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New Years Day, 1895 A cold snowy day, Clara was in town last night at Mr Mortons--to be ready to attend the sunrise prayer meeting at six Oclock at the U.P. church this morning-- It was led by Elgin. Fred and Homer came to town on an errand. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe and Sam Boyd and Clayton around looking after stock all day. Homer & Fred & Clara came home at noon. Jason skated down to town yesterday afternoon--and stayed all night with Frank Orr--Clayton skated down this afternoon and Jason came home with him. All at home this evening around the lamp. Aunt Katy taking charge of the house keeping--I am writing this as it has been handed in at a later date While I am writing for my self--I will add that I will look back and record my where abouts. I was in New York city on this New Years day with Mr McKenzie having left Fannies in Pine Bush the day before--We spent the last night of the Year at the Warton House on Broadway. After breakfast we went to the city park in the stage--stopped at the Museum and went through it on the run--we rode back and stopped at the Grand Catholic Cathedral--They were having New Year Service. The House Crowded. When we left we proceeded to get dinner after which we gathered my things together and Mr McKenzie took me to the train--told me good by and the train moved out for home at two Oclock in the afternoon. There were but a few on the train starting out but it was not long until the cars were parked Among the number I was drawn to quite a young man that proved to be the Rev W. E. Bane pastor of the St Matthews Luthern [sic] church Brooklin [sic] N.Y. He rode with us from N.Y. to Harrisburg. On the last day of the year, yesterday, we were at the noon day prayer meeting on Fountain St--The leader gave us a text for us to rest upon during the New Year “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Our motto “Forgetting the things which are past and pressing forward unto those which are before.”

“Let us act” as if this year should be our last—Let us fill our lives with the sweetest things, If we had but a day We should drink alone at the purest springs In our upward way; We should love with a life time love in an hour, If the hours were few,— We should sleep not for dreams, but for fresher powers, To be and to do. We should be from our clamorous selves let free. To work as to pray. And to be what our father would have us be-- If we had but a day.”

2” January, Wed. Cold but moderated considerable--I spent last night on the train. I reached S. Charleston at nine this morning or nearly ten. I found Mr Mc and Paul at the train waiting for
me--We reached home at noon. It was eight weeks yesterday since I left home--It seems like a very long time although had a grand time and enjoyed it all. Fred is at home now--He came Saturday evening--It is his vacation now. He is in Monmouth College this year again. This afternoon he and Mr Mc were at Springfield. Fred ordered a suit of clothes at Ottleans [?] today. Homer at C--this afternoon--he did not get back until nine. Uncle Joe and Sam Boyd and Jim L--all the little boys Clayton Jason and Paul around. Clara here to night. Clayton at school. Jason there P.M.

3” January Thursday  Quite a winter day. Homer and Clara were down to the reopening of the College Clara went back to grandmother Murdocks. Homer came home after dinner. Fred went down with them and went to Xenia on the train--and came off on the train this evening. Father went to the congregational Church meeting at the prayer meeting rooms. I went with him and stopped at grandmothers. Aunt Bell and the girls called to see me. I called to see Aunt Jane and Mr Morton--Aunt Mary & Matt were at the meeting. Fred stopped at grandmothers for tea and called to see Mr Morton and spent the evening. Mr Mc and I back home today. Homer at his books this afternoon--and went down to town for Fred this evening--was back home in good time. Clayton & Jason at school.

4” January, Friday, A winter day. Clayton and Jason at school until noon. Fred took Homer back to school--and after an early dinner he & Jim L--went to Springfield. Sam Boyd and Jason at C--at the mill--and the store. Clayton at home--Mr Mc up at Hollingsworth pasture. Clara came out with Carrie Haines this eve--to get her presents out of my trunk. Fred & Jim home in time for tea--Harlan came with them. Homer rode out from school with Edd Stuart. He has gone to Robt McClellans to a party to night. Uncle Dan & Will called this afternoon. Uncle Joe & Sam Boyd around Clara & Jim L. & Clayton & Jason [illegible] this Eve.

5” Jan. Sat. Snow still on the ground moderated a little. Mr Mc around home all day. I finished most of the ironing. [illegible] & Jim L- brought the sheep home from Hollingsworths Matthews from Crawfords called--so also did Mr Lawn S--Aunt Katy busy. Homer spent the afternoon at his books. Clayton at C--with wood for Aunt Jane Clara went to town with Fred & Harlan when they went out to Uncle Bighams. Aunt Matt went with them. They were there to dinner. Clara came back with them this eve--They were here for tea—This Eve Fred and Harlan at Mr Will Smiths--Miss Cook there with [illegible]. Homer & Jim L--took Uncle Joe home. Rain & sleet to night.

6” Jan Sabbath. A damp day but not very cold. Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Fred and Harlan and I at church--Mr Mortons text “I will go in the strength of the Lord God” This should be our resolution as we start out upon a new year. We have a battle tonight—enemies [sic] without and enemies [sic] with in--We have a soul to save--A family to care for--responsibilities to meet--Let us press on leaning & depending on God--Let us take our hearts to God—that they may be made clean--Then we shall be able to help others. Clayton and Sam Boyd and Aunt Katy at home--After dinner I spent most of my time with Fred
and Harlan up stairs in their room--Homer has fire there. This Eve too wet for any of them to go to the young folks meeting. All of us here around the lamp.

7” Jan. Monday. Drizzling rain very gloomy--not cold. All up in good time Homer and Clara drove down to college Uncle Joe drove back again. Fred took Harlan back to his place at Carson & [illegible] in Springfield. Father around all day. Jim L--and Sam Boyd busy. Clayton and Jason at school Frank Lamont here this afternoon--she was looking for a house to rent, Homer rode out with Carrie Haines from college. Claras gone back to grandmothers. I have been away today. Homer up stairs at his books this Eve. Fred went with Jim L--to town made a short stay and rode up this far with Cal M- --when he was passing--Jim did not get back until a later hour. Clayton & Jason at School.

8” Jan. Tues. Gloomy but pleasant. Sam Boyd took his departure this morning Jim L--and Uncle Joe attending to the feeding. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton & Jason at school. Aunt Katy in care of the house while I went with Fred when he took Homer dow to College. Homer was too late for school and went with Fred to Xenia. I made some calls around and spent the day at grandmother Murdock. Clara there for dinner when she came in from College--Fred and Homer got back at town and took dinner there too. Fred called to see Prof McChesney and Mr Mortons and in the evening he and Aunt Matt went to Lide Torrences to tea. Will & Mary there since Mr Torrence died--This Eve Homer at grandmothers for tea--He and Fred went with me to the prayer meeting at the hall--We had quite a nice meeting. Mr Riley Stormant and Rev Mr McKinney called at grandmothers to see me--They called here this forenoon but missed seeing father. The boys and I got back at nine to night--it is a pleasant Evening

9” Jan. Wed. A much milder day--bright sunshine. Fred took Homer down this morning--made some calls & returned home at noon--This afternoon he has gone up to take Miss Cook & go around and visit some of the old school girls around Selma. Noah Devault from Uncle Dans house began working here this morning--he boards himself--Jim L--around with him--This afternoon he went to Selma for feed for the hogs & coal. Clayton and Jason at school. Aunt Katy busy Paul around. I have been busy. Mr Mc at C--this eve--brought the clothes from Mrs P-Made but a brief stay. Homer walked out & came part of the road with Miss Haines. He is at his books to night.

10” Jan. Thurs. A [gloomy] day--towards evening began snowing--it has rained considerable today. Jason took Homer down to the College. He & Clayton at school. Fred was at Springfield yesterday eve--with Miss Lizzie Cook--Harlan took supper with them at Adam’s--He did not get home until late--and did not get up until near noon. Uncle Joe & Jim L--and Noah DeV. at the work. Mr Mc around home most of the day—Dewine [?] brought up a load of corn--This afternoon late--Mr Mc & Fred left for Selma were back in time for supper--After supper Fred and Clayton at C--and brought Homer out. Mr Wood Warner called this morning. It has been a disagreeable day.
11” Jan. Friday. Snowed last night--Fred took Homer down to College and told the folks good by. Back again at an early hour. We sent up to the school house for Clayton--And after an early dinner he went with Mr Mc and Fred to Springfield. Fred told us all good by--He goes back to Monmouth this Eve at five Oclock. Freds visit was short at home--he came the last Saturday of the old year--but we certainly enjoyed his stay here--And now that he has gone we will miss him. How many clouds of sadness cast their shadows over hearts in life--then again at other times the bright days of sunshine strike through. Uncle Joe at C--this P.M. Homer came out with him. Jason at school. Jim L-- and Noah at work to day. This Eve while Alvie Orr past and Homer went with him to attend the lecture at Selma-- Subject. The signs of the time--Mr Mc and Clayton did not get home until late. After Fred went away they waited a little and went with Harlan to supper.

12” Jan. Sat. Quite a cold day. To zero and below part of the time. We are almost hemed [sic] in with cold and snow this morning. Jim L--and Noah and Uncle Joe & Mr Mc all looking after things and Jim Little This afternoon Uncle Joe went down home with Homer-- and Homer spent P.M. studying his Greek lesson with Alvie Orr. It is so cold not many passing today. Clayton and Jason helping. Paul trying to keep in the house to day by the fire Aunt Katy busy.

13” Jan. Sabb. Still deep snow on the ground--& quite cold. No one at church but Homer & me-- We were also there in time for Sabbath School. Mr Morton’s text--And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.” The lesson that we learn from this text is not to be discouraged no matter what our troubles are--but to remember the power of Jesus--and to bring all to him. Bad and all as the child was when he was brought to Christ and he was healed and the devil left him It was when the boy was coming to Christ that Satin [sic] made such an attack upon him that it was hard for him to come. There is no time that a boy needs our prayers so much as when he has made up his mind to come to the Savior. If our house is on fire as some one of our family dangerously sick every one both good and bad will do all they can to help us--but when we have a lost boy going down to perdition the world the flesh and the devil will all combine to thwart our plans and drag him down When we are so annoyed that we do not know what to do, or what shall we do about it--Let us like that tenderhearted father take all to Jesus & leave with him-- There is a boundless power in prayer in faith and in patience and persevering effort--and most of all in bringing all to the Savior. For Jesus is mighty to save He saves to the uttermost. We are to bring our children to Jesus to be healed & commit the rest to him If we have some burden that is too heavy for us to carry let us roll it over on Christ for he has said Cast thy burden on the Lord and he’ll sustain thee After dinner I heard the boys [?] Mr Mc around the house to day-- trying [?] a better day for the stock Jim Little & Noah D- helping. Clara at church but went back to grandmothers again. This eve Homer and Jim L--with us around the lamp.

14” January Monday. Moderated a little. Homer went back to School. And Uncle Joe came back in his conveyance. Jim L--and Noah at the work Clayton & Jason at school. This afternoon Jim L--and Noah at the stock again. Mr Mc took the washing to Mrs P. This Eve Edd Stuart &
company brought Homer out from College. This eve Homer & Mr Edd W. in the vicinity of Clifton--Aunt Katy busy

15th Jan. Tues. Moderated very much. Homer went back to College and Clayton & Jason to school. Mr Ward called this A.M. Near noon Mr Mc took Aunt Katy up home for a little vacation--Jim L- and Noah busy at the feeding. Paul around. Uncle Joe at C--this afternoon Homer came back after three. Mr Mc among the number at Selma to help send food to the Nebraska sufferers--Jim L- at Selma, at Calverts for corn--Homer going by way of Clifton to the Cedarville Opera house to a concert-- to night This eve is the twenty eight Anniversary of our marriage   It is on these occasions that the past years return. Although many long years may stretch them selves in one unbroken line yet we can pass over them with one step. Memory flashes backward over the buried hours and we stand amid the scenes and associations of other days. Let us keep warm and beautiful the love and hope of these by gone years to help us to make our life to day more grand and helpful. Snow on the ground--The sleighs passing The sleighing fine.

16th January . Wednesday . Snow on the ground -- Moderated a little -- Homer went back to College this morning. Jim L-- and Noah at the feeding. Mr Morton here -- he came in with Mc to dinner -- Clayton at Woolfords Shop with the sleigh this Eve. This afternoon he and Jim L-- in the vicinity of Pitchin for the molasses. Mr Mc around here and there all afternoon This Eve Mr Bennet, Mr Mellingers[?] partner here for tea and with us tonight -- Jim L- calling his Friends this Eve -- Homer in the room at his books this eve -- Uncle Joe around. A colored man from North Carolina came this afternoon Simon Peter Delesis [?] and is stopping with us. Clayton & Jason out for a short ride with the School boys.

17th Jan. Thurs. Moderated. Sleighing grand. Mr Bennet left us this morning. Clayton went with him as far as the Y. Springs. Mr Mc went over there after dinner and brought him back this eve - - Will Mc called. Jim L-- and Noah feeding. Clayton & his father came home past C-- Jason at school. Simon Peter helping me with the work. This Eve. Louis N. Floyd, the old painter came stepping in -- he is here for supper and with us tonight. Homer at College to day home again this Eve as usual -- He took Clayton and Jason with him to C- on a little drive in the sleigh -- Clayton took dinner at Mr Mellingers[?].

18th Jan. Friday -- A cloudy day very much like rain -- Sleighing still fine -- Homer went back to College this morning. Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Mc around at John Thomas -- home in time for dinner  Jim L-- and Uncle Joe around -- Noah helping. Simon Peter helping me -- Louis stopping with us until Monday for a little rest and visit -- Aunt Mary came out with Uncle Dan as he past up -- here for dinner -- and until four this P.M. -- when she went back with him as he past home. Mr Mc went to Wards this afternoon -- This Eve Mr Matthews and his friend called. They live at the late Crawford farm. Jim L- spending the night George Smith -- Clayton & Jason took him out in the sleigh -- Homer at C- at the College at Society meeting.
19 “Jan. Sat. Snow going off. Mr Mc went in the sleigh to the Y. Springs to see Mr Mellinger[?] -
- did not get back until near evening. Jim L- came back this morning -- he and Noah at the work.
Uncle dan called this P.M. and Uncle Joe went home with him. Homer at his books today. Louis
around -- Homer at his books today, Louis around -- he began up shelves in the pantry this P.M.
Jason went with Noah to C-- with fodder for grandmothers cow. This eve Homer took Jim L- - to
C-- he will stay with Lizzie until tomorrow Eve -- Simon helped me with the work -- he was at
town this Eve.

20” Jan. Sabbath. Quite a nice winter day. Mr Mc not feeling well with cold. Clayton is doomed
to be home to day again -- he and Simon Peter feeding. Homer and Jason and I at Sabbath
school and church -- Rev J P Stoddard preached. Mr. Morton sat in the pulpit. His text. [blank
space] We had quite a nice sermon but his explanation of the [illegible] was beautiful. Jason
went home to grandmother -- and Clara came home with us. Louis Floyd the old painter with us
to day. Paul around. This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting -- or at the hall.
Clayton and I attended the Union service there -- Sermon by Rev. J. P. Stoddard. I went down
and spoke grandmother before I came home. Wm Harrison a destitute man from Springfield
here to dinner -- This Jason and Jim L- came home with Homer—

21” Jan. Monday. A cold day. Homer drove down to College -- and Uncle Joe came back in his
conveyance -- Clayton & Jason at School. Jim L-- and Noah feeding -- This afternoon Mr Mc up at
Lee Barbers pasture and came there getting too close to the cars and got his back sprained. Will
Mc called so did Mr Charley Marshal. Mr Mc expected Mr Mellinger[?] but he did not come.
This afternoon Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P. and Homer came back with him -- Simon
helping me to day. Louis completed his shelves at noon -- and put up a shelf in corner of sitting
room [illegible]. All at home and around the fire. It is blowing a hurricane tonight. Paul has
been busy out and in all day.

22’ Jan. Tues. Quite a blustery day. Mr Mc on the sick list has been in bed nearly all day. Uncle
Joe took Homer down to College -- and this afternoon when he went to mill he came back with
him Jason and Clayton at school -- This afternoon Clayton was kept out and went up after Aunt
Katy. Aunt Katy with us to night and at her place in the kitchen. Mr Mitch Collins here to see Mr
Mc Mr [illegible] from the city of Clifton called her for dinner.

23” Jan. Wed. Not so blustery but cold. On yesterday morning Louis Floyd took bid us good by
and past on. This morning Jason went to town to take Homer to College home again and he and
Clayton at school. Jim L- at Selma this P.M. -- for coal. Uncle Joe and Noah took the hay & dow
to Crouse. Aunt Katy and I ironed. This Eve Mr Matthews brought [blank space] and he and Mr
Mc made arrangements for him stop with us with his family in the tenant house this summer --
Homer did not get home until dark. He and Jim L- went over to the Springs to see Mr
Mellinger[?] to night -- but failed to see him. Jim L- at Selma for coal.

24” Jan. Thurs. Quite cold indeed -- Uncle Joe at C- early on some Mrs [illegible] trial. Homer got
excused from College and went out to a dinner party at Uncle Silas’s. Mr J P Stoddard called this
morning. Then Charlie Marshal -- then the young Mr Matthews. Uncle Dan also called. This afternoon Mrs Etta McMillan called. Mr Mc in bed all day -- this Eve he dressed and came out to the sitting room fire. Mr Mellinger[?] called -- here for tea and chatted awhile -- Jim L- out seeing his girl -- Homer went with back with him to town partly to see Edd Stuart. Uncle Joe did not get back until late -- Clayton and Jason at school at school today Simon helping at the wood & Noah at C- for the meat -- we have just brought back two hogs. Rev J. P. Stoddard speaks tonight on Secret Societys -- none of us there.

25" Jan Friday. Still cold. Homer not here this morning he stayed all night at [blank space] Jason at school. Clayton and Simon took the “fat beef” to Mr. Crouse this morning. This afternoon he went to the Lee Barber Pasture. Uncle Dan called this A.M. This afternoon Uncle Silas here on a chatt[?]. Aunt Katy and Simon working on the land. I am not feeling very well these days. Was in bed awhile this afternoon. Jim L- went to Pranells[?] with the buckwheat. Clayton up at the pasture. Homer still absent tonight. Mr Mc still the sick list.

26" Jan. Sat. One of the worst days of the season. Blowing a hurricane -- the roads very slippery -- not a soul has past today that we noticed -- Jim L- & Noah & Uncle Joe & Clayton & Jason feeding. Simon at the work in the wood shed -- Aunt Katy busy. Mr Mc in bed most of the day. Uncle Joe did not go down home on acct of the ice Homer still in C- he is studying with Alvie Orr and sleeping with J. A. McMillan at Aunt Janes. This is my birthday and I have two grandchildren and go by the name of grandmother in one house hold I need not hesitate [sic] to record I am 51 years old. Born the 26” of Jan 1844.

27" January Sabbath. Our Sabbath--day at home -- Jim L- went up to see George Smith and spent most of the day with him -- he is sick. Noah here at the feeding Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason & Paul and Simon around home -- Mr Mc in bed part of the day. This eve I heard the questions Aunt Katy with us as usual. We have had a quiet Sabbath but how good and profitable one I do not know --

28" January. Monday. Still a cold slippery day -- Jason at school. Clayton took Frank down to get him “rough shed” this morning -- home at noon -- this afternoon he was at Browns [?] on an errand. Aunt Katy finished up the lard this forenoon and this afternoon we finished the sausage -- I am quite tired this eve -- Mr Ward and Mr Dee here to dinner. This Eve Homer came home he has been away since Thursday Eve. This Eve he and Jim L- at Calverts in Selma. Rhoda Elder died yesterday at eleven Oclock. Her funeral tomorrow. Mr Mc has been up nearly all day.

29" Jan. Tues. Bright sunshine moderated considerable. Jim L- and Noah Uncle Joe Paul and Simon and Aunt Katy holding forth here today. Homer at C- this morning -- he and some young Elder past up to Miss Rhoda Elders funeral. Clara went up with Annie[?] Morton to the funeral -- Clayton took Mr Mc to the train this morning -- This was the day of the [illegible] Convention in Xenia to day. Several going from C- on the train I spent the day with grand-mother Murdock and Aunt Mary I called at Aunt Janes. Homer & Clara and Annie M- took dinner with Aunt Mary when came back from the funeral. This Eve Mr Mc came up from X- at six Oclock. We came
home in Homers conveyance and he went with Alvie Orr to Xenia to the Secret Society Convention that meets in the Opera House there. Clayton and Will Shears[?] at C- for a little sleigh ride -- A letter from Fannie tells us of the death of Father Brown -- Mrs Elmer Wallace dead too -- her funeral from Mr McKenzies church the 13" of Jan Sabbath. They were called home from Salem on account of Mr Browns death.

30" Jan Wed. Quite a cold day for something new  Aunt Katy done the washing at home -- and I remained faithful in the kitchen until the last dish was put away to night. Mr Mc called at Matthews and around. Jim L- at Selma for corn -- Clayton and Jason at school. Uncle Dan and the Mr Downies [?] called. Uncle Joe & Noah Simon Peter & Paul around. This Eve Clayton and Jason at C- to distribute a few things. Homer walked out this eve and at his books to night. The Greene Co farmers Institute meeting in X- today & tomorrow.

31" Jan. Thurs. Sleighing good -- still quite cold but the sun is shining. Jim L- and Noah & Uncle Joe & Simon Peter & Paul around. The Matthews bros called this morning Clayton and Jason at School. Homer went back to College in the buggy. Aunt Katy busy. This afternoon Jim L- at Selma. Mr Mc there too & at Conners. Clayton & Jason at School -- This afternoon Mr Henry Plover[?] called -- he was here for lunch. Homer at home at his books. Jim L- out across the country spending the evening.

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1” Feb. Friday - Moderated considerable. Sleighing still fine - Homer went back to College this morning. Clayton & Jason at School. Jim L- Noah - & Uncle Joe & Paul & Mr Mc around. Katy ironing. I am not feeling well to day again. Aunt Katys cat died this morning. It was certainly a pet. This Eve Homer went back to a meeting of their society. This is the evening of the W.C.T.U. pastor sociable at Mrs Barr - but we do not feel in the spirit to go through the cold this Eve.

2 Feb. Sat. Homer at his books all forenoon. Jim L- and Mr Mc around. So also were Clayton & Jason & Paul. Noah helping Uncle Dan & Will away with their hogs. This afternoon Jim L- and Homer at Springfield. Harlan did not come back with them on acct- of the cold. Jason took Uncle Joe home. And brought the mail. Aunt Katy and I both busy. Simon Peter busy too.

3” Feb. Sabb. Snow here & there on the ground. Not so cold. Jim L- & Simon & Paul around. Aunty Katy here - Homer & Clayton and Jason and I at church & also at the Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church- Mr. Mortons text “A foolish son is a grief to his father and a bitterness to her that bear him.” Subject The fruit of folly. What is a foolish son? A disobedient son is foolish son! Disobedience is the first station on the downward grade to destruction. A child, either son or daughter, that willfully [sic] disobeys his parents - is standing on slippery ground and the billows of hell are rolling under his feet. A son that associates with bad company and who is immoral and who neglects Christ and fails to prepare for eternity is a foolish son and a grief to his father and grief to her that bear him. Clara came home with us from church & went back when
Clayton & Jason went at four to the organization of the Christian [illegible] - for all the little folks - Homer & Jim L- here I heard the boys catechism & went over the Sabbath School lesson with them.

4” Feb - Monday. Still cold - Homer went down to College and Uncle Joe came out - Noah here with Jim L- Clayton and Jason at School. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Simon at Wards and brought the sheep down -- Aunt Katy washing. I have had a busy day. Homer back from school and at his books to night.

5” Feb. Tues. Quite a cold day. Jim L- up at George Smiths last night - he is sick - Mr Matthews called this morning to report that dogs had been among the sheep - Will Mc called. Clayton & Jason at School. Clayton came at noon & went to town & sent Homer out to Uncle Silas’s to have him come up but he could not come. Homer home early this P.M. - & so was Clayton. Noah absent. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe busy. Clayton helping this P.M. This eve very cold - all at home. Simon has been helping feed to day. Aunty Katy busy. Paul around. John Kyle called.

6” Feb Wed. Quite cold - Jim L- on the sick list until noon - He went to Selma for corn this P.M. Noah here to day. Clayton at home helping. Jason at School. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Paul and Simon around. Homer went back to college this morning. John Thomas called. Aunt Katy ironed. This Eve Homer here at his books - All of us around the fire. The German steamship Elbe went down in the North Sea, a little over a week ago - It went down in about twenty minutes after coming in colision [sic] with another ship - nearly four hundred persons went down.

7” Feb. Thurs. Below zero this morning - one of the stormy cold days - Jim L- and Noah and Uncle Joe and Simon around. Paul out and in all day. Clayton and Jason at school. Homer at College to day - home in time for dinner. Col Bane is to lecture at the Friends Church in Selma to night Jim L- and Homer and Mr Mc there Subject “Among the Masses. When they came home - they were so delighted I was almost sorry I did not go even it is to zero.

8” Feb. Friday. Another rough day - ten below zero. Jim L- Noah & Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Simon busy all day. Clayton and Jason at School. This afternoon Clayton and Noah at mill and on an errand at C. Word came from Matthews that the dogs had been among our sheep - Mr Mc there most of the P.M. Aunt Katy & I busy. Paul around the fire - Homer drove down through the cold to College and back home this P.M. A dispatch from Mr Mellinger [?] that he will be ready for the hogs tomorrow Holder around among the neighbors and at C- to make the needed arrangements. Bright moonlight but snapping cold. We did not forget that this is Fannies birthday - No we did not forget it.

9” Feb. Sat. Still below zero this morning eight degrees- Quite a delegation in to help move the hogs - Eight wagons - 68 hogs - at $450. Willie McMillan, Mr Fields - & Mr. McClain and the Matthew bro. and Jim Collins and Clayton and Noah Devault - Mr Mc and Homer & Jason went along too - went later in the sleigh - I failed to mention that one of the McDownies [?] wagons was in the procession. This Eve Homer in his room at his books - Clayton took Uncle Joe down this evening. Aunt Katy & I busy. I am not feeling very well to day.
10th Feb. Sabb. Moderated a little. I have been on the sick list to day. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at Church alone. Aunt Katy and Simon and Paul at home with me. After preaching Jason went to grandmothers and Clara came home and went back with Clayton when he went to the childrens meeting. Robbie Murdock came last week - and came home with Homer & Clayton from church to day - - He is here to night he nor Homer did not go back to church - A man from off the pike here for lunch. Jim L- here to day & to night as usual. Clayton and Jason returned near dark from the young folks meeting.

11th Feb. Monday. Still cold but moderated a little. Robbie Murdock [illegible] down to the College & brought Uncle Joe out. Mr Mc over at the Matthews having sheep appraised - finished appraising here at home - after which Mr Mc and [illegible] C- went to town. Clayton & Jason at School. Noah is looking over accts. He and Jim L- at the feeding. This Eve Robbie M - went down with clothes to Mrs P- and brought Homer home - Robbie & Jim L- at Selma this eve. Mr Pigg called to day.

12th Feb Tues. Not quite so cold. Robbie M - went with Homer to College this morning and went out to Uncle Silas’s. Near noon Mr Mc left for Mr Marshals sale - Jim L- and Noah & Uncle Joe at the feeding. Paul out & in all day. Clayton & Jason at School. Simon at the chopping. Aunt Katy busy. I have nearly finished Stepping H[?] to day. It is written by E. Prentiss. Homer busy at his lessons. Wed.

13th Feb. Still cold - & sleighing. I went with Homer this morning when he went to College and spent the day with grandmother & Aunt Mary. Clara there as usual. Homer there to dinner. We came home after three. I called to see Aunt Jane & Matt and Mary McMillan. Jim L- and Noah and Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul around to day at the work. Aunty Katy in charge - Simon helping. Clayton and Jason at School. Rev Warnicks baby died last night. This Eve Jim L. across the country. Homer & Edd Stuart at Clifton.

14th Feb. Thurs. Not quite so cold. Sleighing firm. Homer went to College on the sleigh this morning. Mr Mc Noah Uncle Joe & Simon around - Paul out & in all day. Mr [illegible] called this P.M. We set up the [illegible] breakfast on trial this afternoon. Homer home from College early. The College board met this morning. Homer and Alvie Orr are to take this board and others to C- this evening - They are to go in a four horse sled. Clayton and Jason at School.

15th Feb. Friday. Moderated Homer did not get in until late this morning - they had a breakdown and was detained. Homer and Alvie Orr went to Xenia this morning to return wagon and bring home the sled - Homer got home from his trip at four this afternoon - Clayton & Jason at School. Jim L- and Noah Uncle Joe Mr Mc & Simon & Paul all busy. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Uncle Dan called. Will and Elt at Springfield to day. Jim L- and Clayton called there this eve. Aunt Katy at the work. Homer at an open meeting at the College to night.

16th Feb. Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Snow on the ground. I made a hasty trip to C - left a donation for Aunt Jane from Mr Mc called to see Mrs P. and was home at one Oclock. Homer very tired. He did not get up until late. Word has come to C. that Earl Conley is dead. The Xenia
paper noticed the death of Mr Mort Starks this week. Jason took Aunt Katy up home this afternoon - Jim L- at Selma - he was there Wednesday I think. This Eve Clayton & Jason took wood to Aunt Jane after dark - and Uncle Joe went down home with them. Homer at his books.

17” Feb. Sabb. Snow on the ground - Moderated considerable. Homer Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath school and church - Mr Mc at church Mr Morton’s text “It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.” The lesson of the text is quietly waiting on God in the day of trouble. We are to do our whole duty and leave the whole matter with God - and hope and quietly wait for His salvation and deliverance. It is hard to work and wait - and to fight and wait - but it is a great deal harder to sit still and wait or to suffer and wait. Let us not forget that it is good to wait and hope in the Lord if we are not waiting for his salvation we are waiting for condemnation and damnation. After preaching Jason went down with Aunt Mary and Robbie M - and Clara came home in the carriage. This morning Prof J.H. McMillan was in church - he is on his way to Pittsburg and stopped off over Sabbath at Cedarville. This afternoon I read the 14:15:16: chaps of Job with Homer & Robbie M. Clayton went down to the childrens meeting - Clara went back with them - Jason there & came back with Clayton. Homer & Robbie at next meeting and at the hall Rev Sprowl preached. Jim L- and Paul and Aunt Katy & Simon here to day.

18” Feb. Monday. Robbie took Homer down to College and came back with Uncle Joe. This afternoon Jim L- up at Will Mcs working on sled. Noah here. Simon busy. Mr Mc around all day. Clayton and Jason at school. Robbie took the clothes to Mrs P- and Homer missed him and rode out with Carrie Haines. Homer disappointed is not getting in to see Prof Mc he went away on the six Oclock train this Eve - Robbie Murdock with us to night. Jim L- here - He cut Pauls hair. Aunt Katy and I busy.

19” Feb. Tues. A nice day. Snow on the ground. Clayton & Jason at school. Homer went down to College this morning and back this evening. Uncle Joe and Noah Jim L- & Simon and Aunt Katy here to day. Robbie Murdock here until this P.M. when he went to his Uncle Henrys. Mr Mc went by way of Uncle Bighams to Dave Stormonts sale - Paul and I went with him & stopped off at Uncle Bighams and spent the day with Aunt Jennette and Mr Harbison went with Mr Mc to the sale – they returned at five in time for a nice supper - we reached home about dark. Mr Pigg was here to dinner to day.

20” Feb. Wed. Nice all day but blowing very hard to night. Jim L- and Uncle Joe and Mr Mc and Paul & Simon around all day. Robbie called as he came from his Uncle Henrys and went to Cedarville. Clayton and Noah Devault at Granills[?] mill for buckwheat and at Stormonts for Noahs sale goods - home about two. Jason at school. Homer went down to College this morning and back this evening at his books. Jim L- across the country to spend the evening - Aunt Katy busy. I have been at my sewing –

21” Feb. Thurs. Blowing a little to day - but not cold - Homer went back to College - Clayton at C- on an errand. Jason out of school Clayton here this afternoon - Simon swept the tenant
house out and put a fire in it - to be ready for the folks - his friend Mr Moore landed with their
goods about four Oclock and came up and took supper here. Homer & Alvie Orr in the vicinity
of Clifton this eve. Uncle Dan here this P.M. Word came that Mr Wm Marshal was found in the
field in an insensible condition. Mr Mc and others gathered there. Jim L- and Noah around.
Jason at Kyles this P.M. Paul and Uncle Joe and Simon Peter around.

22 Feb. Friday. Washingtons Birthday. Homer & Alvie Orr took advantage of the holiday & went
to Xenia to the [illegible] Seminary this afternoon. Jim L- Noah Uncle Joe Mr Mc Paul & Simon
Peter around at the work [Blank space] at his house - here for his meals and with us to night.
Katy at the work - Clayton and Jason at school - Homer came back after dark - & Clara came
with him. I have been away all day at Marshals - I went early this morning and stayed until after
dark when one of the boys brought me home. Mr Marshal still insensible. Dr Cunningham there
this morning and this evening.

23” Feb. Sat. Bright Sunshine. Clara & Jim L- took advantage of the sunshine & went to
Springfield this afternoon. Homer at C- superintending hay being weighed at Orrs sales. Uncle
Joe Clayton and Jason & Paul & [Blank space] at C- on an errand - for lumber. All back at noon.
Jason called at Mr Marshals - there is a change for the better they think in Mr M-

24 Feb. Sabb. A nice day. Homer Clayton and Jason & I at church and at Sabbath School. And he
said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.” Mr Mc at church also. I will only
write here a few of Mr Mortons remarks. In our journey through life we meet with so many
discouragements and disappointments that we feel unable for our work - but when we draw
near to God the cloudy pillar descends and we hear the voice My presence shall go with thee
and I shall give thee rest.” We have a work to do for our selves for our family and for those
around us. God gives us and has promised us the needed grace to do this work. He has also
promised us special grace & strength for special emergencys [sic] - “In straits or present aid.”
Clara and Jim L - and Aunt Katy and Simon at home. I forgot to mention that Paul was at church
to day and sat in the Sabbath School class with me. Clayton and Jason at the childrens meeting
this eve - Clara went at the same time - Homer not feeling well.

25” Feb. Monday. Quite a bright day. I did not mention in my report for Saturday that Will
Huntington called in the eve - and Homer rode to town with him. Uncle Joe went down &
Homer came back in his conveyance and that Mr Bennett and Mr Mellingner [?] called. This
morning Homer went down to College and Uncle Joe came out - He brought nails for repairing
the tenant house. On yesterday [Blank space] wife & little child and father arrived from their
home in Highland Co - they did not seem to regard the Sabbath. They went direct to Mr
Matthews and came back to their house and began repairs this morning. Jim L - and Noah and
Mr Mc and Simon and Paul and Uncle Joe around all day. Clayton and Jason at school. This
afternoon I called at Mrs Ps - took the clothes - and went to grandmother Murdocks - made a
little call and stayed for supper - Clara there - Homer at Orrs with Alvie looking over his lesson
He came home with me. I called in to see Mr Wm Marshall - He is still suffering terribly with his
head. Aunt Katy here at the work as usual.
26th Feb. Tues. A beautiful day but muddy. Mr Mc and Basel at Clemens that moved last week from Charlie Marshalls. They were back at noon - Mr Mc at old Mr Gillows (?) sale - this afternoon. Uncle Joe called to see Will Marshal - when he came back Homer took me over and I stayed there until this evening when Mr Mc called for me - He was quite weak and suffered terribly this morning - I almost feel sure he thought he was going to die for he asked his wife if she thought he was saved. Happy for those when that question is all settled - satisfactorily & forever - The Dr and several callers there to day. Homer not feeling well he went down to College this afternoon - Clayton & Jason at school. Jim L - Noah & Uncle Joe & Paul & Aunt Katy here - Simon helping with sheep & around and at the wood. Homer at his books - Jim L - here -

27th Feb. Wed. Warm & cloudy. Mr Mc called to see Will Marshal - he is a little better. Clayton and Jason at school. Homer went down to College this morning - This afternoon Jim L - and Noah brought the fodder from Charlie Marshals - Clemens helped them get it out. Homer home at his books to night - Jim L - across the country to spend the evening. I have been busy to day. Aunt Katy in the kitchen.

28th Feb. Thurs. A pleasant day but very muddy. Homer went down to College not feeling very well - Near noon Mr Mc and Clayton at Bonners (?) sale above Charleston A wonderful large gathering there - They called at Dr Harris office - they did not get home until after dark - Jim L - Noah and Uncle Joe and Simon Peter and Paul in charge & Aunt Katy. Jason at school. Near noon - I left for C- to be ready for the missionary meeting - and for the W.C.T.U. prayer meeting - I called to see grandmother - As I came home I called to see [Blank space] at the tenant house but she was not at home. I also called to see Mr Marshall - He is convalescent [sic]

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1st March. Friday. Quite a gloomy damp day. Homer went down to College. Clayton & Jason at school. Business [sic] at a stand still for awhile to day. Jim L- Uncle Joe Noah & Mr Mc and Simon around. Aunt Katy at the work. Everything quiet at our home. Will Mc called—he and Uncle Joe & Jim L- around the fire. This Eve Homer went back to a meeting of the Society at the College. Clara read a essay there this evening. Mr Colin called—

2nd March. Sat. A mild gloomy day. Homer has been in his room most of the day at his books—Jim L- Noah-Simon Peter Uncle Joe Clayton Jason and Paul all around— Mr Mc at C- this A.M.— at the Bank—he took dinner at Aunt Janes—Aunt Katy and I both away. Clayton at C- on an errand this P.M. This Eve Edd Stewart & co called at the gate to see Homer—After tea Homer took Uncle Joe down home—Jim L- went along to stay with Lizzie until Monday.

3rd March Sabbath. A mild day—Clayton at home to superintend the feeding Homer and Jason & Paul and I at Sabb school & church Paul sat in the Bible class with me. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness Unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lords house shall be like the bowls before the Altar.” The theme of the text—the power of the gospel—Let us notice the inscription Holiness Art the Lord: Holiness is not knowledge nor honesty a desire to hear the gospel or in going in good society or with Gods
people—while all of these things are important and essential and belong to Gods people but yet they do not constitute holiness and with this alone never see the kingdom of God—To be holy—is to be complete—to be whole. free from all blemishes and defects. A holy person is consecrated to God—and is in the possession of the graces of the Spirit. Holiness is the grandest of excellence of which humanity is capable of possessing. When it says Holiness shall be inscribed upon the bells of the horses—and the pots it means that it shall be inscribed on every day business of life—Clara came home with us from church This Eve Clayton & Jason at the children meeting later on Clara went down with Homer to the Young folks meeting & Jim L came back with him. Aunt Katy and Simon at home.

4” March Monday. Quite a change in the weather—blowing and snowing and cold and generally disagreeable. Homer went down to College and Uncle Joe came up Jim L- and Noah and Simon around to day. Clayton and Jason at school—Clayton at home this P.M. and took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought Homer home. This Eve he went back to a supper to Aunt Bells—Clara & others to be there. Mr Mc around home all day. Aunt Katy and the rest of us busy. Paul out and in all day. The Xenia Papers notices the deaths of Mrs Wm Kyle & of her daughter, Joanna, and Dr Moore all died with in the last week. Clayton called to see Mr Marshal this P.M. he is convalescent. He told Clayton he was watching and waiting for your Mother to come. I must go tomorrow. Homer at Aunt Bells.

5” March. Tuesday—Quite a winter day—snowing a little. Homer at a little supper at Aunt Bells last night—he went back to College this morning. Jim L- and Noah and Billie Stanton at the work. Simon made a contract for the summer with Mr Mc this morning. Uncle Joe and Paul around all day – After dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia to attend to some business [sic] for Fred. This afternoon I called at the tenant house to see Mrs Stanton I also called to see Mr Wm Marshal—he is still in bed. When I came back I drove up to Will Mc S spent an hour with Etta. Jim L & Uncle Joe around the fire. Homer at his books. Jim L- up at George Smiths to night. Mr Mc home after dark.

6” March. Wed. Still a winter day. Homer went down to College—After an early dinner Uncle Joe and Paul and Simon and I at town. Simon at the dentist. I left Paul around town with Uncle Joe while I attended the congregational prayer meeting I spent the rest of the evening or P.M. with Grandmother Murdock. Paul and I took tea there. Uncle Joe called around & brought us home Mr Mc and Noah & Billie, all, around – They were bringing corn from Barbers. Aunt Katy in Command. Clayton & Jason at school. Homer at his books. Jim came back this Eve from Smiths.

7” March Thurs. Drizzling rain disagreeable. Noah & Billie S—busy hauling corn. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe & Paul around Homer went down to College & home this Eve. Clayton & Jason at school. This afternoon Joe called at Mr Wm Marshals—He is not so well. Jim L- went with George Smith to Springfield to bring his conveyance back. George is going from there to some springs for his heath—Aunt Katy and I finished the ironing to day. This Eve Homer did not come home but went to Clifton for company and attended Byron W. Kings lecture at the Opera House
8" March Friday. Damp and cloudy all day long. Jim L- came back from Smiths at noon. He is resting this P.M.  Noah & Billie S- around. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Paul and Simon all here. Aunt Katy busy. Clayton and Jason at school. This afternoon I visited the school—Miss Haines is getting along nicely—but I feel sure—if I had called long ago I might have helped Clayton & Jason a great deal—this Eve blustery—clear. That in regard to Homer happened this eve when Homer & company attended Kings lecture. I was aslepe when I attached that to the details of Thursday when I was starting on my record for to day.

9" March Sat— Winter again & light snow – The ground—slightly covered. Homer resting this morning I called to see Mr Wm Marshal—he is convalescent. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around—so also is Jim L—Billie S—Noah & Simon  Homer at his books this A.M. This afternoon he took Uncle Joe up. Homer stopped off & studied his greek lesson with Alvie Orr—home again at dark. Jim L- at Selma this afternoon.

10" March. Sabb. Mild. The ground soft. Homer Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath school & church—and Paul went with us too—This was his first day to go to Sabbath school. He sat in Cara Blairs class—Aunt Matt took him into the class. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done” We see in this text the power of faith. What are the mountains that are to be removed. 1“ Sin in the soul—evil thoughts—passions—feelings, appetite and desire that hinders the work of grace in our heart—Another mountain to be removed is unbelief and want of confidence in God—and this lies at the fountain of all our failures in our work here both in our selves and in our family. Appathy [sic]or carlessness [sic] is a great mountain and so is undue love of the world. Sin in the soul is the corrupt fountain from which all the bitter streams in life does flow—but by strong faith this bitter fountain may be dried up. Sin in the soul is our worst enemies—for after all our worst enemies are those of our own household. Sin in the world—the [illegible] business. are mountains that must be removed. We sometimes feel that those sins are so strongly intrenched and powerful that they can never be removed. If it depended upon us it never could  But that God that created the Universe and all things there in has undertaken it. Do you think he will succeed? Shall the black tide of hell—drive out the light of the cross? or shall Satin [sic] triumph over Christ; When we go to the sepulchre we are troubled and we ask who shall roll us away the stone but when we reach it the stone is rolled away and the mountain is removed. How is it done? Not by might or by power—but by my Spirit saith the Lord. The Bible and history and observation all teach us that no great work has ever been done only by faith and persevering effort and by prayer—After preaching Clara came home with us and went back with Clayton and Jason when they went to the childrens meeting. Homer at the Young folks meeting—and at the U.P. church. Aunt Katy & Jim L- around to day.

11" March. Monday. Rained a sprinkle and snowed a little very gloomy. Uncle Dam & Will Mc here to day helping with a combination butchering  Homer down to College and came back in his conveyance then he went down with the clothes to Mrs P- and Homer came back
with him. Billie S--& Noah & Jim L-- and Simon around assisted by Uncle Dan & Will Mc and Paul at the work. Aunt Katy in charge—Unlce Dan here to dinner. Clayton and Jason at school— Not withstanding the work and the crowd Mr Mc and I went to Springfield—we took dinner at Adam’s with Harlan This afternoon I called at Mrs Stuarts—Mr Mc and I took supper there. Harlan called there to see us. We came home very comfortably reached here at ten after all had retired. This is Clara’s birthday.

12” March. Tues. Drizzling rain. Very muddy—Uncle Joe & Simon and Aunt Katy and very busy. Noah and Billie S- and Jim L- taking care of the stock—Paul around. Homer went down to College and home again this evening. Clayton & Jason at school. This afternoon Clayton at mill. As Mr Mc went to Paul Thomalsons[?] sale. I went with him and stopped of at grandmother Murdocks—Aunt Mary busy. Clara there—Homer & Robbi Murdock—there to dinner—I went ever and took dinner with Aunt Bell and the children—I called at Mr Mortons—Mr Mc called for me as he came home. The sale quite a large affair.

13” March. Wed. Drizzling rain most of the day. Every thing on a stand still. Noah contracted with Mr Mc for the summer. Billie S—and Simon Uncle Joe and Paul around. Aunt Katy busy. Homer went to the college and home again this evening Clayton and Jason at school. Mr John Moorman called and went with Mr Mc to John Thomas’s sale—they went there for dinner. Uncle Joe called at Will Mc this A.M. Jim L- called to see Mr Marshal this P.M. I have been on the sick list all day – and feeling not well to night. Mr Mc & Homer and Jim L- at Selma to hear Bryon W. King lecture at the Friends Church—but came home at ten as King failed to come.

March 14” Thursday A gloomy day but quite cold. I am still not well – but around. Uncle Silas Aunt Mollie and Ralph & Ina and Jennie here spending the day. Walter came from the Birds store, along with Robbie Murdock and took dinner with us. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Jim L- and Paul around. Clayton and Jason at school—home to dinner & at home this P.M. Simon Peter & Aunt Katy busy. We had a pleasant day. Jim Henderson called the P.M. Homer went down to College this morning and home this evening & at his books—Clayton at C- this P.M.

15” March. Friday. A cloudy day but not so cold. Mr Mc at Selma to see Calvert home again at noon—Jim L- and Uncle Joe and Billie S- and Noah and Simon around. Clayton and Jason at school—Homer at College and back again this eve—He went down to the society & Jim L- went with him. Clara is to speak to night. I have not been feeling well to day again—and for a change I went with Mr Mc to C- I made a short call. George Marshal and Russel Fields here playing marbels [sic] with Clayton & Jason.

16” March—Snowing-- A winter day. Aunt Katy visited at her sons to day. Jim L- and Uncle Joe and Billie S- and Noah around. Clayton and Simon Peter hauling manuer [sic] this p.m. Mr Mc around all day. Jason and Paul here. Homer at his books all day. This PM—he took Uncle Joe home and stopped off at Alvie Orrs to study his Greek. This Eve Billie S- & Noah at C.

17” March. Sabb. & light snow on the ground. Homer and Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School & Church. Paul was with us and sat in Cora Blair’s class. Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton’s
Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir, and Hermon, from the lion’s dens, from the mountains of leopards. This is the invitation of Christ to his own. His church—his children, His spouse—He has thee richest blessings to bestow upon us. When we think of our sins—our burdens and responsibilities of life we feel oppressed & discouraged but Jesus says to us come to me—Come I will help you and give you rest—He is touched with a feeling of our infirmity. To those who are timid and feel that they are unable to come and take part publicly in his services he opens his arms and says come near me— Come and I will help thee. He asks us to come away from dangerous places—to come away from the border land from a half way position where we can go out in one direction into the world and mingle with the people and share its delights and then go on into another direction into the church and enjoy the Society of the Lords people. Jesus says come away from this dangerous position—come with me—come and choose your leader—take your stand and battle for the Lord. A half way position is dishonoring to God and he says come away. Brothers and Sisters we love too well to linger on the dangerous grounds—and follow Christ at a distance—For a Christian to try to split the difference between the church and the devil is dishonoring to God serious to the soul and brings reproach upon religion. There is no half way place where we can serve God & the devil at the same time so he says come away—come nearer to me. Most of those who fall are those that keep at a distance from Christ that wanders away from the church—from the prayer meeting neglect of family prayers and the closet. Satin does not come to any young man as woman to these places to lead them away but attacks them when he finds them on his own territory Lot found there was no safety in living at a distance from Christ—Jacob found this out so also did Peter—Many of his children have found it out to their shame and sorrow. Aunt Katy and Jim L- and Simon at home to day. After preaching Jason went down with Aunt Mary and Robbie Murdock came home with us—this is his last day to be with us—He goes to Cincinnati in the morning expecting to begin work. He went with Homer and Clara to the young folks meeting. Clayton and Jason at the childrens meeting. At seven Oclock Jason went with me to the hall to hear Prof McChesney— The room was crowded to its utmost—His text “For why will ye die.” The Christians life is hard—but this is true of every life that is worth living and lived well. Every victory a Christian achieves over sin is for eternity. Those who live the easiest does not always live best. It is not noble to ask for an easy place in life. We never can live rightly until we get rid of our besetting sins and we never can get rid of them until we come to Christ. Procrastination is not only the thief of time but also the thief of the soul. Every man is labeled for eternity—either to be asked in to eternal life or eternal death Jesus has pardon & love peace in abundance for all that will accept it and come unto him and he reaches out his hand to each one of us here to night and asks “Why will ye die.”
went with me to Xenia to day. I got a basque-- goods for Clara. I called to Dr Ida Woolsey this P.M. When I came to C- Homer came out with me. Homer and Jim L-made a short call at Ada Creswell for books. Homer at his lessons the rest of the eve.

19” March. Tuesday. Pleasant. Clayton & Jason at School. Uncle Joe in the woods sawing Simon. Billie S- and Noah all busy fetching and spreading manure [sic] & Paul busy. Jim L- not well. Mr Mc over at Sammie Smiths this P.M. Aunt Katy at her work. I have been busy. Homer at the College as usual. This afternoon he and Alvie Orr at Xenia looking after books & Homer did not get back until dark.

20” March. Wed. Blustery day. Homer at College and back this eve—Clayton and Jason at School Simon Peter & Billie S- and Noah flying at the work hauling manuer [sic] Uncle Joe “hung the meat” for smoking. Francis Lamonts husband called – A dude [?] from off the pike here to dinner. I have been cleaning clothes all day—for nice. Aunt Katy busy. Paul has been in the house most of the day playing marbels [sic]. This afternoon Mr Mc at town to see Mr Gray. Jim L- in bed all day. He called at Lizzies last night—a few minutes—George Smith rode up with Mr Mc

21” March. Thursday. Bright day Simon—Billie S- and Noah feeding & hauling manuer [sic]. Uncle Joe at mill this AM—Billie S- went with him. This afternoon Uncle Joe went down again Mr Mc over at Pastors [?] and stopped in Clifton – home after dark—Aunt Katy and I finished the ironing. Clayton and Jason at School. Jim L- around Paul here—in doors & out. Homer at College & home this eve and at his books—Jim L- visiting his girl.

22” March. Friday. Mild—sun shining—Mr Mc and Clayton up in vicinity of Selma—Jason at School until near noon when he and Uncle Joe took an early dinner and went to C- to be ready for church—we are having preaching previous to our communion. Rev Mr McKinney preached at two Oclock. Mr Mc and Clayton & Uncle Joe and Jason and Paul and I there. Homer and Clara there—Text—“And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him” Simon Peter Billie S- and Noah and Jim L- around. Homer in vicinity of Clifton to night. George S-called & Jim L- went up home with him.

23” March. Sat. A beautiful day—Mr Mc left at an early hour this morning and went to Springfield and attended to some little business and called at Carsons Store for Harlan and they reached our church in time for two Oclock meeting—Homer went down with Uncle Joe to church—and Clayton and Jason and I went in the surrie [sic]. I left—Paul at home with Jim L- and Simon Peter and Aunt Katy Noah & Billie S- around. Rev Mr McKinney preached— text “And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.” After preaching we went down to Aunt Janes—she and Aunt Matt both on the sick list. I stayed and got them their supper. After we came home Harlan and Homer took a hasty supper and went back to the prayer meeting rooms to prayer meeting. Uncle Joe remained in town.
Sabb—24" March. A pleasant day. Communion Sabbath in our church Harlan Homer Jason and Paul and I at the ten Oclock prayer meeting. Mr Mc and Clayton at Aunt Janes before they came and they did not get there until late—Aunt Jennette has been sick for a week—but was so far recovered[?] that she came in and stayed with Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt to day. Rev Mr McKinney’s text “Make one to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.” This afternoon Communion Services. Mr Morton and Rev McKinney conducted the exercises. Clara came home with us from church—Jason went home with Aunt Mary to grandmother Murdocks. This Eve Homer and Clara at the Young folks meeting. Mr Mc and Harlan and I at church—Homer Clara and Jason there too & came home with us. Mr McKinney’s text—“For the Lord shall be they confidence and shall keep they foot from being taken” Life is a pathway and it as fall of snares and deadly enemies [sic] and they are waiting to entrap the young the middle aged—and the old. Always suspect more in a temptation or a sin than what you can see or ever imagine or think of—but remember that if the Lord is thy confidence—he shall keep thy foot from being taken. This is the only safety. Aunt Katy & Jim L- and Simon here all day & Clayton and Paul have with them this Eve.

25” March. Monday. Quite a blustery day. Homer took Harlan to the train—he went by Charleston to Springfield. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around with Jim L. Mr Mc and I at the closing services of the Communion—Mr McKinney’s text—The wicked shall be driven away in this wickedness—but the righteous have hope in their death.” Homer and Clara at church and came out home—Mr and Mrs McKinney came out home with us to dinner—At two Oclock Mr McKinney went down with Homer to town—At a later hour Mr Mc and I took Mrs McKinney and Clara down home—she and Mr McKinney went back to the city on the evening train We made a few calls and came home in time for supper. Homer here at his books to night. Mrs Scott Bull called this morning. Billie S- Noah. Simon Peter & Jim L- all around. Clayton at home this P. M. He and Paul around.

26” March. Tues. Not quite so blustery. Clayton & Jason at School. Homer at College—Uncle Joe brought his conveyance back—and Homer walked out this Eve. Billie S- hauling corn from C—Noah & Simon & Jim L- busy. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon Mr & Mrs Ki[?] called. On last night Mr Walkers house was burned down & Santie Wilson was burned up in the building. On yesterday our sheep shed caught fire—and this morning Jim[?] Collins house caught fire. A tin peddler with us to night. Mr Mc and Homer at a Citizens meeting at the Opera house in behalf of temperance and the [illegible]. I have been having a stiff neck— Camphor & [illegible] is the only thing that has helped me. Jason out with George Marshal awhile to night—

27” March. Wed. I have been in bed most of the day—Billie S- and Noah and Simon Peter all busy. Clayton and Jason at School—Clayton and Uncle Silas’s on an errand—Jim L- at the sheep shearing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around and Paul. Aunt Katy busy. This Eve Elwood & Garbold from the College called. Homer at College this morning and back this evening. He and Jim L. at Will Mc a few minutes Jim stayed with Will to night as Ellen and the children went on a little trip to her sisters—to Farmersville.
28” March Thurs—A nice day. Jim L- at the shearing. Billie S- & Noah & Simon busy. Uncle Joe & Paul around. Clayton & Jason at School. Mrs Davis called to see Aunt Katy. Near noon Mr Mc at C—and this afternoon at Selma—I have been in bed to day again. Homer drove down to the College and home again this eve—

29” March. Friday. A mild day. Jim L—shearing sheep—Simon Peter went to C—this morning and did not get home until after dinner—Mr Mc started down to look him up and met him returning. Billie S- and Noah & Clayton and Uncle Joe busy. Alice S- and Grace here this P. M. Alice helped Aunt Katy. I have been in bed all day—Jason at School. Paul around—Homer at College and back again this Eve—He went over in the vicinity of Clifton for a change to night. Clayton up and stayed with Will Mc to night. Etta still absent.

30 March. Sat. A mild day. Tom Jones have helping Jim L- with the sheep shearing—They were here until after tea this eve. Clayton took Uncle Joe down to electioneer this morning. Uncle Dan called to see me—I have been around a little to day. Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Homer at C—to study his greek with Alvie. Clayton & Jason at the hall at Jr. S C. E Sociable at two Oclock this afternoon. Jason at Marshals—and Will Mcs on an errand for me. This afternoon I wrote to Harlan. This Eve Aunt Katy calling at Stantons. Billie S- and Noah at C-

31“ March. Sabb. A bright day. Homer & Jason & Clayton at Sabbath School and Church. Mr Mc and Paul at Church. Clara came home with them. Mr Morton preached as usual. Jim L- Simon Peter and Katy and I at home. Jason went down home with Aunt Mary and came back with Clayton from the childrens meeting. Clara went down with Homer to the Young Folks meeting—they were at the prayer meeting at the U. P. church.

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1” April Monday. Election day. Jason took Homer down this morning to College. Came back & went to School. Clayton & Simon cleaning stables. Billie S- and Noah around. Aunt Katy & Paul around this Eve Jim L- went home with George Smith. After an early dinner I went with Mr Mc to town. I helped them up at Aunt Janes and stayed the rest of the time at grandmothers. The women are allowed to vote on the School board this year for the first — and also have women as Candidates on School board — Homer & Clara invited to the April Fool Party at Orrs to night — Mr Mc took supper at grandmothers. Homer will stay there to night at grandmothers Uncle Joe still in town.

2” April. Tues. Very gloomy all day. On yesterday P.M. George Smith called for Jim L- and took him home with him — and to day Jim L- is absent to day. Clayton and Simon hauling out manuer [sic] — Jason at School. We took the clothes to Mrs P. — and have opened a new acct. with her now. Mr Mc around looking after things all day. Billie S- and Noah hauling in hay. This Eve Mr Mc went down and brought Uncle Joe out. Homer came home with Carrie Haines. Aunt Katy busy. Jim L- came this eve — he and George Smith were at London Sale to day.
3" April. Wed. Cloudy & cold. Jim L- at George Smiths shearing – home again this eve. Homer at College and back this eve – Uncle Joe and Paul around. Billie S- and Noah hauling hay. Jason at School – Clayton there until noon – This P.M. he and Simon cleaning stables. Mr Mc at C- late this P.M. Homer at home at his books this eve. Jim L- back this eve. George Marshal here playing marbels [sic] awhile with the boys. I cleaned the sitting room [illegible] to day.

4" April. Thurs. Cold to day – but pleasant. Homer at College this A.M. – Mr Mc at C- at the shop. Uncle Joe and Paul around – Jim L- and Tom Jones and Mr Reid finished shearing the lambs about four Oclock. They were here to dinner. Clayton & Jason at home to day helping Simon run the carts – I nearly finished the ironing to day. Billie S- and Noah began plowing in field by the house. Aunt Katy busy. Alice and her little girl called. Homer at his books to night.

5 April. Friday. Bright Sunshine but cool. Noah & Billie S- plowing. Simon spreading manuer [sic] – Uncle Joe & Paul around Mr Mc brought Jas Gains in with him to dinner – I am still putting things in readiness for house cleaning. This afternoon late Mr Mc and I made a hasty trip out to see Aunt Jennette – She has been complaining for some time – as we came home we called in to see Aunt Janes – they are still sick. Homer at his friends at Clifton this Eve. Jas S- finished shearing at Smiths and stopped at Will Mc to shear – home again here this Eve. Uncle Joe and Paul all out burning sticks[?] this Eve. Jason at School until noon – Clayton at C- at the mill – This is Jasons birthday. The years passing –

6" April Sat. A spring day. Jim L- at Will Mcs. Bazel[?] here with corn. Wm & Noah plowing. Homer at his books. Uncle Joe around all day. Father & Clayton at Mr Bazels[?] Sr for hogs. This afternoon Homer with me at C- – I went down to see Aunt Janes – Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette there – I prepared supper for Mr H[?] – Homer took supper at Grandmothers – Clara there as usual – Homer and I home about dark – This Eve Noah and Wm at C- & Jason – Clayton and Homer took Uncle Joe home – and drove the [illegible] & had a little upset – Mr Mc around home all Eve – Aunt Katy here –

7" April Sabb. Cloudy. Homer Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church Mr Mortons text “Our Soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.” Satin [sic] is the fowler – Sinners are the silly unsuspecting birds that are caught – and like birds when caught are perfectly helpless. Satin [sic] snares are hidden – and adapted to every class and individual and are generally attractive and inviting – and Satin [sic] has agents to help him with his work – But the consolation is if we are Gods children we will escape – the snare will be broken – Clara came home with us from church – and went back with Clayton to the childrens meeting – Jason went home with Aunt Mary & came home with Clayton from the meeting – Quite a heavy shower this Eve – Homer at home. Jim L- Simon and Aunt Katy here to day as usual.

8" April Monday. Homer not feeling well – he went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out – After dinner – When father was going down to meet with the newly select supervisors at H.M. Stormonts office – Homer went along and came back with him – They took the clothes to Mrs P.
– I put the wardrobe & dresser in perfect order – and Aunt Katy helped me with taking the carpet of the same room – the front room up stairs. This Eve Homer Jason & Clayton at Power’s lecture at the Opera house – James L- around – It has been damp to day. Wm S- and Noah & Simon at work. Several of the feeding sheep off – considerable with over feeding. Aunt Katy around. Jason at School until noon – Jim L- and Clayton at Paxtons for hogs.

9” April Tues. Still damp. Wm S and Noah and Simon all busy sowing clover seed – hauling feed & cutting wood. Jason at School. Clayton there until noon – Mr Mc and Jim L- around. Homer at School this A.M. – home at his books this P.M. – Alice & her little girl called  I took the carpet off hall up stairs and stair way this A.M. Aunt Katy busy. This Eve Homer Clayton & Jason hearing Powers at the Opera house in continuance.

10” April Wed. The sun shining for a change – The Xenia men here for those Walnut logs – but finally did not get them. Wm S & Noah plowing, Jason at School – Uncle Joe & Simon & Mr Mc all busy – Clayton at C- at mill this P.M. Homer at College and home this P.M. This Eve He went over to Clifton by way of C- I went with and stopped at grandmothers and made some calls around town. Homer came back and went with one to the Opera House to hear [blank space] From the Cradle on the manger to the Cross. Clayton at C- with Wm on an errand. He did not get home until after ten.

11” April Thurs. A beautiful spring day – I took Homer down to College. I was at the drug store and around and home in time for Aunt Katy to go up to Edds before dinner. Wm & Noah plowing in field back of the old barn – Simon Peter & Mr Mc busy, Jason at School. Clayton there until noon. This is Pauls birthday. I made a Partnership [?] Cake for the three bros – Clayton – Jason and Paul – 20” March – 5” April. 11” April. Jim L- working hard in the sheep pen – Homer walked out from School this P.M. Uncle Joe busy too – Aunt Katy home this Eve. Homer and his father at the Opera house to hear Powers. Father called at grandmothers and took Clara with him. Lester Small called here this eve –

12” April. Friday. A heavy Shower to day. Jim L- in the sheep pen – Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Simon Peter around home & Paul – Clayton helping about tile ditch – Jason at School – Aunt Katy and I ironed – Homer went down to College this morning and back this P.M. He went to Clifton or vicinity to night Cland [?] Phillips called – here for supper- This eve Clayton & Jason at the Opera house Mr Powers gave the closing scenes of the Manger to the Cross. We had quite a heavy shower this eve – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Jim L- around the fire & Simon Peter

13” April Sat. A beautiful day. Wm S- and Noah and Simon busy hauling stacks off field. Clayton at Clifton mill. Jim L- in bed until noon – not and well. Jason took sheep up to Wards – and after an early dinner Mr Mc went there and brought him home This afternoon – Homer at C- and brought O. C. Powers (the lectuer [sic]) here to spend the afternoon and took tea. Homer and I had it mostly to our selves as Mr Mc was too busy to be in. This Eve Homer took him back to C- He speaks at the Opera house to night again. Homer and Clayton both there. Noah & Wm S- took Joe home. Aunt Katy and Alice spent the eve at Will Mcs. And I took care of the work here.
14th April. Sabbath. Quite cool. Easter Sunday. Rained a little – a light Shower. Homer and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton’s text – “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, And Shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; And they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” Clara came home with us from church – Aunt Katy & Simon & Jim L- at home. I read to Paul and heard his questions. Clayton and Jason at the children’s meeting When they came back and finished their work – they went with father and me to the hall of the Opera house to hear C. Oliver Powers give from the Manger to the throne with stereopticon views – Had quite a good audience – Clara & Homer were there – Clara went back to grandmothers from the meeting Jim L- Aunt Katy and Simon here with Paul.

15th April Monday. Cool – part sunshine and shade. Jim L- at George Smiths to day. Homer at College – and Uncle Joe came back in his conveyance – Near noon Jason left with sheep for Hollingsworth – This afternoon Mr Mc went up for Jason – and Aunt Katy went with him to her sons – she is to take a weeks vacation. Clayton at School until noon – this afternoon he and Simon hauling manuer [sic] – Wm S- and Noah plowing back of the “old barn”. Paul around. Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P- Homer walked out from College – This Eve Homer and Jim L- at C- a little while. Lester Small here with the boys awhile.

16th April Tues. Cool – Clayton plowing Jason at work too. Noah & Wm S plowing Uncle Joe and Paul and Simon cleaning up field by school house. Jim Little went back to Smiths to day again. Homer at College and back this eve -- Mrs Jas Barber called to see Mr Mc – This P.M. Mr Mc at C- on an errand Mrs Alice S- called. Homer went by way of Clifton Elders to the Opera house to night to the Merchants [illegible] Jim L at Smiths tonight

17th April Wed. A nice day bit cloudy. Homer at College this A. M. and home by noon. Jason back at school. Clayton at mill this P. M. for bran Charlie Barber here to see Mr Mc. Uncle Joe & Simon & Paul cleaning out up in field back of the old barn – Noah a Wm S plowing there – Alice called when passing to Will Mcs. This afternoon Clayton & Simon hauled out the manuer [sic] & then plowed grandmother Murdocks & Aunt Marys garden they did not get home until dark. I finished most of the ironing this Eve. Homer at C- on an errand Jim L – home from Smiths – Mr Mc around all day long.

18th April Thurs. Most a beautiful day. Homer at C- at an early hour to help Mrs Morton and Aunt Mary off to a W. C. T. Quarterly at Aley’s [?] Chapel some miles from here – Noah & Wm S plowing on sod near the old meadow – Simon filling in ditch. Uncle Joe not very well. he and Paul around. Jason at school. Jim Little getting sheep ready for pasture – Mr Mc stopped in C- and took Homer with him to Bryson’s horse sale – they stopped in X – and did not get home until after dark. Jim Little at C- this Eve. Clayton at C- this A. M. and back this afternoon to set out turnips for Aunt Jane
19” April Friday. Most a beautiful day. Clayton & Jason at home at work. Uncle Joe and Simon opening the potato pits. Wm and Noah plowing. Mr Mc and Paul around. This afternoon I went down to town to see grandmother Murdock and the folks around town. Homer walked down to town to College this morning and came home with me – I am not feeling very well this evening.

20” April. Sat. Pleasant Clayton and Jason & Paul and Simon Peter around. Wm & Noah plowing. Jim L with the sheep – I have been on the sick list to day. Jason helping with the work. This afternoon Homer and Alvie Orr at the Y. Springs. Homer home in good time this eve - Noah and Wm S- took Uncle Joe down home

21” April. Sabb – Quite a nice day. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Wms and Paul at Church. They drove down for Aunt Jane but she could not leave Aunt Matt – Mr Morton preached as usual - I am still not well – Jim Little and Simon Peter and I at home. Clara came home with the folks and went back with Homer to the young folks meeting Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting at four Oclock – I heard Pauls lesson.

22 “ April. Monday. A nice day after the shower last night. Homer has given up college for a week or so to help up with the work – He has been taking hay to town to day – to the Livery barns. Jim L – working with sheep. Uncle Joe came back with Homer at noon. Clayton & Simon plowing in field by the Creek. Mr. P- called this A. M. Jason went after Aunt Katy – They reached here at noon – This afternoon I went to town to see the folks – Mrs Alice called – She and Jason went a fishing this eve –

23” April Tuesday. A nice day. Jim L – and Homer put in a full day shearing sheep. Uncle Dan called this morning Uncle Joe and Jason & Paul cleaning the yard. Noah & Wim S- and Simon & Clayton plowing. Mr Huntington here and came in with Mr Mc to dinner - Frank Lamont here a while to day. This P. M. late Mr John Thomas here looking over accts with Mr Mc After supper Homer at C- He went down to see Miss Blair and was home in a short time.

24” April Wed. Quite a beautiful day indeed. On yesterday Alice S – father brought her brother from Highland co to stay with them – awhile – And went back at noon to day Wm Noah and Clayton plowing in lower field. Uncle Joe and Simon working with potatoes Jason & Paul spading up the garden – Aunt Katy and I took up the dining room Carpet. Jim Little and Homer shearing sheep – Jim L at C- this evening. Homer not feeling well & retired early. This afternoon I went with Mr Mc to Hollingsworth pasture – and beyond Dolly Vorden to see Mrs Hitchcock – She will come next week to help clean house – We came home a new road –

25” April. Thurs. Everyone busy from the oldest to the youngest – Wm S- Noah Clayton and Jason Uncle Joe Simon Paul and Mr Mc plowing taking care of lambs – and getting out potatoes. home & Jim L- shearing sheep. Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell went to a W. C. T. U. “gathering” in Dayton – they went this morning to be gone until tomorrow Eve – After tea Homer took one down to town to stay with grandmother Murdock and Clara – Aunt Katy away. We have been busy taking the carpet off Claras room – and the boys to day. Clara and Jennie M- at the U. P. Church at a lecture this Eve.
26” April Friday. Quite a mild day but cloudy. I stayed with grandmother last night and until four Oclock this Eve when Mr Mc came to town and I came home with him. Aunt Katy in full command! Wm Noah & Clayton and Simon plowing Uncle Joe Jason & Paul & around. Mr Mc went to Warners this A. M. This eve Uncle Joe & Aunt Katy and Jim L – at Wm S- at the tenant house – their little Grace very sick. Mr Mc and Homer at our church at a lecture. Homer and Jim L- shearing today. We brought the clothes from Mrs. P- s and I finished ironing by lamp night.

27” April Sat A light shower. Homer took Jim Little to the morning train to Selma – he went to Columbus. Homer shearing the rest of the day. We have all been at Wm S to day. We went in the morning for medicine – later Jason went for Doctor Nisely. Uncle Joe had gone to town with Uncle Dan and came back with the Dr. I have been at Stanleys most of the afternoon or Wm S as we call them. After I came home I got supper and went back – Homer at Selma on an errand after he came from C- Noah & Clayton at town this evening. What a busy week we have had – Every one tired. It has been 39 years to day since grandfather McMillan died.

28” April Sabb. A beautiful day Uncle Joe and I sat up all night long at Wm S- We slept awhile this morning after we came home – and Jim L- went down and stayed with them most of the day. He came back from Columbus last night. Homer & Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Paul at church. Aunt Katy & Simon & and I at home. Mrs Walker came home with the folks from church – here for dinner. And this afternoon I went with her to Wm S- she is to help take care of Grace Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and all of us there as she had one of her bad spells – Homer went to town with Clayton and Jason when they went to the young folks meeting and dispatched for their friends and came out with the Dr and he and Clara went back to the young folks meeting (Clara came home with them to day as usual) They are having preaching in the Opera house to night by the lectuer [sic] that was in C- this week – Clayton led the young folks meeting for the first time.

29” April. Monday. Quite a beautiful day. Alices, (at the tenant house) father and Mother traveled all night and got here at eight Oclock this morning. Mrs Walker & Jim L sat up with their little one last night and came up here at day light and went to bed. and got up in time for dinner. Homer at the sheep. Uncle Joe and Jason & Paul around Mr Mc among the sheep – Mrs Walker around this afternoon – Mrs Hitchcock came to be ready for house cleaning in the morning – Aunt Katy and I took all day. This eve Homer took Mrs Walker home and told the Dr to come to Wms again. Uncle Joe and Jim L- and I there this evening awhile.

30” April. Tuesday. The last day of April – How swiftly this month has passed away I can scarcely believe that it is gone. Mrs Hitchcock began cleaning in the front room and has finished the two rooms with the hall – no without hall – she is “slow but sure.” This eve Uncle Joe and I called at Wm S- Alices father and mother at Matthews this eve – Homer went by way of Clifton to the hall – Col Bain lecturing in the Opera house to night. Father and Clayton there. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M.