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1" 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 rester 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. They 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 P.M. and back again this P.M. Tommy and Noah and Clayton and Jason & Uncle Joe all on duty. Paul around home today too.

2" May Sat. Our german and Homer & Uncle Joe cutting potatoes Mr 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 oclock) Homer went to C- and he & Prof Schmidt went to the springs - when they came back Homer went with him to the Grain house for supper. Homer back home in good time Harry took Uncle Joe down.

3" May Sabb 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 Spowls text - And the word of the Lord came "Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou will walk in my statutes, and execute my judge-ments, 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. Mc Harry Noah & Clayton and Jason busy. Paul went on an errand for me to Will Mcs. Uncle Dan here awhile this P.M. Homer & Clara at College- Homer left Clara in town & came back bringing Uncle Joe with him. The man 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 coats 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 [an?] debate tonight. Womens voting was the subject of debate. A man from out 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 keep 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 Schene K - after tea Homer took him out to see his Selma friends. Harry & Wm and "Lafe" and Clayton at C- this eve- Prof S - back here to night - Clara [?] 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. Mc &

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 Y Springs- we found Mrs Connie 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 frontroom. 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 At C- Mr Harry Noah, Clayton & Jason busy. Paul around. Lafe here to dinner, Uncle Joe at his painting up stairs. This P.M. Lucy & 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 farm all day. They went to Selma for shelled corn this P.M. Lucy in charge of the home.

9" May Sat. Warm day. Noah settled up this morning and Mr Mc gave him his discharge - Wm at the planting - Harry & the German plowing. Clayton and Jason harvesting. This afternoon Homer and Prof Schmidt at Y. Springs home after dark - Uncle Joe finished painting the front bed room to day. Mrs Wosly 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 [fineing?] 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 service. 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 Silas- 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 ~~heavy shower~~ 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 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. Mr Harry & Clayton and Jason all busy. Uncle Joe began painting the doors in the hall - Homer at College this P.M. Clara came out with him in time for dinner. This afternoon Homer helping get out the Moormans 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 - I took supper with Mr Mc and Homer. This Eve Homer & Prof Schene 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 ~~Friday~~. It is past 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 (This Eve) Lucy at 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 Morgons 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 P.M. and he and Prof S. at the Base ball center 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 Wosly over to Jamestown and made arrangements for Mrs Sidney Huot - to come home with Mr Wasey 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 Wasey - 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. Schene K 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 service 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 Merley 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 P.m. regarding 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. He after took supper at grandmothers

19" May. Tuesday. Pleasant after the rain last night - We had another shower this afternoon. 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 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 Schene H. 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 Schene recd 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 one 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 was 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. This day 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 a while and over at the College grounds & I went to grandmothers awhile- and Aunt Jennette and I walked up to the College Synod - were there a while 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 Ls- 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 paverment"?]. 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 Mr Harry at work plowing and 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 Scott 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 McClellen 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 field and the german has been busy whitewashing to day - Homer took Mr Crawford and McClellen to the meeting of Synod & remained - Harlan & Maggie & Sadie & Clara there Mr Crawford & McClellen remained to dinner in town & the rest all came home to dinner - This afternoon Harlan & Homer & the girls & I at town gathering 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 - Mr [Wheeler?] is dead. We also rec" the glad news that Fannie and Donald & Malcolm will be here [?] 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?] Wylin 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 G. Rev Waters & Mr Yates & York & 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 - 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 [McDuilkin?] 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 [McDuilkin?] went to town - and to the College & Homer and Clara went with them to the College - Mr [?] 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 Mr Daily & Mr Crawford out 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 Daily invited but could not come - so also was Rev

Dr Steel but could not come - both of them were invited to to Mr 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" 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 [McDuilken?] 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 Warriess 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.

28" May. Thurs. A beautiful morning. Mr Crawford bid us all good bye and left on the morning train for his his home in Duaneburg 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~~ 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 who was busy - 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 [?] 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 Elvie on 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 & Walle 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 afraid 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 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.