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New Years day. — 1891. “Thursday”
“Ah! well for us that we do not know
what the future holds of glory or woe;
Ah well that we, creatures of the dust,
Should place in our Maker perfect trust:
Will not He, our gracious Father and Friend,
Watch over us all unto life’s end?
The day and night are alike to Him
Why should our faith in God grow dim?”

“O New Year, teach us faith;
The road of life is hard;
When our feet bleed and scouring
winds us scathe
Point then to Him whose visage was
more marred
Than any man’s; who saith,
“Make straight paths for your feet,”
And to the oppressed,
“Come ye to me, and I will give you rest”—

It has rained nearly all day. Harlan is around home spending his vacation he came home from the “Commercial College in Springfield Christmas Eve— Willie W Master here he has been with us since last fall. Isaac Harlain feeding for us—he came alone the first of November— Uncle Joe still with us—Mr McKenzie with us. He has been attending the Princeton Seminary this winter and came here to spend his holidays—Mr Mc around home all A.M. Homer and Clayton at Houstons in Charleston for corn—Mr Mc felt so uneasy about them that he went to meet them he met them at Selma and brought Clayton home, out of the rain—Homer did not get here until near dark. Willie W Master at C— this morning. This Eve he went with Fannie and Mr McKenzie and Harlan to grandmother Murdocks and took tea there—and attended a “Y” entertainment at the Opera house to night Lizzie Murdock came home with them. Willie stayed in town to make some visits—Uncle Joe Caldwell and Homer at the “Y” entertainment too. Della Scott and I have both been very busy all day. Della came back to us the twenty fourth of November. Clara spending the week at town. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason & baby Paul and I around the lamp — we had a letter from Fred he is still working on the “Monmouth Daily Review” Two New Years days have passed since he has been home—

2 Jan Friday. A cloudy day Harlan took Mr McKenzie to the train this morning and brought Lizzie Murdock back with him Mr Jas Torrence of Monmouth who has been attending the medical College in Cincinnati and Lide Torrence and Miss Emma Torrence from Clifton here to day—for dinner. Lizzie Murdock went to Grace Tamphills for tea with some of the Kyle cousins—will be back here to to night again— Homer and Harlan at C— a very few minutes this Eve. Homer &

Clayton and Jason around home all day. Uncle Joe here. Mr Mc here too. Della and I have been busy today, Clara still absent.

3 Jan Sat. Very gloomy. Homer at Charleston for corn. Mr Mc at C. Fannie and Harlan at Willie Torrences. Lizzie went away this morning— to grandmothers. Mr Mc at home this P.M. around the fire. Mrs Wallace Barber and Mr Jas Williams daughter called. Fannie stayed with Lizzie at grandmother Murdocks and Clara came home— she has been in C. Since Wenday [sic] Eve. Harlan went back to town with Uncle Joe. Uncle Silas came home from Bloomington Ind this Eve—

4 Jan. Sabbath Gloomy. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Clara & Della kept Paul. Mr Mortons text “Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, and thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.” If we would be happy here and be able to reach heaven after awhile. We must choose the Christians God for our God. We must also choose the Christians pathway and his society and home and his death. Upon starting out upon a New Year each one must say I will take Ruth’s God and my God and my father’s and mothers God to be my God. For there are trials to be born and difficulties to be met and to where shall we look but to this God. For help and protection. What a comfort and a blessing to possess a Christian home. Angels guards it—It is under the protecting care of the King of the universe—

Willie came back with the folks from church— Fannie went back to grandmothers with Lizzie after preaching. And came home with Harlan & Della & Clara from the Young folks meeting— Homer and Willie W Master and Clayton & Jason had their Bible reading this Eve.

5 Jan Monday. A nice day. Our School opened this morning after their vacation. Clara Clayton and Jason there— Isaac feeding. Mr Mc took Harlan back to Springfield to day to the Business College to day— We all miss him when he is gone. Homer at C— this A.M. This P.M he and Willie at town for coal. They took the clothes to Mrs P— Uncle Joe came out this Eve— Mrs Haglin here and swept. Della away. Fannie Della Mc called to see Idah Creswell this afternoon— She goes back to Delaware College in a few days. Fannie came home past town.

6 Jan Tues A gloomy day. Mr Mc at C— Baby Paul and I went him [sic] and spent the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Mr Mc came in and took dinner— Aunt Matt helping them with a quilt & she & Aunt Jane took dinner there too. Aunt Belle and I called to see Sam Galbreath this afternoon. It is three months since he took sick and is only able yet to sit up part of the day. Mr Mc came up home this afternoon and drove back for us this eve. When we came home we found Mr Robt Tindal here— he had been at Harry Lotts sale today. This was the day of London sale Mr Mc missed both of them. Homer took Fannie to town to be ready to go with Aunt Bell to Springfield tomorrow

7 Jan Wed. Homer Willie and Isaac and Mr Mc taking the hogs to Selma—thirty six of them-at three fifty— Clara Clayton & Jason at Selma again to day. Clara kept Paul this P.M. and Uncle Joe and I at the congregational prayer meeting. I called at Mr Madden Ervins. Homer & Willie at

the Prayer meeting at the hall. Fannie came home with them. While in Springfield to day she called at the College to see Harlan.

8 Jan. Thurs. Gloomy to day. Near noon Homer took Fannie to C— to meet with Mrs Greens painting class. Mr Mc at town this P.M— and called at Grays. Fannie came home with him. This Eve he and I attended the prayer meeting at the hall. We stopped at Aunt Janes—met Tillie McCullen and Mrs Green there Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Homer and Willie around home— Fannie and Homer at Selma at Ballins to meet Mrs Roadamer. Clara & Uncle Joe kept Paul.

9 Jan Tues. [sic] Mild. Uncle Joe & Homer & Willie hauling wool and hay Isaac off duty this P.M. Mr Mc went to Wades Fannie went with him to C— And stopped off at her painting class. The snow fell in torrence [torrents] this P.M. Mr Mc took dinner at Mr Wades. When he came to C— he and Aunt Matt called to see Aunt Nancy she and Uncle Dans, Jane are both sick. Willie & Homer at the hall at the prayer meeting to night—

10 Jan. Sat. Quite a winter day Uncle Joe and Mr Mc and Isaac Homer and Willie Clayton & Jason all around. This afternoon Clara went to town with her father to visit Fannie and the painting class. Mr Mc called to see Aunt Nancy she had a very bad night of it. Fannie came home with her father— & Clara stayed for the prayer meeting Willie took Uncle Joe home and brought Clara home.

11 Jan. Sabb. Damp. It rained last night. Fannie Willie and Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church Homer Clayton & Della at home with Paul. Mr Morton's text "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" or the church arise. It can arise by the power of faith and prayer and Christian liberality He dwelt especially on the want of liberality in own church— and exhorted them to excel in this gift also or grace also

12 Jan Monday. Snow. Mr Mc at Clifton at the Mayors office on a trial of Synard [?]. He went by town and Fannie went with him to be ready for her painting lesson. Mr Mc back to Aunt Janes to dinner. Aunt Matt at Aunt Nancys— They sent for her last night at midnight. Willie at C. this A.M— he took dinner at Aunt Nancys. Uncle Joe came home with him. Mr Mc home this P.M. It is snowing very hard. Clayton and Jason & Clara at School. Homer drove up to Elders in the sleigh this Eve. Willie at home. Fannie staying in town. Jack S. here this afternoon.

13 Jan Tues. A gloomy day. Homer and Willie made another start to school. Clara Clayton & Jason there too. Isaac and Uncle Joe at the feeding. Della at her work. Mr Mc and Paul and I at C. in the sleigh. We called at Aunt Nancys. There is a wonderful change since I saw her last— I think she is soon going to leave us. Some of their friends from Xenia there. Mr Mc and I took dinner with Mrs Green, the painting teacher and Fannie at Aunt Janes. Mrs G— leaves this eve for her home in the city. Uncle Silas visiting at grandmothers to day. Aunt Matt at Torrences. Mrs Shears moved out of the house by the creek to day. Homer and Willie at Proff Whites revival meeting to night at the U. P. Church.

14 Jan Wed. Mr Mc at C in the sleigh— He was at Aunt Nancys most of the day. They thought for awhile she was dying Mr Mc came home about four— He and Willie went back again this eve. Aunt Nancy died this eve at half past six O clock She was very happy. She would notice her friends when they came around would speak to them but would say I want to go to my long home— I want to go to Jesus. Willie at Proff Whites meeting to night. Homer at Mr Jimmasons this A. M. Willie Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Homer there this afternoon. Uncle Joe and Isaac around. Uncle joe called at Charlie Helms. Della busy. Snow going off fast Homer and some of the Selma ones out taking a sled ride to night.

15 Jan. Thurs. A cold day. Homer Willie Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Uncle joe at C— this A.M. Mr George Haglen with us to dinner. Mr Mc around home. Della busy. This Eve Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and I at Uncle David Torrences. Uncle joe stayed with them to night— They had Aunt Nancy dressed and in her coffin this eve— She looked like a “daughter of the King” wrapped in her robe. In her long last sleep. So calm— So peaceful — “At Rest.”

This is our marriage anniversary. Twenty four years of married life is past. So we looked upon the saintly remains of this sister her work all done. I felt a pressure “forward and upward” calling for a more earnest exemplary higher devoted and consecrated life. That we may be thus animated through all the years that are to come is the desire of the one who writes these lines.

[Transcriber note: the following written in the left margin: Lawn Stretcher called this eve.]

16 Jan Friday. A lovely winter day. Cold— a little snow on the ground. Aunt Nancys funeral at ten O clock. Fannie is at town all these days— At aunt Nancys most of the time. Homer Clara Clayton Jason Willie and I at the funeral. Mr Mc. at Clifton but back in good time. Rev Mr Morton. Sprawl and Warnell conducted the exercises— Mr Mortons text “My grace shall be sufficient for you”. Father Clara and Aunt Matt followed her remains to their last resting place in the Xenia Cemetery. All the rest of us came home. Fannie and Jennie Bralten staid [sic] and prepared the supper for them— Clara and Mr Mc stopped there for supper— Mrs Haglin and Della kept Paul for us. Issac at his feeding.

17 Jan Sat. Gloomy. Uncle Joe at C— This A.M. Isaac & Homer & Willie around at the feeding. Mr Latt took coalt out of pasture this morning. This morning. Homer at C. with wood this P.M. Mr Mc there too. Clara taking care of Paul. Clayton and Jason have Grover [?] harnessed up all day & driving him around. Fannie came home with her father this eve. She has been in town all week. This Eve Willie took Uncle Joe home.

18 jan Sabb. A bright day. Homer not well— He and Fannie and Della at home with Paul. Willie Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath school Mr Mc & I at church Mr Mortons text “Now brethren I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.” We need mental, moral and spiritual development— and readiness for a home in heaven. And it is only through the Savior that we can ever attain to this home. This afternoon we had the catechisms— Willie & Homer and Mr Mc and I at Proff Whites revival meeting. Clara went to Aunt Janes to day— and came home with us from the meeting to night. Fannie & Della kept Paul— and Clayton & Jason.

19 Jan Monday. Pleasant. Homer Willie Clayton Jason and Clara at school. Fannie and Paul and I around the fire. Mr Mc walked to Mr Thomas etc. home at three o'clock. Mr. Jefferie here to dinner and waited until he came. Mr Mc and I at Proff Whites revival meeting. Jack S. here while we were away.

20 Jan Tuesday. Bright sunshine. Homer Willie Clara Clayton & Jason at school. Near noon Paul and I at grandmother Murdocks. there for dinner & stayed until this Eve. Uncle Joe came out with John Witchel [?]. Mr Mc at Clifton and took supper at Bakers. This Eve Homer Fannie and Willie at Proff Whites revival meeting.

21 Jan. Wed. Pleasant. All of the children at school. Uncle Joe & Isaac busy. Della at her work. Fannie and Paul and I busy. Mr Mc around home— This P.M. I took my Bible and called at Haglins he is very sick. This Eve Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Fannie and I at Proff Whites revival meeting. Raining a little to night.

22 Jan Thurs. Pleasant Mr Mc at town— at Uncle Sams part of the time. took dinner with the Sisters. All of the children at school. Mr Mc home for tea. This Eve he and Della and I at Proff Whites meeting. Uncle Dans Jane died this Eve at half past six O'clock. She is sixty seven years old.

23 Jan Friday Pleasant but gloomy. This A.M. I took my Bible with me and called at Haglins stopped at Mitchels as I came home. Men here looking at the cattle. Jack S. called here to dinner. This P.M. Mr Mc at C. Fannie went with him & remained. This Eve Mr Mc took Jack to Proff Whites revival meeting. Uncle Joe & Willie and Clara at the meeting too. Homer at Springfield today and brought Harlan home. They came by way of C. got a lunch at Aunt Janes and took in Prof Whites revival meeting. Fannie there and came home with them.

24 Jan. Sat. Quite a bright day Della Clayton and Jason kept Paul while Mr Mc Fannie and Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer Clara and Willie and I attended Aunt Janes, Uncle Dans, funeral. The friends met at the house. The services were held in our church. It was filled to overflowing. All the ministers of the town were in the pulpit Mr Morton spoke from the words—"The Lord is my shepherd I will not want" Mr Mc was one of the Pall bears to day and at Aunt Nancys funeral too. It is the first time I have been in the cemetery since the day Florence was buried. Fannie stayed with Lizzie at Grandmothers to night. Uncle Joe did not come back. All the rest of us came home.

25 Jan Sabb. A beautiful day. Isaac Clara & Della at home with Paul. Homer Harlan Willie Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text "Behold, I set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." This afternoon Clayton read to Jason their questions were heard. This Eve Harlan & Willie Homer and Jack S and Mr Mc and I at the revival meeting. Proff White the leader. Fannie at the meeting and came home with us. Clara & Della kept Paul.

26 January. Monday. Mr Mc took Harlan to Selma to the train this morning. He went back to Springfield to the college. While he was away Mr Watson called Homer Willie Clara Clayton and Jason at the college. Mr Mc at home this P.M. Mr Latt called. Isaac feeding. This P.M. I took the clothes to Mrs P. I made but a brief stay in C. I met **Joore Orr [?]**. Mr **Lawn Stretcher** called this Eve. I gave him a book to read "The Way to **Jesus**" This Eve Della and Clara kept Paul. And Mr Mc and Fannie & Willie and Homer and I attended Blea Lockwoods lecture "Is marriage a Failure." She spoke in the Opera House. Jack S. At the revival meeting. One thing I know whether marriage is a failure or not the lecture was a failure and the evening has been a grand failure and I am sick at heart. This is my Birthday. Can it be possible that I am as old as what I am—forty seven.

27 Jan Tuesday. Mild day. Nooks called for the cattle this morning. Homer Clayton Jason Clara & Willie at school. Mr Mc around all A.M. John Whitehel called. His family are invited to Sam Tomalsons and Carrrie Alexanders wedding this eve. Fannie at her work. Mr Alex Townsly called to day. This P.M. Mr Mc at town. home in time for tea. This Eve he took Della and Clara to Proff Whites revival meeting. Willie & Homer went with Jack. Lawn Stretcher called and took Fannie. Isaac here with me and my three youngest sons. This is the last evening of meeting. Damp.

28 Jan Wed. Very gloomy. The road deep with mud. All of the children at School. Uncle Joe and Isaac busy. We were expecting Uncle Silas's to day. Della and Fannie prepared dinner but they did not come. Mr Mc called at Henry Kyles. All at home this Eve.

29 Dec (**sic**) Thurs. very gloomy. Uncle Joe took Fannie to Uncle David Torrence to spend the day. He was home at noon. He and Willie put the meat up today. Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell here this P.M. Mr Mc at C— and brought Fannie out. This Eve all at home. All of our children at school.

30 jan Friday gloomy Willie and our four children at school. Uncle Silas & Mollie & their daughter Jennie here & took dinner. Fannie and Della busy. This Eve all at home.

31 jan. Sat Rain to day. Heavy rain this eve— Jack S. here and looked over accts Homer and Willie at Uncle Brightans to dinner. Homer took Uncle Joe home this Eve. Fannie & Della busy.

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1 Feb Sabb. Bright sunshine. Fannie Homer Willie Clara & Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Jason not very well—he and Della and Paul and I at home. Mr Morton preached. This Eve Della Fannie Willie at the young folks meeting We read our chapters & had our catechism.

2 Feb Monday. Most a lovely day. Mr Mc at C. he took the clothes to Mrs P— Homer in town too. They met Rice there & Riley Carry. Father and Homer took dinner at Aunt Janes. Uncle Joe came out this Eve. Fannie at her sewing, and writing this Eve. Willie Clara and Clayton at school. Jason Sick.

3 Feb. Rain this morning—but turned cold. This morning at day light Aunt Bell and Frank came up for Fannie to teach for Lizzie. Her folks are sick—and she left at five this morning for Bloomington Ind. Fannie was away in short notice. Homer at C. on an errand this A.M. At nine O clock Mr Mc and I left for Springfield. Aunt Matt went with Dan Dallas. reached there at daylight. We met Fannie Sloan and her husband and Mrs Hoyt there. we were there for dinner & tea. Harlan at his school. We had but little time with him. We left him at Mrs. S. when we came away. Uncle Joe and Della and Clara with Paul. Jason at home. Willie Homer & Clayton at school. Mrs Stuarts sister Agnes died on the twenty sixth of January.

4 Feb Wed. Cold. Uncle Joe and I at the congregational prayer meeting. Mr Mc at Ella Dean Vyles funeral and did not get to the prayer meeting until we were there. Subject “Cast thy nett (sic) upon the right side of the ship.” After the meeting Uncle Joe came home and I stayed at Grandmother Murdocks while Mr Mc drove out to Kyles school for Fannie. We stayed at grandmothers for tea. Homer Willie and Clara & Clayton at school. Della and Jason kept Paul. Homer & Willie at Selma at the revival meeting this eve.

5 Feb Thurs. Pleasant morn Willie Clara & Clayton & Jason at school. Uncle Joe at mill. Mr Mc called at Jack S. but he and Mrs. Jack were at Springfield. He also called at Thomas’. Mr Lawn S. called this eve all at home.

6 Feb. Friday Almost like spring Mr Mc called to see Mr Shepherd. Mr Mc rode with John Witehal to Xenia. All of the children at school. Uncle Joe at C— this eve and brought Fannie home she has been away all week teaching Lizzie school. Homer went with Lawn Stretcher to Tufts revival meeting at C.

7 Feb Sat. Rain the live long day. but not very cold. Fannie Della Clara and Uncle Joe and our three boys & Willie & Isaac all at home with Paul. Mr Mc and I at Xenia This is the day of the Farmers Institute met in the Opera House but we did not attend it. We spent most of the day at Fred Smiths store. He is cleaning out. Mr Mc took dinner at Hanna’s dining hall. I stopped with Maggie and Lillie Mcwhick—and took dinner there. I called to see Jennie Smith. We met Mr Huntington & Polleck this eve. Isaac took Uncle Joe home. Homer attending the revival meeting at Selma.

8 Feb. Sabb Gloomy. Fannie not well with cold. Neither is Jason [transcriber note: crossed out Clayton wrote Jason above] well. Both at home with Della and Paul. Homer & Willie Clara and Clayton & Homer at Sabbath school. Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons text “verily, verily , I say unto you He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father”. This Eve Fannie Della Willie and Homer at the Young folks meeting Clara went to Aunt Janes to day & came home with the boys. Fannie went to grandmothers. This is Fannies birth day. It passed off very quietly—yet it was by no means forgotten by some of us at least.

9 Feb. Monday. Homer & Clara at school. Willie has concluded not to go away more. Clayton and Jason both sick. Willie at C. with the clothes. Uncle Joe came out. John Witehal called. Homer & Willie at the revival meeting at Selma.

10 Feb Tues. Pleasant. Jack S. called Homer at school. Clara Clayton & Jason not well. Uncle Joe & Isaac & Willie around. Mr Mc and Paul and I at Dave and Nannie Williamsons [illegible] wedding. All of their Uncles and Aunts there. Mr & Mrs Morton also. We had a very pleasant day. We took them a tin wash bowl and pitcher for a present. We stopped at grandmother until Harlan brought Fannie in from the school.

11 Feb Wed. Most a lovely day Clara & Homer at school. Clara at home this P. M. as she is not feeling well. Isaac feeding Uncle Joe Willie M Master Jack S. and Mr West building fence. Mr Mc away most of the day. took dinner at the sisters came home past Clifton. Homer at the revival meeting at the Quaker church at Selma. Clayton & Jason still sick.

12 Feb Thurs. A bright day Clara Clayton & Jason & Paul at home with Uncle Joe & Isaac & Della. Homer & Willie & Mr Mc and I at church. This was our fast day. and was kept a holy day by some of us. Mr Mortons text "Humble your selves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time." The subject "the way Gods favor may be obtained—and our happiness & honor. We must humble our selves. The starting point on the way of promotion is humility we should humble our selves on account of our hearts—our conduct—and our lives. We ought to be ashamed of our selves the way we treat God and one another. We ought to blush when we think of how little we have made of life and of the great privileges God has bestowed upon us. We ought to be humble because of the actual state of our own church. How often we have forgotten that the souls salvation of our own family and that of our neighbors is in a very great sense in our keeping. And God will hold us responsible. Last of all we should be ashamed on account of the sad condition of our country. Willie at C. this evening Homer at Selma at the revival meeting

13 Feb Friday most a lovely day. Edd Linson and his father in law here. Uncle Dan called. Aunt Jane came out with him and spent the day. Mr W Jacks— here helping Uncle Joe & Willie M Master with the fence around the low meadow. All here for dinner & supper. Homer at C. at [illegible] and out at Uncle Silas school for Fannie. This was her last day teaching. Lizzie M will be back tomorrow. Willie took Aunt Jane home this Eve. Homer at the Selma revival to night. Fannie help to nurse Clayton and Jason.

14 Feb. Sat. Beautiful day. Homer at C. this A.M. Willie M Master & Uncle Joe and Isaac around. Mrs Linson and Edd called. Della Fannie and Clara and I very busy. Mr Mc and Fannie at the four O clock train to meet Bay Carry. Mr White came alone and stopped at Mr Mortons. Bay could not come as Mary McMillan was dying. Mr Mc said she had told all of the friends goodbye and was triumphantly passing away. This eve the Selma revival at the old Quaker church. Willie at C.

15 Feb. Sabb. Bright this A.M. Rain this P.M. & Eve. Clara Della & Isaac at home with the baby— Paul. Clayton & Jason not well Fannie Homer and Willie M Master at Sabbath School. Mr Mc

and I at church. Mr W. P. White preached. Text "Sir we would see Jesus" We would see him in his person. the son of God. and the son of man. We would see him in his works. the perfect law keeper. We would see him in his suffering and humiliation. What are some of the advantages in looking to Jesus—we will have his presence. We will receive strength and courage for the battle of life. And oh how much we need this. We also receive an assurance of salvation. In looking to this blessed Jesus we find a balm for every trial & sorrow. & finally we receive support in death. Mr W. At Mr Mortons. Fannie there until the young folks meeting. Willie and Homer at the meeting. Mr W. & Fannie came home with them. Clayton and Jason still sick. We had refreshments for Mr W.

16 Tues [sic] Monday. Rain last night and to day. Homer at school alone. Clara & Jason better. Clayton far from well. Fannie took Mr White to the morning train. Willie and Isaac around. Uncle Joe not well. did not come and—to day Fannie home at noon. Willie took her to the four O clock train to go to Xenia to [illegible] & to be ready to attend Mary Mcs funeral tomorrow. This eve. Homer & Willie at the Literary society at the Stormont School house. Mr Stretcher called called this Eve.

17 Feb Tues warm. Homer & Clara at School Isaac at C. for coal. Mr Mc there and brought grandmother Murdock out—here and a card from Mr Carrey saying Fannie would not be home until tomorrow. She received a card from Mr. Cary saying Fannie would not be home until tomorrow. Mr Mc took them home this eve and called to see Sam G. He took him a chicken. Aunt Jane came back with him and is here to night. Homer at the Selma revival. Willie at home.

18 Feb Wed. Cloudy. Mr Mc at C. home in time for dinner. Aunt Jane with us to day. Homer and Clara at school. Willie around Isaac at the work. Mr. Mc took Aunt Jane home and brought Fannie from the four O clock train. Uncle Joe came out. Willie & Homer at the revival meeting at the old Quaker church this eve.

19 Feb. Thurs. Cloudy. Homer at C— and brought Aunt Mary out. Clayton still in bed. Isaac busy. Uncle Joe & Willie here. Clara at school Homer here this P.M. This eve Willie & Clara took Aunt Mary home. Mr Mc at home all day.

20 February. Friday. Heavy rain last night & to day. I have been sick all day. Clayton still in bed. No school—Mr Stretcher sick. Fannie and Della at the work. This PM. Willie at C. This Eve Homer & Edd Wildman & company attended the Demorest contest at Charleston. Fannie and Willie M Morton at home. Carsons at a party. Constant rain all evening. Mr Mc at home all day.

21 Feb Sat. Damp. Isaac feeding. Uncle Joe Willie M Master & Homer around. Clayton sat up to day. Mr Mc at home this Eve Fannie & Homer at Selma. Fannie stopped with Mrs Roademer. Homer at the Quaker church. Willie Della and Clara took Uncle Joe home.

22 Feb. Sabb Quite a nice day. Fannie Willie Clara and Fannie at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. I stayed at home with Clayton Jason and Paul. Della and Isaac around. Mr Morton

preached as usual this Eve Fannie Willie Della and Clara at the Young Folds meeting. Mr Mc and Homer at the revival meeting at Selma. Isaac here—with Clayton Jason and Paul and me.

23 Feb. Monday. Gloomy but mild. Fannie teaching in our school for Mr Lawn Stretcher for a few days. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Homer at Carrey S at the sheep. Clara at school until noon. At home with the baby Paul and Clayton and Jason this P.M. Mrs Haglin here this P.M. Willie Mc here and spent an hour. I took Frank and the Jaggar and went to Selma this afternoon. I called to see Mrs John Wildman. I expected to have gone to see Mr Robert Tindal but broke the singletree and felt it the best to come back home but fortunately I met Mr Tindal as I came home. When I came to the crossing I did not notice that the express was near and crossed over. When it came sweeping past & Frank took fright and ran with all his might. Finally I was thrown out and the Jaggar was broken all to pieces. Today I came to a crisis where nothing but omnipotent and present help could save from death. That help was given never can I forget this day. but through all the coming years whether long or short I will remember this days experience. That God is indeed a present help. A mighty deliverer. Just three months ago this very evening Mr Mc had a similar experience. We felt that he was the same as dead—yet alive again. What lesson is God trying to teach us by these terrible experiences? Homer & Willie M Master at Selma to night.

24 Feb Tues. Fannie at her teaching for Mr Lawn S. Mr Mc at wife Jones & up the pike. Uncle Silas here to dinner. Mr Mc here at a later hour to dinner. Uncle Joe Isaac and Willie feeding. Homer and Clara at school. Clayton & Jason convalescent. John Witehal called. Homer at Selma at the revival.

25" Feb. Wed. Heavy rain this morning. Bright sunshine this P.M. Mr Mc at Springfield to see Mr Carson. Homer called to see Lawn S. & Jack. They are all sick. This A.M. he went to Selma. Clara there to day. Uncle Joe around. Aunt Bell and Blanch and Fern called. This Fannie's last day teaching. Mr Lawn S. will take his place in the morning Willie at C. this P.M. Homer at Selma at the revival.

26 Feb. Thurs. Cloudy. Willie Mc called and was here to dinner. Uncle Joe & Willie and Isaac around. Homer and Clara at school. Willie went to spend a few days stay around town. Mr Mc at C. this P.M. Fannie went with to Aunt Bells to help prepare for their company. Mr Mc called to see Mrs Halley. Willie at Mr Mortons at a party. Homer invited but went to Selma to revival.

27 Feb. Friday. A nice winter day. Clara at school until noon. Homer there do day. Uncle Joe & Isaac around. Mr Mc at Xenia. Paul and I went with him & stayed at Grandmothers we did not go until after an early dinner. Aunt Mary & Grandmother at Aunt Bells to night they are having quite a company there Mr Mc came near dark. Frank cam home with us. Clayton & Jason at home. [Illegible] & and a horse buyer called.

28 Feb Sat. Snowed last night & to day. Stormy. Homer took the surrie and called around for Aunt Bell and Fannie and took them to Springfield. Mr Mc Isaac & Uncle Joe looking after stock.

Clara & Della busy. I put the parlor & hall in order— & the up stairs. Homer & Fannie home this Eve.

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1" March Sabb. Cold looks like mid-winter. Fannie and Homer at Sabbath School. Clara kept Paul. Clayton & Jason and Isaac & Della at home. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text – “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, though they red like crimson, they shall be as wool”. This Eve all at home. Homer at Selma at the closing of the exercises of the revival at the Quaker church.

2" March Monday. Snow last night and to day. Mr McCarty here this morning and contracted for the sheep at Imans – Iman passed and agreed to let Mr Mc take them away. In the afternoon M Carty met Mr Mc the Iman pasture and took the sheep to his farm. Homer at Selma and brought Miss Eva Rodermer – She and Fannie in the front room up stairs at the Sewing. This Eve Willie came home with Mr Mc & Homer—

3" March. Tues. A deep snow on the ground. Cloudy. Mr Mc at Littletons sale near Clifton. Aunt Bell & Fern and grandmother and Aunt Mary here to day helping with the sewing. This eve Fannie & Willie at C—on an errand—Fannie rode up with her father This Eve all at home.

4" March Wed. Sunshine – Snow still on the ground – Willie at C- for the clothes- this P.M. he went back to the mill. Isaac and Uncle Joe around home. Homer at School most of the day. Late this P.M—he went to Selma in the sleigh – Fannie and Willie McMaster at Will Blairs to spend the evening with some of the cousins. Homer invited but went to Selma to the organization of the young folks meeting instead –

5" March Thursday. Gloomy. Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Mc and Homer at the hore [sic] sale at Springfield- they took up two horses but did not sell. Nooks rode down with Mr Mc. Uncle Joe at C. this P.M. Fannie and Miss R- at the sewing – all day. I have been helping Della.

6 March Friday gloomy. Clara Clayton and Jasn at school. Homer there til noon this PM. he went on an errand to Selma. Willie at C. Uncle Joe and Isaac around. Mr V-[?] called this morning Mr Mc at Xenia to day. Lizzie Murdock came home with him this eve – Miss Rodermer here to day and with us to night.

7" March. Sat. Homer took Miss Rodermer home this morning. Fannie & Lizzie up stairs in sewing room all day. Mr Mc and Mr Peters sowing clover seed on the snow. Clayton & Jason busy about their ducks. Frank Stretcher working with them at their pen. This P.M Homer at C- This Eve Willie took Uncle Joe home & his trunk to Aunt Janes. Lizzie M- with us. It is raining.

8 March Sabb. Snow going off. Lizzie went with Homer Clara and Willie to Sabbath school. Clayton Jason and Paul at home with Della & Fannie, Clayton began reading the Life of Paul & Jason the Peep[?] of Day [Transcriber Note: “Peep” feels like a good fit for this word, as there is a “religious instruction” booklet for children titled “The Peep of Day” published between 1800-1899]. Mr Mc & I at church. Mr Mortons text “I am the light of the world”. Willie bid us good

bye this Eve and went to the young folks meeting with Fannie Della and Homer. Clara Clayton & Jason had read the chapters – had the questions Old Mrs Ebenezer Archer buried to day.

9th March Monday Quite a dreary day. Homer went after Miss Rodermer at an early hour this morning. He has been busy all day. Willie Macmaster began work at Orrs this morning Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Carry & Mr Voer called. Fannie & Miss Rodermer put in a full day at the sewing After tea Homer took her home – and spent the evening at Yarnells Homer was at C- this P.M – Uncle Joe sick and did not come. Della & I busy. Mr Mc at home.

10 March Tues A beautiful day. Mr Warner called. Mr Bazel called he moved into the late Eli Wright property yesterday. Jack S- called. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Fannie at her sewing. This P.M. she called to see Sam Galbreath She and Lizzie drove out to see Homer[?] Carson. Fleet- Milburn Sturmont died last night – Mr Cal Sturmonts son, All[?] had two of his figures [sic] off in the mill to day. All at home. I am not feeling well.

11 March Wed. Pleasant. Mr Ben Andrew called – bought a Jersey – Homer helped to drive her down – Mr Mc up around Charleston—when he came into C- he met Mr Huntington and went with him to tea. Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Fannie sewing. Della and I ironed. Homer at Selma at the young folks meeting in Selma this Eve. All the rest at home This is Claras birthday.

12 March Thurs. Gloomy. Jack S- here Homer at C- at the mill. Clara Clayton & Jason at School yesterday and to day. Isaac feeding. Della put the house in order — I attended to the kitchen. Homer at the office this eve- a few minutes.

13 March Friday. Cold. A deep snow on the ground. Homer at C. Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Mollie Robbison came home with Clara to dinner. Homer visited the Selma school this P.M. Isaac feeding. Mr Mc at home. Fannie at C- this P.M. Frank Reid brought Lizzie out this eve- She is with us to night

14 March Sat. A deep snow on the ground. Homer at the eight O clock train and brought Mr Wm McMichel and Mr Hutchison and Mary Orr out to spend the day. They were here for dinner and supper – we also expected Mr Duglass and Evans Rev Mr White from the Seminary and Bay Carry – but some had engagements and some were sick – We also expected to have had Harlan home as this was his birthday Mrs Stuart was to have come with him – but the roads were too bad for them to come Homer took our company to the six O clock train this Eve. Mr Mc at home all day. Lizzie M- here & with us to night. We had a nice time. Mr. Andrew Creswells wife buried to day.

15 March Sabb. A deep snow on the ground—and very cold. Lizzie went with Fannie Clara Homer and Clayton to Sabbath school. Mr Mc at church. I stayed with Jason and Paul. Isaac and Della here. Mr Mortons text “As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I will be satisfied when I awake with thy righteousness.” Fannie went home with Lizzie to grandmother Murdocks Fannie at the young folks meeting and came home with Homer from the U.P. church. This Eve Bibe reading & catechism.

16 March Monday Moderated. Mr Mc at Xenia. Homer at C- at mill and at Shepherds this eve. Fannie at her work- Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Isaac feeding- Mr Mc home after dark.

Miss Anna Charters buried to day. John Hivling is dead. Eli Smalls little girl brought to C- to day – she died Saturday.

17 March Tues. The Snow going off. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Home at noon. Homer helping Jack S- move to day near the Y. Springs Fannie sewing. Clara Clayton and Jason at school. Fannie at C- this P.M. and called at Mr Mortons- Uncle Joe came out. Homer back after dark.

18 March Wed. Quite a bright day Clayton took me and Paul to grandmother Murdocks I called to see Sam Galbreath & Aunt Roseanna. After School Clara came for us. She and Clayton & Jason were at School. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Homer & Isaac cleaning[?] wheat. Fannie & Della busy. Homer at Selma at the young folks meeting to night.

19 March Thurs. Rained last night and to day Uncle Joe at the sale of the late James Dunlap Mr Peters here with Mr Mc & Uncle Joe Cleaning[?] wheat- Mr Carry here and bought horse- Fannie sewing Della and I busy. Paul has a cold. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. This Eve Fannie & Homer at Proff White lecture at the Opera house Subject “I have forgotten”.

20 March Friday Rain. John Mitchel called. Mr Mc at the School and up at Townslys this morning. Homer at C- Uncle Joe and Isaac around Fannie at her sewing – she has cold Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Della busy. This Eve all at home. This is Claytons birthday.

21” March. Saturday. Much colder. Rain. Mr Mc & co – in the pig dept- all A M. After an early dinner he went to Carrys – the dogs have been among the Sheep. All the rest of us at home. Fannie Sewing. This Eve Homer took Uncle Joe home.

22 March Sabb. Gloomy. Fannie nearly sick with the cold- She and Della at home with Paul. Isaac here. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church- Mr Mortons text “Commit thy ways unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he Shall bring it to pass” we are invited to bring our every care trial joy and sorrow – bussness [sic] – husbands and wives and children and commit them to his keeping. Clayton & Jason & all the rest at their books Eve Bible reading—all at home.

23 March Monday. Cleared off Mr Fred Smith with us for dinner Mr Henry Kyle & Jack S called. Willie Mc also. Fannie rode to town with him – and came back with Homer when he took the clothes down—Uncle Joe came out this Eve. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M Clara Clayton and Jason at School Laura Robbison came home with Clara to dinner.

24 March Tues. Clouds cleared away. Mr Mc and Fannie and Homer at Springfield. The District W.C.T.U. Convention in S- to day & tomorrow Aunt Mary & Bell and Matt all there. Having the Demorest Contest to night LuLu Morton Daisy Grey Homer & Willie McMaster & Ida Woolford and Fannie took tea at Mrs Stuarts—Mr Mc will wait with Homer for the meeting to night. Uncle David Torrence here on a little visit and stayed for dinner. Uncle Dan here this P.M. Clara Clayton & Jason at School Clara came home and went to town with Uncle Dan to stay with Aunt Jane until Aunt Matt comes home. Mr Lawn Stretcher called. Isaac & Uncle Joe around. We feel rather lonely this Eve.

25 March- Wed. Blowing. Mr Mc and Homer came home after midnight – Fannie stayed all night at Mrs Stuarts. Homer got a suit over coat & all – Mr Mc around the fire with cold—all

day. Homer took Isaac to the train this morning. He & Uncle Joe at the work. Clayton & Jason at School. Della ironing. Paul very fretful. Homer at C- again this PM. on an errand. John Mitchel called This Eve Homer at Selma at the young folks meeting.

26 March Thurs. Blustery—Much colder. Rain all afternoon- dark and stormy to night. Clayton went to C- for Fannie and Clara- Fannie came home with Mr Mortons form S—Jason at School. Clayton and Clara there this afternoon. Della washed Harlans Springfield clothes I attended to the other work—Mr Mc in bed all day with a bad cold. Homer at town this afternoon. He and Jessie Townsly in company with Kitchen and Yarnel attended the Demorest Contest at Charleston to night Uncle Joe around all day. Isaac returned from his Wilmington trip to day.

27" March. Friday. Most a disagreeable day. Rain from morning until night. Mr Mc in bed all day. This was our fast-day previous to our communion – Homer and Clara Clayton and Jason and I at church—Sermon by Rev Mr Blair of Princeton—Text “He brought me, Me also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a walk and established my goings.” The question which concerns most of us is what is our standing in the sight of God. Have been lifted out of this horrible pit—and do our feet rest upon this rock: I tried to keep this day. I heard Claytons & Jasons questions and Psalms. Fannie kept Paul for us—This Eve all at home.

28" March. Sat. It began to clear off—Rather pleasant. Homer at Springfield—Fannie went with him as far as town & spent most of the day with Blanch Collins & Effie Barber- at grandmother Murdocks- Lizzie was having them there to dinner this AM- at 11 O clock. Clara Della and Clayton and Jason at Bruce Shears funeral. Mr Brock called- I attended to work and kept Paul- At two O clock Mr Mc Clara and Clayton & I [illegible] at church [in margins: Mr Blair preached. Text], “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things have become new.” If we are really new creatures we stand in a new relation to God and to men and to both heaven and hell. If I am in Christ I am to love him- If I am in Christ I am to honor serve and obey him. Homer and Harlan did not get home from S- until four this eve. Harlan has been keeping a position for the last week for a boy at the hotels[?] and could not get away until after dinner. Uncle Joe went to town this morning and was at church this afternoon – Fannie still in C- all the rest of us at home. Clara at home with Paul. Willie Huntington called.

29 March Sabb. “Easter Sunday”- Most a lovely day—Communion at our church. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at the church at the ten O clock prayer meeting—Mr Mc and I at church Rev Mr Blairs text “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is ever at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” As we look up at Calvarys Cross—We see terrible justice we see this justice satisfied- And on the very top written in letters of gold we see divine love. “It is Christ that is risen” As we stand by we see an open grave and a risen redeemer.

There were several that came into the church—among whom were Uncle Joe Caldwell John Ross- [mark] After preaching Clara went to grandmothers and Fannie came home with us. We expected Laura Robbison to come and stay with Della—but she failed to – and when we came home near four O clock Della and Paul had been here all day by themselves. and O what a lonely day they have had. Isaac went away this morning and did not get back until after we

came home. This Eve Mr Mc Harlan and Fannie at church – Rev Blair preached- Homer & Clayton and Jason and I had our Bible reading and catechism.

30 March Monday. Rain – Mr Mc & Harlan and I at church. Had sermon by Rev Mr Blair text “Ye are complete in him” Our redemption, justification, holiness peace comfort services, triumphs, spiritual advancements- our happiness in death resurrection and eternal glory is complete in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a great work done for Christ and the most effectual way is for every man to build up in front of his own house. Do the work that is to be done in his own heart- in his own home. What a power words mighty spoken and duties discharged in the fear of God- All this can be blessed. As we go down from these “Communion Services—well may we ask ourselves who is able to meet these Christian obligations. Not one unless he is standing on the sweet[?] – Ever leaning on Jesus and receiving help from him. The Devil is on the alert- It is in the little things we are the most apt to be overcome—when we are off our guard. It is the little [foxes]—the little sins we should set to watch.

After preaching Mr Mc and Harlan and I took dinner with Uncle Silas’s at grandmother Murdocks. Mr Mc not feeling well Aunt Matt took Harlan back to this[?] College in Springfield—She came home alone- Uncle Joe brought the buggy up home. It rained almost constantly all afternoon and evening. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Fannie kept Paul. Della & Isaac busy. This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P-

31 March Tues. Gloomy. Fannie at her Sewing. Clara Clayton & Jason at School Mr Mc Homer Uncle Joe and Isaac around. Mr H [space] and boy came from Springfield and took dinner—Mr H- took Della back with him to train and sell. This P.M. Aunt Bell and Fern and Aunt Mary here. Homer over at Cellars to see Jack S- he was over[?] from his Y. Spring home.

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1” April Wed. Bright and pleasant. Uncle Joe at C- Nettie Little came out with him for the ride—Clara Clayton and Jason at School. This P. M—Clara went with me to the Congregational prayer meeting—Nettie here to dinner—and rode down home with us. Mr Mc at Selma this A.M. did not get home in time for the meeting—Fannie and Della kept Paul. This Eve Homer at Selma at the Young folks meeting. Fannie rec’d a letter from Ella Rodgers—she has been at Oxford at school- can not come she starts for home in Monmouth to day. While in town to day Aunt Bell and I called to see Sam Galbreath—his [sic] growing weaker. Mr Mc sowing seed this P.M.

2” April Thurs. Heavy rain last night & rain to day. The U.P.s are having a Womans Missionary meeting in C- to day. Quite a large affair. Homer took Fannie down this morning – Bay Carry there Mr Mc and Homer left near noon for [illegible] Sons Horse Sale. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Della ironed- I put the house in order- up stairs and around. This Eve Uncle Joe went down & brought Fannie and Bay out after the evening meeting

3” April Friday. Rain most of the day. Homer at Spensers Bazels & Wylie Jones- & at town for coal. Mr Mc at Amos Creswells & Mr Jimmesons and Spensers. Fannie & Bay C- around the fire This afternoon Uncle Joe took them to C- Bay went back to X- on the six O clock train- Fannie

went to Uncle Silas's—Lizzie M- is to be there to night too. Isaac was at Xenia. All of us at home—Clara Clayton & Jason at School. Mr Cap Small is dead His funeral at our church to day.

4" April. Sat. Gloomy & cold. Isaac at Spencers for hay. Mr Mc and Homer around all day. Clayton took Uncle Joe home this P.M- and expected to bring Fannie but Uncle Silas reported that she and Lizzie were to remain with them until tomorrow. Della at work—all the rest of us busy. Clara taking care of Paul. Jason around. Florence would have been five years old today.

5 April. Sabb. Gloomy- A little snow. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at Church. Mr Mortons text "They shall see the King in his beauty and behold the land that is afar off." Della and baby Paul and I at home. Fannie at church and came home with them. This Eve Homer & Della and Clara at Young folks meeting and at the A.M.E. Church and U.P church- Fannie not well and retired early. Clayton and Jason read the 2nd chap of Matthew and recited questions & Psalms. Clayton got one of his silver dollars changed and gave fifty cents to his Sabbath School teacher to send to our missionary Rev Geo[?] Scott.

6" April Monday. Gloomy A deep snow on the ground this morning but disappeared in a few hours. Bazel here helping Mr Mc and Homer sow seed—here to dinner. This afternoon Isaac and all the above ones at the election. Clara Clayton & Jason at School. This Eve Homer went to town hear about the election Uncle Joe assessor— & supervisor [mark]. Fannie not well Della and I busy.

7" April. Tues. Most a lovely day. Homer took Mr Mc to Selma he went on the eight O clock train to London. Clayton brought Aunt Jane & Matt out They were here to dinner & Clara took them home after ten this Eve – Uncle Joe came back with her—Homer went after his father this Eve—He took hay to Selma this afternoon – Della busy. Uncle Dan called this P.M. This Eve all at home – Mr Mc took dinner at Mr Phippers[?] to day. He met Rev Ramsy & Lesly on train as he came down.

8 April Wed. Bright and pleasant Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Homer sowing seed Uncle Joe stopped off this P.M. to help Isaac husk—Della and I ironed this A.M. This afternoon I left Paul with Della & Fannie and called at Mrs Kate Fords & and stopped until after ten with Grandmother and Aunt Mary. Clara Clayton and Jason at School- Mr Lawn Stretcher here. Homer & Fannie at Selma Fannie at Mrs Roadermers [Transcriber note: "Clara" scratched only half out and "Homer" written in above] at the young folks meeting at the Quaker church. Mr Frank Tarbox called.

9 April. Thurs. Raining all A.M. Uncle Joe Isaac and Mr Mc and Homer around all day. They were working in the pig dept part of the time. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. This Eve Fannie and Jason at town – Fannie took tea at grandmothers. Jason at Aunt Janes. Uncle Joe called at Cavenders[?].

10 April Friday. Sunshine this afternoon—It is getting much warmer. Clara Clayton and Jason at School. Clara at home with Paul this P.M. Fannie busy sewing. This P.M – She called to see Miss Roadermer at Marion Wildmens. Homer at Harrisons mill. Della washed somethings Miss Thompson & Mollie Robbison called. Wylie Jones here helping this P.M with the hogs. I have

been cleaning out the presses up stairs. A party at Mr John Barbers to night—Homer did not go. Uncle Joe at town this eve.

11 April Sat. Gloomy. A shower cast last night—Isaac off duty most all day. Homer and Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc and Fannie left this A.M for Xenia. Della and Clara and I busy. This P.M—Homer sampling wheat at Calverts in Selma. This Eve he took Uncle Joe home and took goods to Mrs P—[mark] This was Pauls birthday. He is one year old and weighs 25 lbs. I can not express on this page all my hopes for my baby son ~~to day~~. Mr Mc home near dark- Fannie will visit with Bay C- until Monday.

12 April. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Clara & Paul & Della and Isaac at home. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.” Subject- The resurrection. This P. M- The catechism heard. This Eve Della and Clara and Homer at the young folks meeting- Clayton and Jason read the 4” chap of Matthew. Uncle Joe came home with them. Frank Tarbox called.

13 April. Monday. Most a lovely day. Mr Mc “pressed” all day long—one thing and then another—and could not attend to half that was needing to be done. Homer at Shepherds this A.M. and at Selma and “Paddys crossing”[?] this afternoon—Mr Mc at C- this P.M. & home in time for the school meeting- Mr Mcs time expired[?]- Charlie Barber elected by one vote. George Smith called and rode down with Mr Mc to C- this Eve Mr Mc out at Mr Voces [?] before he came back. Lawn S- called. Homer took the [illegible, possibly “Jacks coal to”] over to Mr Wilsons S—this Eve—Isaac went over with him. Homer not well this Eve—Fannie came home with Uncle Joe from Xenia—I cleaned the sitting room press to day. & Mr Huntington here to dinner.

14 April Tues. Rain this morning. Della Scott began cleaning house this morning began in the front room up stairs & will take up carpets and clean as she goes. Mollie Robbison came to assist with the cleaning and work in general. Fannie busy at the sewing—Mr Mc at town this P.M. Uncle Joe around. Isaac and Homer at Selma with wheat—Clara Clayton and Jason at School.

15” April. Wed Quite A nice day. This was the day of the “Cavender trial.” Mr Mc Uncle Joe Isaac and Homer all at the Springs[?]. I stayed at grandmother Murdocks. Mr Mc and I there to dinner. Homer took dinner with Willie McMaster at Aunt Janes. A compromise effected with Cavender – trial layed aside – I met Hanna Carson at Aunt Janes and Mr M. I called to see Mr Mortons this P.M. Della and Mollie at the cleaning up stairs. Fannie at her work. Clara at home with Paul. A colored man here at work—for the first. This Eve we will retire early.

16” April Thurs. Bright & pleasant. Fannie left at an early hour in the surrie and Aunt Bell went with her to Springfield. She did not get back until dark—Blanch came home with her. We had fifteen men here to dinner including our home force. The oats were thrashed to day. Della and Mollie and I all busy. Clara at School. Clayton & Jason at home. We had Shepherd’s machine. They finished at four O clock. Della and Mollie ironed. Clayton at town this morning. Jack S- remained for supper.

17 April Friday. Della and Mollie began at the boys room in continuance- "house cleaning—"I" in the kitchen. Clara Clayton & Jason at School. Fannie took Blanch home—this morning—took Nettie Little a riding— home near noon. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at the church at Mr Wm Coopers funeral. Services conducted by Mr Morton and Wasnock[?] I called at grandmothers. Lizzie M- came home with us. Clara helped Fannie with the work—and helped take care of Paul. Uncle Joe left near noon at his assessor buisness [sic]. Had Prince and his own buggy. This Eve Mr Mc and Paul and I at Robbisons but missed[?] seeing him. Bright day and beautiful to night. Mr Hollingworth called. Colored man not here.

18" April. Sat. A beautiful day. Isaac and Homer plowing—Col man absent. Uncle Joe out at his assessor buisness [sic]. Mr Harbison and Aunt Jeanette here—Mr Mc and Mr H- at Selma until dinner. The went home early. Mr & Mrs Jack [illegible] drove up this P.M. Mrs Lewd[?] Townsly buried this afternoon [Transcriber note: This is Margaret Jones Townsley (1851-1891)]. Mr Mc & Clayton over at Jack Stretchers & Edd Linsons. Homer took Uncle Joe & Lizzie Murdock home. Lizzie has been here all day helping make a "Fruit cake." This Eve Jason and I called at Robbisons. Mr Mc not home until late—Clayton came with Homer from C. "fish"

19 April. Sabb. A lovely day. Homer Jason & Paul and Isaac at home. Fannie Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: It is I; be not afraid." Subject of the text The Christians experience in the voyage of life. The experience of most of us is like that of the disciples when crossing the Sea of Galilee but the question for us to decide is not wheather [sic] we will meet storms and hardships but to decide what is duty—to know what the Lord would have us to do. When the Lord calls us to do a certain work it is not safe for us to refuse or object. While the disciples experienced trouble and difficulty—Yet they had much to comfort them. Jesus drew near after their long watching and waiting and made himself known in the darkness of the night—and delivered them out of their troubles—So he does with his children to day. Willie Mc came home with us. Clara at Aunt Janes and came from the new hall with father Fannie Homer and Uncle Joe to night Dr McAlister, old side, spoke on the Sabbath question. Della at Robbisons to day and with them at C- to night at the A.M.E church. Clayton and Jason here with Paul & me. They read the fifth chap of Matthew—and recited their questions.

20 April. Monday. Most a lovely day. Isaac & colman plowing. Clara at C- and brought Aunt Mary and Dan Hally out—Dan H- papered the parlor to day. Mr Mc took him back to C- this P.M. Aunt Bell & grandmother & Fern & Hellen Sprowl called & Aunt Mary went home with them Della and Mollie Robbison cleaned the bed room. Clayton and Jason at School. Clara there until noon. Homer at Carrys—He is having an experience with his sheep—Homer came home past Selma—Homer at our sheep this A.M. Uncle Joe out assessing to day. Mr T.Spenser called.

21 April Tues. Bright & warm Isaac and colman plowing next[?] the railroad Della & Mollie cleaned the parlor and hall. Clara at home with Paul. Uncle Joe out at assessing to day. Homer at the sheep. Mr Cash Kyle of X- called—Mr Mc met him at C- This P.M—Mr Armstrong of X- called. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc home near dark. He took tea at the sisters. Uncle Joe here this Eve. We have had quite a nice shower- this Eve. Homer at Mr Mortons at a "Christian Endeavor Social to night.

22 April Wed. Cloudy this morning. At an early hour Fannie at Selma for Miss Eva Rodermer—back for breakfast—Breakfast at half past five. Colman here with Isaac plowing Mr Mc at Springfield alone. Uncle Joe out assessing Homer at C- on an errand. Mollie & Della busy. Della attended to the kitchen—I am feeling almost nervous these days, there is so much to be done. Homer at grandmothers to dinner Aunt Bell came out with him, It rained this Eve. This Eve Uncle Joe took Aunt Bell home. Mr Mc did not get back until late. Della cleaned her room[?] this P.M.

23" April Thurs. Pleasant Della and Mollie cleaned the sitting room and spent two or three hours cleaning off the dining room ceiling [sic]—Wm Thomas here of Selma whitewashing for us. Isaac and Colman plowing. Homer at Jack S- at McCartey going over the sheep. Fannie and Miss Rodermer at the sewing. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon—home in a short time and Aunt Jane came with him & went back when Mr Mc went to the sheep the second time. Uncle Joe at the assessing to day—Clayton and Jason at School Clara at home helping with the work—Mr Lawn Stretcher called.

24 April Friday. Cool last night and to day. Breakfast between five & six. Isaac & Colman plowing. Homer at the sheep [mark] Clayton began whitewashing fences yesterday Eve and is at it to day. Clara at home. Jason at School. Uncle Joe at his assessing. Della and Mollie finished the sitting room & dining room [mark]. Fannie & Miss Rodermer at the sewing. Mr Mc and Aunt Matt at Xenia—Mr Mc home a little after five and went back to the Opera house with Fannie and Homer to hear Miss Chen the "Elocutionist". Della and Clayton at Charlie Helms for Turkey eggs. It is quite chilly. Homer at C- this P.M.

25 April. Sat. Bright but chilly. Isaac and Colman plowing all day. Uncle Joe at his assessing. Homer looking after things. We are about through cleaning house. Clayton and Jason whitewashed a good deal to day. Della and Mollie ironed. Miss Rodermer sewing all day. This Eve Clara and Clayton took Uncle Joe home. Mr Mc and Fannie went by way of Cedarville to Springfield—and Aunt Bell and Lizzie M- went with them—they did not get home until after dark. Homer took Miss Rodermer to Selma this Eve.

26 April Sabbath Pleasant Fannie Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School—Mr Mc and I at church. Paul & Jason at home with Della and Mollie. Mr Mortons "Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed thereunto according to thy word" The subject is the Salvation of our young men and young women. The only safe place in all this world for any young man or woman is in Christ—Out of Christ there is not anything but blackness and darkness forever. This afternoon I have not been well—in the evening Mr Mc and Clara and I at the M.E. church. Annabel Murdock came home with Clara and went back with us to church—Rev Tufts text "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Fannie & Homer at home with Clayton & Jason & Paul.

27" April Monday. Most a lovely day. Fannie at Selma for Miss Rodermer early this morning. Uncle Joe worked out last night and is at his assessing business[sic] to day. Isaac & Colman [?] man plowing. Mr Mc and Homer around home. Clayton and Jason at School. Clara at home with Paul. Della and Mollie here. This Eve Homer and Fannie and Miss Rodermer at C- Uncle Joe here. Mr Pigg around this morning.

28 April Tuesday. A Beautiful day. Miss Rodermer and Fannie sewing—Clayton and Jason whitewashing Isaac & col man plowing. Homer in the sheep pen all day. Mr Mc at C- most of the day, called to see Sam G—took dinner at the sisters. Clayton & Jason at School Della washing Fannies wardrobe—Mollie & Clara busy. Aunt Bell and Fern here to dinner. Fannie went down home with her and came back with Uncle Joe—Uncle Joe out on his assessing buisness[sic]—took dinner at Uncle Silas's. Homer went alone to a party at Jessie Townslys to night. Mr Charles Hanna[?] died at his new home in Philadelphia Friday—and will be buried at his old home at Monmouth tomorrow. He was married on New Years day.

29 April Wed. Most a beautiful day. Uncle Joe away all day at his assessing—home again this Eve. Clayton at C- this A.M. and home cleaning yard this P.M. Jason at School Della and I ironed all day. Mollie and Clara attended to the cooking— & Paul. Miss Rodermer and Fannie sewing. Mr Mc around home all day. R MClellan here on a cattle tread[?] Mr Lawn Stretcher called. Willie Belmers[?] mother died yesterday. Homer at Selma this P.M-- & bought coal home. Wm Thomas from Selma here whitewashing. Isaac & col man plowing—

30 April Thurs. Pleasant Uncle Joe out to day at his assessing. Fannie and Miss Rodermer busy up stairs at their sewing. Della Clara & Mollie ironed all day. I put[?] in most of the day painting the seats[?] & Isaac and col man plowing. This P.M. Homer took the plow and col man white washed the barn and cribs &. We payed him off this Eve. Mrs Stretcher called. This P.M. Aunt Bell & Fern and Frank and grandmother called—Mr Mc at C- this afternoon & at James Creswells—Eve wind—& clouds. Mr Mc home at dark. Clayton and Jason at School until recess when Frank & Fern called.

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1 May, Friday. Mr Mc at Springfield he went prepared to bring the buggy from old Drifcol Stand. Harlan bid good bye to Mrs Stuarts [?] and to the "Commercial College" and came home to night. Mrs. Stuart came with them. Uncle Joe away all day at his canvassing and back again this Eve. Homer and Isaac plowing. Clayton and Jason at School. Hoger mans team here for oats. Mollie Della and Clara put in a full day in the yard-- The Yard and front rooms all in nice order this Eve. Fannie and Miss Roadarmer all busy sewing. Mr. Chas Cronse called.

2 May. Sat Cool. Isaac off duty to day. Homer finished plowing the field next the railroad at noon. Fannie and Miss Roadarmer at the Sewing all day. Mrs Stuart with us. Clayton at C- this morning_He and Jason at School. This is the last day of Mr. Dawn Stretchers School. Clara Della and Mollie there this afternoon. Mrs S. and Paul and I out walking this Eve. Mr Mc and Harlan around home all day. This afternoon they were at Charleston to see Laura Houston and Joe home again a little after dark. After Supper Fannie & Clara and Paul took Miss Roadarmer to her home in Selma. Della & Mollie took a walk to Thomas's this eve. Homer took Uncle Joe home. Mrs. S- with us to night.

3" May Sabb- gloomy part of the time- bright the rest of the day. Fannie Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Clayton and Paul at home with Mollie Della Isaac and Clara. Mr Mortons taught [?] "Quench not the Spirit." Mrs. Stuart went with Mr Mc

and I to church today and is with us this P.M. & to night. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and the baby Paul all here_Fred still absent at Monmouth Lizzie Murdock came home with us from church_and went back to the Young folks meeting with Fannie Clara Harlan & Homer

4 May Monday. Cool. All out at an early hour. Near noon Fannie and Homer took Mrs Stuart to Springfield. They took tea with her this Eve _ they were detained in S- and did not get home until late_ Uncle Joe out all day at his assessing did not get home until late too_He was at Jacks to day- one of his horses sick--Mr Mc around home all day_ John Mitchell and J. Harvey McMillan here this morning. Mr. J.R.Hill here to dinner to dinner [sic] to day for the first this season. Harlan took Homers place at the plow. Fred plowing. Joseph Norwalkowski came this morning_and began work. Aunt Bell and Fern here to day to dinner_Blanch called for them this Eve. Harlan at Selma for Miss Roadarmer this morning. The Sewing progressing. Two of the little lambs killed last night.

5 May Tuesday. Cool. Mr Pigg here at an early hour. he and Mr Mc at the London Sale to day. Fannie and Mrs Roadarmer moved their sewing to the Sitting room to the fire. Harlan & Isaac plowing. Joe and Clayton whitewashing. Homer at C- and brought Aunt Jane home with him. Aunt Bell and Erwin at Cincinnati to attend R.Y. Reids Anniversary this Eve, Della washed yesterday from morning until night_ next she and Jane in for a siege of ironing have been ironing all day. This P.M. Fannie took Aunt Jane home. Mr Mc home near dark. Uncle Joe out at his work_assessing_here as usual this Eve.

6 May Wed. Pleasant. Uncle Joe & Fannie at town Uncle Joe came home in time for dinner Fannie remained at grandmothers She sent out the invitations for their wedding next week. This P.M. Mr Mc and J at the congregational prayer meeting_Subject "Love one to another", After the meeting Mr Mc around town- he and Fannie and J took supper with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Lizzie & Jamie Bell and the sewing woman there called to see Mr Mortons and Sam G- & Mr Mc remained for the Crein [?] auction of trunks _ After Fannie and J came home Harlan and Homer at town for dinner. Harlan and Isaac plowing to day. Homer at C- - with wood for Aunt Jane.

7 May Thurs. A beautiful day Mr Ralf McClellen here looking at cattle. Mr Mc and Harlan and Fannie at Springfield _ Fannie about bringing her shopping to a close She and Harlan took tea at Mrs Stuarts this Evening. Homer plowing all day. Isaac plowed until noon. This afternoon he dug the grave in the old Baptist Cemetery for Mrs Jones little child. It died last night_ I called there this afternoon. Della Mollie and Clara at town_ Aunt Mollie Ira and Jennie called and spent awhile looking through Fannie's wardrobe _ This Eve I called at Mrs Jones and dressed their little one and put it in the coffin for them_ And read a chapter with them The folks did not get home until after dark. [2 words illegible] C- & Clayton & Jason whitewashing Clayton helped Homer in the field this P.M.

8 May Friday. Mostly beautiful day. Uncle Joe at Springfield. Isaac off duty until noon- he attended Jones child funeral this P.M. Mr Mc at C- home in time for dinner. Harlan and Homer busy all day plowing [?]. This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr John S parrs [?] in Jamestown [?] did not get home until near dark. Aunt Jeanette and Nellie called and remained with us for tea _ Mr Mc brought a telegram from Fred asking to meet him in Springfield tomorrow. Miss Roadarmer bid us good bye this Eve and Clayton & Fannie took her home. Harlan and Homer at the Operahouse to hear the "little whistler" Della and Mollie and everyone busy.

9 May Sat. Quite a nice day. A lovely day. After so long a time Mr Mc left for Springfield did not reach there until noon-- Fred came in on the eight o'clock train and had to wait_ Mr Mc would have been there but the horse he expected to have driven had got out of the pasture and this kept him busy. He and Fred reached here about five_ It has been nearly two years since he left us and there is a general rejoicing to see him home once more. Lizzie Murdock came home with the boys last night and is here to day and with us to night. Aunt Bell called this morning and she left Mary Bell and Annabel with us to day. Uncle Joe out on his assessing. Little Joe & Clayton and Jason at the work whitewashing Harlan and Homer at the plowing [scribbles] Isaac came last November and left this morning. Lizzie Sewing all day for Fannie. Della put the upstairs all in order. Mollie at the work in the kitchen. I have been busy- all have been busy to day. Mr Mc at C- at the Auction at the late Cal Crains "Saddler Shops". Uncle Joe and Ira Bell and Mary B- went with him. Fred and Harlan at grandmothers and Aunt Janes to see them.

10 May Sabb. Quite a lovely day. Fannie Fred Homer & Clara at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Lizzie and Harlan Clayton Jason Paul and our new boy, Joe, and Della and Mollie all at home. Mr Mortons text "Good and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way". All at home too to day- all here_ none missing but Florence. At dinner we all sat down together- How seldomly we have been this privileged in the last three or four years- And today as we looked over the flock father mother children all the happiness was tinged with sadness at the thought of the separation this week will bring to our home. Separation; how little we can pretend the depth of the meaning of this word until we learn it by actual experience _ This Eve Fannie Harlan Homer Clara Lizzie Murdock at the young folks meeting Mollie and Della went with them and stopped at their church. Clayton and Jason recited their question and read the eighth chap of Matthew. Uncle Joe came back with them.

11 May Monday. A bright day but cool. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Bell and Fern and Aunt Bell making calls and Fannie assisting. Mr Shepherd and Mr J. R. Still here to dinner Uncle Joe out assessing and back to dinner- all of our own family here too_ quite a crowd altogether this P.M. Clayton and Fern took the clothes to Mrs P [?] Mc and George Smith shearing sheep and here to supper. Della and Fred took Aunt Bell and Fern home. They called to see Sam Galbreath and family and Aunt Roseanna and Zerpah. Fred to call-- & Fannie to tell them good bye_

12 May Tuesday. Bright sunshine to day but cool. Frost last night - Uncle Joe out all day at his assessing_ home this Eve again. Mr McMillan & George Smith here all day at the shearing & with us to dinner and supper. Aunt Bell brought Aunt Malt with her this morning! resumed her

calls [?] but finally consented to go back to town and finish there. Fred went with her and was home at noon. This afternoon Clara and Clayton took Aunt Malt home [smudged] - We have all been busy to day _ Mr Mc and Fred at Jacks this afternoon and came home by Aunt Jeanette's and over there for tea- Mr McKenzie here this eve_ he and his father arrived in Xenia to day from N.J. this afternoon Mr Mc K- will stop at Aunt Bells and to night and go back to Xenia in the morning.

13 May Wed. Most a beautiful day. At an early hour Mr Mc Mr M and Fred left for Springfield. Mr P.H. McKenzie brought Aunt Bell out and made a short call. Lulu Morton brought Aunt Mary and Aunt Malt out_ Aunt Mollie here too_ all day. Uncle Joe at home helping until noon. George Smith and Will Mc here most of the day shearing -were with us to dinner. This afternoon Clara and Aunt Malt went to town with Uncle Joe_ Aunt Bell went back with Fannie to town_ Fannie called to tell Aunt Mary Little good bye - and to meet Boy Carry at the four o clock train. They were both here for tea_ Cara Blain brought Lizzie Murdock up this P.M. -and to see Fannies wardrobe and preparations Della Mc was here to call this P.M. This Eve Mr P.H. McKenzie came_ Uncle Erwin and Aunt Bell & Fern brought Dr McKenzie out to call_ He and his son came to C- on the four o clock train and will stop at Erwin's. This is the first time Fannie met the Dr. Near dark about five o clock Uncle Joe brought Aunt Mary Eliger out to call to see Fannie she got off that four o clock train too_ Near dark Mr Mc and Fred came bringing Maggie Stuart with them. Harlan at Selma at Miss Roadarmers for flowers_ And also to bring Miss Eva R-here to. E ready for the wedding in the morning- but she could not come. Homer at Cfor a load of chairs and furniture_ It has been a Throughfare here all day and until late to night before our weary eyes will rest. Mr McKenzie here until afternoon. Boy Carry Maggie Stuart & Lizzie Murdock here with Fannie and Clara to night_

14 May Thursday. Fannies Wedding Day! Mostly a beautiful morning. Early in the morning we had a little fire. Quite a number of invitations were sent to different parts of the state and to others states who could not be with us Those who were here were Dr McKenzie of Salem N.J. Dr & Mrs Morton & Lulu. Rev. & Mrs Murdock and sister from Monmouth. Mr & Mrs John S Williamson, Mr P Mc Michel & J. Hamra [?] of Monmouth. Uncle Dan and Imma Uncle Dave Torensce and Lida Willim Master Mr John Collins and daughters, Blanch & Ella. Mr Osen Bradforte and wife_ Mr Harbison and Aunt Jeanette - Uncle Erwin and Aunt Belle and all their children Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie and Walter_ Aunt Rachel and Della Aunt Jane and Aunt Malt & Aunt Mary Eliza Grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary & Man Caldwell_ Boy Carrey & Maggie Stuart & Nellie Little- Uncle Joe and Father Fred Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul & Della and Mollie and Jim Hill & our new boy Joe and my self_ with all the above friends gathered around the front door in the lawn around 8;30 (sic) Fannie and Rev. T.N. McKenzie took this place on the front step where the (sic) stood while the ceremony was performed. Rev. Mr. Morton officiated assisted by Dr. McKenzie and Rev. Mr. Wasmoelf. Immediately after congratulations breakfast was served-and after a hurried good bye Fred, Clara Boy Carrey and Lizzie Murdock drove them to Cedarville to 10;30 train for New York city-where they will spend a week or two at Salem N.Y. Aunt Belle and Uncle Erwin and others accompanied them to the train_ Boy Carrey

went to Xenia at 11O'clock. Aunt Belle and Lizzie came back and had their breakfast_ As the train passed by the whole crowd that remained went out and waved their handkerchiefs. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jeanette and Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary [?] and Maggie Stuart and MrMc & Uncle Joe and Mr Shepherd & Nellie Little (Note in the margin: Fannie and Mr MKenzie were invited to the wedding of Edith Collins and Rev. S. Cleveland this Eve.) and all of our own children here to dinner_ This PM Harlan took Maggie S_ home _and Fred took Aunt Jane & (Nellie Little) Mary E- & Lizzie Mto C_ All were gone and we were left alone -And we felt alone. We felt like it was after a funeral. Fannie got several very handsome presents. Dr McKenzie gave them a check of one hundred dollars a piece. Fred stayed for tea at Aunt Janes and did not get home until dark. All very lonely_and sad to night. Clara and Clayton especially so.

15 May Friday. A lovely day. Harlan Homer and Jim Shepherd at the planting-Clayton and Clara went with Uncle Joe to C- and attended the close of the School. Clara stopped with Blanch & Mary and Clayton at grandmother Murdock Uncle Joe took McKenzies & Fannies announcement cards to the office. There were about three hundred of them Mr Mc around home all day Fred here. Aunt Mary & Aunt Belle here this afternoon Aunt Bell put up thirteen bo[?] cake for friends-at Monmouth & here and there. Della & Mollie ironed. Clayton came home with Uncle Joe Clara staying with Blanch to night. I counted the little chickens they number one hundred twenty five. Sam Murdock came to C- this evehe is a delegate to Young Falls Convention in Y- next week. Fred & Harlan drove out a little while this Eve.

16" May. Sat. Fine all day. Della sewing for Fannie's [?]- Mollie busy, Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary E-came stopping in and spent the day with us. After dinner Mr Mc and Fred at Xenia_ Before he went away Mr Mc and Aunt Mary went over all the presents- After an early tea Jason and I took our good Aunts home-and Clara came back with us. I left Paul with Della. Mr Mc and Fred returned after dark. Uncle Joe away all day and home this eve-Harland took Uncle Joe down home. No preaching at our church tomorrow. Mr and Mrs Morton left C- with Fannie and Mr McKenzie Thursday morning and went with them as far as Columbus. He assists Mr Crawford with communion at Denansburg N.Y. tomorrow.

17 May. Sabb. Bright Sun (scribble mark) Heavy frost last nightthat and the garden [illegible] Mr Mc and Clara Homer and Jason and Fred and I attended church at the old Sides [?]- Rev Sprawls taught And Christ is all and in all. He is all and in all in life in death and throughout eternity. Harlan Clayton and Paul at home with Della & Mollie-Joe O- went to our Sabbath School and to lunch. This P.M-I heard Claytons and Jasons questions_and this eve they & little Joe read the ninth chapter of Matthew Della & Mollie & Laura R_walked to the M.E. church. Fred & Harlan & Homer and Clara at the Youngfolks meeting and at the M.E. Church Rev Lifts preached.

18 May. Monday. Bright-but cool-and very dry. Jas Shepherd here planting. He finished field next the rail road. Harlan & Homer and Joe O_ at work too. We had a letter from Fannie Friday eve. It was written Thursday Eve_ They were at the "Seventh [2 words]" Pittsburgh. I have written to them every morning since they went away "Sabbath excepted" Della plucked the geese and ducks and filled Fannies pillows this P.M. Mollie at the other work. I am so tired it

seems like I will never get rested. Mrs Edd Vanhorn Sr. died last week. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia_he met Mr John Spark there. He took supper with the sisters when he came to C_ This after noon Uncle Silas brought Sam Murdock out_they were here for tea_Sam with us to night. Fred at C_ took the clothes to Mrs. Preve [2 words] Sister Mary E_ here this eve or tomorrow [?] She need J dispatch that Mrs. Dr. Moony is dead-And she went home some time this afternoon. We read a letter from Fannie they are at the Zedway House_Broadway N.Y. Homer at Selma this Eve. Uncle Joe came this Eve.

19 May. Tuesday. Cool. Fred took Sam Murdock to C_and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Bell out. They with Uncle Joe packed Fannies things-Uncle Dan came into dinner_Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan and Homer at the plowing. This P.M-our men washing Sheep_At four Fred took Aunt Jane & Aunt Bell home_Clara went down with him for the ride and took Supper at grandmothers. Lizzie and Sam Murdock went down on the five Oclock train to the Opening meeting of the Young folks convention at Xenia. This Eve Cal M- called for Fred and they went to Selma to spend the evening. This is Freds birthday. He is "twenty one" a man now_And I feel that he is a man_And very thankful to feel that I am right in my opinion.

20" May Wed. This P.M. It began raining and rained now and then all day. It is the first rain we have had since the 22" of April and the ground was parched and dry. After an early dinner Homer drove out with Fannies goods to ship them from Springfield to their new home in Pine Brush N.Y. Mr Mc and Fred drove up after him in the buggy. Uncle Joe was faithful to the last in getting them off. Jack S_ came at noon_he and Harlan began plowing in Uncle Dans field. Della & Mollie & Clara & all of us busy. I have felt very lonely all day. I realized more fully than ever that Fannie has indeed gone. Uncle Joe at C_this P.M-and brought the washing out. Stopped off the pike and took Harlans team and began plowing. Harland came home and fitted up the third team and went to work. Another storm this Eve_Jack S-and our new men_all here to night_Our boy Joe O_ did not accomplish much to day. Mr Mc & Fred returned a little after dark_

21"May. Thurs. A little damp Jack S- and our new man and Harlan at Dans field at the plowing. Mr Mc at C_this morning. Homer & Clayton & Jason & Joe O_ at the sheep washing. Uncle Joe went to town to be gone a few days this evening. Fred took the pony & buggy and went to Xenia to the Youngfolks Convention. This is the evening that our good friend Bay Carsy and Rev. W. P. White are to be married. We read a letter from Fannie_they are still in N.Y. city but expect to go to Salem Friday Eve. Mr Mc was home to dinner and all of the boys. This P.M_Will Mc here shearing sheep. Mr Mc at Aunt Jeanettes this P.M_he also took Nellie L out a riding. This P.M_Mr Mc at C_again he met John Spark there. Jack S-and Homer called at Wilson Stretchers to night.

22 May Friday. Cloudy. Fred stayed for the convention last night & Lizzie M- came home with him too_Aunt Malt and I took Della to Springfield to day. Della expects to visit about two weeks. [?] came and stopped at house during the Storm_had wind rain and hail. Mr Mc and Fred at X- this afternoon_met Mr Moffatt & wife of Monmouth. Fred stopped off at C_ for the Commencement_And came home with Harlan and Homer who were there_[?] Minister [?] the

graduates. Mollie and Clara kept home and took care of Paul. rain here, rain this Eve. Jack S- & Harlan & Homer putting in field at Dans. On yesterday Eve Clara & Della took Will Mc home.

23 May Saturday Damp after the rain_Jack S. and Albert C_ & Harlan & Homer all working in Uncle Dans field. Clara and Jason at C_ on an errand this P.M. This P.M. Fred took Aunt Jane with him to Uncle Bighams. Mr Mc (scribble) home. Jack S- went home after supper_Della and Clara busy. Our boy Joe O_ cleaned the meat house & cellar. This Eve Harlan at C_ and came home with Fred.

24 May Sabb A pleasant day. Mr J.T. Morton still absent. Harlan & Clayton at our Sabbath School and at the M.E. church. Mr Mc Fred Clara Jason Paul and Mollie & Albert C- and Jack home. Our boy Joe O_ at Sabbath School & church. This Eve Fred Harlan Clara & Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. Clara & Mollie at Aunt Janes while Fred Harlan were at the M.E. church. Rev. Tufts text_ "Lesson of love"

25-May Monday. Gloomy & cool. Yesterday a hog eat 20 of claytons ducks_ only 26 little ones left. Harlan & Albert at the Mitchell field. Homer around_Fred at Uncle Bighams_Mr Mc & Will Mc at Springfield. Fred home at noon Mr J.R. Hill and Mr John Mitchell of London here to dinner with our own crowd. I made a Shirt for Harlan to day. Mollie flying at the work_ She & Clara swept up stairs this P.M. The meal on time Joe O- at the garden & whitewashing. Fred dressed and went to C this P.M_ he took the clothes to Mrs P. this P.M. Mr Mitchell with us this afternoon and this eve_Fred took tea at grandmothers_ and called to see Mrs Bell & Mr. We read a letter from Mr MKenzie_ he and Fannie reached Salem Friday eve_ expect to start for there [sic] home at Pine Brush N.Y. on Wednesday Eve. Finished Uncle Dans field

26" May. Tuesday. Cool. Mr Mitchel left us this morning. I left Clara and Mollie in charge of affairs and Paul and I went to town with Uncle Dan as he passed down He spent the day at grandmothers. Homer came after one in the evening. Lizzie Murdock's School closed to day. Quite a number at her school. She and Annabel will be around for two weeks yet. Mrs Dallas and Mary Ramsy called at grandmothers to day & so did Uncle Joe & Uncle Silas Mr Mortons have not got back from [?]. This Eve I called to see Sam Galbreath & Aunt Roseanna. Nellie Little is staying there now_ they moved Aunt Mary to ours Monday Mr Mc M & Fred at Charleston this afternoon. Fred & Harlan drove out this eve.

27" May. Wed. Mr Mc left at an early hour this morning & met Mr Sich & Mr Elroy in C- and went to Springfield_ they were Summons there on the Synard Case_ Mr Mc did not get home until after dark. Harlan at the Harbison mill to day. Will Huntington here for dinner. Homer at Charleston this afternoon. Fred around home all day. I have been busy sewing. Mollie and Clara at the work. Clara has been faithful these days. Clayton and Jason around home. Albert & our boy Joe here on chores.

May 28" Thursday. Rain today. Mr Mc and Mr McElsy at Springfield to day again. Harlan at Bazels until this afternoon. Albert & our boy Joe and Clayton & Jason around. Homer around collection until noon. This afternoon at home among the Sheep_ This afternoon Fred at CMollie

busy_Clara helping with the work_they ironed to day. I have been sewing. Mr Mc home before dark.

29 May Friday. Still damp. Fred and Uncle Joe at Springfield. Uncle Joe has taken Mr Mcs [?] Sail off his hands. Mr Mc around home all day Homer at Creswells to shear but was too late. Harlan at Bazells this P.M. Albert plowing for a "truck patch." Little Joe whitewashing. This after noon Clara Clayton and Jason at C- on an errand. Clara came from town with Uncle Joe and Fred. Paul busy all day. Mr Pigg came in with Mr Mc to Supper_

30 May Sat. Bright Sunshine after the rain. Harlan and Albert in the truck patch- Mr Mc and Homer working with sheep all day. Fred went to Uncle Silas's _took dinner there_ Uncle Joe went back to C- with him this morning. Earl Caldwell came to C- today and came home with Fred. After tea he & Fred and Harlan at town at the Operahouse at [?]. This P.M. Mollie and Clayton and Jason & Paul at Wylie Jones_

31" May. Sabb. Quite a nice day. Fred Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton and Homer kept Paul. Albert around _Mollie went home_will not be back until tomorrow. Our boy Joe absent to day. Mr Mc and I at church. Rev Sam L Ramsey preached. Behold I stand at the door knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and he with me. Is Christ our intimate friend_does he often come to our houses and tarry with us_or do we close the door against him by our ignorance or carelessness or unbelief . Jesus stands and knocks and waits for us to open the door_How does he knock_He knocks by his word_by the gospel and by his providence. Fred stayed at cousin Will McS to the Young folks meeting. Harlan & Clara there. J took this afternoon for Clayton and Jasons questions and Psalms_they do their own reading.

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1"June Monday. Two men boarding with us who are putting up new poles for the telegraph in front of our place_on acct of the tress. Harlan & Albert finished the plowing in J R Hill patch at noon. Father and Fred took dinner at Aunt Janes_and started to Springfield but had to come back on account of the rain_It first poured down for two hours. J R Hill here with our two boarders to dinner_Mollie back at P.M. Met Mr Martin Barber_ Our telegraph men with us to night. Clara began sewing on the one dime to day. She is making kitchen aprons.

2' June Tuesday. Had a little Shower to day. Homer at C- early to tell the sheep shearers not to come. Mr Mc and Fred at the London Sale-took dinner at Mr John Mitchels and tea at Mr Phifhers. Mrs P at her daughters in Fayette Co. They did not get home until after night. I have had a busy bustling day_Those tow telegraph men with us for breakfast and dinner and a third with us for Supper. Clara at C_and brought Lizzie McCalloun & her two sons and Lizzie Blair out to dinner. They were invited to Mr Morntons to tea_Fannie and Clayton took them home this P.M. Homer at Charleston this afternoon. Harlan with these telegraph men to day. Joe our boy on the fences. Albert around. Mollie very tired so is some of the rest of the folks. This Eve_after

dark_ John Kyle brought Lizzie and Annabel Murdock here_ They will be with us until tomorrow eve. They took tea at their Uncle Henesys this Eve_

3" June Wed. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Fred left for Springfield to look among the papers. Our Telegraph men away last night but with us to dinner and supper and with us to night_ George Smith and Willie McMillan here Lizzie and Annabel and all of our own crowd here to dinner and supper. Father and Fred were home before Lizzie and Annabel left us. Harlan took them over to their Uncle Rolls. We had a nice day with the girls and they seemed slow to go away. We missed Fannie to day_ more than usual. Lizzie wrote to her to day. This was the day of the Congregational Prayer meeting but none of us there. Rained a little

4" June. Thurs. Another busy day. George and Willie Mc here at the Shearing. Harlan up the road with the Telegraph men at their work. Homer shearing Albert & Joe re-planting. Mollie busy. Fred at C- this P.M. & there with Prince at the shop this P.M. again. Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan drove in with the men this eve_ all here for supper. They settled up their bills and passed on_ payed us 9.25_ for there accomodations_ Harlan 6.00 for his service_ Our sheep shearing ended_ all of our men gone_ A little of the burden lifted

5" June. Friday Pleasant Albert & Joe replanting & letting out plants. Harlan with the Telegraph men until morn- Mr Mc around home all day. Fred & Uncle Joe at Springfield among the paper men Uncle Joe and Fred home in time for supper_ This afternoon Paul and I at town but all of the folks gone to Bowersville to a W.C.T.U. Convention sent Jane there alone_ and grandmother was out at Uncle Silas's. I called to see Anna Morton and Mr Morton and at Sam G's and was home in time for tea. Mr David Shroud's little boy was drowned in the creek at Cedarville this afternoon Mollie and Clara finished the ironing and attended to the workers.

6" June. Sat. Gloomy all day_ rain this morning. Clayton at C- at the office_ Mr J. C. McMillan came up on the morning train and came out with him. He has come to spend a week with us. Fred and Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason all at home_ Mr Mc around home all day. Clara & Mollie and [sic] busy. This afternoon Aunt Bell and the three girls came & stayed awhile Frank came out with Clayton this morning. This This Eve Fred & Harlan at town. Mr J. C. around the fire.

7" June Sabb. Rain this morning Fred Harlan Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School. Clara & Jason at home with Paul. Our boy Joe and Albert & Mollie around home. Mr J. C. Mc at the Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "For what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world, and lose himSelf or be cast away" The subject of the text is profit and loss. We should not purchase the world at such as cost because it costs too much, and is perishable and our interest in the world will soon be gone and the world can not Satisfy us and because the world is dangerous and because one can not take the world with us when we come to leave it. After preaching went to Aunt MarysWalter there. This Eve Fred & Harlan came home with them. Mr J. C. Mc with us. All around the fire. The children read the 9" chap of

Matthew. Their catechism heard this P.M. I have been feeling very sad all day_as this Freds last Sabbath at home_The longer he stays the harder to see him go away.

8" June. Monday. Pleasant. Fred at C-to get rats [?] and to tell the folks good bye_Clayton & Jason went to town with him. Harlan at Uncle Joes to help him make out his books_ After dinner Freds trunk packed and all_and after a hurried good by Mr Mc drove out with him to Springfield he left from there on the 6:30 train for Monmouth_Mr Mc stayed with him until he got started_Same every one all felt more sad than usual to have Fred go away. The C[?] lived life seems to me more real & earnest Homer taking care of Sheep this P.M. Albert & our boy Joe replanting_Mr Hill here to dinner. This Even Mr J. C. and Clara drove out to C- Mollie busy as usual.

9" June Tuesday Quite a nice day. Mr J. C- and Paul and I at town_we took dinner at grandmother Murdocks_Samuel A. Galbreath died this morning at 6:30. He has been in bed for eight months and literally wasted away. He was 54 years old. I called there-and we came home early this P.M. After a hurried good bye Lizzie Murdock and Annabel left on the 11 Oclock train for their home at Bloom-ington Ind. They went by way of Muncie and Yorktown_will visit there a week. Mr Mc Kyle died very unexpectedly last night. Mr Mc and Mr J.C-went down to call at Galbreaths this Eve_Harlan & Homer Albert and "boy Joe" at the replanting. Mollie and Clara busy all day.

10 June Wed. A nice day. After a long time Mr Mc and I got started to Springfield to the Prohibition Convention. I left Mollie and Clara in care of Paul and the house. Clayton and Jason assistants_Albert & Harlan and boy Joe at the farming Homer Shearing at Forbeses_We met Aunt Bell and Mary & Mr Mortons at the Convention. They stayed for the night meeting but we came home to Paul_& the rest of them. We had a nice meeting_There must have been fifteen hundred people there. Clayton took Mr J. C- to town this morning and went after him again this Eve. He visited at Dellas and was home again for supper_Harlan at Uncle Joes again. Della took her trunk away. Mollie alone left to serve us. This is the year that a governor is to be elected.

11 June. Thurs.Warm_A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Mr J.C. Mc and Clara and I at Samuel Galbreaths funeral. It was a private funeral. Mr Mc and Willie Torrence and others among the pall bearers_Willie rode with us to the Cemetery_Mr Morton Rev Wasnock conducted the exercises. Mr J.C. Spending the day at H.H. Mcmillans. Mollie and Clayton and Jason watched the boys and took care of Paul. Harlan Albert & boy Joe at the corn_plowing & replanting . This Eve Mr Mc at C- he and Mr J. C. McMillan out Calstormants_the later spent the hour with Aunt Marion Reid. Homer Shearing at Forbes's and home again to night.

12" June. Friday. A warm day. Our men all employed as the men yesterday Homer over in vicinity of Clifton shearing. Mr Mc in the yard all P.M. Mr J. C. MrM- took the Conveyance to C-until he comes back. Clara picking berries [?] to can_She and Mollie busy. I have not been feeling like doing much to day. This Eve Mollie and Clara and Clayton took Paul and drove over

to Janes's. Mr J C returned near dark_ He took dinner at Mrs Conleys_ and tea at the Stuarts. Homer came back in time for Supper.

13" June Sat. Albert & Harlan plowing. Boy Joe replanting_ Homer at McCarty's shearing. Mr J.C. McMillan bid us good bye and Clara & Jason took Paul with them and took him to the train_ They remained at Grandmother Murdocks for dinner- This afternoon Mr Mc out with the men_ Albert & Harlan plowing. Our boy Joe replanting. Homer at McCarties with Will Mc Shearing Did not get home until dark. Harlan at C- Mr Mc and Paul and I at Roadarmers_ Mr Mc called at Calverts also. It is quite a beautiful evening.

14" June Sabb. Very warm Homer at home with Paul. Albert & Joe around the yard. Mollie here. Harland Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect Stablish, Strengthen, and Settle us." Subtext of the text. The Christians prayer in affliction. No great or lasting good ever comes to an individual family church or state without first enduring or going through affliction. The great good and change comes after we have suffered a while. Those who do most for God & humanity are those who have suffered awhile_ at no time do we need to pray so fervently as in the hour of affliction_ We need Strength to do the work and bear the burdens of the hour. God Strengthens us as the Oak strengthens the vine. You will note that all the great blessings of life that Gods children receive bear date after ye suffered awhile_ The last blessing mentioned in the text is "to settle us" to be settled is to feel at home it is to be satisfied with God dealings with us. To rest in Him. After preaching Clara went to Aunt Janes. Clayton & Jason & Paul took Mollie part of the way to her Sabbath School at two O'clock. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the Young folks meeting. Clara & Mollie came back with them_ This afternoon I went over the Sabbath School lesson with Clayton and Jason_ & heard their questions [scribble] By the lamp after the folks came home they read the 10" cap of Matthew.

15" June Monday_ Warm_ All up at an early hour_ "All at work." Harlan & Albert plowing. Joe around until noon. At noon J.R. Hill called and took him to work for his daughter_ J.R. here for dinner as usual. Uncle Dan & Willie here this P.M. Homer at Harbison's mill with wheat. Dave Mc called. Della & Nora Barber left for Washington [?] _ to visit Colin & friends. Mollie & Della and I done the weekly sweeping to day. This Eve Clara and Jason took the clothes to Mrs P & called in C. We read a letter from both Fannie and Fred this eve_ They are [3 words]. Mr Mc around home all day. Had a swarm of bees.

16" June. Tuesday. Very warm_ Clara & Paul at [?] for Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane. They were here all day after tea this Eve Clara and Mollie took them home & Uncle Joe came back with them. He has not been here very much for [two words]. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer and Clayton at Hartisons mill this P.M. and Homer was at Selma this P.M. Mr Pigg called & Harlan and Albert plowing This Eve Harlan & Homer at C- a few [illegible].

17" June Wed. Very warm a light shower last night_ Mr Baker here with wool. Mr Mc in the bill business all P.M. Uncle Joe around. Clayton & Jason churning picking cherries feeding chickens. It has been cloudy most of the day. This Eve Clara took Paul and went with his father to the meadow_ This Even Harlan & Homer at Wilberforce_ A great many there from Cedarville & County around. All the rest of us at home.

18 June Thurs. Warm. Mr Wade here with wool. Near noon Mr Mc and Clara got started to Springfield. Uncle Joe went by way of C- and took Will Mc with him Harlan plowing. Homer & Clayton working on sheep_ Jason taking care of Paul & watching the bees. Albert working in the garden [scribble] I have had charge of things my self_ Mollie at Wilberforce Commencement to day I fixed a basket for her & company. Things have seemed rather quiet here to day. This Eve Harlan & Homer at Mr Morrays at a Lawn [space] - None of the folks got home until late_ Clara spent her time with Sadie Stuart took tea there_ Clara got a [?] while hot to day_ her fathers selections.

19 June Friday. Not so warm They are having heavy rains at Springfield this week The rain detained the folks there last night_ and when they started home found it extended only three miles out of the city. Homer at Baker to day for dinner he was there with the Sheep. Harlan & Albert plowing. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- Mr Mc there too. Clayton & Jason putting in most of the day trying to wash the buggy. This Eve Homer and Clara finished it_ and then polished up the Surnie [?]. Harlan went by way of Mr Mortons to a party at John Barbers.

20" June Saturday. A heavy shower last night_ Near noon it came on heavy rain_ and rained in the evening again. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and I at Selma at a Basket meeting at the Quaker church_ Miss E Spencer from Wilmington conducted the meeting not many there or many baskets_ however we continued with them and remained for the afternoon meeting. The leading thoughts this afternoon_ "Tie your self to one man'" "Hide your heart in the word of God" Keep your eyes on the Uttermost parts of the earth. Again let your lifes motto be to give life and to save life." Homer at the meeting this afternoon_ This Eve Uncle Joe and I came home_ and Mr Mc and Homer went to Charles-ton_ Came home in the rain. It rained too hard for Uncle Joe to go home this Eve_ Mollie Clara got along well with the housekeeping took good care of Paul. I enjoyed the meeting and felt that it was good to be there. Clayton at C. this morning.

21" June Sabbath. Gloomy most of the day. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton at home with Mollie & Paul. Albert around home Mr Mc and I at church Mr Mortons preached a grand Sermon_ but not having a pencil did not get any of his fine points down_ Uncle Joe came home with us and he and Homer went to Selma to the Quakers church to hear Mrs Frame. Harlan Clara and Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. He had our Bible reading and catichizing [sic] this P.M.

22" June Monday. Clouds and Sunshine Uncle Joe at C- a little while_ Near noon Mr Mc left for Charleston_ Homer there too. Albert & Harlan busy. Clayton & Jason around_ Mollie & Clara

busy. This Eve Albert & Clayton took the clothes to C- Harlan called at Selma this eve. J R Hill with us to day to dinner. Mr Wilson Stritcher called. Uncle Dan here awhile.

23" June Tues. Quite a beautiful day. Homer and Clayton at Charleston_all day. Mr Mc at Springfield _left here at nine home before dark. Albert and Harlan busy. Clara and Jason watching the bees. At noon I drove up in the Surnie and brought Miss Roadarmer down_She finished my back lawn and this eve after tea went back to Selma with Harlan when he went up for Lorrie Lott_to go to [?] Smiths party. He read a letter from Fannie and Fred this eve. Fred is not very well these days. Uncle Joe at C-at the shop this P.M. Blanch stopped off here with some of their men and went back with him again this Eve.

24" June Wed. Warm. The bee man here and took off 150 lbs of honey and returned bees to hives. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia. Albert Harlan Homer at work. Clara Clayton and Jason watching the bees watching Paul and picking currants [scribble] This after noon Aunt Jeanette and Nettie Little called and remained with us for tea. Mrs. Wasmock and her daughter Ruthie called. This Eve Homer and I at Selma_Miss Roadarmer fitted my duster. When we got home all had retired. This is a lovely night.

25' June. Thurs. A lovely day. All up at an early hour_Business progressing. Uncle Joe at Springfield to day_to see there [?] men_Mr Hugh Huntington here_[?] after dinner Mr Fred Smith called_he remained here and chatted awhile with the home folks and Mr Mc and Homer took Daisy & Welsh Coalt to Charleston_She went on the P.M. freight to Ky. Mr H- allowed us three hundred dollars for them. Like Paul let us thank God and take courage_How easily God can raise up buiers [sic] and send them from the South and from the North country and help us through every straight Albert & Harlan plowing Mollie and Clara took Paul with them over to Jones & called at Kyles. To see Clara. Clayton & Jason talking care of things around the yard. MrCarty here this P.M.

26" June. Friday. Warm. Mr Mc and all the boys_Uncle Joe and Albert around. Will Mc here in the afternoon and began cutting clover this afternoon. I made a shirt for Harlan this P.M. and this afternoon I left Mollie and Clara with Paul and the work and called at [2 words illegible] and spent awhile with Aunt Marry Little. She is clear down arms_I never Saw her so frustrated_I took tea with Aunt Mary & grandmother Murdock_This Eve Uncle Joe and albert at C- for fish. All the rest at home.

27" June Sat. Warm. George Smith and Will Mc here helping with the harvest_Clover Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. took dinner with Calverts. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Clayton Jason & Albert all on duty. At noon old Midnight kicked Homer_he is off duty this P.M. All the rest busy. This Eve Jack S_two sons here for tea. Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

28" June Sabb. pleasant. Homer and Jason at house with Paul. Albert & Mollie here. Harlan Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Now, therefore ar we all here present before God to hear all things that are commended." One remark what we need as parents to enable us to our duty as father and mothers and to train our children for God

eternity is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We need to tarry in our closets until we are renewed and filled with the Spirit and love and earnestness of the master himself. This Eve spent with Clayton and Jason. At six oclock Harlan Clara and Mollie at the Youngfolks meeting. Uncle Joe came home with them.

29 June Monday. George S- and Will Mc Uncle Joe & Albert and our own boys began cutting wheat this morning_began raining as we were at dinner_And for awhile it did not rain but it poured. Business suspended this after-noon_This Eve Homer took the clothes to Mrs P. Mr Payton called. All of us resting this P.M.

30 June. Tues. The last day of June. Clayton and baby Paul were both sick last night. Our man George S- & Will Mc and Mr Mc all of yesterday have gone to the wheat_it is a little damp. Homer has gone to Hoglers for wool_he took dinner at Moses Hoglers & did not get home until give P.M. This Eve Clayton and Jason & Paul took a drive_at a later hour Clayton at C- at the office_At a later hour still Harlan took Will Mc and George Smith to C- Homer at Selma at Calverts. To day W.R. Smith a painter and carpenter that was here in 1889 stopped with us to day for dinner and spent most of the afternoon with us.

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1" July. Wed. A lovely Summer day. Mr Mc Harlan Homer George S & Will Mc all in the Whey field – Harlan seaming the Binder Uncle Joe & Albert plowing potatoes &c. Mollie and Clara and I very busy. Clayton & Jason helping what they can – At two Oclock I went to the Congregational prayer meeting = Subject "If thou hast run with the footman, and they have wearied thee, then how can thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace where in thou trustest they have wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the Swelling of Jordan"? Ethel Galbrath came home with me this P.M. I might note in connection with the prayer meeting the leading thought — if we can not bear the lesser troubles & annoyances & trials of life with Calmness & patience how can we expect to bear the great sorrows How can we or what will we do in the Swellings of Jordan? The best preparation for heaven is to learn patience – submission to Gods will. This Eve Mollie & Clara went with the supper to the field – George & Will walked down home. Homer at Selma again this Eve to make arrangements for the Yarnell Party

2" June. [sic] Thurs. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc Harlan Will Mc George S Uncle Joe all at the wheat in the lower field. Homer & Albert plowing. This Eve Clara Ethel Clayton Jason and Paul took the supper to the field – and had their own supper there also. I have been more than usually tried to day. In the Bible reading for to day I was led to lean on this text "The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." This Eve Harlan and Homer and Kitchen & Lott[?] were at the Yarnel Party. Willie & George walked home.

3" June [sic] Friday. Heavy rain last night – a little damp this morning. All the men of yester day here to day – Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. About noon they finished in the lower field and moved over by the rail road – Men did not come in until late for supper. Clara and Ethel at C– this

morning — and there this evening again — This Eve all at home. We had a long letter from Fannie to day. She seems to be enjoying life —

4" July. Sat. They call this the Glorious fourth — but we have not had time to dwell on its glory. All the men of yester day here at the wheat cutting — did not get much done this A.M as the machine is out of repair — Mr Mc and all the men into dinner. Ethel still with us. She and Clara and Paul out riding — they took Mollie over to her home to call. This Eve Clayton and Jason took Uncle Joe and George S — and Will Mc home. Ethel with us to night— I wrote to Fannie to day and to Fred also.

5" July. Sabb. A nice day. Harlan Homer Clara Ethel and Jason at Sabbath School. Mollie went with them to her church. Mr Mc at church Clayton and Paul at home with me Albert around. Mr Morton preached as usual. I always feel like I miss everything by not being at church - but Some one had to stay with baby Paul. This P.M. - I heard Clayton and Jasons lessons. This Eve Harlan and Clara at the young folks meeting. After night when they had come back we had Bible reading Albert read with us. [Transcriber note: the following written in the bottom left margin: Aunt Matt has taken Homer class/Clara[?] to day]

6" July. Monday Quite a nice day. Mr Mc at C— this A.M. The men plowing this forenoon J. R. Hill with us to day as usual. They did not get ready to run the Binder until after dinner. Uncle Joe came up with Mr Mc this P. M. Mollie and Clara and I busy . Clayton and Jason helping too. Clara and Jason took the clothes to Mrs P— After they came home Blanch and Frank came up horse back — and Clara went A riding with them After supper Mr Mc over at Corries and Wm Stuarts.

7" July. Tuesday. Mr Mc Uncle Joe Will Mc George S & Harlan in the field of wheat by railroad. Homer with the sheep — Albert plowing — At noon a very heavy rain which stopped business for the rest of the day. Mr Mc and Homer invoiced the[?] wool. Almost constant rain all P.M. And very heavy rain this Eve — All at home.

8" July. Wednesday. Cool after the rain. Mr Mc and I at J. R. Orrs to see Aunt Mary Little — She is very weak. We saw Lizzie McColem She goes back to her home in Nashville this week — I called at Aunt Janes and grandmothers and a short call at Mr Mortons — I met Aunt Bell at grandmothers. Mary Bell came home with us. with us to dinner. Mollie and Clara had done the sweeping up Stairs & down — the house all in nice order. Uncle Joe Albert & Harlan in the wheat running the Binder &c Mr Mc at Charleston late this P.M. Uncle Dan here and spent awhile. Homer at Harbisons mill. Clara & Mary Bell and Clayton & Jason & Paul out a riding this Eve The men into supper at five - An Arab stopping with us to night — He is far from his own native home.

9" July Thurs. A nice day. The men finished the wheat and moved to the Rye field after noon. George S— here all day. Will Mc came at noon — Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Morris here this morning and brought the wool. Mary Bell here with Clara and this Eve she went with Mollie

Clara Clayton Jason and Paul to the field with supper to the men Mr Mc and I had tea at home. Albert plowing. This Eve Mary Bell went home with Will Mc to town.

10" July Friday A little cool - but warm in the Sun. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Will Mc and George S— at the Rye cutting. Jason and I at town a few minutes. I got Uncle Joe a beautiful Bible this morning. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia – Mollie and Clara and all of us busy. This P. M – Uncle Joe and Clayton at C— Mr Mc home in good time – Uncle Dan and Annie at Wilmington to day. Mr Morris here this morning.

11 July Sat. It is getting warmer. George S— and Will Mc here – Harlan & and Uncle Joe at the Rye – Homer around – Albert plowing in field at Uncle Dans – Homer at Selma this A.M. Ray Sterret called. This after noon Mr Mc left for Springfield – was home in good time. This Eve Homer on an errand at Orrs. Harlan took Mollie to C— Uncle Joe went with Will & George—

12" July Sabbath. Warmer than yesterday. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High" Subject = The Christians unfailing source of supplies – The River – The Streams and the Blessings. The live[sic] of God is the foundation stone of the temple of mercy. What do we get from this river we get faith and courage to meet the trials and responsibilitys[sic] of life – If our burdens are too heavy for us to bear roll them off on God- ask him to lead thee to that rock that is higher than you. In the hour of temptation call on God and he will not disappoint you. Some of the Streams that flows from this river – Christ & the Bible The Holy Spirit are streams [?] that flow– that make glad the city of God. Where do we find these blessings? We find them in the church. Lastly where do these streams lead ?- they lead to the Ocean of Bliss. Mollie and Clara kept Paul. This eve we began our evening services with the children upstairs on the poarch [sic]. I enclosed the outside railing with Canvass to keep Paul from falling over – We have a safe lively place for meeting now – Harlan not well – Homer and Clara & Clayton and Jason present. None of the children went to the young folks meeting — for a change. Mollie went this P.M. to her church.

13 July Monday A nice day. Will Mc & Uncle Joe came up with Uncle Dan. Albert went to the harvest field this morning – he and Uncle Joe and Harlan there. Harlan not feeling very well but trying to work. George S— off duty. Homer at Shepherds at the machine – John Mitchel around – their buggy was stolen Saturday night. Mollie and Clara and I very busy. Clayton and Jason doing choers[sic] and taking care of Paul. Mr J. R. Hill here to dinner. Mr Mc at Selma this AM- and at C— at Ervins office this P.M. This eve Albert took Will Mc home.

14" July Tues. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Homer at Charlston this A.M. – home for a one O clock dinner. Harlan and Albert plowing. Uncle Joe around. This afternoon Homer and Albert at Mitchels at the machine. Mr Mc and Jason and baby Paul at Jimmensons to see the hogs. Blanch & Mary called and Clara & Clayton went with them in past the School house around the back road to C— They brought a letter from Fred – we had one from Fannie last night.

15" July Wed Yesterday we thought the rain was here & to day also. Homer at Mitchels with Albert at the machine until noon and at Barbers this P.M. Uncle Joe and Clayton plowing this A.M. Clara Jason and baby Paul at C- Calra took dinner at grandmother Murdock's with Jennie Ewing of Bloomington and Blanch & Mary Bell - Jason stopped with Frank at Uncle Ervins - and Paul stayed with Aunt Jane. This after noon Harlan & Homer and Albert at Mitchels and Barbers all day at the thrashing. Uncle Joe around home. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton done his first plowing to day. [line scratched out] Dr Winter was found dead in his bed this morning. It can be truly said of him "Thou fool; this night shall thy soul be required of thee. Uncle Joe & Clayton at C- getting shoeing done this P.M. Mollie & Clara and I finished the ironing. Mr Mc put the yard in order - for a Change

16" July Thursday. Quite a nice day. Mr Morris here and sacked the wool. Will Mc at the plowing Albert & Uncle Joe helping with the wool. Harlan running[?] the mower. Homer at Barbers to day. Mr Morris here to dinner. We expected our Coz Dan McMillan but he could not come. This afternoon men in the hay. At six O'clock Mr Mc left for Charleston - reached home at 11 P.M. Homer took Will Mc home. Clayton has plowed all day. Albert plowing this P.M.

17" July Friday. Quite a beautiful day. Homer at Barbers to day again. Paul and I at C- We called to see Aunt Rachel as we passed down - also at Orrs to see Aunt Mary L- & at Aunt Roseannas. We took dinner with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Mr Morton called to see me there. Aunt Bell sick. Dr Winters funeral this P.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton at the shop this P.M. Morton Bromegam came home with him & is with us to night. Uncle Joe and Will Mc & Albert in the hay field all day. Harlan took the wool to Xenia and took dinner with Dan McMillan at the Hon Mr [blank space] Allens. He did not get home until near dark. Mr Mc took Will Mc home this eve. An old soldier stopping with us to night and was here to supper.

18" July. Sat- Began raining this morning - and near noon rained more - Buisness[sic] in the harvest suspended. Near noon Mr Mc left for X- our old soldier went with him Uncle Joe & Albert put up the Bell. As soon as possible[?] this P.M. Harlan & Homer went to plowing - Mollie & Clara at C- Clayton & Jason entertaining Morton B- Paul is quite a climber - He got on the top of the stand with very little help & came down by him self - This Eve Beautiful Will Mc around- here for tea Harlan took him & Uncle Joe and Morton home. Will McMaster came home with him to make a little visit. Mr Mc home near dark - Uncle Silas went to X- with him to day.

19 July Sabb - A lovely day. Albert around home. Mollie and Clayton took care of Baby Paul to day. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason & Will McMaster at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church - Mr Mortons text "But none of these things move me neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Subject of text Is Christian heroism. Paul would not allow any difficulties to hinder him in his work. In the work and war ware[?] of life we meet with discouragements - and we are often so depressed that in order to go forward we need the courage and heroism of Paul. We have a work to do for our selves for our family for our

neighbors and if we expect to finish our course with joy we must work while it is to day – for the night will soon be here – Willie McMaster came back with the boys and went to the hall with Mr Mc Harlan Homer and Clara to hear Rev Dudleys gospel temperance sermon. I staid[sic] with Paul – and heard Clayton and Jasons lessons. Catechism Psalms and read “Felicitas And Her Seven Sons” to them. By lamp light Bible reading. Rev Dudley preached a grand Sermon to a large Audience. Mollie went to her church this P.M. Clayton took her part of the way to town.

20” July. Monday. Homer at Charlie Barbers until noon - Will Mc[?] Uncle Joe Albert Harlan Clayton Jason and Morton Bromegam in the hay field hauling into the barn. Clayton at C– brought Morton out. Mollie came at an early hour this morning She and Clara and I very busy. Mr J. R. Hill here to dinner I sent the Cook & note Book to Amanda E. Ramsey with him – Mr Mc around home all day. George Smith here this afternoon in the hay field. Harlan at C– this Eve.

21” July. Tues. Most a beautiful day Mr Mc at C– to where Sheperd was thrashing this A.M. Homer going over the sheep. Harlan Uncle Joe & Will Mc & Albert in the hay field. Mr Mc home at noon. Mr Fred Smith here to dinner and until after tea this eve. He set an organ in for his accommodation. This P.M. Miss Blanch Collins and her sister Mc Bradfutes called. Blanch & Echo[?] Williamson expect to start on a trip East next week – they expect to visit at Fannies– Homer at C– for the clothes and to the office

22” July. Wed. Quite a nice day but very warm. Uncle Joe Will Mc Albert Clayton Jason Morton B– & Harlan and Homer in the hay field. Mr Mc at Selma this A M - & this P.M around home superintending – They finished the hay to day – This Eve I went down to Aunt Mary Ls - Mr Mc came later and came home with me – Aunt Mary L is getting near the end of her journey. John Bromegam came this eve but she did not notice him - Mr Mc & Will Mc rode down with Harlan as he went to the party at Mr Georges – Lulu M– his company Clara and Mollie kept Paul for us. I called to see grandmother Murdock a few minutes—

23” July Thurs Rain this A.M. - which stopped the wheat thrashing in the Country[?] around. Homer away all day Among the sheep – took dinner at Bakers – and at MCartys this P.M– Uncle Joe at C– this after noon Riley Little came home with him – here to supper & he and Morton went down home with Mr Mc Aunt Mary L– gradually sinking away. Harlan & Albert plowing. Norths men here repairing pump[?]. Homer did not get home until late–

24” July Friday Quite a nice day. Mr Mc and Homer Clayton and Will Mc at MCartys and brought the sheep away. They did not get home until near dark Mr Mc came a little earlier. This morning I left Paul with Clara and Mollie and went to see Aunt Mary Little– but when I got there she was dead– she died this morning at seven Oclock– All of her children with her but Jimmie[?] She is 69 years old. She was born in South Carolina in October 1822 and moved to Ohio when nine years of age with her parents– She was married to Mr John Bromegean 1843– he lived only a short time – In 1847 she was married to Mr Robert Little – He died Oct 9” 1872 = “How wonderful is death” “It is not death to die, to leave the weary road, And midst the blessed

throng on high, to be at home with God." I called a few minutes to see grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane – I reached home at noon– Mr Mc took Will Mc home — to night.

25" July Sat. Quite a lovely day. Homer at C– and brought Aunt Mary Murdock and Pearl Robison out to help us with dinner – After twelve Shepherd and his men drove in with their machine from Townslys "Henrys" [?]. S[?] here to dinner – and about twenty five to supper. Mollie & Pearl and I took the supper to the woods – near the lower wheat field and entertained them there Aunt Bell and the children drove up and took Aunt Mary home. Harlan took Will Mc Uncle Joe and Pearl Robison home. I always feel sad to have so much going on Saturday night – It always seems to me that Saturday Eve ought to be ushered in with peace and rest and quiet and dire thought and preperation[sic] for the Sabbath – We should work and plan through all the proceeding six days to have it so,

26 July Sabbath Most a lovely day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason all at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Mollie rode to town with him to her church. Paul and I here alone - Albert around somewhere. I had dinner ready when they came home. This Eve at four Oclock Mr Mc and Harlan Homer and Jason and I at the Township house or Opera house to hear Rev J M Morton's gospel Temperance Sermon – The theme of his discourse was the man who had his dwelling among the tombs who was so exceeding ferce[sic] that he could neither be tamed or bound with chains who came to Jesus and was healed. Clara & Clayton kept Paul for us at grandmother Murdock's. After preaching we called at J. R. Orrs Aunt Mary was dressed and in her Coffin – Calm and peaceful — "At Rest" when we came home we were all so thoroughly tired that we retired early.

27" July Monday. Another nice day. Mollie came back this morning bringing Annie Thompson with her. Clayton at C– and brought Aunt Mary Murdock out to superintend the dinner – A man from off the pike here to breakfast – At nine Oclock Mr Mc and Clara and Paul and I at J. R. Orrs at Aunt Mary Little's funeral the services conducted by Revs Morton & Sprowl. Mr Mortons text The first two verses of 23 Psalm - The exercises very impressive – quite a good many at the funeral. Jim L– still absent. Will Mcs wife rode with us to the Cemetery – They are begining to improve the grounds there. Uncle Joe came with us from C– They were at the table when we came Shepherd & his men. J. R. Hill with us as usual. Counting the entire crowd from the oldest to the youngest there were over thirty here to dinner and almost A Similar Crowd for supper – Aunt Mary & Mollie & Annie R- and Clara went with the supper with Uncle Joes & Claytons Jasons assistance to the field – After supper Clayton took Aunt Mary home – Just as the time when I felt too tired to render farther service Mr Flanagan from West Jefferson was announced – He is with us to night Mr Jas Wilburn drove him out from the train – Then next "four of the Shepherds" wanted accomodations for the night. This was not granted. Homer & Albert took the clothes to Mrs P— thus ended a very busy busy day wearisome day.

28" July Thursday. "Every individual who has work to do in this word, and does it, needs a vacation," A rest – This rest was given us this morning when we awakened it was raining – buisness was necessarily suspended for the day – although we had the pleasure of entertaining

“four of the Shepherds” at breakfast — Mr Flanagan with us also - He and Mr Mc at C— and around. Uncle Joe at C— at Mr Hugh Boyles funeral. Homer took a load of wheat to Selma — This after noon He and Harlan & Albert and Clayton and Jason around. Mollie and Annie L— here Mr Mc home before dark — he and Mr Flanagan at Uncle Silas - Robt Williamsons and Moses Haglers below X— They took dinner in Xenia — Mr Mc brought him to C— in time for the six Oclock train. Homer at Selma this eve to see Calvert and the picnic comtt.

29” July Wed. A beautiful day after the rain — Shepherd here and all his men — they are threshing on the fields back of the red barn & Clayton at C— and brought Aunt Jane Aunt Matt Morton & Alice Bromegan out - They were between thirty & forty here to dinner by actual count including Paul. Uncle Dan called this eve and took Aunt Jane and Alice Bromegan home — The field was finished by the barn at five — Had our great Crowd into supper - and they moved the machine to Rye field — and began work there — Clara took Aunt Matt down Morton went with them and came back with Clara and is with us to night — Walter here at work with us to night. Homer took a load of wheat to Selma this eve—

30” July Thurs. Rained lost night too damp to thrash to day. At noon it looked as though we might go on with the work Clayton went to town took Morton home and Aunt Mary came out with him — at a later hour Aunt Matt came out with Uncle Dan to help us — After supper Uncle Joe took Aunt Matt and Will Mc home— Will has been loafing around - here to dinner and also to supper. Blanch and Mary called and took Aunt Mary back home. Riley came out them and is here to night. he went into Selma and stayed an hour or so with Mr Mc around there — Clayton & Homer both there with wheat and returned about the same time and was here to supper together. Mollie and Annie at town will not be back until morning. I have been so pressed this after noon with care that I can scarcely keep up courage any longer Clara doing all she can to help along— but still we are weary.

31 July. Friday. Quite a beautiful day. Clayton at C— and brought out grandmother Murdock and Mary. Mollie and Annie returned this morning. We had all our men back between thirty and forty dined with us including all of our own. They finished thrashing the rye near five — and including our own men we had nineteen men here to supper. After supper Mr Mc at Selma. Riley Little with us all day and went back to C— this eve — he is to preach for us Sabbath. Jason and Paul and I took Grandmother and Aunt Mary home. Clara went with us to attend Miss Galoways rehearsal of music at the Sterrets[?] this eve — She will stay with Blanch to night. Uncle Joe read a letter from Earl Caldwell — His mother is in a very critical condition. Harlan & Homer around the lamp

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1” Aug. Sat. A bright day. Will Mc and Harlan Homer Uncle Joe and Mr Mc all around they began cutting grass[?] on the Barber farm this morning. Charlie Stuart rode down on his wheel from Springfield and around with Clayton and Jason most of the time — All of the above mentioned were here to dinner — Albert absent last night & to day. Mr Mc and the men all into

supper at five – This Eve Mr Mc at Jimmasons[?] & at town – Harlan took Uncle Joe Willie & Mollie & Annie L– home. Clara came back with him. Homer took me up to see Miss Roadermore I took Paul with me and left Charlie Stuart with Clayton & Jason.

2" Aug Sabb. Quite a beautiful day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Charlie Stuart stayed at grandmothers Mr Mc and Paul and I at church – Riley Little preached his text "Nay in all these things, we are more than conquerers" He did grand. There was quite a good many out to hear him. This after noon and evening all of us at home – we had our exercises up stairs on the poorch[sic] – all recited the Catechism and took part in Bible reading.

3. Aug. Monday. Cloudy part of the time. Mr Mc met the Commisions[?] at Xenia. Mr Brown[?] & Charlie Barber there also. Morton and Alice Bromegam rode down with Mr Mc Uncle Joe came up this A.M. J. R. Hill here to dinner. This P.M Uncle Joe and Harlan & Homer around. Mollie came back this morning. Clayton at C– at the shop – Charlie Galbereath came home with him to make a visit – Charlie Stuart went home this after noon. Mr Mc home before dark. He brought us some nice berries from Coopers. Clayton & Charlie took Mollie to town – Jason to go but stayed at home. When we were speaking about Riley Ls preaching Jason said "Uncle Joe replied ought to want to live long enough to get to hear me preach – He said if you would put me in a church two son[?] as long as I could speak loud enough for them all to hear me."

4 Aug Tues. A nice day. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe and Will Mc & Harlan and Homer in the Barber hay [?]. Clayton & Jason & Charlie Gallreath trying to have a nice time. Mollie & Clara and I busy. Paul playing around. This Eve Clara went to C– horse back – Blanch & Mary E. & Jennie M. came with her part of the way home for a little ride

5 Aug. Wed. Another nice day. Clayton at C– on an errand – Willie McMaster came out to Visit. This P.M. All the men of yester day in the hay. They finished the Barber hay this Eve. Mr Mc at Charlston this P.M. Willie McMaster rode with me to prayer meeting this after noon I called at grandmother – Willie came back with me – home in time for supper Mr Mc home at a late hour. Charlie Galbreath having quite time with the boys to day. Uncle Joe took him and Will Mc home this evening [mark/scribble]

6" Aug Thurs. Very warm to day. I left Paul with Clara Uncle Joe and Mollie – Willie McMaster here – Homer working with sheep this A.M. Clayton & Jason around. Harlan busy. Mr Mc and I at Springfield. I spent most of the day at Mrs Stuarts Maggie away on a visit. I was there for dinner and tea – Mr Mc only there for tea – Mr Mc at the old Driscol[?] stand having Johnston [?] & fields repair buggy – The Convention in S– to day– There were eleven hundred delegates there. We did not get home until after dark awhile It is very pleasant to night. Harlan Homer & Willie McMaster at Selma to night Uncle Joe at C– Mollie went with him & remained there to night. Clara & Uncle Joe keeping house Clayton Jason & Paul were all asleep. We read a little letter from Fannie [?]

7" Aug. Friday. Another bright warm day. Uncle Joe & Willie Mc and Harlan & Homer working in the gravel pit. Willie McMaster our guest. This after noon Homer at Harbisons mill. Willie

Mcmaster went back to C– Aunt Mary and Bell out at Uncle Silas’s They are having Riley Ls[?] there this Eve– Wilson & Co here talking off honey this morning Mr Mc around home all day in the shade. This Eve Harlan took Willie Mc home. Blanch and Mary here and went a horse back riding with Clara.

8 Aug. Sat. Quite dry & warm. Uncle Joe & Harlan plowing[?] the gravel pit – Homer and Will Mc in sheep pen all day. Clayton & Jason took Paul a riding and around all day. Wilson & Co here talking off honey Mollie and Clara and I busy to day. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe & Will Mc home. Homer took Clara and Paul and I up to see Mis Rodermer We had a lovely ride – Homer called at Calverts also[?]

9 Aug. Sabb. Very warm indeed. Mr Mc on the sick list with tooth ache. Homer cut his knee yesterday & not feeling well. Mollie and Clayton taking care of Paul. Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School I rode down with them and went down and brought Aunt Jane to church. Mr Mortons text “Wherefore come out from out from among them, and be ye separate, Saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a father unto you, and ye Shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Our children all at home this eve – we had Catechism Bible reading & Psalms [illegible mark]. Clayton and Jason read to me. Just as church closed there was an alarm of fire – but it proved to be a false alarm.

10 Aug. Monday. Very warm indeed. After so long a time Clayton went to C– and brought Uncle Joe out. Willie Mc here - he & Homer working on sheep. John Mitchel called. This after noon Harlan & Uncle Joe at the gravel pit. Harlan called to see Mrs Kyle this A.M. Mr Mc around to day. Mr J. R. Hill here to dinner. This P.M. Homer at C– at the shop – in the eve went on an errand for Uncle Silas to Jack Stretchers – Harlan took Will Mc home.

11 Aug Thursday. Quite warm & dry. Clayton at C– and brought Aunt Jane out she helped him with the “duck picking”[?] – Clayton & Jason both helped. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the gravel pit – Will Mc there too I think. This after noon - he is getting apples ready for market – Near noon Homer at Uncle Silas’S helping with the thrashing. He was at C– at the shop this A.M. There is a big picnic at the Neff[?] grounds at the Y. Springs - to day Aunt Bell and her crowd there – we were all invited but declined – Maggie M[?] and her sister Lilla and husband at Mitchels to day – they called here this Eve. It came up very threatening for a little while almost little a storm – we had a light shower. Aunt Jane with us to night. Harlan took Will Mc home. Homer came back from Uncle Silas’S after dark.

12 Aug. Wed. Cloudy part of the time this morning – Harlan left on a little trip to Quincy[?] Ohio to visit Mr Lamb He will drive through — It is almost forty miles away. Homer went back to Uncle Silas s to be ready for the thrashing. Clayton drove out in the express[?] with his apples to go with Will Mc to Springfield. Mr Mc Clara and Jason went up to Springfield in the surrie[?] - Uncle Joe took Aunt Jane down home – and came back at noon. Mollie busy – None of our children are at home today but Paul. It is rather lonely. This Eve Uncle Joe & Mollie at town awhile Paul and I here alone – Clayton came back from Springfield while they were away Paul

and I were both delighted to see him as we were here by our selves — only[?]. Mr Mc and & co came back at a late hour - bringing Sadie S— with them I left the house illuminate[?] and concluded to retire — Homer came home — Mrs Chas Dean[?] Lydia Barber, died to day at noon. Mrs Jas Harbison[?] little baby last night - died.

13" Aug. Thurs. Warm & dusty. Mr Mc and Clara and Sadie S— at Mrs H-S babys funeral — home again in time to dinner — as the funeral was at nine. Will Mc getting up a load of apples for market with Claytons & Jasons assistance — Mr Mc at home the remainder of the day. Homer and Walter & Alvie O—[?] Willie McMaster at the Xenia fair - in company. Mollie went away this morning to go with the Selma & C— crowd to Dayton to a picnic. Uncle Joe around Will Mc with us to dinner. Clara and Sadie around this P.M — and evening.

14 August. Friday. Warm clouds and sunshine. It is three months this morning since Fannie's wedding it seems more like three years. Clayton left at six O'clock to go with Will Mc to Springfield with apples. Mr Mc & Sadie S— and Clara and Jason at the Xenia fair. Homer went with Uncle Silas — Morton & Annie B— went with them from George Chartes[?] and Morton came home with them to night - Mr Mc called to see Maggie McWhisk[?] and sister and rode out from X— with Uncle Silas leaving Homer in his place in the Surrie[?]. I have had a long lonely day here alone with Paul most of the time — Uncle Joe at C— this P.M. Clayton home at Seven — the rest of the crowd at a later hour — all here to supper. Mollie Still absent.

15" August Saturday. Quite a beautiful day. I left Clara and Sadie with Paul — and Mr Mc and I attended Mr Wilson Stretchers funeral. Rev Tufts conducted the exercises — his body was layed[sic] away in the M. E. Cemmetery[sic] at Selma. Uncle Joe getting the stamps[?] taken[?] out of the gravel pit this A.M. This P.M. he went to Mr John Georges to a party. Will Mc and Morton B— around here to dinner This Eve Sadie and Clara took them home. Homer at Selma with a load of rye. This Eve Homer at C— and brought Will McMaster out

16" Aug. Sabbath. A nice day with the addition of a Shower early this morning — Harlan still away on his trip. Homer Clayton Clara and Sadie and Will McMaster at churchs Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Jason and Paul and I here alone. Mr Levi Warners[?] funeral passed here this P.M to the M. E. Cemmetery[sic] at Selma. All of us home until eve - when Homer Will McMaster and Sadie Stuart went to the Young Folks meeting and to the Young Folks meeting at the M.E. Church. Riley Little gave a little talk there this eve. Riley came back with the crowd— Willie McMaster also. Mr Flanagan put in his appearance to night also and is with us. Mr Morton preached to day as usual.

17 Aug. Monday. A little rainy[?] this morning Mr Mc took Mr Flanagan to the eight O'clock train to Selma at eight O'clock. Will McMaster went with Harlan to Selma with a load of wheat or rye. Harlan came back at noon from his trip to Quincy[?]. He seems to have had a grand time — Riley here — and Mr Mc and all gathered around in time to dinner — Mollie came back from her vacation this morning and is helping best she can. This Eve Mr Mc took Riley L to C— he leaves for Allegahney[sic] tomorrow Eve - I gave him two young chickens to take with him for a lunch.

This P.M. Frank Orr called. Harlan Homer Will McMaster and Clara and Sadie S— all invited to J. R. Orrs to tea. They were there with several others and afterwards called at Lulu Mortons Clayton at C the clothes. [Transcriber note: the following written in left margin: Clayton to the washing to Mrs P.] [Transcriber note: the following written in the top margin: Will Mc here to dinner also]

18 Aug Tues. Mr Mc Harlan and Homer around home. Uncle Joe came at noon — I changed the morning work with Mollie and had her do the sweeping, We expected to have gone this P.M. to the Bible Society but a heavy rain prevented us. This eve Clara and Sadie were invited to Lulu & Jennie Mortons to tea. This P.M - Paul and I took them down and remained at grandmothers for tea and until nearly dark to bring Sadie and Clara home. Aunt Bell having quite a company there to tea— It is very clear and pleasant to night — Riley Little called to tell me good bye - he left on the six O'clock train for Alleyghany[sic] — I felt sorry to see him go. Willie McMaster told me good bye — he goes home in the morning. Mr Mc and sons working on sheep. Willie Mc here getting apples ready for market — Harlan & Uncle Joe around. I expected to have brought out Mr J C. McMillan but he had gone out to Mrs Marion Reids.

19 Aug. Wed. Rain all morning After an early dinner — it cleared up nicely & Homer left for Mr Wades — and Mr Mc and I for Springfield. I attended to some little buisness — called to see Della Scott and Emma Conner Ramsoms place but she was not in. We took tea at Mrs Stuarts — Maggie just home from the trip to the East — Mr Mc called to see his suit at Ottains[?] — We had a delightful ride home. Harlan had just driven in with his sheep from Haglers[?] — he went there this morning - took dinner at Mr H. S. [?] Homer just came in from Wades — he had taken tea there. Uncle Joe around home — Jason here - Clayton at Springfield with Will Mc with apples. Sadie & Clara kept Paul for us. He was asleep when we came home. Mollie at her work to day.

20 Aug Thurs. Quite a pleasant day. Harlan hauling rails[?] Will Mc here helping Uncle Joe with a gate[?]. Clayton and Jason took Sadie and Clara to Aunt Bells to spend the day — Aunt Jane and Morton came back with them — here to dinner Will Mc with us — Mr Mc and Homer around after[?] the Flanagan[?] sons — both here to dinner. Aunt Jane & Morton drove down alone— & Sadie & Clara came back in their conveyance [?] — Mr J. C. took dinner at Uncle Bigham's [?] and called here & had tea. He went back to Mrs Reids[?] again to night — Clara called at the express office and got a lovely plaid dress from New York — a present from her brother L. H. McKenzie — She also brought out a plaid Combination[?] from Aunt Janes that Aunt Jeannette[?] got her. Mr McKenzie addressed her Lucile[?] — that is part of her name I guess I will have to call her that instead of Clara.

21" Aug. Friday. A nice day. Clayton at the office and brought Frank Orr out - he is with us to day. Uncle Joe Harlan and Will Mc working on fence. Mr Mc and Homer on sheep. Sadie and Clara around. Mollie here. Paul around too. Uncle Joe not feeling well he went down with Uncle Dan this P. M. to stay until Monday. This Eve Harlan took Will Mc and Frank Orr home. Mr Mc took Sadie Clara Lucile with me to Selma - while there they attended the Quakers Conference at the Quaker Church Had a fine address on Christian Endeavor[?] work—

22" Aug Sat. Rain this P.M. Mr J. M Flanagan here this A.M - he went back to the hotel at C- to dinner – Homer went down to see him — Will Mc working around with Harlan. Mr Mc and all the rest of us around home. We finished the ironing &c. This Eve Harlan took Will Mc home. Mollie here. Sadie & Clara around.

23" Aug. Sabb. Heavy rain this morning and all day, Clara and Mollie at home with Paul. Harlan, Homer Clayton and Jason and Sadie at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mortons text "And his disciples say unto him, whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness to fill so great a multitude". The subject of the text is the worlds great problem – the question is earnestly asked how can sinners be reached and brought to the Saviour. The text teaches us how the soul wants of the world is to be supplied The way to increase our store is to use it. If we have but a little money a little knowledge a little grace - bring it to the master for his blessing and he will increase our store Come to Christ and he will help you. The only direction to bring all that you have yourself and — This is the Solution of the worlds problem — Bring what we have - distribute it – Let each one distribute what the Lord gives him to some one else. This after noon & Eve constant rain. All at home - The Lessons are heard.

24 Aug. Monday. Rain all of last night – Very damp this morning. Will Mc in with Mr Mc and our boys to dinner – This afternoon Aunt Bell & Blanch and Mary and Fern called – The Opening Prohibition speech of the Campaign at Xenia to day. Sadie & Clara around. Mollie and I busy. Uncle Silas here to tea Harlan took the clothes to Mrs P- & Will Mc home. Homer at Cellar Smith windmill. Clayton at the office at an early hour this morning.

25 Aug. Tuesday. A pleasant day. Will Mc and Harlan and Homer around. Flanagan & his taxes [?] man came in on the ten O'clock train – Homer met them and brought them out - They were here to dinner with all of our own crowd. This after noon Clara and Sadie went horse back to C- Homer took the taxes man to Charleston to the express – After supper Mr Mc took Flanagan to C- to the Seven O'clock train- Harlan helping Will get ready for Springfield market in the morning,

26 Aug Wed. Pleasant. Clayton left with his wagon at an early hour to meet Will Mc and go to Springfield. Harlan & Homer began plowing for wheat. Clara & Sadie at Selma for Miss Roadarmer[?] but she can not come until this eve - her mother is sick. Uncle Joe has not been well he has been away since Friday – he came back this A.M. – Clara at her book[?] Sadie around. This P.M- I took Paul with me in the Surrie called for Aunt Matt and drove to Harrisons[?] Uncle Bigham[?] and Aunt Jenette[?] went with us to Alexanders to see Mrs Hugh McMillan who was visiting there – We came back to C- took tea at grandmothers – they are having improvements made on their house. Sadie and Clara out horse back riding they were at town and came back with me. An agt[?]- who is introducing a new plow stopping with us to night here for supper Walter[?] called this P.M. This Eve Homer at Selma and brought Miss Rodermer down.

27" Aug. Thurs. Cloudy all day. A shower this eve. Mr Mc and Clara took Sadie Stuart home to Springfield – She has been with us since the twentieth [illegible]. Mr R– began sowing in the front room up stairs on Claras dresses. Mollie busy she finished the ironing this Eve. Homer at C– this A.M. called at McBills[?]. Willie Mc came out with him – they were over at Jimmasons[?] to see the hogs – At two O clock Paul and I hurried off to the Women’s missionary meeting at the church Uncle Joe took us in the Surrie[?] and after the meeting we called to see Mrs Conley[?] — She is still suffering with her broken arm – This was the day of the Free Will offering at our church we had a very interesting meetings Papers were prepared[?] by Mrs Dan Dallas[?]; Tillie McCallen[?] and Mrs Robt Cooper & \$100.00 dollars contributed– to be appropriated to the New Church building. This eve they rec’d[sic] word that Uncle Hughes little daughter Bulah [?] is dead. She died [blank space] at their home near Bloomington[?]. Mr Mc and Clara reached home after dark – it is damp and cool. Harlan plowing.

28" Aug. Friday. Gloomy part of day. Harlan plowing. Homer & Will Mc working on sheep. Miss R– at the sewing. Clara reviewing her studies. Uncle Joe Will Mc and Mr Mc & Miss R and all the rest here to dinner. All around this P.M– and here to supper. This Eve Harlan took Will Mc home. Homer out at Uncle Silas’s a little while.

29 Aug. Sat. Gloomy part of the time – A little cool. We read a letter from Fred “where there is a will there is a way.” Fred starts to Monmouth College Wednesday. He has been in Review daily for the past year. [illegible] only at Monmouth. The time for School comes only once in a life time – let that season pass and it is past forever. We also rec’d[sic] a letter from McKenzie — Fannie is resting at Salem. Harlan Homer and Will Mc at John Thomas’s at the machine. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason at Cedarville this A.M.[?] shipping the Flanagan sheep. Miss R– at the sewing. Mollie and Clara and I busy. This after noon Mr Mc and I took Paul with us and took in the country beyond Selma for a girl[?] — but no girl was found. After we came home. Clayton and Mollie took Uncle Joe to C–

30" Aug Sabb. Gloomy and cool – Rained a little last night and to day. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at the Sabbath School – Mollie went with them to her church. Mr Mc at Church – Mr Morton preached as usual. Clayton and Paul and I at home I have been in bed all P.M. This eve Mr Mc and Harlan and Homer at the Opera House to hear Tufts[?] gospel Temperence sermon — At a later hour Harlan & Homer went to hear Tufts[?] Farewell Sermon at Selma. The childrens lesson heard this eve. [Transcriber note: the following written in the left margin: J. R. Hill & “boy Joe” here to dinner.]

31 Aug. Monday. Bright Sunshine Harlan and Homer at Thomas’s at the machine. Clayton at Selma & brought Miss Roadarmer down and at C– and brought Uncle Joe out – This P.M- Mr Mc over in the vicinity of Jacks[?] – took tea there. Uncle Joe and Clayton took the clothes down – Walter called this Eve. Mr West[?] with us to night – Clara at her books – Mollie here.

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1" Sept Tues. A bright day. Everything very difussive Mollie wants to take a rest. Clayton at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt out. Miss R- fitting Aunt Matts dress. Harlan & Homer and Mr Mc at Thomas's and Kyles at the machine. I have been in bed most of the P.M. This eve Mr Mc took Homer to C- to fit him up to go with Walter to Bloomington Ind in the morning. Uncle Joe took the Aunts home this eve. Jason went with Clayton to C- this morning and stopped off with Frank Ervin for the day - and came back with Uncle Joe. At dark Homer told us all good bye and Harlan took him to Uncle Silas's - he and Walter will leave at five oclock from Xenia in the morning. Uncle Silas has employed him to help Walter through with eleven head of horses from Uncle Hughes at Bloomington Ind.

2" Sept. Wed. Quite a beautiful day. Harlan & Mr Mc at Kyles to day. Clayton at C- this P.M. This afternoon I went to prayer meeting alone. Clayton & Jason kept Paul for me. Mollie at the work. Miss Rodermer at the sewing. I called at grandmothers and around. Mr Mc at the Springfield fair to day. Clara with him and stopped at Superintendent Taylors headquarters and was examined - She rec'd a card for the "B grade" - They had supper "with us." Clayton & Mollie at Jones & [illegible] Uncle Joe & Jason at the office. Fred started in at Monmouth College to day.

3" Sept Thursday. Quite a beautiful day. Harlan and Mr Mc plowing. At an early hour Clayton & Jason left for Old Hugh McMillans place and brought Mrs [Blank space] to help us with the work - Mollie here too Miss R- busy. Uncle Joe gathering in corn & Clayton at the office & at the black smith shop this P.M. Mr Mc and I at Springfield. Called to see Superintendent Taylor - we met Prof Malory there. About three oclock we took a round about road home from S - to look for a girl - we reached home before dark - it is cool and sprinkling rain. Clayton & Jason had taken Mrs [Blank space] home - The whole town was turning out to the Springfield fair. I called at Stuarts this S- was at Belle Center. Miss R- at the sewing all day and this evening as usual.

4" Sept. Friday. A ran [rainy?] chilly gloomy day. Mr Mc plowing Uncle Joe and Harlan at the Springfield fair. Mr Mc around house all day. Miss R- still with us. Clayton at C- this A.M. and brought two letters from Fannie - they were still at Salem and will leave for their home at Pine Bush this Eve. Green Co. W.C.T.U. Annual meeting held in C- yesterday. The town full of women but none of us there. They had a meeting last night at the hall. We are lonely these days without Homer.

5 Sept. Sat. Rained a little last night - but has been a little damp to day - and the clouds so heavy that it was almost dark part of the time. Mr Mc off duty - Harlan and Mr Mc around Uncle Joe here Will Mc came in with the folks to dinner. Miss R away all day long getting Clara filled up for School Monday. This is Mollies last day she came [Blank space] as an assistant girl - but since Fannies wedding she is all that we have had. I am not well - and no prospect for help makes the outlook very dull - This P.M. Aunt Jane and Lide Torrence called. I have been canning plums to day. This Eve, Clara and Clayton took Uncle Joe home and Harlan took Miss Rodermer. Mr Mc and Harlan at the Jimmason pasture - made some change in stock - The Cedarville Herald says "Fred McMillan of this place who has been connected with the

Monmouth Dayly Review for the past year has returned to his studies in Monmouth College this year.”

6” Sept Sabbath. A nice day — but gloomy. Pearl Robison here until after dinner. Clayton at home helping Mollie take care of Paul. Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text “For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise” Patience is finally bearing evil things and [illegible] waiting for good things. We need patience under great provocation — In every condition of life both public, private and domestic. To be patient with impatient — and forgiving with the unforgiving is hard but it is what the Spirit of the blessed Jesus will enable us to do — Nothing does more to dishonor God and to drive our children to ruin as an impatient and unforgiving spirit. — The Spirit of patience is the Spirit that conquers strong men and grand women have been complete failures because they failed to exercise patience. Patience is within the reach of every one of us. The trials and worries [sic] of life are great educators. After dinner when things were in order Mollie told us goodbye — she will go to a new home in the morning. The afternoon spent with the children — This eve Harlan attended the Young Folks meeting at the M.E. church at Selma — Miss Rodermer came home with him — Almost cold this Eve.

7” Sept Monday. Quite a lovely day. After breakfast Miss Rodermer went with Blanch Ervins to spend the day with Aunt Bell — She will go up home on the evening train. After a very busy time and after an early dinner Mr Mc left with Clara for Springfield. She is to stop with Mrs Stuart and attend the High School — I am left alone surely — as far as girls are concerned. Mr Mc & Harlan plowing. Clayton and Jason taking care of Paul and trying to help me — Uncle Joe came up near dark — Mr Mc home after dark. This was Labor Day — Mr Mc out at the grounds this P.M — He met Ottlan & his friends there — Mrs Stuart still at Belle centre. Mr Irwin Stretcher called this P.M. Mr. Calvert also.

8” Sept. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. Clayton & Jason took the clothes to Mrs P — and drove out to Old Hugh McMillans place — & back to C — and brought Aunt Jane out — she has been faithful all day — and is with us to night — Mr Mc at C — this P.M. — home for an early supper and went to Selma — we received a note from Flora M Whisk. Harlan Mr Mc & Uncle Joe busy. Clayton & Jason around home.

9” Sept. Wed. A lovely day. We received a letter from Homer — at last. He and Walter will start from Bloomington to day with the horses — they will not get home until the last of next week — It will be a lonely, tedious journey. Clayton at C— and brought Mrs Hickman out — she and Aunt Jane and I walking with peaches. This eve Clayton took Aunt Jane home. Mrs H— will remain until Friday eve — Uncle Joe at the gravel pit. Harlan & Mr Mc at the work — Mr Mc at C — at the Bank — and Grays etc. out at Uncle Bighams took dinner there — he proceeded on & finally landed at Jacob’s took tea with them — did not get home until after dark — Mrs H — here to night — we have had a busy busy day.

10” Sept — Thurs. Most a lovely day. Harlan & Mr Mc at Hannahberries at the threshing machine. Mrs H — making Crabb Jelly — Uncle Joe gathering in corn. Clayton & Jason and Paul around. Clayton took Mr Mc to Selma to the train this morning — he went to the London Fair. This eve Clayton and Jason went to the six oclock train for him. He met Mr Flanagan and his

family at the fair — & took dinner with them — he met Mr. Rhifer [?] and others. This Eve Uncle Joe at C— Harlan drove out this Eve. We finished fitting up our corn. Mrs Hickman with us to night.

11" Sept – Friday – A nice day. Mr Mc around with Uncle Joe here to dinner with Harlan & Mr Mc — Uncle Joe at C — brought a postal from Clara and a letter from Fannie. Mrs Hickman making grape jelly & ironing. This P.M. Mr Mc went to Cories took dinner there — attended to some business and did not get to Springfield until five oclock — and then concluded to leave Clara and come home alone. Harlan took Mrs Hickman home.

12" Sept. Sat. A lovely day. Mr Mc at C— this A.M. Uncle Joe and Harlan on the roads. Mr West cleaning up the barn lofts. Clayton Jason and Paul around home. This afternoon Mr Mc and Mr John Rifer and Mr Tindal were appraising the land of the late Mr Wilson Stretchers. They were there for supper. Mrs Muller from Walnut Hills & a cap [?] of Robisons here helping today. I have been feeling so given out that she consented to remain with us until morning. Harlan took Uncle Joe home.

13" Sept. Sabb. Quite a beautiful day. Our woman of yesterday bid us goodbye this morning. All at church but Clayton & Paul and I. Harlan & Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton preached as usual. I have been in bed nearly all day. Clayton & Jason helping with the work. This Eve catechisms and Bible reading. Homer & Walter are on their way between here & Bloomington with the horses how I wonder how they are keeping this day. I have been thinking about Homer all day — then I have been wondering what is Fred doing.

14" Sept. Monday. A lovely day. Mrs Hickman came this morning. Clayton and Will Mc at Springfield. They called to see Clara. Uncle Joe came up this morning. Mr Mc began making the stone work on the cave. Harlan hauling on the roads. After dinner Mr Mc at Cories. Mr Harbison called. Mr Mc home for supper. Harlan around Selma to night.

15" Sept. Thursday. Dark this morning. Our School opened yesterday. Mr Lawn Stretcher teacher. Clayton and Jason started this morning. Uncle Joe & Harlan helping Mr Mc with remodeling the cave. This P.M. Harlan at the Smith place. Mr Mc at Mr Wiriks above Selma for girl — but no girl came. Mrs Hickman helped out with peach butter — and canning tomatoes. Mr Mc at C— this eve — Mrs H— here to night.

16 Sept. Wednesday. Most a lovely day. Clayton took Mr Mc to Selma to the train to go to the state fair. Uncle Joe & Harlan at the roads — and helping Mr Mc at the cave. Ray Bromegan here — took dinner — after ten he and Harlan at Selma in service — Emma Y. Rhoder B. — their company. Uncle Joe went to C— to bring Mr Mc out. The train came in at half past eight. Mrs H— and I made greene tomato pickles & sliced pickles to day. We have been very busy. Clayton and Jason at School. Mrs H— with us to night.

17" Sept. Thurs. Most a lovely day. Mr Mc took Harlan and Ray B— to the eleven oclock train — they go to Cincinnati to take in "The last Days of Pompeii." They will not be home until tomorrow eve. Will Mc gathering apples for market — here with Mr Mc & Uncle Joe to dinner. Homer still absent — very lovely here these days. Mr Mc at the cave — Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Dan called this P.M. This afternoon Paul and I at C— Grandmother and Aunt Mary

drove around with me in search of a girl — Mrs Hickman taking care of things — [illegible]. Clayton took her home this Eve. Mr Mc around home all day. I took supper with grandmother and Aunt Mary.

18" Sept Friday. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe at cave. Mr Mc at Springfield with apples. Mr Mc left near noon to bring Clara home from Springfield. I called to see Mrs Mitchell took Paul with me — Uncle Joe at C— this eve and met Harlan — he came at half past seven. Homer reached home this P.M. He and Walter from their trip to Indiana. He stopped Uncle Silas's for suppler — & came out with Uncle Joe & Harlan — It seems a long time since he went away. Mr Davenport called. Clara & him gather home in due time. Most a lovely night. Clear as day.

19 Sept. Sat. Quite beautiful day but warm — Uncle Joe & Mr Mc on the roads. Harlan & Homer busy. Mr Mc around home. Clayton at C— and brought Aunt Jane out & Mrs Thompson — Clayton having his [illegible] picked. Mrs P – taking charge of the work. Mr Mc here to dinner — he is getting ready for market Monday. Aunt Belle and Fern and Blanch calling and Echo Mc here to tell us of their visit to Fannie & McKenzies Aunt Jane here — Mr Mc & company here to tea — Clara with us helping to take care of Paul. Mr Mc took Uncle Joe home. Harlan took Mrs Thompson home and called at Aunt Roseannes while in C—

20" Sept. Sabb. Quite warm — Clara and Harlan at home with Paul. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton's text — "Arise O Lord plead thine own cause. Remember how the foolish reproaches thee daily." The subject is the Christians concern for the cause of God. What is the cause of God & Christianity? Morality and every careful calling is the cause of God. If our calling is honorable and right it is the cause of God and we can go to him with all assurance and ask him to plead and bless and advance his own cause — Their [sic] is no way we can honor God so much as by exercising patience and Christian resignation and strong faith under sore affliction. One way God pleads his own cause is by raising up witnesses to work for him. This Eve spent with the children. Ray Bromegan came home with the folks from church — He and Harlan & Homer at the Epsworth [sic] League — and hearing Tufts Address to the young. Clara Clayton and Jason and I read the twenty-first chapter of Matthew — The three boys read the first three chaps of the Gospel of John.

21" Sept. Monday. Most a lovely day. All up at an early hour. Mrs Hickman called & stayed and worked for us today. Ray B- at C- and brought Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary out — Canning tomatoes & the order of the day. Clayton left at an early hour with Mr Mc to Springfield market. Uncle Joe left an early hour with Clara to Springfield — to school. Mr Mc here until after dinner when he went out to Uncle Brighams to meet with Mr Alexander to appraise sheep [?]. Mr Mc there for tea. Ray took grandmother and Aunt Mary home. He and Harlan and Homer at Selma a few minutes and home. Uncle Joe and Clayton did not get home until dark. Mr West began cutting corn this morning, on yesterday morning — Flora M Whisk drove down to tell us she would come next week — I told her as this was Sabbath to wait and call some of the evening this week and we would talk it over. On Saturday eve C.M. Wartons received a daughter into their family.

22" Sept. Tuesday. Very warm — Mr Mc Ray B— Uncle Joe, Harlan, Homer and Mr Mc all around and here to dinner. Clayton & Jason at School they took their dinner with them. Lizzie Hickman came this morning and is helping me to day. This P.M. Ray B— and Harlan at Harrisons until [blank space] This Eve Harlan Home and Ray went in the Service to Selma — they spent the evening.

23" Sept. Wed. Very warm. Ray B— at C— and brought Aunt Jane out. Mr Mc at the corn — Uncle Joe and Harlan Homer and Ray gathering beans and the buckwheat. Lizzie H— helping me — she is around to day. Mr Mc around home — Some of Cousin Sadie McMillan friends called to see Mr Mc about renting the house. This eve all at home. Uncle Joe took Aunt Jane home — Lizzie Hickman went home too. Clayton and Jason were in School to day.

24" Sept. Thurs. Very warm. Mr Mc at the corn. Uncle Joe Harlan Homer Ray B— & Mr Mc gathering the buckwheat etc. Clayton & Jason at School. I am here alone at the work to day. This P.M. Will Mc here getting ready for Springfield market tomorrow. He was with us to supper. This Eve all at home. Ray still with us.

25" Sept. Friday. Very warm & dry. Uncle Joe and Homer cleaning the buckwheat. Ray B— went with Will Mc to Springfield to day. Harlan at the clover etc. Mr Mc around. Uncle Bigham here to dinner. Mr Plack [?] of Springfield died this week — he was thrown out of his buggy Monday and was fatally wounded — The parties from Cousin Hughes here today again to take up house renting. Shepherds [illegible] at Kens this P.M. This Eve Harlan Homer and Ray in the Service at Selma to night again. I have been at the work alone to day.

26" Sept. Sat. Very warm — At an early hour Clayton out at Cousin Hughes — for Annie Williams — She has been diligent in kindness [?]. All of the straw[illegible]s washed and refilled. Harlan & Homer boarding at John Thomas's helping with our clover & theirs. Clayton took Uncle Joe & Annie W— home this eve. Ray B— around today. Clayton took him to the evening train. Mr Mc at Selma and vicinity today — this P.M. home after dark. Mrs Muller from Walnut Hills called today. Robison married this week. Mr Mc at the corn.

27" Sept. Sabb— Very warm — Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Rev Sam Crandy preached. Paul and I at home. This P.M. and evening all at home. Bible reading and catechism observed.

28" Sept. Monday. Very warm — Clayton at Jason at School. Harlan & Homer at John Thomas's at the clover thrashing. Will Mc at the corn. Mr Mc at Mr Owen [illegible] this morning to see girl came home past Selma. Paul and I here alone most of the day. Mr Mc at C— this P.M. and up for as Jacks — The boys did not get home until dark. Ray B— came up from Xenia on his weel — he and Harlan and Homer at Independence School house at an entertainment — Ray with us tonight.

29" Sept. Tuesday. A light shower last night — Clayton at C— this morning. Uncle Joe came out with him. Harlan & Homer drilling in wheat by the railroad. Mr Mc at the corn. Mr Mc here to day. He & Uncle Joe making cider for Springfield market — Mr Mc at J.R. [illegible] Sale. Ray Bromegan here until after dinner. He goes back to X— to begin work in the morning. Homer purchased his weel. Clayton & Jason at School. Paul around home with me. This Eve Uncle Joe

took Clayton and Jason to the entertainment at the School house. We received a letter from McKenzie. Fannie will be home in two weeks after fourteenth of October. [Blank space] moved into our tennant house to day.

30 Sept – Wednesday. A little cool. Harlan and Homer at the wheat & [illegible] & Mr Mc at the corn. Uncle Joe gathering potatoes. Will Mc at Springfield with cider. Mr Mc and Clayton gathering up hogs. Jason at School. This P.M. Paul and I at grandmother Murdocks & Aunt Mary — we took tea there & made a few calls. This eve all at home. Homer at C— this P.M.

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1" Oct. Thurs. Warm & dry. Mr Mc & [Blank space] at the corn. Harlan & Homer at the wheat. Uncle Joe at the potatoes and helping Will Mc with cider etc. for Springfield market. Will here for dinner — Mr Mc at Selma and home at noon. On yesterday Mrs Hugh M William and Mrs Williams called while I was away. This P.M. Mr Brock called and chatted awhile with Mr Mc. Uncle Joe at C— this P.M. This eve Harlan & Homer at Selma.

2 Oct. Friday. Warm. Mr Mc and [illegible] Harsman [?] at the corn cutting. Willie Mc at Springfield with cider etc. He saw Clara. She would like to have come home but we were too busy to have her this week. Clayton brought Mrs Annie Williams here to help me to day — This eve Uncle Joe and Clayton took her home. Mr Mc at Selma and [illegible] looking at sheep — Harlan & Homer at the wheat. Clayton & Jason at school. Paul taking care of him self. Walter called this evening.

Oct "3 — Saturday Warm. Harlan at the wheat. Will Mc & Homer out in the orchard all A.M. Willie here to dinner this P.M. He and Homer at the cider press — This P.M. Mary Harshman here cleaning up in the kitchen drift [?]. Uncle Joe around all P.M. This eve Clayton took him home. This eve Mr Mc and I at Selma — We took Paul — made a short call at Miss Eva Roadermers.

4" Oct Sabbath. Pleasant. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church — Mr Mortons text — "But my God shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" We need supplies for every step of our journey. We have nothing of our own and must come to God for every thing we need in this world – and in that which is to come. This afternoon very heavy rain. It is almost dark part of the time. This eve we had our Bible reading & Psalms in the boys room. All at home that belongs here now.

5" Oct. Monday. A beautiful day after the rain. The schools all closed on acct of the "McKinley [?] rally" in Xenia. Clayton & Jason at home. Morton B – here today and went a netting [?] this P.M. – with them. Mr Mc at Selma on a sheep trade and brought Flora M Whisk with him at noon. Mary H – and her children here – Willie Mc here — all helping with the apple butter — Homer at C – this morning & took a load of apples for his good Aunts to prepare for the butter. This P.M. Willie at C – and brought apples out and our new man Gideon before stirring — and stirred until nearly 12 oclock. Aunt Jane came home with Willie and is with us to night — Gideon and his wife and children with us too — Mr Mc and I at Jack S – and around and here at a later hour for tea. Harlan & Homer took Will Mc home.

6" Oct. Tues. Clayton at C— this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. E and Mrs Harsman and Aunt Jane and I at the butter making — we finished near dark. Mrs H & Gideon and the children here for dinner & supper — Mr Mc and Jason at some Germans above Selma for a load of the long wooled sheep — did not get home until near dark. Uncle Joe and Clayton took Aunt Jane home — Harlan and Homer at Selma spending the evening. Very dark and cloudy to night. Clayton at school this P.M.

7" Oct. Wed. Cloudy & chilly. On yesterday Will Mc working on the shares [?] in Mr John Barbers orchard. He and Harlan have taken a contract there. This P.M. — they were at the cider press — Harlan and Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc & Gideon at their contract in corn. This Eve Mr Mc and Flora M Whisk and I at the Opera house & heard a man from Kansas make a Peoples partys speech — Will Mc with us to night. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the meeting to night.

8" Oct. Thursday. Will Mc and Homer at Springfield with cider etc. It was very cold last night almost frost — On yesterday morning Clayton brought Annie Williams — she cleared up stairs all day — in the eve she drove home on her own cart [?] and came back this morning and has been busy clearing in parlor & hall etc. This eve Harlan took her home — Uncle Joe went home to be ready for church tomorrow — Mr Mc & Jas A. Mc immortalized themselves by attending a political speech delivered by the Han [Blank space] at the Opera House on the Tariffs etc. Homer reached home after dark.

9" Oct. Friday. Preaching today preparatory to our communion Sabbath. Rev. McKinney of Cincinnati preached — text "Jesus answered and said unto him what I do thou knowest not now; but thou shall know hereafter." It is better to wait and be patient than it is know — To wait & trust & love and be submissive is better than knowledge. Mr Mc and Harlan Homer and Jason and I at church — Clayton at home with Flora and kept Paul. This P.M. — Harlan went to Springfield and brought Clara home. Homer at C— at the young folks meeting.

10" Oct. Sat. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc Harlan Homer & Clayton & Jason [?] busy all A.M. at the wheat sowing etc. Flora and Clara and I very busy. This afternoon at two oclock Jason and Mr Mc and Harlan and Homer and Clayton and I were at church — Rev S. Mackinsey preached his text — "She hath done what she could. She done what she could because she honored Christ as the master. She shows us the value Christ sets upon uncalculating love — a heart service. We cannot hide our real motives from God. He looketh upon the heart. This Eve Harlan & Homer at the Opera house at a concert — they had better been there at a prayer meeting. Since the Sabbath is so near. Mr Brock called this A.M.

11 Oct. Sabb. Quite a beautiful day. Harlan Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Flora H. & Clayton took care of Paul — and the home. Rev D.W. Kinney preached text. "I am the good shepherd etc." — "Other sheep I have that are not of this fold" Communion service in the afternoon. After preaching Clara at Aunt Janes — This eve all but Jason and Paul and I went back to church — Flora went. Clara and Uncle Joe came back. Clayton seemed to enjoy the meeting Rev MKinney preached.

12" Oct. Monday. Uncle Joe took Clara back to Springfield to School this morning. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church — at ten this A.M. — Rev MKinneys text — "Acquaint thy self with God." He

had a fine sermon — After preaching we called down town a few minutes — Gideon H — here white washing Flora at the work. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason finishing the wheat & gathering the potatoes — Uncle Joe home near dark. J.R. Hill is a man from off the pike here to dinner.

13" Oct. Tuesday. Cool. Clayton went for Annie Williams — She and Flora cleaning the sitting room dining room and kitchen — I attended to the other work. Will Mc and Gideon finishing the corn cutting to day. Uncle Joe around home. Mr Mc at C— this A.M. — and around this afternoon. Clayton & Jason at School. Harlan at the potatoes etc Homer and Aunt Matt at Wilmington for Aunt Mary E— She came home with them. Mrs Annie W drove home on her own acct. Uncle Joe went as far as C— and attended the Republican meeting — he came home with Homer. Mary H— here swept the yard.

14" Oct. Wed. Cloudy this A.M. — rained a little. Clayton at C— for grandmother but the weather was not in keeping she did not come Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary at the W.C.T.U. State Convention at Toledo this week. Clayton called at Aunt Janes to see Aunt Mary E. — She gave him & Jason two nice handkerchiefs. He and Jason at School. Harlan Homer & Will Mc picking apples. Uncle Joe has put all the stoves up for winter both upstairs & down Annie W— here to day she and Flora at the finishing up of our work. Will Mc at Springfield to day. Mr Mc there too — he went up to meet Fannie. It is just five months this morning since she was married. Uncle Joe at C— this P.M. This Eve he took Annie W— home. A clear night. A little after dark Mr Mc and Clara came bringing Fannie with them — Some of the old time life & light has returned to our home — The old feeling which has been wanting so long has been returned. Clara has received a permit to be away from School until Monday. All at home but Fred — He is missing, so even it is in this world.

15— Oct. Thurs. Chilly but pleasant. Clayton at C— and brought out Grandmother Murdock Aunt Jane and Matt & Aunt Mary E— Mr Mc absent to day — He and John Thomas in the country beyond Springfield at a sale. Uncle Joe & Harlan & Homer picking apples. Clayton & Jason at School. Clayton only there this P.M. Our company with us until after supper — Clayton took them home this Eve — Fannie and Clara with us around the fire. Mr Mc home early.

16 Oct. Friday. Clara took Paul and me to C— to spend the day with grandmother — I spent a full day putting the house in order — Grandmother is looking for Aunt Mary and Bell this evening. Mr Mc at the Turnbolls girls sale to day. Came home past C— and called for Paul and me — Grandmother had him stay for tea. This is the night our Prohibition Candidate for Gov— Ashenhurst was expected in C— but failed to come. When we came home — Uncle Joe and the boys were ready to start to the meeting finally none went but Uncle Joe — he took Will Mc home — Will has been here with the crowd gathering apples. Gideon H— helping them also.

17 Oct. Sat. Quite a lovely day. Fannie and Clara went to Aunt Jeanettes with Aunt Mary E— to spend the day. Mr Fred Smith made a morning call — he took the organ away — he seemed glad to see Fannie. At a later hour Proff Malay of Springfield & son — and his pastors son called and took dinner and spent most of the P.M. Mr Mc at Barbers, John, home in time for dinner. Uncle Joe & Harlan and Will Mc picking apples. Clayton and Jason around. Blanch Ervin came home with Clayton from C— this A.M. — to see Fannie and Clara. Spent most of her time around

with the boys playing. Flora busy. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe and Will Mc home — Blanch started home with them but when she met Fannie and Clara she came back with them and is with us to night.

18 Oct. Sabb. Rain last night and damp this morning. Harlan Clayton [Transcriber note: Clayton crossed out] Fannie and Flora H— at Sabbath School. Blanch went down home then. Mr Mc and I at church. Homer Clara Clayton Jason at home with Paul as there was no way for them to ride to church. Mr Mortons text — “And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.” This Eve Bible reading and catechism — rain this evening.

19 Oct. Monday. Raining to day. It has been so cloudy it was almost dark. Mr Mc took Clara back to Springfield to School. Clayton and Jason at School. Homer at C— and brought Aunt Mary E— out. Uncle Joe came at the same time — The german who stopped with us Sat eve — with us to day. Will Mc came in with Harlan & Homer to dinner. After tea this Eve Harlan and Fannie took Aunt Mary E— home — we had a pleasant day with her. Uncle Joe & co cleaned the barns etc. J.R. Hill dined with us

20” Oct. Tues. Still damp and gloomy. Harlan and Homer gathering pumpkins. Our german passed on this morning. Mr Mc and John Thomas near Clifton to a sale — Uncle Joe at C— this A.M. Will Mc here to dinner when passing around — Fannie and I alone around the fire most of the day. Will Huntington here to dinner too. Flora busy. This Eve Harlan and Homer at Selma.

21” Oct Wed. Quite gloomy. Will Mc here last night. He and Harlan left at an early hour for Springfield market. Homer at Henry Kyles at the thrashing. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe gathering apples. Mr Mc at Cedarville this morning and brought Mrs Nannie Struthers Cooper out — She lives in Monmouth. We expected her son but he was in Xenia. We had quite a nice day with her. Other days and times were revived. Mr Mc and Fannie took her home — Fannie called to see Nettie Lee — Harlan did not get home until after dark.

22” Oct. Thurs. Mr Mc near Clifton at a sale. Homer at Kyles at the thrashing this A.M. Uncle Joe took Fannie to C— to spend the day. This P.M. Rev Warnock called to see her. Uncle Joe & Will Mc and Harlan gathering apples. Clayton and Jason at School. Flora busy. Paul climbing around the room all day. This Eve Homer took Will Mc home and brought Fannie home — She took dinner at Aunt Bells and tea at Grandmother Murdocks — Aunt Janes and Aunt Mary E— at MCallans [?] spending the day.

23 Oct. Friday. Gloomy day. Mr Mc and Homer around all day looking after things. At an early hour Harlan and Will Mc left for Springfield with a load of apples etc. They returned this evening with twenty dollars — and when they were up on Wednesday they brought nineteen dollars back. Uncle Joe took Fannie to C— to visit at Rev Warnocks She met Mr McDills — Blanch E— and Mrs Edith Cleland [?]. She made a few calls in the eve — & took tea at Aunt Bells. Uncle Joe at Springfield and brought Clara She stopped off at Aunt Bells and Fannie came home with Uncle Joe. Homer at a “surprise kid” party at Cal Starmants. Flora and I around to day & Clayton out at Turnbolls with Mr Mc and Homer this A.M. This P.M. he was at School. Jason there all day. Charlie Stuart came home with them.

24 Oct Sat. A nice day. Uncle Joe Harlan and Homer & Mr Mc and Will Mc all busy. Homer at Kyles this A.M. This morning Mrs Harsman was taken suddenly sick. Dr Stuart Jr was called. I was there until noon. This afternoon A Mrs Welsh from off the pike stopping with us. She by way of accommodation took my place and stayed with Mrs Harsmans until evening. Gideon H— here helping in the pig dept. Fannie called at Bells for Clara and took her with her and spent the day at Uncle Silas's. Charlie S— around here all day — Clayton took care of Paul for me this A.M. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home and went out to Cousin Hugh McMillans to tell them of Mrs Hs sickness. Mrs Welsh with us with us to night. The command is to be careful to entertain strangers. This has been a very beautiful day. We received a grand letter from Fred this eve.

October 25" Sabb. Quite a beautiful day. I was at Mrs Harsmans until midnight last night. I am scarcely able to be up to day. Fannie Clara Harlan Charlie Stuart and Homer at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church. Flora at home Mrs Welsh still with us because it is the Sabbath. Clayton and Jason and Paul at home with me. Aunt Mary Eliza came home with the folks from church and stayed with us until this evening when Harlan Homer and Charlie Stuart went down to the McC Church when she went back to Aunt Janes. Fannie went at the same time and stayed with Nellie S— until they came back. I am not exactly satisfied with this days work — the children have not had the attention they should have had. Clara Clayton & Jason read the twenty fourth chap of Acts this eve.

26" Oct. Monday. A nice day. At an early hour Mr Mc and Fannie left with Clara and Charlie Stuart for Springfield. Blanch brought Aunt Mary Murdock up and she went with them. They took dinner at Mrs Ss and came home by C— did not get home until after dark. Clayton went to C— this morning for Aunt Mary E — but she could not come — Uncle Joe came out with him. Will Mc here this afternoon helping Uncle Joe and Harlan pick apples. Clayton and Jason at School — — this afternoon Paul and I called to see Mrs Harsman — we went to C— and stayed a little while at Grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Janes. Homer at Henry Kyles at the thrashing. Harlan and Home at C— to tell Aunt Mary E— good bye — they went with Uncle Joe to the Opera House to a political meeting —

27" Oct. Tues. A gloomy day. Uncle Joe Will Mc & Harlan at the apples — Homer taking care of sheep Clayton & Jason at School — Mr Mc and Fannie took Aunt Mary E. over to Wilmington and Paul and I went with them as far as Jamestown and spent the day with Maggie Pidgeon. They reached Wilmington a few minutes past twelve — they had a nice dinner with Aunt Mary E. at the restaurant — they got back to Jamestown at six and stayed with Mrs P and took tea there — we did not reach home until after ten — we found a good fire and the lamp burning — all had retired. Fannie was very tired. I enjoyed the day very much. Mrs Mary D. Ramsey called at Mrs Ps this P.M.

28" Oct. Wednesday. Gloomy. This A.M. Fannie rode down to C— with Mr Samuel Smith and spent the day with Nellie Little at J.R. Orrs. This Eve after Clayton and Jason came home from School they drove down for her. Jason got his hair cut. Harlan and Homer helping with the clover seed at Mr Bagels — they were there for dinner — Mr Mc around home this A.M. This P.M. he called at Mr Brocks. Our prohibition candidate for Gov The Man J.J. Ashenurst spoke at the Opera house to night. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and I went in the Lourie and Harlan also went

with us. He had a good audience and gave us a grand speech — When we came home we found Paul asleep in bed with Fannie. Clayton and Jason in their room up stairs Will Mc here —

29th Oct. Thurs. Quite a nice day. I called at Harsmans this morning. Fannie took Mrs H— her dinner — Uncle Silas called and took Mr Mc with him to Thomas sale near Charleston — Silas stopped and had a lunch as he passed down. Harlan Uncle Joe and Will Mc at the apples. Homer at the sheep — This P.M. he was at C— This Eve he and Harlan at the young folks convention at the U.P. Church. Addresses from Rev Brichans [?] of Xenia and Rev Reid of Philadelphia. Fannie at home all day around the fire making a dress for Paul. We can count this our day we have had all to ourselves around the fire.

30 Oct. Friday. Quite a beautiful day. Clayton took Fannie to town this morning to attend the Young Folks Convention at the U.P. Church. She spent the day with Aunt Bell and they attended the meeting together. She took dinner there and directly after School Clayton went down for her — Fannie went with some of the delegates to the train which detained her — She and Clayton stopped at Bells for tea — When they started home they came near having a wreck — How many accidents and terrible disasters we are often saved yet how often we are disposed to take it as a matter of course instead of awakening us to the right spirit of gratitidue to that almighty one who cares even for the sparrows — And remembers the hair of our head. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc and Sons and Uncle Joe busy. Will Huntington here to dinner — This P.M. and evening Mr MC and Harlan left for Springfield — Harlan and Homer going together and Mr Mc going to from C— with Uncle Silas. They were having Jas E. Campbell & co— at the City hall to night — Clayton came home with the boys from S— Mary Ervin here tonight — She came home with Fannie. Mr Wade called this Eve —

31st Oct. Saturday. Quite a bright day but a little blustery. At an early hour Mr Mc and Homer and Clayton went with Mr Mc to Wades for the sheep — The dogs have been among them. They were appraised to day. They did not get home until after this P.M. — to dinner. This A.M. Proff Waley called. Uncle Joe and Will Mc and Harlan at the apples — all here to dinner. Flora Mather called. This morning Fannie called to see Mrs Sallie Mitchels. This P.M. she called and spent awhile at Aunt Rachels — She also called to see Nellie L — she is growing down very rapidly. This Eve she went with Homer when he was taking Flora home to see Mrs Rodermer but she was not at home. Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Mary Ervin and Clara around to day.

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1st Nov. Sabb Quite a nice day. Mary Ervin with us last night. She went down to their church with Fannie Clara Harlan and Clayton. Rev Sprowl preached. Mr Morton at Cincinnati to day. Mr Mc Homer Jason and Paul and I at home — All at home this eve - They read the 25th chap[sic] of Acts. I called to see our sick tenant Mrs H -

2nd Nov. Monday. Quite a dreary day. Homer at Wades and brought sheep home — Mr Mc at Xenia and at Moses Haglers - took dinner there — Came back to C- took supper at Aunt Janes and attended Rev Dudleys speech at the Opera house — He is a republican. Uncle Joe and Harlan there. Will Mc here to in the Orchard. Fannie took Clara back to Springfield to School - She expected Mrs Stuart back with her but she could not come - She took dinner there — Clayton

and Jason at School to day and around the lamp at their lessons to night. Homer went after Flora W. this morning and Clayton went to C- for Uncle Joe.

3rd November. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. This is the day of the state election McKinley, Cambell and Ashenherst on the tickets for Gov – Clayton and Jason at School Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer at the orchard and potatoes. [illegible] in the Kitchen. Mr Mc and Fannie and Paul and I spent the day at Rev Mr Mortons – took dinner there. We came home – and Fannie stayed for tea – Riley Little came from the Seminary at eleven O clock from Allegahny[sic]. Nettie is getting very near her last. Riley called at Mr M s for Fannie to go up to Orrs. She will stay with Nettie to night. Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer at C- to hear them count the tickets - & hear the returns from over the state – The republicans are ahead.

4 Nov. Wed. O what a dreary day this has been – Uncle Joe and Harlan and Homer at the potatoes Gideon husking. Homer at C- and brought Fannie home She was up all night with Nettie – and very tired - We are invited to Will Blairs to night – Mr Mc and I got started to Springfield but began to feel that we could not be back in time for the meeting this eve and we came back. Jason at School. Clayton at home – at the shops at C- this P.M - getting shopping done. Will Hunting here to dinner. Mr Mc and Fannie and Paul and I Will B's for tea quite a little meeting – Mr Mortons and Uncle Ervins among the number. Nettie was taken worse in a very little bit after Fannie left her this morning – and died a little after twelve to day. Flora Uncle Joe and the boys at home to night.

5 Nov. Thurs. A nice day. At an early hour Mr Mc and I left for Springfield. We met Mr Duncan at Mrs Stuarts Mr Mc and I took dinner and supper there – The schools in S- closed for the rest of the week. Clara expected to have got home yesterday eve – but she came with us to night. Fannie and Paul at C- Clayton took her down – They were at Orrs – she and Paul took dinner at grandmother Murdocks and tea at Aunt Janes. Mr Mc here to day - he took the buggy down for Paul and Fannie They had quite a time surely. They called to see Mr Mortons and were at Aunt Rosemarys Paul showed off considerable.

6 Nov. Friday. A nice day. A beautiful afternoon. Clara took Fannie to Orrs this morning to help make preparation for the funeral. I left Paul with Clayton and took my black[?] goods, calico, to Bazels daughter to cut and fit a dress – this she did - when I came home I called to see Mrs Harsman – Jason at School – Homer at home and at Will Marshals sale. At one O clock we left Flora at the home – And Mr Mc and Clara Clayton and Uncle Joe and Harlan Paul and I attended Nettie Littles funeral – Rev Morton conducted the exercises. His text “When I wake I shall be satisfied with thy likeness.” Lizzie C- rode with us to the Cemetery – Fannie stayed at grandmother Murdocks and kept Paul. When we came back we took Paul and she stayed there for tea and Riley called and took her up to stay at Orrs with Mary. Homer took Florence Barber to Deans to a party this eve. Will Marshals sale to day.

7 Nov Sat. Gloomy most of the day – Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Fannie getting some work done at Dr. Homers Mr Mc called and had him take out two or three [illegible]. They were at home at noon – Will Mc here to dinner Fannie finishing off Pauls red flannel dress that grandmother gave him. Uncle Joe and all of boys husking for a change – This P.M. Mr Mc at Brocks and at Selma. Jennie Worton came home with us last night from C- and she and Clara have been

having quite a nice time – Harlan took Uncle Joe home this eve – Jennie still with us to night – Clayton and Jason around home – A Little rain fell this eve -

8 Nov. Sabb. We had quite a shower this A.M. Harlan Homer Clara & Clayton all at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church - Jennie Worton went with them Mr Mortons text “For the grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.” The grace of God – the spirit of God melts away all estrangements and coldness and fills our hearts with love and gladness – love for God and man - And then we are helped in this life to bear up under the trials and temptation and helps us to live right and be valiant soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Fannie had headache and she and Jason at home with Paul. Flora W – in the Kitchen. This Eve I heard Claytons and Jasons lessons. At seven O clock this eve Mr Mc and Clara and Jason and I at Harlan and Homer at the U.P. church to hear Riley Little - his text “I came not to call the righteous but Sinners to repentance.” - Fannie and Clayton and Paul in bed asleep when we came home. Flora here -

9” Nov. Monday. We were up at a very early hour – Mr Mc took Clara to School in Springfield and they were there a few minutes after nine. Mr Mc had a long day in S- he waited until five O Clock and Della Scott came home with him to see Fannie – she is with us to night – I called at Bazels this A. M - and at our tenant house – This afternoon Mr Lane[?] Stretcher called to see Fannie – She went town this P. M. to see Lide Torrence Harlan and Will Mc at the cider press at Brocks – did not get home until dark – After Supper Harlan took Will Mc to C- Will came back with him to be ready for Springfield in the morning Clayton and Jason at School – Uncle Joe came this A M – he and Homer busy. Ada Cruswell called to see Fannie this A M.

10” Nov. Tuesday. Rain last night and damp this morning. At four O clock Will Mc and Harlan left for Springfield with cider – brought over nineteen dollars by returns. Homer left at a later hour and took Della Scott back to S - and met our Son Mr McKenzie at the three O clock train and brought him home through the rain - This has been one of the days long to be remembered – it has poured down almost constantly - the live long day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around all day. This eve Homer and Uncle Joe at C- at the office. We have had a happy meeting with Mr T. H. M. around the lamp this eve -

11 Nov. Wed. A sprinkle of sunshine now and then – rather a pleasant day after the rain – Mr Mc at C- this A. M- To order one of the “Steven Dish washers.” Riley Little came this A. M. here to dinner and until after three at which time Fannie and M Kenzie took him to town – he goes at six O clock back to Allegahany[sic] to the Seminary. Uncle Joe at the Cemetery this P.M. Mr Mc around home. Homer went out to shoot the quails this P.M. Uncle Silas and Walter here to dinner at two O clock. Clayton and Jason at School. Fannie and McKenzie back in time for tea. Mr Mc part of the family with them around lamp in the parlor.

12” Nov Thurs. A gloomy day but pleasant. Mr Mc and Homer at Mr Moses Haglers for sheep – took dinner there with old gentleman & Cady Hagler and Mrs Livingstone. They came as far as Uncle Silas’s with sheep – Homer stayed there too. Paul and I went with Mr M Kenzie and Fannie to grandmother Murdocks to dinner. Clayton drove us down and came for us to night again – but none came but Paul and I. Fannie and M Kenzie went on the six O clock train to

Collins and Xenia – We met Mr & Mrs Corgil Morton and Aunt Bell and her three daughters at grandmothers to day. Mr Mc here for tea. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the opening lecture of the lecture course to night - Jason at School – Clayton not very well. Uncle Joe and Harlan at the orchard all day.

13th Nov Friday. Quite chilly day. Homer came near noon with the sheep. Mr Mc at Mr Tom Spensers – sale – Harlan and Will Mc busy. They went to Brocks cider press this P.M. Will here to day and with us to night – Uncle Joe at Mrs Georges[?] this afternoon – Clayton & Jason at School. I have been sewing to day. Flora busy.

14th Nov. Sat. Almost cold Mr Mc called to see Gidion a few minutes this morning. At a very early hour this morning Harlan and Will Mc left for Springfield with cider – Uncle Joe and Homer around home – Flora at her work. Mr Mc and I at Springfield we left Paul at home in Claytons care – and Jasons. I took dinner at Mrs S's with Clara- This after noon Clara and I around the city. As we came home Mr Mc and I called at Mrs Lorys – Mollie was at Xenia – We had happy meeting with Mr and Mrs L – We found Clayton & Jason and Paul on the floor by the fire when we came home – Homer at C- with Uncle Joe. I wrote a letter to Mrs Linson this morning. We had a pleasant day at S-

15 Nov. Sabb. Rain this morning – but it cleared of[off?] nice this P. M & evening. Harlan Clayton Jason and Flora at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Homer & Paul at home alone. Rev Samuel Ramsey preached – Mr Morton still in the west. This text “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yolk upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls”. There is a blessing in these words for us. Hard labour and heavy burdens seem to be the lot of mankind – In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread all the days of thy life. The cares of life makes a heavy load for very many people. There is unrest every where and in every heart – and there is not rest to be found only at the foot of Jesus – It is there we can lay our burdens down – and find rest – This eve Bible reading. Claytons and Jasons questions heard. They read for themselves now.

16th Nov. Monday. Almost constant rain – Mr Mc and Harlan and Homer at home among the stock. Clayton and Jason at School. Flora busy. I have been sewing Mr M Kenzie and Fannie still in Xenia Mr Brock called this P.M. Heavy rain this eve – all at home.

17 Nov. Tuesday. Cold blowing day – right into winter. Clayton at C- with the clothes to Mrs P – Uncle Joe came out with him. He and Jason at School. Mr Mc and Mr Farbes[?] at Mr Danson's sale near the spring- had supper at Mr Fs as he came home – reached here at dark. Harlan & Homer bringing the potatoes to the cellar – and busy all day. This P.M - Homer at C- We recd[sic] a card from Fannie – At dark – He and Uncle Joe at C- in the surrie they met Fannie and McKenzie at grandmothers – they were at Ocan[?] Bradfuts to day. They had tea at grandmothers. It is just like winter to night. Uncle Joe did not come back with the folks. They have had a pleasant visit in Xenia. I am glad they have got around again – The time seems so short – they will soon be gone.

18" Nov. Wed. A very gloomy day – and cold. We invited Uncle Dan to take dinner with us to day. When he came Uncle Joe came up with him – He spent most of the day in the parlor with Mr McKenzie. Harlan and Homer around home. Clayton and Jason at School. Late this P/M. Mr M Kenzie and Fannie drove down to the office – Harlan at C- on an errand – Homer at Selma he called at Bazels.

19" Nov. Thurs. Moderated - Harlan and Homer & Uncle Joe husking corn and hauling in hay. Gideon at work with them Mr Mc at Selma and vicinity – at some Brocks sale – Fannie and Mr M Kenzie with us to day. This eve Father and Paul and I went with them to Aunt Bells – we met Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie and Cargill Mortons. We had a pleasant evening. Mr M Kenzie and Fannie stayed there to night. We recd[sic] a letter from Fred. He has gone in to a job Printing office – Under the name of "McDonald & McMillan & co" He promises that he will go back into College after the holidays. I sincerely hope that he will. Harlan and Homer at an entertainment at the hall this Eve. On last Saturday Early[?] Della McMillan returned from her trip to California

20" Nov. Friday. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc and Paul and I took Aunt Jane with us to Uncle Bighams – We expected to have taken Mr M Kenzie and Fannie with us, but we met Aunt Bell bringing them out – he had been sick most of the night and concluded it best to come home and rest awhile – We had quite a nice visit at Mr Bs to day. We met Annie Williams there – and I called at her home this P.M. When we came home found Mr Mc K- still on the sick list. Ort Carry and Rev and Mrs Warnock and children had called to see them this P.M. Homer at C- and brought the "Dishwasher" out from depot - & out the remainder of the PM. in quest of sheep. Uncle Joe and Harlan around home. Clayton & Jason were at School to day. Flora at the work. Harlan at Springfield and brought Clara home.

21" Nov. Sat. Mr M Kenzie feeling better this morning. He and Fannie with us around the fire. Uncle Silas and Walter here to dinner. Uncle Joe and boys and Gideon and Mr Mc around. This P.M Mr Mc at C- This afternoon Aunt Bell and her daughters called. Clayton took Mr McKenzie and Clara to C- Blanch and Mary rode down with them & back again – Clara got two teeth filled at Dr Homan's, Della Mc here awhile with Fannie. Mr Mc at C- a few minutes.

22" Nov. Sabb. Rain last night and damp this morning. Harlan Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Mr M Kenzie and Fannie and I at preaching. Mr M Kenzie preached to day in Mr Mortons absence. His text "And as thy Servant was busy here and there he was gone" 1" Kings 20" 40. The theme - "Neglected duty". We had a grand sermon – I am sorry now I do not have the notes of it to write in this book – There were three things mentioned that never came back – An arrow – a word and an opportunity – when once gone is gone forever. All at home this P.M- but Fred. We had Catechism & Bible reading We finished the book of Acts – This Eve This Eve Mr McKenzie and Fannie and Mr Mc and Homer attended services at the Quaker church at Selma. Had Sermon by Miss Spenser of E[?] College. They seemed to enjoy it. Homer and Jason kept Paul to day. Flora busy- Clayton and Jason going right along with this reading- Harlan at C- and brought Uncle Joe out-

23" Nov. Monday. We are in the midst of winter this morning. Blowing and snowing and cold. But notwithstanding the storm Homer took Clara back to Springfield to School. They reached there at noon – Homer reached home at four O clock He had a very disagreeable day to be out

– Fannie and Mr McKenzie left in the storm this morning Harlan took them to the train – they expected to visit in Xenia for a few days. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Harlan around home all day. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul with me around the fire. Flora busy. Harlan at C- to night.

24" Nov. Tues Moderated but still rough. Homer at Carys – with a sheep. Mr Mc at Paxtons at the late Mr Kylers[?] Sale – near Clifton. Harlan and Gideon trying to husk – but it is too cold. This P.M - Uncle Joe at C- Clayton and Jasons at School – This Eve he went up with Herman Townsly to his home on an errand for us. Flora and I busy to day – getting ready for Thanksgiving.

25" Nov. Wednesday. A gloomy day. Mr Mc at C- and brought Fannie out- She came from X- on the eight O clock train – Fannie around here until this afternoon late Clayton came down from School and took her to C- Mr M Kenzie came up from Xenia at four O clock and he and Fannie took tea at Aunt Janes with Will Tarsence and wife – Mr Mc at C- at the shops and at Jack S's to make arrangements about getting some of the hogs away – he did not get home until evening. Homer at Selma for a load of corn- Clayton and Jason were both at School to day. Homer went to C. for Fannie & M Kenzie – Uncle Joe went down to stay until tomorrow. This afternoon Harlan went to Springfield to bring his friend Mr Lamb from the Commercial College and also to bring Clara home for Thanksgiving They did not reach here until nine O clock we had the parlor and hall "illuminated" and a nice supper awaiting them. Mrs H- here helping this P.M- Arrangements nearly complete for tomorrow – but with all I feel sad – for Fannie will soon be gone.

26" Nov. Thursday. "Thanksgiving Day" Most a lovely morning – In the afternoon cloudy – In the evening rain. Mr Lamb and Harlan and Mr McKenzie went to the Union[?] service at the M. E. Church – Sermon by Rev Tufts. Fannie at home helping to prepare our Thanksgiving feast. Mrs Annie Williams and her husband here – So also The Harsman family. Those two ladies helping with the work. Flora around. Mr Mc not at church. He found he could not serve two masters- he & Homer waiting & helping Jack – load up hogs Gidion took a load away also. Clara taking care of Paul. Clayton and Jason at home. Quite a number of our friends here to dinner – As follows – Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennete Grandmother and Aunt Mary. Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt. Uncle Erwins family. The Harsmans and Williams family. Uncle Joe came out in Claytons buggy and was here- So Also was Mr Lamb and Fannie and & MacKenzie we had quite a nice time. This Eve Fannie and M Kenzie went out to Uncle Silas's to call and came home through the rain – Clara had gone home with Aunt Bells and came back with them. Harlan Homer & Mr Lamb at a festaval at the hall to night – Fannie packing to be ready to start in the morning – It looks like a reality now. Mr & Mrs Morton returned from their western trip to day. The had an invitation awaiting them from Jas Barrs and also one of a later date from here – but of course they would have to go to Barrs. Miss Roadarmer[?] was expected here but could not come on acct of her sick brother. And now another Thanksgiving day [illegible] gone – The events of this day we shall not forget – its account[?] is written – in eternity. While we go "marching on".

27" Nov. Friday. A pleasant morning – but was not so pleasant toward evening. All up at an early hour and at an early hour Fannie and Mr M Kenzie told us all good bye and set out for their home at Pine Bush N. Y. Mr Mc took them as far as Springfield – they left there a little after ten They expect to reach there sometime about noon tomorrow – It is needless to say

that we all felt very sorry to say good bye. I have had a long lonely sad day of it although I have tried hard to cheer up and keep up – this I must do. Father did not get home until dark. Mr Lamb with us to day. He and Harlan at C- this P. M – and both there spending this evening again. Homer and Gidion husking all day. Uncle Joe here. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Dan called to day. Clara here. Paul never still. Flora busy.

28 Nov. Saturday. Rather a pleasant day. Flora and Clara got the dinner. I rather expected Aunt Bell and Mary along to go to the Selma W. C. P. D. Quarterly of Clark Co- but they did not come – Mr Lamb and the boys around. Homer and Gidion husking. Mr Mc at J[?] Thomas this P.M. This Eve Harlan and Mr Lamb making a call at Selma. Homer took Uncle Joe home – At a late hour our girl went home.

29th Nov. Sabb. A gloomy day. Harlan Homer & Mr Lamb at Sabbath School and also Jason. Mr Mc at the church alone. We were so tangled up this morning that Clara and Clayton remained at home with Paul and me. Flora absent. Mr Morton preached as usual. This Eve Catechism and Bible reading. Harlan & Homer & Mr Lamb read the first three chap[sic] of the Book of the Gospel of John. In the eve they attended services at the U. P. & M. E. Churches – Also attended the Young folks meeting at our church. We had a nice lunch for them when they returned. It is very cold to night.

30th Nov. Monday. A nice day – but cold. Harlan took Mr Lamb and Clara back to Springfield this morning We had quite a nice time with Mr L- Harlan did not get home until dark. Mr Brown called this morning here again this evening. Mr Mc at the Y. Springs seeing Mr Mallemen and others to day. He was at C- this morning and bought Uncle Joe out. This Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- and was at the hall a little while – at a lecture. Flora left this morning.

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1st Dec. Tuesday. Mr Mc and Homer at Paxtons and Granells mill & did not get home until late. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Mrs Jack Ustic buried this P.M. Her funeral at her fathers. Mr TR. Lindal called this afternoon. Clayton and Jason at School yesterday and to day. Paul and I here by ourselves most of the time. Harlan & Gideon busy. He went up to his old home this P.M.

2nd Dec. Wed. A gloomy day. Mr Mc at C- this A M Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan and Gideon at the corn. Uncle Joe around this afternoon Mr Mc and Homer drove eight head of hogs to Cronsos to be butchered for us. Mrs H- called this P.M. Walter here awhile this eve. Uncle Hugh Murdock and Aunt Maggie moved from their home near Bloomington to Tennesse[?] last week. Harlan and Uncle Joe at town this Eve.

3 Dec. Thurs. A gloomy day. Not so cold. Mr Mc around here and there all day looking after things Uncle Joe at C. this A.M - & this P.M. again Gidion and Harlan and Homer at the corn – Mrs Harsman here helping all day. Everything quiet at our home. Clayton and Jason at School. We recd[sic] a nice letter from Fannie-

4 Dec. Friday. Blowing and stormy Harlan brought the Park from Cronsos and a german to take charge of it. Uncle Joe around so also was Mr Mc and boys – Clayton and Jason at School. This

P.M. T Harvey M Millan called – At a late hour Mr Mellinger called – Uncle Joe took the german home – Mr Mc and Homer at C- Homer at Turanbells[?], Mrs H- helping me all day.

5 Dec. Sat. Rather a nice day. Mr Mc and Gidion and Harlan and Homer drove [blank space] heed[head?] of hogs to Selma to Mr Mellinger – at \$3.60. They did not get home until four O clock. Walter here for dinner and most of the day, he and Clayton out hunting this A. M - and Jason out this P.M. Our german at the [illegible] to day. This A.M. Uncle Joe at C- & this P.M- Clayton there – Mrs H- on the sick list to day – I have been at the work alone- This eve Harlan at C- at the lecture – Uncle Joe & german went down home -

6" Dec. Sabbath. A gloomy day. Not very cold. Harlan Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Homer stayed at home alone with Paul. Mr Morton's text "Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." For the sorrows and trials of this is the only infalable[infallible?] remedy. When God looks down upon us he sympathizes with us and addresses us in the words of the text and offers this remedy for our sorrows. The Theme of the text is the way to find peace and help amid our trials and sorrows we must have the Spirit of contentment of Thankfulness and be much in prayer – Prayer always brings peace and comfort Go to God and tell him all about it – Tell him all –and the peace of God that passeth all understanding shall keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus". Grandmother Murdock not very well Clayton and I went to see her after preaching. This eve at home around the fire. We had Bible reading and Catechism.

7" Dec Monday. A nice day. Homer up at an early hour and went to Mr Wades on an errand. At a later hour Mr Mc went past Silas and took him with him to Xenia. Homer went with him & spent the day with Walter a hunting - They had tea there – Clayton at C- and brought Uncle Joe out – Cronsy German her to day at the Park. Harlan around home. Clayton & Jason at School. This eve Uncle Joe and Gideon at C- the German with us to night – I have been busy all day long.

8" Dec. Tues. Our german at work to day again. Uncle Joe Harlan and Homer around home all day. Mr Mc in the country beyond Selma looking for a girl – home at two O clock for dinner and at Jacks- this P.M - and home at eight O clock for supper. . Homer out at Uncle Silas's this P.M. Clayton and Jason at School. I have been here alone at the work. Uncle Joe at C- this Eve awhile.

9" Dec. Wed. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc at Jimmassons this A.M. After an early dinner Uncle Joe and Harlan at C- Mr Mc around all day. Jack S- here and took lunch this P.M. Homer looking after things. Clayton and Jason at School. Gidion off duty for three days now.

10" Dec. Thurs. A beautiful day and clear and beautiful to night. Harlan husking and Gidion also – Homer looking after sheep. Father around until after dinner when he went to Jacks – Clayton and Jason at School. This morning Uncle Joe took Paul and me to Cedarville to spend the day at grandmothers. Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell at Y. Springs at a W. C. T. U[?]. Quarterly. Grandmother has not been well for several days. Paul had quite a day of it. We were there until after dark Mr Mc called for us he came home. Homer & Uncle Joe attended to the cooking to day – they got along fine.

11" Dec Friday. Most a lovely winter day. Mrs H- here awhile and ironed Uncle Joe in the vicinity of Uncle Silas's looking for a girl. This A M. Homer at Jacks – most of the day helping get those hogs in better shape – Clayton and Jason at School. Harlan hauling gravel – Thie Eve he was at C- Mr Mc at Springfield to day and brought Clara home this Eve-

12" Dec. Sat. A beautiful day. Mr Mc at Jimmasons this morning and brought sheep home – and went to Jacks when he came back. Clayton & Jason doctoring the sick goat. Homer in the sheep pen until noon – And this P. M – he went a hunting. Uncle Joe around all day Gideon & Harlan feeding and husking all day. Clara and I busy from [illegible] until night – It has been such a lovely day that Paul has been out of doors most of the time. This Eve Harlan took Uncle Joe home. Homer at Selma for me to see Miss R-

13" Dec. Sabb. Most a beautiful day. Harlan at home alone with Paul. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing". Christian zeal is Christian principle – an abiding principle – zeal for God and his cause. It is an intense burning desire to please God. Christian zeal is an active principle – And always lead to activity. This Christian zeal is good for our selves it makes us wiser stronger and better christians None have so much joy as whole hearted and thorough going Christians. They live in the light of the Sun of righteousness – are warmed by His[?] invigorating rays – God loves all his children but especially those who are whole hearted and in earnest. This Eve Harlan at the M. E, Church, Rev Sprout preached. Uncle Joe came home with him. We had Bible reading and Catechism.

14" Dec Monday. Cloudy this morning but the day pleasant Uncle Joe left with Clara after Six O clock for Springfield – She got there in time for school. Claytons black goat died last night. Homer and Clayton at C- this morning – Clayton & Jason at School. Homer went a hunting after an early dinner – Mr Mc at Jacks to day again and to see Mr Sparrow. Harlan and Gideon husking. I have been busy all day again. Paul is in a bad way to be out of doors – Three men, passing here for lunch. Harlan at C- with clothes Homer at Selma on an errand.

15" Dec. Tues. Quite gloomy sprinkling rain a little. Homer at Selma this morning – came home and he and Walter went a hunting Mr Hany called and went to them to hunt also – After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Jack Ss – Harlan and Gidion husking. Uncle Joe around. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C this P.M. Clayton and Jason were at School to day.

16 Dec. Wed. A beautiful day. Homer and Father at Jacks to meet Mr Hers – Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe took Paul and me to grandmother Murdocks to day – and he went out to Stretchers and let Mr Mc come back to grandmothers – they had several there to dinner – Aunt Roseannas – Mr Mortons Uncle Bighams Aunt Janes Uncle Ervins & Uncle Silas's - Aunt Mary not very well. Miss Etter Cruswell buried this morning at ten O clock. Harlan and Gidion husking Gideon came in with Harlan to dinner for company as he was here alone – This Eve Homer at C- to meet Walter -

17 Dec. Thurs. Most a lovely winter day - freezing. Harlan and Gidion at the corn and feeding and bringing in hay. Uncle Joe at Stretchers to meet Mr Hers – the hog Dr. Clayton and Jason at

School. Mr Mc and Homer around home all day. I have been here alone all day in the Kitchen – Paul around.

18th Dec. Friday. Mr Mc and Homer around all day. Harlan at the work husking with Gidion all day Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe at Stretchers to day. W Mc called this P.M. Mrs Harsman here helping most of the day. Homer went by way of Mr Dr Winters to Mr Aery[?] Turnbolls to a party. Harlan by way of Dr Mortons to a concert at the Opera house.

19th Dec. Sat. A beautiful day without but I can scarcely say beautiful within – We were pressed hard all day – Mrs Jimmason and her son Mr Nash called in the morning. Mr Wilson the clock repairer here all day. Mrs Harsman and Miss Taylor called this P.M. Homer went with Uncle Joe to Stretchers and was gone all day. Mr Hers there. Harlan at Selma for coal and helping in with corn. Clayton and Jason and Paul around. This Eve when about to despair of ever getting through Mary Graves late of Louisville Ky- called to ask for a situation – I told her to call the first of the week and we would talk the matter over then. Homer helping in the Kitchen – I am nearly sick to night – It is so dark Uncle Joe concluded to stay to night.

20th Dec. Sabb. I have been in bed to day – Homer celebrated his eighteenth birthday, to day, by taking his place in the Kitchen this morning and remaining faithful until breakfast and dinner were served. He took care of Paul and waited on me besides – Harlan Clayton & Jason were at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at preaching – Mr Morton preached as usual. This Eve Harlan and Homer at our church hearing an address from Miss Ella Kyle – The returned missionary from Egypt. Uncle Joe at S- to day – and here to night again.

21st Dec. Monday. Quite a beautiful day. Mary Peters Grave Beecher came this morning and took her place for a short term in our Kitchen – it was certainly a happy thing for me as Mr Simson Nisley and his [illegible] - of Springfield stopped with us to day for dinner – Mr Mc around home all day. Homer at Paxtons for hogs. Mr Heney Townsley called. Uncle Joe and Harlan at Stretchers to day. I have not been at all well to day – Clayton and Jason at School. This eve Harlan and Homer at C- they took the washing clothes.

22nd Dec. Tues. Rained a little last night damp to day – and dark and raining to night again. Harlan and Gidion at the work Homer around too Mr Mc here until this afternoon he called at Clifton at Mitchels and beyond there at Mr Sparrows. Uncle Joe away all day at Jackss Will Mc called this P.M. This Eve Harlan and Homer at Johns Thomas's, Clayton and Jason at School. Mary at her work – Paul and I by the fire. I have been trying to get the boys fitted out.

23rd Dec. Wed. Raining a little very gloomy. Uncle Joe at Stretchers. Homer went out this afternoon to collect for his suit. Harlan and Gidion feeding. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield for Clara. The Schools closed there to day at noon – to reopen again after the holidays – they did not get home until after dark – Clara spent her evening making candy for Christmas – This eve Homer at C- spending the evening – It is to be hoped that after this he will spend them at home. Clayton & Jason at School.

24th Dec. Thurs. Raining a little all day – rained last night – Uncle Joe and Homer at Stretchers – Harlan and Gidion busy all day feeding. This P.M. Mr Rolland Kyle called. Mr Mc, later in the

P.M - called at Jones. Clara busy all day making candy. Mary G - busy. This P.M - I left Paul at home and made a brief visit at C- Grandmother Murdock not very well.

25" Dec. "Christmas Day" Christmas must be for the young folks – we who are older have had our Christmas long ago – The world seemed different then – Times have not changed but we have changed We have drifted far away from those free and carless days – Cares press heavy now – Life seems more earnest as we advance into the realities – of life – This morning Homer went to Jacks – Uncle Joe on the sick list to day. He was in bed most of the time Gidion absent Harlan taking care of the stock – Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton sold his ducks this morning and recd[sic] twenty dollars for them – This morning Clayton and Jason went to C- to bring Aunt Jane out – but Aunt Matt was sick and Aunt Jane and John Bromegan came – we had a nice dinner and a pleasant day. This Eve Harlan and Clara took them home and Blanch and Morton B- came home with them – they are having quite a lively time to night. Homer went by way of Dr Winters to a party at Wm[?] Haines – This has been a beautiful bright day. It is getting a little colder this eve -

26" Dec. Sat. A real winter day Cold and freezing & blowing – Clara and Blanch & Morton and Clayton and Jason playing checkers around the fire – by the way Clara got Clayton and Jason a checker board for a Christmas present. Will Mc and Mr P called this morning. Homer and Uncle Joe at Stretchers to day. Harlan at the feeding alone – Gidion sick. This afternoon I went to C- to see grandmother Murdock – She is sick. Morton B- went down home with me. Blanch will stay until the morning. I recd[sic] Fannie's Christmas present for Clara and Paul this eve – She sent them hoods Cardinal they are lovely.

27" Dec. Sabbath. Cold & gloomy. Mr Mc and Clayton at home with Paul. Mary P- in the Kitchen. Harlan Clara and Jason at Sabbath School Homer and I at church – Mr Mortons text "Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;" God has been leading through joys and sorrows which have been ours in our wilderness journey of the feast year – and to day he calls upon us to review our journey as we draw near to the close of this year to remember the lessons he has taught us – the blessings he has given us – the way that he has lead us. After preaching Clara went to grandmother Murdock's – Homer went to Uncle Joes – and they went to S-s this P.M- This Eve Homer at the M. E. Church – Harlan there too and brought Clara home from there.

28" Dec. Monday. A cold day. Homer and Uncle Joe at S- to day. Gidion sick – Harlan at the work alone – Mr Mc very busy taking care of sick hogs. Our girl sick – Clara and I busy. Harlan at C- with the clothes. We had a letter from both Fannie and Fred this eve – Fannie is sick with Lag[?] Homer came home from Jacks about dark. Uncle Joe did not go with him – he is still sick. Dave Mc called.

29" Dec Tues. Gloomy and damp. Harlan at the feeding alone. Gidion sick – Mr Mc around home all day with the stock – Clayton and Jason & Clara here with Mary P – Homer at Jacks to day. I went with him as far as C- I took Paul with me and we spent the day at grandmother Murdock's Aunt Marys Grandmother is not well. This Eve – after dark Homer called for us as he came home. He and Harlan at the hall at a U.P. Festival this eve.

30" Dec. Wed. Quite a nice day. I called to see Gidion this morning. Mr Mc around home all day. Harlan at the feeding. Homer at Jacks – Clara went with him to C- to visit Lide Torence. Roy B- came home with Homer this eve. I have been sewing. Mary G busy. Wilson Cellars barn burned down last night.

Last day of the Year. 31" Dec. 1891. Quite a nice day. Homer at C- and brought W m & Edd M Millan out, Cousin Johns sons f[?] morning [illegible] - Alvie[?] Orr here also – We expected Walter and Robbie Q – but they did not come. Harlan & Roy B – busy all A.M - All of our boys here to dinner Mr Mc with us – he has been around home all day. This afternoon – I left Paul with Clayton and Mary Q – and Jason and I drove over to Clifton to Mitchels to see about a girl – We finally called at Todds to see her. We came home by C- and called to see Uncle Joe Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Janes – did not get home until late. Our boys were all here to tea with the expectation of Alvie Orr – Our good girl waited on them nicely. Harlan Homer and Roy B- took them home – Harlan & Roy B- were at Mortons. Alvie Orr & Homer at Barhers – thus passed off the closing hours of the Old year. Clara staying with Blanch and Mary to night.