to Walter Murdock he left this morning for Ida College. Gideon Uncle Joe and Jordan looking after the stock Paul here with me – although not at church I remembered the day. Homer did not come home but remained at C- among the friends this afternoon and evening.

5" Jan. Friday. Moderated a little. Uncle Joe Mr Mc Gideon around. Jordan chopping. Clayton and Jason at school. Paul and I keeping house. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- Homer walked out. He stayed at Alvie Orrs last night. This eve he went in the sleigh to Selma. Balderage went up on the train & met him there. Old Mr Henderson late of Clinton Co died over at his sons James H's he was 83 years of age. Uncle Dan here awhile this P.M.

6" Jan. Sat. A pleasant winter day. Mr Balderage came home with Homer last night and after a nine O'clock breakfast Homer took him to C- Homer did not get home 'till late this P.M. Mr Mc attended old Mr. Henderson's funeral this morning at Jas Henderson – Aunt Mary & Bell and several of the friends there. Rev Mr Warnock conducted the exercises. His remains will be taken to his old home in Clinton Co today and tomorrow they will be layed in the old family burying ground there. "Dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return" is true of every one of us. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- This eve Homer took Uncle Joe home – Sleighing fine.

8" Jan Sabb. A cold winter day. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School in good time. Mr Mc at preaching. Paul and I home. Jordan around in time for dinner. This afternoon We had our bible reading in the 3" & 4" chaps of Genesis – and catechism. A beautiful piece. "Between the Years" attracted our attention. I will write a few lines right here to help me to remember it.

"A year of days behind us lies,  
A year of mornings fresh and new,  
Whereat we rose to think and do,  
A year of evenings when the sun  
Bidding "good by" with lingering light,  
Saw ever yet some work undone."

I will only write the closing verse which is –

“This year to you, to me, to all  
If at it's limit eve shall stand  
Stronger by strength of sinews trained  
To service. If wide ground be gained,  
The year before us rises grand.”

This eve Homer at the Young folks meeting and at the hall hearing Rev Thompson of Columbus on the Sabbath question & the hall was crowded. A printer from Columbus stopping with us tonight\_

9” January. Monday. A cold blowing winter day. Homer at C- to tell the folks good bye and to bring Uncle Joe out. After he came back, we took his trunk and after dinner Mr Mc left with him in the Sleigh for Springfield. He went on the evening train with Howard Bratton for to resume his place in Monmouth College. He has only been home for a little over two weeks on his vacation – how quickly the time past while he was here and to look forward to the close of this College year to his coming home seems a long time – but it too will hurry along. Mr Mc had a cold ride home reaching here at nine O'clock. Aunt Mary and Bell called here this afternoon. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Clayton and Jason at School. They came home to dinner and to tell Homer “good by.”

10” Jan. Tues. The coldest day of the year. Jordan trying to husk corn in the barn & Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Gideon taking care of the stock. Clayton and Jason at school. Paul around the fire. I have been attending to the work as usual.

11” Jan. Wed. Another very cold day. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Gideon looking after stock. Jordan marking single trees. Paul around here with me. Mr Tom Spenser called this A.M. Mr Frank Spensers married son with us to dinner and to look at stock. Mr Nook here yesterday morning and drove out some stock cattle for Dayton market. Mr [illegible] from C- here this P.M. This afternoon Uncle Joe at the office and at the mill. A poor man from off the pike here for a lunch. Quite a disagreeable evening.

Thursday 12” Jan. Still cold. Gideon and Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around. Jordan helping to clean wheat. Gideon at C- this afternoon with colt for Spenser. Clayton and Jason at school. Will Mc taught today again for Miss Lulu S- On yesterday morning Mr and Mrs Morton and Cargills family left for Florida. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon.

13” Jan. Friday. Still very cold. Jordan chopping. Gideon and Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc nursing some little pigs by the fire. Mrs Boyd called this P.M. Dave Mc called this afternoon to look after the new church. Late this P.M. Mr Mc and I at Cedarville – We took tea with the sisters. I stopped with Aunt Mary and Grandmother – I left Paul with Uncle Joe. Clayton and Jason at School today. When we came home they had supper. This eve all of us around the lamp.

Jan. 14" Sat. Another cold day. Mr Mc & Gideon Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason & Jordan around. Paul around too. I have been busy all day. This P.M. Clayton and Jason took Uncle Joe home in the Sleigh and drove out to Uncle Silas's on an errand.

15 January. Sabbath. Below zero this morning. Rev Mr Crawford from the Xenia Seminary preached for us today in Mr. Mortons absence. None of us there but Clayton and he nearly perished with the cold. This afternoon Catechism. This eve we had our Bible reading in Genesis. We have had a quiet Sabbath. This is the twenty Sixth Anniversary of our marriage Eve. It seems to look back like it was away yonder for a half or more of the people that were living then are dead now. And in their places a whole generation has come and taken their places – thus the world moves on – And these returning anniversaries tell us the years are passing by – and "eternity is over there."

Monday. 16" Jan. Very cold. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc at home all day with Gideon and Jason looking after the Stock. Paul here with me. Notwithstanding the cold the sleighs keep passing. Everything quiet at our homes today and evening.

17" Jan. Tues. Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Mc around all A.M. with Gideon. Jordan at C- this A.M. and brought Uncle Joe out. They were here in time for dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at town to see [Illegible] Osborne. It is still cold. Paul around all day as usual.

18" January. Wed. Moderated. Mr Mc At Xenia. Paul and I went with him as far as C- and spent the day with grandmother and Aunt Mary. They were at dinner when we went in. Aunt Bell there this afternoon. I called to see Aunt Janes and Aunt Roseanna. This Eve Gideon and Clayton came to town. Clayton stopped at grandmothers for Supper. And Paul and came out home with them. Mr Mc came at a later hour. On last night Jordan took up his abode here. Clayton and Jason at School today. Grandmother seems a good deal better. Uncle Joe and Jason had their supper over and the work done up when we came home.

19" Jan. Thurs. Sleighing fine. not quite so cold. Gideon sick. Uncle Joe and Jordan and Mr Mc around. This afternoon Mr Mc at town and out at Williams and Uncle Bighams. Took tea with the latter. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul here with me—we rec'd a letter from Clara this eve from S-

20" January. Friday. Sleighing fine. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Gideon at his place today. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Jordan at mill at C- Paul around with me.

21" Jan. Sat. Much warmer today. This morning Jordan and Frank Jason at C- This eve Clayton and Jordan made a hasty trip taking Uncle Joe home. Mr Mc around home all day.

21 [22] January Sabbath. Moderated considerably. Jason went to church alone to Sabbath school in the sleigh this morning. Mr Mc and I at church. Clayton at home with Paul. Jordan around. Rev. Robt Evans from the Xenia Seminary preached for us today in Mr Mortons absence. Text, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: For it is the power of God unto

Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first: and also to the greek.” We had a nice Sermon. This afternoon we heard Claytons and Jasons questions. This Eve we had our Bible reading in Genesis.

22” [23] January. Monday. A pleasant winter day. Clayton and Jason at School. Jordan at C- and brought Uncle Joe up. Mr Mc and I left Paul with Uncle Joe and we went past C- in the Sleigh and took Aunt Bell with us to Springfield. Harlan called at Myer’s Stable to see Bell and me. Clara came around to the store to us this P.M. I got a dark navy blue cloth cloak today. We called to see Mrs. S- this eve and Aunt Bell and took tea there – it is very bright and clear tonight. Uncle Joe by the lamp when we came home and only three boys were asleep by the fire. Frank Lamont called here today. As we came home we drove in to see Mrs Ansley and very unexpectedly Aunt Bell engaged Mrs Scott to come to live with them.

23” [24] January. Tuesday. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around all A.M. This afternoon he was at C- called at grandmother Murdocks and the sisters. He met Mr Cam Dean from Jamestown Bank in C- Mr Mc home in time for tea – quite a change in the weather from yesterday. Sleighing still continues. Uncle Joe and Gidieon and Jordan around today.

24” [25] January. Wed. Quite a beautiful day. German from C- here and killed a beef – quite a busy day. A number of callers here to see and buy stock cattle. Clayton at C- and brought german out this morning and Uncle Joe and Jason took him after Supper. The boys at school today. Jordan & Uncle Joe & Gidieon around. This P.M. Mr Mc and Bazel called at Brown and Gillows.

26” Jan. Thurs. A very bright day. Warm. Snow going off. But towards evening colder. Clayton and Jason at School. Jordan at C- at the dentists this morning. Near noon I drove down in the sleigh to Gillows to see girl – came back and after dinner Mr Mc and I drove over to the Y. Springs and vicinity – about the time we reached home and counted up we had gone very near twenty miles in all – we called at Deans to see the sheep and we met Ed Linsons father in law while we were out. When we came home Uncle Joe & co. had supper and work all done. Mr Mc not feeling very well this eve. I did not remember until this evening that this is my birthday.

27” Jan. Friday. Still thawing but sleighs still passing. Clayton at C- and brought german out to finish his work and took him back after School this eve. I have not been well today. Jason at home to help with the work. Jordan husking Gidieon busy. Uncle Joe around. Paul around. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- and up at Mr Al Millers. He was home in time for tea.

28” January. Sat. Thawing. Snow going off very fast. Jason at the work in the kitchen. Clayton at C- this morning at Mr Millers and brought the cow home. Jordan at C- too. Mr Mc went to Springfield with a load of stuff for Mrs Stuart – returned after dark – it is clear and very mild. Gidieon at his feeding all day. Uncle Joe looking after things. Jordan in the woods chopping supplies for the wood house. He took Uncle Joe home this evening. This afternoon Frank and her brother called.

29 January Sabbath Still mild & cloudy. Jason at home with Paul. Jordan here. Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Riley Little came from the Alleghany Seminary and preached for us today in Mr. Mortons Absence – he will return to his Studies in the Sem. tomorrow evening. His subject Foreign missions—text “Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world.” This afternoon spent with Clayton and Jason. We had Catechism and Bible readings. This Eve Jason and I at the R. P. church Sermon by Riley L- text “Jesus stood and cried saying if any men thirst let him come unto me and drink.” Mrs Elderick – daughter of the late David Barber died at her home in Indiana. Her remains will be brought to Cedarville Tuesday.

30 Jan. Monday. A mild gloomy day. Boyd & Co husking Jordan chopping. Gidieon feeding. Clayton and Jason at school. Uncle Silas here and came in with Mr Mc to dinner. This eve Clayton and Gidieon at town. Uncle Joe came home with them.

31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Tuesday. Gloomy and ground very damp. Clayton and Jason at school. Jordan in the woods. Gidieon feeding. After an early dinner Mr Mc and I at C- Paul around home with Uncle Joe. I was at grandmother Murdock and Aunt Janes. I also called to see Mary Torrence. Aunt Jane not well. When we came home Uncle Joe and boys had supper over. Uncle Joe had quite a large day with Paul. Paul did everything to annoy Uncle Joe he possibly could do – he got up on the table and twisted the pendulum of the clock out of place and stopped it – fell into the tank – took the [illegible] out of its place & started out with it- and so on too [illegible] to mention.

#### February 1893

1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Wed. Rain. Gidieon around. Jordan chopping. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma. Frank Lamont called at noon— took dinner and this afternoon she went with me to Wylie Jones to call. When we went we found several there – and was surprised to find him so near to death He is insensible – takes no notices of those around him. Frank with us tonight. Uncle Joe at C- late this P.M. Paul with Uncle Joe. [Translator note: the following in the bottom margin] Mr Pigg called this morning

2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thursday Damp and very icy. Gidieon and Uncle Joe around & Jordan too. Clayton and Jason at School yesterday and today. Frank walked over home this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and I called at Jones. Wylie died this morning at nine O'clock – After staying with them awhile we went to Clifton. Mr Mc called at the paper mill and around. I stopped with Mrs Daily. Miss Belle not at home – we came home past C- and rec'd a letter from Harlan and Clara and Homer. This has been a very gloomy day – raining and thawing this eve. The papers are all overflowing with accts of James G. Blaines death and funeral – he died at his home in Washington D.C. Jan 27<sup>th</sup> aged 63 years -- one of the greatest Statesman of the age. On Monday Mr Albert Townsley died. Mr John Gillough and Miss Bazel married today.

3 Feb. Friday. Rain last night. Thawing and freezing both today. Uncle Joe and Gidieon both around & Jordan also. Clayton and Jason at School. This afternoon Mr Mc making Some calls around Clifton. I went with him and stopped at Miss Dailys dress making shop— we reached

home at dark. Uncle Joe and boys had their supper over. Uncle Dan called yesterday afternoon and Mr Tindal also. This eve Gidieon at C-

4" Feb. Sat Moderated. A bright day but cold. Jordan husking. Uncle Joe and Gidieon away. At eleven oclock Mr Mc and I attended the funeral of Wylie Jones at the Selma Church. Bro Johnstons text "Set thy house in order for thou shall die" We went with them to the cemetery – his body was layed way in the old Blacksomes [?] graveyard. Uncle Joe and the boys had the work pretty well done up. This afternoon Clayton took Uncle Joe home. We rec'd a letter from Fannie the plan is for her and Donald to come in June. Willie Forbes called here this eve. Boyd and Hodge around. Gidieon here looking over accts.

5 Feb. Sabb. Moderated. Clayton at home with Paul. Jordan around. Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr and Mrs Morton are home- Mr Morton explained the 23" Psalm beautifully. and Rev Mr Childs from the Xenia Seminary late of Coulterville preached. Text "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth Say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." This afternoon we had the Catechism. This Eve the boys busy reading we had our Bible reading also.

6" Feb. Monday. Rain last night and almost constant rain today. Everything on a stand still. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc Gidieon and Jordan around. Late this P.M. Mrs Boyd brought Myrtle Hodge down – Myrtle will stay with us awhile – to assist me with the work.

7" Feb. Tuesday. Freezing. Clayton at C- at an early hour with clothes for Mrs P- we did not send last week. Uncle Joe came back with Clayton – both here for breakfast. Jordan chopping Gidieon feeding. Mr Charlie Crouse called. Mr Isaac Stuarts man from X- called. Myrtle and I very busy. Uncle Joe at James Hendersons. J.H. McMillans to invite them here to dinner tomorrow. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day.

8" Feb. Wednesday. Gloomy but not so cold. Our Company all came as follows: Willie McMillan's wife and Uncle Dan, Mr & Mrs J.H. McMillan and nephew Clarence Achan[?] from Bellefontaine and Mr & Mrs Jas Henderson. Uncle Joe and Jordan around. Paul around and waited like a nice boy and eat at the second table. Mr Mc with the company all day. Myrtle and I busy. We did not forget this was Fannies birthday and that she is far away from us today.

9" Feb. Thurs. Quite a disagreeable day – snow – and then rain – Creeks are all high—a terrible day on the stock. Gidieon Uncle Joe and Jordan and Mr Mc all on the program. Clayton & Jason both at School yesterday and today. Uncle Joe at C- yesterday afternoon. All at home today. Myrtle ironing. I am not feeling well.

10" Feb. Friday. Gloomy but not cold. Jordan put up the hams today. They have been in the brine since the [blank space] of Dec. making [blank space]. Uncle Joe went by way of C- to Springfield this forenoon for Clara. Gidieon Jordan and Mr Mc looking after things. Clayton and Jason at School. Myrtle at the work. The Farmers Insitute met at C- at the Opera house today.

But I have been on the sick list all day and not able to attend. Mr Robt Tindal called this .P.M. Mrs Boyd called also. Uncle Joe and Clara came home after dark.

11" Feb. Sat. A mild day, but gloomy Gideon Uncle Joe and Jordan & Mr Mc all around. Clara and the boys out skating all morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and I attended the closing session of the Institute. The Opera House packed. After a brief call at the Sisters and Mothers we came home. Clara came down with Uncle Joe and was at the meeting awhile. Uncle Joe stayed in C- and I rode out with Clara. Clayton & Jason taking care of Paul. Myrtle at the work.

12 Feb. Sabb. A gloomy day. Clara & Clayton at Sabbath School and church. I have been on the sick list today again. Mr Mc at church alone. Jason and Paul at home with me. Myrtle and Jordan around. This Eve Clara and Clayton at the U.P. church. Uncle Joe came home with them. Rev Bailey of Clifton preached. Mr Morton preached for us today. This Eve Myrtle and Jason read in the Bible.

13" Feb. Monday. A gloomy day Uncle Joe and Clara left at an early hour for Springfield. This afternoon Mr Mc & Co. at Crosses with hogs. Uncle Joe came home at dark. He met Harlan in S- and took dinner with him. This afternoon Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell called awhile. Clayton and Jason at School. Myrtle away. Paul around. This Eve all around the lamp.

14" Feb. Tuesday. Rain last night – and almost constant rain this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr John Thomas here with Mr Mc awhile. Uncle Joe and Gideon around Boyd & Hodge husked until noon. Jordan hauling in corn.

15" Feb. Wed. A gloomy day. Gideon Uncle Joe and Jordan around. Clayton & Jason at School This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston. Myrtle and I busy. Paul in the house today waiting for his new boots – so he can get out. Mr Mc at home after dark.

Feb. 16" Thurs. Pleasant today. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc and Frank at Xenia Gideon taking care of the stock. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- Aunt Bell here awhile this afternoon. Myrtle began cutting carpet rags this afternoon. Mr Mc & Frank at home after dark. We rec'd letters from Fannie and Homer this eve – Homer has got a position at the worlds fair. Donald is quite a boy now.

17" Feb. Friday. Quite a rough day. Snowing blowing sleeting and freezing. Jordan began papering the sitting room this P.M. Clayton and Jason at School. The washing came from Mrs. P- and Myrtle and I have done the ironing. This afternoon Mr Mc at Williams and at Uncle Bighams took tea with Uncle B- Mr Mc did not get home until after dark.

18" Feb. Sat. Still a disagreeable day. Jordan removed all of the old paper and put on the new – finished the job today and we moved back into the sitting room this eve. Mr Mc and boys and Gideon and Uncle Joe all busy. Myrtle and I busy. This Eve Gideon took Uncle Joe home.

19" Feb. Sabb. More pleasant but quite windy. The ground covered with Snow and ice. Myrtle at her home most of the day. Clayton at home with Paul. Frank around. Jason rode horse back

to church & was there in Time for Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Ye are complete in him." No matter what our weakness and dificiency [sic] is if we are united to Christ – he will make up every lack. Our duty is not determined by our own strength or fitness but by the infinite fulness of the Lord Jesus. There is no trouble or temptation so great but he can deliver us. He supplies the defects of our character. In ourselves we are all wrong but in Christ we are all right. We are complete whole & perfect when united to him. Christ also supplies the defects in our work. There is grace and Strength enough in Christ at our disposal to fit us for every work. Let us not forget that amid our hard work and environments we have the presence and blessings of that dear Saviour. He supplies the defects in the trials of life. He supplies all our wants in life and in death and through all eternity. This afternoon I heard the Catechism This eve Myrtle read with them in the 5" chap of Matthew. On last Sabbath eve they passed from Genesis to the book of Matthew for Myrtles benefit.

20" Feb. Monday. A winter day. Clayton at C- early this morning for Uncle Joe. he and Jason at School. Jordan nearly completed papering the bed room. Myrtle and I busy. Gidieon at his work. Mr Mc around home all day. This eve all around the lamp. Paul around as usual.

21" Feb. Tues. Quite a rough day – almost constant snow – cold & blowing. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Jordan and Gidieon all around. Myrtle at her work I have been busy. Paul around the fire. This P.M. Jordan at mill and at the office.

22" Feb. Wed. Snow on the ground. Clayton and Jason at School. This P.M. Uncle Joe at C- home a little after dinner to stay with Paul and Myrtle while Mr Mc and I were over at Clifton. I called at Belle Dailys – we came home past Uncle Bighams and made a short call there. When we came to town we signed some Howard Lake documents at Squire Osborns. We took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Mr Mc called at George Williams they moved into town from Uncle Bighams place today. I spent the evening with grandmother while Aunt Mary was at prayer meeting. We expressed a package to Monmouth today for the benefit of our sons.

23" Feb. Thurs. Thawing. Mr Mc went by way of Wm Haines to Hayslop's[?] Sale. This afternoon Clayton at home with Paul and Myrtle. Jason at School all day. Uncle Joe attended Mrs Tom Tindals funeral at the M.E. Church. and I attended the Womens Missionary Soc at our Church. After the meeting I made some calls around C- Mr Mc came home early this eve in self defence – he went in the sleigh and the snow was fastly disappearing. Jordan & Boyds & co. at Jamestown tonight. Myrtle busy. Uncle Dan called this P.M.

24" Feb. Friday. A gloomy day. Jason at School. Clayton went with Mr Mc to Hayslops[?] beyond Clifton for Jersey cows. Uncle Joe at C- at the shop. Myrtle and I busy. Jordan came home this eve.

25" Feb. Sat. Sunshine most of the day. It Snowed a little last night Clayton at C- at the shop and & this A.M. Uncle Joe and Gidieon & Jordan all busy. Mr Mc at Selma this afternoon. This afternoon Myrtle went home to be ready for their dance tonight. Mr Mc at Selma. I have been very busy. Gidieon took Uncle Joe home.

26" Feb. Sabbath. A nice day. Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc & I at church. Jason at home with Paul. Myrtle came this morning she and Jordan around. The Hon Mr Day gave us quite a Bible talk on the Sabbath. Mr Morton explained the Psalm. This afternoon we had the catechism. This Eve Bible reading Mr Mc and I at the U.P. church tonight and heard Mr Day on the Sabbath question again. He is a power.

27" Feb. Monday. A mild day. A general thaw. Uncle Joe came up with Uncle Dan this morning. Clayton and Jason at School. Jordan at his new building for a sheep shelter. Gideon taking care of the stock. Myrtle at her work. Mr Mc and I left Paul in Uncle Joes care and went to Springfield to attend the Chapman revival. We reached there at noon and stopped with Mrs Stuart for dinner. In the afternoon Clara and Mrs S- went with us to the meeting at the Presbyterian church. In the eve we took tea with Mrs S- and she and Clara and all her family attended the meeting at the City hall which was one densely packed mass of human beings. Mr Chapmans subject. The Holy Spirit.

28" Feb. Tuesday. A mild day. Mr Mc and I returned from S- at one Oclock this morning – without being overly fatigued. At the latter part of our journey it came on a little shower. Paul slept with Uncle Joe last night Uncle Joe at Xenia today. Clayton and Jason at School this afternoon Myrtle went with Mrs Boyd to C- & will not be back until the morning. Mr Mc at C- he called to see Mr & Mrs Williams. Gideon at Selma at the mill most of the day. Jordan at his new building.

### March 1893

1" March Wed. A mild day – but quite muddy. Mr Mc and Frank Jordan away all day at Houstons for lumber. Myrtle and I busy all day. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Gideon around – This Eve Gideon & Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- [illegible] moved up the pike this Eve to the old Wright home.

2" March. Thurs. A mild day. Jordan at his shed. Gideon and Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc at C- and at Mrs Jas Barbers Sale. I left Paul with Myrtle and I called to see Aunt Rachel. also to see Mr Mortons. and very briefly with Grandmother Clayton and Jason were at School today. Gideon here looking over accts this afternoon or evening.

3 March. Friday. A mild day. Jordan hauling lumber from Mitchels. Uncle Joe trimming fruit trees – Gideon feeding. Clayton and Jason at School. This afternoon we left Paul with Myrtle and Mr Mc and went to Xenia. I called to see Mr J.C. McMillan. He is quite feeble. We spent a little time at the late Fred Smith store with Mr McCann – made some purchases. We reached home a little after dark\_

4" March. Sat. Snowing most of the day. We are back into winter again. Jordan chopping. Uncle Joe & Gideon and Mr Mc around all day. Boyd called [blank space] Clayton took Uncle Joe down home – Myrtle and I busy today.

5" March Sabb. A light Snow on the ground – freezing. Jason at Sabbath School- and church. Clayton at home with Paul. Myrtle and Frank around – Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “And he said, thus saith the Lord, Make the valley full of ditches. For thus Saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink both ye and your cattle and your beasts.” The subject of this text Ditch digging or how the water of life may be secured. How can a languishing heart be revived. In this text we have the mans side – or the nature of the work we have to do. Dig up the ditches – or open up the channels that the water of life may flow in. Our hearts need to be opened up – Open up the channels of your heart and the Lord will fill them. Open up the channels to receive the blessing and the blessing will come If you want a blessing prepare the way and the Lord will send it. The reason is that there is such a feeble flow of the grace and Spirit of God into our hearts is because our hearts are so full of the world of Selfishness and Sin that there is no room for the spirit to come in. The church is a valley which God directs us to make full of ditches. One channel which needs to be opened up is the channel of faith. Put Strong faith into a man and he is able to do anything. Another channel that is to be opened up is persevering work for Christ. Our Country is a valley which the Lord directs us to make full of ditches that his blessings may flow into upon our country. Lastly the encouragement. The valley shall be filled with water. When we obey God the blessing comes – We have hearts that are full of Sin – hard and filled with all evil – but when they are warmed & renewed by the power and Spirit of God then we can triumph over the world the flesh & the devil. This afternoon Catechism & Bible reading. Myrtle read with Clayton & Jason in the Bible.

6" March. Monday. A mild day. A telegram came from the Soldiers Home telling us of the death our old English gardner George Cooper. His funeral today at one Oclock – but it was not convenient for Mr Mc to go over. Uncle Joe came out this morning but went back to a meeting of the Trustees. Mr Mc around home all day. Jordan at Mitchels for lumber this P.M. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around. Myrtle in the Kitchen. I have been sewing today.

7" March Tues. Almost a Spring day. Clayton took Mr Mc to the Selma train to go to London to the Sale. Jason at School Clayton at home today. Jordan at Mitchels mill for lumber. Uncle Joe came out with him. A peddler here to dinner. Miss Martha McCollum buried this forenoon at eleven Oclock. She was one of our sisters in our church – one of the excellent of the earth. Frank took the buggy up to Selma for Mr Mc and went from there to Elders. Mr Mc took dinner today at Mr John Mitchels and did not get to see Mr Phipher [?]. Mr Tindal went up with Mr Mc this morning.

8" March. Wed. Raining a little all day. Clayton at C- this morning and brought Aunt Jane and Matt out to spend the day. On yesterday Eve Uncle Joe and Jason were at C- to see Aunt Janes to make arrangements for them to come today. Jordan working on his new building. Uncle Joe and Gidieon around. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc at Cains Sale – took dinner there with Mr Cooper & others. After school this eve Clayton took Aunt Jane down home. Myrtle busy today.

9" March. Thursday. Sprinkled rain all day. Paul and I at grandmother Murdocks for dinner. Aunt Mary busy. I left Paul there while I called to see Mrs Thompson Crawford. She is not well this winter. The W.C.T.U.s held their monthly meeting at grandmothers this afternoon. About twenty present. Mr Mc at the Y. Springs this afternoon. They are taking the Old Neff house down. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Jordan around.

10" March. Friday. A mild day. Mrs Ansley called this afternoon. Uncle Joe trimming trees in the orchard. Jordan working on his sheep shed. Gideon at C- this afternoon for lumber. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around. Myrtle and I busy. Mr Mc at Mitchel Collins this afternoon – He expected to have gone for Clara and Helen H- but the bad roads prevented him.

11" March. Sat. Raining most of the day. Jordan[?] began his patten [?] fence. Gideon & Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc at home all day. Near noon Clayton at C- on an errand. Jason & Paul around. Myrtle busy. This Eve Clayton and Jason took Uncle Joe home. Jas Boyd here – on his way to town. Jordan went to Selma and took the evening train for Columbus –to visit his parents. On the 4" Grover Cleveland took his Seat in the White house & Benjamin Harrison went out.

12 March. Sabb A mild day – but gloomy. Myrtle went home and was away all day. Jason and I at home with Paul. Clayton rode the Pony to Sabbath School and Mr Mc went alone to church. Had Sermon by Mr Morton as usual. This afternoon spent with the children.

13" March. Monday. Frank came back from Columbus yesterday Eve and went to Charleston for lumber today. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. looking for Ben Irvin. Mr Mc at Charlie Marshals Sale this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at School. I sent the clothes to Mrs P- Myrtle and I busy. I have rheumatism in my arm these days.

14" March. Tuesday. A blustery day Clayton and Jason at School. Gideon hauling in corn & feeding Jordan making patten [?] fence. Uncle Joe at C- this afternoon. Mr Mc at [illegible] Hollingworths sale this afternoon. Myrtle at her work Paul around. I have been sewing.

15" March. Wed. Snowing and blowing and quite cold. Jordan chopping. Gideon feeding. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around Clayton at School. Jason did not go until noon he was not feeling well this morning. Mr Mc called at Mr J.H. McMillans tenant house – but the family had not moved in yet. Paul around the fire today. I have put in a full day sewing. A County Prohibition Convention at Jamestown today. Aunt Mary & Bell and Mr and Mrs Morton went over.

16" March. Thurs. A nice day – Mr Mc and Jordan at the Springs today to look at the lumber in the Old Neff building. Jordan came home past Mitchels mill in C. Uncle Joe took me to C- this morning to spend the day at Grandmothers while Aunt Mary & Bell & Matt attended a meeting of the W.C.T.U.s at Spring Valley. He came back home and kept Paul all day. Myrtle busy. Clayton & Jason at School. GrandMother and I by ourselves most of the day. Mr Morton called. In the evening Maggie Pidgeon and Mattie and Lizzie Wilson came – there for tea and to spend the night. Aunt Mary returned from the meeting on the five Oclock train. A Kansas lady spoke on the Temperance question at the hall. I stayed and went with the folks to the meeting.

17" March. Friday. A bright day. I stayed last night at grandmother Murdocks. None of the folks came to the meeting. I was invited with the crowd to Aunt Bells to dinner – but Clayton came for me and I said good bye to the company and came home. Paul was glad to see me and said he wanted me to stay with him now. Jason at School today. This afternoon Clayton went with his father to Oscar Masons and came home by Selma I have been busy sewing. Jordan working on his sheep building.

18" March. Sat. A nice day. Clayton & Jason at Selma – Mr Mc went up at a later hour-all home to dinner. Gidieon at his feeding. Jordan at his building. Uncle Joe around we put the hams No. 1 away in Sacks today. Mrs Boyd called – and brought the mail from C- Clayton took Uncle Joe down this P.M. Myrtle and I busy today.

19" March Sabb. A gloomy day. Myrtle & Jordan away most of the day. Clayton at home with Paul alone. Jason rode the Pony to Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And God said unto Jacob. Arise go up to Bethel and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean and change thy garments." The subject of text. Drawing near to God. 1" Our duty. What is our duty. 1" Go up to Bethel or to the house of God. What was Bethel to Jacob. It was at Bethel where Jacob met with God and where he saw the ladder that reached from earth to heaven. It was at Bethel where he had such a glorious Communion Season with God – It was at Bethel where he vowed to give God the tenth. When God Says unto us go up to Bethel It means to go up and pay our vows. It is in the house of God where we find the Lord Jesus where we meet God and see heaven open. We are to make Bethel or the house of God our home. Love its sermons its people its principles – its service. Build there an alter and serve God. Sometimes we neglect the prayer meeting and the business meeting of the church and leave it to others to do. When we do this Christ is displeased and says arise and go to Bethel. The Saviour calls us to active Service. If we Serve Christ it will cost us something but it will cost us a great deal more if we do not serve him. The preparation for this duty. Put away the strange Gods. Be clean and change your garments. Put away the world – and your want of love and charity for others. Every fault or sin we indulge in is a strange God. We are to purify our hearts and lives. To be clean and change our garments is to have pure hearts and characters To change our garments is have a pure life and behavior Cease to do evil – learn to do well. This afternoon spent with Clayton and Jason. Bible reading this eve\_

20" March. Monday. A mild day Still a little cold. Mr Mc left his "rig" with Uncle Joe and went with Uncle Silas from C- to Springfield – they took dinner with Harlan. Mr Mc called to see Clara. Mr Mc did not reach home until sometime after dark. Uncle Joe came with him. The doors of the Stormont and McElroy house are closed these day. Uncle Joe around there today. Jason at School. Clayton at home – he went to C- on an errand this afternoon. Frank at his building Gidieon taking care of his stock – Myrtle busy. I have been sewing all day. This was Claytons birthday. He is thirteen – the time is passing—"The boys of today are the men of tomorrow."

Tuesday 21" March. Rained nearby all day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around all day. Jordan at his building. Gidieon at his work. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul in the house today. Myrtle and I busy.

22" March. Wednesday. Mr Mc and Paul called at cousin Harveys tenant house this A.M. Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- today at mill. They brought Fannies and Donalds pictures. Donalds Cabinet is grand. Jason at School. Jordan & Gidieon busy.

23" March Thurs. A mild day Jason at School. Jordan & Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc at Selma this afternoon at Calverts. This Eve Clayton and I were at the post office and called at Orrs to see about the childrens meeting at the church. Myrtles sisters here most of the day. Myrtle away last night and returned this morning.

24" March. Friday. Fast day in our church previous to our communion. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church. & Uncle Joe also. Myrtle and Jordan here. Paul at home with Jason. Rev Mr McKinley of Cincinnati preached for us. Text "How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of hosts." First it is amiable because of its equality & completeness. A sense of permanency that it gives Another thing that makes the house of God lovely is its companionship – and because it gives work to every man and every man for a work. The House of God is delight for it is there where we assemble to worship God. Uncle Joe came back with us this eve. Jordan and Gidieon around all day. This day has been Solemnly kept. Clayton and Jason and I read the first three chapters of the Epistle of John.

25" March. Saturday. A pleasant day but gloomy. Jason took an invitation to Rev Mr McKinney to come home with us to tea this eve. Uncle Joe left at an early hour for Springfield for Clara. They got to the church in time for the two Oclock meeting. Jordan left this morning for Columbus. Boyd here looking over accts this P.M. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church. Rev Mr McKinney text "While Peter thought of the vision the Spirit saith unto him "Behold three men seek thee." Remember whenever any duty or obligation rest upon you it is sent at the right time. It is Gods time. Gods revelation always comes at the right time. The vision not only came at the right time but came to the right man. The connection between our vision and our work. Gods truth needs to be believed. Man has two great powers. The power of knowing and the power of loving[?]. If you have seen the Lord will you be content – or will you go out to meet those whose lives are pressing upon your life. The man who has not seen God and does not know duty is keeping the light out of some other life. We need men who are quick to hear the voice of God. What is a vision? A vision is a practical every day affair. It may come in a revelation – or in a verse of Scripture – or a Sermon – or some new thought or light thrown in upon your path – Our duty is to hear and to carry out into active life what God reveals or makes known to us – " Walk in the light as he is in the light" and above all things seek to teach a dying word around you that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." Mr McKinney came home with us for tea and spent the evening. Uncle Joe remained in town. Mr Mc and Clara and Clayton Jason and Paul all here. we had a nice tea and a pleasant evening. Harlan came around

on the train from S- this eve – When Mr Mc took Mr McKinney down to Mr Mortons Harlan came home with him.

26” March Sabbath. A pleasant day. Clayton at home with Paul. Myrtle here. I went to the ten O'clock prayer meeting with Harlan Clara and Jason. We had a good meeting Mr Mc came to church alone. Rev Mr McKinney preached. Text. “Pilate saith, I find in him no fault at all” Jesus before Pilate—Envy is a malignant passion and keeps no holidays There come a time in every life when we are cornered and must do something with Jesus. He will trouble you if you do not decide this matter wisely he will trouble you. What will you do with Jesus will you take him or will you turn him over to some one else. There is only one way to do with Jesus so that he will not trouble you and that is for you to take him into your heart and accept him as your Saviour. We notice that when Jesus was before Pilate that he did not look at Jesus but Jesus looked at Pilate. Let us never forget that Jesus is looking at us – let us look at him. No matter where we are let us never forget that we can not get away from Jesus – he is looking at us he follows us with his eye – let us seek his blessing and guidance. Christ comes to every life and gives them great opportunities of loving and accepting him & serving him. Afternoon The Lords Supper. Mr Morton said in order to come acceptably to the Lords table we need right views of our Selves – and correct views of Christ. We need to study Christ character – his work and his Salvation that we may be drawn to Christ. Let us not forget when at the Lords table that Christ is looking at us – looking into our hearts and lives. After preaching Clara went home with Aunt Mary & took dinner with her and grandmother Murdock. This Eve Jason at home with Paul. Myrtle here with them. Mr Mc and Harlan and Clayton and I at church. Mr McKinneys text “Until the day break the shadows flee away.” When we bury our dead it is only until the day break and the shadows flee away. We had a good audience and a good sermon. Clara came home with us and Harlan stayed with Balderage to be ready for the first train in the morning to go back to his place in Springfield.

27 March. Monday. A mild day. Mr Mc and I at the closing services of our communion. Rev Mr McKinneys text “Because the Sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them: but this people hath not hearkened unto me: therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts the God of Israel Behold I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them and they have not heard: And I have called unto them, but they have not answered.” Let us remember that God reigns. God is on the throne. The claim of God upon you out rules every other claim – To be sensible and alive to this thought as we should will mend all that is wrong in the home state or church or the world. Mr Morton in his closing remarks said we need to work for our selves we need to be right – Our hearts need to be right. We need to work in our homes. Our homes are not literally Bethels as they should be\_ Our children are not Serving the Lord as they should. They are not working in the prayer meeting as they should – nor in the Sabbath School nor the town nor the Community. Neither are we as fathers and Mothers doing what we might if we were more consecrated more in earnest. After the meeting Mr Mc and I took dinner with Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie at

Grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Marys. Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at home – there was a mistake about them not going to church today. Myrtle here as usual. Gidieon at the work.

28" March. Tuesday. A bright day. Jason at School. Uncle Dan called this morning Mr Mc and Gidieon sowing Clover-"in the Crabb"- In the afternoon Myrtle went up home – On yesterday Eve Clara and Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P- This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara called at Mr Marion Wildmans to see Miss Roadarmer – they were at Selma. This Eve Clara Clayton and Jason were at the Opera house at the Demarist Contest – Jennie Morton took the prize. Clayton and Jason came home alone at ten Oclock – and Clara stayed all night with Blanch and Mary. Jason at school today.

29" March. Wed. A nice day. Mr Mc left at an early hour and went with Uncle Silas from C- to Springfield to attend the closing out sale at Myers Livery Stable. Uncle Joe brought the buggy out and Aunt Jane came out with him and spent the day and this eve they went down again and Mr Mc and Clara came home. Clara took dinner with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary at Aunt Bells. Uncle Joe stayed in C- tonight. he was cleaning in the yard today. This P.M. I called to see Mrs Brown at Cousin Harveys place on Clifton road – also at Mrs Piggs for the clothes. Myrtle busy. I began setting hens for the first today. Clayton at home attending to work – Gidieon feeding. Mrs Henshoe[?] Mrs Jones Sister called.

30 March Thursday. A blustery day. Clayton and Gidieon and Mr Mc busy. Jason took me to Mr Wildmans and from there out to Roadarmers to see Miss R- but we missed seeing her as she had gone to Fred Wilsons— We reached home in time for dinner. This P.M. Jason at School – I attended the Missionary meeting at the Prayer meeting room. I was appointed to lead the meeting but was so hoarse with cold I could harld [hardly?] speak – after the meeting I called grandmothers. Uncle Joe came out at noon. I am nearly sick with Cold.

31" March. Friday. A gloomy day but not cold. At an early hour Gidieon and Clayton left for Springfield with turnips Jason at home to help Uncle Joe and Mr Mc with the work. This afternoon Clara and I attended Mrs Irons Mother's meeting at the hall – and the childrens meeting at four Oclock. I talked with her a little while this eve. Clara stayed in C- I came home and took up the duties of the dining room and Kitchen Myrtle having walked out for the eve. Mrs Irons here speaks this eve again but I was too tired to go. The butcher here for fat cow – Mr Mc & Clayton and Jason helped drive it down.

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1" April. Saturday. Rain this morning. I took Jason and Paul with me and called at J. H. Ms tenant house. After we came home Mr Mc went to Xenia. Uncle Dan called this P.M. and Uncle Joe went home with him. Myrtle and I busy. Clayton and Jason around home This afternoon Clayton and Gidieon at C- This eve Clayton took me up to see Miss Roadarmer. Clara and Blanch and Mary were at Jamestown at Mr Pidgeons today. Clara came home with her father this eve – Ladys coal [colt] is dead.

"Easter Sunday" 2" April. Sabbath. Pleasant. Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. and church. Mr Mc at church. Paul and I at home. Mr Morton preached today as usual. After preaching Clara went to Aunt Janes and will be there tonight. Clayton & Jason said [illegible] lesson A German from off the pike here to lunch and with us tonight.

3" April Monday. A bright day. Ben Irvin came this morning and began work. Our german trimmed the Raspberries and grapes. Irvin began plowing in the field next the house. Gideon took the family over to his fathers yesterday and came home this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- at the election – Clayton at C- this P.M. Jason at school. Clara and Paul and I at Clifton to see Miss Daily. We met Frank there. This eve all here – Clara came home with Uncle Dan this morning.

4" April. Tuesday. A bright day. Clayton in the field with Irvin plowing all day. Clara at C- this morning. Our german finished the pruning and white washed the cave at noon. Gideon taking the patten[?] fence up to Bazels\_ This afternoon at four O'clock Clayton came in and Uncle Joe took his place – and after an early tea he and Clara went to C- to the meeting at the church. Had quite a program for the evening. Opening the [illegible] to help with our new church the principle feature— 42 dollars were raised in this way – They did not get home until ten. Mrs Harshman & children here.

5" April. Wed. A real Spring day. Clara at Clifton this morning for Frank Lamont. She expected also to get Miss Daily but failed – Myrtle Hodge was faithful until Frank came when she bid us good bye. Mr Mc & Paul and Jason took sheep up to the pasture. Polly has a coalt [colt]. Frank Irvin and Clayton plowing all day. Uncle Joe and Gideon around. This afternoon I went to town awhile – I called to See Mary C- & Mrs H- home in time for tea.

6" April Thurs. A gloomy day. Irvin & Clayton plowing. Uncle Joe and Gideon around. Mr Mc around home all day. Clara at C- She went with Uncle Dan and brought the Surrie back this eve – he and Aunt Jane and Matt were at Mrs McCollums. This eve Mr Mc and I at the "parlor social at Mr Brothertons – Mrs Dr Pearne [?] from X- gave us a talk. We had a pleasant evening.

7" April. Friday. Quite blustery. Clara at C- at Miss Horns[?] shop to try dress – came home bringing Aunt Jane with her – This afternoon I attended a W.C.T.U. meeting at Mrs Mortons. Aunt Jane and Clara went back with me. Blanch came home with Clara and me. Clara attended her "first" party tonight. Walter came up here and took her and Blanch to Jennie Mortons party. there were severals there. Mr Mc at Din Collins today – one of his horses met with an accident. Cal Wilson died Wednesday morning. He was fifty three years old. Jason at home today.

8" April. Sat. A gloomy day. Uncle Joe and Gideon & Irvin & Clayton planting potatoes. Frank and I busy. Paul and Jason around. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon and Clara came out with him. This Eve Gideon took Uncle Joe home.

9" April. Sabbath. A shower last night – A gloomy day. Clara, Clayton and Jason at Sab. School & church\_ Paul at home with Frank. Mr Mc and I at church. "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown". was Mr Mortons text— Subject the Christians Crown. The persons who rec" crowns are specified in the word of God. There is the Martyrs crown or the Suffers [sic] crown – which is the Crown of Life. It is for those who endure trials – hardships and are faithful unto death Mr Morton said I have long since made up my mind to expect trials and enimies [sic] and hardships all through the wilderness until we come to the heavenly city – but blessed be God their [sic] is a home a rest and a crown awaiting us there. Next There is the workers Crown – awaiting those who are engaged in the Lords service. Paul said I have fought the good fight and their [sic] "is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day" There is the Crown of the ransomed – the crown of glory. When the sin and temptation and vexations [sic] and discouragements and the Struggle of life is over their [sic] is a crown awaiting us – there is peace and joy and rest & never ending blessedness – world without end. Amen. Clara gave Mr Morton one of Dr Chapmans books to read last week. And when Mr Morton announced his text he said most of the thoughts had been suggested to him by reading one of Dr Chapmans book. "The Ivory Palaces of the King." This afternoon Clayton and Jason and I had the Catechism – and Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath – a Psalm—and Bible reading. Clara is a faithful Bible reader – for her self – now.

10 April Monday. After an early dinner Mr Mc went by way of C- with Clara to Springfield to resume her Studies in the School there. She has been at home since the 25" of March – Mr Mc went with Harlan to Supper- and did not get home until late. Jason at home today again and went to C- this afternoon and brought Uncle Joe out. Irvin came out last night and he and Gidieon & Clayton putting in the oats – in field next the house. Frank and I busy. Paul around all day. Mr Hatton called. Martha Buck is dead – her remains brought to C- today. Mr John Ewing buried today also. Rain last night and gloomy and cool today.

11" April Tuesday. Rain most of the day. I have been busy putting away old papers and things away preparatory for house cleaning. On yesterday eve they had a meeting at the School house Mr Henry Kyle elected to the office of director under the new law. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and all around home – not much being done Bazel called this afternoon. Frank at her work – Jason at School today.

12" April. Wednesday. Gloomy The ground damp. Gidieon & Irvin and Uncle Joe around. Mr Mc at home all day. Jason at School. Clayton and Paul here. Frank and I busy. Mr Paxton called this afternoon.

Thursday 13" April. Pleasant – Jason at School. Gidieon & Irvin brought in the last load of corn\_ and have been busy in the Orchard cleaning it up. Uncle Joe and Clayton looking after things. Frank taking care of the house. Jason at School. Mr Mc at Brysons Sale and at Xenia. Paul and I went with him to C- and stayed at grandmothers. Aunt Mary & Bell & Matt at a district Convention of the W. C. T. Us at the Y. Springs. Grandmother there alone This afternoon Uncle Joe came to town and Paul went home with him – and was here waiting for us when we got

here at dark – Clayton at C- when Mr Mc came to tell him that one of the cows were sick. I had a nice day with grandmother – We got Claras dress from Mary Homes shop this eve – Twelve little chickens off\_

14" April. Friday. Too damp to plow. Gidieon & Irvin in the orchard cleaning up. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul and Clayton around. Jason at School. Frank and I ironed.

15" April. Sat. Snow last night and winter again today. Mr Mc and Gidieon Irvin Uncle Joe Jason and Paul around among the sheep – and putting up poles for a new grape arbor Frank at her work. At an early hour Clayton and I left for Springfield. We took dinner at Mrs Stuarts. Harlan called there to see me. We took Clara's dress up to her. We reached home at six O'clock. Gidieon took Uncle Joe home.

16" April Sabb. Cold – but yet it is Spring. Frank and Paul at home alone. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church alone. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And almost all things are by the law purged, and without shedding of blood is no remission." The Subject of text. The efficacy of the blood of the Lord Jesus. What is it that prepares us for coming into Gods presence with acceptance. It is only those who are washed from their sins in his blood that can come. The doctrine of Salvation by the shedding of blood lies at the very bottom of Salvation – here we touch the solid rock the very foundation principle God has layed. The shedding of blood is the only ground of safety – for without the shedding of blood there is no remission. The Shedding of blood for the remission of Sin is A universal remedy. It saves all sorts of person's from all sorts of sin. There is demon in human shape that the blood of Christ can not make clean. To be saved we must have a personal interest in the Lord Jesus. He must be our Saviour -- resting and abiding in him. This afternoon Frank went over home. The children and I had the first of our special meetings. Mr Mc here around the fire. Irvin came this eve – I read Talmages Easter Sermon "The Awakening of the Sleepers".

Monday. 17" April. The ground damp. Clayton at C- for Uncle Joe – he and Irvin at the grape arbor until noon. This afternoon getting ready for the Sheep washing. Jason at School. Mr Mc across at Wood Warners. I went to Uncle Silas this P.M. I took tea at Grandmothers and Aunt Mary rode out with me – Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason at the School house to hear Happy[?] Best and Son. Frank here as usual. Pleasant this Eve.

18" April. Tuesday. Rained a little & gloomy. Mr Mc around looking for pasture this morning. Gidieon & Irvin finished cleaning up the Orchard. Aunt Jennette and Uncle Bigham here to dinner. This afternoon Gidieon at Charleston for lumber. Mr Mc left Uncle Joe to entertain Mr H\_ and he went too. Frank busy today. Jason at School. Clayton at Clifton early this morning. Mr Mc called at Kitchens this eve. [Written in margin:] "18" Wood Warner called.

19 April Wednesday. A cold damp day. Jones here getting Sheep ready for pasture – here all day. Britten[?] from C- here and papered the dining room. Gidieon, Irvin & Uncle Joe doing what they can. Mr Mc around. Clayton & Paul around. Jason at School. Our men here to dinner. & Jones for supper – Clayton brought Mr Britten out this morning and took him back this eve.

Frank and I busy. Will Mc called. On the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> Freds & McDonalds printing office came near burning down.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Rained last night and nearly all day. Gidieon & Irvin building fence and sawing wood. Clayton at C- at mill this P.M. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul around. Jason at School. I have been sewing. Frank busy.

21<sup>st</sup> April Friday. Snowing – blowing raining and quite cold – back into winter again. Gidieon and Clayton took sheep to Mr Warners pasture this A.M. Mrs Ansly called. Mr Mc expected to have gone to Springfield for Clara but the storm prevented him. Gidieon and Irvin cutting wood. This afternoon Clayton took Frank to C- to the dentist. Will Mcs wife and Waldo called. This eve all at home.

22<sup>nd</sup> April. Sat Another winter day. The ground covered with snow this morning and snowing all day. Alvie Orr called this morning with the Shinn[?] fruit trees. One of the Jersey cows sick. Clayton at Selma for medicine – near noon Mr Mc at C- for medicine Mrs Walker came out with him -- they were both here to a one Oclock dinner. Irvin off duty today. Gidieon at work. This afternoon Clayton took Uncle Joe home. Mrs W. will be with us tonight.

23<sup>rd</sup> April. Sabbath. Very gloomy and chilly. The snow all gone. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church Mr Mc at church. Mrs Walker with us today. Frank and Paul and I here\_ Mr Morton preached today as usual. This afternoon spent with the children— Irvin came back this eve. Mrs W. on the sick list this eve.

24<sup>th</sup> April. Monday. Not so cold but very gloomy. Clayton at C- for Uncle Joe. Mrs Walker in bed all day. Gidieon and Irvin working in the orchard – began plowing there, I think. Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Tindal called.

Tuesday. 25<sup>th</sup> April. Rain last night and today again. Plowing suspended. Gidieon at C- for lumber and ashes. Uncle Joe and Irvin at the grape arbor. Mr Mc out at Mr P. McElroys this P.M. Mrs Walker still on the sick list. Clayton took her home this afternoon – I have been sewing Frank at her work. Jason at School. Paul around in the rain all day.

25<sup>th</sup> [26] April. Wednesday. Heavy rain today. Uncle Joe Gidieon and Irvin put in a full day putting down a new porch floor. Paul around in the rain all day. Clayton and Mr Mc around looking after sheep & Jason at School. Frank and I busy. Gidieon in with the folks for dinner and supper. This Eve a medicine man from Mt Sterling stopping with us. Father at Selma.

26<sup>th</sup> [27] April Thurs. Clearing up today. Gidieon Irvin and Uncle Joe finished off grape arbor – put ashes in hopper – and helped Mr Mc wash sheep. Paul and I spent the day at Grandmother Murdocks – This afternoon I left Paul with Aunt Jane and attended the Missionary Society in the afternoon. Aunt Mary and Matt there. This was my first effort. I had two teeth taken out this morning at Dr Normans. We rec'd a letter from Homer the students that were to go to Chicago left Monday. And Homer stayed like a good boy at the College to finish his year there – I feel glad that he did. I called to see Cargill Mortons – they returned from the trip South yesterday.

This Eve Gideon and Clayton and Jason at Cedarville at a Show. They have worked hard today in the hopes of getting to go.

27" [28] April. Friday. Pleasant. Gideon and Jason at Warners with sheep. Uncle Joe and Irvin around. Clayton and Jason taking sheep to Pickerals[?]. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield – And he & Clara reached home about dark – It has the appearance of a storm this eve – It has been a beautiful day. Frank at C. this P.M. Paul helping Uncle Joe this afternoon. Mrs Ansly[?] called.

28" [29] April. Sat. Heavy rain last night and rain most of the day. Uncle Joe took Clara to C- She has been practicing her piece in the Opera house before a select few – She took dinner at Aunt Janes. I cleaned the presses[?] up stairs preparatory to house cleaning. This eve Mr Mc at Selma for Harlan – he came in on the train – and was making a call and father did not wait on him. We will leave the lamp burning for him. Gideon away most of the day. Hall Henderson late of Clinton Co. died this week.

30" April. Sabbath. Heavy rain this morning. Harlan walked down from Selma last nigh – He had stopped at a meeting at Yarnells. This morning Clara and Clayton and I went through a heavy rain to Sabbath School. At a later hour Mr Mc came to church. Harlan Jason and Paul and Frank at home. Mr Mortons text. "And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers and held the lamps in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal; and they cried, The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Subject- The elements of success in fighting the Lords battles. Some things that are needed. His loyalty. Activity. We need to be thoroughly tried and tested. Sometimes it is as important to fight as to pray. If we would succeed we need strong faith. If there is any work that is needed to be done for our familys we need Strong faith and great courage: People have less courage in morals and religion than in anything else. We need greater activity and earnestness – we all need to blow with the trumpet We all need to do what we see our leader do in every fight between right & wrong – between Christ and the world. We should let the enemy know which side we are on. Show our determination make a bold front in presence of our enemy – and if we do not show what side we are on we only help and encourage the enemy. To be successful we need to make sacrifices – and there also need to be a meeting of divine and human agency. In every conflict it is the Sword of the Lord and of Gideon – This afternoon spent with the children. This Eve Clara and Harlan started for the young folks meeting but failed to get there in time. Clara stayed at grandmothers while Harlan attended services at the U.P. church. Another heavy shower – Uncle Joe came home with them.

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1" May. Monday. Rained nearly all day. Clayton took Clara and Harlan back to Springfield. Mr Mc and Irvin and Uncle Joe around Jason here. Frank went over home yesterday Eve and came back as far as Gideons last night – And began cleaning house to day – she finished the

front room and Claras – Gideon at C- with wood for Aunt Janes – I am attending to the other work – we had almost constant rain to day. We are almost surrounded by water now.

2" May. Tuesday. Cleared off to day. Clayton and Jason around. Gideon and Irvin looking after things hauling hay. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. Mr Jacobs and his cousin here to dinner. Frank cleaning the hall stairway and parlor – I am attending to the work We rec'd a letter from Waverly [illegible] – Fred went there with French to buy cattle They bought one hundred head at \$3.60 per hundred delivered at Monmouth. This afternoon Frank began to clean Uncle Joes room – Paul not well last night or to day.

3" May. Wednesday. No rain – but cloudy. Gideon and Irvin hauling in hay. Uncle Joe at C- this morning and brought the clothes from Mrs P- and Frank done one of the largest ironings of the season to day. Edd Linson called. This afternoon Clayton at Charleston. Jason whitewashed the grape arbor. Mr Mc at C- and at Cousin Hugh McMillans -- & at Uncle Bighams for supper. This afternoon at two O'clock I attended the Congregational prayer meeting. I called at grandmothers and took tea with her and Aunt Mary. I went to the Opera house to hear Blanch recite the piece for the contest – Mr Morton at the city at a meeting of the Presbytery.

4" May Thursday. A nice day. Gideon and Irvin busy. Clayton at Pickerals pasture. Jason white washed an hour to day again. Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Harner, Edd Linson young Mr [illegible] and his friend all in with Mr Mc to dinner. Uncle Dan called. Uncle Joe and his daughter Msry at S- to day and brought Helen Wones [?] and Clara down. Clara stopped off and spoke her piece again at the Opera house – they were home before dark – Clara and Helen here for tea – Mr Jon Stretcher called. Gideon and Clayton at C- this eve. Fred sent a letter also a knife by express for Mr Mc. He and Mr French are speculating in stock these days. We have been very busy to day. Frank cleaned the boys room and put everything in the others rooms in nice order – The work is progressing.

5" April [May]. Friday. A shower to day. The sun shining a little this forenoon. Irvin sick and went home. Clayton at C- this P.M. Gideon and Uncle Joe and Mr Mc busy. Mr Jones & Reid here from Clifton to day at the sheep shearing. They were here for dinner & supper—Jason and Paul around. This forenoon Clara and Helen visited Lulu Smiths school. This afternoon it came up a thunder shower – Clayton at a later hour took Clara and Helen to grandmother Murdocks for tea – they remained for the contest – This Eve Father and Frank and I were at the Opera House at a Meadal [?] Demerist [?] Contest There were seven contesters – Clara and Blanch among the number – Clara made one of the grandest efforts of her life to night – I am sure we never were prouder of her than what we were as she stood before that large audience and spoke with such a power – and clearness and earnestness – She must certainly been a surprise to her self. There is no doubt about her success – although the meadal was awarded to another. Clayton and Jason expected to have gone but were disappointed. When we came home we found Paul in bed with Uncle Joe – Clara and Helen came home with us. Gideon & Clayton called at Dan McS.

6" April [May]. Sat. Rather cool – but bright sunshine. Jones & Reid here at the shearing until after dinner – Helen and Clara at town this afternoon and at Aunt Bells for tea. Uncle Joe went down home at the same time. Frank and I busy to day. The girls home about dark.

7" May. Sabb. Rather a pleasant day but a little cool. Helen sick and did not go to church. Paul at home with Frank – Clara, Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I there – Mr Mortons text "My soul cleaveth unto the dust. Quicken thou me according to thy word." Subject. Christian experience. The Souls condition is described in these words "My soul cleaveth to the dust. Cleaveth to the perishing things of the world. We give the attention to time that eternity ought to have – to the body that the Soul should have – We are so encumbered with our cares that we do not have time to look up. Too often we allow the world to creep into our hearts and steal our affections from God. We have such an inordinate love for the world is why our soul cleaveth to the dust and because we neglect God. How can we be revived and lifted up above the world. This by Gods holy Spirit. What we need is the presence and power of the Spirit of God – This work is done by the means God has appointed – This P.M. I heard Clayton and Jasons [illegible] chapter reading. This Eve Clara and Clayton and Helen at the Young folks meeting – and at the hall to hear W. B. Stoddard. Irvin came back this Eve. This is Donalds birthday. He is one year old and we have never seen him. How long it seems.

8" May. Monday. A nice day. Gideon and Irvin began plowing in field next the railroad. Jones and Reid and Buck here sheering sheep – here for dinner and supper – After a nine Oclock breakfast Clara and Helen went to C- for Uncle Joe and from there he took them back to Springfield. Frank and I working hard at the house cleaning trying to get the back room in order – and this eve I cleaned the sitting room [illegible]. Clayton at Charleston this afternoon – Jason and Paul around with Mr Mc. Uncle Joe reached home near dark.

9" May. Tuesday. A bright day. Our three sheep shearers here until after dinner – Near noon Mr Mc made a hasty trip to C- to see Mr Clemens at his place. This afternoon he is looking after things up and down the pike. Uncle Joe at mill. Late this P.M. I went to C- and made a few calls and took tea with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Gideon & Irvin plowing. Frank going ahead with her house cleaning. Clayton and Jason and Paul all busy. We rec'd a letter Louis Floyd, the old painter, he was at Middleton Pa – was expecting to go to New York the day he wrote. He was good and faithful to us when he was here. Now if he will only be faithful to his own highest interest it will be better.

10" May. Wed. Another Bright day. Gideon and Irvin plowing. Frank cleaned the sitting room and dining room to day. This afternoon Clayton began harrowing and Uncle Joe at work in the garden. Mr Mc around looking after things assisted by Jason and Paul. Riley Little and Miss Nannie Chamberlain of East Palestine married at five Oclock this evening.

11" May Thurs. Another warm day. Gideon, Irvin and Clayton plowing and harrowing. Mr Mc around looking after things all day. Jason and Paul with him. Frank and I putting things in order

all day. Mrs H- here awhile this afternoon Uncle Joe at C- this afternoon. There was a Cyclone passed over Wilmington this week.

12" May. Friday. Heavy rain last night and rain this morning. Gideon & Irvin hauling fence til noon. This afternoon at the plowing. Uncle Joe, Clayton and Jason and Paul looking after things. Frank finished the ironing. After dinner Mr Mc and I left for Springfield to attend the Fifth annual Scotch Irish Congress which met in that city this week. There were no afternoon session – And we took tea at Mrs. Stuarts and remained for the after night session. Meeting held in the "City Hall" – Had an address from the Rev John Hall DD. Of N. York City. A paper read by Rev McIntosh of that city on Francis McKinney the founder of Presbyterianism in the United States. A paper read by the Hon Mr Miller on the Scotch Irish of Clark Co. We did not get home until late. Harlan still rooming at Mrs S- He and Clara both at the meeting to night. Mrs Duncan from Urbana at Mrs S- She looks like one of the [illegible]. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M.

13" May. Sat. A cold gloomy day. Fire [illegible] in the sitting room. Rev Mr Graham[?] came up from the city yesterday morning and stopped at Aunt Bells until this morning. Uncle Joe went down and brought him out – he was here to dinner and with us to night. Frank busy. Gideon and Irvin plowing. Mr Mc Clayton and Jason and Paul around home. This eve Gideon took Uncle Joe and Irvin down home.

14" May. Sabb. A shower last night – a gloomy day. Frank went over home to day. Jason at home with Paul. Gideon back and forth to the barn. Clayton took Mr Graham down to the M. E. Church & left him there – he is to preach for bro. Vance to day – and he came back to our own Sabbath School -- & church. Mr Mc and I there too. Mr Mortons text – "So built we the wall : and all the wall was joined together unto half thereof : for the people had a mind to work." Subject – The subject – The work to be done – is to build the wall. It is a progressive work – for so built we the wall. It gradually became higher & stronger and at last was completed. How is this wall to be built – or this work to be done. They were deeply in earnest – they had a mind to work – In order to train our boys and girls for Christ we need to have a Spirit for the work – and to make our homes a place where Jesus dwells – We need more of the Spirit of Christ We need to be more devoted consecrated and in earnest. They also persevered in their work – and that is what we ought to do if we are to succeed – Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I here to dinner alone – This afternoon our Bible reading & a few exercises – at seven Oclock all of us – Mr Mc and our three boys and I at the hall – Had sermon by Rev Mr Graham "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." We had a good audience and a good sermon. Paul kept awake and behaved nicely. Irvin here and kept house. Mr Graham came back home with us – It is two years (on this the 14") since Fannie was married – and how long it seems.

15" May Monday. Rain last night and rain to day: but Gideon & Irvin kept on a their plowing – Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul around home – Mr Graham with us. Frank busy.

16" May. Tuesday. Heavy rain last night – damp and gloomy to day. The plowing suspended. Irvin off duty. Gideon white washed the kitchen and pantry. The girls room changed to up stairs. Mr Mc & Clayton and Jason around – Paul following after. I was at C- this A.M. Mr Mc sold three of Jasons lambs – and sent six dollars of it to the Bank for Jason for safe keeping. I reached home at noon Uncle Joe came out with me. Mrs Frank Spenser died Sabbath evening and was buried at two this P.M. She was lovely and pleasant in her life and we shall not forget her. Mr Morton and Elder Calvin Stormont left for our Synod in New York at eleven O'clock to night The Cedarville **[transcriber note: High School]** Commencement at the Opera house to night Alvie Orr and Daisy [illegible] and Miss Adele Stormont among the graduates. Gideon and Clayton and Jason among the attendance. Mr Graham still with us. **[in left column]** I called to see Mrs Annie Williamson.

17" May. Wed. Another cold day. Gideon began plowing Irvin off duty today again – he returned this evening. Uncle Joe, Clayton and Jason Mr Mc and Paul around all day. Mr Graham still with us – Frank finished cleaning the kitchen and pantry – This afternoon I went to town to see grandmother Murdock – Aunt Mary and Bell were at Osborn to day organizing a W.C. T.U. Union there. Clayton plowed to day.

18" May. Thurs. Bright sunshine for a change. Gideon and Irvin and Clayton at the plowing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Jason and Clayton around all day. Mr Graham still with us. After an early tea Uncle Joe took him to the six O'clock train – he goes to Morrow town to night – I began cleaning the wardrobes & a bed room to day. This eve Frank went over home. Mr & Mrs J. D. past up.

19 May. Friday. A bright day. Gideon, Irvin and Clayton plowing in the lower field. Uncle Joe and Jason Mr Mc and Paul all busy Mr Mc left for Springfield this afternoon to accommodate Harlan with a conveyance to attend the Selma commencement – he will go back to S- to night again. Mr Mc will attend St Johns speech at the grand Opera house and will remain with Harlan at his quarters to night – People passing to the Commencement this – I am feeling unusually lonely – We did not forget that this was Freds birthday. How the years do slip away.

20" May. Sat. Yesterday eve when Mr Mc reached Springfield – he gave up the St John meeting and he and Harlan came to Selma to the Commencement. The meeting held in the Old Quaker church – Ino Rodermer and Emma Yarnell among the graduates Harlan came home with Mr Mc and is here to day – he started the corn planter this morning to let Gideon attend the barn raising at Tom Spensers. He put in a full day – until driven home by a heavy shower – Quite a shower of hail fell – Irvin and Clayton harrowing Mr Mc at C- this afternoon – Mr Tindal called as he went back from town – Harlan at Selma this Eve – Gideon and Mrs H- took Uncle Joe home – Frank and I busy to day.

21" May Sabbath. A beautiful day. I have not been feeling well. Clayton Jason and Harlan at Sabbath School Mr Morton being away at New York at Synod no preaching in our church – They had a little prayer meeting there Clayton remained for it and Harlan and Jason went to

hear bro Vance at the M. E. Church. The boys home to dinner. Mr Mc and Paul and I here – Frank went over home this P.M. This eve Mr Mc and Paul at home – and Harlan and Clayton and Jason and I at the hall – sermon by Rev Mr Wylie of Denver Col. And Old Side [illegible] “Thy Kingdom Come.” Our work in this world is not only to save sinners – save those that are bitten of the Serpent – but we are to bruise the Serpents head – we are to help destroy the works of the devil. Irvin came back this eve.

22<sup>nd</sup> May. Monday. A pleasant day at an early hour – Mr Mc left with Harlan for Springfield – They have a new man in Harlans place and he has made a step forward. Mr Mc home again at one Oclock. Jason drove the pony to C- and brought Uncle Joe out. Gideon running the planter. Clayton and Irvin plowing. This Eve Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P-

23<sup>rd</sup> May. Tuesday. Rain this morning. Mr Tindal here – Clayton and Jason drove fat sheep to Selma to Mr T- Aunt Bell and Blanch, Mary, Fern and Frank called Frank is stay a few days to visit – he went with Mr Mc to Selma to bring boys home – This afternoon Gideon Irvin and Clayton plowing. Frank and Jason at work. I have been sewing a little to day. Frank at her work. The house cleaning nearly completed.

24<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday. Considerable frost last night. Very pleasant to day. Gideon remaining the planter. Clayton and Irvin in field by the rail road. Mr Mc and Jason & Frank Irvin at Warners for sheep – Aunt Jane came up with Uncle Dan this morning and went back with him as he want down this eve. Uncle Joe at mill – This Eve Mr Mc at Clifton – Frank rode over there with him. The boys helped with the sheep washing to day. Frank called at Will Mcs.

25<sup>th</sup> May. Thurs. A lovely day. Gideon planting corn – Irvin & Clayton plowing and planting. Jason and Frank Irvin helping around with the sheep they went to Warners pasture this A.M. This afternoon they helped with washing sheep – Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Gideon here to dinner. Frank began making soap to day. I called to see Mr Henry Kyle this morning. This Eve Mr Mc at C- and out at Uncle Silas’s.

26<sup>th</sup> May. Friday. Rain this morning. Gideon Irvin and Clayton all busy plowing. Mr Mc at C- near noon and brought out Mr Bradfute to shear sheep – here in time for dinner. Frank ironing and at the soap making. Frank Irvin with us – he got his foot hurt with a rusty nail this morning. Jason at the closing exercises of Lulu Smiths School this afternoon. Near noon Uncle Joe left for Springfield to bring Clara home. They reached here before dark. Mr Mc took Bradfute down home this evening.

27<sup>th</sup> May. Sat. A pleasant day. Bradfute here shearing. Uncle Joe and Gideon putting in the garden across the way. Irvin and Clayton plowing. Frank at the kitchen dept. and the soap making. This A.M. I called at Orrs to see Riley and his wife. Mary Orr H- there – I stopped with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary to dinner. I called to see Aunt Rachels. This P.M. late Clara took Uncle Joe home – and stayed with grandmother & Aunt Mary for tea – This eve she and Mr Mc are at Selma – tomorrow is the may meeting. On yesterday Lulu Smiths School

closed. Jason was at the closing exercise in the afternoon and spoke his piece entitled "The Preamble[?].

28" May Sabb. A beautiful day. Fannie Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & our church. Mr Mc and I there. Paul at home with Frankie. Riley preached to day. His text "And this is his name where[?] he shall be called "The Lord our Righteousness. Quite a number of the U. P.s there. After dinner Frankie L- went over to C- and Mr Mc and Clara attended the May meeting at Selma. Several ministers there and a great gathering of the people – I remained at home with our three boys – We tried to have our Sabbath exercise. This Eve Arthur Gordon stopping with us.

29" May. Monday. Mr Fields & co here and bought Claytons hogs. Frankie L- took what was remaining of his lot and Clayton and Frank took them over to Clifton to night. Mr Bradfute and Hagler from C- here shearing sheep and with us for dinner. Gideon & Irvin and Clayton busy at the farming. Mr Mc around all day. Clara at Clifton this morning and came home past Cedarville and stayed with Blanch and Mary and Uncle Joe brought the buggy home. This Eve I took the clothes to Mrs P- and took tea at Grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Marys. Clara came home with me. Our man Arthor[?] Gordon staying around and doing some painting for us. He is with us to night again.

30" May Tues. A shower last night. Gideon Irvin and Clayton at the plowing. Arthor Gordon paining the porch floor. Mr Mc at C- to see Clemins at the Bank. Clara took Uncle Joe with her over to Clifton to Miss Daily S. We rec'd letter from Fred yesterday – with draft enclosed – the first rec'd This is decoration day but none of us observed it. This Eve Mr Mc and Jason away up the pike with sheep – did not get back until nearly dark – Clara around this afternoon and Eve – Paul around with Uncle Joe – I put in the afternoon putting things to rights in the cellar. Clara at Mrs Ps for clothes and at the office.

31" May Wed. Heavy rain this afternoon – Mr Mc around looking after sheep – Uncle Joe took Clara back to her School in Springfield. Uncle Joe stopped with Harlan at his boarding house to dinner – he did not get home until evening. Late this P.M. Mr and Mrs Wm [illegible] – here for tea and with us to night – Gideon Clayton & Irvin at the plowing and the planting – Frank flying at the work. Arthor Gordon painting to day again. Jason and Paul around. We rec'd a letter from Homer – The U. P. Assembly met last week and this in Monmouth. Homer had his last examination Monday morning. This will be his last night in Monmouth – Tomorrow morning he leaves for the Worlds Fair at Chicago. May this year at College in Monmouth follow as a benediction all the after years of his life – This is his last night in Monmouth – there is always something very sad to me when we come to talk of a last day or a last night – but these must come to all.

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1" June Thurs. Gloomy most of the day. Gideon Irvin and Clayton at the plowing. Uncle Joe around. Jason & Paul busy. Frank at her work – Arthor Gordon painting the sitting room – Mr &

Mrs Wm [illegible] with us – they remained with us until after dinner when they went back to Springfield. We enjoyed their visit – This Eve Mr Mc and Paul called at Aunt Rachels – Collin and family came this morning.

2 June Friday. A nice day. Gideon at the planting. Clayton and Irvin at work – Arthor Gordon finished painting the sitting room and he and Frank put up the screens. Mr Mc and Jason and Paul around all day – this afternoon Uncle Joe at Springfield and brought Clara home. This P.M. I went to C- & when there Aunt Janes wanted me to stay with them and take tea with Riley & his wife and Lizzie P. Uncle Joe and Clara here when I came back. This eve Clayton & Jason at C- and got their hair cut.

3 June Sat. A pleasant day. Clara left at an early hour for Clifton stayed with Miss Daily until near noon – Mr Mc around home all day looking after things. Gideon trying to finish planting. Irvin away to day. Clayton Jason & Paul around. This afternoon Uncle Joe took Clara up to Selma up to Mrs Calverts to see Miss Roadarmer – After they came back I took Uncle Joe to C-home again in time for tea. On yesterday afternoon I called to see Collins – he was there but his wife and children were away. Arthor Gordon still here he has been busy doing a great things both in and out the house to keep us along. Mrs H- here with Frank awhile. We rec'd a letter from Fannie at last the good news rec'd that she is coming. She and Donald will be here the 14" or 15" – Mr McKenzie will come later on. A card from Homer came. He is at Chicago attending the worlds fair.

4" June Sabb. Clara & Clayton at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church. Arthor Gordon around at his book. Paul & Jason at home with Frank. Mr Mortons text – And I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts." There is nothing like shaking and sore trials to bring us close to Christ – It seems as though when God has any great blessing to bestow upon a church or an individual or a family God prepares them for it by suffering – by shaking. Riley & wife and Collin & his wife at our church to day. Mrs Dallas and her crowd all home again and at church – After preaching Clara went home with Uncle Joe – I heard the childrens lesson up stairs on the porch this P.M. After dinner Frank over at Clifton. Heavy rain this eve – Clayton went after the young folks meeting for Uncle Joe & Clara. Only Clara came.

5" June Monday. Rain last night and damp this morning & heavy rain this evening again. Jason went with Clara by way of C- for Uncle Joe to go with them to Springfield – Clara called at Miss Dailys in Clifton – Jason and Uncle Joe took dinner with Harlan at his boarding house – Jason delighted with his trip. Arthor Gordon who came yesterday week ago left us this morning to go to his bro in Cincinnati – How much he has accomplished for us during the last week – We shall not forget him. Collin called this morning.

6" June Tuesday. A nice day. John Kyle, Robison and Will Mc here shearing sheep. Gideon Irvin Clayton replanting corn – Jason and Mr Mc around – Uncle Joe and Paul at mill. Frank and I busy. This afternoon Collin and his wife here and remained with us for tea – We enjoyed their

visit – but sad that they will so soon have to go back to their far off home in Washington – We rec'd a letter from Homer – he is enjoying the Worlds fair these days. Only Robison here for supper with our home men – and he and John Kyle in with them to dinner.

7" June. Wed. A beautiful day and evening – Several passing this Eve to Carrie Tindals wedding. John Kyle here all day shearing sheep. Irvin & Clayton & Sid[?] at the replanting Uncle Joe planting vegetable seeds. This afternoon I attended the Congregational prayer meeting – and called to see grandmother – and to see Aunt Rachels. Mr Mc and I were invited to Aunt Jennettes but it was not convenient for us to go. After supper Frank drove over to Clifton & back again. Mr Mc at the Pickeral pastures.

8" June Thurs. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Jason & Clayton Gideon & Irvin all busy. Frank and I very busy all day. A letter from Fannie this eve – their visit postponed until the 5" of July. We expected to see them sure next week, but now we must wait a little longer – We were surprised this eve by Harlan coming in – He came down on a Safety this eve and called to see Collins at Aunt Rachels – he came through C- and called to see Aunt Janes and grandmother Murdock.

9 June Friday. A lovely day. "Flower Mission day in the W. C. T. U." We went to Xenia, Mr Mc Aunt Jane & Matt in company with good many others to visit – The Orphans in vicinity of the Infirmary. We took dinner for the children – After noon the inmates of the Infirmary were gathered into the chapel and Aunt Mary conducted the religious exercises – We had a very interesting meeting – Soon after the dinner was served at Childrens Home. Mr Mc and Aunt Jane went back to Xenia – At a later hour we visited the Work House – After that we expected to have visited the Jail but the keeper was not there to let us in. We reached home about dark – We certainly had a nice day. Mr Abb Stretcher and Walter Murdock here shearing. When we came this A.M. to Cedarville early the first one we met was Homer – he got off the eight Oclock train. He came direct from Chicago he has been about two weeks at the Worlds fair. He spent most of the day with Collin around town – they took lunch with Annie Mc – Homer called in at Aunt Rachels as he came up. This Eve Walter & Homer at C- a few minutes – Walter here to night.

10" June Sat a nice day Mr Abb Stretcher Will Bradfute Walter & Jason at sheep shearing – Homer came to their rescue and helped them all day – This Eve Clay[?] took Uncle Joe Irvin & Bradfute down to down. This morning Clayton at C- for Homers trunk. I went to C- on a little errand also – Excuse mistakes this page written while I was asleep.

11" June. Sabb. A nice day. Homer and Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church alone. Paul and I at home alone – Mr Morton preached as usual. This afternoon spent with the children.

12" June Monday. Another beautiful day. Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe & Bradfute – the later here with Mr Abb Stretcher at the sheep shearing. They were here for dinner & supper – and finished the sheep shearing entire this eve – This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer went by

Aunt Rachels to bid Collins good bye they leave for their home in the morning for Washington. This P.M. I took the washing to Mrs P- and as I came home I called to day good bye to Collins – I came home in their buggy and left our surrie for them to take Collins to the train in the morning. Uncle Joe and Clayton & Jason at Selma to see our horse at Pees[?] – that has a sprained leg. Homer & Mr Mc to supper with Harlan – Irvin off duty to day.

13" June Tuesday. A nice day. Clayton and Gideon plowing corn to day again – Mr Mc and Homer at the sheep pasture and at Selma to see sick horse. Uncle Joe busy. Jason and Paul around Frank busy. This P.M. Homer brought Mr Wm Walker out – After tea he went back to town with Homer, Paul and me. We made but a brief stay in C- Uncle Joe and Gideon putting out plants. This morning early Jason at Aunt Rachels with two books from our Library – “The Mother at Home.” and the “Peep[?] of [illegible].”

14" June. Wed. Another nice day. Mr Mc and Homer busy all day putting the sheep in order at Wards pasture Took a lunch with them for dinner – back in time for supper – The garden plowed to day. This morning early, Clayton and Jason took cows to Aunt Mary. This Eve Homer at Wilberforce – Tomorrow is the Commencement there. Paul around with Uncle Joe – This Eve Mr Mc and Jason at Pickerals for sheep.

15" June. Thurs. Frank left to take care of the home and of Paul – I left at an early hour for Springfield – Aunt Bell went with me – I got my bonnet to day. It rained quite hard this P.M. in S- Aunt Bell and I took dinner with Harlan at his boarding place. Clara past in her Studies and rec'd tickets for the high school with out having to wait to be examined next week – We reached home near dark – We found Frank and Jason here alone – Uncle Joe and Clayton and Paul at Selma to see sick horse at Sees – Father and Uncle Joe & Paul there this morning. Homer at C- and took Mr Wm Walker up to see the lame horse and took him back at noon. This afternoon Mr Mc & Homer at Xenia. Homer got a new suit. He and Mr Mc took supper in X- they were at Wilberforce Commencement a little while as Pres[?] McKinley & Fred Douglas were there. Homer nearly sick all afternoon & feeling badly to night.

16" June Friday. A lovely day. Clara at C- at the grocery and to leave a few invitations[?] for our friends to come out to dinner – At a later hour Jason drove down in the surrie and brought Riley Little and his wife and Lizzie Pollreath[?] and Aunt Jane and Matt out to dinner. We certainly had a pleasant day with them. Mr Mc took them down home this eve – Homer on the sick list – He was invited to Ada Creswells party this eve but could not go – he went to C- this eve to make arrangements to that effect – and came back and retired early. Jason picking cherries for Uncle Dan to day. Gideon & Clayton and Uncle Joe all busy.

17" June. Saturday. A nice day. Mr Mc at Selma this morning Uncle Joe & Gideon and Clayton at the work Near noon Frank went home to go to Springfield and will not be back til Monday. I have had a busy day. The measels [sic] are all broken out on Homer this morning – This afternoon Mr Mc thought of taking the Carriage to Dines[?] shop but finally gave it up – At a later hour Clara took Uncle Joe down home. Cap Hugh McMillan and Mr Galloway called. This

Eve we moved Homer down to our room – and the rest of us changed to rooms up stairs. Tomorrow is Sabbath and we are all too tired to keep it as we should.

18 June Sabb. A beautiful day. Homer in bed – Clara Clayton Jason and Paul all at home on acct. of the measles [sic]. Mr Mc at home too. I went to church alone. Mr Mortons text “Fight the good fight of faith & lay hold of eternal life.” This afternoon spent with the children. Walter here awhile.

19” June Monday. Clara at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary out – Homer still in bed with the measles [sic] – they are beginning to fade on him to day. Frank came back this morning. Clayton & Sid plowing. Jason and Paul around. Mr Mc at Selma this morning. This Eve I took Grandmother and Aunt Mary home. Riley Little & Wife and Mary Orr Hutchison went away on the evening train. Mary & Blanch sent Homer a beautiful bouquet – and Aunt Mary sent him oranges.

20” June Tues. Mr Mc up at the pasture and at Selma. Gideon and Clayton plowing in field next the rail road. Homer in bed to day again. Uncle Joe at his garden in the woods. Gideon here to dinner This afternoon a heavy shower. Mr Mc and Jason at the Warner pasture. This Eve Uncle Joe and Clara at the office. Uncle Dan and Aunt Matt at Wilmington to day. This Eve Mr Mc and Gideon brought the See horse home – did not get back until ten Oclock.

21” June Wed. Rain last night. Gideon & Jason at the sheep. Clayton and Uncle Joe setting out cabbage plants – Mr Mc here and there over the plantation all day. Frank busy. Homer in bed to day again. This afternoon Clara and I at C- and at Miss Dailys in Clifton. Clayton at C- this P.M.

22’ June Thurs. A heavy shower this morning Gideons at the sheep. Uncle Joe at his plants. Mr Mc going the rounds among the sheep to day again. Homer still in bed but much against his will. Uncle Dan called. At four Oclock Clara and Clayton left for the Greene Co. Medal Contest at Jamestown to night – Lulu & Jennie Morton went with them and Aunt Bell rode home with them.

23” June. Friday. A nice day. No plowing on acct of the rain – Gideon Clayton and Uncle Joe all busy with the sheep & garden. This afternoon getting ready for the beef. Homer out to day and at town this eve. Harvey McMillan called. Dean brought his wool this eve.

24” June. Sat. A nice day. Bees began swarming. Gideon and Clayton plowing Uncle Joe busy Mr Mc around this P.M. Frank and Clara busy. Paul and Jason around. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Clifton – I stopped at Miss Dailys until he came back. We came home past Charlie Helms and Cedarville – evening delightful. Clara took Uncle Joe home. Homer and Gideon at C-

25” June Sabb. A nice day. On acct of spreading the measles [sic] the children all at home. Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mortons sermon grand: Text “Jesus answered Neither has this man sinned nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” This text is one of the hardest and most difficult problems of life. It is for our sake and mine in part that

there is so much suffering in the world. Subject of the text. The design of affliction. That the work of God may be made manifest Affliction reveals God unto us. Mans sins and infirmities and sufferings have built the platform for the exhibition of Gods love and power – Affliction reveals man unto us – and also helps us to see our selves. We never suffer affliction for a long time at the hand of God but we discover something about our selves – we discover some duties neglected – some sin indulged in. Our lameness, our blindness our suffering our disappointments – reveals our weakness and leads us to Christ. Affliction leads us to God and leads us to Christ – promotes our holiness and sanctification and growth in grace. Suffering brings us into living contact with the living redeemer and causes us to feel as otherwise we would never feel. This afternoon Clayton and Jason and I had the catechism and went over the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath.

**[TRANSCRIBER NOTE:** On the eve of the New Year 2022, on December 22, 2021, as I was transcribing in this 1893 Martha McMillan journal, I discovered this poem, “Heart-Breathings for the New Year,” cut from a newspaper and tucked in between the pages for June 25 and June 26. How appropriate in light of my recent experiences! Again, something which happened 128 years ago, Martha placing this small clipping of 2.5 x 3.5 inches in the journal, was discovered providentially there in 2021 just at the right time for me. Thanks to Martha and praise the Lord! **Lynn A. Brock**

#### **HEART-BREATHINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

*A new year dawns upon us;  
Lord, grant that it may be  
A year of richest blessing,  
Of fellowship with Thee;  
A year of full surrender  
Of all at Jesus’ feet,  
Of patient; earnest toiling  
In Thine own service sweet.*

*A year of daily proving  
The riches of Thy grace,  
Of joyous beholding  
The brightness of Thy face;  
A year of patient watching  
For Thee, my Lord, to come;  
And, while Thou tarriest, seeking  
To lead poor wanderers home.*

*A year of constant trusting  
Myself, my all, to Thee,  
Of calm content, whatever  
Thy wisdom sendeth me;  
Knowing what Thou appointest  
Must be the very best;*

*In Thy sweet will, Lord Jesus,  
Thy child would ever rest.*

*Thus meeting all the changes  
The coming year may bring,  
While on my pilgrim journey  
Thy praises I will sing.  
And when at length 'tis ended,  
And pilgrim trials o'er,  
In nobler strains I'll praise Thee  
At Home for evermore.]*

26" June. Monday. A nice day. Mr Mc at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Lester Small plowing & taking his meals with us Gideon & Clayton plowing. Clayton so tired this afternoon that Homer took his place at the plow and let him rest. Mr Forbes here this eve for tea and made a purchase of hogs from him – Frank went away yesterday P.M. and has been gone to day. Clara and I at the work – This Eve Gideon & Homer at C-

27" June Tuesday. A nice day Homer Gideon & Lester Small plowing – Aunt Jennette and Uncle Bigham called and stayed for dinner. Mr McCory[?] a book agt here in due time and took dinner also – At a later hour old Mr Jeffrie poor and lame passing to his home near Wilberforce stopped to feed his horse – and here to dinner – at a later still another, an Italian peddler here for dinner. Clayton off work these days resting He was at C- this P.M. We rec'd a letter from Fannie Her purpose now is for her and Donald to start home the 6" of July. We also rec'd a letter from Anna [illegible] McClain – She is at home now – but cannot wait to see Fannie. Mr Mc around home all day helping about the bees. Mr Forbes & co here for hogs this eve. Homer took a drive with Daisy.

28" June. Wed. Pleasant – Homer Gideon and Lester plowing – Clayton still on the sick list – Mr Mc around all day. Clara Frank and I busy. Jason and Paul around. The bees taking up a good deal of time Homer at C- and brought the clothes from Mrs P-s Uncle Joe at his hoing [sic]

29" June. Thurs. A beautiful day. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. – at the Bank to see Mr C- Near noon Uncle Joe at milk – and to vote on [illegible] man – Lester absent. Homer and Gideon plowing. Clayton in bed all day. Jason laying around – Clara and Frank busy – Paul with them. This afternoon I stopped around town a little while took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Mr Mc at the Warner pasture – Homer out a little while this eve.

30" June Friday. A beautiful day. Lester absent. Gideon & Homer plowing. Uncle Joe hoeing. The measles [sic] out on Clayton this morning. Jason and Paul around. Frank and Clara busy. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia. Mr Colvin called on his weekly rounds We rec'd a letter from Harlan he is still getting along all right at Mr Carsons. This eve Clara at the office Mr Mc home after dark.

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1" July Saturday. Gideon & Homer had their plans to finish corn plowing but a heavy constant shower drove them in about ten O'clock. Work suspended. Clayton still in bed. Homer and Gideon around. This Eve Clara took Uncle Joe home. Gideon at the shop and at Ervins for ashes. Mr Mc at Selma this eve – Clayton in bed. Jason there too – He is complaining a little.

2" July Sabb. A pleasant day. Clayton and Jason in bed all day. Clara and Paul and Frank at home. Homer at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Brethren I count not my self to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To apprehend is to seize or lay hold of a person or thing. Subject – A Christian experience or The secret of a successful Christian life. The apostles condition – He felt that he was imperfect and was not satisfied with this attainment. Disatisfaction [sic] with present attainments is the first step towards improvement. Paul had singleness of his aim – This one thing I do. The reason we fail in a Christian life or in training our children in in any good work we may be engaged in – we do not make this the one thing – we are not enough in earnest – Our work is only half done – singleness of aim and effort – concentrate your powers – be in earnest – give your all to the accomplishing of the work – and success is yours. Frank home this afternoon – Homer at the young folks meeting and the M. E. Church this eve. We read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath. Homer asked the questions. Clayton and Jason still in bed. Whitelaw R- there to day.

3 July. Monday A beautiful day. Homer, Gideon and Lester Small plowing all day. Clara at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Mr Wood Warner called. Mr Mc at town this afternoon – and this eve up at the pasture. Uncle Dan called and remained for tea & he went down with Clara when she took the clothes down. Frank went then too to get her ticket for tomorrow and returned with Clara – Paul went with them also. This Eve Homer at C- Gideon at the shop – also to get their tickets for tomorrow.

4" July. Tues. All of Gideon and Frank went on the early train to Dayton. Mr Mc and Homer in the sheep pen until two O'clock this P.M. After which he left by way of C- for Springfield. Uncle Joe and Clara and Paul at the "4" of July social" this P.M. Clayton and Jason in bed. Mr Mc here we have had a quiet afternoon. A great many passing all day back and forth. Warm.

5" July. Wed. A pleasant day again. Len Shindler [?] began work here to day. he & Homer & Gideon plowing. Uncle Joe at his work. Mr Mc around all day. Frank returned this afternoon from taking the "fourth" – Uncle Joe around. This afternoon I was at the congregational prayer meeting at the church. Subject – keep thy foot when thou goest into the house of God. Called to see grandmother. Clayton got up this morning and walked out for the first. Jason still in bed. On last night Roy Bromegam came out with Homer and has been around to day. This Eve he and Homer at town. All of us very busy here.

6" July Thurs. Our men began cutting wheat – Mr Mc around home all day. Frank and Clara and I very busy. Len Shindler here. This afternoon Uncle Dan called and got [illegible] for a driving horse – Clayton at C- Mr Mc at the Warner pasture – and after supper at Forbes's. Roy B- Jason, Paul and Frankie and Clara took the supper to the harvest field – Uncle Joe went over with them and had his supper. Roy Bromegam and Homer at town a little while this Eve. Roy completed his visit here. Homer came back alone. Roy goes back to his place in Muncie Ind. the first of the week.

7" July Friday. A warm day. All of the men of yesterday at the wheat to day. Frank and Clara have had a busy day. They took the supper to the men to the field this eve They finished the wheat cutting this eve – Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason around & Paul. This A.M. Mr Mc and I left for Springfield. This is the great all looked forward day that Fannie and Donald were to come home. I called to see Mrs S- Then father and I took dinner with Harlan at his boarding house. We had a fine dinner. Harlan rode out with us after dinner to the Erie depot – to meet Fannie – it was fully three miles from the centre of the city – at twenty one minutes after two O'clock the train rolled in – and off stepped Fannie and Donald – I felt so over come all I could do was to cry. Donald is perfectly grand – he is fourteen months old to day. He is wide awake – notices everything. Harlan went back to his place at Carsons – and we drove direct home reaching here about six O'clock. Fannie and Donald are both very tired.

8" July Sat. Jason took the Surrie to C- and brought Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane & Matt out Aunt Mary could not come. Fern Ervin came out with them – We had a shower this morning and a heavy shower this eve. Uncle Joe rode down home in the Surrie with the folks. Jason went along and brought the Surrie back. After dinner Mr Mc at Xenia home after dark. Frank has been busy to day. All of the forces plowing. All of the folks seemed delighted to see Fannie and Donald.

9" July. Sabb. Pleasant after the shower – Home at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church – All the rest at home on acct of the measles [sic] – Fannie and Donald very tired. Text. "And Samson called unto the Lord and said, O Lord God remember me I pray thee, and strengthen me I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." Sampson was one of the Prodigies of the Bible. While he was strong yet he was weak like most of us. The Subject of the text Sampsons fall & restoration. One sin – or one sinner destroys much good. He had lost all – but he felt his weakness and loss and turned to God to save him – to restore him. One way God does this is by the power of prayer – Sampson not only prayed but he resolved – he took hold of the pillars – he bowed him self and the temple trembled & fell. Sampson made a sacrifice – he gave his life – His death was not the death of a suicide – but the death of a myrter [sic] – the death of an earnest servant of God. This afternoon Homer recited the questions with Clayton and Jason – and we read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath – and afterwards Clayton or Jason & I began to read in the 1" chap of Matthew – Homer at the young folks meeting and at the M. E. Epworth league.

10" July. Monday. Pleasant. Gidiean sick – [illegible] Shingledalker [?] – Clayton and Fred Lamont plowing. Mr Mc and Homer working on sheep – Fannie & Donald around. Clara & Paul complaining. Jason helping take care of Donald Frank busy. I have been busy too. Uncle Dan called this eve – Homer at C- he took the clothes to Mrs P- Mr Mc at C- this A.M – and brought Uncle Joe out.

11" July. Tuesday. A warm day. Gidian helping Homer in sheep [illegible] All the forces of yesterday plowing. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jason at the Warner pasture for sheep – Uncle Joe at his work. Clara and Paul both in bed with measels [sic] -- they began coming out on them both to day. This Eve Aunt Bell and all of her children and Aunt Mary called Paul was unusually cross – Aunt Mary waited on him and Clara and done all she could for them while they stayed – This Eve Homer at C- to see Alvie O- Fannie and Donald around – she got to see Will Mc this eve.

12" July. Wed. A warm day. Homer and Gidieon at the sheep – Shingledalker & Clayton and Fred Lamont plowing. Mr Mc around at the pastures – After dinner he called at Mr Forbes's and drove to the Springs to see him and reached home in time for supper. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- This P.M. Sallie & Della called. Homer at the Y. Springs with Alvie Orr this eve- Clara and Paul both in bed with the measels [sic]. Fannie & Donald took a little ride around the farm with Mr Mc this eve.

13" July. Thurs. A warm day. Uncle Dan called this morning. Homer finished the sheep at noon – This afternoon they started the mower – Late in the afternoon Homer took Daisy to the shop – Fannie and Donald around – Mr Mc around home all day.

14" July. Friday. Very warm – All of us feeling oppressed with the heat – Uncle Dan called this morning – Aunt Jane came out with him and spent the day. Near noon Aunt Jennette came – Clara and Paul both in bed yet – This P.M. Fannie and Donald rode down to town with Aunt Jennette. They called at Mr Mortons and around – and took tea with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Donalds great grandmother. This eve Willie Huntington here to supper – Shingledarker [?] & Fred L- both here. Uncle Joe, Homer & Clayton & Gidieon all out in the hay. I have been on the sick list to day – to get out in the air – I took Aunt Jane home – and brought Fannie and Donald home. Aunt Bell had us to come in and have Ice Cream. I left Clara and Paul in Franks care while I was away. Mr Mc at Forbes's this eve.

15" July. Sat. All of the men of yesterday out in the hay field. Mr Mc around all day. Fannie & Donald here. I am still not felling well. Clayton & Homer both at work – Jason around. Clara and Donald **[Transcriber Note: I think she meant to say Paul]** got up this afternoon for the first since they took the measels [sic] – O yes Mr Mc was at Xenia to day to see Mr [illegible]. He reached home tired and at one O'clock – Late this afternoon heavy rain – Homer took Uncle Joe home.

16" July. Sabb. A beautiful day. Fred Lemont went home this morning. Homer & Clayton at Sabbath School & church the first time Clayton has been there since the measels came into the

family. Mr Mc and Fannie at church – This afternoon I heard Clayton & Jasons Catechism. This afternoon and Eve – Heavy rain all at home.

17<sup>th</sup> July. Monday. A nice day. Frank and I busy. I feel a little like myself to day. Homer and Jason out at Cousin Hugh McMillans nearly all day working at sheep. Work in [illegible] suspended this A.M. Clayton at C- for Uncle Joe this morning. This afternoon Gidieon – Shingledarker [?] & Fred L- & Clayton and Uncle Joe working at wheat – Gidieon stacking. Isaac Haglin here this afternoon and with us to night. Paul and Clara still resting around – neither of them feeling very strong yet – This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P\_ Mr Mc up at the pasture.

18<sup>th</sup> July. Tuesday. A pleasant day. I left Frank in care of the dinner and went to C- done some errands and took dinner with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. I was home again at four. Mr Pigg here at work. Gidieon & Shingledarker [?] -- Isaac H- Fred L- Homer Clayton Jason all at the wheat ricking and all here to supper. Fannie & Donald & Clara and Paul around. This Eve. Homer at C- and Mr Mc at Selma.

19<sup>th</sup> July. Wed. A pleasant day. All of the men of yesterday here at the wheat ricking Mr Mc and I at C- we took Paul and our grandson Donald with us for the ride – We called very briefly at grandmothers and Aunt Janes. home in time for dinner – All of our crowd here with the exception of Gid & Shingledarker [?] – Fannie sewing. Clara and Jason around. Donald behaved like a little man—kissed all of his kin folks good bye. The men still at the wheat the entire crowd here to supper – Mr Mc up at the pasture this Eve. Homer running the mower – I helped with the ironing this eve.

20<sup>th</sup> July. Thursday. A beautiful day. Homer running the mower. Isaac H- Gidieon, Shingledarker Fred L- Clayton & Jason & Uncle Joe at the hay -- & plowing potatoes. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Henry Kyles meadow – I called to see Mrs Kyle She has been sick for some time – she seemed so glad to see me – Fannie sewing at Donalds dresses – This Eve Aunt Bell and the children called. Homer at C-

21<sup>st</sup> July Friday. A beautiful day. Not so warm – Gidieon, Shingledarker, Isaac & Fred L- & Clayton & Homer working in the hay. Uncle Joe plowing potatoes. After dinner Mr Mc and Jason left for Springfield Jason got a suit – He and his father took supper with Harlan. Harlan is taking the shippings clerk place this week. This afternoon Cardini Pidgeon called. She and Maggie Kyle at Jimmie H's. This Eve Fannie and Donald and Clara and Paul and I at C- Fannie called at Torrences & Lizzie Blairs – Clara staying with Blanch to night -- & will be there tomorrow with Caroline P- & Maggie K. All of the crowd, with the exception of Gidieon here to dinner – All here to supper.

22<sup>nd</sup> July. Sat. Another nice day. All of the men of yesterday here to day -- & boarding with us – they are working in the hay. Uncle Joe has his work. This afternoon Fannie & Donald took tea at Aunt Bells – They called to see Mrs Y S Williamson – and Aunt Rachels as they came home.

Mr Mc around looking after things this Eve. Homer took Fannie & Donald & Clara to Selma to see Miss Roadarmer. Uncle Joe went home this P.M. with Fannie. This is a nice night.

23 July. Sabb. A beautiful day. Fannie and Donald and Paul at home. Frank here also. Homer and Clara & Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mortons text – “Therefore, I will allure [?] here and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her, and I will give her her vineyards from thense [sic]. This text has comforting thoughts that we all need in the trials and struggles of life. It shows us Gods strange dealings and leadings of his children. We learn from the text that God first humbles his children and prepares them for his blessing which he afterwards bestows – We often let the world and things of the world lead us away from God – God often leads us into poverty and sore trials that we may be softened and ready for his blessings The way to the promised land was through the wilderness – And the way to heaven is through tribulation. Subject – Christian Experience – or the way God leads his children through the world. God leads his children into the wilderness – into solitude – The Wilderness is a training school for the grand University of heaven. This text explains some of the dark pages in the book of providence. How God leads his children – He allures them – He draws us by his providence – The children of Israel were made willing to leave Egypt by the bondage & cruel treatment they received. Gods children are often made willing to leave this world by the cares and trials & annoyances of life. This afternoon I heard Clayton & Jasons questions on the porch up stairs and the Bible lesson read. Clara went with Aunt Mary from Church – and came home with Homer from the young folks meeting.

24 July. Monday. A nice day. Mr Mc around here and there all day, trying to make arrangements for cutting the oats. Homer running the mower in the lower meadow – Gidieon, Shingledarker Isaac H- Fred L- Mr Pigg and Clayton and Jason at the hay bringing it in. All here for their meals – This morning I took Paul and Donald with me to C- for Uncle Joe – Donald is beginning to break out with the measles [sic] and we made a short stay in C- Fannie taking care of him most of the day. This P.M. late Uncle Joe Clara and Paul took the clothes to Mrs P- Homer at C- this eve – also. Mr & Mrs Keppler called with Mr Mc when passing. Frank busy to day.

25 July. Tuesday. A pleasant day. Business crowding us. We began the exercises of the day by every man and boy turning to hunt the cows that had strayed off in the night. A man from off the pike here to breakfast. Clara at C- and brought Grandmother Murdock Aunt Mary and Aunt Jane and Frank Ervin out – all of these together with Mr Mc Uncle Joe, Homer Clayton Jason Paul Fannie and Donald. Mr Pigg, Will Timmons, who is cutting the oats, [illegible] Shingledarker Fred L- and Frank Orr all here to dinner and supper with the addition of Gidieon. After supper Mr Mc at Selma – I took the folks home – Homer at C- this eve. Frank Orr went home Frank Ervin remained On last night Mrs Riley Stormont died. Her funeral tomorrow afternoon.

26” July. Wed. A rainbow this morning. Shepherd here running the binder cutting the oats. Mr & Mrs Pigg, Shingledarker, Isaac Homer Clayton Jason Paul – and Mr Mc & Uncle Joe and Frank

Ervin and Fred Lamont all here to dinner with Mr Mc Clara at C- and brought Aunt Jane out to help take care of Donald – Fannie around – & done some washing this forenoon and this afternoon. She is helping to ironing A little after dinner a light rain came up – work in the harvest field suspended. This Eve Aunt Jane and Frank Ervin went down home with Uncle Dan. Homer bringing corn from Spensers (Thornes)

27" July. Thurs. Cool after the rain. Homer finished cutting hay and this afternoon helped Gideon & Shingledarker Isaac H. and Fred L- Clayton Jason & Mr Pigg up with the hay. All of these with the exception of Gideon here to dinner and all here to supper. Frank and Clara took supper to the field. Shepherd and Timmons finished cutting the oats – and here to dinner too – This eve he and Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Fannie and Donald and I took supper alone – Mr Mc at Warners pasture yesterday Eve – Mr Oscar Mason called this P.M. This morning we kept Donald while Fannie went to C- and got tickets for the contest.

28" July. Friday. A beautiful day after the rain. Homer finished cutting grass to day. Shepherd Timmons finished cutting the oats this afternoon. He and Homer, Shingledarker Isaac Fred L- and Clayton Jason & Frank Ervin & Gideon all at the hay – and all in for dinner & supper – Mr Mc and Clara at Xenia. Clara stopped off at C- and went with Blanch and Mary to the contest – Mr Mc home for supper and went back alone – Uncle Joe and Fannie went on our reserved tickets, for seats, and attended the Golden medal contest at the Opera house. Homer Clayton and Jason were there also. Frank and Paul and Donald and I here – Also Isaac & Fred L- Donald slept most of the time until they came – On yesterday Eve Walter Murdock called – Homer & Clayton at C- and Frank E- came out with them.

29" July. Sat. A nice day. Uncle Joe at C- and brought our cow back from Grandmothers. Mr Mc around home all A.M. Homer out with Shingledarker. Gideon Fred L- Isaac Clayton and Jason and Frank E- at the hay and into diner. On the 24<sup>th</sup> Lizzie M- Reid rec'd a daughter into their family. Frank and all of us busy. This afternoon Clara took Uncle Joe home & stayed with Aunt Jane & Matt for tea. This eve all the crowd here to supper – Clayton, Jason & Fred Lamont at grandmother Murdock with cow. Frank Ervin went home Homer at Miss Maggie Crains at an Ice cream supper – It was all right for him to be there if it were not Saturday night. There is a great many ways of forgetting to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

30" July. Sabbath. Warm – Frank and Fred L- went over home this morning to be gone all day. Fannie and Clara at home with Donald – Homer, Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church. Rev Samuel Ramsey preached. His text "And He said my presence shall go with thee; and I shall give thee rest." God guards his children by his word by his Spirit and by his providence. God loves and provides for his children. His Abiding presence is with his children – God guards his children as much now as he did when he led the children of Israel through the wilderness. Religion ought to make our daily life and labor easier then it otherwise could be. All work should be done for him – even the hard tasks and the daily labor should be done for Him God gives rest to His children now – and perfect rest in heaven when

our day of life is over. Fannie had a nice dinner ready when we came home. This afternoon spent with the children – This Eve all at home. Homer unusually tired.

31 July. Monday. A nice day. Fannie and Donald at C- early this morning and brought Frank Ervin & Frank Orr out to haul hay shocks – Donald and Clara out the rest of the A.M. with “grandfather” at the hay field. Uncle Joe sick and did not come out. Mr Mc Homer, Shingledarker – Timmons Isaac H- and Frank E- & Frank O- & Fred L- and Clayton Jason & Paul all at the table. Frankie & Clara took the supper to the hay field to night. Mr Mc at C- at the shop this P.M. We are busy putting the house in order – Fannie and Donald & I took supper here alone. This Eve. Homer Fannie and Donald took the clothes to Mrs P- The boys here with our boys to night.

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1 Aug. Tuesday. Homer cutting patches of grass. Shingledarker, Isaac H- and Fred L- and Frank Erwin and Frank O- & Gideon finishing up the remnant left of the hay. At five O'clock Clayton & Jason left in the Surrie for Wilmington - they drove Maud and the pony. Aunt Matt would go with them from C Frank and Orr around without our boys & Fred L- they seem pretty lonely today. This afternoon Mr Jones came for Fannie & Fred Lamont to tell them their grandmother was dead - they went home with him. Homer at C- at the shop. Frank Orr went home with him & did not come back - this Eve Gideon Shingledarker Isaac and Frank Erwin & Mr Mc & Paul here to supper. Fannie done a little washing to day. Donald around - This Eve Frank Ervin and I at Clifton. Daisy Weely, aged fifteen, came home with us to help while Aunt Mary E- is here and until Frank L- comes back. Our boys - Clayton & Jason did not get back until nine O clock. Aunt Mary Eliza stopped at Aunt Janes with Aunt Matt - Clayton and Jason throughly [sic] tired but both were delighted with their trip and their sumptuous dinner and evening lunch - Aunt Mary E- provided company for them to show them over the city.

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. Wed. A beautiful day again. The Hay Harvest ended at noon. Mr Mc & Fannie & Donald and Paul at C- and brought Aunt Mary E- out - they reached here just as Homer, Isaac Clayton Jason & Frank E- finished their dinner. We soon had the table in readiness for them. Mr Mc not feeling well today. This afternoon - The men working in the oats Only Isaac who has been cutting weeds- he had Gideon & Shingledarker in for supper - Clayton Frank Erwin & Jason at C- with wood for Aunt Janes. Daisy helping along nicely with the work. Homer at C- this Eve.

3 Aug. Thurs. Warm & dry - Homer running the mower through the oat-field. Gideon with him All of the men gone but him. Frank Ervin around with the boys - This morning Mr Mc took the carriage with Maud and Daisy and took Aunt Mary E- Fannie and Donald and Paul with him to the Warner pasture - came home near noon - Clara & Daisy M - and I busy. Mr Mc around home all afternoon - not feeling well with a cold. After Supper Aunt Mary E- & Fannie Donald and Paul went with him to the pasture near or beyond Selma for the ride. Clara ironing her white dress - Daisy and I ironing this afternoon - This eve - Homer at C- at the hall - the 10<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery

meets in C- today - & this eve - Walter called this eve. Will Mc & our express in Springfield to day - We have had a pleasant happy day. Donnie Kyle called this morning.

4" Aug. Friday. A beautiful day. This morning Aunt Mary E- and Clark and Clayton and I took a drive to C- Clara got Dr Oglesbee take out a tooth - Aunt Roseanna going very slowly - Aunt Mary E- and I spoke to her - She seemed very peaceful She asked me to call again Aunt Jane came home with us. This morning Uncle Dan & Annie called ["this morning" is crossed out] while we were away. This afternoon - Mr Mc and Homer called at Oscar Masons took tea there - they also called at Edd Linsons. This Eve Fannie & Donald & Aunt Mary E- and Clayton took Aunt Jane home in the Surrie and called to see Aunt Rachel and Josie Orr.

5" Aug. Sat. Another Beautiful day. Fannie and Aunt Mary E- & Donald at town Fannie got her teeth filled at Dr Homans office - They got back in time for dinner. Homer & father out at the pasture doctorting sheep most of the day - home in time for tea. This afternoon I called to see Mrs Kyle - and Francis S Peters, who is very low with consumption. After supper Mr Mc and Aunt Mary E- and Fannie and Donald & Paul at C- for a ride - Homer at Selma to meet Harlan. He came on the six Oclock train from Springfield.

6" Aug. Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan, Homer, Clara and Jason at Sabbath School and church - Mr and Fannie at church. Clayton & Daisy and Paul and Aunt Mary E- and I at home. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. This Eve Harlan and Clara at the young folks meeting Harlan stopped to speak at Aunt Janes & grand mother Murdocks. This afternoon spent with boys and with Daisy.

7" Aug Monday. A beautiful day. At an early hour Mr Mc and Clara and Fannie and & Donald left with Harlan for Springfield - This afternoon Homer & crowd busy. This P.M. Homer at work. Aunt Mary E. and Jason at C- home in time for dinner. This afternoon Alvie Orr & Homer at the Springs- to hear the Hon[?] St John - I have been quite busy all day. Daisy busy. The folks reached home at nine. Fannie & Clara took dinner at Mrs Stuarts & tea there too. Homer home after the folks came - He took supper with Alvie Orr. St John spoke fine - but only a small crowd to see him. Isaac busy. Gideon off duty this p.m. Aunt Mary E- still with us.

8" Aug. Tuesday. A lovely day. Homer and Isaac in the oats. Gideon off duty. Lee Shingledarker moved out from Gideons this morning and went to Aunt Rachels. After an early dinner - Mr Mc and Clara Clayton and Jason and I attended the temperance mass meeting at two Oclock at the old fair grounds - Hon St John spoke - his address powerful - quite a larger audience - we were home again before dark. Fannie and Donald and Aunt Mary E- at C- they took tea at Aunt Janes. Paul stayed here, like a little soldier, with Daisy - & seemed content and happy after they came back from town they walked up to Will Mcs. Homer out at Uncle Silas's this eve - and Walter came home with him - they expect to attend the Springfield fair tomorrow.

9" Aug. Wed. Dry & dusty. At an early hour Homer and Walter left for the fair. Fannie Aunt Mary E- & Clara Clayton Jason and Paul and Donald spending the day at Aunt Jennettes & Uncle Bighams. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia to be ready for the St John meeting this afternoon -

No one here but Isaac & Daisy and me - we are not having a holiday but have been very busy. Gideon off duty this p.m. - Isaac taking weeds out of the pasture - Annie Mc called here to see Aunt Mary E. this morning. None of the folks returned from any of the three [illegible] points until long after dark - Father home for a late supper - Daisy and I finished ironing & Mr Mc took dinner at Uncle Silas's and went with him to Xenia.

10" Aug. Thurs. Dry & dusty. The folks had a mishap as they returned from Uncle Bighams yesterday - and came home in Uncle Ervins Carriage. When Homer took the Carriage home this morning Fannie and Aunt Mary E- and Donald and Jason went to spend the day around town. Jason expected to white wash for Aunt Mary. Mr Mc took Paul with him to the Warner pasture this P.M. Isaac around cutting weeds, Clara and Daisy and I busy. Homer found grandmothers lost cow & took her home and took tea with grandmothers - This Eve Mr Mc at Mitchel Collins to see the machine men - This Eve Fannie and Paul and I at town for the folks. Aunt Mary E- spent the day at Aunt Janes. Fannie at Mr Mortons and at Aunt Bells. This afternoon She & Donald went with Aunt Bell and the children and called at Aunt Matties. I called with grandmother Murdock a few minutes. Aunt Mary E. here as usual.

11" Aunt. Friday. Dry & dusty - Fannie and Donald and Paul around with Mr Mc in the buggy this morning. They stopped to see Sarah Haggard D- as they past. This P.M. Homer at C- on an errand for [illegible] - Homer & Mr Mc around - Clayton at Bazels [?] at the machine to day, did not get home until after dark. Mr Mc and Aunt Mary E- and Fannie at Selma - they called to see Miss R- but she was not at home. Homer at C- at Uncle Silas's. Daisy and I busy to day. Clara helping Aunt Mary E- repairing Harlan's wardrobe and my [illegible]. Mr Calvin of S- called on his weekly rounds and I sent Harlan's goods direct to Carson & Foxes [?]. Paul and I are going to retire early.

12" Aug. Sat. A little rain fell this morning - but kept dry the rest of the day. Near noon [blank space] machine came - we had thirty here to dinner and supper - They finished their work and came into a six O'clock Supper - They thrashed the oats to day. Fannie & Donald at C- for meat this morning - after she came home she and Aunt Mary E- helped us along all they could and Donald went with them to Aunt Rachels to take dinner there. Uncle Silas and Walter and Ralph have to dinner & supper - Mrs Hanshanan children here all day - She gave good satisfaction. I have been in bed nearly all day - scarcely able to keep up - Francis Peters is dead. Her funeral at two O'clock to day - but we were too pressed for any of the children to go - On last Tuesday morning Clara and Jason called to see her and took her some nice things - but now she is gone - and what we had purposed to bestow on her we can give to some other needy one. Fannie Aunt Mary E at Rachels for Supper.

13" Aug. Sabb. Very dry - no sign of rain. Clara and Aunt Mary E- & Paul and Daisy at home with Donald. Homer & Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church - Mr Mc and Fannie and I at church - Mr Mortons text, "I am the good Shepherd and know my Sheep, and am Known of mine". Christ our Shepherd is the Subject of this text - Christ knows every want of his children and supplies their every need. This afternoon after the Sermon Mr Mc and I called in to Speak

to Uncle Joe - he has been sick for several days - This P.M. I heard Clayton & Jasons questions Had Psalms and Bible reading.

14" Aug. Monday. A beautiful day. Our house in nice order. Jason took Daisy Wealy [?] home - and brought Frankie Lamont back with him. Fannie and Aunt Mary E- & Donald went after Miss Roadarmer but she will not come before next week. Mr Robt Lindal called just at noon and came out and took dinner with us and spent most of the afternoon with Mr Mc Homer at Mr Isaac Thorns [?] for corn. Clayton and Jason and Donald and Paul around. Isaac and Gidieon stacking the remainder of the oats. This afternoon Aunt Mary E. went with me to C- we took the clothes to Mrs P- Aunt Mary E. Stopped at Aunt Janes- I attended a Church meeting at the church. I took tea with grandmother Murdock & Aunt Marys. This Eve at five Oclock Fannie went Ida Creswells to spend the evening with ten or twelve of the girls - They had a delightful supper and a enjoyable evening. Aunt Roseanna gradually sinking away. I [illegible] to see Uncle Joe he is still in bed. James [illegible] has taken his place in the post office about a week or more ago - Aunt Mary E- stayed at Aunt Janes to night - Alvie Orr called and Homer went with him to Selma to spend the evening. Clayton and Jason at Selma with sacks.

15" Aug. Tues. A beautiful day. Clara and Paul went to the eight Oclock train and met Mr J.C. McMillan and brought him out along with Aunt Jane & Aunt Mary Eliza - Mr J.C. is getting very frail - after dinner Mr Mc and Mr J.C. and I attended the meeting of the Bible society at the U. P. church - no regular address to day - Mrs Lizzie K Rainey there. It has been a long time since I meet [sic] her before - This after[noon] Aunt Roseanna McMillan died. We were all in there after she was gone. Mr J.C. went back to X- on the six Oclock train. This afternoon while we were away - Aunt Mary E. and Fannie and Donald and Paul drove up to see Miss Eva Roadarmer - This P.M. late Homer at some pastures. Frank busy all day. Clayton at Crites's [illegible] up there to see the new thresher work. Thus another busy day has come to an end.

16" Aug. Wed. Gidieon at the gravel pit opening yesterday and hauling out gravel to day. Homer at C this forenoon at the mill. Aunt Mary E getting my cloth ready for a cape - Fannie and Clara put out quite a little washing - She and I and all busy - Will Mc called. Clayton at Crites at the machine. This P.M. at half past four Mr Mc and Aunt Mary E. and Fannie and I at Roseannas funeral - Mr Morton & Rev Sprowl and Warnock conducted the exercises. Mr Mortons text "Now I am ready to be offered up." After the funeral Aunt Mary E went to stay at Aunt Jane to night. We had quite a nice shower this Eve - Clara and Frank have with Donald and Paul. This Eve Homer at C-

17" Thurs. Aug. A beautiful day. This morning on the early train the friends left with Aunt Roseannas remains for Preble Co- to be layed [sic] away in their old family burying grounds - besides Uncle Gavins old church. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason at the Xenia fair. Fannie and Donald stopped off at Miss Blanch Collins's to spend that day and Mr Mc rode with me from their [sic] to Xenia - and went out from there with the boys to the fair - I put Maud in the stable for safe keeping and spent most of the day around town - for something new I called to see Sallie Buck - and called at Mr J.C. McMillans & got a dictionary he promised me - I also called to

see old Ms [?] Charters -- and reached Collins near five - When we came to C- we only stopped a very few minutes - I called in to see Uncle Joe he is sick. Homer & Gidieon & Clayton hauling on the rods [roads]. Frank & Clara kept Donald this afternoon - This Eve Homer at C- The rest of the folks did not get home until dark.

18" Aug. Friday. Another bright day. Mr Mc and Clara at Springfield - Clara and I kept Donald -- Homer out with Gidieon on the roads. Clayton took Homers place while Homer went to Selma to see Mr Tindal. Frank and Clara and I busy with Donald and with a large ironing. We put up our corn to day. Excuse bad writing but I wrote most of the above while asleep. I am very tired to night. I meant to say that yesterday Clara and Frank had the large ironing and we put up the corn to day. Father & Fannie took dinner with Harlan - Fannie called at Stuarts - Charlie S- left Springfield last week. We had Supper when the folks came -- Jason at the office this eve - Homer up the pike a little while Lester sleeping here to night.

19" Aug. Sat. Another nice day. I called to see Uncle Joe and brought Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary out with me - Aunt Mary made eighteen glasses of Crabb Jelly and 4 [illegible] marmalade - At an early hour Mr Mc and Homer and Clayton and Jason took 32 hogs to C- to Mr Tindal. Paul went along too - and stopped at Aunt Bells awhile - he came out in our carriage -- Mr Mc and co. came home in time for dinner -- A little past noon Mr Mellenger called and took dinner with us. Gidieon & co over at his folks to day. This Eve Clara and Donald took Aunt Mary & grandmother home - Aunt Mary E. came back home with Clara - and is with us to night - Homer at C- and at Selma too -- No he concluded not to go to S-- (Clayton at mill) [In the margin]: Gid & co off at Enon [?] to day.

20" Aug. Sabbath. A beautiful day - but cool this morning Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church - Clara went part of the way and came back on acct [account] of her dress. She and Aunt Mary E- & Fannie and Donald at home - Paul and Frank here too, Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly; wherfore [sic] God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city." We all feel that we have here no abiding place - permanently - but are looking for one yonder There is no other subject that should interest us as our eternal home. "Subject" The Better Country." There is another country - another life - another home. Jesus great design in coming into this world was to help poor down trodden men and women to find that home - There is no loss like the loss of the soul. After preaching Mr Mc and I called to see Uncle Joe - This afternoon spent with the children - This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting.

21" Aug. Monday. A beautiful day - A little cool - and very dry. Clara and Aunt Mary E- went up after Miss Roadarmer this morning. The boys room and porch ready for the sewing. Homer at C- this morning. Near noon Prof McMillan called and took dinner and spent most of the afternoon. Aunt Mary E. & Fannie assisting Mrs R- with the sewing. Most of her time & Mr Mcs & Homers, as well as my own, spent with the Proff - while here - Frank went over to Clifton yesterday P.M. - and back at her place to day faithful all the way through Mr Ervin Kyle called this P.M. All of us very busy. This Eve Clara and Aunt Mary E. took the clothes to Mrs P- Homer

spending the evening at Selma - Fannie feeling very anxious about her "fine pin." She lost it to day. No traces of it can be found.

22" Aug. Tues. A beautiful day. Mr Corry here and "purchased" some cattle. Miss Roadarmer assisted by Aunt Mary E. and Fannie are busy in the sewing department -- Isaac & Gid hauling gravel - Mr Mc and Homer busy with the stock - Fannie made very happy to day by finding her pin. This after noon Aunt Jennette and Aunt Matt called. Aunt Bell & Fern called - They remained for tea. This Eve Homer at C-

23" Aug. Wed. A beautiful day. Miss Roadarmer busy all day long. Clara and Paul took Aunt Mary E. and Fannie & Donald to Uncle Dan to spend the day. Grace & Harry & Wills folks there Clara came back near noon bringing Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary with her to visit with the Pidgeon family here Mr & Mrs P- & their three children here- Mary Ervin came out with Clara all here until after tea when Fannie and Donald and Paul and I took the folks home and brought Aunt Mary E. back with us. Mary Ervin rode down with Homer - by the way Uncle Dan brought Fannie home this P.M. - to meet Mr and Mrs Pidgeon - This Eve Homer at C- again and out at Uncle Silas's.

24" Aug. A beautiful day. Near noon Mr Mc left for Hale Collins Srle. Fannie and Aunt Mary E. and Miss Roadarmer busy on the upper poarch [sic] at the sewing. Homer looking after the sheep. Gidieon & Isaac working on the roads. Sarah Haggard D[?] and children here to see Fannie this afternoon. This eve Fannie & Aunt Mary E. & Clara & Miss R- and Jason and, Donald & Paul took a little ride - I have been working with grapes to day Frank finished the ironing we have been busy all day long. Mr Mc home for tea at dark. Homer at Minnie Turnbul's at an ice cream supper, and will stay with Walter at Uncle Silas's to night.

25" Aug. Friday, A beautiful day - Jason at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Matt and Aunt Mary out - grandmother did not wish to come - Aunt Mary made 14 glasses of Grape Jelly to day - she kept busy - and so did Aunt Matt assisting Miss Roadarmer and Aunt Mary E. with the sewing. Aunt Jane taking care of Donald - Frank & Clara and all busy. One of Gidieon's little ones sick - I was there this morning. Homer home from Walters this forenoon - This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer up the pike looking after a buyer for Daisy - did not get home until after dark - When Homer went to town to see Alvie O. -- This Eve [crossed out, two words] Donald and Clara [scratched out, three words] and Aunt Mary E. took Aunt Jane and Matt and Aunt Mary home -- It was beautiful riding in the moonlight.

26" Aug. Sat. We have been busy all day long. Clayton took Frank away this morning to go to a picnic today. Fannie and Aunt Mary E. helping Miss R with the sewing. Gidieon & Isaac hauling gravel. This p.m. Homer helped gather a few peaches - Mr Mc around home all day. This p.m. -- very heavy wind and a shower. This Eve Homer at Selma he took Miss Roadarmer home -- Aunt Mary E. and Fannie and Donald and Clayton at C- Jason cleaning his church suit - Homer has a pain in his breast to night.

27" Aug Sabb. A beautiful day after the rain. Homer, Clayton Clara and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Fannie at church - Aunt Mary E. and Paul & Donald and I at home Homer Clayton & Jason recited the catechism and read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath. This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting.

28 Aug. Monday. At an early hour Clayton left for Selma for Miss Roadarmer and Clara went to C- and brought Aunt Jane & Matt and Aunt Mary out – Aunt Mary working with the peaches. Aunt Matt helping with the sewing. Fannie & Aunt Mary E- with Miss R- all day sewing. Isaac taking the tops of the trees that were blown off Saturday out of the yard. Homer and Gid at the sheep until noon – This afternoon Homer and Alvie Orr went past Selma for there [sic] company to attend a picnic – Mr Morris called and chatted awhile this afternoon – Old Geo Miller came on his yearly rounds to day and chopped in the wood house all day. Frank came back this morning and is home to day. This Eve Clara and Aunt Mary E. took the folks home. Gideon out at the pasture with Sheep – Mr Mc went out at a later hour. The Ervin family called here this eve – Uncle Ervin and all – we are having quite a little shower – Fannie rec'd word this Eve from Mr McKenzie – quite a gloom thrown over the congregation at the sudden death of one of the children – Theodore W Cline was suddenly killed at the Station – he was eight or nine years old. Mr Harris called this P.M.

29" Aug. Tuesday. Gideon & Isaac hauling gravel – "Old George" left us this morning. Homer working on sheep. Mr Mc around home most of the day. Fannie and Aunt Mary E. on the upper poarch [sic] sewing all day long. Aunt Mary E. made four blouse waists for Paul – This afternoon I went to town I called to see Uncle Joe. This Eve Homer and Clara and Clayton at J.R. Orrs at a Social. Fannie & Aunt Mary E. and Miss R- and Donald & Jason up the pike riding.

30" Aug Wed. A beautiful day. The State fair in session in Columbus. This morning Homer and Fannie took Aunt Mary E. to C- to stay until Saturday Eve. They attended to a little business and were soon home – Donald seems to be happy here now and gets along nicely. Clara rec'd a letter from Helen W— Vesta Stuart is away – therefore they can not come tomorrow. Homer and Gideon working on sheep – Fannie and Miss R— sewing all day – Frank and Clara and I busy. Mr T. Spenser called this Eve. Home took Miss Roadarmer home near dark – her stay with us has been very pleasant. Homer spent the eve in Selma.

31" Aug. Thurs. A lovely day. Mr Mc left near noon some where up the Pike - At an early hour Gideon and Homer left for Uncle Silas's. The machine there to day - This Eve Homer at C- Mr Mc home at four this P.M. This afternoon I expected to have attended the missionary meeting but did not get there. Fannie & Donald at C- took peaches for Aunt Mary E- & Aunt Matt took them out to Aunt Jennetts in Fannie's conveyance and remained for tea - Fannie took tea with grandmother & Aunt Mary. Fannie did not get home until near dark. Mr & Mrs Morton will be here tomorrow - I have been canning peaches this P.M. fruit very scarce - Clayton and Jason and Paul here - Isaac hauling out manure.

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1" Sept. Friday. Most a lovely day - Early this A.M. - Mr Mc and Homer & Clara left for Springfield. They had the time set and was obliged to go - although Mr & Mrs Morton were here and spent the day. We tryed to make things as pleasant as we could in Mr Mcs absence - Isaac at his hauling One of the [illegible] of the thirty hogs died to day - very suddenly. This Eve Aunt Bell and the children here - Mary Bell and Blanch remained to visit here until tomorrow eve - Fannie and Donald here all day helping us to make the most of things. Homer came back from S- with Bazel and left early by way of C- to attend a party at Miss Carrie Haines - Mr Mc & Clara came at a later hour bringing Maggie Stuart with them - Banch & Mary here with Clara - Mr Howard Bratton & his friend called to see Homer - Can it be true that this is the 2" day of Autumn - that the Summer has really gone. Slipped away almost before we were aware. This is only a sample of the way our lives pass -- Here only for a day - - Although we all bid so high for this world -- yet after all how unsatisfactory.

2" Sept. Sat. Another Bright day. Miss Maggie S- and Blanch and Mary here - This morning I made a quick visit to C- called at the School house to see Proff Sairs. We would like to send Clayton to School in C- this year. After dinner Fannie & Clara & Donald and Paul & Maggie S- and Blanch & Mary put up a little lunch and went over in the vicinity of Clifton to spend the afternoon - Homer left at the same time for Springfield to bring Harlan down this Eve - Mr Mc here all day looking after things - Isaac hauling out Fertilizer. The folks came home by Cedarville and Blanch and Fern stopped off at home and Aunt Mary E- came out with them and she and Maggie S- with us night -- Harlan and Homer home about nine Oclock.

3" Sept. Sabb. Quite cool last night - & this morning. Aunt Mary E. and Clara and Jason and Frank here with Donald. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School and Church- Mr Mc and Fannie and Maggie and Paul and I at church - This is the first that Paul has been at Church for a long time. He had his new suit on - Rev John Rindal preached - Text "Whose I am and whom I serve." We are all servants and our lifes motto should be "I serve" God has a work for each one of us - This afternoon we had our Sabbath lesson Harlan and Homer with us. This Eve Harlan Homer Clara & Clayton & Maggie H- at the Young folks meeting. Frank went over home - in our conveyance - and took advantage of the favor -- & tarryed late.

4" Sept. Monday. Up at an early hour - Claytons first day at Cedarville school- he was very anxious to go - He will stay at grandmother Murdocks. Homer took Maggie Stuart to the eleven Oclock train - home again at noon - Aunt Mary E- with us. Harlan around. After dinner Homer at C- and around to tell the folks good bye - Harlan went with him and went on the five Oclock train to Springfield. Mr Mc around home all day. After an early supper Aunt Mary E. told us good bye and Fannie took her to town to be ready to go back to Wilmington in the morning. They called at Aunt Rachels & Clara kept Donald - All of us busy. Jason at C- at the shop. Clayton came back this eve -

5" Sept. Tues. A beautiful day. At an early hour Mr Mc and Clara left for Wilmington to take Aunt Mary E. back - at a later hour Homer told us good bye and Jason took him to the nine O'clock train to go back to Monmouth to attend College there this year. This is his second year - Fannie and Donald rode down with them to spend the day around town - How busy these days have been - how much has been crowded into them and quickly they have past - Aunt Mary E- has been here since the 1" of Aug. and Homer has been with us since the 9" of June - And now the "Harvest is past and the Summer ended - All past - & gone O how swiftly - I have had a lonely day - no one here but Frank and Paul and me - Isaac out at his work. This eve I called at C- and brought Fannie and Donald home at a later hour Mr Mc and Clara came - Aunt Jane went with them to day and stood the trip bravely.

6" Sept. Wed. A beautiful day. For a change of scene - I went with Fannie Donald and Paul out to Uncle Silas's - we stopped and took grandmother with - Aunt Mary went out early in the morning - they were having the clover haulers there to day. We remained until after tea Aunt Mary rode home with us. Just as we came in to town this morning the express ran into Mr McElvains team - injuring him and killing his little boy. Clara here with Frank and Jason - Mr Mc around here and there all day-

7" Sept Thurs. Another bright day - but warm - & dusty. I came home from Uncle Silas's sick last night - with a severe pain in my stomach which lasted all night - I have been in bed all day. Mr Mc around looking after things - Mr John Thomas called at an early hour for Mr Mc to go with him to the London fair - but he concluded not to go - This eve Fannie and Jason & Donald at the office - A letter from Homer - he reached Monmouth yesterday P.M. at six O'clock - took break fast with Fred. Clara sewed to day. Frank ironed. - I am sitting up awhile this eve -

8" Sept. Friday. A beautiful day. Fannie and Jason at C- this morning at the office - Aunt Jane came out with them and spent the day. Mr Mc up at Selma pasture - came home to a late dinner - Mr Huntington here to dinner and waited until Mr Mc came This eve he and Mr Mc at John Thomas's. - home again in time for tea - This eve we were surprised to see our old friend Louis Floid, the old painter, stopping in - he was here to tea and with us to night - This eve Fannie, Clara Jason Donald & Paul took Aunt Jane home - Frank busy making crabb apple jelly to day. Clayton came home this eve. This is his first week in Cedarville school Miss Blair is his teacher.

9" Sept. Sat. Very Busy all day. Frank put in a full day washing and ironing. Fannie and busy. Paul and Donald and Clayton and Jason around. This afternoon Clayton at C- Louis cleaned the yard and helped all he could - This p.m. Aunt Bell and daughters called - Isaac finished his 2" term - This A.M. Mr Mc & Clara left in the Surrie for Springfield. Fannie and Frank and I busy all day. We expected Mrs Stuart home with the folks - but she did not come - but were delighted with Harlan putting in his appearance - We had supper for the folks after they came. I have been scarcely able to keep up to day. The painter here.

10" Sept Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School – Mr Mc and Fannie at church – Mr Morton preached. Clayton and Paul here with Donald and me – Frank and the painter here. This afternoon we had our Bible reading on the upper porch [sic]– Harlan & the painter read with us – and Clara – we had the Catechism – This Eve Harlan went with Clara & Clayton for the young folks meeting. Walter came home with Uncle Silas to be ready for an early trip with H- in the morning.

11" Sept. Monday. At an early hour Walter left with Harlan for Springfield to be at his place in time at Carsons. Clayton rode down with Will Mc to C- to school this morning. Miss Haines open School in our school house this morning. Mr Mc at Clifton mill this A.M. After an early dinner Fannie and Donald I left for Mr John Collins and for Xenia - but when we reached there Miss Blanch and her sister were in Xenia - we met them there We attended to a little business and came direct to C- Father Fannie & Donald and I were invited to Mr Mortons to tea - but Mr Mc was at the Selma pasture and Jason brought Clara down and left her to come home with Fannie and me - we were sorry Mr Mc did not get back in time to come. We did not reach home until nine - We had a very pleasant meeting at Mr Mortons - Cargill & wife and Gracie there - The old painter around - he cleaned the wool house. We saw Clayton - he is busy at his lessons at Grandmothers.

12" Sept. Tuesday. We had a nice shower yesterday eve - This morning Jason at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Matt and Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe out. They made a nice cloak for Donald. This afternoon Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette came - They were here and all the above ones for tea. Mr Mc at town this afternoon - at Williams-s - home with the folks for tea - It has been raining this afternoon a little off & on. Fannie and Donald and Clara took the folks home and told the friends good bye - they were detained on acct of the rain - and did not get home until nine. This is the first day Uncle Joe attempted riding out Clayton came with them.

13" Sept. Wed. A dreary day after the rain - Sprinkling a little now and then. Clayton told the folks good bye and went back to his school - and Uncle Joe brought the buggy back and Aunt Bell came along and helped pack Clara and Fannie's trunks - Gideon and Jason took the trunks in the express to Springfield - After an early dinner Mr Mc and Paul and I took Fannie and Donald and Clara to the train to Springfield - we stopped at the firm of "Carson & Foxs" to see Harlan and then drove to the Erie[?] depot - which is all of three miles out of the city - The train was behind time - Donald was full of life and showed off a good many of his pranks. It was a sad moment when the train came sweeping in and carried Fannie and Donald and Clara away - "far over the hills and far away" to that far off home at Pine Bush N.Y. I can not tell why - but never at any time have I felt so sad as I have done to night when I came back to our deserted home - all gone - only Jason and Paul with us. This afternoon after we went away Uncle Joe took Aunt Bell back to town. When we came back - poor Frank was so tired that she had retired long ago - Uncle Joe and the old painter by the sitting room lamp when we came home it was nine O'clock. Paul was as white as if he had been in his coffin when the train came in - the tears were on his cheeks - he would say I do not want Clara to go away - Will Fannie be back tomorrow -

14" Sept. Thurs. Our place still seems deserted -- I left Frank in care of the home and Uncle Joe and I went to C- I took dinner with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary - and in the afternoon attended a meeting of the W.C.T.U. at Mrs Shrodes - Let me write those words which came in our lesson to day - "Looking up above earth's throng and stir," Unto Jesus the beginner and finisher of our faith". And along the vista of life's crowded thorough fares across the River to "the land of far distances" which his calm in the Sunlight on the farther Shore."

"O Lord, my God, 'tis early dawn  
And I would walk with thee to day;  
Clothe me in garments pure and white,  
All bright and beautiful, I pray  
Grant I may walk with greatest care,  
That I may keep their luster bright,  
To day, my Father, hear my prayer,  
And let me walk with Thee in white.  
No thought, no word, no deed, to day  
That may displease my blessed Lord;  
No idle loitering by the way,  
But Sweetly trusting in Thy word,  
What'er my hands may find to do –  
That may I do with all my might,  
To day my Father, pure and true  
Grant I may walk with Thee in white.  
The failures of the yesterday  
The cares that may tomorrow come,  
Each tear, each fear, now chase away  
And guide me on my journey home.  
And when the evening Shadows fall  
And I came bending in Thy sight  
Then may I feel my Lord, my All,  
That I have walked with Thee in white"

After the meeting Uncle Joe and I came direct home - Mr Mc & Jason and Paul were at Mr Thomas Spensers for watermellons. - home in time for tea. The old painter putting bee hives in order - Gidieon at work.

15" Sept. Friday. Uncle Joe at C- and busy but Aunt Jane out to take account of the peaches - This afternoon he took her back to C- Frank went down with them. Wednesday night Mr Lee Barbers new house was burned down - Last night Mr Gordons barn near Salem was burned down -- The painter at the hives again to day. Clayton came home with Uncle Joe Mr Mc at C- this afternoon - This Eve Clayton took me up to Selma for Miss Roadarmer She came down with us - to be ready for the sewing in the morning.

16" Sept Sat. Rather cool to day. Miss R- finished off my black cloth cape and looked over all of my dresses putting them in shape - busy all day long until late this Eve when Mr Mc took her home - This afternoon Mr Mc took Uncle Joe home -- Clayton and Jason at C- a few minutes Gideon there with wood for Aunt Jane -- This is Gidieons birth day they are having a meeting for him at his home to night - "A surprise"-

17" Sept. Sabb. A nice day. Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. The Old painter keeping house. Frank absent. Mr Morton's text -- "I will Seek that which was last, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick." This afternoon Lewis read with Clayton and Jason and me.

18" Sept Monday. A nice day. Clayton went down to school - and Uncle Joe brought the buggy back. He also brought a letter from Clara and Fannie they got home all right - but both were very tired - I do not know how about Donald whether he was very tired or not- but he surely would be. Ray Bromagem came up this morning - has been around all day - and took the buggy to go to see his girl to night. Uncle Joe took clothes to Mrs P- home again in time for tea - Jason at C- for books [?] He started to School to day - & needed books. Excuse blots- I have written the above while asleep.

19" Sept. Tuesday. A nice day. Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe and Ray around. The old painter at the bee hives to day again. This afternoon Frank called at Will Mcs. I called to see Mrs Jones and Mrs Kyle Mrs K- does not seem to improve very fast. This eve Mr Mc and Ray at the pasture. Paul cried himself asleep with the tooth ache. Ray at C- on an errand.

20" Sept. Wed. Uncle Joe at C- this morning The old painter at his work. Gideon began cutting corn - Ray still here. Jason at School. This afternoon I was at C- I took Paul with me - we were home in time for tea - Mr Mc around at the pastures - Ray at C- again.

21" Sept. Thurs. A Pleasant day. Mr Mc around looking after things the painter at the Bee Hives - Ray with us - Uncle Joe here Jason at School -- Frank and I busy - This afternoon I went to C- alone - Mrs. Conley grandson buried to day - he was one of the Twins. I took tea with Clayton at grandmothers- & Aunt Mary -- Mr Mc at pasture.

22" Sept. Friday. At an early hour I left for C- and took Aunt Jane - Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell with me to the "Annual W.C.T.U. Convention of Greene Co." We certainly had a nice meeting - Prof White gave us a Bible Reading -- Aunt Mary was reelected President for this year. We had a nice dinner I met Nellie there - Heavy rain this afternoon -- dark and dreary this eve - we did not reach C- until dark -- Clayton came home with me from C- Frank taking care of things to day. Mr Mc the Old Painter Uncle Joe and Ray and Paul around. Jason at School.

23" Sept. Sat. A little cool after the rain. Gideon around at the work. Clayton and Jason helping him get out corn -- The old painter at the bee hives- Uncle Joe and Paul around. Frank busy. This

afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Edd Corrys. Ray B- out last night - and in "his room" this afternoon -- Resting. Mr Isaac H- and Mr Lamont called to see Mr Mc this morning. Gidieon took Uncle Joe and Ray down home. Mr Mc here after dark - He came home past Uncle Bighams and had tea there.

24" Sept. Sabbath. Rain last night and rain this evening again. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church - Mr Mc & Paul and I at church too. Mr Mortons text "We will go with you for we have heard that God is with you." This afternoon Louis Floyd, the old painter, read with Clayton and Jason and I in the Bible. Clayton and Jason read aloud in the Evangelist and in the book (Persecutions in Scotland - Frank away this eve -- Raining and quite cool.

25" Sept Monday. Chilly after the rain - Robert McMillan, who is home from a six year stay in Washington [illegible], came this morning to spend the day. Clayton took the buggy down when he went back to school and Uncle Joe came back bringing Ray Bromagem and Robbie Murdock of Bloomington Ind. Robbie come from there to grandmothers Saturday morning - It is six years now since Robbie was here. The painter fixing the cistern top - All here for supper but Bob Mc. Late this eve Uncle Joe and I at C- took the clothes to Mrs P- It is quite chilly. Robbie M- & Ray B- here this eve - & with us to night. An irish "corn cutter" here. Jason at School to day. Paul around. Frank busy. Mrs Aaron Milburn is dead She died yesterday.

26" Sept. Tues. A bright day - but cool in the Shade - frost last night. Our Irish Man past on this morning. Isaac H- & Lamonts left in field. Gidieon and Uncle Joe & Ray in the Sorgum. Robbie M- here until after dinner - Frank taking care of the house and Paul - Jason at School. Uncle Joe at C- this Eve - - Mr Mc and I left at an early hour this morning for the big Prohibition Basket meeting at the Fair grounds at Springfield. [illegible] (Prohibition Candidate for Gov,) and Hon John P. St John were the speakers - We had a grand meeting -- And a happy meeting for me as Mr Mc has made a clean sweep and come over soul and body into the Prohibition party. May he ever go forward & upward - never back - never. In the evening at the City hall Our Candidate [large blank space] spoke on the "Little red School house" - I stopped with Mrs Stuarts for tea - Mr Mc went with Harlan - It is just a year this evening since Harlan went to Springfield and began work for Carson and Fox. Quite a change in the appearance of our boy since then - as well as a change in our boy for the better. Mr Mc and Harlan called and went with Mrs. Stuart and I to the meeting - We had a grand speech -- It is cool to night - almost as bright as day. No one can ever know how lonely these days are since the children are gone -- some of them so far away.

27" Sept. Wed. This A.M. Frank and I ironed. Lewis fixed up the cistern pump - Uncle Joe and Ray at work. Gidieon at the wheat sowing - Mr Mc at Dave Mcs this A.M. Quite a bright day. Jason at School. Frank at her work. This Eve Gidieon across at Mr Thomas Stretcher. This Eve Mr Mc called at Williams's in C--

28" Sept Thurs. A beautiful day. This morning the old painter, Lewis Floyd, bid us good bye after a three weeks stay -- and Mr Mc took him to Selma to the train Mr Mc at the sheep pasture

also. This P.M. he was at the late Jimmason farm at Edd Smiths sale. Near noon Paul and I went to grandmothers - neither she nor Aunt Mary well. Clayton home to dinner with us at two O'clock Paul and I at the Women's Missionary Soc. We did not make a long stay in C- afterwards but came home. Uncle Joe and Ray at Aunt Rachels for wheat this morning. Gideon at the sowing. Jason at School to day. Frank busy.

29" Sept. Friday. A bright day. Mr Mc left for Mr Arthur Forbes sale - Uncle Joe and Ray & Gideon busy at the wheat sowing. Jason at School Paul around with Frank - Her folks finished their contract in the corn this Eve. This afternoon I called to see Mrs Etta McMillan - This Eve I made a hasty trip to C- for Clayton- Frank went with the folks home to be ready to go with them to Springfield tomorrow Mr Mc at home after dark - he took dinner and Supper at Mr Forbes's. Uncle Joe and Ray with Clayton and Jason around the camp - Gideon and I looked over accts to day.

Sat. 30" Sept. Misty - drizzling rain all day. Isaac H- here this morning - He was married on Thursday. Gideon trying to finish the wheat sowing. Uncle Joe and Ray around This A.M.- Clayton & Jason at Forbes for sheep - This afternoon Mr Mc at Edd Linsons. This Eve Gid and Clayton took Uncle Joe & Ray home - Harlan came from Springfield on the evening train and came out with them. Williams came at the same time & brought horse out - he wanted to see Mr Mc.

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1" Oct Sabb. A nice day. Harlan & Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at Church alone - I have been in bed most of the day. Jason in the kitchen most of the day. This Eve Mr Mc and Harlan and Clayton at the U. P. Church Rev H. H. George gave them a talk on Sabbath observance - Jason & Paul at home with me - Mr Morton preached to day as usual.

2" Oct Monday A nice day. We were up at an early hour - Harlan went back to Springfield in cart & drove Fred, the Williams horse, Clayton went down to School in Buggy - and Uncle Joe and Ray came out in it. Frank came back this morning and began on her Winter term of work. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- home before dark - Ray took clothes to Mrs P- this evening. Mr Mc & Gid sowed the timothy seed this morning. Jason at School. I am still on the sick list.

3" Oct. Tuesday. It began raining this morning about ten O'clock and has rained almost constantly all day and this evening. Gideon & family left for his fathers - he expects to attend the yearly Dunkard meeting some miles from there - Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Ray around looking after stock - Paul has been out in the rain all day. Frank at her work. Jason st School - I have been busy sewing all day. I have accomplished more than usual - Mr Mc had a strange experiances [sic] - this eve when down in the lower pasture with lantern - he got turned around a few times - and finally found he was lost - and it was not until after a good while in this state that he found himself again - and had the strange but peculiar sensation of being found.

4" Oct. Wed. A beautiful day after the rain. Near noon Mr Mc left for Parlows sale – did not get home until near dark. Uncle Joe and Ray and Paul bringing in pumpkins and bringing [illegible] home from Harry Foggs – Frank “keeping house” Mr Lamont getting out corn was here to dinner. This P.M. I attended the congregational prayer meeting – I made some few calls – and reached home in time for tea. Mr Mc at home in time also for tea. Ray at C- to night. Jason was at School to day. Mr Thomas Fagan died at the hospital in Dayton last week – Crissie [?] Moodie laying very low in the hospital in Pittsburg. Clara went with Mr McKenzie Fannie & Donald to Salem N. Y. this week.

5" Oct. Thurs A beautiful day. Frank and I ironing. Grandmothers washing taken in this week for the first. Aunt Jane here to day she came out with Uncle Dan. Ray told us good bye this morning and went to work in C- Uncle Joe around taking care of things. George Haglin here husking and with us to night. Mr Mc at C- and at young Mrs Deans in the vicinity of Clifton.

6" Oct Friday. Blowing and by no means pleasant. Gidieon returned last night from the Dunkard meeting and is work to day helping Uncle Joe and George H- at the potatoes – I made a hasty trip to C- Mr Mc made a hasty trip to Warners pasture – This afternoon Mr Mc at Clifton mill. Word rec'd that Crissie Moodie is dead. She “passed to rest at the “Passivant Hospital” in Pittsburg Early Monday morning Oct 2” A letter from a dear friend of Crissies Mrs King writes. “Our dear Crissie passed away from us at two Oclock this morning. I was with her to the very last. Her suffering was intense but she bore all with cheerful fortitude She was conscious to the last, knew that the great change was coming and was fully prepared for it. Since she came to Pittsburg everything was done for her that love could suggest or money pay for. She has devoted friends here who have been too glad to show their love for her by providing for all her needs. The poor body is in the hands of those who love her. The funeral will be simple as Crissie wished it to be. She will be layed beside Effie.” Just to think that Crissie and Effie are both gone – “The eternal years of God is theirs.” “They entered upon their rest.” This Eve, although not very pleasant, Mr Mc and I attended a Prohibition speech at the Quaker [?] church in Selma given [Blank space] Thomas – After the meeting I called to see Miss Roadarmer a few minutes – All asleep when we came home.

7" Oct. Sat. Pleasant. We made tomato butter to day. Mr Mc around here and there all day. Uncle Joe and Gidieon and George R- at the potato gathering. Clayton did not [illegible] home last evening but came out with Uncle Dan this morning. Lucy came home after a stay with Uncle Dan. Jason around gathering nuts most of the day. Frank Orr and co around this afternoon Harry Leffel with him this A.M. Frank busy all day. Paul around. Gidieon took Uncle Joe home this Eve.

8" Oct. Sabb. A beautiful day. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Mr Mortons text “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me? Subject of the text The Forsaken one – or what our salvation cost. Why was Jesus forsaken in the great hour of his sorrow – because God could not save him and save those for whom he sent him die – “For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son that whosoever

believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life” After dinner Frank went over home – Clayton and Jason recited their Sabbath lesson and read aloud each a chapter in the “Persecution in Scotland” – also Bible reading. Paul says his little lesson too.

9” Oct. Monday. A lovely day. Clayton went back to school – and Uncle Joe came out in buggy. Jason at School. Frank busy – on the 2” inst Mr Robert Hustic late of Cedarville died at Des Moines Iowa. How many of our friends are being gathered home – How glorious if we had the assurance of meeting all of these in the Beautiful City in the “Sweet Bye & by” – but it is eternity that shall tell how many of our friends here we shall meet there. Mr Mc around home all day. Lewis Dunn here awhile this afternoon and assisted Uncle Joe – George H- and Gideon at the buckwheat. Jason at School to day. This Eve he and Gideon at Mrs Ps with the clothes. Robbie Murdock called in when passing.

10” Oct. Tues. A lovely day. Mr John Bazel here assisting Uncle Joe, George H- and Gideon with the buckwheat. Uncle Dan went in our surrie to Springfield to day to bring Matt Small & Co. down – she is in very poor health. I have been putting the house in order. Jason at School. A father and a son killed at the crossing at Charleston yesterday morning Mr Mc assisting this afternoon at the buckwheat. I left Paul at home with Uncle Joe and went over to see Mrs Kyle She had a very bad spell last night – I met Robbie Murdock there he came back with me and we went to town – We took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary. They were expecting Lide Watson and Nannie Burk there to night on the five Oclock train but when they did not come and Robbie Murdock and Blanch went to Xenia to meet them there – they will not get back until late – As I came home I met Mr Mc going down to C-

11” Oct. Wednesday. A most beautiful day. Uncle Joe not well – he is here Gideon & George H- gathering potatoes – Paul around home with Frank all day. Mr Mc and I spent the day at Uncle Bigham Harbisons – This was his sixty third birthday – quite a company there – to dinner among the number Mr J. C. William Aunt Jane and Mrs Martha Daleos [?], Mrs Mary Nesbit. We certainly had a delightful day. After we came home we had supper – Frank has had a busy day – She finished the ironing – and cleaned the dining room – Mr Mc took me over to Mr Henry Kyles – and he made a little call there – and left me to spend the night waiting on Mrs K. Jason at School to day.

12” Oct Thursday. A rather beautiful day. I sat up alone with Mrs Kyle last night until four Oclock this morning I layed down and slept until five when Mr John Kyle brought me home just as the breakfast bell was ringing. Frank and I very busy all morning putting the house in order – to be ready for our company – which came in due time and were with us to dinner – as follows – Grandmother Murdock – Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell and our cousins Lide Watson from near [illegible] and Nannie Burk from near Yorktown Ind. Frank Ervin on the sick list and came with his mother and has been laying down all day – and has had neither dinner or supper – Mr Mc was at Captain Stuarts sale – there for dinner and home in time to take supper with our company. They did not go away until near dark – We had a pleasant day with them. Uncle Joe

up stairs in bed most of the day. Gideon away yesterday all day – and to day he is helping George H- at the potatoes. Jason at School to day.

13" Oct. Friday Quite a change in the weather – Almost a constant rain. Our day of preaching preparatory to our Communion on Sabbath – Uncle Joe went down in the buggy alone – Mr Mc and Paul and Jason and I at church – Frank here along – Mr Lamont here waiting around – he and Gideon took dinner here in our absence. Rev Waters of Pittsburgh here to assist Mr Morton and preached to day His text “ I will go also” Zec 8:21. Last clause of the verse. I did not take notes. Uncle Joe and Clayton did not come home until near dark. We are having constant rain all of this evening. On last evening J. C. Barber and Annie McMillan were married.

14" Oct. Sat. Wind blew all last night – and is still blowing this eve – and has kept it up all day. Mr Mc and Gideon in the pig pen this morning Mr Mc at Bishops pasture – Clayton with him. Gideon and Jason at Edd Linsons for pigs. Frank and I very busy all day. This afternoon at two O'clock Uncle Joe and Clayton and Mr Mc and I at church. Sermon by Rev Waters – Text “It is finished.” Christs first thought and last thought were for others – Christ was the only man born into the world that knew what his lifes work would be. Quite a number came into the church – Among those were Clayton, Charlie Galbreath and Cland [?] Phillips with others – Rev Spurgeon testifies to the conversion of children – “I have admitted to church membership on an average of fifty children year – and I have never yet been obliged to expel one member received into the church as a child.” – Perhaps it is “Because the lambs are so dear to the heart of the good Shepherd, who said “Suffer the little to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven” After preaching Mr Mc called to see Dr. Oglesbee and Clayton and I came home after so long a time.

15" Oct Sabb – Cool but much pleasanter – Harlan came last night at half past ten from Springfield – He drove down and had a rough ride He and Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School this morning. Mr Mc and I at church – This is our Communion Sabbath. Had sermon by Rev Waters. The text “Behold the Lamb of God.” The text itself is a sermon. This afternoon the Sacrament. About two hundred communicants. After preaching Robbie Murdock came home with Harlan. Frank and Paul here alone to day – and this eve they were alone again while Clayton Jason Harlan and Robbie M- and Mr Mc and I were at church. Sermon by Rev Waters. Text “Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.” This here is joy and happiness experienced by Peter – yet there was desire to serve. This desire was spontaneous – It is a desire that will find immediate expression in action. It is a practical desire. When we see Jesus and ask him what wilt thou have me to do when we are on the mountain top with him, he answers us and says, get the down and go to the valleys to meet duty – and mingle with those that have burdens and trials and try to help them. When you come to Jesus and ask – and what shall I do – and what shall I do – Jesus answers no matter what your calling is to be faithful do your duty – in all things be a man – a true man – a true woman. Passing by the thought of living a righteous life – A life of sympathy needed if we would be like our master.

Sympathy is needed all around. A full heart is better than a full purse for bringing happiness to the sorrowful and the desponding. Can you but speak a word – Can you not do something for those around you – for your children – Can you not do something for Christ – remember you have been with him to day. “Be ye therefore strong in the lord and in the power of his might.”

16” Oct. Monday. A beautiful day a little cool. An “Autumn day” – the leaves are falling. All up at an early hour and Harlan drove back to his work in Springfield. Clayton to his School in Cedarville – Robbie Murdock went down with him. Jason at School. George H- came back this morning. He and Gideon busy. Frank in charge of the home – Mr Mc and I at the closing exercises of our Communion Services. Paul went with us to day. Rev Mr Waters preached text “Rom. 1:15” “I am ready.” These words “I am ready” were the secret of the Apostle Pauls success [as] a man or as a missionary. It is also the secret of success in all lines of work – in the Christian work as well. What are the elements that enter into the trails of readiness. There are two elements willingness and ability. These are both equally important – There is also no time spent in building your self up and filling your self for any good work or calling that is lost. Do it no matter how hidden the preparation or building up may be, there is a time when it will be made manifest and will be called into requisition [?] – called into use – real active life. After preaching Mr Mc and Paul and I took dinner with all of Uncle Silas’s family and all of Uncle Ervins family and our Cousins Lide Watson and Nannie Bark and Robbie Murdock and Walter at Grandmothers and Aunt Marys. This afternoon Mr Mc went to Xenia Uncle Joe called around and took Paul up home and I remained with the folks until Mr Mc returned from X- Aunt Bell took Lide and Nannie and me to the Cemetery and home past Mrs Harris [?] Reids to call – After we came back to C- we drove out to Grandfather Murdock’s old Place – the old house gone everything so changed – that our old home and the graveyard seemed to be associated together – I could not help but feel how true “that all things earthly fade and die” – and everything seems to be pointing yonder – to the other side. We all came in and took supper with grandmother and Aunt Mary Mr Mc with us there for supper too – We told our cousins good bye as they go home on the early train in the morning. Paul and Jason both asleep when we reached home – Uncle Joe around the fire -- & Lewis Thompson from up the pike – and George Haglin.

17” Oct. 1893. Monday. A beautiful day. This A.M. Mr Mc left for Springfield. Our lodger Lewis Thompson and Gideon at Hanniberry [?] at the machine. Mr Lamont & son husking. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. Frank busy. Paul not well – Jason at School yesterday and to day. George H- husking. Aunt Jane and Jennette called this afternoon – I feel very lonely all day. This Eve Jason up at Herman Townsley looking for nuts – & took tea there. This eve Gideon took clothes to Mrs P- Mr Mc reached S- at noon took dinner with Harlan – and reached home at dark—took supper and he and I attended a Prohibition meeting at the hall – Our speaker John Lloyd Thomas failed to come – and our preacher Rev Waters of Pittsburg and Mr Martin spoke to us for awhile in his absence. This is a beautiful eve – Frank taking care of Paul – he seems to be much better. Mrs Lamb the new druggists wife in C- is dead.

18" Oct Wed. A lovely day – but a little cool. Gideon at Edwards's at the machine – Leaves at Jim Collins this P.M. helping with clover. Mr Mc at C- a little while this morning for trees – It was our pleasure to have Mr & Mrs Morton and Rev Mr Waters and Aunt Mary here to dinner by special invitation. Mr Mc spent the day with them. Uncle Joe met them at noon – We had a pleasant day with them. They are to take tea at J. R. Orrs. After they went Mr Mr at Mr Edd Corrys – Jason at School to day. I drove over to see Mrs Kyle – I sat a little while with her – her life is evidently drawing near its close – She seems almost beautiful – perfect. The sun light gone – the moon shining brightly when I came out to come home – Mr Mc came about the same time He and I had supper alone after the usual

19" Oct. Thurs. Most a beautiful day. Frank in charge of the home. Uncle Joe and Gideon & Paul around – Lewis Thompson away helping at the clover husking. Mr Mc at C- and home again expecting to meet a Mr Collins – In the afternoon he was at Paxtons and at Clifton mill -- being thus detained I went out to Mrs Dallas's alone – we were invited their to day to celebrate her 76" Birthday – Uncle Dan and Aunt Jane rode out with me – Aunt Matt did not go – quite a delegation of Cousins there – After dinner speeches from Rev Mr Morton J.C. McMillan and Dr. Stuart. I was sorry Mr Mc was not there for we had a pleasant day. I called to see grandmother Murdock as I came home.

20" Oct. Friday. Mr Mc and Lewis set out a number of fruit trees – Uncle Joe and Gideon around Paul following after – Jason at School. This has been a cloudy day began raining this afternoon we had quite a shower. Mr Lamont husking and here to dinner. This afternoon Frank went home. Uncle Joe at C- this eve and brought Clayton home from School – Gideon went through the rain to Mr Hs- for the vinegar – Aunt Jane sent out a dispatch she rec'd from Fred – He wants father to meet him in Springfield tomorrow He has been at the Worlds Fair in Chicago – but is back at Monmouth again. We shall all be rejoiced to see this our son back at home once more.

21" Oct. Sat. Cloudy for awhile but the afternoon bright. Mr Mc busy all day looking after his sheep. Uncle Joe took his place and went to Springfield to meet Fred – but the train came in but no Fred – he waited and hoped on until the last train came in this eve – but he was still missing – At last Uncle Joe came back home reaching here about seven O'clock. Our new man Lewis Thompson took his departure directly after dinner having been her not quite a week. I have had a busy day – Frank failed to put in her appearance this morning. Clayton at Mr Piggs this afternoon.

22" Oct. Sabb. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe here last night and went to church when Clayton and Jason went to Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Subject of text – The great commission: Let us remember that this commission extends to every son and daughter of God – We may not have the towering graces – but the smaller graces are with in the reach of all of us. We can every one have the spirit of love – of gentleness – patience forbearance humility – and transformation and consecration. If we would please God and carry out his command we can be faithful in the

place he has placed us. Do our best – be our best every day. We are just here alone to day. The childrens lesson heard this afternoon. This Eve Old George Haglin here with Clayton Jason and Paul and Mr Mc and I at the U. P. church – had a sermon by Rev Hume [?] of Springfield – text “Beloved, I come quickly; Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown” We can do most for others by doing most for our selves – A good man has power over him self – and power with God in prayer – We must know the value of our own crown to keep it. Most a beautiful night.

23” Oct. Monday. A nice day. Clayton went back to School. Jason rode down with him and came back with Uncle Joe – We rec’d a telephone from Fred – he is at the Lagonda in Springfield he came to S- ten Oclock Saturday Eve – After an early dinner Mr Mc went up to Springfield to meet Fred – Uncle Joe at C- this Eve with clothes for Mrs P- A little after dark Mr Mc and Fred came – Paul stayed up to see him. They had supper after they came. Fred is looking fine – He has sold out his interest in office and paper to McDonald Eicher – Harlan left on Friday evening for Monmouth and the Worlds Fair. Fred was leaving Monmouth for home about the same time – but such is life.

24” Oct. Tues. Quite a nice day but cool – Mr Mc and Fred at the Warner pasture this A.M. Mr S. H. Turnbull called yesterday morning and the A.M. Jason was out of School to help to drive stock over there – he is at School this afternoon again. Uncle Joe at home all day. Paul following after him Mr Mc around home all afternoon Fred at C- to see the folks Clayton came out home with him here for supper – and went back to town with us when we went to the hall to hear Seth H. Ellis speak on Prohibition. Clayton went to his lessons and Mr Mc and Fred and I were at the hall – only a small crowd – but we have been taught years ago not to despise the day of small things. The Old painter Lewis Floyd turned in here this eve – here for supper and with us to night. George Haglin here at the husking. Frank came back yesterday morning and is taking care of Paul this evening It is very bright to night. Mr All Barber died at his daughters in Jamestown to day. Old Mrs McCollum had a stroke of the palsy last week.

25” Oct. Wed. Quite a bright day. Jason at School – Uncle Joe at C- this afternoon for the clothes. Paul went with him. He and Gidieon taking potatoes to the cellar to day. Everything quiet at our home. George H- working away at the corn. This A.M. Mr Mc and Fred left this A.M. for Caroles in the vicinity of Brysons at a sale – came back to C- and Mr Mc was at the Andrew bros sale a little while – Mr Mc home before dark – Fred remained in C- at Aunt Janes to night.

26” Oct. Thurs. A damp day – rain all day long in showers and raining to night. George H- went away this morning. Uncle Joe and Paul around home & Gidieon Jason at School. Frank ironing. Mr Mc around at C- at Clifton mill. I went to grandmothers – She and Aunt Mary had us invited to dinner Clayton came in from School and there to dinner too. In the afternoon Aunt Mary and I at the Womans Missionary meeting. Fred and I home again near dark. I called to see Mrs Barr this morning. A card rec’d from Harlan – he was at Monmouth with Homer over Sabbath and left Monday morning for the “World Fair.” A letter from Clara too – They

have returned from their visit to Salem, and are back to Pine Bush. Clara began her studys on Monday.

27" Oct. Friday. Quite gloomy – George H- called this morning to look over accts. Jason at School. Mr Mc at Selma this A.M. I went by way of C- and took Aunt Jane with me to Aunt Jennettes. Fred went with me to C- & took dinner with Aunt Matt and waited until Mr Mc came along and he went with him to Xenia – A political meeting there to night. O Lord how long will thy children ignore the right way and go on in their folly. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette there to day. When we came to town Clayton came home with me. Uncle Joe and Gidieon and Paul around Frank at her work.

28" Oct. Sat. Gloomy nearly all day. Mr Mc around looking after things all day. He went to [Blank space] this A.M. This forenoon I called to see Mrs Kyle She was able to be sitting up – As usual she seemed very glad to see me. Gidieon & Clayton and Jason bringing in pumpkins Uncle Joe around Paul following after him. Fred around all day – Late this P.M. Fred took Uncle Joe home.

29" Oct. Sabb. Gloomy to day – the leaves falling fast. Jason and Pal at home with Frank – Robbie Murdock came home with Fred here for supper and with us last night – and to day Fred and Robbie rode down with Mr Mc and me to church. Clayton at Sabbath School alone, and at church. Mr Mortons text “Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers.” “But my servant Caleb, because he had another ~~heart~~ spirit with him and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went : and his seed shall possess it.” Subject \_ Christian duty – conduct and enjoyment – He had another spirit in him than what the other spies possessed. He had a confidence of love and unwavering confidence in God. His other spirit is the spirit we need and tis at the foundation of all religion & all success and is the starting point of all reform. This other spirit is a spirit of consecration of transformation of courage of faith and of obedience If we would drive the enemy out of our hearts and our homes we must possess this other spirit. We should do like Caleb – follow the Lord fully -- & faithfully and be able to do the work the Lord appoints no matter what the opposition To follow the Lord fully is not to consult our feelings or surroundings but find out what the Lord would have us to do; then do it. To follow the Lord fully is for us to be kind and charitable – it is to visit the homes of the poor and the sick – It is to stay away from those places where we shall not find Christ. This afternoon Robbie went back to town – This afternoon questions. This Eve Fred here with Clayton & Jason & Paul while Mr Mc and I were at our church. Mr Morton preached – text – But to do good [illegible] forget not.” If we would do this we must pray. There is no blessing special or common but has been given to us in answer to prayer. There has no prayer ever offered in faith and in the name of Jesus that has not been heard and answered. Every temptation we are able to resist every attainment we make is in answer to prayer – Let us be much in prayer – “Prayer makes the Christians armour bright.” Another – Another means of doing good is by direct personal effort – and by holy living – Whitelaw Reid at church to day.

30" Oct. Monday. A nice day. A card from Harlan tells us that he returned from the World fair at Chicago on Saturday eve at eight O'clock. Clayton took the buggy down when he went to School and Uncle Joe came back in it. Mr [illegible]'s car load of coal came to C- Saturday and Gideon is hauling it out to day. This afternoon Fred out at Uncle Silas's and Aunt Rachels to call. He was at home again in time for tea. Mr Mc around at the old Kirker place this afternoon. [Blank space] from off the pike came to stay with us for a month. Frank cleaned the sitting room to day. I have been very busy too. Jason at School – On Saturday night Mayor Harrison of Chicago shot – Jason at School to day.

31' Oct. Tuesday. What a beautiful day. Mr Mc and Fred left this A.M. for Springfield. Gideon still hauling coal. [Blank space] digging out locust trees to replant. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Paul around. Jason at School. Frankie L- called to see Sarah Haggard D- This Eve Mr Mc returned from Springfield after dark – Fred will remain until tomorrow with Harlan in Springfield.

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1" Nov. Wed. A beautiful day. This A.M. I drove out to Aunt Jennettes on a little errand – came back to grandmother Murdocks in time to take dinner with her and Aunt Mary and Clayton. Fred came across from Springfield this morning. He took dinner at Aunt Janes. This afternoon Congregational prayer meeting. Matt Small gradually sinking – she has been at Uncle Dans for several weeks -- all of her folks there – This afternoon she wanted to see Mr Morton they had me drive up to the church where he was meeting with the session and bring him down to see her —I was there for the first time – She seems to be getting very near the end of her journey. She requested them to sing the 126 Psalm – her voice almost gone out – she sang all the Psalm through with those who stood around her. Aunt Mary went to the prayer meeting and I went back and stayed with grandmother – She is nearly sick with cold. Fred around with Aunt Jane most of the day she came to grand mothers and took tea with me there – Mr Mc at Mr Andrew Jacksons sale and came to C- a few minutes this Eve. Fred calling at Hattie Mays this eve – Frankie L- over at Clifton at a party this eve – Our new man at the husking Uncle Joe and Paul around home – [Blank space] and Uncle called this eve – Robbie Murdock went home this morning.

2" Nov Thursday. A nice day. At an early hour Jason took Mr Mc to C- to meet Silas to go with him to a sale up at Harmony. [Blank space] and went to husking. Uncle Joe and Gid working in the gravel pit to day. Frank returned after eleven – at which time Fred and I went to Aunt Bells for dinner – we spent part of the P.M. at grandmothers. She was in bed most of the day. Fred called to see Edith and Jennie Pollock this afternoon – I called to see Mattie Small – the end seems very near. Fred and I were in the buggy and we were expecting Clayton to come out – but before we got started Mr Mc and Silas drove up – Mr Mc and I came in the buggy – and Fred and Clayton started to walk out – and Mr Mc brought me out and went back after them – Fred called to see Sarah H. D. this morning. Paul around with Uncle Joe to day. Jason at School

this afternoon. Mr Mc and Fred and Clayton here for supper when they came. Mr Mc got his "Business book" from Book agt to day.

3" Nov. Friday. Gloomy most of the day – Wesley in the corn – Uncle Joe and Gidieon around at the work. This morning Fred took Clayton down to School – told the folks good bye – came back and after dinner he told the rest of us good bye and Mr Mc took him to Springfield to be ready for the evening train to go back to Monmouth – It seemed almost harder than ever to let him go – Those old rooms that were once occupied by the ones now gone almost seem like they were deserted this evening. Parting belongs to this life – the grand happy meeting time is yonder – Every thing is change. In this world – our brightest days are often tinged with sadness – Mr Mc did not get back until after dark. Mr Nagely called this P.M. Frankie L- around to day as usual. Jason at School. Will Mc called. Mattie Small died last night after seven – she was married twenty four years the 26" of Oct – Her life has been a busy one – poor tired child has at last entered upon her rest. Fred added one star to his crown by giving his Aunts a little donation – Who has not experienced it in actual life and contact with people that it is blessed a thousand times more blessed to given than to receive – A Republican speech in C- to night – Clayton rode out with John Kyle from the meeting as there were no one to go after him this eve.

4" Nov Sat. Gloomy most of the day. Frankie L- here ~~Clayton~~, Paul and Jason with her. "Old dutch George" came this morning and is around to day. Mr Mc at Lawn Stretchers this A.M. He and Uncle Joe and Clayton and I & Malke [?] Joe and Clayton, all, at Mattie Smalls funeral at eleven Oclock. Rev Mr [illegible] from Springfield conducted the exercises. Mr & Mrs Morton at Cincinnati. We went to the cemetery and when we came back – we took dinner with Aunt Mary – Old Mrs White there to dinner. Grandmother too sick to come to the table – In the afternoon I stayed with Grandmother and took care of her And Aunt Mary and Mr Mc went to the Opera House to [illegible] Our Prohibition Candidate for Gov- The Hon Gidieon P. MacClain. Old Mrs White stayed until near Eve. Mr Pidgeon called – We did not get home until near dark – Mr Mc and I sat up to night and waited for Harlan to come he did not get here until after ten – He drove down – Fred stayed in Springfield with Harlan last night and did not start back to Monmouth until this morning.

5" Nov. Sabb. A nice day. Mr Morton in Cincinnati to day. In his absence Mr Mc and Harlan and I attended the U. P. church – Clayton was at our Sabbath School. Rev Mr Warnocks text "Therefore leaving the ~~doctrings~~ principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on, unto perfection." If we grow – we must feed the spiritual natures – Let us be as much in earnest about the salvation of our souls as we are about our worldly affairs. Let us be in earnest. This afternoon – or after sermon Harlan and I went in to see grandmother Murdock – This afternoon Harlan and Clayton and Jason and I read several chapters in the Bible. Harlan at the Union Services at Old Side church – Conducted by Rev Sproul. Uncle Joe came out home with him.

6" Nov. Monday. A nice day. All up at an early hour. And Uncle Joe left with Harlan for Springfield. Gidieon & [Blank space] working in the gravel. Wesley husking corn – Old George

husking also. Frank busy. Uncle Silas here & came in with Mr Mc and our three boarders to dinner. Late this P.M. Uncle Joe at C- Jason took Clayton to town to School this morning to School and Jason did not get back to his School until after dinner. Uncle Joe got back from S- at one O'clock – and went to C- with the clothes this P.M. Mr Mc around home most of the day. Gideon looking over accts.

7" Nov. Tuesday A beautiful day. Mr Mc at the Selma pasture. Dutch George and Wesley at the husking [Blank space] and Gideon at the work getting ready for planting trees and bringing in corn. Jason at School. This is the day of the fall election Our Gov. to be elected to day. The voters of to day seem to be left to themselves. Its certainly sad to see the fools vote – Thousands and thousands voting hell and destruction upon their own souls as well as upon the souls of their own household – and those of their neighbors. Our men had to go down to record what side they are on. I went down to see grandmother this afternoon – She is quite sick. Dr. Oglesbee came in to see her this Eve – Uncle Joe came back with me I did not get home until nearly dark – Paul was here with Frankie this P.M. Jason at School to day. Wesley "Old" George and Milo D. at the husking. Mr Mc at the Bishop pasture.

8" Nov. Wed. A lovely day. The Irishman Milo D- and Uncle Joe and Paul set out twenty four locust trees – Wesley and "Old" George husking. Mr Mc at the Warner pasture. Near noon I left for C- I found Grandmother a good deal better. I took dinner with grandmother in her room with Clayton and Aunt Mary. This afternoon Aunt Bell there – I called to see Mr & Mrs M- a few minutes – When I reached home it was nearly dark.

9" Nov. Thurs. Most a lovely day – Wesley & George & Milo D- husking Uncle Joe and Paul around. Gideon hauling in corn. Mr David Torrence called this morning. Mr Mc and Uncle Silas at Spranges sale in the vicinity of Charleston to day. Frank busy making soap – This afternoon I went past Mrs Kyles to C- but she had gone out to take a little drive and I missed seeing her – I was at Grandmothers a little bit when in town – she is still keeping a little better.

10" Nov. Friday. Rather a pleasant day. Mr Mc at Spranges for hog – returned a little after noon – here for dinner. This afternoon at some pasture – Wesley and Milo & Old George husking corn. Uncle Joe and Paul around home. Frank away last night – here again this morning. Claytons Poultry peddler called again this week Jason at School. I have been busy to day Frank at her soap making this afternoon. This Eve Gideon at C- and brought Clayton and Frank Ervin out.

11" Nov. Sat. Quite gloomy. Gideon & Milo and our boys carting manurer [sic] – The boys worked until five when they went out with the [illegible] awhile. At noon Frank went over home to be gone until Tomorrow Eve. Gideon & co took Uncle Joe down home as they went to the reception at Lewis [?] down in Aunt Rachels house. Clayton and Jason took Frank Ervin home and brought out the mail. Wesley Linley [?] went on the five O'clock train from Selma to Columbus this Eve for a little visit. Mr Mc around home most of the day.

12" Nov. Sabb. A nice day When Clayton went down to Sabbath School – Paul and I went with him and stayed with grandmother Murdock. Mr Morton & Mrs Morton both on the sick list. No preaching at our church – After Sabbath School Aunt Mary and Aunt Matt and others remained at the church for prayer meeting – Mr Mc came to church at a later hour and went to the U. P. Church and heard Mr Warnock. Clayton remained at the prayer meeting. We came at the usual hour. Jason at home to day – He committed the 126 Psalm – “When Zions Bondage God turned back – As men that dreamed were we.” This eve – We read the Sabbath School lesson. Milo Doyle & old George around to day.

13" Nov. Monday. Clayton went down in buggy and Aunt Jane and Uncle Joe came out in it. Wesley L- and Frank L- both came back last night and her at the work this morning. Gidieon & Milo D- both at John Thomas at the machine to day. Jason at School. Wesley & “old” George at the husking. It is as a bright day. Mr Mc at C- this P. M. at the Bank. Mr Keplie called – At a later hour I took Aunt Jane home – Mr Morton & Mrs M- still sick – I made a very brief call there. Mr & Mrs Pidgeon at grandmothers to day.

14" Nov. Tuesday. Blowing a little. Cloudy. Gidieon and Milo D- at Thomas’s this A.M. Gidieon at Browns this P.M. at the machine. Mr Mc at the pasture above Selma – Jason at School – at noon he rode up to see his father but did not find him When he came back, he and Uncle Joe went up and met Mr Mc coming with the sheep – The machine was to come here tomorrow – but Will Mcs take our place. This Eve Gidieon & Wesley at C- “Old George & Wesley husking to day.

15" Nov. Wed. Quite a cold disagreeable day. Milo D- & Wesley L- at Uncle Dans at the machine. Gidieon in the sheep pen. Jason at School. Uncle Joe at C- and out at Uncle Silas’s – home in time for dinner. Mr Mc around all day. Frankie L- and busy. Paul around all day. This eve a clock repairer, a native of Switzerland with us for tea and with us to night. Robbison called this morning. Old dutch George Miller left for the Soldiers Home this morning.

16" Nov. Thursday. A nice day – We thrashed our wheat to day. Canons machine – We had Mrs H- and children here – Our clock man busy all day at his repairing and here to night again. Taking a count of all both great and small there were twenty nine here to dinner – and a few less for supper. Uncle Dan and Will Mc among the number – George Miller came back this P.M. and with us to night – Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. and this P.M. Jason at home to day. Paul has been busy looking around all day.

17" Nov. Friday. A disagreeable day – blowing – and sprinkling rain. Wesley and Milo husking – Mr Mc and Gidieon putting the wheat in shape. Jason at School – At noon Frank went over to Clifton. This Eve Uncle Joe at C- and brought Clayton home. We rec’d a nice letter – from Homer. He and Fred are rooming together since he Fred started to College – I have been very busy all afternoon.

18" Nov. Saturday. A gloomy day -- & cold. “Old George” cleaned the leaves off the yard to day. He worked all day long. Clayton and Jason brought sheep home from Warners. Frank still

absent. Uncle Joe at mill. This Eve Gideon took him home. Wesley and Milo busy. Clayton and Jason helping to day. Our old Switcherland [?] clock man here. It is five years this eve since Florence died.

19" Nov Sabb. Gloomy and cold. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church . Paul and I at home. What a strange surrounding with Wesley Linley and Milo Doyle and Old George and our Switcherland [?] clock man. Just as we were through with dinner and ready to begin our lessons Mrs Bale [?] Kyle stopped to ask me if I could go over to Mr Henry Kyles – that Mrs K- was much worse. Clayton took me over. I left our own and the above crowd at home and went.

20" Nov. Monday. Bright sunshine – but cold. I stayed last night with Mrs Kyle – Florence Cellars and I were up most of the night. Mr Kyle and Clara not very well. Victor brought me home this morning. He is attending the Seminary this winter in Xenia – I left her. When I came home Wesley and Jason had breakfast nearly ready. I had every thing and everything thing to do – We were made happy this morning by Old George – and our clock man both passing on their way. Wesley at the corn. Milo running one of the carts. Clayton went back to school. Uncle Joe came out. Uncle Silas here – and came out with Mr Mc and the above ones to dinner. Frankie L- came at noon to tell me she was sick and could not come back till Christmas – she done up the work and stayed while I called at Mrs Kyles – and at Robisons and brought Wande [?] R- home – she is 13 years old. This Eve Uncle Joe and I took the clothes to Mrs C- Aunt Mary and grandmother had an encounter with a crazy man this morning breaking into their house – quite a scene it was certainly.

21" Nov. Tuesday. Rain last night and most of the day. Jason at School. Uncle Joe, Gideon, Wesley & Milo around too. Our little girt, Mand Robison in charge of the dinner and supper – Mr Mc at C- took dinner with the sisters and went to Clifton Paxtons. I went with him as far as C- and spent the day with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Clayton at School – and there to dinner. Mr Mc called for me in the Eve Grandmother very weak – in bed part of the time.

22 Nov. Wednesday. A gloomy chilly day. Rec'd card from Mrs Stuart – she expected to be here tomorrow – I had to write and have her postpone her visit – on acct of our "small help" Milo running the cart. Wesley husking – Gideon helping Mr Mc with sheep – Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. We rec'd letters from Fred & Clara. Fred has started in to College – Clara is keeping house at Pine Bush while Mr McKenzie and Fannie and Donald are visiting in New York – something new in Clara's history surely. Mand busy. And so have I been busy all day long. This P.M. late Mr Mc at Selma & the pasture.

23" Nov. Thurs. A dismal cold day. Uncle Joe at C- nearly all day making some repairs – Mr Mc at Wards most of the day. Wesley husking Gideon bringing corn – Milo – We rec'd letter from Homer – He was on his first exercise in Society last week – He was on debate – Mand and [I] both busy – neither of us feeling very well. On yesterday eve as the five O'clock express passed down Dr Mc Dills daughter and Dr Kelsos daughters were killed at Pierces [?] crossing. O how I

do pity their poor parents – O how heart-rending. No one can comfort them but God at this terrible hour. It is blowing and almost as cold as winter this Eve.

24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Friday Cold blowing day. Gideon hauling wheat to market. Wesley & Milo husking corn – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Mand Robison here at the work. This afternoon I called at the little Brick on the rail road and as I came home I turned in & drove across to Kyles – when I reached there my hands were aching with the cold and I had to put them into cold water before they were well. Mrs Kyle looks almost saintly this eve – She said “you have come – I am glad to see you pray for me to night – I can not take all in as I would like too – but I do not forget you and your children – God bless you and your children.” Clayton came home with Gideon this eve.

25<sup>th</sup> Nov. Sat. Not quite so cold – Bridgeman and his men here to day again at the hay bailing. Mr Mc & son changing sheep. Gideon taking wheat to C- at 54 cts per bushel. Wesley & Milo & Uncle Joe at the woods – getting out wood Mand R- went home this eve. Gideon took Uncle Joe home.

26<sup>th</sup> Nov Sabbath. A cold dreary day. When Jason went to Sabbath School I went with him and stayed with grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton preaching as usual. Clayton left Paul at home – he is not very well –he along with the Cedarville School got vaccinated [sic] last week. This afternoon I heard Clayton and Jasons questions. Mand Robison came back this Eve – Clayton will take me to Mrs Kyles to take care of her to night. Wesley & Milo here.

27<sup>th</sup> November. Monday. Rain began falling after midnight – Raining and disagreeable to day – all day long. Mary Fowler sat with me last night. We sat with Mrs K- until three this morning – when we took a sleep. Mrs K is in a manner helpless now – but is very patient – Victor brought me home when I reached here our little girl and Jason had breakfast ready. Business not very brisk to day. Gideon & Milo & Wesley around. Jason at School – Wesley took Clayton back to School this morning. After an early dinner Mr Mc went Mitchels near Clifton to Fannies funeral – not withstanding the bad day – a number there. I did not feel able to go. Mand R- finished her week and went away this eve. Mr Mc returned near dark. He met Mrs Hickman I am to go see her in the morning. Jason helping me this eve.

28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Tues. Wed. A gloomy freezing day. Milo scattering manurer [sic] Wesley husking. Gideon moved his brother in law from Aunt Rachels house to C- this morning. Uncle Joe came out this morning took care of Paul – and attended the dinner while I went to C- to see Mrs Hickman – She promises to come Monday. I made but a brief stay in C- grandmother improving slowly. Jason at home helping his father move sheep to day. This Eve Mr Mc at C- Wesley husking. The rest busy. Mr Mc at Selma this Eve. Paul around as usual.

29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Wed. A gloomy day. Sprinkling rain a little all day. Uncle Joe around with Milo – digging post holes. Wesley husking. Jason at home to day again – he took sheep to Warners. This P.M. Mr Mc at the Bishops place. This Eve he was at C- to see [illegible]. Gideon & Jason

took Uncle Joe home – Clayton came out with them. Raining a little and very dark. I have been busy since morning early until late this Eve.

30" Nov. Thurs. A nice day. "Thanksgiving Day" Clayton & Jason went early to town as Clayton had to go with some of the School, boys, to deliver Thanksgiving goods to the Webster & family and others. Union Services at the U.P. Church – Mr Mc there & Jason – Clayton not feeling well with his vacinated [sic] arm did not go. Paul and I stayed with Grandmother Murdock while Aunt Mary went to church. Sermon by Rev Mr Bucham [?] of Xenia. Clayton and Jason and many of the other boys went to Mac Coopers, by special invitation. Were there from one to four – Had a nice dinner for them. Aunt Jennette and "I" prepared a dinner and sent it in to Aunt Jane & Matts. The following persons there to dinner as follows – Mr Torrence and Lide – Uncle Dan and James P McMillan, the postmaster, and Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette and Mrs McIntire and Mr Mc and Paul and I. Harlan came down to Springfield on the eleven O'clock train and took dinner with us at Aunt Janes. Mr Mc took him up home and back to the six O'clock train. When Clayton and Jason came back to town from Mr Coopers they went direct home – Mr Mc went up to spent the evening at our church a Union Sabbath School convention. Paul and I stayed with grandmother Murdock while Aunt Mary attended the meeting. Our house closed to day – for one day in a very long time. Wesley took his meals at Gidieons. Frank Lamont called this morning and dressed Paul for me. We did not get home until after ten to night. Milos Doyles that have been here for one month left this morning.

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1" Dec. Friday A cold gloomy day. Wesley went to town this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. He husked the rest of the day. Gidieon bringing in corn. Jason at home until noon when he went back to School – he has not been there since Monday. Mr Mc around all A.M. This after noon he went to C- Clayton at home to day. He is not feeling very well since he was vacinated [sic] – Mollie & Mand Robison called.

2" Dec. Sat. Certainly a cold rough stormy day – snowed a good deal. Clayton and Jason at the Opera House to day at joint meeting of the Township & Cedarville School. Litterary [sic] exercises and music the order of the day. Uncle Joe around all day. This Eve Gidieon took Uncle Joe home through the storm. We have all been busy to day. We rec'd a letter again from Fred -- Homer has been sick in bed most of the week. He was sitting up a little when Fred wrote.

3" Dec. Sabbath. Moderated a little – rain & sleet last night ground slippery. On yesterday Eve Wesley went to Columbus – we are here to day all by ourselves. It is such a rough day Clayton and Jason & Paul home – Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mortons text "Our father who art in heaven" Subject "God our father." To remember that God is our father will help us in our devotions – it will help us in our trials – and in our duties. To remember this is the secret of all earthly power & success. In every church there are the Wills the Wonts & the Cants. This afternoon spent with the boys.

4 Dec. Monday Quite a disagreeable day The ground very slippery. Clayton went back to School in the sleigh – Uncle Joe came out in it – Monday afternoon – Jason went to School at Recess this A.M. and came back at noon to help to drive sheep. Mr Mc at the Warner pasture and brought sheep home.

5" Dec. Tuesday. Still very slippery. Jason at School. This afternoon thrashing at Kyles – Gideon very busy yesterday and to day feeding. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- Gideon there too in the wagon. Mr Mc took the clothes to Mrs P- I am here at the work by myself these days. J. Wesley L[?] came back from Columbus this Eve. Jason & School boys skating to day. Mr Mc at Deans this P.M.

6" Dec. Wed. Moderated – but still very slippery. Uncle Joe and Wesley around. Gideon feeding. Mr Mc and Paul here. I left dinner on the stove and near noon I went by Y. H. McMillans tenant house saw [Blank space] she will come in the morning. I then called at Mrs Wilsons and left Mr Mcs message for Saul. I came the Cedarville pike and stopped at our church at the congregation prayer meeting. I made a short call at grandmothers and Mrs Crains. Jason was at School to day.

7" Dec. Thurs. The ground very slippery. Wesley choring around in the house. Mr Mc Gideon & Uncle Joe feeding. Near noon Uncle Joe drove over to Cousin Kenneys [?] tenant house and brought Pricilla Duncan. This afternoon I left her in charge of the work and went with Uncle to town – I attended our Annual Thankoffering service at our church – we had a grand meeting. After meeting I stopped at grandmothers a moment and at Mrs John Barbers. Paul stayed at Mrs Harshmans while we were away. Mr Mc at Mr Edd Caries to day. Jason was at School.

8 Dec Friday. More pleasant. Mr Mc Gideon and Uncle Joe around all day. Wesley husking. I done the ironing and all the rest of the work. Pricilla D- in charge of the cooking only. This Eve I went to C- and brought Clayton home. I met Mr Kerr in C- I made a short call at grandmother Murdocks and at Aunt Janes. This eve a traveling man B. F. Bremson from Kenton Ohio took supper with us – and here to night.

9" Dec. Sat. A gloomy day certainly – No sunshine – nor moon nor stars to night – clouds – sprinkling rain most of the day. Gideon and Mr Mc and Uncle Joe looking after things – Near noon I called to see Mrs Henery Kyle – quite a change since I last saw her – She can not be with us much longer – This afternoon Uncle Joe went down with Uncle Dans – Sheep taken back to Bishops – thawing – the ice going off the ground. Pricilla busy. This Eve Gideon and Wesley at C- These rules came before me to day.

“For Mothers.

The following are some resolutions made by an earnest Christian Mother - would that every mother in the land would copy them, and read and think of them every day:

Resolved That the first duty of the day performed by me shall be prayer to God especially for strength and wisdom to properly instruct; guide and govern my child.

Resolve, That I will never permit my child to willingly disobey me, or treat me with disrespect.  
Resolve That I will earnestly strive never to act from an impulse of passion or resentment, but will endeavor to preserve my judgement cool and my feelings calm, that I may clearly see and truly perform my duty to my child.

Resolve That I will devote a certain portion of my time each day to self instruction, in order to be able to properly instruct my child.

Resolve, That I will watch over my own temper at all times, cultivate a habit of cheerfulness, and interest my self in little matters of my child, that may thereby gain his love.

Resolve, That I will devote my time especially to those pursuits which will increase the comfort and happiness of my home and forward the best interests of my child.

Resolve That I will study the health of my child, reading on the subject and asking the advice of those who are more experienced than my self.

Resolve That I will not yield to discouragements from failure, but will persevere, putting faith in the promise of God to all those who earnestly and faithfully strive to do their duty.

10" Dec. Sabb. A general passing off of the ice – sunshining to day & much pleasanter. Clayton still complaining of his vacinated arm. He and Paul and Aunt Pricilla at home – Wesley at his cousins. Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at preaching Mr Mortons text. “The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me; Thy mercy O Lord endureth forever.” We are so weak and so imperfect and make so many mistakes – “The mistakes of our life have been many, the sins of our life have been more.” We are often greatly concerned and troubled about our soul, -- our families – and about the Church and the glory of God – but our only comfort is in knowing that the Lord will perfect that which concerneth us. Subject – How our anxiety is removed. In times of trouble our relief comes from him in who we do trust. “God is our refuge and a very present help in trouble.” We take refuge in the cleft of the rock – in the secret place of the stairs. God works through our prayers and tears and efforts and sufferings self denial. If we are deeply concerned about anything we will manifest it in this way. When we do the Lord will hear and answer and bless us – and perfect that which concerneth us. We have so many besetting sins – that annoy us – and we feel that they are too strong for us – but if we go to God in earnest he will destroy the dominion and the existence of these sins. There is not one but has some trouble – some sorrow – or some affliction but if we look to God – if we call upon him he will help and deliver us. Do our families trouble us – if they do and if we are concerned – and manifest our concern through our prayers and fasting and tears and efforts and suffering and self denial – The Lord will hear us – and deliver us and perfect that which does concern us. In the rear of the Lords army there are chariots of salvation – The angels of the Lord gather up the weak and sick and wounded ones – and carry them through. “The Lord will go before and the God of Jacob will be his reward! The ground of this assurance is Gods mercy. For thy mercy O Lord endureth forever – The reason we expect God to perfect that which doth concern us is because the mercy of the Lord endureth forever. This afternoon beautiful. Spent with the children. This is the night for me to stay with Mrs Kyle – Jason will take me over.

11" Dec. Monday. A gloomy day. I spent last night with dear Mrs Kyle – Mrs Dan Dean sat up with me Mr Kyle up most all the night – then Victor. Very restless all night. She has almost come to the end of her journey – When I left her she was too weak to speak – Her last word to me was "God bless you." Victor brought me over home – then went to C- to send dispatches to John and Jero [?] – one in Nebraska – the other in N. Y. State – Clayton not feeling well – he was at home to day. Jason at town this morning for Uncle Joe. He got home near noon – Mr Mc around home all day. Wesley taking dinner at Gidieons. Jason at School this P.M. This Eve Wesley took the clothes to Mrs P- and took Clayton to grandmothers to be ready for school in the morning. Mrs Henry Kyle died to day at one Oclock.

"If we could know  
To go away meant sweet release  
From cross and care, meant joy and peace –  
How should we do –  
If we but knew."

"If we could hear  
The songs they sing, our own sad heart  
Would catch the strain, and ease the  
Smart of sob and tear –  
If we could hear."

12" Dec. Tues. Quite a mile day. Wesley husking. Uncle Joe and Paul at mill – They took dinner at Lizzie B- Jason at School. Mr Mc around home. This after noon a german from Mayrion [?] stopped and helped with some work – here to dinner and with us to night. This afternoon I left Paul with Uncle Joe and called at Mr Henry Kyles – met some of the friends there – His children all glad to see me. I came home past C- Rec'd letter from Lewis Floyd – the old painter he was in N. Y. city. A letter also rec'd from Harlan. He is just getting over the chicken pox.

Wed. 13 Dec. Mr Mc around looking after stock all day. Mr Henery Townsley here on a trade. [illegible] Jason at School. Our german passed on this morning. This afternoon Uncle Joe took Pricilla D- over to her home after her things. After they came back Uncle Joe at C- He brought out two nice letters from Homer and Clara – This has been a cold day. All around the fire.

Thursday 14" Dec. A very gloomy day. Not so cold. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and I at Mrs Kyles funeral – The services conducted by Mr Warnock and Mr Morton. Rev Warnocks text "Now I would not have you ignorant concerning those who are asleep." Quite a number at the funeral – All of her sons there. Her body was layed away to rest in the old Massies Creek Cemetery – We did not go to the cemetery it was too much of a ride. Jason at home to day. School suspended in our school on acct. of the funeral. He and Aunt Pricilla taking care of the house & of Paul.

15" December. Friday. Rain last night. But cleared off to day – Not cold – but the wind blowing. Jason at School. Miss Crawford there and examined the school – in Miss Haines absence. Uncle Joe and Paul and Aunt Pricilla around home. Wesley husking. Gideon feeding – Near noon Mr mc and I left for Xenia – I called at Mc[illegible] to see Fred Barr. We reached home after six. We called to see Aunt Beltice.

16" Dec. Sat. A cold gloomy blowing to day. After an early dinner I left for Clifton to see Frank – came home past Cedarville. I made a short call at grandmothers. It snowed last night – the ground white with snow to day. Clayton and Jason around to day. Jason came home from School early yesterday eve – and drove down for Clayton. Gideon took Uncle Joe home this Eve – and called for us on an errand at Mr Crouses. Laster Wesley went down. Aunt Pricilla taking charge of things to day.

17" Dec. Sabbath. Ground wite with snow – Aunt Pricilla and Clayton & Paul at home. Wesley at his Uncles to day. Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And it came to pass, when he brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." Subjects of text Gods advice to ungodly people – It is to escape for thy life – Escape from the Society of the ungodly – from the [illegible] from dangerous places. Lot had stayed too long in Sodam [sic] – Many men & women have stayed in the world too long have stayed in the world too long and have neglected the church – and have got separated from heavenly things and heavenly desires. We are influenced by our companions – by our surroundings. To what are we to escape – we are to get above the world – It means to get away from the low grounds of sins and get up higher – get nearer God and nearer heaven. Lot was to do two things – leave Sodam [sic] & to escape for his life We are also to do two things – leave the world and come to Christ. We are commanded to go to the mountain. A mountain is a place of retirement – of consecration—we are to go to Mt. Zion – to Mc Calvery [sic] Notice we are to leave Sodam [sic] or the world – at once and entirely and forever – and we are never to look back – but press forward onto those things which are before If we are in ungodly society or wrong doing to escape at once and forever. Finally the result of Lot living in Sodam [sic]. Poor man he had a hard time of it. He lost his home – all of his possessions – He lost his wife and his children – everything on which his heart was set and it was lost forever. The lesson is if we give our hearts to the world that after awhile we will lose all of these things for which we imperiled our soul. Lot did no good in his family – he was not instrumental in saving any of them and the bitter part he was to blame for this sad state of affairs.

18" Dec. Monday. Cold day. A light covering of snow on the ground – Jason took Clayton to School and brought Uncle Joe out – He did not go to School until after dinner. This afternoon Uncle Joe over on Clifton road and brought Frank out – She will be ready for work in the morning. Aunt Pricilla here too. Mr Mc around among the stock – all day Gideon feeding. Wesley absent yesterday and to day. Mr Lamont here looking over accts this morning. We had a nice letter from Clara.

19" Dec Tuesday. Still cold. Uncle Joe around the fire most of the day. Wesley returned and went to the husking – Aunt Pricilla taking care of the meals. Frank L- giving the dining room a going over – inside of the cupboards & out. Near noon Mr Mc at C- he took dinner with the sisters. I have been stitching away all day. Jason at School. Paul busy.

20" Dec. Wednesday. Moderated considerable snow what little there is still sticks. Frank baking a Blackberry jam cake – Aunt Pricilla at her work. I have been busy all forenoon – Gideon feeding. Uncle Joe and Mr Mc busy – among the stock. Paul following after them. Jason at School. This P.M. I took a hurried trip to C- I called at Mrs Ds door but she was not at home – was with grandmother Murdock a very little bit – home in time for tea. A letter from Homer he starts home this eve – He has been at the College at Monmouth since the 5" of Sept – By the way this is his birthday – Although he is from us we did not forget it. He is twenty years old to day. A wise man once said – "Live as long as you may, the first twenty years form the greater part of your life. They appear so when they are passing – they seem to have been so when we look back to them; and they take up more room in our memory than all the years that succeed them. If this be so, how important that they should be passed in planting good principles, cultivating good tastes, strengthening good habits, and fleeing all those pleasures which lay up bitterness and sorrow in time to come! Take good care of the first twenty years of your life – and you may hope that the last twenty will take good care of you."

21" Dec. Thurs. Moderated. Wesley at his husking – five others in the field to day on their own acct. Gideon at mill to day. home at noon. Jason at School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield to meet Homer He came in there with Howard Bratton at nine Oclock this morning. They did not get home until after eight Frank and I prepared supper for them. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe home to be ready for the Jackson wedding (Silver wedding) I called at Mrs Ds – she was away – I met Nettie – only. I made a short call at Mothers and returned home early. Aunt Pricilla & Frank busy. Paul stayed with them – Old Mrs Marshal, Dan Ms mother, died yesterday – Word has come that Mr Edd Van Horn died at the Asylum last night – on yesterday – at Dayton.

22" Dec. Friday. A nice day – but gloomy. Walter came home last night and called here this morning to see Homer. Walter has been attending the College at Adah – Alvie Orr & Daisy Gray home from Woster [Wooster] College. Gideon feeding Wesley at the corn husking and several others on their own acct at the work also. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon Homer at C- to call on friends. Willie McMaster and sister & co came in to C- on the evening train. Uncle Joe and Clayton out with him. He & Clayton here to supper – Homer spending the evening with Will Mcs. John Jimmison [?] was married at Kirkwood Ill – a week or so ago. Jason spoke at the closing exercises of their school to day. He and Clayton both home for a two weeks vacation.

23" Dec. Sat. A mild bright day – ground soft. Clayton & Jason at Selma on an errand Uncle Joe and Paul around. Gideon feeding. Wesley husking Frank & Aunt Pricilla busy Mr Mc and Homer at Springfield – they took a Christmas turkey to Mrs Stuart – also one to our friend Mr

Outain [?]. It is not hard to find some good to do, some help to give if you are so disposed. This afternoon I called to see Mr Henry Kyles – Clara there alone – I had a pleasant hour with her – We could not help but feel a sense of loneliness – knowing that Mrs Kyle was gone – We missed her to day. This Eve Wesley & Gideon took Uncle Joe home. Wesley & co finished “Husking Corn” this Eve – We are all glad. Mr Mc and Homer did not get home till after nine – the roads were so bad they broke down near cousin J. H. McMillans. We had our folks here to supper when they came.

24” Dec. Sabb. A mild day – bright sunshine – Frank over home to day. Aunt Pricilla and Paul here alone. Mr Mc and I and children at church. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mortons text – I remember the days of old; I meditate on all they works; I muse on the works of they hands.” The memories of the past is a support in trouble. In our lives and experience there is much that might be well for us to recall. We should call to mind the great goodness and loving kindness of God. How he has sustained us and kept us ever since we had a being. How many Social blessings we have had to enjoy – How much with our families – neighbors or friends. How many our spiritual blessing – who can remember them. To meditate upon these will uplift us and help us in our struggles and trials. We should also see what improvement we have made We should ask what have we done for ourselves What habits we have gained the victory over – what evils practices we have subdued. Can we pray with more fervor & freedom than with what we ever did before. We are to call to mind what we have done for others – what we have done for our children – or for our parents – or brother or sisters or friends. What about those baptized members of our own church that have wandered away. What words of love or sympathy have we imparted. Where are the poor ones we have helped – or hungry ones we have fed. What work have we done for Christ. What sacrifices have we made – or what have we contributed to the Lord. We are to recall all of this because it tests our piety our religion. Practical work for Christ is the test of our piety of our religion. We can do good by works of kindness and sympathy. There is often more religion in a kind word or in a kind act than what there is in a sermon or a long prayer. If man is in deep trouble there is more religion in giving him a kind word and tender sympathy than in anything else. We are to call to mind our trials – how the grace of God & the Spirit of the Lord sustained us. Several who started out with us at the beginning of the year have fallen by the way. To call to mind the days of old is to call to mind our old home the old church – the old school house. And our school mates who gathered there – and the dear ones around the fireside just as they were in those by gone days. & not to forget how the Lord has kept us through all of these years. The great leader of the Lords host has been recruiting his army – and some of his recruits are young and tender – and our leader often takes these through dangerous places through hardships and trials and if these are rightly exercised it will help always in the great work that is to follow. To remember the days of old weans us from earth and attracts us to heaven. Willie McMaster & sister Mary at church to day. Willie came home with them to the young folks meeting and to the U. P. church. I heard the childrens lesson – Had Bible reading. Willie here with the boys to night.

25" Dec. Monday. "Christmas day" Most a beautiful day overhead – The ground soft. It is almost like a spring day. Only a little fire needed –not for comfort – but for health. Harlan Homer and Willie McMaster with us this morning. Homer and Willie at town a few minutes – Clayton took Pearl Shears down to introduce him the the Demerest Contest Com -- for to get him on the next Contest. Wesley at his Uncles to day. Uncle Joe absent. Mr Mc around home all day. Mac Cooper, Alvie Orr Walter Murdock and Willie McMaster here to dinner with Harlan and Homer. Mr Mc invited Gideon & his family up to dinner – And after the first table was served – We had another table full to serve which seemed altogether as happy as the first. Aunt Pricilla and Frank busy. This afternoon Clayton at C- to meet with his class at his teachers – Homer took Harlan up to Selma to the evening train to go back to Springfield. I do not know when I ever felt any sadder to have Harlan go away than I did this evening. His stay with us seemed so very short – so much felt so little said. Gideon & family here to supper – After Home came back from Selma – he and Willie at C- Willie with us to night again.

26" Dec. Tues. A change in the weather – It is getting much colder – Clayton out at Uncle Bighams to invite them here to dinner but they could not come. Clayton out Uncle Silas's. Frank Ervin came back with him. Jason at C- in the surrie and brought Aunt Jane & Matt and Mrs Redpath out and her little child – Anna Fern – all here to dinner. Aunt Pricilla & Frank busy. This Eve Clayton took them home – and Uncle Joe came out with him. This afternoon Homer & Willie walked down to town – Homer went out to Uncle Silas's and stayed all night. Mr Clemens brought the "Gray horse home this morning.

27" Dec. Wed. A nice day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around – so is Gideon & Wesley & Clayton Jason Paul & Frank Ervin. Aunt Pricilla & Frank began making pumpkin butter. I went to town and spent the day with grandmother and Aunt Mary – She is not quite so well again. Homer around town – took dinner with me at Grandmothers – and supper at Orrs -- & came home later —I came home alone. I called at Mr Grays to day.

28" Dec. Thurs. A gloomy day – "Dreary" Mr Mc around home all day and Gideon & Frank Ervin Clayton Jason and Paul. Uncle Joe and Homer at Springfield – Aunt Pricilla & Frank busy all day long with the pumpkin butter. This afternoon Clayton Jason & Frank Ervin at Uncle Silas's I went with them and stopped off at the Missionary Meeting at our church. After the meeting I called to see Mrs Jones and Mrs Gee Smith – I called at grandmothers and came out home with Clayton Jason and Frank Ervin. Uncle Joe and Homer did not get home until late when Homer took a hasty departure to Selma – and from there back to the Opera House at C- to an Entertainment.

29" Dec. Friday. Rain last night. Frank absent – did not get back until this morning. She and Aunt Pricilla busy. Clayton Jason & Frank Ervin busy out and in all day. Paul following after them. Wesley working on a Flood gate. This afternoon Mr Mc & Clayton at the Selma pasture – Uncle Joe taking Aunt Jane & the McMaster crowd to Uncle Bighams to spend the day – Homer around the fire and most of the day chatting with me. This Eve he & co. from C- at the Church Social at MacCoopers.

30" Dec. Sat. A gloomy day – the ground soft. Wesley busy at something This eve he went up to Columbus. Willie MacMaster came home with Homer last night and went with them to Walters to dinner to day. Clayton took wood to Aunt Janes – Frank Ervin went down home with him He has been here since Monday. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Gidieon around all day. This eve Gidieon took Uncle Joe home. Aunt Pricilla and Frank busy to day. Homer at Selma this eve.

31" Dec. Sabbath. A pleasant day. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church alone – I have been on the sick list to day. Frank went away this morning Aunt Pricilla left to serve alone. This afternoon spent with the children. This eve Homer at the Selma church. This is the last night of the old Year. The Old year is past – and gone – gone forever.

"Farewell

Old Year! We bid thee go in peace to rest!  
With countless thousands that before thee sped  
Into eternity. And if vain man,  
With all his doubts and fears, has not been blest,  
It is no fault of thine; for thou hast led  
Him gently onward toward his destiny.  
Proclaim to all the ages gone before,  
Man's progress, how at last he longs to be  
With Him who says that time shall be more. Farewell!"

Farewell to the old year – 1893.

I copy these pages for future reference from a pamphlet that has come under my notice –  
"And first it may be laid down us a truism nearly self evident on its fact that most of the ailments which afflict humanity comes from the impurities that enter into the vital circulation from what we eat and drink, thereby finding their way into every part of the tissues of the human organism. These impurities may come directly from the food and drink thus taken into the system when they are deleterious or indirectly from the fermented and decayed residue even of the most wholesome food which is retained in some portion intestinal canal and then absorbed into the circulation after it should have been discharged from the system. Most of the human ills, resulting in early physical decay or premature old age, originate from this later cause, namely the absorption into the circulation excrementitious [?] impurities from the intestines which interfere with the normal effects of nutrient assimilation, and which furnishes gradually and imperceptibly much of disease and the seeds of decay ending in premature dissolution. To [illegible] dyspepsia and its sympathetic evil effects on throat, liver, heart, lungs and thus prevent headaches, no food should be allowed to remain the stomachs until fermentation shall begin. To effect this result, again I assert that the colon should periodically be cleared of its

contents, infallibly [?], by a law as sure as that of gravitation, the intestinal canal above, even up to the duodenum, will free itself, thus as infalably [?] ridding the stomach of all food remnants before they can have time to ferment and generate their characteristic acid.

For years before the adoption of my discovery I was one of the most wretched victims of dyspepsia that ever lived. For forty years past I have not felt the slightest intimation of that distressing disease, even without a thought as to the kind of food I should eat. This wonderful cure is within the reach of every suffering dyspeptic. I found after years of patient investigation that could the colon be flushed by mechanical means and all obstructions removed say once in every second or third evening, nature would have free course and be glorified. And now after all these stages of approach to the treatment, I came at last to the process itself. I began by using a syringe and kept on until finally injected a full gal of warm water into the colon and holding for some minutes before allowing it to be expelled.

The result was only a complete cleansing of the colon, but a settling of the contents of the small intestine to fill the vacancy thus produced and the concomitant emptying of the stomach and the duodenum with the resultant hunger, and furthermore that "I" have often taken a qt of water into the colon at night and gone to sleep with it and discharge it before morning through the kidneys – thus proving the absorption may remove a very large amount of liquid from the colon. This is invaluable to all kidney troubles. The writer says he does not believe any form of kidney disease especially in the earlier stages that would not in a single day yield to this treatment if thoroughly put into operation – even bright disease could be overcome also dysentery cholera morbus can be overcome in the way, also bloody flux.

Few persons realize the nature and danger of constipation they suppose because they have a daily movement of the bowels that they are free from [illegible] when possibly they may have it – in the worst stages with the colon encrusted in all sides with impacted excrement of months standing with only a small central channel for the daily discharging hence the necessity of this flushing treatment – Could a person even in normal health be permitted to see with the naked eyes the enormous quantity fetid matter which is constantly carried about by him within the lower twenty feet of the intestinal canal all of which might profitably be dispensed with, and none of which contains a particle of nutrient or useful substance, he would almost be driven to loathe himself and to marvel that he could survive a single day surcharged with such a frightful mass of putridity. The writer testifies that in forty years he has not failed of a single second or third night to treat himself with this drugless revolutionary remedy – (hot water) Have the water comfortably warm, and use from two qts to a gal – as the case may be.

For pamphlet

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I would advise any one that would value their health to send for this pamphlet and read and study it carefully & practice it in their life.

This the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. 1895.

Verso of back page:

“Every thought is an embryo,  
Every word is a planted seed;  
Look to it well, that the seed you sow,  
Be for the flower, and not for the weed.”