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## Martha McMillan Journal transcriptions, January – December 1896

January 1896

New Years day. 1896

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January.

We have said good by to the old year and have turned to welcome the new one. Let us never forget during this new year "To be true to the present. Keep close to duty. Never mind the future, if we only have peace of conscience, if we feel our selves reconciled and in harmony with the order of things. Be what you ought to be; the rest is Gods affair. It is for Him to know what is best."

"Let us not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you to day will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it." Let us learn to endure hardness as good soldiers – of Jesus Christ – during this year 1896. Uncle Joe and our Christmas guest Edward Nelson keeping house. Mr Mc Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at grandmother Murdocks & Aunt Mary along with Uncle Silas Aunt Hallie Walter Ralph Ina and Jennie. Mr & Mrs Dean and their baby Roy. Aunt Jane. Mr Mellinger was in town and Mr Mc brought him down to dinner. Uncle Ervins family were invited to Robt Ervins to day and were not at grandmothers. We had quite a nice day. Clara stayed with grandmother and Aunt Mary to be ready for the opening of the College tomorrow. We came home in good time I called to see Alice Steinforth at the tenant house as I came home. Wm Stanforth attending to the feeding. On this New Years day Fred and Homer are at Monmouth – This is Freds last year in the College – Homer is helping on the Old Democrat News of that city. Harlan is at his place in Springfield at Carson's [illegible] – Mr McKenzie Fannie Donald and Malcolm at Pine Bush N. Y. This is how we are all located to day. Wm Kyle died to day at noon. This Eve we are all al home around the lamp.

2<sup>nd</sup> January Thursday. Quite a rough day. Our School opened this morning Jason there. Near noon the teacher Lulu Owens took sick and Jason took her home. This A.M. Clayton at mill with wheat. Uncle Dan called. Mr Mc around home all day. Edward N- at the work in the kitchen. I began and finished the ironing to day.

3<sup>rd</sup> January. Friday. A light covering of snow on the ground. Clayton at C- at the office – Clara was out of College at ten Oclock and came home with [illegible]. This is quite cold day. Paul & Clara rec'd a nice Christmas present from Aunt Mary E – to day. Jason at School to day. It is a great deal colder to night – Edd going on nicely with the work. All of us around the fire trying to keep warm.

4<sup>th</sup> January. Sat. Quite a winder day – Below zero this morning. Wm S- out all day among the stock. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Clayton Jason and Paul all busy. Edward N- at the work in the kitchen

dept. Clara at her lessons This afternoon Edward N- at C- This Eve Wm S- took Uncle Joe home. Still bitter cold.

5" January Sabb. Very cold – but slightly moderated. Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church – I went with them but went after Aunt Jane. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text "How long halt ye between two opinions: if the Lord be God follow him." Nothing is doing more to hinder the Lord's work, and keep people out of heaven than a halting vascilating spirit God requires of each of us to choose our master – then to follow that master. If the Lord be God follow Him. Our daily life is our true life. What we need is more practical religion. In the trial and struggle of life we need to keep close to Jesus – for if we keep away from Him we shall surely fall. Edward N- keeping house – keeping it well. Clara went down to Grandmother Murdocks & Aunt Marys to be ready for the College in the morning. Clayton at the Christian Endeavor this evening. Jason at home. Pauls lesson heard. I called to see the sick baby at Alices.

6" Jan. Monday Moderated – a light snow on the ground. Clayton at mill and brought Uncle Joe out they were here to dinner. George H- here most of the A.M. – in the wood shed & here to dinner. Edd at the work. A man from off the pike here last night and here to breakfast. This afternoon Jason & his father at Wards old pasture. They returned before dark. Uncle Joe and Jason busy. Paul around. This Eve Clayton and Will at C- Walter Murdock here this A.M – and here to dinner.

7" Tuesday. Moderated – a cloudy day. Jason at School. Mr Mc Clayton Uncle Joe and Paul around home. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton at Matthews. I spent most of the day at Grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Marys. I called to see Lizzie P- & at Aunt Janes. I took dinner at Grandmothers. Mr Morton called. This Eve I met Dr. McKinney at Aunt Bells. This Eve Clayton & Jason looking over their arithmetic lessons at Wills – I called to see Mrs McIntire before I came home.

8" Jan. Wed. Quite a cloudy day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe nad Clayton & Paul around all A.M. Wm feeding. This afternoon Mr Mc went up to see Mr [illegible] Houston. We rec'd a letter from Chas Buck last night. This afternoon I was at C. I called to see Mrs Thompson, Mrs Pigg and to see Emma Carrolls Mother & to Grandmothers & Aunt Janes – and reached home at dark. Edd N- taking care of the kitchen.

9" Jan. Thurs. Very gloomy indeed. This A.M. Jason at School. Last night Harry Whaleand stopped with us – here for suppee & He concluded to remain a while so as to allow Clayton an opportunity for School. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton Jason & Paul and I at church. This was a fast day if all did not keep it some of us did. Prof McChesney preached. Text. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen." Subject What is true fasting. After preaching I called at grandmothers. Mr Mc at the Bank – This Eve all at home.

10" Jan Friday. A nice day. Wm and Harry W. busy. Uncle Dan called. I finished the ironing Jason at School. Clayton building a stall getting ready to start again to School next week. This afternoon Mr Mc up at the late Ward pasture. Uncle Joe at C- Edd N- went with him. A card came from Mellingers. The hogs go in the morning [illegible] three fourth a lb. Clayton and Jason around looking up wagons. Mr Mc and I made an attempt to get to the prayer meeting – This is the week of prayer – I did not go in but Mr Mc stopped off at the hall, it was nearly out, I called to see D. S. Ervin he has been on the sick list for a few days. All the folks were at the prayer meeting.

11" Jan. Sat. A nice day. Six of the neighbors & our own folks took the fifty one head down in wagons. Mr Mc Jason and Paul brought up the rear – Clayton drove one of the wagons. Uncle Dan here chatting with Uncle Joe. The folks were all back to dinner. This P.M. Uncle Joe went home (to C-) with Uncle Dan. This Eve Wm & Harry were at C- Mr Mc and I at the hall. Mr Pollock leader. Subject prayer –Families and Schools.

12" Jan. Sabb. Cold but pleasant. Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School I drove down first for Aunt Jane and stopped in to see grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my breathern, ye have done it unto me." True religion is described by its fruits and by it practical workings. One remark – There is more religion in a word of kindness and sympathy to a suffering one than there is in a gift of a Bible without it. The kind of work that we are to do is specified Feed the hungry – clothe the naked – visit the sick. Harry & Edd N- home – Clara came home with us from church. Edd had a nice dinner. This afternoon Clayton and Jason went down to the junior C. E. at half past three. I heard Pauls lesson – This Eve Mr Mc Jason Clara and Edward Nelson and I went to the closing meeting of the week of prayer at the hall – Subject for Prayer greater consecration and a closer walk with God. Harry W. Clayton and Paul at home. Jason stayed with grandmother Murdock and let Aunt Mary go to the meeting.

13" Jan. Monday. A bright day. Jason at School. Clayton at C- with feed for Aunt Marys cow – there for dinner. Mr Mc at Kyles and around looking for a lost sheep. Wm & Harry busy. Edd going on nicely with his work. A letter came from Harlan. Carson & Fox have dissolved partnership. Harlan remained with Carson. This P.M. Alice called – Uncle Dan here – This Eve Father and I at the Opera House to hear the London Bell or "The Royal Hand Bell Ringers." The house packed – the entertainment fine. Harry W- & Edd N- here with Clayton Jason & Paul. [In margin] – Frank Lamont here – I think.

14" Jan. Tues. A pleasant winter day. Wm & Harry going on with the work. Edd busy. Clayton got started back to school after a long absence. Jason there too. This afternoon Mr Mc around I left Paul at Alices while I went to C- I called at Lambs & Stersels to see [illegible] & made a brief call at grandmothers and Aunt Janes.

15" Jan Wed. A bright day but cold. Clayton and Jason at school. Wm & Harry W. busy. Paul around. Mr Mc around home all day. Edd N- going along nicely in his dept. I have been sewing. This Eve Wm and Clayton at C- on and errand – A letter came from Homer – McDonalds baby was buried yesterday. Fred is serving on the jury at Monmouth these days. This is our twenty ninth anniversary of our marriage. How the years are passing. Passing so quietly we are scarcely aware until they are gone. How soon we grow old – but yesterday it was summer but now the winter of life is drawing near. May we live so that our lives may be a benediction and a song. How many folks are missing from our fire side – how much we miss those that are gone.

16" January. Thursday. Another pleasant winter day. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc around home most of the day. Wm and Harry busy. Edd getting along fine This P.M. Alice brought the baby and Grace up. Paul had a fine time playing. This Eve Clayton and Jason at C- on an errand. It is almost like rain to night.

17" Jan Friday. I baked to day for the week. I tried to iron a little. I have been feeling very badly – almost sick with a cold. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc up at Selma [illegible] afternoon. Edd taking the full charge in the kitchen – This eve Agnes Kyle and her sister Rollanna called – I spent a pleasant hour with them. This Eve Harry and Clayton and Jason at Wills to study arithmetic.

18" Jan. Sat. Quite gloomy. This morning I left Paul at home with the boys – and Edd in charge of the dinner, and I went to town. I called to see Mrs Williamson and took dinner with grandmother and Aunt Mary and Clara – This afternoon Clara came home with me – Their was a social at Jacksons Tuesday Eve – This Eve Clara at her lessons – Edd and Jason at C- this P.M. Dark and raining to night All of us home around the lamp.

19" Jan. Sabb – Quite dreary day. Sprinkling a little. Edd at home and prepared a nice dinner – A Sabbath dinner began yesterday. Harry & Jason at home also. Clara Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School. I went down after Aunt Jane and stopped to speak to grandmother. Mr Mortons text. "[illegible] as my people sit. Subject of discourse – Right behavior in the house of God. Mr Mc at Church. This afternoon & Eve I went back to the drill of Clayton & Jason in the catechism – I heard Pauls lesson. At four Clayton took Fannie or Clara down & attended the Childrens meeting. I am still on the sick list with the cold.

20" Jan Monday. A gloomy day. All of us busy all morning. Clayton at School. Jason at home. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at a congregational meeting. Edd keeping house. Harry & Will busy. This Eve Harry & Clayton & Jason at Wills – I stopped and spoke to grandmother a few minutes – Another man from off the pike lunched with us.

21" Jan Tuesday. Gloomy and cold. Clayton and Mr Mc and Will and Harry at C- with a small load of hogs for the Cedarville market – Mr Jas Townsley took it in – they also drove in a Jersey

for Mr [illegible] to butcher for us. This afternoon Clayton took Aunt Jeanette out three pigs – Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all afternoon – Edd getting along nicely. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Will studying their arithmetic. I have been bed nearly all day with cold.

22" Jan. Wed. Damp to day. I have been feeling a little better – This A.M. Will and Harry at C- for the beef. Clayton and Jason at School. This morning as the nine O'clock express came down the boiler exploded – some lives were lost – some were injured. This afternoon Uncle Dan called. I took a hasty trip to C- I called to see [illegible] and spent a few minutes at grandmothers. Mr Mc around all day – up at the pasture.

23" Jan Thurs. A gloomy day – drizzling rain most of the time. Clayton and Jason at School. Wm & Harry feeding. Edd busy yesterday and to day. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia. On Sabbath evening Mrs Carey, Ba's mother, died suddenly – and was buried this afternoon – They waited until the children all came home before they buried her – Quite a rough evening. Mr Mc did not get home until late – I have been feeling far from well all afternoon – And this eve I am sick.

24" Jan Friday. A rough day. On last night I was taken with a severe pain in my side that lasted until near mid night – Mr Mc and Clayton were faithful. I have been in bed all day. Edd taking charge of everything – he has been faithful and kind to me. I certainly appreciate his kindness. Jason at School all day. Clayton there until noon. This afternoon he drove down for Clara – She called to see Prof S- [illegible] that it would not be convenient for him to come this eve – Clayton and Jason & Paul & Harry at Wills – Jason giving one of his "Magic Lantern Shows" to night. Clara at her lessons.

25" Jan. Sat. Snowed all day and melted as fast as it fell. Edd at C- this morning a little while. Clara bush in is absence. Near noon we were quite surprised to see Homer stopping in – He has been gone to Monmouth since the 1" of Sept 95 – to help Fred on his paper – but since he sold out to the Democrats – Homer has been without employment. Homer came to Springfield at 11 yesterday and stayed with Harlan until the evening when he met Walter and came to Cedarville with him. He called around to see all the folks and stayed all night with Alvie Orr – and this morning Alvie brought him out This afternoon Clara putting the house in order. Edd going right all with his dept. Mr C- from the railroad called this A.M. Homer at C- this P.M. Came back as soon as the mails were all in – Prof C- expected to come out but could not at the last. This Eve Wm & Harry & Clayton at C- they brought Homers trunk out. At a later hour Clayton & Jason at Wills for Oysters. Homer & Clara in the parlor chatting. I got up for the first since Thursday evening this evening. Do not feel very well yet. Snowing this eve.

26" Jan. Sabbath. Quite a winter day. Clara Clayton Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton preached as usual. Edd taking care of the kitchen dept – I am here around the fire – Harry at the feeding and around the fire. Homer and Paul at home. At half past four Clayton and Jason at the meeting of the juniors. Clara went back at the same

time. This Eve we read the Sabbath School lesson for the coming Sabbath. By the way this is my birthday. If I want to be counted with the “new women” – I can – but the years are coming so swiftly that there is no escape from being counted with the “old women” – for this day tells I am fifty two.

27” Jan. Monday. Cloudy a little snow – A.M. a good deal of mud. Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- and called at grandmothers – met Aunt Bell there & reached home at noon. Uncle Joe still busy at this house repairing. Clayton and Jason at School. Harry and Will feeding – Mr Mc at home most of the day and at Curries at the rail road & the Matthews – Edd keeping house. I am here but not feeling very well. This Eve Homer took supper at [blank] and attended the Philo Society. Clara read an essay on Harriet Beecher Stowe. This Eve Clayton at Wills studying arithmetic. Jason at home among the Ladies Journals. Paul around with his father this eve.

28” Jan. Tuesday. A bright day. Near noon Mr Mc and Homer left for Springfield. Clayton and Jason at School. Edd keeping house. I am still an invalid – or feel like one. Wm & Harry at their work. Paul playing marbles. Uncle Dan called the A.M. Another package from Aunt Mary E. for Paul – two suits of under clothes – Mr Mc and Home took supper in S- Harlan was going out on the road and they did not see him long. This Eve. Clayton and Harry & Will at C- Jason at Alice at his arithmetic lesson.

29” Jan. Wed. A beautiful day over head – but ground muddy. Paul and I spent the day at grandmothers with her and Aunt Mary. Clara at College this A.M. – and at her lessons this afternoon – I have been in bed part of the time I am not feeling well. Mr Morton and Aunt Bell called to see me. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Homer left for Charleston – they did not get home until dark. Mr Luther Townsley, Cedarville Mayor, fell back on his chair dead at noon today. Wm & Harry at the feeding. Clayton and Jason at School. Edd keeping house and getting along fine. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Wills at their lesson. Homer spending the evening at Wills with Uncle Dan.

30” Jan. Another bright day. Clayton and Jason at School. Harry husking for a change – Will feeding Edd at his work – I am still no account. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer at C- this A.M. at the Shop expecting to get Maud shoed but the shop was full of horses. He came back to dinner and has gone back to the shop this P.M. He is to remain in C- take supper with Prof [illegible] and go with him to the hall to hear a Prof from Chicago denounce Secret Societies. Jason and Harry at the revival at the M. E. Church. Clayton and Wm at Matthews talking action on sheep killing days.

31” Jan. Friday. Quite a dreary day – drizzling rain most of the time. Clayton and Jason at School – Mr Mc up the pike and around home all day. On yesterday Mr Newton from Xenia called. Homer in bed awhile this A.M. And this P.M. – he went in time for the mail. Harry around with Mr Mc Will feeding. I began using “Cois [?] Dyspeptic Cure” this morning. I have got to the place I have to have something. Mr Luther Townsley buried this afternoon – Funeral

from the U. P. Church – Homer came home in time for supper bringing Clara with him. At half past seven – He left. Clara & Paul here with Edd and Harry to keep house. And Mr Mc and I went to the Opera house to hear Mr Hoods [?] popular lecture “On the Seven days of Creation.” but the audience so thin they postponed it for another week. Clayton & Jason at a business meeting of the juniors at Charlie Ps – We waited at grandmothers until they adjourned. Clayton came home with Mr Mc & me – and Jason went with [illegible] Phillips to stay all night. Homer was in C. and Prof [illegible] came home with him. He & Homer occupying the front room up stairs. Dark – and damp.

#### February 1896

1” Feb Sat. Quite a dark rainy day. Prof S- with us – After an early dinner he and Homer left for Springfield – We had Mr & Mrs Gideon Harshman & daughter [illegible] here to visit -- & were here to dinner. It has been three years since we saw them. Harry & Clayton at C. this A.M. for coal. Edd doing his part well through much tribulation. This afternoon Jason took him to C- This Eve Will & Harry there. Mr Crites [?] called. Clara and I around the lamp until late.

2” Feb. Sabb. A damp cold dreary day. Prof S- & Homer took supper with Harlan last night in Springfield and did not get home until late. This morning Clara Clayton Jason Paul & Prof S- and Homer all at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler.” Satan [sic] is the fowler – and we are the birds that Satan catches. His snares are hidden and he knows our weak points our besetting sins and it here where he sets his traps for us. Satins snares are generally attractive. He has his agents and helpers all at work – But our comfort is that God has promised to deliver his people out of the fowler snares – Edd here looking after the kitchen dept – Everything going on nicely. Prof S- home with us to dinner. At four Clayton at the young folks meeting – Clara went with him – At a later hour Prof S- and Homer went down. Harry at C- at the M. E. revival and came out with Homer.

3” Feb. Monday. A dreary day. Mr Mc at Curries this A.M. This afternoon he went to town to see Gray. Homer went with him to stay with Schemell [?] and go with him to the Opera house to night – Mr Mc home near dark – Edd going on with his housekeeping. Clayton and Jason at Wills studying arithmetic this eve. Uncle Dan called this A.M. – I have been busy to day.

4” Feb. Tues. Snowed last night – but the ground is very soft. Clayton & Jason at School – Jason not feeling well and stopped off at noon. Mr Mc around home all day. Wm & Harry busy. Wm at the mill this A.M. Old Aunty Fogg has said farewell to Selma and starts for California this week. This Eve Harry & Will went in our conveyance to M. E. revival. Clayton went down expecting Homer but failed to find him. Will Mc here this afternoon.

5” Feb. Wed. A bright day. What little snow there is is going off very fast. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon I attended the congregational prayer meeting. Homer was there

and came home with me – On yesterday he was in Xenia on [illegible] business. Took dinner with Will Farmer at his boarding house with the students. This afternoon directly after the meeting I drove down beyond the East Point School to Mrs [?] to look after a woman for the Summer [?] but to no purpose – did not get back to town until near dark when Homer came home with me. Clayton and Jason at School Edd at the work.

6" Feb. Thurs. A pleasant day. Homer at the office this A.M. – and home to dinner – he went back again this P.M. to get Poly shoed – Harry hung the meat do day, and then began selecting apples – Edd busy. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul busy all day. This Eve Miss Crites called – Mr Marion Wildman called.

7" Feb. Friday Mr Houston and three men here with our men sacking wool – We had three [illegible] – there were [blank] sacks and [blank] lbs – It took four wagons to take it to the cars in Cedarville – Clayton and Jason both at home to day. Clayton, Will S- and Will Mc and Orin Matthews helped to haul it away. Mr Houston, Father and Paul went down to C- to see it loaded. It goes to Boston. Mr H- & his men here to dinner. This P.M. Uncle Dan called. So also did Mr Colvin he had Mr Powers with him to day. Near noon Homer left for Xenia to attend the Farmers Institute – Prof Mc Chesney gave an address. Alvie Orr went with Homer. This Eve Clayton and I went to town expecting to hear Hoods "Six Days of Creation" – but the lecture is indefinitely postponed – We called at grandmothers awhile and came back home Clara coming with us. Homer was here when we came. Edd has been busy to day – So have we all.

8" Feb. Sat. A nice day – but snowing this evening Edd at C- this morning. This afternoon Homer at C- and waited for the mail – Mr Mc has not been feeling well – he has been in bed all day. After dinner Will S- and his family left for Bowersville. Clara helped me with the ironing. I have been feeling not well. I have begun using "Foleys [?] Honey of Tar" – for my cough – This Eve Clayton took Harry to town. Homer here to supper – All around the lamp. A letter came from Fannie. We all remembered that this was Fannies birthday. Snowing.

9" Feb. Sabb. Quite a winter day. A deep snow on the ground. Homer Clara and Jason went to Sabbath School and church in the sleigh. Mr Mc has been in bed all day again. I have been troubled with a cough and did not go to church – Clayton and Paul and Harry and Edd at home too. At four O'clock Jason went down to the young folks meeting – Clara went back at that time – This Eve Bible reading. Homer read Sabbath Reading through for fathers benefit.

10" Feb. Monday. Snow going off – Wm & family came back from Bowersville this P.M. Clayton & Harry taking acre of the stock. Jason at School. Mr Mc around the fire. Homer at Xenia expecting to see Jack S- Walter went with him – This afternoon Uncle Joe Called – so also did H. Harvey Stormont and Mr Wood – late of N.Y. This Eve Clayton and Harry at C- with the clothes. Homer home early this eve – Edd busy.

11" Feb Tues. A pleasant winter day. Snow on the ground. Clayton and Jason at School. Homer at his book – Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon Homer at the office – he waited for the evening mail. This Eve Jack S- came – he was here to supper and with us to night – He and Mr Mc around the lamp while Homer and Clayton and I went to town. This was the evening of Dr. L. B. Sperrys lecture. Homer and Clara and I were there. Subject "Gumption [?] and Print." It was fine. Clayton and Frank Ervin stayed with grandmother.

12" Feb. Wed. Cloudy, but not so very cold. Snow on the ground. This A.M. Homer took Jack S- to C- they were back to dinner. This A.M. Mr Colvin here for apples. Wm & Harry busy. Edd going right along with his charge. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jack at Charleston. Homer finished reading "Kenilworth" by Sir Walter Scott and went to the office this P.M. and waited for the evening mail. Mr Mc & Jack home at dark notwithstanding it was dark and damp. Mr Mc and Homer and Jack and I at the Friends Church at Selma to hear Col Bain on his trip from Ky- to California – His description was grand – Jack S- with us to night. Edd here with Clayton Jason & Paul. Harry & Wm busy to day. Mr Millingners [?] youngest daughter & Mr R. Miller of Springfield married to day.

13" Feb. Thurs. Jack S- taking the advantage of Prince and the buggy to make a few visits. Homer at C- this A.M. at the office and home to dinner. This afternoon he went to the office again. Wm & Harry at the work. Mr Mc around home all day Mr Brown Sr. & Mr Currie from the rail road called. Edd busy all day – we were getting ready for the Social at Mr Ws tomorrow – Clayton and Jason at School – Paul around all day playing.

14" Feb. Friday. A beautiful winter day. Clayton took Edd to C- this morning and were back home in a short time. This was the day of the Social at Mr Mortons. Mr Mc Homer and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I there. Clara there too. We left Edd in charge here – Harry & Will S- at the work. We had a pleasant day indeed – Every one seemed happy. They made a present of twenty five dollars worth of silver & table linens to Mr Mortons. This afternoon Walter and Homer on Springfield [illegible] – Clayton stayed in C- to be at a business meeting of the juniors and came home with Homer. He took tea with Charlie G-

Sat. 15" March [sic] – Cloudy – not very cold – Clayton & Harry took fodder to grandmothers stable in C- Homer at Selma on an errand this A.M. Mr Mc called at Mr Marion Wildmans with turkeys [?] – Charlie Galbreath, Elbert Dollers & Howard Ward called to see Clayton and Jason this P.M. This afternoon Homer at the office. Clara and Miss Anderson at Xenia to day – they went on the train – Homer waited for her until she came back – she came home with him and is at her lesson to night – Jack S- here for supper and Homer took him over to [illegible] Stretchers to spend the night – Clayton and Jason at Wills to study arithmetic – Edd and I busy to day. Paul & Jason around all day.

16" Feb Sabb. Cold. Homer and Clara and Jason and Paul and I at church & at the Sabbath School. I drove down for Aunt Jane and stopped to speak to grandmother Murdock. Father at

church – Mr Mortons text “I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron.” When it is said I will go before it means I will open up the way for triumph – The greatest crook in all the world is our sins. The temptations of the world and the flesh and the devil are crooked places. So also are the trials and sorrows and disappointments of life are crooked places – and so is death – But God destroys the power of all of these and giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wm & his family at Bowersville to day again – and Clayton at home helping Harry take care of the stock. This Eve Clara drove down alone as Jason went home from church with Aunt Mary. Jason led the meeting of the young folks this Eve. Jack S- came this eve here to night. Homer here. Edd with us as usual looking after things.

17” Feb. Monday. Homer took Jack S- to C- to go to Xenia and came back early. This afternoon Homer at C- again and took supper at grandmothers – and stayed in C- until Jack came out from Xenia and brought him out with him. Wms returned this P.M. from Bowersville. Clayton at Clifton at the shop this A.M. and at School this P.M. – Jason at School today. Harry at the feeding. Edd going right along at the work. Mr Mc around all day. Quite a winter day – cold.

18” Feb. Tuesday. Quite a winter day. Homer took Jack S- up to Springfield to day and left him to spend the week at this brothers – Homer home a little after dark – I went to town this morning and took dinner at grandmother Murdock’s with her and Aunt Mary. Clara at the College this A.M. – and there to dinner too. Uncle Joe took a tooth out for grandmother and came out with me when I came – we came home early. Mr Mc at home. Clayton & Jason at School. Harry & Wm busy. Edd keeping house to day. Mr Currie called.

19” Feb. Wed. Quite a cold blustery day. Uncle Joe here around the fire. Wm & Harry busy. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton and Jason at School. I have been busy to day baking a cake. Edd busy too. This afternoon Homer at the office -- home early – and after supper went on an important call to Selma – it is cold to night. Uncle Joe called at Will Mcs this P.M.

20” Feb. Thursday. Cold two degrees below zero – Harry & Will at the work – Uncle Joe began smoking the meat. Edd busy to day as usual – He done the sweeping. This P.M. Homer at C- Claras company here tomorrow eve -- & Clayton and Jason entertain the junior social They were at town this evening. Mr Mc around home all day. Will Mc called this P.M. – Moderating a little this eve.

21” Feb. Friday. Still moderating. Clayton took Edd to C- and done some errands for me – At noon Homer at C- and brought out Clara as soon as College closed. Edd and all of us busy. This Eve. a little after five Calie Morton brought Miss Prof Anderson and Jennie M- and Miss Saybole of Wooster out. Homer was up at Ned Stuarts this P.M. and came past C- and brought Prof Sheneek [?] out – Alvie Orr and [illegible] here also – Supper at six Everything past off nicely. The Junior Social quite a success. About twenty here – They came in a big wagon – as the parlor

was taken they occupied the bed room. After the company all dispensed [illegible] remained with the little folks as he supt. of the dept. As they were starting home they took a wagon ride up as far as Bagels – Clara went with them – We surely had a pleasant evening.

22" Feb. Sat. Much pleasanter. After supper last night Homer and Alvie excused themselves and went to Selma to spend the evening. This morning Homer took Uncle Joe to C- he expected to go to X- but came back with Homer. Charlie Ward came up on his Safety on an errand this morning. Clara at her lesson. This afternoon she took Uncle Joe home and spent the afternoon at Mr Mortons with the girls. Mr Mc around home all day. Edd going along nicely with his work. Harry husking to day again. This afternoon Alvie Orr called and he Homer went to Selma to skate with their friends. This Eve Clayton at Will S- and Will and Harry at C- Clara came home after the mails were all in.

23" Feb Sabbath. A very cloudy day. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church. I went down for Aunt Jane as usual – only got to speak to grandmother Murdock as I was late. One of the students from Xenia Seminary preached – Rev Gallispie – Text "Prepare to meet they God O [illegible]." This command is addressed specially to every individual. This preparation is to be made because of mans total depravity – and because the judgement is sure to come – and because it is a solemn thing to meet God – and because God solemnly warns us to make this preparation – and because of the great reward – When should this preparation be made? Not knowing when we shall be called to appear before God we should begin our preparation immediately. We should be in earnest and do it with our might. After preaching Clayton went down with Clara to grandmothers and Aunt Marys. Clayton at the Juniors C. E. and came home with Jason from there. Mrs Maggie C- gave me this beautiful verse of poetry to day – We had the subject of the verse before the Bible class last Sabbath –

"Unanswered yet"

"Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say ungranted!  
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.  
The work began when first your prayer was uttered,  
And God will finish what he has begun.  
If you will keep the incense burning there,  
His glory you shall see sometime, somewhere."  
Robert Browning.

This Eve Jack S- came back to us and he and Mr Mc and Homer and Clayton and Harry at church – Edd and Jason and Paul and I here – They attended the U. P. church had sermon by Rev Ramsey.

24" Feb. Monday. Quite a nice day. Clayton and Jason at School. Wm feeding. Harry husking. Edd keeping house. Homer and Jack S- at Xenia. Mr Mc and Jason at Charleston this afternoon.

I took the clothes to Mrs P- and spent the day at grandmother Murdocks – Aunt Mary there [illegible] as usual. Clara there after the college closed. She is writing an essay to read at the Society on [blank]. Mr Morton took my [illegible] and he and Mrs Morton drove out to the McCollum sisters. Uncle Joe came home with me – we came early. I have been planning to go to Aunty Mary Es Wednesday but the prospects of getting to go are very clouded indeed – I have given up the scheme – This Eve Jack & Homer & Mr Mc and Jason are here to supper – After supper Homer went to a meeting of the Society in the College

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. A beautiful day. This morning I went to town on an errand – I called at grandmothers briefly. This morning Jack walked across to his father Stretchers but back again in time for dinner. This afternoon he done some repairing on tank [?] Then he and Homer took the afternoon to circulate a petition among some of the old neighbors to lay before Judge Smith. This afternoon [illegible] Lamont called. This Eve Jack & Homer here around the lamp with Mr Mc and Uncle Joe This Eve Harry & Clayton at the office. On yesterday afternoon Paul spent the hours I was away at Alices – he was there this morning again – Mr Alex Turnbulls daughter Anna, wife of John Ervin died this morning.

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Wed – A beautiful day. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe & Homer and Jack S- all here for ten O'clock lunch and went to Xenia – Charlie Bucks settlement before the house. Clayton and Jason at School – Edd away all A.M. I kept Jason at home to help me, but in a little while Edward N- returned and took hold where he left off. Alice and her children called and Uncle Dan. A man from off the pike here for lunch. This Eve Mrs J. M. McMillan called to see Homer and chatted a little while with me in his absence. The folks all home in time for supper – Homer made a brief call at Selma this eve. Jack S- with us. Clayton & Harry up the pike and down on an errand. Very clear to night and pleasant. I am all packed & ready for an early start to Wilmington in the morning.

27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Thurs. A most beautiful day for February. Jack S- went away this morning. Edd in charge of the house keeping – Homer here & at the office and this eve Hattie McMillan was his company to a Leap Year party at Mr Rifles. Clayton helping Carrie with his moving to Solon – Jason not at School I am sorry to record. Paul left in Uncle Joes care while Mr Mc and I went to Wilmington. We left Cedarville at twenty minutes of eight – We sent sister Mary E- a dispatch as we past through C- it reached her at ten and we got there at twelve – we had a delightful day – enjoyed every bit of it. We had a lovely dinner & then lunch before starting home – We left there at half past five and reached here at eleven. We drove a double team – It was as clear as day coming home.

28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Friday. Very cloudy. This morning Homer rode down with me to C- he spent the day at the College. Prof. Schenck read a paper this morning. The Pres. Dr McKinney there & Mrs Stevenson of Pittsburg. I spent my time at grandmothers – Aunt Mary busy. After dinner – notwithstanding the heavy shower I drove out to Sam Raney's to see Mrs Raney my dear old School friend Lizzie K. The oldest daughter & Mr Alexander were married this week – When I

came back to C- Homer came home with me. He went to a social at Mr Hermon Coles this evening. Edd going along with his housekeeping in my absence. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Paul around home. Harry & Clayton & Wm busy. Jason at School. This eve Clayton and Will at C. I am certainly tired to night. Mr Moorman called this eve. Jack S- with us to night again – he will leave us tomorrow.

29<sup>th</sup> Feb. Sat. Damp and cold – Mr Wilson Cellars and Uncle Silas here to see Jack S- all here to dinner with Mr Mc Uncle Joe & Jack S- and Homer. This afternoon Jack told us all good by – and Homer took him to S- he will go back to Monmouth on Monday. This afternoon Uncle Joe rode down home with Uncle Silas and I took a ride with Mr Mc to Clifton – He called several places and came home past Cedarville. Will S- and family left for Bowersville this afternoon – Their brother reported dying – This Eve Harry & Clayton at C- with wood for Uncle Joe – This is the last day of the month and last day of the week – and what a busy week we have had.

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1<sup>st</sup> March Sabb. The ground white with snow this morning – Cold to day. Edd keeping house. Clayton around with Harry in Wms absence – Homer Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – I went after Aunt Jane – and called in to speak to grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc at church – Mr Mortons text – Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” This change is a radical change – the old heart taken away and the new heart put in its place – There is no voice that can awaken those who are dead in sin but the voice of the Son of God. That voice can penetrate every heart. Clara did not come home with us but stayed at grandmothers. It is so cold the boys did not go to the young folks meeting. We had our Bible reading & Paul his lesson.

2<sup>nd</sup> March Monday. Snow on the ground and cold Wms still at Bowersville. Clayton helping Harry with the feeding. Jason at School this afternoon. Harry Whaland [?] started at the work in earnest this morning Homer at C- this A.M. and Uncle Joe came out with him – After dinner they went back to C- and were home in time for supper – Homer going to Selma this eve – Mr Mc around home all day. Will Mc here this afternoon Colored Badger has had a smash up He has failed for \$6,000 – a great many troubled ones. On yesterday morning Mrs Hugh Mc Williams house was burned down. Edd going along nicely with his work.

3<sup>rd</sup> March Tuesday. Moderating & pleasant winter day. Mr Mc at Xenia to day. Homer went as far as C- and remained there until his father came from X- He took dinner at grandmother Murdock's. Harry W- and Clayton still at the feeding. Jason at School. Wm returned alone from Bowersville at noon. The sick brother convalescent. This afternoon Clayton at Jessie Thompsons the Selma tile man. Wm Mc here chattering awhile with Uncle Joe – Edd on duty to day. “The Charlie Buck Settlement settled.” Mr Hollingsworth called to day.

4" March. Wed. Much brighter to day. Clayton brought coal from C- to day. Harry & Wm going along with the work. Jason in School. Edd in charge of the housekeeping. This morning Homer took me to C- to see Dr Homan to examine my teeth. I stopped at grandmothers for dinner and went with Aunt Mary to the Congregational prayer meeting in the afternoon – I called to see Lizzie P- to day. Father at Northrups sale and called at C- for me – While there he bought a ticket for Lizzie P- for Chicago She leaves to night to bring Aunt Matt home. Homer got into one of the buggies passing to the sale and was there awhile. He is at home around the lamp to night. Alice & her children & Sister returned from Bowersville this P.M. Harry & Clayton & Jason at Wills this eve. Clara busy at her books to day while I was in C-

5" March. Thursday. Blowing a little and not very pleasant – After so long a time Homer started to the Cedarville College this morning to bring up some of his studies. He came home at noon – and by way of accommodation went with Mr Mc to Selma – they expected to see Mr Hollingsworth – they were home at dark. Uncle Joe at C- for the evening mail. Jason at School Clayton helping Harry & Wm at the work. I made a shirt for Clayton & around. Edd busy in his dept. Paul around all day.

6" March. Friday. Rain last night damp this morning and very cloudy all day. Mr Mc and I left to be in time for the eight O'clock to meet Lizzie P- and sister Matt. Homer went down with us to the College. Uncle Ervin was at the train with his carriage as he did not know we were coming. Aunt Matt & Lizzie and I rode back with him – Uncle Bigham & Mr Mc were at the train too. Aunt Jeannette will stay with Aunt Matt and Jane until tomorrow Aunt Matt has been away since in Aug – and is still far from well – Mr Mc & I called to speak to grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary & got home here at noon. A colored man from Selma cleaning and apperating [?] on the well on the porch. Uncle Joe & Harry & Wm Mc assisting. Wm feeding – Mr Moorman from Charleston here for cattle this morning. Clayton & Jason both out of School. Edd at his house keeping. Paul around all day. This Eve Homer came back from C- with Alvie Orr as he past up for his girl. This Eve Mr Mc and Homer & Clayton and Jason and I at the last entertainment of the lecture course by [Blank] given in the Opera House – Clara there and came home with us.

7" March. Sat. Bright Sunshine – but cold & windy. Jason took Edd to C- this morning. Clayton took feed to grandmothers cow and took dinner there – Jason & Paul & Uncle Joe around. Homer took Uncle Joe down this P. M and stayed until the mails came in. This Eve all at home around the lamp Clara and Homer at their lessons to day. Clara writing letters to night.

8" March. Sabb. A gloomy day. Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church. I went down after Aunt Jane as usual. Mrs Hill taking care of Aunt Matt. Mr Mortons text "The love of money is the root of all evil while some coveted after have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. After preaching Jason went to grandmother Murdock. Clara went down with Clayton when he went to the childrens meeting & Jason came home with him. Homer went to the young folks meeting this

eve – Bible reading – I heard the catechism & Pauls lesson – Edd taking care of his dept. Harry around Alice & co went over in their fathers conveyance to Bowersville this P.M.

9" March. Monday. A bright day. Jason at School. Clayton at Cedarville Mill. Homer went down with me in the carriage to College – I drove out to Riley McMillans to see a woman came back to grandmothers and took dinner there – Homer & Clara both there to dinner. This afternoon Aunt Bell and Uncle Joe went with me to X- Aunt Bell and I at Dr Finleys for medicine for grandmother & Clara – and spent the rest of the day looking at carpets at Sparrahs[?]. We did not reach C- until dark – Homer at a meeting of the Society at the College. Clara has a declamation to night. Harry & Clayton & Jason at Wills. Mr Mc around home to day. Edd in charge of the house keeping.

10" March. Tuesday. A March day. Rain last night sunshine & clouds to day. Homer at the College this A.M. – and home to dinner. Harry operating on the wall on the porch assisted by Uncle Joe Mr Mc and Clayton. Jason at School. This afternoon Clayton hauling in wood Wm at the feeding – Harry husking. Mr Mc and Homer at the Cain & Fagan sale at Selma this afternoon. Edd busy in his dept. I have been busy too. Paul around all day. This Eve Uncle Joe at the office – Clayton at Wills to study arithmetic – Dr Nicely and Will up here to see Uncle Joe.

11" March. Wednesday. A cold blustery day – snowing all afternoon and this evening. Harry & Clayton began hauling out manure this morning. Wm feeding. Jason at School. Homer at College this A.M. – and home in time for dinner. At his lessons this PM. – and at the office & Mrs Ps for the clothes – gave her a duck – Uncle Dan called. Edd at the work in his dept. – I began & finished the ironing to night – This is Claras birthday.

12" March. Thursday. Homer at College – home again at noon Clayton moved a family from Uncle Dans house to C- Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. It is cold today. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Harry and Wm at work. Edd busy in his dept – and I in mine. This Eve Homer at Prof McChesneys at a business meeting at the Christian E – Harry & Clayton at Wills this eve.

13" March. Friday. Moderated considerable. Clayton and Harry and Will all busy. Jason at School. This A.M. Homer at College home again at noon. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. – called to see Aunt Matt – took dinner in C- and brought Clara out. Mr Mc around home – All of us busy This Eve Homer at C- at the office and brought Prof Schrenck out he was here for tea and with us to night.

14" March. Sat. Moderated quite pleasant. Miss Agnes Kyle called this morning. Uncle Dan called Prof S- around this A.M. and with us to dinner – About three Oclock Homer took the Prof down home and waited until after the morning mail. Will S took Uncle Joe down home – and Clayton took Harry down to C- Jason took Edd to C- this morning on a hasty trip – Elbert Dalles, Frank Orr & Charlie Galbreath called to see Clayton and Jason this P.M. Mr Mc stopped

to see the new colored family at the Cate Bagel [?] home. We remembered that was Harlans birthday.

15" March – Sabb – Snowed last night and to day – quite a winter day – Homer Clara and Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church – I went down for Aunt Jane she was ready for church but layed off her things and stayed with Aunt Matt as she did not want to go. Mrs Hill still with them – Mr Mortons text “ [illegible], O north wind; and come thou South; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out Let my beloved come into his garden and eat his pleasant fruits.” The burden of our prayer should be that the Holy Spirit might come in with power into our hearts and prepare us for holding communion with Christ As a rule we preach too much to the people – and talk too little to God. A season of persevering prayer is always followed by the coming of Gods Holy Spirit – with power Now what we need is a revived church and a revived heart and the coming of Christ. This afternoon we heard Pauls lesson. This eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting. Clara went back to grandmothers -- & Homer came home alone – Clayton, Harry & Edd at home to day This P.M. Will started to Bowersville after Alice and the children but met them coming before he got fairly started.

16" March Monday. Snow on the ground. It has moderated considerable. Homer at the College and home at noon. Uncle Joe did not come out to day. Wm at the feeding Harry and Clayton hauling manure – Jason at School. Edd running his dept – to order. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston for clover seed – reached home at dark – This afternoon I called at [blank] and at Will Mcs – and at the tenant house to see Alice. Paul was there awhile and came home with me. Mr Sam Mitchel called this P.M. This Eve Clayton & Harry at Mrs Ps – and at town on some errands. Homer at Selma to night.

17" March. Tuesday. A very nice day I went down to C- with Homer when he went to College – and made some calls around town and came back with him and were here in time for dinner. I called to see grandmother Murdock awhile. Clara had not got home from the College while I was there. Jason at School this afternoon. Harry sowing clover seed – or husking. Will and Clayton busy. Mr Mc up the Pike – and over at Matthews this P.M. Homer around the camp to night.

18" March. Wed. Snowing right down this afternoon and evening. Harry & co taking out manure this A.m. - & this afternoon he & Will bringing in corn. Homer at the office & home this A.M. -- & this Eve an hour again at the office for the mail. He has been busy at his books to day. This afternoon Father and Clayton at Charleston to see the Bateman pasture. Mr John Mitchel is dead. His funeral Friday P.M. Jason at School to day. He & Harry called at Will Mcs this Eve. Paul around all day. Edd going along nicely in his dept – I baked and ironed to day.

19" March. Thurs. Snow on the ground and still snowing a little. Jason at School. The roads are almost impassable. Mr Mc Clayton Wm S- and Harry looking after the stock. Paul out and

in all day. Homer busy at his books. This Eve he went to the office and back in time for supper. Harry & Clayton & Jason at Wills this eve – “chatting” Mr Mc called at Will Mc to day. Uncle Dan there. Edd and I busy putting the house in order all day.

20” March. Deep snow on the ground – the roads heavy. I have been reading all A.M. Preaching begins at our church to day previous to our communion – Homer at College this A.M. The Spring term opens to day. Rev Chesnut of [illegible] Ill is to assist Mr Morton. He gave them a talk at the College this morning. Jason at School until noon – This afternoon he & Homer and Clayton at our church sermon by Rev Chesnut. Mr Mc and I at the U. P. church at John Mitchels funeral. Rev Wasnook conducted the services – We also followed the remains to Old Massies Creek Cemetery. Clara came out with Homer. We were looking, a little, for Harlan to come down on the train from S- this eve – Homer went to the train for him but he did not come. Paul busy playing in the sitting room most of the day. Edd taking care of him while we were away. Wm & Harry busy. This Eve Edd went with Will to C- Homer at Selma to night – Clara at her lesson. Party at R Jacksons to night. This was Claytons birthday. We can scarcely realize he is sixteen, but yesterday a baby. Camains man from Springfield here to dinner.

21” March. Saturday. Still winter and snow. Homer at C- on an errand. Clara & Edd and I very busy all morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and Paul and Clayton and Jason and Homer and I at our church. We left Edd in charge. Harry & Wm at their feedings. Rev W. R. Chesnut preached text “All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God” The leading thought Man is a failure – all have come short of the glory of God. Harlan came down on the train from Springfield this eve – Rev W. R. Chesnut came out with us from church and Prof Schenck came out with Harlan & Homer and all were here for tea – after we had a pleasant eve – Homer took the Prof back to C- and Mr Chesnut stayed with us to night. Will and Harry at C this eve – Mrs Morton is very sick.

22” March. Sabb. A lovely winter day if it were not for the bad roads. Homer took Mr Chesnut to the church in time for Sabbath School. Harlan took Clara to the Sabbath School – then went for Uncle [blank] to take him up to the church but he was not able to go – he had been in bed all week with a lame back. Mr Mc and I at church – Clayton Jason & Paul at Sabbath School & church. I called for Aunt Jane but Aunt Matt did not want her to come away – although the nurse was still there. Edd & Harry keeping house to day. Sermon by Rev Chestnut – text The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. For the first time in the history of the church we did not have intermission or recess – but began our exercises and had the Lords Supper directly after the sermon. Prof Schenck was there at the closing exercises and came home with us – here for dinner and went back with us to the church. After preaching to day Clayton went down to Aunt Marys & grandmothers – was at the young folks meeting at church to night. Mr Mc & Clara Jason and Harlan & Homer and I there too. Prof S- stopped off at his boarding house after church & Clara went back to grandmothers – and the rest of us came home. Rev Chesnut preached – the subject Stories of the Gods. The house packed full. It is a nice evening – moonlight.

23" March. Monday. Snow still the ground – snowing again this morning. All up at an early hour. Homer took Harlan back to C- to his place at Mr Carsons & Co. Homer bought a Greek dictionary & another book – was home again at four O'clock the eve. Mr Mc and I at the closing exercises of our communion. Sermon by Rev Chesnut subject "Consolation in Christ." We had a fine sermon indeed. After preaching Mr Mc and I came home to a one O'clock dinner. Jason at School. [illegible] home with Edd making a "play house" of the sitting room. This afternoon Noah Devault called. Mr Mc drove by way of Selma to Wilson Cellars – but met him in S- Clayton assisting Wm & Harry with the work. This Eve Lemuel Pearlton late of Virginia called -- & will stop with us for a few days on probation.

24" March. Tues. Bright sunshine but chilly – Snow nearly all off. Jason & Paul at home taking care of the "little pigs" Wm Harry & Clayton and our new man Lemuel P- feeding and hauling manure. Edd in charge of the home. Mr Mc and I at Springfield we met Aunt Bell and Mrs Robt Ervin there took dinner with them at Adams's – We called to see Harlan as we came in and went out but he was out in town and we missed seeing him altogether – We were on the carpet trade to day. When we came home we found Aunt Libb McMillan here. Homer made the arrangements when at College this A.M. and went down to Aunt Rachels for her where she was taking tea with Dave & the girls. We were so glad to see her. Her bro Foulton Armstrong is dead and she came to his funeral and stopped off to see the friends here.

25" March Wed. A nice day but the ground muddy & roads bad. Uncle Dan here to see Aunt Libb and stayed with us for dinner. Mr Mc around all A.M. – Jason at School Wm clayton & Harry busy. Lemuel P- husking. Edd in charge of the home. This afternoon Mr Mc and Aunt Libb and I at town awhile – Clara came out with us and was home in time for tea. Homer at the College this A.M. – at his books this P.M. – and at C- a few minutes this eve – back in time for tea. We are having a nice time with Aunt Libb. Paul at home this afternoon at his play.

26" March Thurs. Chilly. Jason at School. Wm, Harry & Clayton at the work. This A.M. Mr Mc & Paul and Aunt Libb called at Uncle Dans to see him & Wills family. Homer & Clara back from the College at noon. After dinner they were at their lessons – and Mr Mc around home – Aunt Libb and I at the U. P. Church at the funeral of Mrs Samuel Barber. The services conducted by Rev Sproul in Mr Warnocks absence. We called to see grandmother and Aunt Mary We also called at Aunt Janes. Matt about the same – the nurse was still there. We took Aunt Libbs baggage to the depot – she goes in the morning. Homer went with Wm to town after supper – home in a short time. Edd busy to day. Clara and Aunt Libb and I making the most out of the last hours, for time is short for Aunt Libb will soon be gone.

27" March Friday. A beautiful day – to look out you would think Spring had come. Aunt Libb McMillan told us good by this morning and she and father went in the carriage with Clara and Home as they went to college. Will Torrance had the express stop for her – Mr Mc went with her as far as Xenia – and she went on along to her home in Kansas city. Homer came back at noon and was at his books all P.M. Wm Harry & Clayton bringing in corn – Jason at school. Paul

busy too. Our guest of Monday left this morning. Edd busy in his dept. This Eve Homer rode down with me to town. Hood gives his lecture this Eve – and the District Schools hold forth at the Opera House this evening too. But Clara was not interested but came home with us and is at her lessons this eve – Clayton and Jason at the Opera house too this eve. Homer (some were) there too.

28" March Sat. A gloomy day by no means warm. Mr Mc and Clara at Springfield to day – making a few purchases in "continues" from our Tuesday there. They did not get home until after dark. They saw Harlan to day. Homer at his books all A.M. and this afternoon Edd took Homer to C- & left him there to study with Alvie Orr. I made a trip to C- this eve and he came out with me. Wm & Harry & Clayton Jason and Paul busy feeding and hauling corn. Several are getting out the corn – This Eve Wm & Harry at C- Jason staying with Alice.

29" March. Sabb. Quite a dreary day. Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul and [illegible] at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and I at church. I drove down for Aunt Jane but she could not leave Aunt Matt. Frank Rice [?] was at grandmothers and rode up to church with us. Mr Mortons Text "And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them." Our lives in this world is like a cloudy day there is a mingling of light and darkness. Notice the clouds. There are clouds in the work of nature and in providence. The work of providence is a tangled [?] [illegible] who can unravel it. There are also clouds in revelation. Lastly there is light in the clouds and beyond the clouds. There is a blessing wrapped up in all the [illegible] and crosses of life. Our sorest trials are Gods richest mercies. What is the bright light that is in the cloud? The Bible – and the Savior the Lord Jesus & the graces of the Spirit – In the darkest day walk to that light and blessed home that is beyond the cloud. This Evening Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting – Clara and Homer at the [illegible] Christian Endeavor I heard Pauls lesson – This Eve Bible reading. Edd faithful in his dept.

30" March. Monday. A beautiful bright day. We have 16 little chickens – Homer & Clara at the College this A.M. and home to a one Oclock dinner. Noah here husking Harry hauling in corn— both in with Mr Mc Clayton Paul & Jason to dinner. Jason at School. Wm & Clayton feeding. Mr Mc around home. Edds time is growing shorter – he is putting the kitchen dept in order. This Eve Homer took Clara to C- She spent the evening at Will Blairs along with Miss Prof Anderson and Charlie Ward & Jennie Morton and her friend Mr [Blank] – who is here from Muskingum College on a weeks vacation – Homer around and called around for her to come home.

31" March Tues. Clouds and sunshine – Homer and Clara at the College this A.M. – and home to a one Oclock dinner – Noah husking and boarding with us to day again. Harry feeding & hauling in corn – Wm feeding & too Clayton helping. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon I called to see [Blank] – and stopped in with Etta a little while – I also called at Alices after I came back but she was not at home. Homer and Clara at the Y Springs this afternoon but were

disappointed in seeing Mrs Currie – or the teacher at the College. They are hard at their lessons. They have taken the parlor for a study for a few days. Mr Mc at Saml Smiths this Eve.

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1 April. Wed. Our Christmas guest Edward Nelson bid us all good by and left for Columbus this morning – He has been a faithful servant – has many excellent qualities – but like all mortal not perfect. Jason at School to day. Wm Harry & Clayton hauling in corn and feeding. The [Blank] man began the fence on pike this morning. Mr Mc left for Masons sale – there to dinner. Mr Marion Wildman had a sale yesterday too – but Mr Mc not there. Homer and Clara at College this morning Homer back at noon – Clara did not come but went back to grandmothers and Aunt Marys again. This afternoon I went to the Congregational prayer meeting – Paul at Alices until I came back – Homer busy at his books this P.M. and Eve. He was here by himself most of the time – They have taken the parlor for a study this little while. Mr Riley Stormont was at the prayer meeting we were feeling and he was feeling quite bad as he starts to his daughters in Kansas – perhaps to make his home there – He has been faithful to the church all the days of his life and we will miss him when he is gone.

2" April. Thurs. Blowing and cold – back into winter again – Homer at the College this A.M. – and home in time to dinner – Wm feeding. This afternoon he and Clayton at Saml Smiths for stock feeders. Jason at School. Harry hauling in corn – Paul around home. This Eve all at home Mr Mc around home to day.

3" April Friday Another winter day. Homer at College. Stayed at grandmother Murdock's to dinner – and studied with Alvie Orr this afternoon – He and Clara home in time for tea & at their lessons to night. Jason at School to day. Clayton at C- with feed for Aunt Marys cow this P.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Harry & Wm busy. I have been busy all day. Paul around home – and has retired early this eve – and so must the rest of us.

4" April Sat. A pleasant day. Clara at C- this morning on an errand. Jason rode down with her expecting to go to Xenia to the examination for entering the high school, but finding the train did not go out until eleven he did not go – he & Clara both here helping me with the work. Wm & Harry busy. Mr Mc and Clayton around all day. Near noon Homer & Alvie Orr left for Springfield – This eve it was our pleasure to have Mr Edd McGowen and Jennie Morton -- & Miss Prof Anderson and her Mother (who is here on a visit from her home near Wooster [?]) & Mr Chas Ward here for tea and to spend the evening with us – Homer did not get home until late Prof S- was to have come with him but did not. We had a very pleasant evening indeed – Harry & Wm at C- this eve. This was Florences birthday – had she lived she would have been ten years old.

5" April. Sabb. A beautiful day. This is "Easter Sunday" Homer Clara & Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church and so was I. I called for Aunt Jane and went in to speak to

grandmother Murdock as I past. Mr Mortons text "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not but saith unto him Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" After preaching Jason went down with Aunt Mary to grandmother Murdock's. Harry went with the folks from the tenant house to Bowersville – home again after dark. In their absence most of the work rested on Clayton – he and Paul at home to day. This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting – Jason came back with Homer – Clayton & I had our Bible reading this eve. Pauls lessons heard. This is Jasons birthday. We do not forget it.

6" April Monday. A beautiful day. Homer at the College this A.M.—but waited in C- on account of the election – Mr Mc in C- this morning and back again this afternoon – he & Clayton had a horse trade with some one passing this morning [illegible] pays I think, Wm & Harry at C- to vote this morning. Lucy Mary Worley came and began work here this morning – for the summer – "Long may she wave" This afternoon she washed quite collection of fine sheets table cloths & for us this P.M. This Eve Harry and Clayton at C- Homer did not come out this eve but stayed for the meeting of the Society at the College.

7" April Tuesday. A nice day. Homer at the College this A.M. & home in time for dinner. Clayton began plowing & broke the "Babb plow" before he had worked very long. Wm & Harry busy Old George Hoglin husking and with us to day and to night as he is out of a home. Mr William Wildman called. Simon Peter Debsis [?] here this morning. This afternoon he went to town to see grandmother Murdock – Homer went with me and stopped up at Alvie Orrs. Aunt Mary & Bell are both cleaning house – Clara was busy at her lessons. Mrs Hill is still at Aunt Janes – Aunt Matt is not any better. This Eve Homer at his lessons – the rest of us here. Jason stopped School yesterday – Miss Owens is a poor excuse as a teacher. Lucy busy – I ironed all A.M. – Paul out with Clayton in the field most of the time and with Lucy while I was away.

8" April Wed. A nice day. Mr Mc and Clayton at Charleston – Clayton there in wagon Mr Mc in buggy – They did not get home until near dark. The men all busy. Wm & Harry & Jason George H- nearly finished the husking. Paul around as usual. This morning Homer met with a bad accident when driving Polly down to College – the holding back strap broke and she became unmanageable – began kicking – finally threw him out of the buggy & ran off – but fortunately fell down and was caught by two men that were near. When Homer was found he was in a bad shape. When he fell his foot caught and he was dragged a little distance his shoulder blade was dislocated – Mr Robert Harper took him in his buggy to Dr. Nisleys office – Uncle Joe was called in and helped the Dr put his shoulder in shape – Alvie Orr came to the office and remained with him awhile and like the good Samaritan got his horse and buggy and brought him up home and spent most of the A.M. with him – Wm off duty not being well – but he went to town and brought Uncle Joe out. Uncle Joe at town again on an errand this afternoon. Lucy has been busy ironing. How much we have to be thankful for that Homer was

not killed – so near to death yet spared. This eve Alvie Orr here again – and stayed awhile with Homer. It is dark and sprinkling rain.

9" April. Thurs. Gloomy and a little damp. Wm Harry & Clayton feeding and hauling manure – Jason & Paul around. Mr Mc here all A.M. This afternoon Alvie Orr & Prof Schenck called to see Homer. Dr Nisley here this afternoon and put on new bandages on Homer. Mr Mc did not get home until dark – He and Mr Hollingsworth had a settlement. He spent the afternoon with him at the Holingsworth home near Selma. Jason at Browns this P.M.

10" April A pleasant day but cloudy. Homer rested better last night and seems better to day – Uncle Joe at C- this morning for Lem Blair they were at Jacksons for lumber – they put in a full day cutting a door out of the hall into the parlor – "A large door." Mr Mc around helping to sow grass seed. Lafe T- came in with his horse & buggy Sabbath evening ad continued until this morning – when Alice & children went home with him. Harry & Wm & Clayton & Jason plowing This afternoon I made a hasty trip to C- Clara came home with me. Mr Mc & Mr Canady had a horse trade -- & Polly is gone. Mr Alvie Orr called when passing. Clayton & Jason took [illegible] R- down home. A Pelt trader here to dinner Frank Lamont and Mrs Jones called.

11" April. Sat. A beautiful day. Everyone busy – All were up at an early hour. Uncle Joe at C- and brought Lem Blair out to complete his work in the parlor – He and Uncle Joe busy all A.M. Harry & Clayton sowing oats. Wm & Jason hauling fodder – Near noon Lafe and his team came back from Bowersville. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara left for Springfield – Amid the busy scramble we did not forget that his is dear little Pauls sixth birthday. He has been out with Clayton all day. He took a lunch with him to the field this morning to divide up with Clayton. This Eve we gave him a large white cake for a birthday present he was very liberal to divide with the rest of us. He had it cut and passed around at tea. After dinner Homer took Lemuel Blair home and Prof C- was to have come out with him but did not. Mr Mc and Clara home after dark. Mr Mc took supper with Harlan at Adams – and Clara stopped at Stuarts. Harry took Uncle Joe home this eve.

12" April Sabbath. Warm – a Spring day. The bees and flies on the wing. Clara at home with Lucy W. & Homer – Harry around . Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. I went down for Aunt Jane but she could not go to church as Mrs Hill is gone. I stopped in to speak to grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton's text "Thou has given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." "Selah" – God is our banner & Christ & the truth – We are to display our banner – always show on which side we are – We also should help those to know about Christ & salvation who do not know about this great salvation. After preaching Walter came home with us – he was here to dinner – I would greatly prefer for all my friends to keep to their own homes on Sabbath and not be a stumbling block in the way of others. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the meeting of the juniors – Clara did not go. [illegible] & little son called. Harry at the M. E. church this Eve.

13" April. Monday. Another Warm day. All in a stir this morning – Work work on all sides – Homer took Clara down to School – and brought Uncle Joe out – He has been at his lessons all A.M. At noon he went back for Clara. Noah here and began on his two months term of work – Harry sowing oats in continuance – Wm feeding – Clayton & Jason busy. Mr Mc around – Uncle Joe painting in the parlor – Mrs Worley (Lucys Mother) began house cleaning this morning. We rec'd a letter from Fannie. They are still at Salem halting between there and Pine Bush. We also rec'd a letter from Fred. He is in School – he will graduate this year. Mr Samuel Tarbox is dead – his funeral at two this P.M. Alvie Orr here this afternoon studying with Homer After supper he & Homer were at Selma calling on their friends – Alvie will be her to night – Harry & Jason at C- with the clothes – Clayton called at Thomas Jones but he was not at home.

14" April. Tuesday. A warm bright day. Homer resumed School again this morning – has taken his bandages off – he rode down with Alvie and came back with Clayton this afternoon when he was at the shop – Mrs Worley here cleaning house to day. Uncle Joe painting in the parlor – Noah brings his dinners and is not counted here – he & Jason hauling manure all day. Mr Mc around this eve looking up sheep shearers for tomorrow – Homer at his books this eve – Alice from the tenant house called. [illegible] Phillips called to see Jason.

15" April Wed. A warm day. Wm, Harry & Clayton plowing across the creek. Noah hauling feed – Walter here shearing Jason helping around. Lucy & I getting the three back rooms ready for cleaning to day & attending to the cooking Uncle Joe putting the meat down in ashes. Mr Mc here & there all A.M. Homer drove down to College this morning and went to Springfield with Alvie Orr this afternoon Clara came home in his buggy with the pony, Prince, and he was on a high and brought her home in short notice When she came to Browns Corner She could not turn him in this direction so he took the Clifton around around by Henesy Kyles home – Clara was very much put out with his bad conduct – but Prince did not seem to mind that – This afternoon father took quite a drive in the vicinity of Selma to find Thomas [?] Jones – at last reached him – he is to come here to shear tomorrow. Walter and Clayton at C- this eve – Uncle Joe calling at the tenant house. Homer is staying with Alvie to night. Clara her at her lessons.

16" April. Thurs. A warm bright day. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe around. Wm, Harry and Clayton plowing. Noah hauling feed. Mr Mc at C- & completed the lumber trade with S. K. Mitchel. His men began cutting the walnut trees this afternoon – Walter & Jones & Jason shearing. Mrs Worley finished cleaning the three back rooms to day. Everything to be put in its place yet. Clara drove down to the College this morning – and Homer came back alone at noon. This P.M. he went back to C- on an errand and came back and attended the Wildmans Social (Mr Wm W's) in company with his Selma friend to night. Alvie Orr & co there too. We are all tired to night Walter with us to night he drove out awhile this Eve. Lucy busy at her work all day.

17" April Friday. A warm bright day. Paul began going bare footed this morning and is very happy. Jason brought Mrs Worley Lucys Mother down – She is cleaning the bed room and sitting room to day. Walter and Jason finishing the sheep shearing. Harry Wm & Clayton plowing Noah feeding Homer at College this A.M. – home again at noon. He and Mr Mc at Charleston this P.M. Mr Mc called at Mr Henry Batemans – Walter here until after supper. This eve I took Lucys Mother home and made a short call at Will McS. This afternoon Clayton at C- on an errand – He saw Clara and he went back after her this eve. It is 20 years to day since grandfather Murdock was buried.

18" April Sat. A warm bright day. Mr Mc busy all day long looking after things. Uncle Joe painting the sitting room. Wm Harry & Clayton all busy plowing. Noah absent this A.M. After an early dinner Homer & Clara left for Springfield and did not get back until after dark. They are at their lessons to night. Harry took Uncle Joe home. We have had a busy day. I cleaned the sitting room cupboard.

19" April Sabbath. A nice day. Homer Clayton & Paul and Clara at Sabbath School. When I went with them and called for Aunt Jane out she did not go – Our old church is undergoing some repairs – and we met in the hall do day. Mr Mortons text "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come that were ready to perish in the land of Assyria" Jason was not at Sabbath School but he and his father were at church. I was in Mrs Williamsons class for a short time this morning. This eve Homer & Clara & Jason did not go; we are having a nice evening at home.

20" April Monday. A nice day. Homer & Clara at College Home again at noon – This afternoon they are at their lessons. [illegible] man from Springfield at Aunt Bells this A.M. putting down carpets and here this afternoon putting ones down on the parlor & hall & putting up curtains. Lucy and I both busy. This morning Uncle Joe brought out Homers conveyance and went to painting at noon he went down and brought them back – Everything going on nicely. Mr Mc around all day. This Eve after supper Uncle Joe and I at C- I called to see grandmother She is not well. Aunt Mary went with me to Stuarts to look at wallpaper. This Eve Homer and Clara at the Society at the College. Homer on debate – Clara on declamation Subject "The [illegible] woman"

21" April Tuesday. A beautiful day. Homer & Clara started early to College – and Clara stopped at Stuarts and made the selection of wallpaper – Clayton went down and brought it out and Mr Britton was here and papered the bed room upstairs & hall – He was here to dinner. Homer and Clara home at noon. Uncle Joe finished painting the sitting room, white. Mr Mc around all day. Everyone busy. It is quite damp today as it rained very heavy last night. This eve Homer & Prof Schenck at the close of the Theological Seminary in Xenia. Dr. McMichel of Monmouth there.

22" April. Wed. A nice day indeed – College suspended to day for the students to spend on beautifying the grounds. Clara busy at home all A.M. – And this afternoon she and her father at Springfield for the "last" for the parlor and hall. Harry & Jason in the field at work harrowing all day. Clayton has taken Jasons place to day – he is looking after the stock & milking. Wm & Noah busy Uncle Joe helping every one along with their work. Mrs Worley her to day again finishing the kitchen & whitewashing it – Homer went to the work on the College grounds took dinner with Prof S- and came home at four – After supper, he and his Selma company attended Byron Kings lecture at the friends church – Mr Mc and Clara returned after dark in the moon light from Springfield. Clara took tea at Mrs Stuarts – and Mr Mc at Adams's with Harlan. This eve Clayton Lucys mother home – and Harry and Jason at C- for a brief errand – We moved the boys & Harry to the back room for the summer – and have changed things a little. Uncle Dan here awhile.

23" April Thurs. The A.M. pleasant this afternoon quite a shower – Mr Mc around all day. Uncle Joe at C- this forenoon on an errand. Homer at Selma this morning to see Dr Byron King he met him at Calverts – he came home and went down to College and met him again in C- This eve King was to speak in Clifton and H0mer took him across in his buggy. Homer took dinner and supper with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Clara at home to day – did not feel very well and did not go back to College. On last night Henry [Blank] late of I do not know where stopped with us and is here to day – he cleaned the yard – was faithful all day long. Mrs Worley here and finished house cleaning – She has been with us seven days – and yet there is very much more that might be done. Mr Mc around looking after the lambs all day. Wm, Harry & Noah & Clayton & Jason all busy. This afternoon Aunt Bell and Blanch called – quite a heavy shower this eve.

24" April. Friday. A beautiful day – but cool after the shower. Mr Mc at Xenia to day at Brysons sale – he went and came alone. Homer and Clara at College this A.M> -- home again at noon. Lucy and I very busy. This afternoon she went with Uncle Joe to C- Her bro & sister here with her to day to dinner – Harry, Noah & Wm & Clayton and Jason busy. Paul helping take care of the lambs – Our man from off the pike – Henry – put in a full day cleaning up – he began painting the screen doors. This P.M. Alice & the children called – Homer at C- for the mail Prof Schenck came home with him here for tea – He and Homer took Clara to Williamson to the Chris. E. Social and made some calls in a different direction calling for her & bringing her home at the close of the Social.

25" April Sat. A beautiful day. Our good man left us this morning – he was missing – and that was all we knew. He was certainly a blessing to us. I know I am sorry to loose him. Four Sheep Shearers from the vicinity of Charleston here to day. We had them with us to dinner. Noah came into dinner too. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason & Paul all here. Prof Schenck with us too – This afternoon he & Homer went to Springfield -- & Clara went to Wilberforce with Miss Prof Anderson & Jennie Morton to a game of base ball. Cedarville College boys – against

Wilberforce. Clara did not get back until past dark. Our men here to supper. Harry took Uncle Joe down home. What a busy rushing time this week has been. Our rest has not come yet. Uncle Dan called this A.M. There were only three men here shearing. Wm & Alice at Xenia this P.M.

26 April Sabbath. A beautiful Sabbath day. Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at the hall at Sabbath School and preaching. Homer and Prof S- at the U. P. Church and came back here – Mr Mc not feeling well to day and did not go to church – I stayed at home to let Lucy attend the baptizing service at Courtsville – Harry around. Dinner ready when they came from church – This P.M. – reading & Jason went down after preaching to day to grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Marys and came home with Clayton from the meeting of the Juniors this eve – Prof S- rode down with Homer & Clara when they went to the six O'clock meeting of the Chris Endeavor at the prayer meeting room – Prof S- did not attend it but went home. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. This eve Pauls lesson heard.

27" April. Monday. Another nice day. Homer and Clara went down to College this morning and Clara remained. Uncle Joe came out at noon with Homer. Wm & Clayton at Springfield for potatoes – Mr Mc went up at a later hour in the buggy alone – Wm here a little after dark – Mr Mc and Clayton were on a horse trade with Mr Carson Harlan still holding forth there – Mr Mc and Clayton took supper with him at Adams's. Mr Mc invested Mrs [illegible] five dollars for a hand finished – highly polished rocking chair to day. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- with the clothes for Mrs P- and brought Clara out. This A.M. the pony got away from Jason and threw him out of the rig and Jason sprained his ankle – he began kicking and broke the shafts off and to pieces he ran until he broke the harness up. Jason is in bed this P.M. Paul started out with Jason but happened not to go far – and fortunately avoided the wreck. Homer taking care of the sheep and lambs this P.M. This Eve he went to C- and Homer right away came back from C- when he went down this eve to the office.

28" April Tuesday A fine day. Our three sheep shearers to day again. Lucy and I busy. Homer and Clara went down to College this morning – Clara remained in C- & Homer came out at noon. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around. Jason keeping to his chair to day. Lucy and I busy. After dinner I made a hasty trip to C- Our men here to supper. This Eve Homer and Alvie Orr joined teams to help grade up the base ball grounds – Homer home and went back to C- a little while. Clayton & Wm S- at C- this Eve. Clara is at Mr Thomas Crawford's to night at a party.

29 April Wednesday. Another nice day. Homer at College this A.M. Clara came out with him at noon Our three sheep shearers here this A.M> again – and this afternoon two more of their crowd came and they finished the sheep – all of our sheep – in time for supper. Harry & Wm & Clayton busy. A heavy shower this P.M. Clayton went to mill. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul around Jason reading most of the day. Aunt Bell called this morning and got our late parlor carpet to "decorate" the hall for the District Convention tomorrow. After supper (this Eve)

Homer took me down to town on a little errand. Grandmother Murdock not well. Quite a number of the W.C.Y.H. delegates came in this eve.

30<sup>th</sup> April. Thurs. Quite a beautiful day. Homer and Clara at College this forenoon. Clara remained in town. At ten O'clock Uncle Joe took me down to the District W.C.Y.H. Convention in session at the hall. I only remained a few minutes when I went down and stayed with grandmother – leaving Mary to dine with the ladies at the Orr building & enjoy the meeting. Clara stopped to wait on the tables and take dinner and came and stayed with grandmother this afternoon. I attended the meeting this afternoon and took supper with them and attended the evening meeting. Clayton and Jason there – Clara & Jennie M- with grandmother. Homer came down in the Surrie for Clara and me – we also brought two of the delegates out home with us Mrs M. W. Pentoney and Mrs [Blank space] both of Dayton and like some of the women in the New Testament they are eminent for godliness and good works. Mr Mc too busy to attend the convention – he was at home all day looking after the work. Harry & Wm & Clayton busy. Noah absent. Paul getting ready to do a great many things. Our fence man began making a fence around the garden. Wm plowed it to day. Lucy in charge of the home -- & cooking. This is the last day of April. I never noticed a month go by so swiftly.

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1<sup>st</sup> May. Friday. A beautiful day. All up in good time - Our delegates breakfasted at a later hour with Homer and Clara and I Mr Mc was away looking after lambs - and sent in his apology which was accepted. They went down with Homer and Clara when they went to College - I left Lucy in charge again and went along too - and spent the day but not at the Convention but with grandmother Murdock. She is very weak and not at all well. Every thing about her seems to say I will not be with you long. Fern lay there on the refter all day as she is not well. I called to see Aunt Jane Aunt Matt is still sitting in the shadow. This afternoon I went up to the hall a few minutes to say good by to Mrs Pentoney & Mrs [blank space] This afternoon Clara at the ball grounds and helped to wait on the delegates at supper - The Convention closed this eve and most of the delegates went away on the train. Homer came to town this afternoon and took Clara and me home. Then went back to town again - On last night a german stopped with us and he began cutting potatoes this morning will be here for a short time. Mr Mc at Selma this A.M. and back again this P.M. Tommy and Noah and Clayton and Jason & Uncle Joe all on duty. Paul around home to day too.

2<sup>nd</sup> May Sat. Our german and Homer & Uncle Joe cutting potatoes Wm Harry & Noah - and our boys Clayton & Jason all busy. Mr Mc here- Paul around all day. I done the ironing today. Clara planted her flower seeds- sweet peas and all to day. Lucy busy. This afternoon her sister Effie here. Late this P.M. (after three o'clock) Homer went to C- and he & Prof Schenck went to the Springs - when they came back Homer went with him to the Crain house for supper. Homer back home in good time Harry took Uncle Joe down.

3" May Sabb. A beautiful day. Mr Morton at Cincinnati to day. Homer and Clara and Harry & the German at home. Mr Mc and Clayton, Jason and Paul and I at the old side church - Rev Sprowls text - And the word of the Lord came "Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all of my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spoke unto David thy father", There is a great reward in keeping the commandments of God. As we came home I called in to speak to grandmother and Mr Mc called to speak to Aunt Matt & Aunt Jane. Jason stayed at grandmothers and came home with Clayton from the young folks meeting. Lucy went home this morning - Clara had the dinner ready when we came home. I heard Pauls lesson this afternoon - Homer & Clara did not go to the young folks meeting this evening. I do wish we could all get past taking the hours of the Sabbath to sleep and "rest up-" quite so much as we sometimes do- I wish we could remember that there is a blessing in the keeping of the Sabbath- blessings both for time and for eternity. "Every one has a responsibility for the keeping of the Lord's day as it should be kept." Every one of us must give an account of our faithfulness- or of our neglect.

4" May. Monday. Most a beautiful day. We began planting corn to day. Mitchels men taking off the walnut trees back of the old barn. Wm Harry Noah & Clayton and Jason busy. Paul went on an errand for me to Will Mcs. Uncle Dan here awhile this A.M. Homer & Clara at College- Homer left Clara in town & came back bringing Uncle Joe with him. The man [blank] from near Clifton here working on the garden fence. Mr Harry Taverner & two little sons from Clifton with us to dinner This afternoon Homer and Clayton took the colts [?] to the Bateman pasture Mr Mc there too- All home for supper Homer and Clara at a meeting of the society of the college to night. Clara was in town all day & came out with Homer to night - Clara was on debate tonight. Womens voting was the subject of debate. A man from up the pike here for lunch to day.

5 May. Tuesday. Another nice day. Homer and Clara at College & home in time for dinner. Uncle Joe finished putting up the screens. I made a waist for Paul - Mr Mc at town this afternoon to make arrangements for lumber to help with the garden fence - Clayton Jason at town with wood for Aunt Jane and they brought the lumber out. Lucy busy all day - and so have all been This Eve Homer at C- and bought Prof Schenck - after tea Homer took him up to see his Selma friends. Harry & Wm and "Lafe" and Clayton at C- this eve- Prof S - back here to night - Clara [illegible] called.

6" May. Wed. A beautiful day. Prof S- went down with Homer to College. Clara rode down with Uncle Dan and came back with Homer at noon. Mitchels men finishing taking off the trees. Wm & Harry & Noah and Clayton and Jason & Paul all busy cultivating and working among the sheep This afternoon Homer went down to C- & remained there while Clara and I went over to the Springs - we we found Mrs Currine out at her sisters - When we came to C - I called to see grandmother and Homer came out home with us. Homer took supper with Prof S - Uncle Joe began painting up stairs in the front room. We did not get home until dark. Clara took Lucy up to see her Mother they were gone only a short time. The German busy.

7" May. Thurs. A beautiful day. I went to town with Homer and Clara when they went down to College and came back with them at noon. I have my black skirt being made over. I called at Aunt Janes and Mr Mortons and the rest of my time with grandmother. Clayton and Lafe and Mr Mc at Clifton for sheep - The german cleaning up around the barn Wm Harry Noah, Clayton & Jason busy. Paul around. Lafe here to dinner, Uncle Joe at his painting up stairs. This P.M. Lucy's Mother & Sister called. This Eve Homer and Clara in C- and Clayton and Jason went along to attend a business meeting of the juniors.

8" May Friday - A beautiful day. I left at an early hour this morning for Springfield. Homer & Clara went with me and stopped off at the College - Aunt Bell went with me - We called at Mrs Stuarts and Maggie went with us to help make our selections. We took our dinner at Adams but missed having Harlan with us as he did not get in for an hour - we met him on the street - we also met him as we came home - Homer & Clara in town all day. They took dinner and supper at grandmothers. We did not reach town until dark. Clayton in C- on an errand to day - Uncle Joe and Paul there too - Paul getting his hair cut. Wm & the German and Harry all busy. Clayton Jason and Mr Mc on the run all day. They went to Selma for shelled corn this P.M. Lucy in charge of the home.

9" May Sat. Warm to day. Noah settled up this morning and Mr Mc gave him his discharge - Wm at the planting - Harry & the German plowing. Clayton and Jason harrowing. This afternoon Homer and Prof Schenck at Y. Springs. home at C- at dark - Uncle Joe finished painting the front bed room to day. Mrs Worley here and purchased the buggy - "No 2" Alice and the children here this P.M. I finished hemming the napkins to day. Lucy at the work. Clara fixing her dresses and at her lessons. Paul around all day. This Eve Mr Mc getting the sheep ready for Moorman Monday morning- The Selma pump man here repairing pump. Harry took Uncle Joe home.

10" May Sabb. Warm & dry. Homer and Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. We were back to the old church to day. Mr Mortons text- And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived." After preaching Mr Mc and I called down to see Aunt Jane and Matt. I stopped in with grandmother a minute- Harry & the german around home to day Clayton and Jason at the meeting of the juniors. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting Lucy away all day back again this eve. I heard Pauls questions Clayton & Jason read their chapt this eve - the lesson for next Sabbath. Rev Ramsey & co at church today.

11" May Monday. Mr Mc & Clayton Jason Paul & Homer and [illegible]- helping with the sheep to C- for Mr Moorman - All back again at ten oclock. The german cleaning the calf house. Lucy busy. This afternoon Mr Hoode late of N.Y. and wife called - Mr Moorman here to see sheep - This afternoon we were surprised at the clouds gathering and emptying them selves on the earth- it began to be right dry & the people like the children of Israel were beginning to Murmur and fear that God would forget to send rain - We dishonor Him when we fail to trust Him in every thing. The men came in from the fields and were off duty. Homer went down to the base ball this P.M. Clara went down in the Lorrie [translator note: horse drawn wagon]

alone & will stay in C - to night - Uncle Joe came out in it - This Eve Clayton took me to town we had several errands to do. A letter came from Mrs Prof Mc inviting us to come and visit them time of the Commencement. It is the 11" of June this year and Fred will graduate - I can scarcely realize it - yet I am glad that it is true –

12" May. Tuesday. A damp day - had another shower but the men worked on. Wm Harry & Clayton and Jason all busy. Uncle Joe began painting the doors in the hall - Homer at College this A.M. Clara came out with him in time for dinner. This afternoon Homer helping get out the Moorman sheep. We put down the carpet in the front room upstairs and Homers room and Uncle Joes three in all. Lucy busy helping all she could. Uncle Joe put down his own. This Eve Jason & Paul took Lucy up home. Homer at C - for a short time. What a busy day we have had.

13" May Wed. All up at an early hour Homer Paul and Clayton helping their father out with sheep for Mr Moorman to Selma - 64 head - sold 4 - 3 - & two per lb - Times are surely hard. Clara went down to College this morning - I went with her and came back with her at town spent my time with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Matt - & Mr Mc and I back at noon. Two of the telegraph men here to dinner. This afternoon Lucy and Clara and I very busy. Uncle Dan called. Harlan passing from Springfield to Pitchin called - & took supper with Mr Mc and Homer. This Eve Homer & Prof Schenck at Elders in the vicinity - will be back with Homer to night - I have been ironing all afternoon. Our German began white washing the fences along the pike this morning - This P.M - a heavy shower. Harry & Will at C –

Thursday. 14" May. It is just five years this morning since Fannie was married - A letter came yesterday telling us she and Donald and Malcolm would be here in two weeks. Sometimes I am tired of having them so far away. Prof S - here for breakfast and went down with Homer and Clara to the College. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia - I have put in this P.M. ironing - I called at the little house to see Grace - the german whitewashing and planting seeds this P.M. Uncle Joe painting in the hall. Harry, Wm & Clayton & Jason busy. Paul around - A shower this P. M. again. Homer & Clara home in time for dinner. Mr Mc home at dark - This Eve Homer and Clara at a business meeting at the College or at Prof McChesneys [illegible] Lucy up home awhile- Alice called.

15" May. Friday. A lovely day. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara and I left for Springfield. Clara getting a hat - I called at Mrs Morgans for my silk waist - Mr Mc took supper with Harlan & Clara & I at Mrs Stuarts - we had a nice ride home but were very tired. Homer at College this A.M. and he and Prof S. at the Base ball contest at Wilberforce this P.M. Uncle Joe and the german & Wm & Harry & Clayton Jason and Paul farming painting and whitewashing. Lucy in the kitchen. This Eve Clayton and Paul took her up home.

16" April Sat. A nice day. Mr Mc and Clayton Paul & Homer helping with sheep. Clara at her books. After an early dinner Uncle Joe and I took Lucy Worley over to Jamestown and made arrangements for Mrs Sidney Huff - to come home with Mr Worley on tomorrow Eve in Lucys place - We got back to C- Uncle Joe stopped off there - and I came home alone and drove up to

see Mrs Worley - Mr Mc & Harry getting the hogs ready for pasture. Clara keeping house this P.M. and at her lessons. This eve Clayton and Clara at C- This eve Harry & Wm and Jason in C- they brought Claras trunk out. This afternoon Homer and Prof. Schenck at Springfield and took supper with Harlan - Prof S- came home with Homer and is here to night.

17" May. Sabbath. A nice day. Prof S- went down to church with Homer. Clara, Clayton Jason & Paul at Sabbath School and church - Mr Mc and I at church- Mr Mortons text Afterwards he brought me again unto the door of the house and behold water issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house stood toward the east and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, at the south side of the "altar." This great river is a figure by which the church is portrayed. We are indebted to God for all blessings both temporal & spiritual. Every one of Gods promises are drafts and checks on the bank of heaven. After preaching Jason went with Aunt Mary to grandmother Murdocks. Homer went home with Prof S- and remained until young folks meeting. Clayton took Clara to the young folks meeting and Jason came back with him from the meeting of the juniors. I heard Pauls lesson This Eve Mrs Sidney Huff - stopped off here as Mr Worley passed from the Jamestown meeting Mrs S- occupying Lucys room - I have tried hard to keep this Sabbath day - Indeed I am afraid to be careless about the keeping of this day.

18" May. Monday. A nice day. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer and Clara at the College. Came back at noon - Uncle Joe came with them. Aunt Sidney H- began work this morning. Wm Harry Clayton and Jason plowing & harrowing Our german white washed this A.M. replanting this P.M. Paul around all day. This afternoon Clayton at mill. Homer at C- again this P.M. to recite his piece to Prof S- home in time for supper - and at his books to night. Clayton took supper at grandmothers.

19" May. Tuesday. Pleasant after the rain last night - We had another shower this afternoon. Harry sick - he is off duty to day. Harry in bed all day. Wm & his nephew at work to day again Clayton and Jason busy. Our german hard at work replanting Mr Mc around all day. Just at noon John Cornwell's man landed with the Majestic range - quite a surprise. He was here for dinner after dinner the Iron wrought Range was taken out and the Majestic set in. This Eve Homer got C- to recite his piece to Schenck. I went along to see grandmother and to attend to some errands. We were home in time for supper - what a busy day we have had - but people are busy every where and it is right we should be busy.

For we have only a little while to work -But a long long time to rest.

A party at Ella Brattons to night - Clara and Blanch are going - Homer & Clara went down to College this morning - Clara remained in C- and Homer came back at noon.

20" May. Wed. A nice day. Homer was out of College to day. As he went with Uncle Joe to Xenia to help him select a suit - they were at home in time for dinner - Prof Schenck rec'd a dispatch to come home that his father was very low - Homer took him to Xenia to the evening train. His home is at Mours, Iowa. Wm & Harry & Jason busy at the plowing and planting. Clayton at

Springfield to day for Green Mountain potatoes - did not get home until this evening. Mr Mc around all day. Paul around too. I have been busy giving the finishing touch to the rooms up stairs and down- The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met in our church Mr Mortons - at half past seven this evening Sermon by Rev Jas D. Steel. Text But ye shall receive power after the holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Quite a good sermon and a appreciative audience. Mr Mc went with Clayton and Jason and me to town but did not get up to the church until the close of the meeting - the rest of us there. Clara there - Mr Crawford of Duaneburg N.Y. came home with us. Glad to have back to our home again. Homer did not get back from X- until eleven. We had quite a heavy shower this Eve- Uncle Joe taking care of Paul in our absence. Aunt Sidney at the work to day.

21" May. Thursday Mr Crawford went down to the Synod when Homer went to the college- Mr Mc and all his force busy. This afternoon I went down with Homer when he was going back to C- he came home to dinner as usual- He was at the Synod awhile and over at the College grounds I went to grandmothers awhile- and Aunt Jennette and I walked up to the College Synod - were there awhile It was damp after the heavy shower It came on us with all fury and we went down this after noon. Mr Crawford taking tea at Lizzie Gs- Homer and I came home to tea - After which Homer went back to town to attend the meeting of Philo Soc. Quite a number of the Synod in attendance. Clara gave a declaration "Munford's pavement"[?]. Clayton went down to the meeting and brought Mr Crawford back - Homer came about the same time. William off duty this afternoon He and Uncle Joe putting down the floor of the tenant house - they kept on at the good work until late to night.

22" May. Friday. Notwithstanding the dampness Wm Harry at work plowing The german working in the garden. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason at the Charleston pasture with sheep. Uncle Joe at the little house hammering away until noon - This afternoon he is planting pumpkin seeds. Aunt Sidney ironed Mr Crawford with us - he went back to the meeting when Homer went down to the College. Homer back at noon and this afternoon he left in the carriage for Springfield - Mr Mc and Clayton & Jason back from the pasture at tea time - This afternoon Blanch brought Clara up on an errand and Mrs Abott came with them. Mr Mc Clayton and Jason at the church - The young folks claim this evening - Quite a number fine addresses - I would like to have gone but too busy. Mr Crawford and Mr McClellan came back with Mr Mc Clara came out with Clayton & Jason About this time Homer returned from Springfield bringing Harlan & Maggie & Sadie with him - we were certainly glad to have them.

23" May Sat. A nice day. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe and Clayton & Jason busy cutting rye - plowing and planting. Warner Hamilton finished making the fence along the pike and the german has been busy whitewashing to day - Homer took Mr Crawford and McClellan to the meeting of Synod & remained - Harlan & Maggie & Sadie & Clara there Mr Crawford & McClellan remained to dinner in town & the rest all came home to dinner - This afternoon Harlan & Homer & the girls & I at town I attended the meeting and the rest of the folks at the Base ball grounds. I was at

grandmothers quite a little while this Eve - Mr Crawford & all of us back to tea and with us to night - We had a letter from Fannie - Mrs Wheeler is dead. We also rec'd the glad news that Fannie and Donald & Malcolm will be here next Wednesday - How long I have looked forward to their coming and now they are almost here - Mr Crawford and Sadie & Maggie and Clara & Mr Mc and Harlem & Homer & Jason and Paul are having quite a pleasant evening around the camp in the parlor to night.

24" May Sabb. Most a lovely day indeed - All of our company and family & servants sat for worship around the breakfast table in the back sitting room this morning. Harry at Clifton. Aunt Sidney and Paul at home - The german around. Mr Mc and Mr Crawford & Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason & Maggie & Sadie Stuart at Church - I was at Sabbath School - a short time. This was a grand day at our church. The church filled up with delegates and strangers. Rev Wm Wylie of Philadelphia preached text "And the evening and the morning were the first day." After preaching Jason went down to grandmothers. Mr Crawford & Sadie & Maggie & Harlan all home with us. Mr Savage came out with us - he was with us to dinner This afternoon as we were gathered under the shade in the front lawn Rev Mr Crawford read one of Talmages sermons aloud "A Snowy Day" "He went down and slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day," 1 Chron 11:22. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting Jason there too they waited until after the Christian Endeavor meeting at the church - Mr Mc & Mr Savage & Crawford and Maggie and Sadie and Harlan Homer and Clara at the meeting - Addresses by Rev Waters & Mr Yates Parks & others - Aunt Sidney & the german and I here alone - The folks did not get home until late - we had a lunch after they came back.

25" May Monday. Raining last night - All up at an early hour After breakfast - and worship - Mr Mc left with Harlan & Maggie Stuart & Sadie for Springfield - he was home here by noon again - It rained so hard that Clara did not go down to College but left Mr Crawford to go down with Homer when he went to the College this morning. Work on the stand still to day. Homer at home this P. M. in time for supper - Uncle Joe came out with him- Mr Mc at the meeting of Synod this P.M. in time to hear them the last half hour. Mr Crawford came out with him. all here for tea. The Society met at the College to night - Clara & Homer and Clayton and Jason and I there yes and Mr Mc too - A great many of the delegates and visitors at the meeting. Mr McQuilkin came out with us to night to visit with Mr Crawford - German left to day.

26" May Tuesday. A nice day after the rain. Mr Crawford and Mr McQuilkin went to town - and to the College & Homer and Clara went with them to the College - Mr [illegible] stopped off at the Synod - Homer and Clara home at noon - I have been busy getting ready for our company. This afternoon Clara at C - on a brief drive for ice - she was here taking charge of affairs while Mr Mc and I went down to the meeting of Synod - We brought Rev Wm Gaily[?] & Mr Crawford out with us & Rev James Steel brought Rev John Kendal & Mr Yates with him All here to tea. Homer was at the Springs this P.M. - with some of the boys drilling for Contest - he reached here in time for tea. Rev Matthew Gaily[?] invited but could not come - so also was Rev Dr Steel but could not come - both of them were invited to Mortons and were there. This Eve We left

Paul at home with Uncle Joe & Harry & Sidney - & Mr Mc and Homer Clara Clayton and Jason attended the dedication of the Cedarville College - The exercises held in front of the building We sat in our carriage and could hear nicely - Dr Steel & a U.P. Minister & several of our own men helped with the speaking. We did not get home until late to night We had quite an interesting meeting this afternoon at the Synod over sixteen hundred dollars was raised - Mr Crawford is with us to night.

27<sup>th</sup> May. Wednesday. Quite a beautiful day. Homer and Clara went down to College - Mr Crawford went with them and stopped off at the Synod. Mr Mc and Paul and I left at an early hour for Charleston - to meet Fannie she and Donald and Malcolm and Dr McKenzie get off the express there - They left N.Y. yesterday - The Dr came down with Fannie & the children and spent the day with us. After we were through with our dinner Clara & Homer came back from College bringing Mr McQuilken with them. After they finished their dinner Harlan stopped when he was on his route from Clifton to Pitchin and had his dinner here too We were glad to see Harlan -This Afternoon Homer went to C- to help some of the boys for contest and make arrangement for their social to night - Mr Crawford came back in the buggy alone and spent the rest of the afternoon with us. He was anxious to see Fannie. This Eve he and Clara drove up to Warries for strawberries - He and Dr McKenzie and Fannie and her boys here with the rest of us for tea. After tea Clara took Dr McKenzie to the six oclock train he goes to the meeting of the general assembly there - She staid in C- for this Social and came out at a late hour with Homer. Mr Crawford & Mr Mc at C- a few minutes and brought Fannies trunk out - Mr Crawford with us to night. Homer took tea at Uncle Silas's.

28<sup>th</sup> May. Thurs. A beautiful morning. Mr Crawford bid us all good bye and left on the morning train for his home in Duanesburg N.Y. He went down with Homer and Clara when they went to College - We had our family prayer in the front parlor before he went away. Fannie & Donald and Malcolm around all A.M. After noon. Uncle Dan called - Homer and Clara home at noon - Homer away again this P.M. Clara went back to town when Mr Mc took Fannie & Donald and Malcolm to see the folks. Paul went along. They all took supper with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary - they did not get home until dark - The men all busy to day. Homer away this P.M - home in time for supper - This afternoon I called to see Mrs Worley - also at the tenant house. Homer at his books to night.

29 May. Friday. A nice day. Homer and Clara at the College - Mr Mc at home and at Selma. Warner Hamilton at his fence - Wm & Harry & Clayton & Jason busy. Paul at [illegible] this P.M - and at home this afternoon - Uncle Joe went to C- with Homer & Clara this A.M. and went to Xenia - home again a little past noon. Fannie & Donald and Malcolm and I at grand mother Murdock & Aunt Marys- were there to dinner. Homer & Clara there to dinner too. Homer went with Alvie Orr to the Y. Springs this afternoon and took in the Cedarville Commencement of the High School to night and came out with Clayton and Jason who were there. Harry & Will at C- I had quite a busy day finding a dress maker to sew for me. Fannie bought me a black dimity shirt

waist this a.m. This after noon Aunt Bell rode around town with me finally out to Rose Chambers - she offered[?] to do the work for me. We did not get home until late –

30" May. Sat. A nice day. They finished planting corn. Harry & Wm & Clayton and Jason cultivating - Homer and Fannie & Donald & Malcolm at town for grandmother to come but the weather did not suit. We had a shower last night - They were back here to dinner. Aunt Sidney and I busy to day. Clara putting the house in order this P.M. and this afternoon at her lessons. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Charleston and the pasture. This eve Clara and Fannie and [blank] went to the train to meet Dr McKenzie he came up from Xenia he was with us for supper and here to night. The old painter Tom's Floyd here to night. Homer & Clara home from College at noon. Homer at the Y. Springs this afternoon - home early and retired early - Mr Mc home at dark. Clayton & Harry took Uncle Joe home. Lucy & her sister called - we had quite a shower this eve. Dr McKenzie and Mr Mc around the lamp in the parlor.

31" May. Sabb. A little cool after the rain - have had fire in the parlor all day and this eve. Homer and Clara & Dr McKenzie and Clayton & Mr Mc at our church and Donald - Jason & Paul and Aunt Sidney & Harry and Malcolm and I at home. Dr Reynolds preached for Mr Morton to day. Fannie was at church to day also - and took Donald with her - We had dinner ready when they came. Clayton went down to grandmothers after church and came back with Homer and Clara. Clara led the meeting to night. This Eve Dr McKenzie and Mr Mc & I at the U.P. Church. Sermon by Rev Wallace of Pittsburg. Text "the word of the Lord endureth forever." Prof Mc at church to night.

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1" June Monday. Homer and Clara went down to College this morning. Fannie and Donald & Malcolm to Dr. McKenzie to the morning train he goes back to Xenia to a meeting of the assembly They were a little early and Fannie had her father-in-law call to see grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary – All were home at noon – Uncle Joe came out with them. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fannie at Springfield. Home went to the Y. Springs to a game of base ball. Clara kept Donald & Malcolm – This afternoon Uncle Joe is putting out sweet potatoe plants. I went to C- I called at Miss Rose Chambers – my waist will be ready tomorrow. Dr Homan [?] is in C- I had him work a little on my teeth. Wm Harry and Clayton & Jason busy. Clayton at C- at the shop this A.M. Mrs Alex Turnbull buried this P.M. This Eve Homer and Alvie Orr at Selma. Alvie her to night.

2" June. Tuesday. A nice day. When Homer and Alvie went down to College this morning Fannie and Donald went with them to town and went with Aunt Bell on the train to Xenia to the meeting of the Assembly – Fannie had quite a nice day in Xenia – met so many of her friends to day. They all came up at five Clara kept Malcom to day and this Evening Clara and I took Malcom and went down for Fannie – I went out to Miss Chambers for my dimity waist – called to speak to grandmother & Aunt Jane. Clara stayed at Mr Ms to attend the High School banquet with Miss Prof Anderson and Jennie Morton. After supper Mr Mc and Homer went to Charleston to see Mr

Lawn Houston but did not find him. At noon Alvie came back with Homer and he was here to dinner. Homer took him down this afternoon. This Eve Clayton & Jason at town on an errand. Homer called at Mr Harpers to day. The hogs [?], some few are sick.

[**Transcriber note:** At this point another writer takes over responsibility for the daily journal entries because Martha and James left on June 3 for Monmouth, Illinois, to attend the graduation of son Fred from Monmouth College. (The writer is apparently daughter Clara as Martha acknowledges later in her June 17 journal entry, though Clara sometimes refers to herself in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person in the entries she writes.) Martha and James will return on June 16 and Martha will resume writing the journal entries on June 17. While away, Martha keeps her own daily journal of the events during their trip and that brief journal is sewn into the back of the 1896 journal. The transcription for the trip journal is separate from the 1896 journal]

3<sup>rd</sup> June Wednesday. A nice day. Had a shower along about noon. Fannie, Donald & Malcolm came down after Clara this morning. Homer and Father went to Charleston home in time for dinner. Will, Harry, & Clayton plowing. This afternoon Father & Mother left for Monmouth, Ill. for a visit. Clayton & Jason took them to Springfield for the six oclock train. The boys got back about ten. Homer and Clara attended the Musical at College chapel this evening. Sidney busy in the kitchen as usual. Mr Isaac Kitchen died today.

4. June Thursday. A pleasant day. Dr. Mackenzie came up from Xenia on the morning train. Fannie Donald and Malcolm met him. Homer in town arranging for contest this evening, came back in time for dinner accompanied by Alvin Orr. They went back to town this afternoon and Homer stayed till after contest. Jason & Uncle Joe planting peas this fore noon. Clayton, Will & Harry plowing Fannie, Paul, Douglas & Malcolm took me down to contest and got the mail Clayton, Jason also went in their own conveyance. Philo's won a wonderful victory tonight gained vey point.

5. June, Friday. A nice day. Uncle Joe and Will cutting potatoes this morning. This afternoon Will, Harry & Clayton plowing and this morning Clayton & Harry plowing. Jason picking cherries. Fannie, Donald & Malcolm took Dr Mackenzie down to Collins to call and brought him back Pierces station to six oclock train and he went to Xenia took 7 oclock express for New York. Homer in town this morning and brought a Mr. Bert Kitchen back with him to Mr. Kitchens funeral at Selma at ten oclock. Back in time for dinner bringing Mr. Kitchen with him. This after Homer and I went to base ball. Sidney busy.

6<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday. A nice day Will, Clayton, & Harry plowing. Homer went to the pasture up near Charleston home about two. Then went to Springfield for Harlan. Jason picking cherries. Fannie & I put up twenty quarts this after noon Uncle Joe looking after hogs. Clayton & Harry at town this eve.

7. June Sabbath A warm day Fannie Homer, Clayton & Jason at church. Harlan was sick and stayed home. Clara kept care of Malcolm & Donald. Clayton, Homer & Clara went to young peoples meeting this evening.

June 8 Monday. It rained near noon and kept it up the most of the afternoon Homer & Harlan took an early start to Springfield this morning Left about five o'clock. Homer came back to Uncle Silas's for dinner and reached home about two o'clock and went to Selma this evening. Will, Harry & Clayton plowing this forenoon. Jason & Clara picking cherries. Put up eleven quarts of cherries Fannie & Clara together today making thirty quarts all together. Uncle Dan down helping Uncle Joe and the men about the pumps Clara, Fannie Jason, Paul, Donald & Malcolm in the village this evening for the mail

June 9, Tuesday Another rained day Homer to the eleven o'clock train to Pittsburg along with Mr Spence one of the college students from Philadelphia Clara took him down. He goes to attend Kings school of Oratory. Fannie, Paul, Donald & Malcolm went down this morning to stay with Grand mother while Aunt Mary went to Flower Mission at Xenia along with the other W.C.Y.H.'s Will & Harry cutting mullins [?]. Clayton at mill this afternoon and took wood to Aunt Jane. Jason went after Fannie this eve. and remained in town Blanch came out home with her. Sidney busy in the kitchen Clara swept the house over.

June 10 Wednesday. A nice day. Mary McMillan & Lizzie Blair up this morning after Uncle Joe to go to Xenia on business. Fannie and Blanche sewing. Harry hauled posts for the fence man & plowed corn. Clayton & Will plowed corn Clara took Blanche home this eve and brought Uncle Joe home.

June 11, Thursday A lovely day. Clara took Fannie & two children out to Aunt Jenetts and came back to town and she & Jennie Morton & Clara Blair went to Wilberforce commencement. Clayton and Harry plowed corn. Uncle Joe looking after hogs. Paul home with Uncle Joe. Aunt Sidney busy. Clayton at town this eve. brought Charley Galbreath out. Jason also came home with him. Will off duty Alice being sick.

June 12, Friday A nice day. Jason Will & Harry plowing corn but Jason grew weary with his job and slept this after-noon nearly all after-noon. Clayton & Charley looking after sheep this morning and up at Charleston this after-noon seeing sheep. Will & Uncle Joe plowed potatoes this after noon Harry plowed corn. Clara went to town this eve. for mail and to see Aunt Jane. Will & Jason at town this eve. and took Charley down home. Fannie in town this morn.

June 13 Saturday. A nice day but rain this eve. Clayton, Harry & Will plowing. Jason taking it easy as usual. Uncle Joe at Xenia. Clara at town this morn. Jason at town this after-noon and had his horse shod. Aunt Sidney busy. Fannie sewing some.

14 June Sabbath A lovely day Clary & Clayton at Sabbath school & church. Paul went with Uncle Joe to church, Fannie & children at home. Walter came home with us from church and went back with Clayton to young peoples meeting.

15 June Monday A nice day but had a rain in the after-noon Will, clayton & Harry plowing this forenoon. This after tinkering around. Jason sorted sheep in the forenoon. Clara took Aunt Matt a ride this morning. Fannie at home all day. Clayton away on the hunt of Aunt Marys cow but mostly on horse trade. Brought Walter home with him Here alright.

16 June Tuesday A nice day Clara took Aunt Matt for ride this morning. Will & Harry cutting weeds this forenoon. Clayton on a horse trade. Jason acting a fool. Uncle Joe working in the garden. This after-noon Uncle Joe & Harry working in the garden. Clayton & Will cutting weeds Jason took Aunt Mary's cow home. Clara, Fannie and children at town & received telegram from Fred saying Father & Mother would land in Springfield tomorrow morning. Paul at Alices for afternoon. Sidney busy.

[**Transcriber note:** James and Martha return from their trip to Monmouth, Illinois. Martha takes up responsibility for the journal again on June 17]

17" June Wed. A beautiful day – Mr Mc and I are home now – so I begin in this old book where Clara left off – I am sorry she made the omission on the other page – but so let it be. Clara & Paul met us in Springfield – Harlan was at the train with them as we got off – Among the crowds around the train none seemed to look so well to us as they did. We reached home past noon and took a light lunch – And then had supper at an early hour with the family. Fannie and Donald & Malcom and Clayton & Jason and Harry and Aunt Sidney here – On last night we had a grand stay in Indianapolis – left there at six this morning. We found everything going on nicely both in the house and out of it. While our visit was grand we are truly glad to be home again. This is our place – The man from Clifton Warner Hamilton is still here working at fences – One thing we noticed was how fast the weeds grow – The good things must be cultivated – the bad needs no cultivation but spring up of themselves – grow & flourish. Weeds to be rooted up by the roots. It is just two weeks this afternoon since we left home – Although we were well entertained while away and carry home sweet memories of our friends there yet I can not but be glad to be home again – it is here where our work is – it is right here where the great battle of life is to be fought – The time is short. We are very tired must retire early.

18" June Thurs. A beautiful day – when I got up this morning and looked through the home and around I could see so much to do – but as the day wore on I began to see that more was needed to accomplish what was to do than to look and to know and to be willing – Its takes willingness and tact and strength We were busy all forenoon – This afternoon Fannie and Donald and Malcom and Paul & I at town to see grandmother Murdock – she thought I had been away for a long time and I thought so too – I called at Mr Mortons met Prof McChesney

there. He had a Pittsburg daily that said Homer McMillan was to be on the contest there to night – I took Aunt Jane and Matt out a riding – we did not go far – we went past Dunlaps out on that road – We took tea at grandmothers – Riley Littles wife and two children and Mother & Sister came in on the evening train and are stopping at Lizzies – Mr Mc around in his buggy this afternoon – Clara at Selma – Imo [?] R- went with her to call on Mary K- but she was at Clifton at a family reunion – Clara and Imo rode around to the picnic grounds – then back to Selma – then home – Clara came in near dark. George Parrett late of Phil”a with us to night – Wm & Harry Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason busy. Aunt Sidney in charge of the supper & the home.

19” June Friday – A nice day Our man George G- who came last night is with us to day shaping up the walks and weeding in the garden – Uncle Joe busy. Wm Harry & Clayton plowing – A man stopped & sold a number of lbs of [illegible] -- for Cholorea [?] – This A.M. Jason & Paul and Donald washed the buggy. Malcom not feeling well – Etta Mc called to see Fannie and me this morning – Clara at C- and took Aunt Matt riding – she was home again at noon Aunt Jane went along. This afternoon Fannie & Donald and Malcom and Clara at the Y. Springs to see Mrs Currie. They were home again in time for supper This Eve Clara & Clayton at Uncle Silas’s to celebrate Walters 21” Birthday. Quite a good many of the young folks there. Mr Mc at Charleston this PM. – home again at dark – for a “prepared” supper – Calvin called this P.M.

20” June. Sat. All up in good time – Uncle Joe around – Mr Mc and I at Worleys a few minutes this morning – he and Jason in the sheep pen until dinner George G- pulling weeds in the garden. I have been ironing all A.M. Clara helping with dinner. Uncle Dan called – he brought the mail from C. George Smith married last night. In my reading to day these thoughts impressed me – “Accustom your self to speak, move, work in peace, as if you were in prayer – as indeed you ought to be. Listen to the leadings of grace, and say and do nothing that the Holy Spirit does not put into your heart. You will become more tranquil, your words will be fewer and more effectual, and with less effort you will accomplish more good.” This afternoon Aunt Sidney & Effie Worley went with me over to Jamestown Aunt Sidney has been here for five weeks – I took her over to her home as she wishes to take a little vacation. Effie remained over at her sisters – Lucy came back with me and I took her over to her home – I do not know when I felt so much disappointed as I did when we received Freds letter telling us he rec’d a dispatch from Shorts[?] telling him to come at once to his place in Chicago – and that he would not be home this summer – we have been expecting him home just most any time – This news feels like a cloud upon us – we were all so confident he would come – To night life seems very “earnest” indeed. Uncle Joe rode down home with us. I called in to speak to Mrs Bell McMillan as I past there [sic] old home. I did not get home until after night. Harry & George G- in C- to night.

21” June. Sabbath – A nice day. Clara & Clayton & Harry & Gerge at home with Malcom and Donald. Jason & Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and Fannie at church – Mr Morton explained the Psalm – and Prof McChesney preached – this theme the “Prodigal Son.”

This Eve Jason at the childrens meeting – Clayton took Clara at six to the other meeting. I hardly know how this Sabbath has past – It has gone so rapidly – I do not think that many of us keep the Sabbath as sacredly as we should. God is very jealous of the Sabbath day.

Monday. 22 June. A pleasant day. I went to town this morning for a girl but was disappointed – I took Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt out a riding – I went to speak to grandmother Murdock but she was in bed asleep – She is feeling very weak Aunt Mary says – When I came home I drove up to see Mrs Worley. This afternoon she brought her daughter Ella down to stay with us this week – and she took some little sewing up to do for Malcom. This afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia – Fannie left Donald and Malcom here with Clara and went to town to make some calls – She was at Prof McChesneys and took supper with grandmother and Aunt Mary – Neither she nor father got home until dark. Uncle Joe and Paul finished planting beans & sweet corn. George working in the garden Wm Harry & Clayton plowing – Jason around. I called to see Della this morning – also to speak to Alice.

23" June Tuesday. Rain last night and to day again work suspended this A.M. – This P.M. they tried to plow. Uncle Silas & Mollie & Ralph and [illegible] & Jennie here spending the day. They were with us for dinner and supper This afternoon late Jason took Clara down to a five O'clock tea at Mr Mortons. Several girls there. After dark Jason drove down for her. Harry at C- this evening. I have been getting some things ready for Malcom for his visit. I will have to iron them in the morning early. We are tired to night.

24" June. Wed. Pleasant after the rain. I took Fannie & Donald & Malcom out Mr John Collins's this morning to be gone until tomorrow evening – when I came back to C- I stopped with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. I was there to dinner and until after the mails came in this eve – A letter from Homer – he is still going on with his work at Kings School of Oratory in Pittsburg. Harlan going from Clifton to Pitchin on his route stopped here awhile and took dinner. I was sorry we were not all at home – Mr Mc took Harry to Selma this morning – he will be away on a visit for a few days. I called to see Mary Orr as I came home – she is still on the sick list. Wm & Clayton at the corn plowing – and Jason. George cleaning the walks by the porch.

25" June. Thurs. Quite a warm day. Uncle Joe had George out helping me. Wm & Clayton & Jason plowing – This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston and the pasture – did not get home until dark. Uncle Joe went down with Uncle Dan to C- for an hour or so this P.M. A man here for a lunch. I helped him and he helped me. Clara was at the Y. Springs spending the day. Mrs Currie and sister are working the dress Mrs [illegible] sent Clara – She came home past C- & called at the Prof McChesney – he & wife start for Sparta[?] in the morning Fannie & Donald & Malcom got on the train at Percis[?] Station – They had a nice visit at Mr Collins's – they came to Cedarville at five – stopped at Aunt Bells for tea. I ironed to day. Maggie [illegible] here and

helped Ella awhile all of us busy. A letter came from Fred. He went to Chicago this week – He has left Monmouth and taken Chicago for his head quarters

26" June Friday. A lovely day. I done quite a washing, for me, to day Clara sweeping and helping Ella with the work. Malcom not very well Fannie taking care of him & Donald. Uncle Joe & George busy. Wm & Clayton and Jason plowing. Mr Mc around all day. This P.M. he found thirteen of our sheep laying along the track that had been killed with the cars. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. – This Eve Etta McMillan and her baby [illegible] called Rose Archies wife and little Nellie called this eve – Clara at C- this P.M.

27" June. Sat. Stanley here and cut the field of wheat – here for dinner and for supper – Fannie at town this A.M. – and home to dinner – This afternoon she and Mr Mc at Springfield – Clara taking care of Donald & Malcom – Ella and I busy all day long – Harry came home last night from his visit – Uncle Joe and George & Wm Harry and Clayton and Jason all busy. Paul around with his nephews. This Eve Wm & Alice & Harry at C- Clayton took Uncle Joe down – when he came back he & Clara took Ella up home – At a late hour Mr Mc and Fannie returned from S- bringing Mrs Stuart and Harlan with them. I do not know the day when we have felt so tired as to night.

28" June Sabbath Most a lovely day. All up and sat down to breakfast – with company and home folks – men servants, twelve souls in all. We scarcely got to church in time. Mr Mc and Harlan & Clara & Clayton and Jason and I were there. Fannie and Mrs Stuart and Donald, Malcom and Paul at home – so was Harry & George. Mr Mortons sermon text "And when he is come, the Spirit he will reprove the world of sin & of righteousness and of judgement." When the Holy Spirit shines into our hearts and into our Bibles we will see what is there – and there will be a wonderful change in the best of us. This evening the Sr. & Jr. Christian Endeavors had a union meeting. Clara Clayton & Jason there – Harlan went down to see grandmother and Aunt Jane. Last night and this morning I felt wonderfully burdened – the clouds hovered over the kitchen & vicinity – but I record here that we were wonderfully helped there was a light shone down and the clouds scattered and all was peace and a benediction – And to night I feel truly thankful for the help & peace given to us so bountifully.

29" June. Monday. A beautiful day. All up at an early hour and Harlan & Mrs Stuart left for Springfield. Harlan drive up Harry Patchin – will keep him there a few days – Fannie at C- and started with Aunt Jane and Matt to take them riding to Uncle Bighams but did not go very far. When Fannie came back to town Aunt Mary Murdock and Uncle Joe came home with her – She was here to dinner and until four O'clock this eve when Mr Mc took her home. Fannie cutting out clothes for the children. Ella came back this morning. Her grandmother was buried Saturday. George working in the garden. Wm, Harry Clayton & Jason plowing.

30" June. Tuesday. A love day. Wm & Harry & Clayton Jason all busy cultivating corn. George cutting weeds Clara and Ella in charge of the house-keeping – Mr Mc and Fannie & Donald and Malcom and Paul and I having an all day visit at Uncle Silas's – We met Riley Little and wife and two children there and Lizzie Galbreath there. This P.M. after three Uncle Joe came out for Mr Mc Mr Lawn Houston and man came to sack wool – he finished in up in short time and Mr Mc came back there to supper – They would not have it any other way but that he would come back. This has certainly been a large day. Riley was full of life and seemed to be very happy. Uncle Silas took me all around the plantation and in the afternoon late he took Lizzie G- and Paul and I to see his bean patch and the lay of his farm. He showed us some old trees that marked the old school path. We did not reach home until near nine. Donald and Malcom waited until the second table both at dinner and at supper and behaved like little men Clayton & Jason out here and there to night again. These boys must be called to halt. "Eli's sons were sons of Belial because he restrained them not." May we be helped and all to do the right thing that at the last we may not be left to regret having taken the wrong road.

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1" July Wed. A beautiful morning After a struggle Mr Mc and Fannie left for Wilmington to visit Aunt Mary E. They went in the buggy and drove two horses – The "struggle" was to get this plan carried out – They drove out at seven – but they will gain time in the end I feel sure. Uncle Dan called this morning – [illegible] Hoglin passing. His brother G- dangerously ill at Dick Townsley. Clara took Donald & Malcom to town – and to mill this A.M. – Stanley here all day with his binder cutting wheat. Wm Harry & Uncle Joe & George Clayton and Jason busy at the wheat – at the plowing – and cutting weeds. Uncle Dan & Mrs Wolsey called. Clara has put in a full day with Donald and Malcom – They have been good boys – but we regret that Donald is not well – He has had a little fever all day and to night again. Ella doing what she can – I have been busy all day long – and very tired to night – Mr Mc and Fannie started home at five and reached here at ten – twenty five miles. Aunt Mary E. much better than she has been. She gave them a hearty welcome. Fannie is very tired – but enjoyed the day -- & so did father.

2" July Thursday – A beautiful day. Clara & Ella and all of us busy this morning. Mr Mc went in the Surrie to C- and brought Riley Little & wife and two children and Lizzie G- out to dinner – Clayton went in the buggy for Aunt Janes – Aunt Jennette & Uncle Bigham were invited but only Aunt Jennette came – Aunt Jane & Aunt Matt both here – Aunt Matt kept up better than we expected. The folks all here to dinner and supper – Uncle Dan here and spent a full day with us. This Eve Mr Mc took them down home – Fannie took Donald down to town Clayton went down and drove for them. Donald has not been well to day again. Stanley finished cutting wheat this day at noon – Wheat not very good and a great many will have no wheat at all this year – No We did not get through with the wheat cutting the rain this afternoon prevented it. Fannie took Donald to see Dr Oglesbee this eve – and got medicine for him.

3<sup>rd</sup> July. Friday. A nice day after the shower yesterday – Near noon Stanley came back to the wheat cutting – he was with us to dinner. Uncle Joe has the garden all in good order – George P- cutting the maple sprouts out of the yard in vicinity of the wool house – Wm Harry and Jason helping with the wheat & plowing. This A.M. Mr Mc and Clayton at Charleston at the pasture – Clara at C- to bring grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane and Matt out but it did not [illegible] any of them to come. I have been ironing this P.M. & finished it Clara & Ella got the supper – just as Stanley and all of our force came into supper – Mr Mc and Clayton came – Mr Mc spent some time with Mr Lawn Houston – he took dinner with him at the hotel – This Eve Jason took Aunt Mary cow down & brought cart from Uncle Silas's. Fannie took Uncle Joe down to be ready for the "fourth" She took Donald and left Malcom with Clara and me. Wm & Harry and George at C-

"4<sup>th</sup> July." Sat. Rain last night. Cloudy for awhile this morning All the men & boys on a buzz this morning – Jason walked down to town with Vernon Townsley – Clayton went down for the mail and returned with it bringing Charlie G- with him – Clayton went back to C with Charlie and took dinner with [blank space] – This afternoon he and Charlie at the Springs taking in the "Fourth" – Jason around town he took dinner with Frank Orr – They remained for the fire works this Eve. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fannie and Donald and Malcom and Paul and Clara went to C- to take in the "Fourth" – Fannie made grandmothers her stopping place. Ella Worley, "aged 18," here with me. George Garrett around home all day. The folks came back to supper – This is Mr Mc and part of his crowd – Clara remained in C- This Eve Mr Mc took Ella and Paul down to see the fire works – We would have all gone but Fannie did not like to take out the boys. I stayed here with her. Clayton & Charlie G- at the Y Springs this afternoon – Jason around C- this afternoon. They both came back when Mr Mc & Clara & Paul & Ella came. This as been a long day – but a pleasant day to me although I celebrated it at home. We have been expecting Fred home, for a day, from his place in Chicago – but a dispatch came this eve he could not come – he took the day for Monmouth. I wrote to him this P.M. & to Prof Mcs. Would have written to Homer but I could not get it in – he is still at Kings School in Pittsburg. Ellas sister called this Eve.

5<sup>th</sup> July. Sabbath. Quite a warm day. Clara & Ella W- at home with Donald & Malcom – & had the dinner ready. Harry & George P- around. Fannie and he father went to church alone. Clayton went down in Jim Harvey M's buggy (Steinforths had it to finish off the 4<sup>th</sup> in) Jason and Paul and at Sabbath School & church – Clayton there too, I went down for Aunt Jane and stopped into speak to grandmother Murdock – Mrs McIntire staying with Aunt Matt. Riley Little preached his text "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall dwell under the shadow of the Almighty." All Christians do not dwell in the secret place of the Most High only those do dwell there who live in a consciousness of Gods presence of a conscious nearness to Jesus – who have the Spirits blessed presence – This life begins by trusting and by practicing the presence of God. Recognizing His eyes upon us in every act and thought throughout the day – and every time Satan makes an attack upon us to cling the closer to Jesus. If this life is

ours – we will know God better and our Bibles better we will love more and greater peace will be ours. Harlan drove Harry Patchin & our rig, he took up with him Monday morning to our church To day he brought Mr Gladstone with him they came out home with us to dinner – This Eve after lunch they drove back to Springfield Clayton and Jason went to the young folks meeting – Jason came up home after the meeting and he & Harry went back to the U. P. Church to hear Riley Little preach. Mr Mc and Clara and Fannie there – I did not go but stayed with Donald & Malcom and Paul Ella & George around – Clayton at church too.

6<sup>th</sup> July. Monday. This morning I took Ella home and expected to bring her Mother but she will not come until the morning I came back bringing Ella for the day. Mr Mc at town this morning – he came back at noon bringing Uncle Joe with him. This afternoon Mary & Lidi Torrence called. Uncle Dan and took Fannie and Donald & Malcom to see Effie Townsley and her two boys [illegible] & Fred. They were home in time for supper – Mr Mc at Selma this afternoon Clara went with him and met Irma[?] Roadarmer at Emma Yarnells – quite a number of girls there arranging for a picnic. This afternoon I got a nail in my foot I have been busy doctoring all afternoon & Evening Wm Harry & Clayton plowing. Jason helping with the sheep George P- cutting out Maple sprouts out of the yard. This Eve Clayton took Clara to C- they were soon home.

7<sup>th</sup> July. Tuesday. Quite a nice day – I am still on the sick list – with my foot – Ella went home and her Mother came in her place. The men all plowing and cutting weeds. Donald & Malcom & Paul busy playing the most of the day – Ada Creswell called this afternoon – Mr Mc and Clara at C- this P.M. After supper Fannie and Donald and Malcom and I drove down to the office and to speak to grandmother and the folks. We saw Riley & his wife on the street – Aunt Bell and Fern came back from Cincinnati yesterday. Frank and Lizzie Reid are back in the city again – to live.

8<sup>th</sup> July. Wed – A pleasant day but cool. Part of the men cutting weeds – They started the mower this morning Mr Mc took Fannie and Malcom & Donald and Paul to the meadow to see them start – Mrs Worley walked down at five O'clock & began business in the kitchen -- Clara there too at the opening of the doors. Aunt Bell here and spent the day – This afternoon Fannie went down with her to make some calls. She called Lizzie Blairs and Mary McMillans and Anna Barbers – and finally took tea at Aunt Bells. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon. This Eve Clayton went down and brought Fannie home – This afternoon I spent most of my time with Donald & Malcom – Mrs Worley sewing this afternoon constantly. Clara at C- this morning Jennie Morton rode out with her to Uncle Silas's to see Walter about the picnic.

9<sup>th</sup> July Thurs. Heavy rain last night and almost constant rain to day – that has washed all thoughts of Clara's picnic away. Men at a stand still – Mrs Worley here sewing – Clara and I in the kitchen Fannie helping here & there and taking care of the children. Donald and Malcom & Paul having a happy day in the sitting room playing. This P.M. Mr Mc resting Warner

Hamilton called to see him – This Eve we left Donald and Malcom in Claras care and Paul in Uncle Joes and Mr Mc and Fannie and I spent the evening at Mr Mortons we took tea there with Riley L- & wife – Mrs Ellen Cooley & Mary Ewing and Annie Morton and little Grace & Ellen Little I went to the door to speak to grandmother Murdock – I went up town a few minutes. Mr & Mr Morton made the evening pleasant for us. Mr Hood late of N. Y. called this morning – It cleared off nicely the sun came out a little while before setting.

10" July. Friday A pleasant day – The grass that was cut Wednesday was put up to day and hauled into the barn – The men hauling manure this A.M. George cutting weeds in the back yard & lot adjacent the garden – Mrs Worley here to day again – She has served from morning until night – Clara & I doing the work – Fannie around all P.M. – This afternoon Fannie making a final call at Dellas & around. She took supper with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary – Came back home at dark – This Eve after supper Mr Mc took Clara & Donald and Malcom with him to Selma for a ride – Paul around with Uncle Joe setting out plants – Wm & Harry Clayton & Jason and all busy – This afternoon Mr Mc brought more cabbage plants from up the pike. This Eve all at home.

11" July Saturday. A beautiful day. Mrs Worley here – She washed and sewed and done what she could to help me – I have done what I could to get along – I have ironed quite considerable to day. Aunt Jennette came this far with Aunt Matt for a ride made a short call and went back to town. After an early dinner Fannie and Mr Mc left for Springfield – This will be Fannies farewell visit if she goes home Tuesday. Wm & Harry & Clayton Jason and Uncle Joe and Paul and George P- all in the hay field – were through at six Clayton took Mrs W. up home – and Jason took Uncle Joe down home. Harry at C. too and came back with Jason – Clara took Donald and Malcom with her to the Y. Springs for her dress that Mrs Hinoutl[?] sent her & Mrs Currie has so beautifully made for her – They were back home at dark. Mr Mc and Fannie home about eight – Mr Mc took supper with Harlan at Adams – Fannie at Mrs S's.

12" July. Sabbath A lovely day. Mrs Worley was here for an hour and helped me. Jason Clara and Paul at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Fannie at Church too – Mr Morton preached as usual. Clayton and I here with Donald and Malcom. Harlan came down from Springfield to church this morning and came out home with the folks – Yesterday and to day I am feeling quite sad – I can not forget that Tuesday morning Fannie & Donald and Malcom will be leaving us – this fact is the most prominent truth that confronts me these days – hence I am sad. Harlan brought Freds trunk down this morning with him from S- Fred had shipped it there when he went to Chicago – Now I am very sorry he brought it – for I tell you there is not any gain or much blessing by doing wrong on Sabbath – How much we need to pray that we may be kept from sin or from being careless about the Sabbath. With Clara or the boys at the C. E. meetings this Eve. We had a lunch this Eve before Harlan went back to Springfield – We also had worship – the fourth chap. of Luke was read – What a beautiful chapter it is. Harlan right here with us all afternoon – Donald & Malcom recited their questions this Eve Also the 23

Psalm. Donald & Malcom & Paul are certainly very promising boys – Surely this world will be better of them being in it. Harry away to day – but here this Eve again.

13" July. Monday. A pleasant day. Fannie at town early this morning – She came back bringing Aunt Jane with her – Aunt Matt was not willing to come but stayed with Ellen Little. Aunt Jane here until after three when Mr Mc took her home – [illegible] and McDown here helping in the hay. They were here for dinner and supper – Uncle Joe had George P- with him helping to hoe. Harry Clayton Jason & Wm in the hay field – Paul around with Donald and Malcom – Mrs Worley here doing some extra washing – I finished the ironing of Saturday. This afternoon Mrs Currie and her sister Miss Mary Currie called – to see Fannie we had a very pleasant hour with them. This Eve Mr Mc took Fannie and Donald and Malcom to town to tell their great grandmother Murdock good by and Aunt Jane and Matt – and Aunt Mary M- Clara and I "busied" our selves gathering all their goods together & had Harry W- and George P- bring her trunk to the lower hall to be packed to be ready for the ten O'clock express in the morning. Mrs W- went home as usual this evening – we have certainly had a very busy day and up to this writing to night busy. It is well some times that we are busy it keeps worry away – sometimes

14" July. Tuesday. All up at an early hour. We finished packing Fannies trunk – Malcom & Donald put their cushions in – They were up early too and dressed for their trip. Clayton & Jason drove out with their trunk – Uncle Dan here to tell them good by. Mr Mc & Clara and Paul took them to the train. I did not care to go – Aunt Bell and her girls were at the train – Maggie Stuart was on the train ready to go on with Fannie – It will be seven weeks in the morning since Fannie and the children came – I have planned and dreamed about this visit for over a year – and now it is past and they have gone and I can hardly realize it – for it seems so very short – Of course our being away the two weeks in Monmouth was a blank in her visit to us. It is no wonder the Bible says our lives pass by as a tale that has been told. I certainly feel sad & lonely this day – yet I know her home is at the other end of this journey and I know, perhaps, she ought to be there – yet – I – am – sad. Father and Clara and the boys got back in time for dinner – The men are in the hay field. Warner Hamilton helping them and in with them to dinner. On yesterday Eve Charlie P- and Albert Dallas called – Clayton & Jason helping them plan a picnic – George P- went with them to C- to take the clothes to Mrs P- George is cutting weeds on the pike – This Eve Clayton took me down to see grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary I have been feeling very lonely all afternoon and this evening. I wrote to Aunt Mary E- early this P.M. Clayton and I took supper at grandmothers I called to see Aunt Jane and Matts. When we came home Clara was writing to Homer – We rec'd a card from him this Eve He moved with Mr King to [blank space] to continue his Elocution study. Heavy shower this P.M.

15" July. Wed. Rain last night and heavy rain to day. The men trying to cut weeds. Jason helped Warner Hamilton fix up wire on fence this A.M. Harry Wm cutting weeds. This afternoon Warner Hamilton repaired the extension tables I put a dressing of corrosive sublimate and jassoline on bed & bed room up stairs – This is an effectual cure for bugs. Mr Mc

resting and reading. Clara cooking – Mrs Worley absent – This Eve Clayton at the office Harry went with him – They were soon home.

16" July. Thurs. Pleasant after the rain of yesterday but a little cool – Clayton cutting oats – This A.M. Mrs Worley & I ironed – Clara at the dinner. Warner Hamilton came in with Mr Mc & Uncle Joe & Harry & George P- to dinner – not much going on this forenoon. This afternoon McDowel & Son and Worley and Wm Harry & Jason & Uncle Joe and Wm hauling in oats and all in to supper – Mr Mc around & into supper too – and has not been feeling well since supper. This Eve Clara at the office. O dear but I am tired to night – Clayton & Harry at C- Warner Hamilton with us to night.

17" July. Friday. A nice day but a little cool. Mrs Worley with us to day. She and Clara in charge of the kitchen McDowel & son & Worley & Warner Hamilton & Harry & Wm Clayton and Jason bringing in oats all in for dinner but Wm – all in for supper & Wm also – This morning when Jason was going down to C- on an errand I went the same time to be ready to attend a County Convention of the National Prohibition Convention. This a fraction of Our old Prohibition party. Near noon Aunt Millie and Jennie came in for grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary It has been a long time since grandmother has been there She was not very able to go to day but still she went – Uncle Silas & Walter & Ralph (with man) were in their hay. After dinner Aunt Mollie & Ino and Jennie went back with us to town grandmother went to bed – and Ino & Jennie stayed with her and Aunt Mary & Mollie and I went to the hall to the Convention – An address was given by R S Thompson on our National platform – which is broad enough and grand enough for all to stand upon if they only would – This Eve I called to see Aunt Jane & Matt – I stayed with grandmother and Mary for tea – After dark Mr Mc and Clara drove down for me – On yesterday afternoon George Garrett left us – he would have been here four weeks this Eve – if he had stayed – He was kind – and well behaved – I called to see Mr Morton to day – he is not very well.

18" July. Sat. A very pleasant day but quite cool this morning I have not been feeling very well to day Mrs Worley here Clara taking the lead in the kitchen to let her sew (on a white skirt) Mr Mc around home all day. McDowel & son and Warner Hamilton & Worley here at the harvest they finished bringing in the oats. Harry Wm Clayton & Jason all helping Dinner & supper served. This Eve Jason took Uncle Joe home and made a hasty trip to C- & back Wm & Harry there. Paul around with Uncle Joe in the garden. Clayton out – what a busy week we have had – Clayton has come in and reported him self to be talking with some campers up by the School house for the last hour or so – It is a bad thing to have the spirit of too much talk.

19" July. Sabbath. A warm day – but very pleasant day – and not so warm either when I recall it right – We locked the house – and Clara Clayton Jason and Paul went to Sabbath School Mr Mc and I started to church – but found that Mr Morton was sick – and there would not be any preaching. The Congregation soon scattered out to the different churches our children

unfortunately came back home direct from Sabbath School – Mr Mc and I went down to the Old Side church and heard a new bro the Rev Clyde – Text “Gather my saints together unto me” Saints are gathered into Christ in the day of their conversion – and in public worship – and in times of trouble they are also gathered into at death and in the resurrection. I stopped to speak to Aunt Jane when I came down this morning. As we came home from Church I called into see grandmother Murdock. I also called in to see Mr Morton – he was feeling more comfortably. This afternoon taken up with childrens lesson – Also with Pauls. This Eve Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting – A little later Clara at the Sr. meeting. Clayton went up there and waited for Clara and Jason came home alone. Harry gone to day.

20” July. Monday. Heavy rain early this morning and showers now & then all day. Clayton at Worleys and brought Mrs W- down She and Clara working on white shirts – Near noon Clayton at the office – rec’d letters from the boys – Fred at his work in Chicago – and Homer at his lessons in Pittsburg – A letter also came from Pine Bush from Maggie Stuart who is visiting there. After dinner Mr Mc & Clayton went to Springfield – they took supper at Adam’s. Harlan came in while they were at the table to have his supper – They called to see a man as they came out of town and did not get home until late. This afternoon Clara at town for wrapper pattern – Uncle Joe came out with her. Uncle Dan here most of the afternoon – I have not been feeling very well. Uncle Joe & Paul took Mrs W- home. Jason at C- at a business meeting of the jrs.

21” July Tuesday. Men cutting weeds yesterday and to day. Cleared off nicely towards noon – Uncle Joe in the garden Mrs Worley & Clara working on Claras wrapper – To day Mr Garrety & son here on a horse and cow trade and were here to dinner – At three Oclock Mr Mc and Jason left for the Charleston pasture – and did not get home until after dark – here for tea. Frank Lamont came to day expecting to see Fannie. She was here to dinner & supper. I started to C- this P.M. late but a heavy shower made me return before I got very far on my journey. I put in my evening putting up the “Matthews Blackberries.” On acct of the rain Clayton took Frank over home. Clara & Mrs W- put in a full day on her wrapper. Clayton at C- at the mill & office this P.M. – Will went with him. Harry at the weeds.

22” July Wed. A light shower to day. Wm & Harry bringing in wood to the shed & cutting weeds – Uncle Joe & Paul at C- on an errand this A.M. Clayton & Jason at Springfield to day to bring cow home – Harlan passing from Clifton to Pitchin stopped an hour at noon and took dinner with us. This afternoon we left Clara & Uncle Joe here to superintend and Mr Mc went to Xenia and I went as far as C- & stopped at grandmothers and Aunt Marys – grandmother as usual very weak – in bed a good deal of the time. I lay on the refter nearly all afternoon I did not make any calls. Old Mrs White called a little while. Aunt Mary and Aunt Matt came over to see grandmother this morning – She made but a short stay. Mr Mc took supper at grandmothers as he came home. Mrs Worley absent to day – attending the funeral of Ollie Rice’s mother at Courtsville.

23" July Thursday. Rain kept off to day. Cut grass this A.M. and this P.M. Wm, Harry & Clayton & Warner Hamilton put it up. Warner here for dinner and supper and with us to night – Mrs Worley here and finished off Claras wrapper. This P.M. late Clara at C- to get [illegible] shoed and bring the clothes from Mrs Ps. I have been busy to day as usual. Uncle Joe taking out weeds. This A.M. Harry trying cut the grass in the yard. The men came up from the harvest field late – for supper this Eve. Mrs P- rec'd check for \$5.20 this eve. Clayton at Aunt Janes this A.M.

24" July Friday. Very damp and gloomy indeed after the heavy rain of last night – it almost like a flood to see branch overflowing the banks in the pasture. It poured[?] all night long & rained a good deal of the time to day but not so heavy. Jason at C- this morning to see if the picnic set for to day was drowned out – he came back and reported that it was – but in an hour Frank Orr was here to tell that it had come to life and the order was to picnic in Mr Nathan Ramseys barn – Clayton & Jason both in attendance to day. Harry put in a full day in the wood shed. Warner Hamilton "on hands" here to dinner. Mrs Worley put in a full day on Claras white shirt. Paul hurt his foot by stepping on a broken piece of iron this morning. We got a beet from the garden and grated it up fine and applied it to the cut & it seems to have the desired effect – there not any thing better in case of hurt from a rusty nail! Clara at the work – I ironed this A.M. – This Eve Harry and Warner H- at the office. Clayton and Jason returned after dark from their picnic – They changed from Ramseys barn and went to the College – took their baskets and stayed until the lamps were lighted. A prohibition worker from vicinity of Columbus (do not remember the name) here for supper and with us to night – he is quite a young man.

25' July Sat. Still considerably cool. Our guest of last night departed this morning. I regret not having his name – but we may see him again. Mrs Worley here sewing on Pauls waist. Clara and I busy – Wm & Harry cutting weeds with the mower. Uncle Joe and Warner Hamilton patching up the sheep shed – Mr Mc and all into dinner This afternoon I am writing to Fred, Harlan & Homer – After an early supper Mr Mc and Clara drove over to the Yellow Springs Father for pleasure Clara to call on Mrs Currie. Father called at Mr Wellingers – did not see him as he is sick in bed – but saw his son. He also called at Mr Forbes – he is away fishing. Wm took Uncle Joe Home – Jason Mrs Worley. Clayton Jason and Paul here with Me.

26" July. Sabb. Quite warm but a good air stirring – Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul at Sabbath School I went along and drove down for Aunt Jane but she could not leave Aunt Matt – I stopped into speak to grandmother Murdock – Mr Mortons text "But thanks to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We are engaged in a great conflict – the battle has really begun. Satan and the powers of darkness are arrayed against Christ and we belong to one of these sides or the other. The subject is the great conflict – or the great war between Christ and Satan – between good & bad – between right and wrong. Amid the struggles and discouragements of life God does give us the victory – How often evil thoughts

and evil passions swell up in our hearts and if it was not for the blessed help and deliverance we rec'd from God we surely would fall into the hand of the enemy. "But thanks to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." How glorious the picture – The Babe of Bethlehem – the meek and lowly Jesus – and yet the triumphant conqueror – "Yea, all kings shall fall down before him. All nations shall serve him." "His name shall endure forever." After preaching Clayton went down Aunt Mary to grandmother Murdocks and came home with Clara and Jason from the young folks meeting. I have been busy with the lessons this P.M. Spent an hour with Paul.

27" July. Monday. Bright and clear to day. Mr Mc went over to Dan Deans to see the machine men Came home and had the men lay out the wheat in the shocks next the house to day After an early dinner the men hauled the wheat into the barn – they finished near dark. Warner Hamilton here all day and with us to night. Worley here helping this afternoon. Clayton & Harry at work – Jason at C- this PM. And brought Uncle Joe out they were both helping with the wheat this P.M. Wm in with the crowd for supper – Clara and at the work. Mr W- absent. Clara and Paul took the clothes to Mrs P- and to the office & home.

28" July. Tuesday. It threatened rain all of last night but this morning the rain began to pour down about five O'clock. Warner H- & Harry & Uncle Joe & our own family here to dinner – Near twelve O'clock it cleared up and the sun came out – but not to stay for a heavy rain & almost storm this evening again. This A.M. Jason and Warner Hamilton at the office – This Eve Harry & Clayton made a hasty trip – but came back through the storm. A notice of Mr Wellingers funeral rec'd he died last night at eight – his funeral Thursday morning – He has been with us so lately but now he has gone.

29" July Wed. Pleasant to day but very warm – Warner H- patching the roof of the old barn – Harry cutting weeds. Mr Mc and Clayton went to Charleston to the pasture – they went after an early dinner They took supper at Mr James Pringles. I went to town took dinner at grandmothers and Aunt Mary with Mr & Mrs Morton. The Prof & [illegible] returned from their trip west yesterday Jennie M- still away. Aunt Jennette in C- She made an effort to take Aunt Matt home but failed – She is to go out with her in the morning – grandmother is bed fast of the time Mr & Mrs Alford called there this eve to see grandmother & co. After I came home it came up a heavy storm – Mr Mc & Clayton did not get home until after it was over – About nine O'clock another storm came up – the rain fairly poured. We rec'd a postal from Homer – he left Lake [blank space] yesterday to go with Prof Byron King to the Lancaster prayer meeting , or I mean Camp meeting. By the way I stopped in Jim H. Mcs furniture shop and chatted a while with him & his Mother. It was been very warm to day. Mrs Worley and Clara here to day at the work.

30" July. Thursday Nice and pleasant this morning & P.M. Warner H- & Wm patching the roof of the new barn – Uncle Joe & Harry at something. Clayton at C- for shingles. Jason & Paul

here. Mrs Worley here in charge of the kitchen. Mr Mc and Clara and I attended Mr Wellingers funeral at half past nine – The services conducted by President Long of Antioch College. We followed in the procession to Springfield to Fern Cliff Cemetery – I have long wanted to see those beautiful grounds – and this seemed a very fitting time – but about the time we fairly entered the Cemetery the threatening clouds gathered around and over us and the winds blew – and the lightning flashed and the thunder roared and the rain fell like a second deluge. We were all protected from the storm we drove under the trees for protection and lost sight of the procession – it was a sad parting indeed. After the rain ceased we drove to Mrs Stuarts Mr Mc took the carriage to the stable and came back to Mrs S's we set the contents of our basket on Mrs Stuarts table and had the dinner we expected to have eaten in the Cemetery. Mrs S- and Sadie sat down with us – we did not stay long after lunch but started home Harlan came down to see us and rode back with us to one of the groceries at this side of town. Mr Wellingers friends seemed immense judging from the great gathering at his late home in the Yellow Springs this morning We reached home about dark. They had a very hard rain here. They had a terrible storm rain and wind in Springfield last night. Jason took Mrs Worley up home – He and Warner were just driving out to town as we came home his father had him stop turn around and put his horse in the stable -- & stay at home – I feel confident little as Jason appreciate the kindness to night – if he lives he will see the day that his heart will be full of gratitude for the great good done him – I know this.

31" July Friday. For a change the rain kept off this day. Jason at C- this A.M. Clayton & Harry out in the big wagon gathering up trash and bringing in wood. An hour before noon Uncle Joe and all the men went to the hay field to stir up the grass that had been cut before the rains – This afternoon Father Uncle Joe Clayton Jason & Paul and Harry, Warner H- & Wm shucked the hay of the forenoon and did not get in until near dark. Cara W- came this morning in her mothers place & is helping us to day and with us to night – Mrs Worley came this P.M. – and tried to finish her ironing – This P.M. Uncle Dan came and later Miss [illegible] Rodermer[?] and Miss Mary Kitchen to see Clara. Mrs W- went home this eve – Mary & Ella & Maggie H- called and went home with her. This has been a busy day. Clara and all of us busy.

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1" Aug. Saturday. Pleasant this morning. Clayton and Jason at C- brought Freds box of books out from the depot[?] not much doing Mr Mc settled up with Harry Whaland[?] & with Warner Hamilton this morning – Harry will be around a few days – Paul went with Clayton & Jason to C- this morning – Warner H. went away. Mrs Worley here and finished Pauls waist – Cara here to day again – I settled up with Mrs W- Clayton took them home. We had a heavy shower this afternoon damp this evening. Clayton took Uncle Joe home – he and Jason at Wills for ice cream. Clara and I busy to day and yet did not accomplish half what we expected too. Clayton was at Will Torrences sale this afternoon.

2 Aug. Sabbath. For a change no rain to day. Clara Clayton Jason & Paul at Sabbath School and church. Just as Mr Mc and I were starting Harlan came from Springfield – he drove Wylie down and he seemed tired they left him to rest and I stayed at home and let him go with father in my place. Mr Morton preached as usual. I had dinner ready when they came back. This afternoon spent on the children lesson and on Pauls. It is very nice to have Harlan with us. We had lunch and worship before he went back – he drove Will back – We were here by our selves to day. Harry came back this Eve.

3" Aug Monday. For a happy change no rain to day. Clayton cutting grass this afternoon – Mr Mc at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out – Harry done us a great favor to day by cleaning the wool house up stairs. Lucy May Worley came and began a two weeks term of work this morning. Clara and she put in a faithful day polishing up the kitchen. Uncle Joe out with Wm & Jason & Co – in the wheat field by creek – laying out the sheaves to day. I spent nearly all day superintending Harry. Uncle Dan called this P.M. This Eve Mr Mc and Mr Brown at C- at the Clerks office. I went along – called at grandmothers I met Sam Murdock there. Mr Mc and I at the hall hearing the Clarions – The “National Club.” Clayton & Jason there Will and Uncle Joe in C- this evening too.

4" Aug. Tuesday. Another nice day. Harry & Wm & Uncle in the wheat but do not accomplish much. Clayton cutting grass. Mr Mc around all day. Lucy & Clara and I busy. Jason & Paul around. One of the McDowels helping and here to dinner and supper. This Eve Lucy May went up home on an errand – Mr Mc and Clara & Clayton and Jason at the hall to hear the “Clarions” I expected to have gone but was not ready in time Uncle Joe & Paul & Harry here. I have been busy this eve. Lucy did not get back until late. Jason took[?] apples to MacBull[?]

5" Aug. Wed. Most a beautiful day and very eventful day indeed too. We were expecting company. Jason went to the office and brought a note from Ima Roderman saying she would not be here to day, but would come to visit us next week. Blanch & Mary were to come – and at the eleventh hour Clara sent an invitation to two of the singers that belong to the “Clarions” to come with them – but they went on the early train to Charleston – and Blanch and Mary asked to be excused as they had to go with their Mother to Xenia. Near noon the rest of our invited guests came – Walter brought out Sam Murdock and Harlan came on his route from Springfield to Pitchin bringing Sadie Stuart with him -- These we expected – but what surprised us the most was about the time dinner was ready to serve in stepped Homer – he came from the Lancaster Camp meeting reaching C- on the half past ten train – he rode out part of the way and walked the rest. He left here the 9" of June to attend Kings School of Oratory in Pittsburg – from there he went with King and his class to Conneaut Lake – and lastly he went from there with King and his class to the Lancaster Camp meeting grounds. And right here I must say that Homer never came home looking so so well as he does this time – so changed, some way he evidences a happy change for a higher and nobler life than he has ever known – or capable of enjoying – before – After dinner awhile Harlan started on his route – late this P.M. Walter left

with Sam M- for Charley Cooleys to take supper there Homer went to C- for his goods and this eve he went to spend the evening with Selma friends. McDowel here helping in the hay field – here with Uncle Joe and Harry & Clayton & Jason Paul & Mr Mc to supper – All were here to dinner too – Will at work as usual. This P.M. Clara and Sadie in the front yard most of the time Clayton took Harry to C- this eve – came home past Warner Hamiltons –Lucy here at work.

6" Aug. Thurs. Homer at C- this morning and home again to dinner He brought a letter from Fannie – giving an account of the Centennial Observance at the church of which Mr McKenzie is the pastor. This church was organized in 1796. It has had seven pastors in that time – Rev John McKinsey[?] D.D. the first and Rev T. N. McKenzie (our son) the present pastor. He was installed in 1890. The old church still stands – the cemetery right beside it – it is out of Pine Brush about two miles. The new church is located in the village of Pine Brush. The men finished the hay and started to getting in the remainder of the wheat on creek pasture – just our own men at work to day. Uncle Joe out with Wm & Harry and Clayton & Jason. Paul around back and forth with his father. This evening after an early supper Clara Sadie and Homer went to Cedarville – Jennie M- returned from her western trip to day. Grandmother Murdock very poorly indeed – I must go to see her tomorrow. Clayton & Jason at C- at a business meeting of the Jr Cris E-[?] Clara & I finished the ironing to day. Lucy going along nicely with the work.

7" Aug. Friday. Raining this morning, & rain all day. Father and Homer at Charleston at the pasture and around – had a lunch in C- did not get home until this eve – Clayton and I visiting at grandmother Murdock's we took dinner and supper there. Sam Murdock took dinner with us there – This afternoon he went out with Uncle Silas. Grandmother in bed a good deal of the time. Aunt Mary busy. I called at Aunt Janes – Aunt Jennette there. Harry put the wool house in order – scoured the floor – and put his bed up there. Jason at C- a few minutes – Jason came home and came back to C- as we were coming out expecting to take a hay ride with Jr. C. E. but it was postponed so Jason came out with Clayton and me. Sadie S- and Clara took a drive to Selma – this Eve – So also did Homer and Alvie Orr. On yesterday eve Mrs [illegible] and her sister were over taken in the storm & called here and Homer and Clayton took them home. Lucy going along with her work to day.

8" Aug. Sat. A very warm day. Heavy rain last night. This morning Clayton took Harry Whaleand[?] to the train in Selma. He came here the 9" of January. This has certainly been one idle day – with the men folks at least – near noon Mr Mc and Clara and Sadie left for Springfield – they had not gone very far until Mr Mc thought best to return to give some orders – dinner being ready they took dinner – had their horse fed and resumed their trip directly after dinner. Lucy has been busy to day – [?] & the boys around – Mr Mc here on a chatt. After dinner Homer took Uncle Joe home – and returned home about dark. The folks did not get home until after ten – Clara took supper with Sadie and Mr Mc with Harlan at Adams. Uncle Silas in S- very warm indeed.

9" Aug. Sabbath. Very warm. Homer Clara Jason and Sadie at Sabbath School and church. Lucy went home after breakfast – Clayton and Paul here alone Mr Mc and I at church – Rev Saml Ramsey preached – Text – “For he shall be great in the light of the Lord.” These words refer to John the baptist – He was a poor man and was born in the hill country of Judea – in perhaps a hut – yet God sent an angel to tell that he would be born and would be great in his sight. Gods idea of greatness is very different from what the world calls great. What impresses the world is high birth – wealth and great talents – but none of these things make us great in the eyes of the Lord. A man may be so poor that his home is a hut and without the necessaries of life and known to the world only to be despised [sic] and yet be great in the eyes of the Lord. One thing that makes us great in the eyes of the Lord is obedience. This was a beautiful trait in John the baptists character. God wanted him to stay in the wilderness and preach there and he did it. He wanted John the baptist to tell Herod of his sin and he did it. In all things he was obedient. If we would be great in the eyes of the Lord we will be doing good by our example and by their prayers. Prayer is the key that unlocks Gods treasure house. A Mothers prayer has brought down Gods blessing on her family and often brings down more blessings after she has left the world. To be great in Gods sight we will be doing much good by our personal effort. It is better to be great in the eyes of God than in the sight of man – for it is more lasting Worldly greatness passes away – but the other like the stars forever & ever. It is better to be great in the sight of the Lord because this greatness is within the reach of all. Few comparatively are great in the sight of the world because worldly greatness can only be reached by small number – All can be great who fear God – and are obedient to Him – and who earnestly seek him. Those who do the will of the Lord are in the closest relation to him. The greatest reason and after all the only reason that John the baptist was great in the sight of the Lord was because he was filled with the holy ghost. This Spirit we must have if we are acceptable in Gods sights. This P. M. – at the close of the services – Mr Mc and I made a brief call at Aunt Janes and at grandmother Murdocks. Jason at the Jr. C. E. meeting this eve. Clara & Homer & Sadie at the Sr. meeting Clayton and Paul here with father & me. This afternoon spent with Clayton & Pauls lesson up stairs on the porch. Thus another Sabbath day is counted with the past.

Monday. 10" Aug. Very warm – It is ninety. Homer at his books. Clayton & Jason taking apples to market this afternoon. Clara and Sadie at Cedarville on an errand. Lucy came back last night – She is at her work to day. Mr Mc around. Warner Hamilton called. Last evening I called to see Alice S- she is on the sick list. Jason at C- at market this P. M. Uncle Joe came back with him. The girls at home at noon – they went out to Aunt Millie and got a pattern this P.M. – She and Clara cutting out a white shirt “[?]” – This Eve Homer and Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P- Homer & Clayton returned in due time Lucy & I canning grapes.

11" Aug. Tues. Quite a warm day Blanch Ervin and Jennie Morton came up and Clara and Sadie Stuart went with them to the Clark County C. E. Convention at Charleston. They had an out door meeting and dinner on the ground – They went early and got home late – Mr Mc around home all day trying to get the men at work – Wm Clayton and Jason for instance. Uncle

Joe around all day at work of different kinds – Clayton and Jason at town this afternoon – home in good time After supper he went to call on his Selma friends. Paul around all day too – Lucy at her work – I have been busy too and accomplished but little. Mr George Weymouth died last night. The girls home at dark – here for supper and with us to night.

12" Aug. Wed. Another warm day. Frank Ervin here and took the girls home. Sadie and Clara finished the white shirt. Mr Mc and Paul and Clayton bringing sheep home from the pasture in Charleston. This afternoon Lucy and I canning grapes. Homer at C- this afternoon and this forenoon too and went with Sadie and I there this evening – I went down to see grandmother but did not see here very long – as she soon went to bed. Sam Murdock came home with us – and is with us to night. Bees swarmed.

13" Aug Thurs. Another warm day – a few drops of rain fell – Mr Mc & co around looking after things & sheep Wm cutting weeds this A.M. And this afternoon he and Jason at George Smiths at the thrashing. Uncle Joe around all day. Near noon Clara left with Sadie on a pleasure trip to Xenia took their dinner with them. Sam Murdock & Homer around all forenoon. Sam put the sitting room back in order This afternoon Homer at C- at Boyds – and after a lunch this eve he visited his friends in Selma – Sam went down with Mr Mc to C- and came back with him – here to supper and with us to night – we enjoy having him with us. Clara and Sadie did not get home until dark – I have had a busy day as Lucy was away. She came back this evening. Frank Orr & co called to see Clayton and Jason this Eve – Uncle Dan called this morning. On yesterday Wm hauling lumber from C- Warner Hamilton working on a fence between us and Gillows[?].

14" Aug. Friday. A warm day indeed. At an early hour Mr Mc Homer Sam Murdock Jason and Payl drove out to the Xenia fair. They went for all day. They took their dinner and supper with them. Uncle Joe & Wm proceed to gather in the peaches – and Clara Lucy & Sadie helped to fill them – I canned them. Clayton took Boyds rigg back this A.M. – This afternoon we went over to Clifton on an errand went by C- to let Lucy go shopping – I planned yesterday & this A.M. to go down to see grandmother today - but others have gone and have been left. Cara H- here to work in her sisters place while she is at the village. Sadie making a blue cloth pin cushion for me. Wm at Collins at the thrasher this afternoon. I am tired to day, but then others are too – the greatest burden is the intense heat. This Eve after supper Sadie and I drove down to C- She called at Jennie Ms – she met Mrs Ewing and her daughter there. I spent my time with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Grandmother is very weak these days. Blanch & Mary and Jennie & Myrtle Ewing drove up here we met them as we went down. Clara left Lucy in charge and went to town with them and came back with Sadie and Mr Mc and his crowd had returned when we arrived and were here to lunch Sam M- returned with them and is here to night – we were quite surprised at receiving a call from Harlan and Maggie Stuart Homer & Sadie and Sam & Clara in full bloom – we had a lunch for them Harlan is looking quite well. Lucy & her sister both here to night – they are in the dress making business.

15" Aug Sat. Another warm day. Lucy went home & left Cara here in her place until tomorrow. We put up a bushel of tomatoes Wm & Clayton and Uncle Joe busy. Jason took Aunt Marys cow down home. Mr Mc at Selma this Eve home for supper. This Eve Jason took Uncle Joe home. This A.M. Clara & Sadie S- and Homer and Sam Murdock and Mary Kitchen picniced in grove near Charleston – did not get back until this eve. Homer, Sam Murdock and Clara and Sadie took tea at Mr Mortons – Clayton out a little while this eve – Cara here to night – Sam M- came back with the folks.

16" Aug Sabb. A nice day. 16" Aug Sabb. A nice day. Homer and Sam & Clara and Sadie S- and Clayton & Paul at Sabbath School & church. Jason not feeling very well – he remained at home to day & covered up in bed. Mr Mortons text: "Sanctify thy selves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." The Bible the church and the prayer meeting are the places we go to get strength to do the Lords work. Some of our loved ones are careless – God is desiring to work wonders in our home – If we wish to be receive this blessing we must sanctify our selves and be ready to receive this great blessing. There are larger measures of love and faith than which we have ever yet received. Every dew drop sparkles in the sun shine reflects the sun and contains a real picture of the sun. So should every Christian reflect the image of the Saviour or of the Sun of righteousness. Christians should live so that the world can take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus. After preaching Mr Mc and I drove down to Aunt Janes – although she was at church to day. Aunt Matt is out at Aunt Jennettes for a change. Since Thursday Eve. I called to see grandmother & came direct home. Clara and Sadie & Homer and Clayton the C. E. meetings this Eve. Clayton led the Jr. They attended a meeting at the U. P. church – a converted Catholic spoke. Pauls lesson heard – This eve a nice shower but it did not reach as far as C-

17" Aug Monday. A little cool quite a change from 90" Homer at C- to see Sam Murdock off – Uncle Joe came back with him After an early dinner Mr Mc and Clara took Sadie Stuart home – they had supper at Mrs Stuarts. Lucy came back last night and is here to day. Jason is feeling better. Paul around as usual. This afternoon Homer drove in past Marshalls and Barbers with me to collect & work up our district for the Bible Society. This is the first time I ever attempted this work though often appointed. I will record here that this was a bright afternoon in my life – I feel if I had gone out years ago what might have been accomplished – for my self and others. This Eve Homer at Selma – Alice here awhile this Eve. Her father came this afternoon. The folks did not get back from S- until after dark.

18" Aug. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc, Homer & Uncle Joe Clayton Jason and Paul & Clara and Lucy, our girl, and I all here. This afternoon Homer went to the Charleston pasture to look up the sheep. Lucy & Clara canning corn. Mr Mc and I at the Bible Society at the M. E. Church. This morning I called by the rail road to see Mrs Sparrah[?] in behalf of the B. Society – When I came home – Homer and Clara went up the pike and completed the canvassing reached home at noon. We had a very interesting meeting this afternoon Rev Davidson of Clifton gave the

address. Essays read by Jennie Morton & Miss Miller "old side" & Miss Crawford. After the meeting Mr Mc and I went to grandmother Murdock and to supper with her & Aunt Mary & Mr & Mrs James Henderson & Ray. We had a very pleasant evening. Made a brief call at Aunt Janes -- This afternoon Clayton & Jason at Clifton to see about getting work on the roads -- This has been another rather cool day -- but pleasant.

19" Aug. Pleasant day to day. Mr Wm Mitchel here with Mr Mc and Homer completing trade on trees. This A.M. Clara and Homer at C- This afternoon Maggie Hoglin here & helped Lucy pick the grapes -- I have been putting up tomatoes. This Eve Homer and Clara called at Uncle Silas's. This Eve George Marshal here and went with Clayton & Jason to Will Mcs watermelon grounds. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe around too -- There is some sickness among the lambs. Paul busy to day.

20" Aug. Pleasant -- Homer at his books. Clara at her sewing. Wm & Clayton & Jason busy. Mr Mc around home to day. Uncle Joe around. Clayton at C- for lumber. Just as we were at the dinner table Mr Fred Smith stepped in and was seated with us. He was here on a big chatt to day. Mr Mc here Wm Clayton & Jason and Uncle Joe & Paul busy. Lucy and I finished canning grapes to day. This P.M. Homer at C- at the office. This Eve at Selma -- This Eve Lucy up at home a little while. Clayton called at Din[?] Collins's.

21" Aug. Friday. Wm Stanforth and family left for a weeks visit in Highland Co. this morning. Russel Steinforth will work in his place -- he will sleep in their house and take his meals here -- he and Clayton & Jason out at some kind of work this A.M. Near noon Frank Orr came to make a visit -- he was here to dinner. This afternoon it began raining -- work in a manner stopped Mr Mc & Uncle Joe & Paul & Homer around this morning Uncle Joe at mill -- I left my work and went with him & stopped with grandmother & Aunt Mary a few minutes -- we were back home in a very little while I took up my work where I left off. Clara washing. Lucy busy helping. This Eve Homer & co invited to a party to Charleston -- but it has been such a disagreeable evening he did not get farther than Selma.

22" Aug. Sat. A shower this morning and raining a little all afternoon. This P.M. it cleared up -- We ironed to day and baked. This afternoon Homer & Clara and Paul & Lucy went to town when they took Uncle Joe home -- were home in time for supper -- This A.M. Mr T. M. Miller, a traveling artist took a picture of the family & the front yard -- He stayed with us for dinner -- This afternoon Russel and the boys around. Lucy went up home -- Clayton went over to Clifton on an errand.

23" Aug Sabbath -- A damp day. Russel absent. Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church -- Mr Mc and I at church -- we left the house shut up. I went down for Aunt Jane -- Aunt Matt stayed by her self -- We were late and I only stopped a moment with grandmother. Mr Mortons text "When Elisha was come into the house, behold the child was

dead and laid upon the bed He went in therefore and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.” Seems it prayer is the subject of this text – we see its importance, power and efficacy. The history of every redeemed child is that they were men and women of prayer – to be without prayer is to be without God – Secret prayer is a personal matter – no substitute can be employed – We must have a time and place for prayer – The earth itself is a magnificent temple any part of which can be converted into a closet. Every Christian should have a private chamber where he can retire from the world and be alone with God. There are many sins to confess – many blessings needed – We need to pour our hearts out to him – when none but God is near. Elisha was terribly earnest – he wrestled agonized and prayed until God heard & answered – This is what we need to do – We should take our son or daughter who is dead in trespasses and sin and never be satisfied until the blessed Spirit of God [illegible] them up and breathes into them the blessed life of the holy Spirit. We should keep near to God – Set the Lord always before us. Live in close communion with him every day. After preaching Clayton went down to grandmother Murdocks & Aunt Marys and came back this eve with Homer and Clara from the young folks meeting. Lucy came this morning and helped up with the work. This is a damp day. The rail road man called this eve to settle up a sheep claim but Mr Mc remembered the Sabbath day by dismissing him at once – said he would see him in the morning. I heard Jason & Pauls lesson

24” Aug. Monday. Quite a nice day. Lucy came back last night. Mr Mc went early this morning to see the Railroad man – Homer went with him & remained to pack up Prof Schencks goods – Mr Mc returned at noon bringing Uncle Joe with him. Uncle Dan called. Clara busy all A.M. and up until three Oclock when she left for Springfield – She went by way of town and Homer went with her – She expects to make a visit in Springfield. Homer came back alone – he took supper in S- and dinner with Aunt Mary & grandmother Murdock. Uncle Joe and Clayton took peaches to market this Eve – Lucy and I have been busy to day canning peaches.

25” Aug Tuesday. A beautiful day. Russel began plowing. Mitchels men taking their trees out of the woods. Clayton & Jason and Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc and Paul around – I finished my work this A.M. and left the rest with Lucy to do and went to a parlor meeting at Aunt Bells. Quite a good many ladies present. Miss Burnet a national organize was with us – and gave us a talk. After the meeting Homer came home with me he rode down to town this morning with John Bromegan when passing and put in his time packing Schencks things he took dinner with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. This Eve I called in to speak to Mrs Newton Townsley – This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston he did not get back in time to hear Miss Burnett speak on “The Bright Side of a Dark Picture” Clayton went back with me and went to the church to the meeting. I stayed with grandmother and let Aunt Mary go. Homer is at Selma again this Eve.

26” Aug Wed. Homer took me top town this morning to stay with grandmother while Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell attended the annual W.C.T.U. of Greene Co at Xenia – I put in a full day with grandmother – Homer around with Prof McChesney awhile and then at Schencks old room

packing up his things – He came down took dinner with grandmother and me – Then he came up home bringing Walter with him. Walter stayed at Orrs last night. Mr Mc around home to day. Walter & Homer at Charleston at the Bicycle races this P.M. They reached home after eight – Uncle Joe came down for me this evening – Aunt Mary home before I came away. Mr Morton and Prof McChesney called to see me at grandmothers this afternoon. Uncle Silas there to day a little while. Clayton went with Frank Orr & co to the Springfield fair to day and came back home this Eve This has been a beautiful day for a fire[?] The powder mill near the Springs exploded this morning and two men were killed – Jason and Russel plowing to day. Lucy at the work. Paul around.

27" Aug. Thurs. A beautiful day indeed. Walter here last night and went with Mr Mc Homer and Jason to the Springfield fair – Lucy has her sister here yesterday last night and to day. Clayton and Russel hauling on the roads. Jim Collins Supervisor. Uncle Joe and Paul looking after things – This afternoon I called to see Mrs J. S. Brown – I am ashamed I waited so long. This Eve Mr Doubins, temperance work, from near Columbus came. He was here for supper and with us to night – Paul came into tell me there was a man at the door wanted to see me. I asked who is it? He said it was not this man or that but it is the man that Kills the Saloons that is out there. And sure enough it was. Lucy & her sister went home to attend an entertainment this Eve – We have been busy to day. The folks did not get back until after dark – The[y] saw Clara to day. Harlan on the grounds too. Uncle Joe & Paul at C this Eve.

28" Aug. Friday. Another beautiful day. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around & Jason. Clayton & Russel hauling on the roads. Lucy & I busy – canning. Just as we were through with dinner Mr Fred Smith stopped in and was her to dinner too. Paul has been going back and forth with Clayton on the gravel bed all day. This morning Mr Doubins went on his way to Columbus. Homer & Walter went by way of town to the Springfield fair.

29" Aug. Sat. A beautiful day. Walter with us last night. Homer took him to C- this morning and came back alone at noon. Old Mr Brown called this morning – he has not been well for some time. Clayton & Russel hauling on the roads. Jason went with Will Mc to Charleston with a load of mellons. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield. Uncle Joe & Paul around all day. Lucy busy. This afternoon Homer and I attended Mr Spense Shepherds funeral. Mr Morton conducted the exercises – After the funeral Homer and I called at grandmother Murdocks – she continues to be very weak. After supper Homer took Uncle Joe down home. Clayton around with Russel this Eve – Lucy went home this Eve – Mr Mc spent the afternoon with Harlan and took supper with him at Adams's – he did not get home until after dark. A man from Columbus is needing shelter by the name of Alexander Pugh – stopping with us to night. Lucy went away this Eve.

30" Aug Sabb. A lovely day but a little cool – no dust – no heat – Homer and Paul and Clayton at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church – I drove down to Aunt Janes drove back to

the church alone. I stayed with grandmother Murdock – we have concluded not to leave her alone any more – Mr Morton preached to day as usual – Clayton went down to grandmothers from church with Aunt Mary – and came back with Homer from the young folks meeting. Jason at home to day. Alex Pugh still her to day. This Eve Wms returned from their visit to Highland Co. I heard the boys lesson to day. Walter came out with Homer & Clayton.

31" Aug. Monday. A very beautiful day. Our man Alex Pugh put in a full day pulling weeds in the from year – Walter here last night and went down to town with Homer. Uncle Joe went out to Uncle Silas's on an errand and came out with Homer at noon. Mr [illegible] of Columbus passed down at noon stopped here to dinner and went on to Xenia for the opening of the Theological Seminary – he is to attend there this year. I rec'd a letter from James Little he is in Nebraska he wrote me a beautiful letter – He has been converted and has come out on the "bright side." This afternoon Uncle Joe and Paul went over to Clifton for Frank Lamont – They got back at four – I have not been feeling very well – and Frank began at once at the work – Cora & Ella Worley called. Clayton & Wm plowing Jason busy – Mr Mc around all day – This Eve he drove over to Mr Henry Kyles. Homer at Selma this Eve.

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1" Sept. Tues. A beautiful day. Frank and I put in a full day at the work. Uncle Dan called this morning. Homer at C- this A.M. – home again at noon. This afternoon Mr Mc took him to Cedarville and he rode up to Springfield to be ready to attend the Stuart party this Eve – he rode up with [blank space] -- Uncle Silas here awhile this afternoon. Alex Pugh our Saturday evening man left us this morning. Clayton and Jason put in a full day plowing. Wm cutting corn. Paul around with Uncle Joe – We rec'd a letter from Clara – She is still at S- A week to day since she went there and it seems like a month. Charlie [?] called to see Clayton and Jason.

2" Sept. Wed. Quite a beautiful day. At a very early hour Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I left for Springfield – Bryant the Democratic Candidate for President spoke on the Square at ten O'clock. He is 36 years old – quite fine looking Had his wife and daughter with him. After the meeting Mrs Stuart and Maggie & Clara and Miss Mable Daniels went with us to Fern Cliff Cemetery where we had dinner – The grounds are beautiful and the shade trees & flowers plentiful. I was sorry Sadie could not come out. Clayton took Margret back to her work and the rest of us rode through the grounds and sat around the rest of the afternoon – Mr Mc and Paul and I took tea at Mrs Stuarts Clayton & Jason had a lunch and left for home. Homer took dinner at Adams's with Uncle Silas. Harlan could not come out to our picnic as he had to go to his work. We did not get home until after night – The Stanforth family from the tenant house took dinner with Uncle Joe & Frank. Uncle Joe at C- Frank around to day. Alex Pugh came back to day & is with us to night.

3" Sept Thurs. Raining this A.M. Homer came back from Springfield yesterday afternoon with Walter – He was at home last night – This A.M. at town at the office – home at noon. Uncle Dan at the State fair at Columbus to day. Alex Pugh began cutting corn – Wm Clayton & Jason at the corn & plowing this A.M. This afternoon work in a manner stopped. Homer at his books this afternoon Mr Mc and I at Selma – we called to see Mr Samuel Howel and were graciously rec'd by him self and wife – When we came back to Selma I called to see Prof Weaver – The Selma School opens Monday and it is our plan for Clayton & Jason to go – Frank in charge of the kitchen. This Eve Homer at Selma also. Clayton at mill to day.

4" Sept. Friday. A nice day – but chilly after the rain. Mr Patteric [sic] Cain died last night of Courtsville. The County meeting of C. E. met in C- to day – quite a number of delegates – I went to town this morning with Homer expecting to attend it but finally spent the day with grandmother and did not go – Aunt Mary there this P.M. Homer there all day – Came down and took dinner at grandmothers. Wm & Clayton and Jason busy. Alex Pugh cutting corn. Uncle Joe and Mr Mc and Paul around. Frank in charge of the house keeping. This Eve Lucy & her sister called. Wm & Clayton at C- this eve – Homer calling at Will Mc. Some folks invited in this eve, up there.

5" Sept. Saturday. Alex Pugh & Wm cutting corn Clayton & Jason plowing. The man that took sketch of the house etc. here this morning. We took but one of the views from him. Homer around all A.M. he went to C- this P.M. – and did not get home until after dark. This P.M. late it came up a heavy shower. Uncle Joe and Paul and Mr Mc around all day. Frank and I canning tomatoes. Jason took Uncle Joe home. Clayton and Paul retired early.

6" Sept. Sabbath. Pleasant after the rain but cool. Homer and Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Paul stayed with grandmother Murdock. I called for Aunt Jane & took her up to church. I called in to see grandmother – I was in Sabbath School also – Mr Mc came to church alone – we left Alex Pugh in charge of the house. Mr Mortons text "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" John saw heaven opened he saw the Redeemer and the redeemed in the home of the blessed – What is it follow Christ: It is to take him for our leader and to do what he commands us. If we do this we follow him into the closet – to family worship to the house of God to Sabbath School and to the prayer meeting and to the communion table – This is the road over which our leader past – and over which we must pass if we follow him. We can follow the Lamb by cheerfully submitting to trial and disappointments – To follow the Lamb we need to imitate Christ – to become like him. To be kind as he was kind – never rendered a blow for a blow – never gave place to anger or unkindness. This Eve Jason led the Junior C. E. s He and Clayton both there – Homer at the young folk meeting this eve – Two germans came and stopped with us, later on, about dark two colored men came – all here to night in the hay loft -- Pauls lesson heard – This eve we read the Bible lesson for next Sabbath – Frank went over to Clifton this morning.

7" Sept. Monday. A pleasant day. Clayton and Jason at the Opening of the Selma School this morning. The school dismissed at noon. Clayton & Jason came home then. Our german began cutting corn – but failed – they concluded to pass on. Our colored brothers went ahead with the cutting – Alex Pugh also – We had these five brethren to breakfast this morning. Homer at C- this A.M. – and brought Uncle Joe out – Frank came back this morning and is here to day. This P.M. Jason running the harrow – Clayton at C- at the shop – he took supper with grandmother & Aunt Mary. This afternoon Homer helping Uncle Joe husk corn. This Eve at Selma – Jason took the clothes down this Eve. Mr Mc around home all day. Cara & Ella W- called this evening.

8" Sept. Tues. Quite a nice day. Homer took Clayton and Jason to Selma School and went after them again this Eve – Alex Pugh began working by the month to day. Our two Col men & Wm cutting corn. Paul and Uncle Joe around all day. I put the house in order to day. Frank took charge of the kitchen. Cara Worley here & scoured the porch and the rocks & swept the walks. Homer at C- awhile this afternoon – He went back this Eve to hear a "Gold Democrat" speak – Mr Mc went to Springfield to day took part of the drill with him to be repaired – He came back after dark bringing Clara and Miss Mable Daniels of Chicago with him. Clara has been in Springfield two weeks yesterday. I need not say I am tired to night – We gave them supper – Will Mc and Uncle Dan called to day.

9" Sept Thurs [sic] Quite a nice day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe at Charleston pasture they took dinner at Mr Watsons – reached home at four O'clock. This morning Clara and Miss Daniels and I at the opening exercises of Cedarville College. Dr McKinney President, Prof McChesney and Prof (Miss) Anderson and Prof (Miss) Begue[?] and Prof Jurkat and Prof Campel – in their places. Homer is appointed to teach Elocution – and has the place – but was not there to respond do day. Dr Robb of Jamestown there and make a few very nice remarks – the principle thought was if the students & Profs made a success of their work they needed the help of the Holy Spirit –to enlighten their eyes. After the meeting we drove down in town and I made a brief call at mothers. The colored corn cutters and Alex Pugh at their work – Homer and the girls and I dined at a later hour in the sitting room – After dinner Homer to town – came home and after tea he and Miss Daniels left for Springfield – Miss Daniels and her Mother leaves for Chicago in the morning to their home. Frank in charge of the home to day & Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Clara and Clayton at C- this eve to look up books. Another remark Mr Robb made – Have your children read the Bible every day – and to pray. This too was wherein their great strength did lie. Frank at Worleys this P.M.

10" Sept. Thursday. Another nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Homer & Clara at the College. Wm & the two col men cutting corn Alex P- husking. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. Uncle Joe and Paul at mill. This Eve after tea Homer and Mr Mc at Cedarville – Clayton and Jason and Paul & Homer at Will Mcs this evening. Homer & Clara came home at noon – Frank

busy to day & so have all the rest of us. Mr Frank Spenser called this P.M. – Mr Mc at Selma to day. Charlie G- & Frank O & E Dalles called to see the boys this P.M.

11" Sept. Friday. A beautiful day – we are back into summer again. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Homer and Clara at the College – were home again in time for dinner – This P.M. Homer back at town again. The Selma pump men here this P.M. – repairing pump on the porch. Our Col men and Alex P- still with us. Uncle Joe and Paul brought in the last of the peaches to day. Frank helped me with the peach butter – She has put the house in order – This P.M. late Homer out at Mr Al Stormonts. Mr Mc at C- and home again in a short time – Homer did not get back until late Clayton and Jason at C- with the Jr C.E. Soc on a hay ride – Clayton took Frank home before he got started.

12" Sept. Saturday. Yesterday it was 90" in the shade – to day the same – Frank will not be here to day – Canning, washing and ironing and baking – They were thrashing at Will Mcs to day Jason there. Uncle Joe and Payl around all day. Mr Mc around. Our col'd men away all day -- back for supper & with us to night again. Alex & Clayton busy. This P.M. Clayton at C- for coal. This P.M. Homer at Springfield on a book trade returned home at ten bringing Helen [illegible] – quite a surprise to us – but very glad to see her they are living at Delaware and she and her bro. is in the college there. Wm took Uncle Joe home – Alice & the children here – Jason and one of the col men at Selma on an errand to night. Clayton retired early.

13" Sept. Sabbath. A bright warm day – quite warm indeed. Homer Helen W. Clara Clayton Jason & Paul at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church. I remained at home – Alex P- & one of those col men here – the other went home he has been sick for a few days is why he went – Mr Morton preached to day as usual. Harlan started down from S- with his horse and buggy expecting to be here in time for church – but failed to make the trip he did not get her until near noon – he was here with Helen and the rest of us for dinner. This Eve Clayton & Jason at the Jr. C.E. meeting Homer & Clara & Helen at the young folks meeting – After lunch Harlan went back to S-

14" Sept. Monday. Quite a beautiful day. Cara W- came this morning and has been with us to day. Helen went down with Homer & Clara to the College. Homer went to the Y. Springs to meet [Blank space] but she failed to come – but will be there this Eve. Homer & the girls back in time for dinner. After dinner Lucy called Clayton & Jason at Selma School. They went out on the [illegible] and did not get home until late. One of the col fellows went home yesterday the other one with us at the corn cutting. Alex at the cutting & husking. Uncle Joe came at noon – he rode out with Uncle Dan. Mr Mason and his friend stopped to see Mr Mc this A.M. Mr Mc around home all day & vicinity. Homer at the Springs this P.M. but Miss [illegible] among the absent – but they are still expecting her. Very much like rain this Eve. Let us record here that this is Pauls first day at school – Miss Ada Wylie teacher. Our school opened this morning. Paul came home to dinner and there this afternoon – He does not know the alphabet

yet – Every child has a first day at school and he also has a last day. When will Pauls last day come – this is his first – When we start to school it seems a long time to look forward to our Commencement day – but the time will soon go by – and before we are aware we will be there. Clayton came home from S- and went to C- on an errand. He has just come in now – It is beginning to rain.

15" Sept. Tues. Heavy rain last night it will stop the thrashing do day. Very damp and gloomy this morning. Uncle Dan here awhile this A.M. Homer and Clara and Helen down at the College – Near noon Stormont and his three men drove in with their machine. Our col man, Davis, & Alex both around Stormont and his men and our own crowd here to dinner Helen sat at the table also – This afternoon notwithstanding the crowd they gathered in their forces and finished the wheat & oats – rain kept off – 14 men in all – We suppered at six O'clock. Walter called this P.M. Homer at C- and home for supper – Uncle Joe at town on an errand. Alice and her children here to supper – Cara W- went home and her Mother came in her place. When she went home Cara came back. This Eve after supper Mr Mc and Clara went with Helen to call at Mr Mortons Aunt Marys & Aunt Bells – Helen goes home in the morning – We have enjoyed her stay. When I wrote the fifteenth I remembered it was eighteen years ago this Evening since Aunt Betsy died.

16" Sept. Wed. A beautiful day. Helen went down with Homer and Clara to College – They were home to dinner Harlan stopped off on his route to Pitchin and took dinner with us. Clayton & Jason at School at Selma – Paul at school too. This afternoon Helen went back to Springfield with Harlan. We certainly enjoyed Helens visit – This afternoon Homer went with me to C- He was on football business – I stayed with grandmother & Aunt Mary. I was there for tea. As we came home I called to see Mary Orr Hutchison. She is sinking very fast, I think. I also called to see Aunt Jane. This Eve Clayton took Will to C- Clara at home with Cara – My limb began hurting to day.

17" Sept. Thurs. Quite a gloomy day. Homer & Clara at College – Homer came back at noon and Clara stayed at grandmothers until after tea this Eve when Uncle Joe went after her. Near noon Mr Mc at C. Mr Will Mitchel called to see him this P.M. Our col boarder and Alex still with us. This Eve Mr Alvie Orr called and he and Homer went up the pike to Selma & to Charleston. Edd Nelson stopped with us to dinner to day – Clayton & Jason at Selma School – Paul at our school and is delighted with it. Cara and I busy. Mrs Fleming the Xenia druggists wife buried to day.

18" Sept. Friday. Another gloomy day. Alex and our col man at the work – The field is full of corn cutters. Homer & Clara at College this A.M. home at noon – Homer gave his first lesson in elocution to day. Clara was there – He give it this P.M. – they did not get home until this Eve. After supper Homer at Selma – a party on hands at Charleston. This Eve Clayton & Jason at Will Mcs water melon patch.

19" Sept. Sat. Heavy rain last night and still raining this A.M. Homer at C- this morning – he did not get back until noon. Clara at her lessons. Cara busy all day This afternoon Mr Mc and I made a few calls in the business part of the city. Then drove to Clifton – we called to see Mrs Lamont, also Mrs Cremly but she was not at home. Clara helping Cara this P.M. & Eve. After supper Mr Mc and Clara at town. Mr Mc to see Mr Sam Mitchel & Clara to see Jennie Morton & go over her Latin. Homer & all the sons retired early. Jason took Uncle Joe home this P.M. Clayton at mill this afternoon – It is much colder this evening. Paul around with Uncle Joe all day. We have fire in the sitting room this eve.

20" Sept. Sabb. Pleasant after the rain – a little cool. Clayton, Clara at Sabbath School. I drove down for Aunt Jane – I called in to see grandmother Murdock. I left Paul with her to day. Aunt Matt staying by her self – I was in Sabbath School a short time this morning. Mr Mortons text "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation is overpast." The leading thought. Christ the sinners refuge – Christ invites us to a place of safety. It is danger to trifle with our eternal interests. There is a danger around us and the invitation is for to get home & to close the doors about us. We are also invited a place of rest – It is to lay aside for awhile the work and warfare of life and to enter our chamber and shut the doors around us to commune with our God. There is rest in Christ and in the graces and ordinances of religion. Then after the trials and hardships are over there is a blessed rest for the children of God in heaven. We do not enjoy the rest we should because we do not accept of this invitation. God does not only promise a blessing after the hardships & sufferings of this life are over but he promises to give us a blessing and rest and comfort when in the very midst of our trials and hardships here. God invites us to draw close to him and let our burdens fall upon him & he will sustain us. No matter what the care – what the sorrow or the anxiety he invites us to carry all to him and he will bear them for us. As Christians we do not keep close enough to God and on this account we are weak when we ought to be strong. We do not retire from the world and close the doors around us as God has invited us to do to hold daily communion with him. Then when the great battle of life is past it is eternal joy – it is everlasting victory and never ending rest. Homer went down to grandmothers for Paul Clayton went down there and came home with Homer & Clara from the young folks meeting and from the church this evening. They were at the U. P. Church hearing Rev P- Thomas – Jason read the Bible lesson. Pauls lesson heard.

21" Sept. Monday. Homer & Clara at the College this morning. Clara came at noon bring Uncle Joe with her – Homer stayed to meet the football manager from Charleston this Eve. Clara went back to C- this evening and stayed with Jennie Morton & attended a business meeting of the C. E. Soc – Mr Mc around home all day. Cara W- came back this morning. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. He took his dinner to day. Mrs Worley called this evening. Clayton & Jason at Will Mcs watermelon patch. Homer took dinner & supper at Aunt Marys – He came home & went to his books.

22" Sept. Tues. Quite a gloomy day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School – Paul at School. Near noon Mr Mc left for X- This forenoon Clara & Homer at College home at noon. This afternoon I called to see Etta Mc a few minutes. When I came back Homer went with me to meet with the football players. Dr McKinney up this morning at the College Homer and I both took tea at grandmothers Grandmother feeling very badly these days. Clayton at town this eve to see Aunt Mary about his Debate – Homer stayed in town to hear Dr Long on the money question at the Opera house. Clara here with Cara. Uncle Joe went down to Lizzies to meet Earl Caldwell and his wife – but they did not come. Uncle Joe came home early.

23" Sept. Wed. A nice day. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe here too. Wm at the wheat sowing. Our col man still with us So is Alex Pugh. Homer & Clara at the College and came back at noon. Paul at School. Clayton & Jason at Selma. This afternoon I went with Homer to town when he went to the football grounds. I called to see Emma [illegible] – she is to come her Monday week – Homer and I both at grandmothers for supper Uncle Joe at Uncle Dans awhile this Eve. Clara here with Cara again this P.M. We were canning apples to day.

24" Sept Thurs. A nice day. Homer & Clara at the College this A.M. Homer came home alone Clara stayed at grandmothers and came home with Homer when he went to the baseball grounds this P.M. – to visit at Lizzies with Earl Caldwell and his wife. Clayton at Selma School alone Jason at home helping with the wheat sowing. Russel S. took his place this PM. And Jason took Aunt Marys cow down & came back with Homer & Clara . Cara and I busy I have not been feeling well to day. Dave Mc called this P.M. Sallie has taken Della[?] to Michigan for her health – This Eve Clayton and Jason at political meeting at Selma Paul is at School to day.

25" Sept Friday. Quite a nice day. Uncle Joe & Lizzie came out this morning – I started to C- for them and met Mary McMillan bringing them out. Earl Caldwell & wife and baby came out later – Uncle Dan was invited but did not come – Homer & Clara at College this morning – Homer stayed in town to be ready for his class. Clara came home and was here to dinner with the folks – Mr Mc around all day. Late this P.M. our company left us. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. He gave his first declamation to day. Cara went up to hear him. He invited father and me up to hear him speak but we were too busy to go. Father and I at C- a little while & brought Homer home. Homer at Selma this Eve. Clara & Cara at the work. Another letter from Fred – he will be at home tomorrow – how glad we will be.

26" Sept. Sat. Quite a gloomy day. Clara and Cara and I busy to day. Wm and Clayton & Jason at the wheat sowing. Uncle Joe & Paul around. Mr Mc at Springfield to meet Fred – He started early this morning. This afternoon Homer at C- and over at the Springs to call to see that young lady teacher. He was home again at seven. This Eve I called to see Mrs Worley a few minutes. Wm took Uncle Joe home. About sun-setting Mr Mc & Fred came – but no sun visible to day – sprinkling rain this eve – Fred has been at his place in Chicago since June – he went there directly after the Monmouth College Commencement instead of coming home as we expected

– He is looking well – he attends Dr. Duffs church – and has been teaching a class of young men in the Sabbath School – We can have “no greater joy than to hear that “our” children walk in the truth.” Fred has not been home since August of last year.

27<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sabbath. Quite a damp disagreeable day. Homer, Clara, Clayton and Paul at Sabbath School. Jason at home to day again, on acct of his clothes. I drove down for Aunt Jane – and called to speak to grandmother Murdock. She is feeling very weak. Aunt Mary at home with her to day I was in the class a few minutes this morning. Mr Mortons text There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye many be able to bear it.” God proportions the temptations that are to meet us to our strength – For God knows how weak and frail we are. Away back in Eternity God arranged a program for us and on that he has all the trials and temptations and tribulations that are to meet us here. It would be well for us to remember that God is on the throne and his hand and unerring wisdom is arranging all for us. After preaching we met Harlan – he came down from Springfield and did not get in until late. He and Fred went down to see grandmother Murdock – and to see Aunt Matt – grandmother very anxious to see them. Rain all afternoon & evening – and very dark to night Cara went away this morning. Alex Pugh the only servant that is with us. I am afraid there have been a great deal of idle words here to day I wonder if we all remember what a holy sacred day the Sabbath is. There are two or three verses I committed to memory this eve.

#### Be Not Weary

Yes, He knows the way is dreary,  
Knows the weakness of our frame,  
Knows that hand and heart are weary;  
He “in all points,” felt the same.  
He is near to help and bless;  
Be not weary, onward press.

Look to Him, and faith shall brighten,  
Hope shall soar, and love shall burn;  
Peace once more they heart shall lighten,  
Rise! He calleth thee! Return!  
Be not weary on thy way;  
Jesus is thy strength and stay.

I also committed these lines written by Alexander McLaren. The helm of the Universe is held by the hands that were pierced for us. The Lord of nature and the mover of all things is that Saviour on whose love we may pillow our aching heads. What a beautiful assurance. As we gathered around the table this evening – we remembered we were all here – but Fannie -- On yesterday forenoon Mary Orr Hutchison died – her funeral tomorrow.

28" Sept. Monday. Another dark dreary day. Rained nearly all day. This morning I went with Fred and stopped off at Orrs while he went down to tell grandmother and the folks good by. Several there making the arrangements for the funeral this afternoon. Mr Mc and Alex P- at C- all of us home to dinner. Neither Homer or Clara in College this A.M. Clara & Cara got the dinner. Clayton and I got up before four O'clock this morning to help Harlan off to Springfield. He drove Wylie back. This afternoon Fred told us all good by and Mr Mc took him up to Springfield. He left on the evening train for Chicago. His suit will follow him Saturday from Jason Phillips shop. Uncle Joe came out this morning & was here to dinner. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Clara at home at her lessons. Homer and I at Mary Orr Hutchisons funeral. Mr Morton conducted the exercises – It rained all afternoon – we did not go to the cemetery but I stopped with grandmother awhile. This Eve Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P- grandmothers represented in it – for the first this season. It is terribly dark to night – but Mr Mc surprised us by returning early. What a busy day we have had. I am sure Fred must be sleepy & tired to night – as well as the rest of us.

29" Sept. Tues. Heavy rain last night – and raining this morning. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer and Clara at the College – Mr Mc at town to see Bird – all back home to dinner. Work suspended. Alex in the wood shed part of the time. Uncle Dan here – Cara and I busy. Our work goes on just the same. This afternoon Homer back at C- again. He drove over to the Springs – home again at seven.

30" Sept. Wed. Rain last night – and almost constant rain to day. Homer & Clara at College & home again at noon. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Cara and I busy – we put up apples and quinces to day. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around – Alex chopping wood. Homer back at town this P.M. home in time for tea. Uncle Dan here this P.M.

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1" Oct. Thurs. No rain to day – but very cloudy all day. Mr Mc looking after sheep most of the day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Homer & Clara at the College – home again to dinner Paul up at our School. Uncle Joe around. Alex at the wood cutting. I put a full half day up stairs Cora took care of the kitchen dept. Clara sent Donald & Malcoms photos It is the first time we saw Donald with his hair off. This afternoon Homer rode Prince to town to the football exercises. Mr Mc and I down a little while – grandmother in a deep sleep most of the time while I was there. Mrs Sam Tomilson from Winchester Ind here on a visit and was calling at grandmothers. On yesterday Dr Oglesbees rec'd a daughter into their family. I called to see Emma Carral – she will come Monday. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton & Jason at the Selma School house to hear a "Free Silver" speech. George Barber called and Homer went up with him. Wm S- and Uncle Joe at C- a little while this Eve. We rec'd a letter from Fred – he reached Chicago in safety. Mr Mc called to see Wm. Mitchel & son.

2" Oct. Friday. Quite gloomy. Uncle Joe took Homer and Clara down to College and attended to some business and came home – They will take dinner at grandmothers as Homers class meets this afternoon. Mr Mc around waiting for Wm Mitchel but he did not come. Mr Walker Williamson called – After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Charleston – Alex gathering in tomatoes. Wm busy – at something Cora and I busy at every thing Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Clayton on debate to day. Subject resolved that Lincoln is a greater man than Washington. Clayton is on the affirmative. Paul is having a speech to day also.

“O dear I can not go out to day  
Because it is raining so –  
Never mind; never mind –  
It makes the garden grow.

If the rain should always go away  
When little children ask it.  
You could not find enough of beans  
To fill a little basket”

Pauls 2" speech

This afternoon late I went to town to see grandmother. Homer came home with me but Clara waited to go to a Republican meeting at the Opera House with Miss Anderson & Jennie. Clayton & Jason at Will Mc calling – After they came home they stayed with us til we finished cutting up vegetables for Chow Chow. Homer at Selma to night – Lucy called and Cora went away with her.

3" Oct. Sat. Gloomy to day but the rain stayed away. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Jason left for Xenia. Jason got a new suit – they were home to a late supper – Homer took Uncle Joe down home and Clara came back with him. Cora and I busy all the day long. Wm & Alex & Clayton & Uncle Joe busy. Paul around home all day.

4" Oct. Sabb. Brighter to day. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul all at Sabbath School. Mr Mc took me down to grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Jane went back with him to church – Poor grandmother is growing very weak. Walter & Jason came home with Aunt Mary – were there to dinner. Mr Mortons text Looking unto Jesus. This Eve Homer & Clara at the young folks meeting – Jason came home with them. I have been on the sick list to day – the first spell of the kind for a long time. Cora went away this morning.

5" Oct. Monday. Mr Mc at town this morning at the sheep and brought out Emma Cassell with him – she began work this morning – I was in the thickest of the battle when she came – so much needed to be done and not feeling well – she was a welcome addition to our family. Clara went alone in the carriage this morning. And Uncle Joe brought it back – he called at grandmothers and took a tooth out for her. Homer at home to day getting ready for a debate – He went down for the mail came back home took supper and he and Will Mc attended a Silver

Speech at Charleston – Clayton and Jason took the cow back to Aunt Marys. Wm & Co sowing wheat Alex husking Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Clara attending the first meeting of the Society to night. I have been in bed most of the day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home all day. Fannie sent Donalds and Malcoms picture to us – Quite a change since Donalds hair is off – Mr Harvey Stormont called to day. Homer took the clothes and a check to Mrs P- Uncle Joe getting out beans.

6" Oct. Tues. Rain again – began raining early this morning. Work stopped again. Homer here getting ready for his debate with Robbie Galbreath on the Money question to night – Uncle Joe and men cleaning beans. Alice went to Reesville with her brother "Sunday". Mr Mc around the fire most of the day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Emma at her work in the kitchen – I have been writing letters this P.M. This Eve Homer went by Selma to Cedarville College to the Society meeting – Clayton & Jason went down to the meeting and to hear the debate on the money question – Clara still in town has been there since yesterday.

7" Oct. Wed. A gloomy day. Homer at College this morning. Emma's mother called for her and took her to Jamestown to the Republican Barbicue – I am left alone with the work. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex husking Wm at work – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Homer & Clara took dinner at grandmothers and Aunt Marys before they came up home – After they studied awhile I left Clara in charge of the work and went down with Homer to town when he went to the football – I spent my time with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Grandmother very weak. This Eve Homer and Clara at their books – At bed time Emma came back from the barbecue. A letter came from Aunt Mary and Uncle John – they are at Lyons Ind by themselves. Robbie is at work for Frank [illegible] in Cincinnati and Aunt Bell is attending school there.

8" Oct Thurs. A chilly cloudy day – once and awhile a little sunshine – Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer at the College alone – back to dinner and at the foot ball practice this P.M. then back to supper and at his books this eve. Alex's months was up this morning and he began again on his new [illegible] this P.M., or contract. Emma here in charge of the work. Mr Mc and Clara and I at Springfield to day. We "picniced" in the grove near the city until one – Clara got a new school dress – I got a few necessaries. I called at Mrs [illegible] & the S-s . Clara called there and at Sadies School – Sadie took the rounds with Clara this P.M. – shopping. We had a nice supper at Mrs S-s before starting home – When we reached here Homer came out to meet us – he had been at his books all evening. Uncle Joe & Paul and Clayton and Jason and our two servants had retired. We saw Harlan as he started home – he seems to be in fine spirits. Mrs Worley was here this evening.

9" Oct. Friday. Gloomy all morning – but this afternoon the sun came out in splendor. This morning I drove Homer & Clara to the College – Homers class met this afternoon – then football – They took dinner at grandmothers. I spent an hour with her and Aunty Mary. She is getting

very feable – Irish Sammie & his Sister Katy “old sides” bid farewell to Cedarville yesterday and left for Ireland – their native land. Uncle Joe & Alex gathering potatoes. Wm at the wheat sowing. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at School. Emma at the work – I don’t know where I am. Mr Mc around home. This Eve Wm Mc and Paul at C- and brought Homer & Clara home – Mr Mc called at Lee Stuarts store to make some purchases for Clayton – After supper Homer took a trip to Selma.

10” Oct. Sat. A beautiful day. Homer and Clara at C- this morning & remained near noon. Mr Mc left for Charleston. Alex at the corn Wm assisted by Clayton & Jason gathering pumpkins. Uncle Joe at the potatoes – Emma and I busy. Paul around all day. The Xenia boys came up and played football against Cedarville this P.M. A great many strangers there – Clara swept Aunt Janes house all over for the first to day. She was at the football grounds this afternoon – Mr Farmer Homers old Monmouth roommate there to day – went back on his Bycicle & expecting to come up on the four Oclock train to stay with us over Sabbath – but missed connection. Clara rode out with Mary K- and Imo. Mr Mc at Charleston and stopped at the Silver meeting at McDormants grove as he came back – did not reach here until near dark. Will took Uncle Joe down home – Emma went at the same time. When we expected Mr Farmer Clayton went up and brought Cara W- here to assist – she is with us to night. Homer came after the boys got started back to X- on the six Oclock train. After matters got settled when Homer returned we had supper all by our selves – what a busy day and a busy week we have had.

11” Oct. Sabb. A gloomy day. Cara went back home this morning Jason has a sore foot – he and Alex at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church – I drove down for Aunt Jane – Aunt Matt staying by her self – Mr Mortons text – “The marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made her self ready.” One reason that we do not accomplish more for Jesus and become stronger is because we do not come to the feast – because we do not tarry longer with God in our closets and because we do not take spiritual food enough. We do not read the Bible and pray enough – we are not as faithful as we should be to attend the prayer meeting & we should keep near to Jesus and get our courage and grace and inspiration from him. After preaching Mr Mc took Paul and me down to see grandmother She was in bed and looking very weak – Clayton went down there and came home with Homer and Clara from the young folks meeting. Emma came back then too. This afternoon spent with Paul This Eve with Jason.

12” Oct. Monday. Sprinkling rain this morning but cleared up. Alex at his husking. Wm cutting buckwheat – Emma at her work. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer & Clara down at the College came back at noon bringing Uncle Joe with them. This afternoon Homer & co went over to the Springs. Homer home in time for supper. It is dark and raining to night. Ex Gov St John was to have spoken at the Opera house to night on the money question – A dispatch came telling that he could not be here having been called home on account of the death of he son – Homer & Clara at their books & Clayton & Jason --

13" Oct. Tues. A gloomy day – It has been sprinkling rain all day. This morning I went down with Clara and Homer when they went to the College and stayed with grandmother and Aunt Mary and came back with them to dinner. Grandmother seemed a little brighter to day. I called in to see Mr & Mrs Morton this morning I was also in to see Aunt Jane. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This P.M. Mr Mc and Homer at C- back in time for supper – Homer at Selma to night Clayton at C- on an errand – Mr [illegible] of C- Bank left for parts unknown Saturday – which has made quite a sensation. Alex husking corn to day. Sallie & Della returned from their trip to Michigan this morning.

14" Oct. Wed. A nice day. Wm running the mower in the clover field by the house all day. Alex at his corn husking – his trunk came in to day. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. at Grays with potatoes. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer & Clara at the College this morning home at noon Harlan stopped in when on his route to Pitchin & took dinner with us. Mrs Worley & daughters went in our carriage to the Republican rally at Charleston. Homer went up to see Edd Stuart this P.M. – and came home past C- this evening – home in time for supper – He and Clara at their books. Emma busy to day.

15" Oct. Thurs. Another nice day. Wm still running the mower – Alex at his husking. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home all day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer & Clara up in good time and at the College this A.M. Homer here to dinner. Rev Watters at the College this morning and spoke. This afternoon Homer rode the pony to C- to be at the football exercises. Clara stayed and swept Aunt Janes house – [illegible] Worley and Bazel here at the clover this afternoon and into supper – Emma and I busy – we made Apple sauce to day. This Eve Mr Mc at C- and brought Clara home. Clayton & Jason at Selma at a Political Speech.

16" Oct. Friday. Another nice day. This morning Clayton & Jason drove out for Selma School – Paul at our School on the pike. I took Homer & Clara to the College this morning. I stopped an hour with grandmother & called in to speak to Sallie & Della as I came home. The clover field next the house is full of men. Will finished cutting. McDaniel & Son & Will Mc & Bazel and Worley and Uncle Joe all busy – All here to dinner and supper minus Will Mc & Will S- Directly after dinner Uncle Joe left for C. to be ready for church this afternoon. Mr Mc and I there Clara & Homer at church – Clara came home with us and Homer stayed to practice football – came home to supper and went over to Clifton to hear a Silver speech. Clara went with him to C- and stopped off at grandmothers to be ready to go with Orrs to Springfield in the morning. Rev Watters preached at two O'clock. Text "How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation." The holy spirit can change a demon to a saint – There is no depth to which a soul can fall that is too deep for the grace of God to [illegible] – The Spirit of God can melt and change the hardest heart.

17" Oct. Sat. Another clear day. The clover field completed in barn. [illegible] McDowell & son and Worley & Alex all in for an early dinner as they finished the field there. Emma put in a full day in the kitchen Homer left before dinner for town This forenoon Clayton & Jason and Paul at C- with wood for Aunt Jane & with a cow for Aunt Mary. At two O'clock Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at church – I left Paul at home with Emma. We expected Will Torrances & Lide to come home with us but they will come home with us tomorrow for dinner. We must be ready for them this evening as near as possible for tomorrow is Sabbath. This morning Clara went up to Orrs at an early hour from grandmothers and went with Alvie Orr on his weekly trip to Springfield – She expected to come down with Harlan but finally came back with Alvie reaching Cedarville at noon – Clara took dinner at grandmothers. Her principle visit in S- was to see Mrs Morgan. This afternoon after church she and Jennie M- drove over to the Springs to the football – Homer went earlier – and missed church altogether – I am sure this is wrong and hope never shall be repeated – Everything that takes the place Christ ought to occupy is wrong – Rev Waters preached this afternoon – text – “Dost thou believe in the Son of God?” We get a new life by believing in the Son of God. Christ puts us into a new relationship with God and a new relationship with men – There can be no true life or thinking away from Christ. If you want a richer joy a more blessed life a higher hope & assurance you can find it alone in Christ. After preaching I called to see grandmother – After night Homer & Clara came home bringing Mr Scarff with them, one of the students – Homer brought him out to lunch with him and afterwards drove him to Charleston – The girl very tired and retired early. We have had a busy evening getting ready for tomorrow – we have been expecting Harlan all evening but he has failed to come. Clayton at C- with Will on an errand.

18" Oct. Sabb. Quite a nice day. All up at an early hour – We left Paul at home with Alex and Emma. Homer Clara and I started out to the morning prayer meeting we met Harlan almost here when Clara got out and got in with him and went to the prayer meeting Clayton and Jason there too – then Mr Mc came. The leading thought we would see Jesus. I went down for Aunt Jane – and called into see grandmother she was sleeping – After the prayer meeting Clayton went down and brought Aunt Jane and Mary both up. Aunt Bell staying with grandmother to day. Rev Walters text “He saved others, himself he can not save.” Mr Prof Anderson & David Steel McElroy came into the church this time Our Communion services this afternoon. Will Torrence & wife & Sister Lide came home with us. Harlan here too – We had a nice dinner and were all ready for it. Homer and Clara & Lide and Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting & at church – Mr Mc and Willie and wife and Mr Mc and I at church. Harlan called down to see grandmother and Aunt Jane and was at church too – Quite a good audience – plenty of the U. P.s there. Rev Waters text “In the evening time it shall be light” Harlan went back to his home in Springfield to night. It is quite clear and frosty. Emma stayed at the tenant house and Paul stayed like a little man with Alex & retired early. Willie and his wife go back to their home in Loveland in the morning. While we called it a nice day – I must not forget to say it was cloudy this afternoon and snowed a little.

19" Oct. Monday. A very heavy frost last night which is bringing the leaves down in showers. All up in good time. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Mr Mc and I at the closing services of our communion at ten O'clock – Homer and Clara at the College the first hour – and came up to the church in time for the meeting – Clarence Dick and Anna Bell Creswell baptized this morning. Rev Watters preached – his text "Come over into Macedonia and help us." We are to help where God in his providence has placed us – we are to do the work that God has given us the power to perform Great and learned as the Apostle Paul was on one occasion he found his work with two or three women at a prayer meeting. If personally we do not go and do a work for Christ we at least can help some one else to do it. After preaching Mr Mc and Homer and I took dinner with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Clara took dinner at Mrs Mortons. After dinner Mr Mc went with Uncle Dan to Xenia to the Bryan meeting – Clara & Jennie and Blanch at the meeting also. Homer there too – he rode down with [Blank space]. I stayed with grandmother and Aunt Mary awhile – Mary C- McMillan called around and brought Uncle Joe and me up home. About eight O'clock the folks returned from the meeting – I had supper for them – Mr Mc, Homer and Clara all came in about the same time. Clayton and Jason took the clothes to Mrs P- The folks had quite a large time in Xenia and three or four thousand there Blackburn & co spoke this afternoon [In margin: Isaac here to dinner] Bryans train was behind time – he made but a short stay in C-. Alice and the children called this morning. Sadie Stuart sent me a nice bonnet for a present – which I appreciate very much.

20" Oct. Tues Gloomy most of the day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. Homer and Clara at the College until noon at which time Dr McKinney & Mr Watters and Jannie Morton came out with them to dinner. Mr & Mrs Morton here too – All by special invitation Emma and I had dinner ready when they came. Mr Mc at George Smiths sale until noon – All here to dinner. This Eve Homer took Dr McKinney down in Dr Mortons buggy. Clara took Dr Morton & Mrs M- and Jennie & Mr Watters down home in our surrie – Clara stayed all night at [Blank space] and Homer came back in the surrie reaching here in time for supper – he is at his books to night. Emma called an hour at Worleys this P.M.

21" Oct. Wed. Quite chilly this morning. Bright sunshine to day. This morning I went to town and stayed at grandmothers until noon – Homer rode down with me and went to the College and he and Aunt Jane came back with me we reached here in time for dinner. Clara remained in C- to get her greek. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex husking. Uncle Joe and Wm getting out buckwheat this P.M. Homer at his lessons. Emma went down in the carriage to the store with Aunt Jane when she went home. Homer at town a short time this evening. Mr Mc at Charleston to day.

22" Oct. Thurs. A pleasant day. Homer & Clara at the College this morning took dinner [blank space] and after Homers class he and Clara went to Springfield – they came home past C- and stopped at the Opera house for the Silver speech – they took supper at [blank space] Homer came home to night but Clara stayed in C- at [blank space]. Near noon Mr Mc left for a sale at

Clifton – he bought a few sheep but sold out before he came home. He got here before dark – Clayton & Jason & Paul were all at School to day – This Eve Mr Mc & Clayton and Jason were at the Silver meeting too – Will S- was there – Alice and the children were up here awhile – Uncle Joe went down & stayed until Wms return. I cleaned the sitting room press to day. Emma busy at the work – Alex husking. Mr McDowel back this afternoon again and helped Uncle Joe and Wm to clean the remainder of the buck wheat – On yesterday Mr Mc brought a buggy & a new set of harness from Charleston.

23" Oct Friday. Drizzling rain most of the day and the rest of time [illegible] Paul at School. There was only school until noon at Selma and Clayton & Jason were not there to day. Mr Mc around all day. Clara at school Homer there too awhile – he & Scarff at Xenia this A.M. – Mr Fred Smith around to day and took dinner with us. Just as we were through eating Homer and Clara came – Clara had dinner at grandmothers, but Homer here. Mr Smith around the fire awhile this afternoon. Homer went down to town this P.M. – and Mr Mc rode down with Mr Smith & came out with Homer and they brought Mr Scarff out with them and was here for supper. After supper he and Scarff went to Charleston – they did not get back until late. Emma busy.

24 Oct. Sat. Quite gloomy. When Homer & Mr Scarff went down to town I went with them and stopped awhile at grandmothers They have changed the base burner in the dining room for grandmothers comfort – Emma busy. I came back home at eleven I finished the ironing. This afternoon Emma went down at three O'clock when Clara went to the football game. Wittenberg boys from the College at Springfield played again our boys to day -- & Cedarville gained. Homer and Clara did not get home until after dark. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton at a free Silver speech at Selma at the school house. Homer and Jason at their lessons – Clara ironing. Uncle Dan here this morning.

25" Oct Sabbath A beautiful day. Homer & Clara & Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. I called to see grandmother Aunt Mary at home with her to day. She is very weak this morning. I brought Aunt Jane to church and was in the Sabbath School class awhile. Mr Mc at church Alex keeping house while we were away Mr Mortons text "O magnify the Lord – Let us exalt his name together." We are to magnify the Lord because we are saved – If we are saved we have a beautiful home in glory full of loved ones awaiting us. We ought to tell people every where that we have such a glorious Saviour. Tell them we have a Saviour for the parlor – for the kitchen for the street – Tell them that in life and in death he is all and in all – We ought to wear Christs badge – we ought to display his banner – This Eve Clayton and Jason at the Junior C. E. meeting. Homer & Clara at the other meeting – Emma returned with them I heard Pauls lesson. This Eve Clayton and Jason and I went over the lesson for next Sabbath.

26" Oct. Monday. A beautiful day indeed. Clayton at Selma School alone to day. Paul at our School. Home and Clara at the College – they returned at noon bringing Uncle Joe with them.

Jones and Feaster here in the sheep pen most of the day – they were here to dinner – John Ward from the Home, who was in the same company with Fast John McMillan & some of the Xenia boys, stopped here for dinner also – and has agreed to work awhile for us at the potato gathering – Alex at the husking. This afternoon I went with Homer to C- was there awhile with grandmother – Rev Smith O.S. called while I was there. Clara not well and did not go down with Homer to night to the meeting of the Society. Jason at home all day helping with sheep. Emma at her work all day.

27" Oct. Tues. Most a lovely day. Homer and Clara at the College and home again to dinner. Clayton at Selma School alone – Paul at our School. Mr Mc and Jason took sheep to the Charleston pasture – came home past Charleston did not get here until near dark. I went over to Clifton to see Frank Lamont – she thinks now she will go to Fannies in two weeks. I came home past C- reaching here at dark. Homer at C- getting shoes on Prince and reached home at the same time. Uncle Joe and our soldier & Wm & Feaster all at the potatoes Alex husking. Clara at her lessons – Walter called this A.M. Emma busy. Dr. Carson speaking in Cedarville to night– Uncle Joe & Wm there – Alice & the children here awhile. We rec'd a letter from Fannie McKenzie has rec'd a unanimous call from Port Jarvis.

28" Oct. Wed. A nice day. Uncle Joe & Wm & Feaster & our soldier getting out potatoes. Alex at the husking. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Mr Mc at Mr Thomas Stretchers sale – there to dinner – Harlan came down to day on his route and brought Mr Welsh a Springfield grocery man with him they were here to dinner and went back past the sale to see father as they went back to Springfield. Uncle Joe around getting a plow for turning out the potatoes – At three O'clock I went down to grandmothers. I stopped at Orrs gate and chatted to Joase a little. Homer and Clara at the College this morning they took dinner at grandmothers and this afternoon Homer & Scarff & Robbie P- went to Springfield to a great football game. Clara & Jennie M- & Miss Prof Anderson took a little drive after I came to town Clara came home with me this Eve – Emma called at Worleys this P.M. – Paul at school to day.

29" Oct. Thurs – A beautiful day – quite mild – Uncle Joe & Wm and Feaster & the old soldier at the potatoes – Alex at the corn – Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Pal at School. Emma and I busy – Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia – They are aving a Demcratic rally there tpo day – Mr Allen spoke – others – Homer & Clara down a the College – Mr Mc stopped in C- and Homer went with him – they were in X- ,ost of the day – did not get home until dark. Clara in C- most of the day getting out her lessons – she got home near dark She & Jennie expected to have gone to day but were disappointed. I was reading some beautiful thoughts to day. The writer said – Every life is fill of experience which no human wisdom can make clare. Our affairs are forever getting tangled like threads in a childs hands, and the tangles we have no skill to straighten out We cannot see how anything beautiful or good can come out of our poor living or our feeble striving. Oft times our circumstances seems to unfriendly. Our days are full of disappointments and our nights rest is unbroken by fear and anxieties. The Christians privilege

in the midst of such experiences is to commit all into the hands of Christ. He can take our broken things, over which we weep bitterly and build them up into beauty. One of the finest windows in a great Cathedral is said to have been made out of the fragments of broken glass which the workmen had thrown away as useless. A skillful workman, or hand gathered them up and brought them into lovely form. When the days seem "dark & dreary" I can have these comforting thoughts to refer to.

30" Oct. Friday. This has been quite a blustery day. It rained early this morning – not much doing this P.M. Late this A.M. Uncle Joe & Wm & our soldier at the potatoes and were there the remainder of the day. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at Selma to hear R. Thompson on Free Silver. He spoke in their new hall – This is the first meeting ever held in it. Mr & Mrs Morton there this eve Mr Mc rode down with Mr M- & Mrs Morton rode down with me. Clayton & Jason at Selma School to day and they came to the meeting with the students this afternoon, in a body. We certainly had a good meeting. Paul at our School – He is busy copying music these days. Homer & Clara at College this A.M. – They took dinner at grandmothers – Homer had his class this P.M. – Clara went with Jennie & Miss Prof Andersons with Hattie May to make arrangement for the C. E. Social this eve – Homer & Clara home to supper – then they went to the Social. Clayton & Jason at C- on an errand. All have retired but Emma & me – and we are waiting for them to return. They are here now – good night.

31" Oct. Sat. Still a little gloomy. Uncle Joe & Feaster and our soldier & Wm in the potato field. Alex there this P.M. too. Jones here helping with sheep. All but Wm here to dinner – Clayton and Jason & Mr Mc helping with the sheep. Clayton at C- this afternoon with wood for Aunt Jane – and a few items for Aunt Mary. Homer and Clara at Springfield this afternoon. Homer at C- this A.M. – home in time for dinner – This afternoon Emma and I at C- This Eve Wm & his family went down when Uncle Joe went home to town. This Eve Herman Townsley called to see Clayton & Jason, on the pike. Homer & Clara at home in time for supper – Homer went by way of Pitchin in to Charleston this eve – I am always sorry for any of us to have arrangements for Saturday evening. We are to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy – to prepare for its coming.

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1" Nov. Sabbath. This has been a beautiful day. Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church alone. Aunt Mary at church – I stayed with grandmother – Fern not feeling very well and stayed at grandmothers too. Emma here today & had dinner ready when we came home. Mr Mc called down to grandmothers for me. Aunt Jane at church—Aunt Matt staying by herself – This Eve Jason went to junior meeting – he was to lead. Clayton did not go. Homer & Clara at the Young folks meeting. I heard Pauls & Claytons questions. This Eve Emma & Clayton and I went over the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath.

2" Nov. Monday. Most a beautiful day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer & Clara at the College – took dinner at grandmothers with Aunt Mary. Uncle Joe came out in their conveyance – He and Feaster & our Soldier & Alex at the potatoes. William & family did not get back from Rusville until late. After an early dinner Mr Mc at Charleston & at the pasture. The political strife is high in Charleston & all over the country – This Eve I went to town to see grandmother and take the clothes – Wilberforce boys up and played against Cedarville this afternoon – Clara stayed for the meeting of the other society – Homer came out with me – had supper and went back to the Soc. meeting – Clara stayed in C- to night. Emma and I canning apples to day.

3" Nov. Tues. Cloudy this morning. This is the great day of the Presidential election. Gold & Silver is causing a great agitation. Republicans have McKinley to represent Gold on their ticket – The Democrats Silver with Bryan [at] their head – There are several other candidates out – but do not attract much notice. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. – home to dinner This afternoon he went by way of Clifton to Cedarville – Uncle Joe & Feaster, Alex & our old soldier at the potatoes and all in for dinner This afternoon – all of them scattered – they went to their [illegible] towns to vote – Emma & I at home this afternoon – we are not citizens of the U. S. – and are not allowed to vote. This Eve Homer went by way of Selma to Cedarville to hear the election returns – Clayton & Jason there too. Homer came home to supper – but Clara in town to night to hear the election returns.

4" Nov. Wed. In the morning cloudy – sprinkling rain but we were in hopes it would soon clear up & the sun came out – with this hope Mr Mc and I left for Wilmington by the time we reached Jamestown it began raining and keep it up constantly all day. We reached Mary Es near eleven She had a nice dinner prepared for us – certainly had a happy day with her. She had refreshments before we started home – We left there at four O'clock -- & did not get home until after the family retired. Paul got a Flag to day & Aunt Mary E- gave him a Christmas present in advance. A beautiful overcoat – Paul surely is proud of it – Homer went down to college this morning -- & he & Clara got home at noon. Uncle Joe & Alex and our soldier & Wm all on hands to day – I do not know what they were doing in the rain while we were away. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Last night at 11 O'clock the paper mill whistle began blowing and it blew and whistled long and loud announcing the victory of the Republican party.

5" Nov. Thurs. Blowing and cold to day. This morning I took Homer and Clara down to College and drove over the Clifton to see Frank She is getting ready to go to Fannies soon. When I came back to town I stopped at grandmothers – Our cousin Sam Walker came to Cedarville this morning on the morning train. Homer & Clara and I reached home at noon – Our Soldier at C- -- Uncle Joe & [illegible] not accomplishing much – Clara at her lessons. This Eve Homer at the office & brought Matthew W- out – they were home in time for supper – Homer & Clara at their lessons Mr Mc and our cousin in the parlor chatting. Clayton & Jason & Paul all at school.

6" Nov. Friday. Uncle Joe & Wm, Alex & our soldier all at the potatoes No school in Selma – Clayton & Jason and Mr mc are helping – Mr Mc at Selma this A.M. – and this afternoon Alex went to C- with him. Homer and Clara at the College this morning Out Cousin told us good by & went down with them & went back to his home in Yorktown Ind. at ten. Clara & Blanch at Springfield this afternoon. Emma busy in the kitchen all day. This afternoon late I took Emma down to the six O'clock train – She will be gone until after Sabbath. Homer at grandmothers for dinner & at football and did not get home until supper – after supper he went back to C- to a meeting at the Mortons.

7" Nov Sat. Quite chilly rained a little this morning. Uncle Joe & Wm & our soldier Clayton Jason & Mr Mc all at the potatoes – I am her alone at the work – near noon Homer at C- at the office and to bring Clara home – but he came back with out her as she failed to get her dress out of Mrs Morgans shop – she went back to S- with Alvie Orr this morning. This afternoon Homer at C- again and Clara came back with him this Eve. She stayed all night at Aunt Bells last night – This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe down home. Paul has been in the house most of the day – he thinks it is too cold to be out. Willie Mc called this Eve.

8" Nov. Sabbath A cold dreary day – Alex & our old soldier here – Clara & Paul at home – Homer & Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. I went down for Aunt Jane but she did not go to church – I called in to see grandmother Aunt Mary is staying with her. Mr Mortons text – “Kiss the Son lest he be angry and ye perish from the way.” Mr Mc at church too. Jason went down to Aunt Marys after preaching & came home with Homer & Clara from the young folks meeting – I heard Pauls & Claytons lesson – Clayton read quite a while to Paul in the Bible stories. Emma failed to come back with them. I will write here what Dr Hamilton says in regard to prayer – Learn to ask Gods blessing on little things as well as great. There is nothing which it is right for us to do but it is right to ask God to bless it, and indeed there is nothing so little but the frown of God can convert it into the most sad calamity – or his smile exalt it into the most memorable blessing or mercy.

9" Nov. Monday. Homer & Clara at the College this morning. Homer went with the boys to London to day to play foot ball – they did not get back until late. Clara at grandmothers to day & there to night to attend the Society at the College. Uncle Joe came out in their conveyance this morning. He has been out with Alex & Wm about potatoes. Mr Mc around all day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- & brought Emma out. She came up on the evening train from Xenia. Alice here awhile this morning. It was quite cold to night and it has been cloudy & cold all day. Mr Daniels called this Eve.

10" Nov. Tues – A cloudy day not quite so cold. Our Soldier John Ward went away yesterday morning – Homer went down to College this morning – home at noon bringing Clara with him. Emma on the sick list this morning with a gathered[?] finger – Mr Mc above Clifton at Leaches

Sale – home in time for supper – This afternoon raining right down. I expected to go to town but Homer went down alone – home again in time for supper – He & Clara at their books. Clayton and Jason at Will Mcs eating the last water melons of the season. I have been busy at the work all day.

11" Nov. Wed. Brightening up a little to day – not so cold. Mr Mc at Jeff Fowlers sale – there to dinner. Uncle Joe at town for coal. Wm bringing in wood. Alex husking. Homer & Clara at the College – home in time for dinner. Harlan here to dinner & with us an hour or two. I went with Homer to town this afternoon & was with grandmother awhile home in time for supper – and so was Mr Mc. Clara attending to the work Emma on the sick list. Homer and Clara at the C. E. prayer meeting – the C. E. all over the world is holding a week of prayer.

12" Nov. Thurs. Rather a pleasant day. Mr Nooks here to see Mr Mc this morning. Will S- helped him with stock to C- At ten O'clock Mr Mc and Clara & I left for Springfield – We lunched by the way – We called at Mrs Stuarts very briefly. After Sadies school hours – she called with Clara & [illegible] left – We did not get home until after eight – They got along all night at home – Emma's finger a little better. Uncle Joe at C- and home again at noon. The Stanforth family here to dinner. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Jason at C- this eve to see Aunt Mary about his debate. Homer started down to College – but the last acct he had gone to X- then home to dinner & back to C- in the P.M. and this eve to see his Selma friends at Pitchin.

13" Nov. Friday. A winter like day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Homer took Clara down to College – and then he went with the boys to Wilmington to play foot ball. Clara did not come home until this afternoon Robbie E- came with her – he was here for tea and went with her to a party at Carrie Haines. Clayton & Jason at an entertainment at the Friends church in Selma to night. This morning Emma was called home on acct of her mothers sickness – This A.M. Mr Mc at C- Uncle Joe covered the cabbage to day. Young Mr Bradfute got his arm taken off with a thresher yesterday – [illegible] – poor fellow.

14" Nov. Sat. Not a very pleasant day. Jason went to C- this A.M. and Robbie E- went down home with him. About ten O'clock Mr Mc and Clara left for Springfield they reached there at noon. Mr Mc took dinner with Harlan and Clara stopped at Stuarts – She returned the cloak of Thursday for another one she liked better – they got home after dark. Uncle Joe & Wm working on the potatoes Clayton at C- this P.M. getting a horse "shoed" Homer did not come out this morning – He returned from Wilmington with the boys late last night and stayed all night with [blank space] The London boys came down this afternoon & played with Cedarville – Mary Torrence came up this afternoon with their horse to leave in our care – She & Lide drove through yesterday from their Loveland home. I went to town when I found a place to get away and she went back with me to her mothers I spent my time with grandmother Homer came out home with me – Will S- took Uncle Joe down home.

15" Nov. Sabb. A bright day. Homer Clara Clayton & Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church – I went & stayed with grandmother – Aunt Mary at church – Aunt Jane there too – Mr Mortons "Sower went out to sow". Grandmother is getting very much weaker – Aunt Mattie & the children called as they came from church – I read an essay of Clay Trimbles in the Times – "Where Two Agree." A thought or two I record on this page – "Pray for whom thou lovest. Thou will never have any comfort of his friendship for whom thou doest not pray." "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. None of us knows what we owe to the intercession of those who love us and pray for us." This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting – Homer and Clara there too – Paul had his lesson – Jason his Sabbath School lesson. Jack Ustic at church to day.

16" Nov. Monday. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe came out this morning with Uncle Dan – Mary Torrence called this morning. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alice & Cora Worley around. Homer & Clara at the College this A.M. – and home to dinner. This afternoon Jennie M- & Clara at Wilberforce at the foot ball – Homer there too – They were home again in time for supper – Maggie Haglin here and done up the kitchen work after dinner. This Eve Clayton at C- with clothes for Mrs P- Mr Mc around home all day Wm at Springfield with potatoes – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe preparing a load for tomorrow.

17" Nov. Tues. A beautiful fay – and a lovely evening. Homer & Clara at College this morning home again in time for dinner. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm at Springfield with potatoes – Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around – Alex at his husking. Maggie H- here to day again assisting me – This afternoon & Eve Clara at home I went with Homer to town – Dr McKinney up to day & having a meeting of the faculty – Prof Campbel went with Homer to the Springs – I spent the afternoon with grandmother and Aunt Mary She is still very weak – I was there for supper – Clara attending to the supper here Maggie H- swept up stairs this P.M.

18" Nov. Wed Still a beautiful day – not having fire this Eve – Homer & Clara at College this morning he & Alvie at Xenia. Did not get back until two Oclock – Clara at grandmothers to dinner – She and Homer back home at dark – For a change we kept Jason at home to chop wood – he was in the sheep pen most of the afternoon – Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Mr Mc around home all day. Alex husking Wm at Springfield with potatoes Maggie H- here to day again She lifted the carpets in the sitting room & dining room this evening. She is getting along fine with it. A man from up the pike here for dinner.

19" Nov. Thurs. A little cooler. Wm & Uncle Joe making shelter for hogs. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Homer and Clara at the College this morning and home to dinner. This afternoon they went back to C- to help make preparations for the Social. Homer back to supper and went to Pitchin. Clayton and Jason at a business meeting of the juniors this Eve – Paul was at School to day. Mr Mc at Wood Warners sale – took dinner there – home again near dark –

Maggie H- here to day again – Both the sitting room & dining room thoroughly cleaned – The carpet is down in the sitting room this Eve, but shall wait the dining room carpet to a more convenient season.

20" Nov. Friday. Cloudy and much colder. Alex husking Uncle Joe and Wm storing potatoes in the cellar – I finished the ironing Maggie H- here and has been fine help to day. Mr Mc called at J. H. McMillans near noon. This A.M. Homer At C- to be ready for his class this afternoon – He and Clara reached home in time for supper Mr Mc at C- and returned about the same time. Paul at our School Clayton and Jason at Selma School – We rec'd a letter from Fannie they are preparing to leave Pine Bark.

21" Nov. Sat. Rain to day Clayton took a load of sheep up to the Charleston pasture – Mr Mc up there too – They were away most of the day. Uncle Joe & Wm & Jason & Paul all on the program – Alex trying to husk – Clara & Mag Haglin in the kitchen most of the day – Clara done the baking. I went with Homer to C- and spent the day with grandmother and Aunt Mary – I was there for dinner & supper Homer came back here to dinner and in the afternoon he and Prof Campbel went to Xenia – Homer called for me as he came home. Wm took Uncle Joe home this Eve – grandmother is getting very weak indeed. This A.M. when I came to C- I left Homer there and drove over to Clifton to see Frank – She expects to start to Fannies the 1" day of Dec.

22" Nov. Sabb. A very gloomy day. Alone keeping house. Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School & church – Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mc went down for Aunt Jane – Mr Mortons text Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord until he come and rain righteousness upon you" After preaching I drove to grandmothers with Mr Mc She was in bed – Aunt Mary with her to day. This Eve we heard Clayton and Jason read their lesson. They were at jr meeting Clayton lead this E. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting. Emma [illegible] came home with them this Evening.

23" Nov. Monday. Another damp day. Homer & Clara at the College They reached home at noon – Clayton & Jason at Selma School Paul at ours Mr Mc around home all day & so was Uncle Joe around all day. Alex husking Emma began work in the new this morning Uncle Silas here to dinner – When he went home this afternoon Clara went down to town with him to be ready for the meeting of their Society this eve at the College – Homer left direct after dinner for C- went to Xenia with Edd Stuart – home to supper and went to Pitchin – Jason at C- with the clothes

24" Nov. Tues. Damp and cloudy all day. Emma in charge this A.M. of the work by herself – I went down with Homer when he went to College this morning and stayed with grandmother and came back with him & Clara in time for dinner. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. We rec'd a letter from Fred he is expecting to spend Thanksgiving with us. How

glad we will all be—This afternoon I put down the dining room carpet. Clara at her lessons. Homer went back to C- home in time for supper and went by way of Selma to a party at Mr Pollocks this Eve – Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around home Alex husking. Uncle Dan here awhile this P.M. Mr Glass called here this afternoon – with Mr Mc.

25<sup>th</sup> Nov. Wed. A mild day but cloudy most of the time. Maggie H- and helped me awhile. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer and Clara at College this morning—home to dinner – This afternoon Homer back at town – he took Uncle Joe home Mr Mc at Mill – brought flour (100 lbs). Homer did not get home until after dark – Clara putting the house in order – Emma put in a full day dressing turkeys getting ready for “Thanksgiving” – This was “Mothers day” at Selma School Clayton & Jason were both kind to insist on my going – After dinner I went and stayed through their exercises that was very interesting. Clayton gave a declamation – “Farmer John” I met Mrs Ella McDomant there – Prof Weaver gave us all a very cordial welcome – When I reached home I began work in earnest to make up lost time – Another letter from Fred that he will be here in the morning. This Eve Jason at town with Will. What a busy day we have had – This afternoon my old school mate Alex Kyle and Mrs Sarah [illegible] were married and tomorrow his sister Rachie & Don Creswell are to be married. This will be Fannies & McKenzies last night in Pine Bush – they were to stay with Poli and Missie – Donald and McCollum too – Tomorrow they are to take Thanksgiving dinner at Mr Howels – then farewell to Pine Bush – Farewell. Mrs Worley called here this P.M. – Homer returned after dark.

26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thursday. Thanksgiving day. All up at an early hour – Homer went in the carriage to the eight O'clock train to meet Fred – also expecting Margaret & Sarah Stuart from Springfield – but they did not come – Fred did which was better – Uncle Joe came out with him and Homer. Fred is certainly looking fine. His very appearance gives evidence of a good life – We waited dinner for Harlan until one – Homer could not wait but eat a lunch to go to town to be ready for the foot ball this afternoon – After we were partly through with dinner Harlan and Mr Gladstone arrived and came out to the table and were seated with us. Mr Gladstone is located at Bellefontain and his train was an hour late getting into S- Harlan had to wait & this made them late. We had a pleasant time with Fred and Harlan – the only draw back was the shortness of their visit – Harlan had to go back to his place in Springfield – and Fred to his work in Chicago. He told us good by and Mr Mc and Paul took him to town to see grandmother and Aunt Jane – Harlan wanted see grandmother Murdock. Fred went with them from there back to S- he expects to go out on the eight O'clock train for Chicago to night. Frank Orr called here this P.M. – he and Clayton and Jason were at the foot ball awhile. The boys came back and done up their work and went back to Claud Phillips to a “Poverty Social.” Homer remained in town for a piano recital at the Opera House. Margret Hoglin here and spent the day had her dinner and rendered valuable service in the kitchen. This Eve I sent her a basket loaded with good things for her “Father Isaac.” Alex husking to day and had dinner with us. We had Union Service at the M. E. Church but we found it hard to “serve two masters” – We sincerely

regretted that we could not get to church – to all appearance the world was ahead to day – yet I am sure we did not forget that we have great reasons to be very thankful to our kind heavenly father for the untold blessings of our lives and of this year and of to day – Our lives should be one Thanksgiving day.

27" Nov. Friday Rain most of the day. Heavy wind last night – This A.M. Homer took me down to grandmothers I was there until this afternoon when Mr Mc called for me and we went over to Clifton to see Frank L- and hear the conclusion of the whole matter of her going to Fannies She expects to go Monday Eve – Clayton & Jason at Selma School to day. Paul at our School – Clara at home with Emma – Homer back at C- this P.M. and at Selma this Eve – Alex trying to husk – Uncle Joe around – Clayton & Jason went after the clothes.

28" Nov. Sat. A cold day Clayton at Selma on an errand this A.M. Alex husking – Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around Jason & Paul also – Mrs Maggie Pidgen and Jessie Henderson here to dinner Late this P.M. I rode down with Maggie to grandmother Murdocks and took supper with her there Aunt Mary has been kept very busy to day – grandmother very weak – Homer at C- this afternoon to bid a formal adieu to foot ball – Scarf left for Charleston this evening. I finished up Aunt Marys work and came out with Homer – Maggie P- is staying with grandmother to night – Jessie H- remained here to have a little longer visit with Clara.

29" Nov. Sabb. Cold – Homer Clara Clayton Jason Paul and Jessie H- at Sabbath School & church – Mr Mc at church. I stayed with grandmother Murdock. Aunt Mary and Mrs Pidgen at church. Mr Mortons text "The very hairs of our head are numbered." Emma here and had dinner ready Alex around – This afternoon spent with the children. Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting. Jason led. Homer Clara & Jessie at the Sr young folks meeting. Jessie with us to night again – We had lunch after they came home. Emma or I [illegible] Frank L- and her friend called in to speak when passing. It is cold to night.

30" Nov. Monday. Another cold day. Clara not well and remained at home – Homer took Jessie H- to Aunt Bells as he went down to College. Homer home at noon – After an early dinner Mr Mc and I left for Springfield we stopped at Clifton and took Frank Lamont and her trunk with us. We reached S- after three – I took Frank with me to Adam's and got her supper and Mr Mc and I took her out to the Erie Depot and she went out on the eight O'clock train for Port Jarvis N. Y. She is heading for Fannies. Mr Mc and I spoke to Harlan as we came home – We did not reach here until after midnight – Homer was up waiting for us – had on a good fire. Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan this morning. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer at C- this P.M. he took tea at Aunt Bells with Jessie Henderson and brought her out here to night. Emma in charge of the work here – Thus past the last day of November. A long busy day – To night we are very tired.

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1" Dec Tues. Cold. Jessie Henderson went down with Homer and Clara to the College this morning – I went down with them to grandmother Murdocks – Maggie Pidgeon there. Near noon she went to Mr J. S. Williamsons to dinner Jessie H- went there too and Clara and Homer went home alone – I stayed with grandmother until this evening when Homer came in after me – Jessie went out to Mr James Hendersons this afternoon – and Mrs Pidgeon bid us all good by and went back to Jamestown We were glad to have her with us and sorry to have her go away. We have had a busy day at grandmothers. She is very weak these days – They are expecting our cousins Lide Watson and Maggie Walker this Eve – Aunt Bell and co are in Xenia to meet them. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School to day. Emma here at the work – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home Alex at the husking.

2" Dec. Wed. Cold. Emma and I busy all day putting things in order and getting the dinner. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer & Clara at the College and brought our cousins Mrs Lide Watson & Mrs Margret Walker and little daughter out with them to dinner. Mr Mc here. Uncle Joe & Alex around. This afternoon Mr Mc and I went down with our cousins to grandmothers and stayed with them there to supper – Grandmother very weak indeed – past taking interest in anything that is going on around her – Mrs Morton called in to see us a little while – Jessie Henderson here – Homer called at James Hendersons and brought her over – she was here to tea and with us to night. She and Clara in the parlor most of the evening. Homer at the Pollacks calling this eve on Jennie and her friend. Uncle Dan here awhile this morning. A german here to dinner.

3" Dec. Thurs. Moderated a little. This morning all up at an early hour – Mr Mc at the Charleston pasture – Clayton and Jason at the Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe around – Alex at the husking This morning Jessie H- went with Homer and Clara to College. I went with them and spent the day with grandmother Murdock – Our cousins Lide and Maggie helping to wait on grandmother – We were all very busy all forenoon – I went with them to Aunt Bells to dinner. I stayed with grandmother while Aunt Mary went over for her dinner. The folks back there for tea again. Jessie H- came back here with Homer & Clara to dinner this P.M. Homer took her over to Jamestown to Pidgeons – She goes to her home at Sabina Saturday. Mr Morton Mrs Naomi Andrews & Mrs J. D. Williamson called to see grandmother this afternoon – but she is too weak to take much interest in callers.

4" Dec. Friday. Rather a nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Homer and Clara at the College – Uncle Joe & Wm working on a shelter for hogs – Near noon Mr Mc at Clifton to see Warner Hamilton – Homer came back from College to tell me that grandmother Murdock was worse and for me to go down – After dinner Mr Mc took me down – he was around for a little while and Clara came out home with him. I stayed in town for the night. Our cousins out at Uncle Silas's to day for dinner – Mollie and the children and Uncle Silas came in with them this evening. Clayton and Jason and Paul came in to see the cousins and grandmother I had Paul stay all night and sleep with me – Our cousins were there too.

5" Dec. Sat. A nice day. Uncle John Murdock came in from Lyons Ind on the 8 O'clock train this morning – they sent him a dispatch yesterday to come. Carrie Harbison calling there yesterday afternoon – This morning our cousins Mrs Lide Watson & Mrs Maggie Walker & her little girl left on the 11 O'clock train for their home in Indiana. We had a pleasant visit from them. This afternoon Mr Mc called and Paul and I came home with him. The Stanforth family taking Uncle Joe home this Eve – on yesterday afternoon Homer went to Charleston – they were having football in the afternoon. He took supper at Ramseys and came home by Pitchin – They were thrashing out clover at Uncle Dans or Will Mc to day. Cland[?] Phillips out with Jason all day hunting – Cland[?] here for supper and with us to night – Mr Mc went back to town to see Will Mitchel Emma rode down home with him – Clara around home all day.

6" Dec. Sabbath – A nice day. Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School – I went at the same time and went down to grandmothers – Aunt Bell staying with Aunt Mary – I took Aunt Jane up to church and was in Sabbath School awhile. Mr Mc at church Cland Phillips rode down with us – Mr Mortons text "The sons of the people were much discouraged because of the way." After preaching Mr Mc took me down to grandmothers. Aunt Mary and Uncle John and I there with grandmother. Mr Morton called and had prayer with us. H. H. McMillan called. Clayton and Jason at the Young folks meeting. Homer and Clara there too – They called around for me and I came home with them Emma came too. Grandmother very weak this evening again.

7" Dec. Monday. Most a lovely day. I went to town this morning with Homer & Clara when they went to College. Uncle Joe came out with them at noon. Mr Mc called this morning at grandmothers He was to see Mitchel & Son. This afternoon he was around home with Wm Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Homer & Clara at home all afternoon at their lessons. They called at grandmothers this eve as they went up to the Society. Grandmother very weak to night – Mr Morton says she is drawing near to the end of her journey. Uncle Silas & Mollie and Aunt Bell and Uncle John and I at grandmothers – Aunt Mary feeling very nervous to night – We were up until after twelve. Uncle Silas and I sat up until nearly morning. Emma here at the work. Jason at town this eve at a meeting of the Society He called to see grandmother this evening. Mr Morton there and had prayer. Jason with us a while.

8" Dec. Tuesday. Raining nearly all day. Homer out of school getting a tooth taken out –he came home at noon – Clara out of College too – she and her father went to Springfield – Clara took dinner and supper with Mrs Stuart. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Emma here at the work – Homer here all afternoon and evening. I have been at grandmothers all day – she is growing a little weaker every day. Uncle John there. This eve the Erwin family called at grandmothers – Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie & Uncle John and Aunt Bell and I sat up – each in course – Dark and raining to night.

9" Dec. Wed. A nice day. All of us up in good time at grandmothers – We washed. We have been washing every day. Grandmother seems a little brighter this morning. Near noon Mr Mc came to town and I came back home with him. No one here to dinner but Mr Mc and me and Uncle Joe & Alex – we thought perhaps Harlan would be down but he did not come. Emma taking care of the work – Clayton & Jason at Selma School and Paul at our School. It has cleared off. About two O'clock Harlan surprised us by stopping in. Mr Mc at Selma – Harlan here for a late dinner. Uncle Joe & Alex around – After dinner Harlan went by way of C- back to Springfield – I went with him to grandmothers – he stayed there until after Mr Morton had prayers. Grandmother very restless to night – A dispatch came from Uncle David telling he was starting this evening for here and he would be at Xenia tomorrow evening at 7 O'clock – Aunt Millie & Uncle Silas and their children & all of Uncle Erwins in this evening – Ina & Jennie staying all night – we are going to take it in turns sitting up so that some one will be with grandmother all the time. Homer & Clara & Jenni M- at Springfield this P.M.

10" Dec Thurs. A nice day. Uncle Silas's went out home – Aunt Mattie not well – We have had a busy day – Mr Mc called when going down to Mitchels for flour – Things are going on all right back at home. Emma in the kitchen. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School – Uncle Joe & Wm around – Alex husking – Mr Mc went back home by noon – On yesterday Clara and Homer took dinner at grandmothers and in the afternoon Jennie Morton went with them to Springfield to look at piano – Alvie Orr and Harry Illiff there also – This afternoon they had a called meeting of the Soc – to report – they took dinner in C- Homer here at grandmothers – Late this P.M. Mr Mc called here awhile – So did Mary Ramsey. Mr Mc went home and brought Clayton Jason and Paul down to see grandmother but she was too weak to speak to them. I was up town and rode down with them when they came – the Ervin family here again to night – Walter met Uncle David in Xenia and brought him out – We were all glad he had come – and especially glad that grandmother was here to greet him – At first she did not know him – then she smiled and reached out her hand and said O my dear boy. Then she said did you come alone – are you all well – then after awhile she said you do not get any older looking – She was too weak to talk more. Mr Morton called and kept worship – Uncle Silas is not there – Aunt Mollie not well. Walter is here – he and I are to sit up to night. Uncle David very tired & must rest. Grandmother very restless.

11" Dec. Friday. A beautiful day. Uncle John and Uncle David here with Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell and me. Grandmother has been begging us to lift her out of bed all forenoon – near noon Mr Mc called he rather advised to lift her out – At last they did but before they got her in bed she was nearly exhausted – sometimes she would ask to be put in bed again for she was so tired then she would say "I must be going" – After a wearisome day she grew calm and faint and just as the sun was setting her soul took its flight to her home and ours. Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie had just got there awhile before. Mr Mc was at New Jasper this afternoon and this evening he brought Paul and Clayton and Jason down – Homer & Clara at the Class this P.M. – Homer took

dinner at grandmothers and Clara with Jennie Morton. They went back home – Homer went to Pitchin & Clara stayed with Emma. Mr Morton here at grandmothers and had worship – He read the 14<sup>th</sup> chap of John – I have been so near sick this evening that Aunt Bell stayed with Aunt Mary & I came out home with Mr Mc and the boys. A number have been out & in all week – Several in this evening. We sent a dispatch to Fred.

12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sat. This has been a long tiresome day. I got out early this morning and Clayton took me back to Aunt Marys I got there before it was daylight – Homer called near noon. He says father & Clara are going to Springfield this afternoon & he is going to Charleston Aunt Bell & Aunt Mollie here all day. The folks have been going out and in all day. Prof McChesney here this Eve and kept worship – After the callers were gone Uncle David & Uncle John and Aunt Mary and I left by our selves – our dead Mother in the room near by.

13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sabb. A beautiful day. Aunt Mary and I here at grandmothers by our selves. Uncle John & David at our church – Rev Sam Ramsey preached – After preaching Clara came to stay with Aunt Mary and I came home with the folks. Harlan here he came from S- last night – Homer Clayton Jason Paul Mr Mc and Alex and I here – Emma here and had the dinner ready. What a lovely Sabbath day this has been – this Eve we left Alex in charge of the house – Mr Mc and Clayton Jason Paul and Harlan Homer and I at Aunt Marys – Homer went up to the young folks meeting. Harlan & his father & Clayton Jason and Paul and me went down to grandmothers – They had Mother dressed and in her casket – She looked calm and peaceful. Mr Mc Harlan Clayton Jason & Homer & Uncle John & Uncle David went down with Uncle Ervin and Frank to the old side church A young man by the name of Slater preached Emma went down to her church and came back with us. All of us came home but Clara she stayed with Aunt Mary.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec Monday. Quite cloudy – Rained some little. A german here this morning. We left Emma in charge of the home. Alex husking. Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clayton Jason and Paul and I at grandmother Murdocks funeral at ten Oclock – Mr Morton assisted by Rev Samuel Ramsey conducted the exercises. Mr Mortons remark founded on these words “And they stoned Stephen calling up God and saying, Lord Jesus receive my Spirit.” The remarks bearing on grandmother (as the children call her) or my own dear Mother you will find on page [blank] of this book. I hoped to have them written here but can not do it now. The pall bearers were her sons – John & David & Silas assisted by Mr Mc Uncle D.S. Ervin & H. H. McMillan – We followed her remains to the old Massies Creek Cemetery & layed them away until the resurrection morning. Jesus saith—I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. How beautiful and comforting the thought – that Jesus is our life. Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie Ralph – Ina & Jennie and Walter – Uncle Davie & Uncle John and Uncle Ervin Aunt Bell & Blanch and Mary Bell & Frank & Fern and Mr & Mrs Pidgeon and Mr & Mrs Morton and Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul and I took dinner with Aunt Mary Mrs Murry prepared the dinner assisted by Annie Morton and Cara

Blair. After dinner Harlan bid us good by and went back to his place in Springfield – Homer & Prof Campbel went to Springfield this evening either for pleasure or business I know not which. Clara came home with her father & the boys – and I stayed with Aunt Mary Uncle Davie & Uncle John still there. Dr. McKinney called to see the folks this Eve. Aunt Bell over awhile – O how lonely without Mother – O how we will miss her – but we would not call her back for we know she shall be satisfied when she awakes is the sweet promise.

15" Dec. Tues. Gloomy. A little colder – I stayed at Aunt Mary until noon – Uncle John went to Xenia this morning Uncle David around. Homer & Clara at the College this morning – Clara stayed with Aunt Mary and will be with her to night – Quite a number of callers here to day. Mr Todd and his friend from Xenia – Wm Forbes here to day and with us to dinner Uncle Joe did not come out yesterday Alice S- and her sister here this Eve a little while. Homer took the clothes to C- but is not getting back as early as I hoped he would.

16" Dec. Wed. A beautiful day. Homer left me waiting until after midnight but when he came he reported that his robe and Reid Owens robe had both been taken and they spent the time until a late hour looking up the thief but failed to find him. Homer at College this morning – Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our School – Jason helping here all day. Emma and I both very busy. Homer & Clara home at noon – Mr Mc & Clara at Springfield this afternoon were detained by Mr John Thomas calling and by going with him to Selma to attend to some business there – This made it late for them getting into S- Clara took tea at Stuarts and Mr Mc at Harlans. Homer at C- on a brief visit to the post office. Clayton at the Selma M. E. Church this Eve – Mr Mc came home past C- and left Clara at Aunt Marys to be ready for her books in the morning. This is examination week. Uncle Joe came out at noon – [Blank space] came this morning – and will stay with us for a while – Uncle Dan called this afternoon – Homer was at his books all P.M. We must not forget it – this is fathers birthday – “sixty three” – and the years well on.

17" Dec. Thurs. Quite a gloomy day. Wm brought our six hogs from Crouses this morning. Young Ward & Alex & Charlie here helping dress them & attend to the lard. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Homer at the College Aunt Mary came out with him & Clara at noon – Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie brought Uncle John & Uncle David Murdock out with them. Walter here – All here to dinner – Uncle John & David & Aunt Mary here to tea – Homer took them down after night – Clayton at Selma with Ward – Emma and I busy. We have all had a busy day. Late this P.M. Walter went back to C- and Clara went with him. This Eve Robbie P- took her to a party to Cal Stormonts.

18" Dec. Friday. Drizzling rain all morning. Mr Mc went to C- to do some errands – and Homer went down with him to go to the College. Young Ward & Alex and Charlie and Uncle Joe at the butchering Wm assisting also – all of them into dinner. After Mr Mc returned from C- he was not here long until he went back to C- to Uncle Ervins and Aunt Bells to dinner – Uncle Silas &

Aunt Mollie and Uncle John & David & Mary Murdock were there too – and so were Homer and Clara—Blanch & Mary and Frank and Fern all at home – we had a pleasant day. The old home at grandmothers looks strange and lonely. This Eve Homer and Clara came back with us – and Homer and Clara went up to Mrs Worleys to see about getting morning gown made. The plans are for her to go to Chicago – will start Monday Eve – How busy we will be until she gets away. After supper Clayton & Jason took Ward home and attended the M. E. Church of Selma – Having a revival there. Homer at Pitchin.

19" Dec. Saturday. Quite a dreary day rather cold. Homer at the Charleston pasture – I took supper with Scarf in C- as he came home. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara left for Springfield Clara up at Worleys this morning before starting to Springfield. Emma and I have had a busy day. So did Uncle Joe – Charlie working on "Sauce". Clayton at Springfield with horse for a Springfield firm & came home with Mr Mc and Clara – Uncle John Murdock called when passing from Henry Kyles. He expects to start home Monday morning. Wm took Uncle Joe & Emma home – Jason helping me with the work – Alex husking to day.

20" Dec. Sabb. A cloudy day. Homer, Clara Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. I rode down with them and drove down for Aunt Jane & Aunt Mary. Mary had a sick spell last night and not well to day but she went to church. Clayton came to church with Mr Mc Uncle Daniel Murdock preached to day – Text – And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The ransomed ones are a people redeemed unto God who have washed their robes and made them white in his blood. After preaching Clara went home with Aunt Mary & came home with Homer from the young folks meeting – Emma came then too. Jason at home Clayton went to young folks people alone – Jason read the Bible reading. I heard Pauls lesson – I did not forget that this was Homers birthday – These returning days are never forgotten by me – but kept bright in the corner of my heart – yes they are kept almost sacredly by my self. Alex and Charlie kept house to day.

21" Dec. Monday. A cloudy day & by no means warm. All up at an early hour – Clayton at Selma School. Jason at home with a stiff neck – Paul at our School. Clara & Emma and I very busy all A.M. – Homer at C- and brought Uncle David Murdock out to dinner – After dinner he and Clara told us all good by and Mr Mc took them to Springfield. They left there at six for Chicago – Clara to visit Fred & her Cousins Riley Littles and Mabel Daniels – Uncle David to stop off a few hours with Fred and then to his home in Howard on Howard Lake Minnesota. Clara took tea with Sadie Stuart and Sadie went with her to the train. Mr Mc & Uncle David took supper with Harlan at Adam's. Mr Mc did not get home until ten I sat up and waited for his return – This afternoon Homer took me over to Clifton to see Mrs Lamont and Mrs Tabors – made but a brief stay This Eve Homer went with Clayton to town – he took his book "Knight-Errant," by Edna Lyall, to read & stayed all night at Aunt Marys – She is left quite lonely now – Uncle John left early this morning & Uncle David later. Uncle Joe came out this A.M. Alex at his

husking Charlie chipping – I don't know when I ever felt so utterly lonely as I have done this Evening Clara gone – and grandmother not here to be interested in all that interest me & to sympathize in all that I need sympathy in –

22" Dec Tues. Another cloudy day – It sprinkled snow last night – Alex helped us to finish the last of the butchering. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. home in time for dinner – Alex & Charlie cleaning the cistern – Uncle Joe not well he went with me to town to see the Dr & to stay to night – I made a brief call at Aunt Marys – She is not feeling well – Homer stayed with her until after dinner and came out home with Uncle Dan – He has gone to Pitchin to night – Clayton at School alone to day -- & he & Jason at a business meeting of the Juniors this Eve -- Paul at our School to day. Uncle Dan here most of the A.M. Emma busy.

23" Dec. Wed. A very gloomy day indeed – Alex around repairing the cistern. Jason at Browns on an errand this morning Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our School – Mr Mc on the sick list with cold – He has been around the fire all A.M. – and this afternoon he's in bed in the sitting room – I ironed all A.M. – Emma at the work. Charlie chipping. This A.M. Homer at C- took dinner at [Blank space] – two Xenia men in the binder business here to day. Mr Mc not feeling well enough to entertain or be entertained. Homer at C- took dinner at [Blank space] and in the afternoon he and Alvie Orr at Springfield – took supper at [Blank space] & came home after dark – Alice Ward called this Eve – Clayton at Selma at the Friends Church at a Sabbath School entertainment – Jason and Wm at town to see Jas [illegible] Wm was at the mill this P.M. -- This Eve John Ward from the Sandusky [illegible] called here for supper and with us to night Wm Haines called.

24" Dec. Thurs. Bright sunshine but cold – Our three men Alex P- and Charlie & John Ward around on expenses – Uncle Dan called – Mr Mc has been in bed all day. Jason at home helping to look after things – Clayton at School alone – Jason at home – This morning we let Emma Carroll go to keep her Christmas at home – we also gave her a mild discharge – She will not be back soon – Maggie Hoglin here & helped me to day – Isaac called here to dinner – Mr Amos Creswell called this afternoon – I have been busy all the day long. Homer took Emma down this morning and went over to Dayton in the interest of the Philo Society and came back on the evening train home for supper and went to Pitchin for the evening. Clayton & Jason called at John Gilloms [?] and at C- called to see Uncle Joe & Aunt Mary – and get some little present for Paul.

25" December. Thursday. Christmas – A nice day but cold & cloudy – no snow on the ground or in the air. Mr Mc got up & dressed & tried to call himself well – Uncle Ervin & Aunt Bell Blanch & Mary and Frank and Fern & Aunt Mary here to dinner – They brought Jennie Erving out and she was here also – Homer went after Uncle Joe but he could not come – Harlan came down from Springfield at noon – Maggie Hoglin here & was very faithful. Our Servants & "hangers on" here as follows Alex Pugh & Charlie & John Wade (the old soldier) & Maggies

father Isaac we invited to dinner – We missed Clara to day – We had a letter from Clara & Fred and also one from Fannie and Donald. This was Donald first letter to me – They have subscribed for the Outlook for us for the coming year our “Christmas present.” Harlan with us to night. Homer & Blanch & Spense were at Pollacks awhile. Alice & Wand[?] called this evening – And other Christmas day has come & gone – One year nearer home.

26” Dec Saturday – A very gloomy day indeed. Mr Mc in bed all day. Our men with us. Alex and Clayton at C- this morning on an errand. Harlan told us all good by and went back to his place in Springfield. Homer at the Charleston pasture – Came home past the Kitchen firm – took dinner there. Alex finished repairing the cistern this afternoon – Martin McClelland buried to day. Charlie C- & the old soldier around all day. This Eve Clayton at town at the office. Maggie Hoglin with us to day. I have had a busy day indeed.

27” Dec. Sabbath. A gloomy day. This is the last Sabbath of 1896 – Mr Mc still in bed to day again Alex Pugh – John Ward & Charlie C- all on hands. Clayton at home to look after things and to be with his father. Homer Jason and Paul at Sabbath School. I went down after Aunt Jane but she did not want to leave Aunt Matt. I called at Aunt Marys – Annabell Murdock came up from Cincinnati to spend her vacation among the friends of Cedarville – she and Aunt Mary ride up to church with me. I was in Mrs W. S. Bible class for a very few minutes – Mr Mortons text “The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved.” This afternoon reading. This Eve Jason at the Juniors meeting, Homer at the Young folks meeting. Clayton still at the work.

28” Dec. Monday. A beautiful winter day. We concluded to thin out the boarders – our gentlemanly Alex Pugh went down to the 10 Oclock train to Cincinnati with Clayton. We expected Uncle Joe to come out but he was not feeling so well & did not come. Charlie C- & John Wade our old soldier both by our request said adieu and departed. Homer and Jason went to Charleston for the sheep – Mr Porter from vicinity of Clifton called – Our family small to day – Maggie H- here helping me – The Cedarville paper gives an account of the death of Jack Uptick [?] he was found dead in his bed at Des Moines Iowa – He was 48 years old – was married to Diantha Stuart May 12” 1870. Diantha died four years ago. They leave four children – 3 sons one daughter. Homer at C- at a committee meeting – Although Clayton was very tired this Eve we sent him to town to get medicine for Mr Mc. I sat up until his return Jason very tired & retired early.

29” Dec. Tuesday. Drizzling rain – very gloomy indeed. Clayton leading out in the work Jason following after him in the “hazy distance.” Homer at C- this A.M. home at noon. Maggie H- here all day. Paul printing all the day long. Old Isaac chopped awhile this P.M. This afternoon I left Homer to look after his father & I drove over to Clifton to see Dr. Sparr – also called to speak to Mrs [illegible] – I came home past Cedarville to get the mail reached home at dark.

Homer went by way of Selma to an entertainment in the Cedarville Opera House – Clayton & Jason & Paul retired early.

30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Wed. A very mild cloudy day indeed. Uncle Dan & Mr P Cass called to see Mr Mc. Maggie H- here at work. Paul calling at the little house at Stanforths. Jason at C- for flour this afternoon and at the Office A letter from Clara tells us she is having a fine time in Chicago – This A.M. Homer & Clayton left for the Charleston Bateman pasture to bring the colts home – reached home after three Homer at C- at Orrs at a social to night.

31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Thurs. Truly our lives are passing away. Another year gone How many sad changes it has brought to some of us – & yet we have had our bright happy days. We have had a very cloudy week – but this afternoon the sunshine out bright over the departing shadows of this old year. This morning Homer went over to Clifton to see Dr Sparr and this afternoon he came over to see Mr Mc he is still in bed and has been for a week. This afternoon Clayton at Wm Walkers to see about hand they have there. Homer at C- this Eve.

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“O Lord be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee, Be thou our strong arm every morning. Our Salvation in the time of trouble.” For the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel shall be your reward.

Sabbath Eve. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1896