

Martha McMillan Journal Transcription, January-December 1894

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New Years day. 1894

Monday Morning.

All Hail – New Year!

Thrice welcome to our waiting hearts;

We bid thee come.

Could man but know what thou--

In days of anguish fraught with toils and cares—

For him, before thy final day departs

Wilt bring: the storms might gather on his brow.

But better as it is, that none may know His future state.

Thy coming lifts the soul to higher hopes;

and richer joys shall flow

To him whose thoughts are centered on the goal.

“All Hail:”

“A happy New Year you can make it my dear,

By smiling and doing your best;

Be cheery and true the twelve months through,

So shall the New Year be blest.”

Now let us try to make these lines our rule of conduct through the days and months of 1894.

“By being cheery and true and smiling and doing our best.”

Most a lovely New Years day. It is very mild – Frankie Lamont here and dressed Paul for me then went home to spend the day. Aunt Pricilla who came to help with the work through the holidays in charge of the house. Uncle Joe came this morning he and [illegible] Harshman, from the tenant house, around all day. Homer at home from Monmouth College to spend the holidays. He and Clayton and Jason and Paul and Mr Mc and I at grandmother Murdocks and Aunt Mary to take a New Years dinner along with Uncle Silas & Aunt Mollie and their children Walter there too – he is at home from Adah College now taking his vacation Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell and their children and Mr & Mrs Morton and two of the little Smallwood boys. A little after dinner Mr Mellinger from the Springs called to see Mr Mc and took dinner there and stayed and chatted with the folks awhile. In the afternoon most of us went to the paper mill. Mr Mc and Paul and Jason and I among the number. We reached home near dark. This Eve Homer and Alvie Orr at Selma. This afternoon Minnie McMillan Smith and her husband called while we were away.

2” Jan. Tuesday. Another beautiful day. Alvie Orr here last night with Homer. Walter left on the eight Oclock train for Adah College. Homer went down home with Alvie and took dinner

there Mr Mc around home most of the day. Mr Edd Carry here to see him this afternoon. Uncle Joe and I at Xenia. We took a donation to Aunt Bettie. We were back to C- in time to attend the Annual Congregational meeting at our church. After the meeting I made some calls. I left an invitation at Mrs Brattans for Cousin Minnie and her husband to come to dinner Thursday. This Eve Alvie Orr passed up to Selma. Homer there too. Clayton Jason and Paul and Frank L- and Aunt Pricilla around home.

3" Jan Wed Another Bright day. Alvie Orr and Daisy Gray started back to Wooster College this morning and their friend from Selma to Delaware College. For a change Homer went with them as far as Columbus. Clayton took him to C- to the eight O'clock train. The boys taking sheep up the pike to pasture this morning. Mr Mc took Clayton with him to pastures – they were home in time for a one O'clock dinner. Uncle Joe around home. Wesley helping Gideon [?] bring in straw. Jason & Paul around. This afternoon I attended the Congregational prayer meeting. Frank and Aunt Pricilla busy. Mrs Tindal called again this eve. Homer came down on the eight O'clock train from Columbus and rode out with Joe Shepherd.

4" Jan. Thurs. A mild day but very gloomy. It rained a little. We had quite a company here to dinner. Mary Redpaths husband came to Xenia this morning and Willie McMaster met him there and brought him up to C- Mr Mc brought them and Mary Redpath and Fern out – At that time all of the rest of our company were here as follows: Aunt Rachel & Callie Uncle Dave Torrence & Lide – Uncle Dan and Aunt Jane – Aunt Matt did not come We also had Blanch and Mary Ervin here to dinner. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette were invited but could not come. Uncle Joe sat down wit the company to dinner – Old George came this morning & Wesley getting out wood – Homer Clayton Jason and Paul around. Frank and Aunt Pricilla busy. Mr & Mrs Redpath and Fern & Willie remained with us for supper. Homer and Willie took them down after eight and Willie came back with Homer & is with us to night.

5" Jan Friday A gloomy day. Old George helping Wesley with the wood. Uncle Joe and Gideon getting out Buckwheat. Homer and Willie McMaster taking dinner at Mr Mortons. This afternoon Mr Mc called for Homer and took him with him to Xenia to attend Bradys closing out sale – Mr Mc home a little after dark – Homer and Willie came later. Aunt Pricilla went home this afternoon – Uncle Joe took her there. She has been with us four weeks. Frank at the work. I have been busy to day.

6" Jan Sat. Gloomy most of the day. Old George and Wesley at the wood. Gideon at the work. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe home all day. Clayton and Jason at [illegible] mill on an errand this morning Homer and Willie McMaster at Springfield Harlan came home with them this eve – did not get here until late – Gideon & Wesley took Uncle Joe home this Eve. Paul around all day. Frank busy.

7" Jan Sabbath. A pleasant day but gloomy. Harlan Homer Jason and Willie McMaster at Sabbath School. Clayton Paul and Old George and Frank L- at home. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Morton subject The revival at Pentecost – How a revival of religion may be secured. This prayer meeting was a model meeting – The husbands and the wives and the children were all there waiting and praying for the same thing. They were watching and waiting for Gods holy Spirit – and the spirit did come. This revival had its origin in that upper room prayer meeting. Earnest importunate prayer is where all real reforms begin. This has been true of all of Gods children. The mightiest of them overcome through tears fasting and prayer. There was a model sermon preached at this upper room prayer meeting. The preaching was filled with Gods holy Spirit – he preached with power as the Spirit gave him utterance. He held up Christ and the word of God before that waiting people – The word of God is a hammer and a fire and will put the devil to flight. When we hold up Christ and the word of God blessed results will follow. What a lost world wants – what a burdened sinner wants is Christ. They want peace – then want pardon. Fathers and Mothers if you would be successful in training your children for Christ you must stay much in your closets – and when you come forth your children and all around will catch your inspiration. Again it was a model congregation. The fire fell upon prepared material and the truth fell upon prepared hearts prepared hearts made prepared pews and the outcome was a revival of religion – a revived church. The same kind of prayer and the same kind of preaching will bring about the same kind of results to day. As we came up from church Willie McMaster stopped off at Aunt Rachels We were here for our selves this Eve. Harlan and Homer read the 17:18 chapters of Matthew with me. Frank L- went away after dinner. Harlan and Homer at the Young folks meeting and at the Union Services at the old side church. We had Claytons & Jasons questions and Bible reading this eve – Willie came home with the boys and here to night.

8" Jan Monday. A mild day. At an early hour Homer left with Harlan for Springfield. He wanted to get back in time to open up for "Carson & Fox." The School was opened this morning after the holidays. Clayton went back to grandmother Murdocks where he has been since the 1" of Sept – and went back to his place in School at Cedarville Miss Blair is his teacher – Willie went back to C- with Clayton and Uncle Joe came back in their buggy. Homer did not get back until late – He called at Selma but Miss R- and Sister were at Columbus. Old George and Wesley getting out wood & feeding. Gideon absent yesterday and to day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul around. Frank absent – what a busy day I have had. This Eve Wesley & Jason took clothes to Mrs P-

9" Jan. Tues. A mild day. Homer went to Uncle David Torrances with the McMaster crowd & Frank came back this morning. She was at Mrs Sadie Hendersons funeral at Courtsville yesterday. Gideon came back yesterday eve – Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Dan here to dinner. Jason at School all day. After an early dinner Uncle Dan & Willie came and helped with the annual butchering We had six hogs and Wills three. Gideon, Wesley and Uncle Joe helping Old George getting out wood. Mrs Gideon H- here this afternoon & helped with the work. She & Gideon here to tea. Homer and Willie did not get back until late.

10" Jan. Wed. A beautiful day. Gideon & Mrs H- here all day assisted by Frank doing up the lard. I took care of the kitchen Homer at C- this morning to see Mr Clemens – He and Willie
10" Jan. Wed. A beautiful day. Gideon & Mrs H- here all day assisted by Frank doing up the lard. I took care of the kitchen Homer at C- this morning to see Mr Clemens – He and Willie along with quite a company taking dinner at Aunt Rachels. Uncle Joe at Sammie Smiths – then at Cedarville. Every one very tired this eve. Frank having company notwithstanding her tiredness. Homer here for supper & at Selma at Ino [?] Rs this Eve.

11" Jan Fast day in our church and throughout the Reformed Presbyterian church. How many victories over our evil habits – our sins – and those of others eternity will reveal and will ascribe to these days of fasting. Wesley taking acre of the stock yesterday and to day. Gideon & Mrs H- here and finished up all of the work do day. All complete this eve. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Homer and Jason and I at church. Paul at home with Frank. Mr Mortons text "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear." Subject of the text The dreadful consequences of sin. Sin is disastrous to us as individuals, and individual sins separate between us and God – and mars our happiness and hinders our usefulness. It is our sin that keeps us from getting near to God – and brings us into shame and disgrace. Sin in the soul is the fountain from whence all bitter waters flow. It produces envy, hatred evil speaking jealousy Evil surmising unkindness variance and a general lack of happiness and a want of interest in those things in which it is our duty to be interested. Now there are three things which every one ought to do – 1" find out what our sin is 2" Confess – and then in the strength of God turn from it and forsake it forever. It is sin in the church that causes such deadness and so little fruit. It is sin in the nation that brings the judgement of God upon it. There is only one perfect moral law for the individual the family and the nation and that is the law of Christ. If this nation or any nation would be exalted let it confess its sin & forsake it and come to Christ – acknowledging his authority as "Ruler of the Nations and bow in grateful and humble obedience to him. After the services – the congregation voted upon the question of adopting the U. P. version of the Psalms instead of continuing the old version – it was agreed to make no change at the present. Charlie and Mary McMaster Redpath and Charlie and Fern came out home with us. After dinner Mr Mc and Charlie R- called at Winston Cellars. Homer and Willie got here in time for supper – Mr Mc and Charlie R- at home in time too. This Eve Willie and Homer at C- on an errand. It is getting much colder to night. Willie McS rec'd the 2" son into their family to day.

12" Jan Friday. A little cold. Bright sunshine. By special invitation Mr & Mrs J. R. Orr here and spent the day. Josephine was with them. Mr & Mrs Redpath and Fran and Willie were with us last night and continued with us to day. J. R. Orr and Charlie R- went up to see Mr Fred Wilson and reached home in time for dinner. Homer & Willie at C- this P.M. Gideon helped to repair the pump at the pump house. Mrs H- and baby here and helped Frank with the dinner – all came up in good time – and we had a nice time generally. Mr & Mrs Redpath went home early – they have an engagement for tea. Homer and Willie went at the time – and spent the evening

around town. James R Orr & [illegible] remained awhile longer with us. Gideon here to dinner. Clayton came home this eve – He rode out with Dick Townsleys.

13th Jan Saturday. Moderated considerably. Homer took Willie to C- and went to the office and was home in a very little bit. Uncle Joe and Wesley and Gideon around. Clayton at Selma at the shop on an errand. This afternoon Homer left for Carries and the Y. Springs. Clayton took Mr Mc to Clifton expecting to meet Homer and go with him to the Springs – but when he seen Homer he had Willie McMaster with him. It was getting so much colder Mr Mc let the boys go on by themselves. This Eve Gideon & Mrs H- and Clayton took Uncle Joe home. The boys did not get back until late – they did not get to see Mr Willingner.

14th Jan. Sabbath. Homer Clayton and Willie McMaster at Sabbath School and church. Jason Paul and Frank at home. Mr Mc & I at church – Mr Mortons text – Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth.” Subject of the text is Christs volunteers. Now what is the characteristic of the soldiers of the cross as here delineated. They are volunteers they are willing to serve him. Soldiers of the cross are those who love Christ. They are willing people – this is also as true of satins [sic] volunteers – they are as willing to serve him. Soldiers of the cross are those who love Christ and souls so much that they are willing to make any sacrifice that they may win souls for heaven. The Kingdom of Christ is founded on love. The soldiers of the cross are a devoted people – so devoted that they consecrate their lives and all to his service. If we have this spirit of devotedness and willingness when we are called upon to make some sacrifice for Christ we will willingly and cheerfully respond. Young man if you have this spirit of devotedness to God when called upon to do some work for him you will be able to say I am ready. When called upon to visit the sick or the dying or to forgive some offending one you will be able to say I am ready. If you have this spirit we will be willing to give up our loved ones when death comes to claim them and when we are called to meet death we will be able to say I am ready. To be ready is the highest and grandest thing that can be said of any of us. Let us have this spirit of love – of willingness and devotedness to God and our whole lives will be changed. Our home will be changed into Bethels where Jesus would love to dwell. This spirit will also change our church – it would be revived. Gods people are a holy people – “In the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning.” What the dew drops are to grass and flowers holiness is to the people of God. A holy person is a whole person – A perfect person. There is not anything like taking a bold stand for Christ. No matter where we are let us be able to say to the world I love Jesus – do you? We are made willing in the day of his power. When he says I will send the rod of my strength out of Zion It means I will send the Bible or the word out of Zion or out of the church. After preaching Mary Redpath and little Fern came home with us from church. Roy Bromegan came home with Homer – Willie went to Orrs. This afternoon Clayton and Jasons Catechism was heard. This Eve Homer and Roy at the Young folks meeting and at the U. P. church. Mary Redpath and little Fern and Clayton and I were at the U. P. church too. Rev Warnock preached. Text “Behold I come quickly.” Mr Mc and Jason and Paul at home. Mary McM- and Fern & Willie came home with us to night.

15 Jan. Monday. Rain last night and drizzling rain this morning. Mary Redpath and Fern & Willie told us good bye and went down to town when Clayton went to School – they expect to go home in the morning. Homer went down at the same time to tell the folks in town good-bye – He waited for the morning mail and Uncle Joe came out with him. This afternoon he told us good bye and Mr Mc took him to Springfield to the evening train to go back to his place again to Monmouth College. On account of the scarcity of money in the country Hard times having struck us most terribly it was quite a struggle and at a great sacrifice that he went back I feel so sad—“May a light arise in this darkness—and our affairs be guided well— while I feel sad for him to go—I know I would have felt more than I could have expressed if he had not gone—for something tells me it is worth all the sacrifices—all the struggle. Uncle Joe at the office this evening. Gideon & Wesley busy to day. It is a very mild evening. Mr Mc did not get back from Springfield until after ten. Homer got started back to Monmouth this Evening Mr Mc took supper with Harlan at his boarding house before coming out. Mr Mc and I did not forget that this is our twenty seventh marriage anniversary. Away yonder beyond the busied years we started out together. Let us not forget “That the longest journey has an end” –and that “the longest life soon is past”

16” Jan Tues A very gloomy day. Uncle Joe at mill. Wesley & Gideon busy. Mr Mc around home all day. Jason at School. Paul around home Frank busy. I spent the day at grandmothers and Aunt Marys. She seems a little better. The McMaster crowd left on the eleven Oclock train. I had a pleasant day in C-

17” Jan. Wed. A mild day. Mr Mc at C- at the Bank this A.M. – and home in a very short time. Mr Mellingner called and took dinner with us. He and Mr Mc up the pike a little while together. This Eve Clayton and Frank Ervin here to take Aunt Marys cow back. This P.M. I called to see Mrs Willie Mc Several callers there. This Eve Wesley at the office. On yesterday eve I called at Lizzie Blairs and Mr Finley Kerrs to invite them to the parlor meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Aunt Bells Friday Eve.

18” Jan. Thurs Drizzling rain. Gideon at mill this P.M. Wesley sick and went to his Uncles. Mr Mc at the [illegible] pasture. Jason at School. Frank at the work. Uncle Joe and Paul around I have been busy all day.

19” Jan Friday. Bright and pleasant – Wesley still absent. Uncle Joe called to see Aunt Precilla for me. Gideon busy. Jason at School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia. This afternoon I went to C- early and stayed at grandmothers until the evening meeting at Uncle Ervins. Mr Mc returned in time from X- for the meeting There were quite a gathering there We had addresses and papers read in memory of the Crusade – The beginning of the Crusade – twenty years ago. I remember it well – what a wonderful work it was – At the close of our meeting we had refreshments. Clayton was at the meeting but came home early. I came at a later hour with Mr Mc. He says he had an unusually busy day in X- Jason here with Paul and Uncle Joe & Frank this Eve – Wesley came back this Eve.

20" Jan Sat. A mild day. Wesley not feeling well. Gideon & Uncle Joe busy. Clayton at C- this P.M. Wood Warner called. Frank making soap on a small scale. Jason & Paul busy. Near noon Mr Mc left for C- This Eve Uncle Joe and the Harshman family at C- Mr Mc did not get home until late. He says Harlan is as busy as ever at his place at Mr Carsons.

21" Jan Sabb. A nice day Frank went home this morning and Wesley to his Uncles. Paul and I here alone. Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School and at church. Mr Mc at church alone. Mr Morton preached as usual. This afternoon spent with the children. This Eve Wesley here Mr Mc and I at our church this eve – had a Bible reading by Rev McChalmers – On the destiny of the Jews. If you want to know what God is going to do read the Bible—but if you want to know what the devil is going to do read the newspaper – We were told to night that about the year 1914 the Jews would be restored to the promised land or holy land. They shall all return we had a very interesting meeting.

22" January Monday. Pleasant. Jason at Cedarville and brought Uncle Joe out. Both of the boys out of School. Mr Mc sent the hogs to Selma to Mr Mellingner to day. He sent them in wagons – six in all – driven by Will Mc Din Collins Clayton, Marion McClair and Gideon & Gideon returned for the second load there were fifty hogs weighed two hundred & 45 lbs – at [blank space] per lb. Gideon came in with the folks to a three O'clock dinner. Frank came back this morning. Paul around with Uncle Joe. This Eve Mr Mc and Jason and at the hall. Clayton went down with us and went to grandmothers to get his lessons ready for tomorrow. Rev McChalmers gave us a talk on the Second coming of Christ. Quite a good audience.

23" Jan Tuesday. Another bright day. Jason at the office in C- this morning and at School this afternoon. Uncle Joe and Gideon around. Wesley hauling manure. Frank and I busy. Mr Mc at C- this afternoon – Our surrie cushion was stolen last night while in C- Mr Edd Linson called this afternoon. I called at Will McS this P.M. Ella [illegible] there now. Wesley went away to night.

24" Jan Wed. Rain last night and this morning – then it turned to snow – and finally a rough stormy winter day. Gideon feeding Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. This Eve Uncle Joe at C- and brought Mrs Stuart of Springfield out from the train – Wesley here late this P.M. looking over accts. Mrs S- in fine spirits. She and Mr Mc and all around the fire to night.

25" Jan. Thurs. Cold to day. The ground covered with snow. Jason at School. Gideon feeding. Uncle Joe around. Frank in care of he house. Mr Mc and Mrs Stuart and Paul and Matt and I at Uncle Bighams and Aunt Jennettes. We had a fine dinner and a pleasant time. This afternoon Uncle Bigham and Mr Mc called to see Cousin Hugh. He has been sick for some time. Mrs S. came home with us to night.

26" January. Friday. Snow on the ground and cold. Mr Mc around all morning. Near noon left for Selma pasture. Mrs Stuart with us Gideon feeding. Uncle Joe and Paul around – we made sugar cured brine for our meat to day. Mrs S- and I at the meeting of the Institute at the Opera house this afternoon. Mr Mc came later – he rode down with young Mr Dean. Mr Mc and Mrs

S- and I took tea with Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt – and attended the evening session of the Institute – Clayton at the meeting too. The Opera House packed We had an address by Dr Chamberlain. Subject – The influence of Farming on the Farmer and his family. Clayton came home with us to night.

27" Jan Sat. Snow still on the ground, cold. Mr Mc and Mrs Stuart and I took dinner at Uncle Ervins. Mrs Wilson and baby there. After dinner Uncle Ervin & Aunt Bell went with us to the Institute Mrs. Dr. Stuart Jr read an Essay "A full days work" This Eve Mrs S- and I called to see grandmother – and she and Aunt Bell called at Mr Mortons. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Jason at the meeting – Clayton went to Aunt Jennettes with three pigs for her. Paul at home with Frank. This Eve Gideon at C- To day I learned Mrs W-s way of canning corn – which she says is excellent Nine Pints of Corn. One scant tea cup of salt. One level tea cup of sugar. Freeze bottom of porcelain kettle to keep corn from sticking – stir occasionally and heat thoroughly – seal in glass cans – notice that not one drop of water is used. Take the corn when tender.

28" Jan Sabb. Not quite so cold. Jason at Sabbath School. Clayton Paul and Frank at home. Mr Mc and Mrs Stuart and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Seek ye out the book of the Lord and read, no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate; for my mouth it hath commanded and his Spirit it hath gathered them." Subject Bible study – or how to obtain comfort in time of trouble. We need to study the Bible because it contains the words of eternal life and because it points to a world of surpassing beauty and loveliness beyond the starry skyes and because Gods law is perfect and converts the soul. This afternoon we heard the childrens questions. Mrs S- with us around the fire.

29" Jan Monday. Moderated considerable. It has been snowing right along all day – but melted as it fell Gideon & family absent yesterday & to day at his brothers reception. Clayton at home feeding all day. Bazel here until noon helping him Jason at School. After an early dinner Mr Mc left with Mrs Stuart for Springfield. Mr Mc was home again at six Oclock. He called to see Harlan. This Eve Jason took Clayton down through the cold to be ready for School in the morning. Uncle Joe came back with him. It is cold and disagreeable to night. Paul has been busy all day. Frank at her work.

30" Jan. Tuesday Gideon still absent. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Jason feeding – Paul following around Jason at home to day. Frank at her work – I took the clothes to Mrs P- and looked over accts. I reached grandmothers near noon. She and Aunt Mary there alone. Clayton at School and there to dinner. I came home in good time. Gideons came home this Eve.

31" Jan Wed. A lovely day. Gideon here at the feeding. Uncle Joe and Paul around all day. Mr Mc at Garlows this P.M. I called to see Mrs Will Mc also called at the School house to see Miss Haines. Jason is there to day. After I came home I drove down to the office. Mr Mc did not get home until dark.

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1" Feb Thurs. Rain last night cold this morning. Gideon left at an early hour for Redams [?] mill near Springfield with fifty-two bushels of buckwheat at 75 cts per bushel. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe looking after things. Jason at School – A man from off the pike here to dinner. Old Charlie the sheep Dr from Springfield here for supper and with us to night. Frank went away last night and did not get back unto noon to day. This Eve Jason took Pearls Shears to town. Gideon home after night – here to supper. I have been reading [illegible] beautiful years by Frances E. Willard.

2 Feb. Friday. Gloomy but not cold. Gideon Uncle Joe and Mr Mc all busy. Paul following after them. Old Charlie went away this afternoon. Mr Mc at C- he called to see James Murry. Clayton came home with him. Frank at her work. Mrs H. called.

3 Feb. Sat. Mild and gloomy. Gideon Uncle Joe Clayton Jason and Paul around. Near noon Mr Mc left for the vicinity of Selma. I have not been feeling well to day. Mr Mc took dinner at Mr Edd Corries – and returned home by Selma store Gideon and Clayton took Uncle Joe home.

4" Feb. Sabb. At little snow fell last night. Clayton and Jason did not get to Sabbath School in time – and did not go – but were at home with Frank and Paul. 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 if go to my father.” How Christs work is to be done is the theme of the text. The workers are Gods children – and he will give them the wisdom and courage and power that they need. What is faith – It is to trust in God when everything seems to be against us. By the exercise of faith we receive both moral and spiritual power. The work that we have to do is the same that Jesus would do if he were in the world. Christs life was a life of self denial and consecration. The reason that we do not accomplish more in the family and in the church is because we are not consecrated enough – because we are not enough like Christ. There are hundreds and millions of souls without Christ – and to do the work of Christ we would be deeply concerned about these and would be anxious to lead them to Christ. Christ came to comfort mourners and to lift burdens – to be like Christ is for us to forget ourselves and try to make others happy – Let us study to be like him – After dinner Frank went away. I heard the childrens lessons – This Eve Bible reading.

5" Feb. Monday. A light covering of snow on the ground. Cold. Frank came back this morning and took care of Paul and the things while Mr Mc and I attended the funeral of Cousin Hugh McMillan. Clayton went down to School – and Uncle Joe came out and was around here to day. Jason at School. Gideon at the funeral to day. Mr Morton conducted the exercises The services were at ten Oclock. We followed his remains to the old Massies Creek Cemetery. When we came to C- we stopped at grandmother Murdock to dinner. Mr Pidgeon there to dinner too. Prohibition Convention of Greene Co met in C- to day. L. B. Logan the State Organizer there to day. After the meeting I stayed at grandmothers until the evening meeting – Mr Mc came up home and went back to it. L. B. Logan spoke and made an able address. Clayton at School and stayed for the meeting to night & came home with us. When we came home Paul was asleep on the rocking chair at the fire beside Uncle Joe.

6" Feb. Thurs. A bright winter day. Mrs Florence Smith and Mr Din Collins called to see Mr Mc – Near noon Mr Mc left for Selma to see Mr Hollingsworth. Gideon and Uncle Joe busy. Jason at School. Frank here – This Eve Uncle Joe at C- he expected to have brought Mr Redpath from the six O'clock train but he stopped at Orrs.

7" Feb. Wed. Drizzling rain Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Gideon around. Mr Mc and Paul and I took dinner at Jimmie Hendersons – Their children at school. We had a nice day. Mr Chas Redpath here for tea and with us to night. He and J. R. Orr were up at Mr Fred Wilsons to day. Uncle Joe at town this afternoon.

8" Feb. Thurs. Gloomy & damp. Mr Mc busy this forenoon. Several in to see him on the pike and off the pike. Uncle Joe and I entertained Mr Redpath most of the A.M. Jason at School. Frank busy. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston to see the Houston bro – he did not get home until after dark. This afternoon I took Mr Redpath to C- he expects to go home in the morning. I stayed with grandmother until the last mail came in. Aunt Susan McMillans remains came to C- this eve from her late home in Indiana. This was Fannies birthday – I did not forget her – although she is far from us to day.

9" Feb. Friday. A very mild day – almost like Spring – Uncle Joe and Paul around home. Frank here in charge of things. Gideon feeding. After an eleven O'clock dinner Mr Mc and I left for Xenia – Had a pleasant day. We met Mr Redpath and Charlie Galbreath there – Robbie is going home with Mr R- they left on the four O'clock train. Mrs Harrisberg called while we were away.

10" Feb. Sat. The wind blew hard last night and still blowing to day. Mr Mc and Clayton brought the sheep home from Deans. Gideon feeding and building fence Uncle Joe and Jason assisting him. Paul out with them most of the time. Near noon Frank went home – she expects to visit at Urbana next week. This Eve Clayton Jason and Gideon took Uncle Joe home. Clayton walked home this morning. Din C- stopped in as he passed up.

11 Feb. Sabb. A nice day but very muddy. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church also. Our old Switcherland clock repairer came yesterday morning and is here resting – Paul and I at home. Mr Morton preached as usual. I could not help thinking if we in our weakness are ready to be kind and help one as poor and helpless as this old man will not our heavenly father give us everything that is the best we should have – can we not trust him – This afternoon the boys lessons – This Eve Bible reading.

12" Feb. Monday. In the midst of winter sleet and snow last night – and to day disagreeable & cold. Our old Switcherland man with us to day and to night again – and seems very thankful and happy. Clayton went through the storm to school and Uncle Joe came back. He and Gideon & Mr Mc around all day. Paul has never stopped to day – the weather does not seem to trouble him. We had a letter from Homer – he is out of College these days with the mumps. Jason at School to day.

13" Feb. Tuesday. Moderated but still cold. The crust of snow still on this morning. Jason at School – Gideon and Uncle Joe around at the feeding. This afternoon Mr Mc at the Garlen pasture – Uncle Joe at C- He learned that our good friend Mr J. C. McMillan of Xenia was found dead in his bed this morning. While we feel sad to know that he is gone and will miss him – yet I am sure it is a happy change for him – It will be all glory and happiness forever more. Mr Hollingsworth called.

14" Feb. Wed. Gloomy – A real winter day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Gideon looking after things. Gideon at work. Wesley L- and his Uncle began cutting timber in the School house lot this week. This afternoon Mr Harrisburg & Mr Hollingsworth and Mr Wm [illegible] called. Jason at School – I am at the work alone these days. This P.M. late Mr Mc went to Cedarville.

15" Feb. Thurs. Snowed considerable last night – an occasional sleigh passing. Gideon off duty – his brother here until noon. Jason out of School to day and helped with the feeding – This afternoon he called to see Wesley – and he put in his appearance at four O'clock and helped up with the work. He is with us to night This was the day of Mr J. C. McMillans funeral. The services held at his son Charlie Kyle at one O'clock. Mr Mc and Aunt Matt there – I did not try to go as I have not been feeling very well to day. He did not get home until after dark. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. I have had a busy day. Frankie L- called this eve – Will Mc called.

16" Feb. Friday. A winter day. Wesley feeding – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around all A.M. Jason at School. Paul very busy too. I finished the ironing at noon. This afternoon Uncle Silas called when passing – Mr John Shears called – so also did Mr Harrisburg. This Eve Uncle Joe drove down for Clayton.

17" Feb Sat. Rained a little most of the day. Wesleys Uncle chopping. Clayton took a load of stove wood down to Aunt Jane – then this afternoon he took wheat down to the mill – At which time Uncle Joe went down home. Mr Mc out helping all day long. Jason busy. Raining this Eve. Wesley taking Gideons place at the feeding as he is still on the sick list.

18" Feb. Sabbath. A pleasant day. The ground very damp. Very heavy rain the first part of last night. Clayton and Paul and Wesley at home. Jason at Sabbath School and went from there to stay with Aunt Jane as she is sick to day – but Mrs McIntire was with her and he came back to church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have wrought but that we receive a full reward." The Lord Jesus is deeply concerned about Christian Mothers and their children. About Christian parents and their children. The subject of the text is the Christians temper or our danger of losing part of our reward. Look at our selves – look at our children – at our home at our surroundings – look at where we are when we are going – take in the whole situation A mans worst enemies are those of his own household. Our danger often arises from our deadness our indifference. Our danger does not consist so much in our being in the world as in our letting the world come into our hearts. When we, as Christians, fail to cultivate the Christian graces which have been implanted in our heart we lose part of our reward. There is not anything which we possess

which is as valuable as faith holiness patience kindness charity and love. And the exhortation is to possess these in large measure – for there is not anything which gives us so much fervor. We need to be alive not only to awaken up but to be active We need to keep close to Christ – Keep close to the captain the source of power. What possibilities are ours. What a power we possess; what attainments we might make – what a rich reward we might enjoy. If a person is unfaithful and not devoted to the Lords work – he is weak and fails to receive the present blessing and reward as well as being in danger of losing the heavenly reward – will not have as many stars in his crown of glory as he might have had – for there are degrees of glory in Heaven – For “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever & ever.” We are in danger of losing what has been wrought in the family. God sets the solitary in families A Christian family – a consecrated home where Jesus is honored and worshiped is the most sacred spot on earth. What are we in danger of losing in the family? We are in danger of losing the members of our families – There are many traps and dangers thrown around our homes There are evil companions often lurking around – the saloons are open – there are also traps – and seats of iniquitie Now what are we to do? We are to take our children and our loved ones to Jesus – there is no other battlement so secure – What are we to do? We are to pray and to work for the Salvation of our families – we are to be more earnest and more concerned about our families then what we are about the world. There is danger of losing what has been wrought for the church. The motto for the church should be all up and at it and at it all the time. This afternoon spent with the boys – This eve Wesley went home. We are here just by our selves – Reading – and Bible reading the order of the evening.

19 February. Monday. A gloomy day. Clayton took one of our horses down this morning to keep there to take Lulu M- back and forth to her school. Gideon off duty. Mr Mc and Wesley very busy. Young lambs are on the list of work. Young Mr [illegible] called. This afternoon Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan. Mr Mc at Selma at the sheep. Mr Hollingsworth called. Jason at School. We expected to have attended the County Sabbath School Convention in C- this eve – but we could not go.

20” Feb Tues. A pleasant winter day. Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Wesley assisted by Paul taking care of the stock. Gideon absent. I left dinner on the stove and went to C- took the washing for the first time to Mrs Smith this morning. Mrs Pigge has washed for us Lo these many years [blank space] in all. I spent the forenoon with Aunt Jane and with grandmother Murdock – Aunt Mary at the Convention After dinner Aunt Bell went with me to the meeting – they held it in the U. P. Church. A great many delegates – a packed house and & great interest manifested. I left early and came back and spent my remaining time with grandmother Aunt Jennette staying with Aunt Jane. I did not get home until near dark. The Dr at Gideons to day – A letter from Homer tells us that he has taken a relapse – and had to have the Doctor – the mumps had gone down on him. He as been out of College for several days now. Fred is attending the College at Monmouth this winter too.

21" Feb. Wed. Cold but pleasant Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Wesley all busy. On yesterday Eve Frank & Fred Shetcher [?] called. Jason at School to day. Paul busy as usual. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- at the office. This Eve we rec'd a letter from Harlan. The Arcade Hotel burned down this week in Springfield. Tomorrow the Cedarville schools close to commemorate Washingtons birthday. Clayton came home this Eve. Jason staying with Etta McMillan and he children to night while Willie is serving at Xenia on the jury.

22" Feb. Thurs. Still a winter day. Jason at School. Wesley feeding. Uncle Joe and Paul around all day. This afternoon Clayton at C- for the clothes Aunt Mary kept them there to iron for me. This afternoon Mr Mc at Garlows sale – home in time for supper. Clayton went back to C- the second time to be ready for school in the morning. Miss Clara Kyle called this afternoon for the first time to see me.

23" Feb. Friday. A nice day but still a little cold. Mr Mc around home all day. Jason at School. Wesley feeding. This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- This Eve I left supper on the table and Mr Mc and I went to Uncle Ervins to the party. Clayton had come before we left home to take care of Paul. There were about fifty guests there this eve – a grand supper and a nice time.

24" Feb. Sat. A pleasant winter day. Clayton and Jason left with cattle for Uncle Silas's – but met him in C- Gideon called around – he is feeling better Wesley at the feeding. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- Uncle Joe went down with him. Clayton and Jason around looking after things. Walter came home from Adah College this eve. We rec'd a letter from Homer he is about ready to start back to school after the siege with the mumps.

25" Feb. Sabb. Cold. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church. I stayed at home with Paul he has not been well for a few days. Wesley around until this Eve he went away. Mr Morton preached as usual. Mr Mc called to see Aunt Jane she seems a little better. This Eve spent with the children – snowing this Eve.

26" Feb. Monday. A nice day. We had quite a little snow last night. Clayton went back to School this morning. Jason went down and brought Uncle Joe out. Jason at School this afternoon. I have been busy to day. This Eve Wesley and Jason attending the "Medal Contest" at the Opera House. There are seven boys in it. Pearl Shears is among the number.

27" Feb. Tuesday. A nice day. Snow still on the ground On yesterday Gideon sowed clover seed. To day he and Wesley taking sheep to Hollingsworth and bringing back hay. Mr Mc took a lunch and did not wait for dinner but went up to Selma too. Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Paul around home all day. I spent the day in town – I called to see Mrs P- and Joe Orr as I went down and at Mrs Smith. I spent the remainder of the day at grandmother Murdock. I also spent some little time with Aunt Jane she is in bed most of the time. Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell left for the city to day Miss Lannias [?] their girl came from Adams Co and spent most of the day at grandmothers. Isaac called to day – Mr Bev Andrew called to see Mr Mc

28 Feb Wednesday. If it were not for the wind – we would call this a Spring day. Gideon Harshmans moved from the tenant house to day to somewhere above Springfield They have been with us since the fall of 1891. Mr Mc and Jason up at the Hollingsworth pasture fleecing sheep most of the day. Frankie Lamont called Wesley feeding. Uncle Joe and Jason around I have had a very busy day. This Eve Wesley took the wagon with [illegible] pork to Crouse. Mr Mc at C- too.

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1" March. Thursday. A pleasant day. Wesley feeding. Near noon Mr Mc left for Mr Robt Andersons sale. This P.M. Uncle Joe took Paul to C- to call on his friends – he wanted to see Grandmother and Aunt Jane. Isaac H- called and Mr Wyatt of Selma late from Ky. called also. Mr Mc came home past C- and called at the Andrew bros.

2 March Friday. Very much like Spring. Jason at School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Hollingsworth sheep – This afternoon Uncle Joe and Paul around. I went to C- I called at Mrs P-s a few minutes and at the Orrs – and made a short stay at grandmothers and Aunt Janes – Mr [illegible] here on his weekly rounds – He took Harlans things to him at S-

3" March Sat. Almost like Spring Wesley Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around all day. Clayton & Jason took cows to Uncle Silas and had them [illegible]. Boys took dinner there. Clayton called there before he came home yesterday Eve. Mr Lawn Stretcher here to day. This Eve Uncle Joe rode down with Will Mc to C. Clayton and Jason here to do up the work in the kitchen & vicinity.

4" March Sabb. Almost like Spring – A beautiful day if it were not for the wind. Mr Mc sick last night and in bed all day to day. Clayton Paul and Wesley around home. Jason and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mortons text "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." How is the Kingdom to be taken – it is taken by moral force. This force is the force of the will – we need to be resolute and determined to secure the Kingdom at all hazards for our selves and for our children and our loved ones. Many a man fail in life for want of will power. This is true in regard to the every day duties of life – but much more so in regard to the soul. If we are in earnest about our own salvation or that of our children or of others and are determined & mightily in earnest with Gods blessing we will succeed. This Spirit of force or earnestness will make our souls all aglow with love for God and love for souls. If we would bring the blessing of God down upon our homes and churches we must as it were besiege God with the violence of prayer – If we would bring our children into the Kingdom we must take hold of God by the power of faith and the power of prayer and never give up until we receive the blessing and the answer. But the assurance is we will gain the victory we will receive the blessing – for the violent take it by force. Clayton Jason making an effort to finish the catechism.

5" March. Monday. Mr Mc still on the sick list – Clayton at home from School He was at Selma to see Mr Hollingsworth. Jason at School. Wesley and Clayton helped to move Isaac Hoglin into

our tenant house. This Eve Clayton went back to School. Wesley at C- with the clothes and to bring Uncle Joe out. Mr Bazel here looking over accts. Uncle Dan called this morning.

6" March. Tuesday. A long drizzling constant rain to day. Wesley and Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc around again to day. Jason at School. Paul has on coat and pants to day and is very happy. This Eve all at home.

7" March. Wednesday. A beautiful day after the rain of yesterday. Mr Mc around all day – this afternoon he was at Selma. Old McCellars buried to day. Uncle Joe and Wesley & Paul around. Jason at School. Isaac hauling out manuer [sic]. This afternoon I was at the Congregational prayer meeting and called to see Grandmother Murdock. Also to see Aunt Jane.

8" March. Thursday. Quite a dreary day. Old Isaac resumed his hauling. Wesley feeding. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe at C- a little bit this A.M. Home in time for dinner. Jason went to School at recess this A.M. I have not been feeling well to day. Paul around out & in all day long.

9" March. Friday. Gloomy most of the day. Isaac working on the asparagus beds. Crouses men here & butchered a beef. Uncle Joe & Wesley put the hams in the meat house for curing & smoking. Jason at School Miss Knott in Miss Haines place to day holding examination. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. Clayton home from Cedarville School this Evening. Lane Peters died this morning.

10" March Sat. Almost like Spring. Uncle Joe and Jason at C- this morning. Near noon Mr Mc left for the Selma sheep pasture. Wesley & Isaac bringing hay from there this P.M. Mr Crouses son here and cut up the beef – After an early dinner Jason took Uncle Joe to C- Jason made his final selection of cap. Clayton attended Lane Peters funeral this afternoon. He was a school mate – taken away early. This eve Mr Mc & Wesley put the beef up in pickle – We have had a busy day. Paul stepping around with his hands in his pocket most of the day. Mr Sam'l Smith called this afternoon.

11" March. Sabb. Another mild day. Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church – Paul has a bad cough and I have not been feeling well yesterday or to day – therefore at home – Wesley at his Uncle. Not much accomplished in the lesson line – as I do not feel well enough to hear them. We remembered this was Clara's birthday – although she is "over the hills and far away" to night yet she is present with us – in thought

12" March. Monday. Another mild day. Jason at C- & brought Uncle Joe out he did not go to School until noon. Clayton at home not exactly sick – but not well. He and Wesley at Crouses with hogs – home in time for dinner – This afternoon I left Paul with Uncle Joe and went over to Clifton – I saw Frankie Lamont at Browns and found she expected to go to house helping this week at the Y. Springs. I then met Aunt Pricilla Dunkin and made arrangements for her to move in on Wednesday – and take the kitchen work as much as possible under her supervision. I saw

Mr Confeer at Clifton – Mr Mc at Mr Bazels Sr this P.M. The hay bailers here and finished their contract.

13" March. Tuesday. Rather a blustery day – a sprinkle of rain. Wesley & Isaac above Selma for hay. Mr Mc there too after a lunch – took a lunch to the men. Uncle Joe not well – he went to C- a little while this P.M. Will Mc called. Jason at School. We think Paul has the whooping cough. James Little came home with Uncle Joe and is here with us to night.

14" March Wed. A beautiful Spring day. Uncle Joe at C- and at Uncle Silas's on a electioneering trip – came home after dinner – & then went over on the Clifton pike for Aunt Precilla and her goods. Jim L. went up to Will McS this A.M. and stayed there to dinner – he will be back here soon again – he called as he passed down to C- Mr J. J. Farrell late from the Old country here with Table Linen this A.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Jason at School. Wesley and Isaac up at Selma for corn – Paul still coughing.

15" March. Thursday. A nice day. Wesley at C- at mill. A rain this morning. Isaac getting wood. Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Paul and I at C- all day. Paul and I took dinner at Aunt Bells and spent the rest of the day with grandmother Murdock. She is not so well again. We also called to see Aunt Jane. Mr Morton called in the afternoon – Clayton had the addition of a coalt [sic] added to his possessions last night. He came in from School with Frank and took dinner at Aunt Bells – This afternoon Mr Mc at Clifton at Paxtons Kyles. All of us home about dark. Aunt Precilla in charge of affairs to day.

16" March. Friday. A beautiful day after the gloom of yesterday. Isaac & Wesley at Selma for corn. Mr Mc around home all A.M. Uncle Joe across the country electioneering until noon. This afternoon he went to C- Wesley there and helped Clayton home with the coal. Aunt Bell and the girls drove up this Evening after school. Mr Mc not feeling well with cold – he has been around home all day. Uncle Joe absent.

17" March Sat. A beautiful day. Isaac hauling manuer [sic] – Wesley feeding – This afternoon all of these at C- to vote at the Republican primary. Clayton & Jason around dhome & Paul. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma to see the feeding sheep. Aunt Precilla busy.

18" March. Sabb. A mild day warm. Aunt Precilla, Wesley & Paul at home. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." The encouraging message of the text is to prepare the way – for the Savior is coming – The time of his coming is at hand – Remove the barriers – the obstacles – get your hearts and your homes ready for he will appear. We are waiting for the Saviour – we want his presence and his help – and if we desire him we are commanded to get our hearts and our family and the people ready for his coming. Christ never comes into an unprepared heart. The subject of the text is our work. The part we are to do in securing Christs presence love and grace. Who is to prepare the way and get ready for His coming? Who is to introduce Christ and bring him into hearts – into our families and into our churches. We are the ones addressed. We are Gods Heralds and messengers to assure the

people that He is coming and to get ready to give him a cordial welcome. This preparation is a personal work – Each one must do this work for himself and herself. Thousands of men and women are full of ignorance and darkness and we are charged with the work of bringing them to Christ. To do this successfully we need to have our hearts full of love to God and to man. To reconcile parties that are at variance we need to have our heart full of love for both. We want Christ in our hearts – if we do let us remove the barriers that are in the way of his coming. We want Christ in our homes – If we do let us prepare our homes for his coming by removing the coldness and selfishness and evil speaking and unkindness – This is also true of our church if we would have it ready for his coming. For Christ will not come until we are prepared for his coming. Christ does want to come – He stands at the door and knocks. He wants to come into our hearts with greater love and power than ever he did before – but we can have no special evidence of his love until we prepare the way. In what does this preparatory work consist. The thing we need is a new heart. We must be created a new in Christ Jesus. If we would prepare the way we need a spirit of forbearance and a forgiving spirit. If we love God and our neighbor as we should the way of the Lord is prepared and he will enter into souls. If we would be ready to receive Christ into our hearts we must forgive as we would be forgiven and when we are filled with this spirit the way of the Lord is prepared. If we would have Christ in our heart we need to repent of our sins. When John the baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord the burden of his prayer & preaching was repent ye – and then pointing to Jesus he said “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” If we would save the world we must point them to this same Saviour. If we would have Jesus in our homes we must prepare a room or a lodging for him – if we would have him in our hearts we must prepare a lodging place for him. Well, Jesus has sent us word that he is coming to hold communion with us and if would have Him come we must be prepared to give him a cordial welcome. And if we are ready and waiting the Saviour of the world will appear in is glory. Now let us remember if Christ does not come it is because we are not prepared to receive Him. This afternoon spent with Clayton Jason and Paul – none of the ones that are gone were forgotten.

19” March. Monday. Almost like a May day – drizzling rain a little now & then. Wesley & Isaac at work – hauling in hay. Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. Paul following after him. Mr Wood Harner and Tom Crowford called. Clayton went back to School this morning. Uncle Joe came out in his conveyance this Eve – Aunt Precilla and I busy all day.

20” March. Tues. Another day – almost summer. Isaac and Wesley at Selma for hay. Jason at School. Paul and Uncle Joe around. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- he called to see Mrs Gray. I have been sewing all afternoon – Aunt Precilla busy. A Pennsylvania dutch man stopping here to night. A heavy shower this Eve.

21” March. Wed. Damp this morning for awhile. Our Penn. Dutchman will stop with us for a few weeks – to trim trees & work in the garden. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield. Wesley & Isaac cleaning off field next to the School house. Jason at School. I was at grandmothers this

afternoon – there for tea . Mrs Frank Reids youngest daughter visiting there to day. Clayton there as usual. This is a beautiful evening – Mr Mc will not be back from S- until late.

22” March. Thursday. Rain to day. Jason at School. Mr Mc resting most of the A.M. This afternoon he was at Selma where the sheep are feeding. Uncle Joe and Paul around home all day. Our Penn Dutchman & Wesley around. This Eve Wesley at C- I have been on the sick list all day – have had a worse spell than usual with my stomach. Aunt Precilla busy.

23” March. Friday. A dreary day – a little colder. Services in our church preparatory to our communion at eleven Oclock. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Jason and I there. Clayton was there too and came home with Uncle Joe after the preaching. Rev Mr McKinney preached – text “But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting blaspheming.” Christ came not bring peace on the earth but a sword – But Christ purposed to bring peace but to have this there must first be war. To have peace it is necessary to have war in the human heart. The gospel turns things upside down. The gospel in the heart will drive sin out of the heart The Gospel tells men they must turn from the way they have been going and go another way. The gospel lays its hand upon the sins of man and says these must not be. The gospel opposes selfishness and pride. While opposition to Christian effort is natural it is always helpful to those who have overcome. If you meet with opposition in your heart and in your home do not be discouraged but go forth bravely and you will conquer after awhile. Opposition is not to be sought, but if God sends it meet it bravely and in the strength of God – for without his presence and help opposition will kill. But it is life and triumph to meet it bravely patiently and in the strength of God.

24” March. Saturday. A little cooler – not so pleasant. Mr Mc up at the Hollingsworth sheep until noon. Clayton went by way of Cedarville to Springfield for Harlan – Uncle Joe went with him as far as C- to be ready for church this P.M. Isaac busy until noon – Mr Mc discharged our PA – Dutchman this morning. Wesley busy. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jason and I at church – Paul stayed with Aunt Precilla. Mr McKinneys text “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifices of praise to God, continually, that is, the fruits of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is will pleased.” The means by which we offer our sacrifices “By him let us offer our sacrifices to God. Notice the material or contents of the Christians sacrifices that is the fruit of our lips. The first thing in sacrifices is surrender – it is to give up our inclinations – and likes and leave all to God. Does god rule your life – your home – or your business if he does not then you have not attained to what he would have you be. The fruit of our lips and the fruit of our life should go together. One should not be without the other – for good words and good works should go hand in hand. We should praise God by telling others of his love – by showing forth his loving power & letting the world see what a loving Saviour he is. After preaching we made a short call down town – stopped to see grandmother Murdock. Dr. W. H. Winslow of Pittsburg sent his first medicine to me to day and I began taking it this eve. Clayton and Harlan did not get home until nine – they did not get away from S- until after six. This is the first time Harlan has been home this year. He was here

for a day or so at the Holidays – and Homer took him back to S- the day after Christmas. We are glad to have him home once more.

25" March. Sabb. Cold – winter again – the bright warm days gone. Harlan and Clayton and Jason and I expected to have been at the prayer meeting this morning but failed – But we and Mr Mc were all in time for preaching. Sermon by Rev Mr McKinney. Text “He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied” It is well to dwell upon what Christ thinks of us – While Christ as man suffered untold agony yet his greatest suffering was spiritual He knew what sin was in the sight of God Then the father left him to suffer – he hid his face from him. The redeemed are Christs purchased ones – he bought them they are his – He says of them I am satisfied they are mine. Now if Christ loves us so much – O how much we ought to love him. For, “Beloved what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” Let us think much on these things. Afternoon – The Lords Supper was observed. This has been one of the blessed days – Harlan with us – At seven he and Clayton & I at our church – Rev Mr McKinneys text – “Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.” If we want love – if we want to know what Christ thinks of us let us read his letters – let us dwell much on his declarations of love. His people are fair and lovely in his prospects for them. He bids us come away from our sins from our environments and come to him – the light & beauty and hope and glory of this dark world – Look to where the light shineth – to where the flowers never fade – where it is one long grand happy never ending day.

26" March. Monday. Still cold – blowing snow sometimes – Clayton left with Harlan for Springfield – He got back to his place at Carsons & Fox. Wesley absent – Owing to the pressure of stock feeding and no help we failed to get to the church to the closing services this morning – I did not know I would feel as disappointed as I do by not being there. Jason at School. Aunt Precilla busy. This afternoon Clayton returned from S- he brought me quite a supply of fruits that Harlan sent me – He also brought some little things for Paul. Jason at School. This Eve I took Clayton back to School to C- I called at Aunt Bells to see Mr & Mrs McKinney and baby McKinney. Mr & Mrs Morton & family were there with them for tea. I was just pouring snow for awhile this Eve – Grandmother Murdock not quite so well. I was sorry we were not at church to day. Rev Mr McKinney gave a grand sermon. His text “There is much food in the tiliage [?] of the poor.” Uncle Joe came home with me.

27" March Tuesday. Quite a winter day. Mr Mc called to see Wesley at his Uncles this A.M. Old Isaac took corn up to the sheep at Selma. This afternoon Mr Mc there – Uncle Joe & Paul around all day. This P.M. Will Mc called – their baby [illegible] not very well – I went up there awhile. Jason at School. Aunt Precilla busy.

28" March. Wed. Quite a winter day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around home all day. Isaac at C- with feed for grandmothers cow – Clayton ordered it in. “Old” George Hoglin arrived at his brothers last night – An Irishman by the name of [blank space] called and asked to get to stay a few days and work for his board – he is in the yard this P.M. Aunt Precilla busy. Paul around – Jason at School. Mr Tom Crawford called.

29" March. Thurs. Snow on the ground called [cold?] Isaac and our new man John around. Jason at School This afternoon Mr Mc left me at C- at the "Womans Missionary Society" and went to Paxton. I spent the most of the time at Grandmothers. Aunt Mary & others at the U. P. church at a Free Will offering – Clayton at School and at grandmothers. Mr Mc and I at home near dark. On last week Mr Hugh McCullum of Cincinnati died – Paul around home with Uncle Joe – Wesley returned from his visit to [blank space] this evening. I called to see Cargill M- he is not well.

30" March. Friday. Snow going off. Jason at School – Wesley & Uncle Joe put the hams up in sacks. Isaac & John [blank space] hauling in hay. This P.M. Mr Mc at Edd Correys. Late this P.M. Uncle Joe at C- and brought Clayton home. The Colvin bro- called Aunt Precilla not very well – Uncle Joe at C- and brought Clayton home.

31" March Sat. Blustery – gloomy cold – but not so cold as the past few days. Isaac off duty. Wesley & Mr Mc away all day at the sheep feeding at Hollingsworth. This afternoon Clayton took Uncle Joe home – Aunt Precilla and I busy all day. Mr Gordon called. Paul & Jason around. John Doyle, our tramp, at work around the fruit trees to day. Isaac went back to C- this Eve.

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"1" Sabb of April. Easter to day."

1" April Sabbath – Cool – but a breath of Spring in the air. Our Irishman is gone this morning. Wesley & Paul and Aunt Precilla at home. Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." If we are real Christians we can look into this text and see a true picture for our selves. If we are crucified with Christ we are dead to sin to Satan [sic] and to the world – are alive to God to the church and to their souls eternal interest and to everything that is good. The source of the Christians life is in Christ "Yet not I but Christ liveth in me." Now what we need is nearness to Christ. The life of the Christian is a life of faith – He lives "by the life of faith of the son of God." The true Christian makes religion the object for which he lives Let us remember that we will be assaulted by Satan [sic] on every side – but let us go forth in the strength of the Lord our God – "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." This afternoon spent with the children.

2" April. Monday. Clearing off. Mr Stookey called this morning. Old Isaac off duty – Wesley busy. Jason took Clayton down to School this morning. Clayton getting ready to set duck eggs. Jason home in time to go to School this afternoon – Near noon Mr Mc at C- home for dinner and went back to Cedarville this afternoon – This is the day of the election. Wesley at C- this afternoon – Old Mr Robert Murry buried this afternoon at two Oclock.

3rd April. Tuesday. Gloomy blowing a little. Wesley & his cousin at the old Barr farm for hay. Mr Mc and Paul here alone to day. Old Isaac off duty – George H- here this morning and contracted for a month. Aunt Precilla not very well – Jason at School. This afternoon I attended Lizzie Ervins funeral at two O'clock at the M. E. Church. Services conducted by Rev Vance. After the meeting I called to see Grandmother Murdock. Uncle Joe came home with me – Old George Hoglin came this eve to begin work in the morning. Sprinkling rain this Eve.

4th April Wednesday. Gloomy most of the day – wind blowing hard most all day. Isaac still off – Wesley & Old George H- at the Barr farm for hay. Jason at School Uncle Joe & Paul here – Mr Mc at the feeding sheep above Selma this afternoon. Aunt Precilla not very well.

5 April Thursday. Quite a gloomy day. I left at an early hour this morning for C- to stay with Grandmother Murdock while Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell and Matt attended U. Ps. Ladies Missionary Society in Jamestown. Grandmother has not been very well to day. Mr Mc at Xenia this afternoon – he took dinner with us at grandmothers. Clayton at School and there as usual. Mr & Mrs Morton called. They are to attend Maud Harbisons & Mr Finneys wedding this Eve. Jimmie Little came home with me this eve. & is here to night. Wesley & Isaac at the old Barr farm for hay. Old George H- in the yard to day. Paul around with Uncle Joe. Aunt Precilla busy. This is Jason's birthday – he is twelve.

6th April. Friday. More pleasant. Jimmie L- went with me to C- I stopped at Grandmothers for dinner and this afternoon Aunt Matt and I went down to see Old Mrs McCollem – she is very near the end I think. Mr & Mrs Morton there – I am sorry I did not get to see her sooner. Clayton came home with me this eve. Wesley & Isaac at the old Barr place for hay. Old George in the yard to day again. Jason at School. Paul around with Uncle Joe – Aunt Precilla busy but not well. Young Mr Dean here to dinner – Mr Mc at Cedarville Bank this P.M. We met Mrs Jimmie Henderson returning from Missionary meeting.

7th April Saturday. Gloomy drizzling rain this P.M. Old George cleaning in wool house in cellar – Old Isaac & Wesley busy [illegible] around. This afternoon Jason took Uncle Joe home – Mr Mc and Clayton up to see the sheep – Paul around. Aunt Precilla busy. I have not been feeling well this afternoon.

8th April Sabbath. Still cool – but not cold. Clayton, Pal & Aunt Precilla at home Jason at Sabbath school & church. Mr Mc and I at church. Rev Neal Ferguson preached. Text Luke 15:10 "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." The questions heard this afternoon. Bible reading this Eve.

9th April. Monday. Gloomy. Drizzling rain. Clayton & Jason both at C- this morning and home again. Uncle Joe came out. Jason at School this P.M. Clayton out at Tapes [?] on an errand – He was also at Selma this afternoon. Mr Mc around all day. He attended a School meeting at the School house – Mr Henry Townsley elected director. Old Isaac began plowing. Old George cleaning up. This eve Wesley took Clayton to C- to be ready for school – Aunt Precilla in bed all day.

10" April Tuesday. Raining some little – Wesley at Selma for corn – Isaac & George off duty. Aunt Precilla in bed to day again – Paul around with Uncle Joe. Mr Mc around home most of the day. He called at Mr Tom Spensers. Jason at School. I hae been here alone all day at the work – My leisure time spent reading Ruth Erskines Crosses by "Pansey" This Eve Uncle Joe at the office.

11" April. Wednesday. Quite a March day – by no means pleasant. Jason at School – Near noon Uncle Joe left for Mill. Isaac & Wesley plowing – Old George H- cleaning up and spreading manuer [sic] – Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon I surprised my self by taking Aunt Precilla & her bagge [?] over to the Springs – Poor old soul thinks she will never get well – and I am not sure she knows the way to heaven – I tried to tell her – I called to see Frank L- while over there – I felt sad that she could not come home with me. This is Pauls birthday – He tells us all he is four – he has enjoyed the day. I came home past the office – rec'd letter from Clara – I was dreaming about her last night – A man off the pike here to lunch & this eve. Wesleys cousin here to night.

12" April Thursday. Bright sunshine – rather pleasant. Uncle Joe took Wesleys Coz to Uncle Silas's and brought Walter back -- he is here to day working on sheep. He is also with us to night Mr Mc & Uncle Joe and Paul around all day. Jason at home to day too. Isaac & Wesley plowed. I spent the day in town with grandmother Murdock Aunt Mary with the rest of the [illegible] at the County W. C. T. U. at Osborns – I stayed until after dark – but they still had not got home – Clayton staying with grandmother. We had a letter from Homer – he comes next week – an unexpected coming but hope it is all for the best. Aunt Jane went over the Village with me hoping to find a girl – but none could be found.

13" April Friday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Walter and Jones up at Hollingsworth to get the sheep ready for pasture – They took their dinner along. Wesley & Isaac plowing – George digging. Uncle Joe and Paul around – This A.M. I called to see Mrs Hoffman on Harveys place She promised to come next week – But will she do it. This afternoon I went to Selma and called to see Miss Roadarmer – After I came back I went to C- and brought Clayton home from school. Mr Mc and Walter did not get home until dark – Everybody tired. Walter her to night – Jason was at School to day.

14" April. Sat. Very much like Spring. Isaac & Wesley plowing George digging & Paul or Jason around with Uncle Joe – Walter working on sheep – Mr Mc and Clayton at Hollingsworth – All gathered in for an early supper. Clayton took Uncle Joe & Walter home – Clayton took his book along to stop by the way to get some help on Monday lesson. Mr Mc and all tired this eve.

15" April Sabbath. A pleasant day. Wesley at home with Paul. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath Scvhoool and church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah; And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither; And Elisha went over." The leading thought – How the Lords work can be successfully carried forward. He accepted the

work – and entered upon it – He took up the mantle of Elijah and went forward. We like Elisha ought to use the power God has given us Elisha smote the water. We are opposed by enemies by evil thoughts we are surrounded by the powers of darkness – they are mighty but if we use the power God has given us and look to him for help we will come off more than conquerors. Between us and our home is the dark river of death if we use the power God has given us the waters are divided and Jesus will lead us across in safety. God has placed the power in our hand of removing wrongs and of effecting reform and this is the only way that any of these desired changes can be brought about. No great enemy or great reform or good is ever brought about without persevering effort. If people are ready for moral reform in any country or community it is because some one has gone before and opened up the way. What is needed to take the world for Christ is an army of Christians with the spirit and determination of Elisha. If we would be successful we must get our strength and inspiration in our closets. Put on the armour and use it – but do not depend on it but look beyond it to the Lord God of Elijah. We must work and pray. The watch word of the church is the sword of the Lord & Gideon – There must be a meeting of human & divine agency. This afternoon Catechism. Mrs McCollum is dead. She died yesterday morning. Her funeral tomorrow.

16th April. Monday Most a lovely day. Mr Mc and I left at an early hour for Mrs McCollums funeral. Clayton went back to School. Aunt Bell rode with me & Aunt Matt with Mr Mc After the services Mr Mc went to Xenia and Aunt Matt rode with Aunt Bell and me to the Cemetery & back to C- Mr Morton conducted the exercises. Aunt Bell and I took dinner at grandmothers – Uncle Joe came home with me – no girl to be found – Jason took care of Paul and attended to the work & dinner to day. Wesley & Isaac plowing George at work. This Eve beautiful – Uncle Joe across at Huffmans this Eve. Mr Mc returned after dark.

17th April. Tuesday. Quite a Spring day –near noon Mr Mc left for Selma & vicinity looking for girl – he did not get home until after dark. Wesley & Isaac plowing George busy. Two Germans stopped and cleaned the boys room to day – here to night – Uncle Joe at C- Homer came to Springfield this morning and came down on the evening train to C- and came out with Uncle Joe – We were taken by surprise – we did not expect him until the last of the week – But we were certainly glad to see him – Poor Fred will be left alone now – Fred is in School this year in Monmouth College. Jason at home to day.

18th April Wednesday. A nice day. Homer at C- this morning for his trunk – home in time to dinner. Mr Mc and Jason at Will Pickerals pasture for sheep Mr Mc came home past Courtsville and brought Ollie Ward and her baby down to begin a term of work – the baby is aged four months – a daughter. On yesterday afternoon Uncle Dan called. This morning as Uncle Dan past up Aunt Jane came with him and spent the day. Ollie began work at noon.

19th April Thursday. A nice day. On yesterday Eve Mr Mc and Homer took sheep up the pike – came home past Calverts – Walter M- called while they were away to see Homer – Isaac & Wesley plowing until noon this afternoon a shower – Uncle Joe & Paul and Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Homer around – Miss Haines called this eve. This A.M. I went to C- and spent the day with

grandmother Murdock while Aunt Mary & Bell attended the W. C. T. U. district at Charleston – They went at eight and Aunt Mary came down at six – Aunt Bell staying there to night. Ollie at the work to day.

20" April Friday. Rain this morning. Homer at C- & called at Uncle Silas's & home again at noon. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Paula around. Jason went back to School this morning. Ollie helping with the work. This P.M Homer at C- and brought Clayton out from School. After tea he went to Selma – Isaac and Wesley plowing part of the day.

21" April. Sat. Quite a gloomy day. Isaac & Wesley plowing. George H- cutting sod & cleaning up. Jason took Uncle Joe home this P.M. I began taking my second supply of medicine of Dr. W. H. Winslow's at Pittsburg to day. Cousin J. H. McMillan called this P.M. This afternoon Homer and Mr Mc at Hollingsworths Mrs Dugdale called. This Eve Homer took Ollie home – I finished reading Judge Burnhams Daughters – By Pansy [in margin: J. H. McMillan here.]

22" April. Sabb. Drizzling rain most of the day and cool. Wesley at home with Paul. Homer, Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons Sermon "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." This text is the most comforting declarations in the Bible. The most difficult thing about it is for us to believe it. Not many of us have faith to believe that all things in heaven earth and hell are working for our good. What is good The good that God bestows is good all the time good in life and good in death. He gives his children the graces of his holy Spirit love joy peace meekness. After preaching Walter came home with the boy and went back to young folks meeting with Homer. Mr Morton preached to night. The union Services were held in our church – We had catechism this afternoon while Walter was here and we also had Bible reading This Eve he and Homer at the Young folks meeting and at Union Services at our church. Sermon by Mr Morton text By what means shall or " Wherein it all shall a young man cleanse his way."

23" April Monday. Quite a gloomy & I might say a cold day. Clayton went at an early hour and brought Ollie back – then in due time went to School to C- and Uncle Joe came back in his conveyance. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe busy. Isaac and Wesley plowing Mr Mc getting hogs ready for pasture. This P.M. Homer at the Hollingsworth pasture – I went to C- Aunt Bell and I called at Condons Millenery store – then drove out to Uncle Silas's made a short call – I called to see Grandmother Murdock – and at Aunt James – This is her birthday. She is eighty one (81) to day. Uncle Joe & Paul at home – Wesley Isaac & George busy. Jason at School.

24" April. Tuesday. Rather pleasant. Isaac and Wesley & George plowing. Uncle Joe Mr Mc and Paul around. Jason at School. I have been getting the house ready for cleaning Ollie busy. Jones & Homer done a large days work at the shearing. This Eve Homer at Selma. This Eve Etta M- and children called.

25" April Wed. A beautiful day. Homer getting the rams ready for pasture. Uncle Joe and Paul planting potatoes – Wesley plowing Old George & Isaac off duty & on – Mr Mc and Jason at

Hollingsworth pasture for sheep. Mr Harry Flaggs [?] funeral this A.M. This afternoon Mr Kinney Burns funeral at the Selma A. M. E. Church – He was superintendent of the Sabbath School – I took Ollie and her baby with me to attend the funeral but at the last she did not get to go but stayed at her mothers with the baby I went alone – Had quite a parade – music & after the services I called at Miss Roadarmers She is to be married soon – This eve Isaac at the office –letters from Fannie Fred & Harlan – Mr McKenzie took Clara with him to N.Y. this week. Homer at [illegible] & C- this Eve.

26 April Thurs. Warm quite a Spring day. Uncle Dan helping get ready for the sheep washing. Homer at the sheep Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul and Jason around home. Wesley & Isaac busy plowing Old George began white washing in earnest This afternoon I was at the missionary meeting at the “P. M. Rooms” I called to see grandmother. After I came home had supper and went to Courtsville for Mrs Brown to be ready for house cleaning tomorrow it was dark when we came home. Homer at Warners and at C- this eve.

27” April Friday. A beautiful day. George at his white washing. Homer still with the sheep Isaac and Wesley farming. Uncle Dans and us at the sheep washing to day. Uncle Joe planting potatoes – Mrs Brown cleaning the back rooms up stairs Ollie at her work – I have not felt very able to work to day. Jason & Paul helping with the washing of sheep. This Eve Homer at Selma. This P.M. Mr Mc at the Bank and at Uncle David Torrence – on a trade – Clayton came home this eve from his week at School.

28” April. Sat. Warm. George at his white washing. Isaac plowing – Wesley at Selma for corn, for sheep – this A.M. or plowing this afternoon. Clayton plowing A few sheep were washed to day. Homer helped me take up the bed room carpet – Isaac took Uncle Joe down – Jason took Fred down to Uncle Dan Torrence and came back with Isaac. Clayton and Jason took Mrs Brown and Ollie home to Courtsville Homer and Wesley at C. I am not feeling well these day. On Thursday Eve Mary Caldwell and James Harvey McMillan were married.

29” April. Sabb. Rain last night damp and gloomy part of the day. Mr Mc Paul and Wesley at home – I went to Sabbath School with Clayton and Jason this morning. Homer there too – Mr Morton & Mrs absent – they were in Princeton Ind to day – and expect to go to Illinois and to the meeting of Synod at Coultersville before they are home. After Sabbath School on account of no fire being in the church we came home – at a later hour Homer and Jim Little came – This Eve we all read the fourth and fifth chapter of Matthew – Jim L- and Homer went to the young folks meeting – I heard Claytons & Jason & Paul catechism & Psalms.

30” April Monday. A lovely day Old George began white washing on pike fence to day. Clayton at Courtsville early this morning and brought Ollie and Mrs Brown down. Then he took wagon & plow down and plowed grandmother Murdocks garden – he was home at noon Uncle Joe came with him – Mr Mc at Fineys this A.M. home again in time for dinner. Homer and Jason washing sheep. Isaac hauling in hay – he & Wesley also plowing. Mrs Brown cleaned the parlor and our bed room. Ollie doing her best in kitchen I cleaned the sitting room cupboard. This

Eve Miss Haines called. After supper Homer Jason took sheep up to some pasture – After he came back – Then Homer took Clayton back to School but as there will be a change of teacher in his room next year which will not be agreeable he came back – and will give up school for the present.

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1" May Tuesday. Warm. Wesley & Isaac at their plowing. George white washing and helping Uncle Joe & Clayton plant potatoes. Homer took Mr Mc to Selma to the train he went to London – after he came back he went to C- and brought Jim Little out – they were here to dinner This afternoon he and Jim among the sheep washing. This Eve Jim and Jason brought him from the train. Mr Mc did not see Mr Phipper to day – but took dinner at Mr Mitchels. This Eve Homer & Jim L- at Selma – Paul around to day – Mrs Brown cleaning house. Ollie busy.

2" May. Wed. Bright & Pleasant. Old George white washing cave & cellar – Mrs B- cleaning dining room & kitchen Mr Mc & Homer Jim L- Jones & Robbison are up at Hollingsworth shearing we sent dinner to them. Uncle Joe & Clayton Jason & Paul planting potatoes. I called to see Aunt Rachel. She is seriously sick – Aunt Matt there. I went to C- took dinner with grandmother & Aunt Mary when I called – I got [illegible] faced hemp carpet at Birds – & came direct home. While I was away Jim [illegible] here with the folks to dinner he has finished his work. Homer at Selma this eve.

3" May Thurs. A pleasant day. Wesley busy. Old Isaac off duty. George whitewashing Near noon Mr Mc called to see Aunt Rachel. Homer and Jim L- at Hollingsworth finishing the sheep shearing – this afternoon late they went back to the Hollingsworth pasture and brought sheep home – did not get home until late – Wesley & Clayton at C- I am ashamed to say to a "Show" – I went with them as far as Aunt Rachels.

4" May Friday. Quite a shower last night – Mattie Stormont and I sat up with Aunt Rachel last night – The family all very tired – she seems more comfortable this morning. Dave brought me up home early this morning. After breakfast Jason took Mrs Brown to her home in Courtsville. She has been here a week. The house all cleaned – She also done the ironing yesterday. Homer & Jim L- getting the Hollingsworth sheep ready for pasture. Mr Mc around home Uncle Joe & George sodding the lawn near the front door. Clayton Jason & Paul at work. Isaac off duty – Ollie and I busy. Homer & Jim L- at C this Eve.

5" May. Sat. A shower last night rain to day. Isaac off duty – Wesley planted the Kemp corn -- & went to Selma for corn – Uncle Joe went to C- with Uncle Dan – Homer went to Springfield this afternoon – Clayton and Jason busy. Paul around all day. This Eve Ollie went home with her father when he was passing from C- It is now ten the boys not home yet – I am too tired to sit up longer.

6" May. Sabb. Rain last night damp to day. Homer & Harlan did not get in until late last night – it was late before Harlan could leave the store. Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason at the U. P.

Church and at our Sabbath School in the morning. At a later hour Mr Mc and I left Paul with Wesley and started for church – but as the preaching had begun at the U. P. and M. E. church we thought it best not to disturb their peace & our own peace by such an untimely entrance – we drove past grandmothers and I spoke to her a minute – and we called in at Aunt Rachels – her symptoms seem better. George & Wesley here this afternoon. We read the 6” & 7” of Matthew – This Eve the boys have gone to the young folks meeting. Susann Jackson is dead – she died this morning.

7” May. Monday. At an early hour Mr Mc left with Harlan and took him back to Springfield – Mr Mc was home again a little after twelve. Old George here till noon Isaac & Wesley busy. Homer Clayton & Jason busy. Jason went down for Uncle Joe at noon We rec’d letter from Fannie they are expecting to come next week. I am certainly happy to rec the tidings. This eve Homer at C- Clayton at Courtsville early this morning and brought Ollie down.

8” May Tuesday. A beautiful day. Isaac & Wesley began planting corn – Old George is gone. Uncle Joe busy. Homer & Clayton Jason & Paul busy about sheep. Mr Mc and I attended Miss Susann Jacksons funeral at ten Oclock – were home again a little past noon to dinner. This Eve Homer at Selma. Mr Mc and I at Courtsville and Selma to see Mrs Garett’s sisters – did not get home until after dark. As we came home to day I called at Aunt Rachel –she was seeming more comfortable – Mr Warnock called to see us when passing.

9” May Wed. A beautiful day. We rec’d the word this morning that Aunt Rachel is dead. (Aunt Rachel McMillan) She was taken suddenly worse yesterday and died after midnight. Mr Mc and I called there this morning – then we went to C- I called at Mr Warnocks a few minutes and at grandmothers – We met Cousin H. H. McMillan at C- a few minutes on business – were home in time for dinner – Mr Mellingner here to dinner also – This afternoon he and Mr Mc driving around. Homer at C- this P.M. This A.M. Uncle Joe at mill – Isaac & Wesley & Clayton at the planting. Jason and Paul around. Mr Mellingner here for tea. This Eve Wesley took Homer down to sit up at Aunt Rachels but when he went they did not need company – He & Wesley at C- a little while and home again – Jim L- here this eve and with us to night.

10” May. Clayton left at an early hour this morning for Courtsville and brought Mrs Brown down – she has put in a full day washing bed clothes – After dinner I called at Aunt Rachels – and sat awhile with them – they are feeling very lonely – from there I went to C- and called to see grandmother – home again in time for tea. Ollie at the work. Homer & Jim L- shearing. Uncle Joe & Jason & Paul and Mr Mc around. Isaac & Wesley planting corn – also Clayton assisting. This Eve Homer and Jim L- retired early Mrs B- here to night.

11 May. Friday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Jim L- & Homer and Clayton and Jason and I attended Aunt Rachels funeral. The services conducted by Rev Mr Sprowl & Rev Warnock in Mr Mortons absence quite a nice funeral – Jason & Lizzie Blair rode with Mr Mc and me to the cemetery. Uncle Joe & Clayton came home – Homer & Jim L- stopped Orrs to dinner & went to Xenia – and stopped at Lizzie Ps for tea -- & home again in the course of time. Clayton

took Mrs B- home when she finished her ironing at noon. We stopped with grandmother and Aunt Mary for dinner & we came home – Ollie at the work. This Eve Nelson Palmer on his way to the Soldiers Home stopped here for lunch and with us to night – A german peddlar foot sore and weary stopping with us to night also here to supper – Every one busy.

12" May. Sat. A beautiful day. Our soldier went to finishing the sodding in the front yard – and how glad and thankful he is willing & competent to do it. John Mitchel here with Mr Mc to dinner. Wesley Clayton & Isaac at the corn – Jim L- and Homer shearing. Mr Mc went with John Mitchel to Charleston this P.M. Jason took Ollie down to C- Uncle Joe went down home on the same train. This Eve Homer took Ollie to her house in Courtsville and then spent the evening in Selma.

13" May Sabb. Warm. Homer and Jason at our Sabbath School & at the U. P. church. Mr Mc and I at the old side Mr Sprowls text I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Clayton kept Paul for me – Wesley away. Nelson P- around. Homer went by way of Selma to Cedarville to church to night.

14" May. Monday. A warm day. It is three years this morning since Fannie was married – These years have brought their changes. Clayton at Courtsville at an early hour for Ollie. Jason at C- and brought Uncle Joe and Jim L- out – after dinner Walter came – he & Jim L- at the shearing with Homer Isaac and Wesley & Clayton at the planting. Jason & Uncle Joe & Paul around – This afternoon I went to C- a very little while – Jim L- & Walter here to night. Homer at Selma.

15" May. Tuesday. Pleasant. Isaac and Wesley & Clayton at the planting. Uncle Joe and Jason around home – Nelson P. whitewashed the fence down the pike – Mr Mc left near noon for Springfield took dinner with Harlan and went out to the Erie Depot to meet Fannie and Clara and Donald [transcriber note: Fannie's son] – they came in on the two twenty train from their home at Pine Bush N.Y. Clara has been there since the 13" of Sept – she went home with Fannie then – It came up a rain as they came home – they reached here at six O'clock – It seems like Old times to have them at home once more. Homer and Jim L- and Walter shearing. This Eve Jim L- and Walter here to night. Homer & Walter at C- awhile. We had quite a shower here – Ollie and I busy all day. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Mr McKenzie came with the folks as far as Marion on his way to the meeting of the Assembly in Oregon [?].

16" May. Wed. A beautiful day. Fannie & Donald & Clara all with us to day Homer Jim L- & Walter at the shearing. Uncle Joe Mr Mc and Jason & Paul looking after things Wesley & Isaac & Clayton at the planting Nelson gave the wood shed a thorough cleaning. Uncle Dan & Mr P. called to see the girls. We have quite a large family here now – This Eve after an early supper Fannie Clara & Donald went to town to call on grandmother Murdock, (Donalds great grandmother) and on the rest of the folks. This Eve Homer & Walter at Selma for the trunks. Jim L- here to night – as well as Walter.

17" May Thurs. A beautiful day. Homer Jim L- & Walter at the shearing Isaac & Wesley finishing up the corn planting. We ironed this A.M. Nelson white washing on the pike – Mr Mc

looking after things. Ollie busy. Fannie helping. Clara around. Mr McKenzie sent Paul a beautiful silver knife and fork and spoon. This Eve Homer and Walter at C- This Eve after supper Fannie and Donald and Clara and I called at Sallie Mcs – She & Della and Dave there by themselves – it seems very lonely without Aunt Rachel – from there we went to C- and made a short stay with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane.

18" May Friday. A nice day. There are fifteen to gather around our table these days – Jim L- and Walter and Homer at the shearing. Wesley has finished planting corn. He began to clean out the Stables this afternoon Uncle Joe & Clayton & Paul busy. Uncle Silas and Mr Mc left after an early dinner for Springfield – did not get home until after dark. This Eve Homer and Walter made a brief call at Selma – This afternoon Fannie and Donald and Clara at Aunt Jennettes – They took tea there. Ollie at the work. I washed some few pieces – Uncle Joe at C- on an errand this P.M. Clayton & Jason around – and Paul too. Nelson at the whitewashing along the pike.

19" May. Sat. A gloomy day. Almost like snow. Have a fire in the front room. Wesley off duty – and Isaac too. It is so cold that there were no sheep shearers to day. Mr Mc around home all day. Jason took Uncle Joe down this P.M. Homer at C- a few minutes too and came home and took Ollie home to Courtsville. Fannie and Clara around. Our good man Nelson Palmer finished the fences along the pike and began to work on the Barn. We did not forget that this was Freds birthday – how old he is getting.

20" May. Sabbath. Cold and gloomy. Raining a little. Homer and Clara at the U. P. church. The rest of us did not get started in time Mr Mc and Fannie and Donald Clayton & Jason & Paul and Nelson Palmer and I had a Sabbath at home – Homer and Clara at home for dinner – Raining most of the P.M. Preaching at the old sides the Eve.

21" May. Monday. Cold & gloomy to day again. Wesley absent. Isaac & Clayton planting pumpkin seed. Clayton at Courtsville early this morning for Ollie. She and Clara busy to day putting the kitchen in order – Fannie sewing. Paul & Donald building houses. Nelson finished his contract at noon – he expects to go on to Columbus in the morning. Old german George came this morning he has cut wood all day. Mr Mc and Homer at John McMillans to see sheep. When they came back Homer took the clothes to C- and Uncle Joe came out with Him. At a later hour Walter called and he and Homer went to Selma.

22" May Tues. Still cool and very gloomy. Rain all morning. Our good man Horatias Nelson Palmer went on his way this morning. Old George went also. Wesley came back this morning. Old here looking over accts. Uncle Joe and I prepared brine for meat [illegible]. Fannie and Clara put in a full day sewing. Ollie busy. Business at a stand still – Men & boys all off duty. Late this P.M. the sun made its appearance. Mr Mc at C- to see Jas P. Mc Homer went by way of Selma to a concert at the Opera house at Cedarville.

23" May. Wed. Another gloomy day – drizzling rain part of the time. Wesley & Clayton at Selma for hay. Uncle Joe and Jason Paul and Mr Mc around home – and Homer. Fannie sewing

Clara & Donald around. Ollie in the kitchen. Near noon I left for C- & spent the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary – remained there until after tea. This P.M. Mrs Roadarmer Currie called to see Fannie and Clara. This Eve Homer and Jim L- at Xenia on a special trip.

24" May. Thurs. I have been sick and in bed all day – the only spell with my stomach since the last of March – Quite a dreary damp day. James L- came home with Homer last night – they are working at the sheep to day. Clayton at Uncle Silas's at noon for Walter but he could not come. Uncle Joe and Jason and Paul and Isaac & Wesley around. Clara helping Ollie. Fannie sewing Donald around. This Eve Jim L- and Homer at C- a few minutes. This Eve Aunt Bell and Blanch called.

25" May. Friday. A pleasant day. This morning I took Fannie and Donald to C- to spend the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Aunt Bell had them all come & take dinner with them – Aunt Bell getting ready to go to Philadelphia next week. Fannie and Donald at grandmothers for tea. Mr & Mrs Morton returned to day from their trip to Illinois. Clara & Ollie busy. I ironed this P.M. Jim L. and Walter and Homer at the shearing. Uncle Joe & Jason & Clayton & Paul around home. Wesley & Isaac at some kind of work. Mr Mc around. This Eve Uncle Joe at C- for Fannie & Donald. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at the Cedarville Commencement. Ollie there too – Jim L- and Walter there. Jennie Morton among the graduates.

26" May. Sat. A bright day. Clara took Uncle Joe and Jason to C- to be ready for the meeting of the Township speakers at the Opera House this afternoon. Clara home to help with dinner. Ollie busy. I finished the ironing. Young Mr Gordon here for the lambs. Homer Jim L- and Walter at the sheep. This afternoon Clara & Clayton at the meeting at the Opera House. Jason made his first appearance before the public this afternoon – just a beginning. His declamation was "A Complaint" We had quite a shower they did not get home until five. This eve Clayton and I took Ollie home. Homer at C- a few minutes this P.M.

27" May Sabb. A gloomy day. Clara & Clayton at home with Donald and Paul. Homer and Jason at Sabbath School Mr Mc and Fannie and I at church. Mr Morton subject "Gods dealings with his children or the book of providence founded on the 1" chap of Ezekiel. Harlan came down from Springfield – expecting to be ready for church but was a little late. This afternoon we had a few exercises – Harlan & Homer at the young folks meeting – Jim L- came out with them.

28" May. Monday. All up at an early hour. Fannie and Clayton took Harlan back to be ready to take his place "Carson & Foxes" at Springfield. Fannie called at Mrs Stuarts and done some shopping and she and Clayton were home at little past noon. Clara and Donald at C- this morning and took the drive to keep Donald quiet. They met Aunt Mary E- She came over from Wilmington on the morning train. Mr Stoddard met with an accident this morning when the morning express past through C- he was knocked down by the mail boy hitting him on the

head he was picked up senseless – and carried to the Dr's office. Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell left for the old side Synod at Philadelphia to attend the old side Synod. This morning Jason at Courtsville and brought Ollie down. This Eve Mr Mellingner called and came in with Mr Mc for tea. Mr Mc and Donald and Fannie and Clara at C- and brought Aunt Mary E. McMillan out to make a protracted visit here. We have a fire these days in the front bed room. We are all around the fire to night. Jim L. & Homer busy – Walter here this P.M.

29" May Tuesday Damp and cool this morning Isaac busy in stable till noon. Wesley off duty – he went to Mr Henesy Kyle to his barn raising. Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason around home. I should have written that we finished the sheep shearing yesterday. Jim L- and Homer made a hasty trip to C- after their days work was done. This afternoon Homer and Jim L- helped Mr Mellingner away with sheep. Mr Mellingner made the second trade with Mr Mc this P.M. Mr Mc and Aunt Mary E. and Fannie and Donald and I took a drive over to the Y. Springs to see Miss Eve Roadarmer Currie – and Frank Lamont. We came home by way of C- did not get here until dark. It began raining before we reached home. Clara here with Paul Ollie and the rest. An "Irish German" stopping here this Eve. Homer & Jim L- at C. this eve.

30" May Wed. Rain most of the day. Wesley here last night but away to day again. Our "Irish German" cutting all day. Homer and Jim L- here. Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason around. Mr Mc looking after stock. This P.M. Aunt Mary E. and Fannie at C- this afternoon took tea at Aunt Janes. Donald here with Clara and the rest of us – he is in fine spirits. This afternoon Homer and Jim L- at the village meeting at the Opera House to night in the interest of Cedarville College to be addressed by the Rev James Steel of N.Y. and Rev McKinney of Cincinnati, but it is too unpleasant an evening for us to attend. Isaac at the Decoration to day of soldiers graves.

31" May Thurs. A gloomy day. Rain this afternoon – a rain bow about four O'clock And another one at sun setting. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Mrs Pigge called this morning Uncle Joe and Fannie at Xenia. Mary Caldwell McMillan and Lizzie P- went with them from C- Fannie called to see Bay [?] Carrey White to day – she is at a visit at her mothers. Our "Irish German" still with us – Jim L- and Homer around – working on sheep this P.M. Wesley cleaning the stables – Clara taking care of Donald. Frank Orr here with Clayton and Jason this afternoon Mr Mc around home all P.M. Mr James Steel called this P.M. He goes back to his home in N.Y. in the morning. Ollie busy to day. The boys retired early.

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1" June Friday. The rainbows and sunshine were bright and full of promise – to day it has been pleasant. Clara and Uncle Joe at C. this A.M. Our Irish German at the wood cutting. Wesley at work in corn. Isaac cleaning stables – he and Uncle Joe at C- for lime this P.M. Our Irish G- trimming trees in yard this P.M. Aunt Jane came home with Clara. This Eve after tea Aunt Mary E. and Fannie and Donald and I took her home – I spent some little time with grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc around home to day Jim L- and Homer in the sheep pen. Jason at School this afternoon at its closing. Clayton with us. The boys retired early.

2 June Sat. A bright day. Wesley & Isaac busy. Our Irish German trimming trees in the yard all day. Uncle Joe superintending him. Aunt Mary E. and Clara sewing. Ollie and Clara and I very busy all day long. This P.M. after an early dinner Jim L- and Homer left for Springfield for Harlan. Clara took Uncle Joe home this Eve. Aunt Mollie and Jennie and Ina and Josse Orr called to see Fannie this afternoon. This Eve Mr Mc took Ollie home & stopped at Calverts in Selma. Harlan & Homer did not get back until late – Jim L- stopped off at C.

3" June Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Fannie at church. Aunt Mary E. and Paul and I at home with Donald. He has surely been a good boy to day. This Eve I heard Clayton and Jasons questions. We had our Bible reading. Homer and Clara at Young peoples meeting this eve. Jim L- came back with them this Eve.

4" June Monday. A nice day. At an early hour Mr Mc and Clara left with Harlan for Springfield – to get back to his place in "Carson & Foxes. Clayton at Courtsville for Ollie – she and I very busy all day. Aunt Mary E. drove down to C- alone for Uncle Joe – they returned near noon. Homer took, his men, Jim L- Wesley and Isaac to the replanting – This P.M. Uncle Joe took the washing to Mrs Smith. This Eve after an early tea Aunt Mary E- and Fannie layed their sewing aside and called to see Sallie & Della and Dave – and called at C- Aunt Mary E. says it is very lonely there with out Aunt Rachel. By the way I did not mention that Jason went with the folks to S- this morning and were all home to sit down with the men to supper. Clara took dinner with Helen & Jason with Mrs P- & Father with Harlan. Our Irish German, still trimming trees all day.

5" June Tues. Gloomy some of the time. Homer and his men at the replanting. Our man at the trees until noon – then at the garden with Uncle Joe. Mr Mc and Aunt Mary E. and I drove over to the Springs this afternoon – we went by Cedarville – stopped there – also made some stops in Clifton – called at Paxtons – called to see Miss Roadarmer Currie in the Springs then took in the city – called at twenty different places for a girl – at the last got a promise of one. We came past Uncle Bighams – we met them coming from here as they had been here to see Fannie Lastly we called at Aunt Janes and at the post office and reached home after dark all tired and all most chilled thoroughly as it has been a very dreary cold afternoon more like the last day of winter than like June. Fannie and Clara & Ollie taking charge -- & prepared our supper – Donald in a fine [illegible] – Paul retired early. Homer & Jim L- made a short drive to C- were soon home.

6" May [June] Wed. Cool & gloomy. Fannie & Aunt Mary E. at the sewing. Our Irish G. helping Uncle Joe set out onion sets. Wesley and Isaac and Homer and Jim L- replanting corn. This P.M. I attended the congregational prayer meeting. Aunt Mary E- went with me – she stayed with Aunt Janes for tea - I with grandmother and Aunt Mary. We reached home near dark. John McMillan called this eve. Homer and Jim L- at Selma for a little while this evening. Fannie busy sewing all day. Clara busy. Paul and Donald playing.

7" May [June] Thurs. Still cool but bright sunshine. Mr Mc left at an early hour for the Yellow Springs for Mrs Roadarmer Currie – also for our promised girl – Wm C- came but girl came not – fortunately Ollie is still with us. I will try to do the best I can. Aunt Mary E. drove down to C- on an errand this morning. Back again in a little while – Homer & Jim L- took sheep to the vicinity of Selma. Fannie Aunt Mary E. and Mrs Currie busy sewing all day. This Eve I kept Donald while Mr Mc & Fannie, Clara and Mrs C- attended the A.B. Lenards address on Missions at the M. E. Church. I am happy to say that Homer and Jim L- retired early. Our "Irish German" whose name is Adam has been very busy hoeing and planting to day.

8" June Friday. A pleasant day Much warmer. This is Flower Mission day. Clara and Jason at C- at an early hour for grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane – Clara was not in time to go with Aunt Mary and Matt to Xenia. She and Jason came back with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane. Mr Mc left this A.M. for Xenia to see the Gordon boys – did not get back until this eve. Jim L- not well he went away this morning. Adam busy too. Uncle Joe around. I ironed some this A.M. This P.M. I took grandmother and Aunt Jane at an early hour. Grandmother not very well. Homer at C- this P.M. Mrs Dallas rode up to her son P-s with me as I came home Mrs C- & Fannie & Aunt Mary E. put in a full day of sewing.

9" June Sat. Much warmer. Wesley & Isaac plowing. Uncle Joe & Adam Homer and Clayton busy all day Jason Paul and Donald around. Mr Mc around all day. Clayton at C- this P.M. Mr Mc took Ollie home at noon This Eve after tea Mr Mc & Fannie and Aunt Mary E. and Donald took Mrs Currie Roadarmer over to her home at the Springs Clara took Uncle Joe home – I am sorry to record that later still Homer & Wesley at C- but only made a brief stay. Another busy week is ended.

10 June Sabb. Warm. Fannie dressed Paul for church – and he went with us to day for the first in a long time – Homer and Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc there too along with me and Paul. Mr Mortons Subject the Story of the Prodigal son. The joy of repentance – There was the joy of the new convert. The joy the returning prodigal brings to the home and to the family and to the church – and lastly there is joy in heaven over his return. I heard Claytons & Jasons and Pauls catechism Psalm and had our Bible reading. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting and at the U. P. church. Sermon by the Rev Davidson.

11" June. Monday. Warm and clear. At and early hour Jason went after Ollie to Courtsville. Clara and Paul at C- She and Uncle Joe took him to the Barbers and had his long beautiful curls cut off—this is the first time his hair has been cut Mr Mc at C- also – all at home in time for dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc and Fannie and I at Charleston – We met Dr. Farr there As we came home we came in past Bazels. This Eve Homer at C- a little while.

12" June Tuesday. A warm day. Uncle Joe Adam & boys planting potatoes Isaac & Wesley plowing. Mr Mc and Homer around. Bay C. W & Son Wm and Mrs Carrey here to dinner and until after C- this eve. We had a pleasant day with them. Mr [illegible] of Xenia here and came in with Mr Mc to tea. This Eve Aunt Mary E. and Donald and Fannie and I took a little drive to C-

Grandmother seems pretty well. Jim L- here to dinner. This afternoon he and Homer at Springfield – I suppose on business & pleasure. We will not expect them back until late.

13" June Wed. Warn. A busy day indeed. Jason at Bazels and brought Miss B- here to help Fannie sew. Aunt Mary E. and Fannie helping – they were in the front bedroom at their sewing. Mr Mc and Jim L- at Mr Matthew Wilsons –home in time for dinner Mr Mc took Fannie directly after dinner to see Pearl Robbison – she came back with them to stay a week or so. Ollie at C- with Jason this A.M. with her baby to see the doctor She will have to stop work. Mr Mc took her and Miss Bazel home this eve. She finished her sewing. After tea Homer took Fannie and Aunt Mary E. to C- she and Mary E. will stay there to night – Clara helping. They finished planting potatoes this noon – A nice shower this P.M.

14" June. Thurs. A warm day but pleasant. Mr Mc and Jason at John McS for sheep – They took dinner with Aunt Jennette Isaac & Wesley & Clayton plowing. Uncle Joe and Adam hoeing. Pearl at the work – Clara around. Donald & Paul both busy. At noon Mr McKenzie came very unexpectedly. Stopping in, he came to C- at eight and called around to see the folks and finally Mr Warnock brought him out. This P.M. Mr & Mrs Morton called to see Mr McKenzie & Fannie. This Eve they drove down to town took tea at Aunt Janes & Aunt Mary E. came back with them Homer out with Jim L- canvassing he came back in time for tea – He and Clara at Cal Stormonts at their party to night – quite a number of young folks there.

15" June Friday. A beautiful summer day. Mr McKenzie rested until near noon – Mr Mc away at some of the pastures Aunt Mary E. & Clara Donald and Paul at C- this morning home in time for dinner. Isaac Wesley Uncle Joe Clayton and Adam all busy. Jason around with his father all A.M. This Eve Mr Mc at the pasture in the vicinity of Selma was too busy to go with Aunt Mary E. Mr McKenzie and Fannie and me to Mr Mortons. Jim Harvey Mc and [illegible] there along with Cargills – They had a lovely supper. [Illegible] & Jennie still visiting in Tennessee. We certainly had a delightful evening – It is clear and pleasant to night. Donald at home with Clara & Paul. Pearl R- busy. Homer & Jim L- canvassing to day. Homer staying with Alvie Orr to night – they were at the Springs.

16" June. Saturday. A beautiful summer day. We rec'd word from Fred that he will be in Springfield today. He has been in College at Monmouth last year. Commencement there Thursday. Near noon Mr. Mc left for Springfield. Mr Mc [illegible] at C- home in time for dinner. This afternoon he and Fannie Aunt Mary E. & Paul and Donald at Aunt Jennettes for tea – did not get home until dark. Clara and I here & been busy. Pearl left soon after dinner for home. This eve Mr and Mrs Stace [?] Hitchcock drove down with Mrs Clarissa Katy Camel late of VA, a widow that Mr Mc met in his travels yesterday eve—and made arrangements with to come and make her home with us. They came in and had tea with us. Mrs. Camel will not begin work until Monday. We are certainly thankful for this good angel a kind providence has sent to us in our great need of help. About eight o clock Mr Mc returned bringing our two boys with him. Fred and Harlan.

17 June Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan Homer and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Fannie and Mr MacKenzie and Fred and I at church. Quite a good audience – a number of U. Ps there. Mr. McKenzie preached. His text, “If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above.” Sermon very impressive. Extracts on another page. Our new woman Aunt Katy at home with Clara Paul Donald and Aunt Mary E. She is taking charge of the kitchen. [illegible] many of us were here to day and sat down to dinner together. We were all here: Mr Mc Fred Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason Mr McKenzie Fannie Donald and Paul. All here—This is the first time we have all been here together since Fannie was married. Aunt Mary E. with us and while we do not call her our own family—yet she is very near to us all. This eve very imperfect – Sabbath lesson Homer Mr MacKenzie and Clara at the Young Folks meeting. James L- came back with them and is here to night.

18” June Monday. A pleasant day. At an early hour Fred left with Harlan for Springfield. Mr MC at the pasture and over at Stretchers – Clara took Aunt Mary E. to Aunt James & brought Uncle Joe out – Mr McKenzie Fannie and Donald and I at grandmother Murdocks for dinner. Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell there – they returned from their trip to Phil”d and Washington D. C. yesterday or on Saturday. Blanch and Mary Ervin returned from their visit to Cincinnati this Eve. Fred came home at noon from Springfield and came down to town. This Eve Fannie & Mr McKenzie and Donald went to Mr John Collins – will be there to night. Fred and I stayed at grandmothers for tea – Aunt Mary E. there to dinner and spent the afternoon with us. Aunt Mary E- at Aunt Janes to night – Homer and Jim L- around canvassing for the “Sickle Sharper” they have been away this P.M. Jim L- here to dinner.

19” June Tuesday. Aunt Katy and I have had a very busy day. She put out a big washing – for the trunk packing tomorrow. Homer and Jim L- around to day again at their business canvassing. Mr Mc and Jason and Uncle Joe and Paul around. Adam & Isaac busy. Clayton at the plowing too. This Eve Mr Mc and Fred and Clara and Paul and I at Uncle Silas’s Mr McKenzie and Fannie and Donald came there from Mr John Collins – Mr & Mrs Morton there too. Fannie and Mr MacKenzie Donald stopped to tell the folks good by at C- Homer in C- Clara stopped off – and he went with her to the Opera House to hear the Knoxville Concert. Aunt Mary E. came out with us from Aunt Janes and is with us to night. We had certainly a pleasant Evening and a lovely supper and a happy hour this eve. Grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary there this Eve.

20” June Wed. The longest day of the year. And a day that shall not be forgotten by some of us. Fred and Aunt Mary E. at C—and brought Aunt Jane and Matt out. Aunt Mary Murdock and Aunt Bell here too – Homer and Jim L—left at an early hour for Jamestown home in time for dinner. Fannie & Mr. McKenzie and Donald around. Everyone busy. This afternoon at four Oclock Mr MacKenzie Fannie and Donald told us all good bye and Mr Mc left with them for Springfield. They left on the eight Oclock train for Pine Bush NY—went on the old Erie road. Fred went around on the train from C—and took their trunk – Clara and her father rode up with them. They drove in to S—just as Harlan was leaving the store – they all stopped with him –

And Mr. McKenzie took him around with him and the rest of the crowd to supper. Donald was in a fine glee – I feel so lonely here all the folks went back to town Aunt Mary E. here with me. Uncle Joe and Clayton both at C—Paul and Jason here. Jim L. and Homer away this P.M. again. Adam and Aunt Katy both busy. To keep up a little Aunt Mary E. and Paul and I took a drive around by Kyles and home. I will not write on this page how sad and lonely I feel this night. I must look away and beyond—far away. The brightest day has its close—change and passing away is part of our belongings. Let even this inspire us to something nobler better. How long I watched and waited for their coming home—but they have come and gone—and all has passed away just like a dream. And thus it is and ever will be – Clara stayed with Helen [illegible] – this week she is to attend the High School Commencement.

21" June. Thurs. Warm. Mr Mc around all morning Uncle Joe and Adam busy. Homer away to day again – Fred went with him to C- and they both took dinner with Jim L- at Lizzie P's. Aunt Katy & I busy Aunt Mary E. around. This afternoon we left Paul with Uncle Joe – And Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at Wilberforce Commencement Fred rode down with Cal W- and came home with us. I met Mrs Carrey & daughter there, "Jessie" also Mrs Bell Patterson. Aunt Mary E. went down with us and stopped off at Aunt Janes to visit a few days there. Uncle Joe and Paul at C- this P.M. on a brief trip.

22" June. Friday. A warm day. Isaac and Clayton plowing. Uncle Joe and Adam hoeing. Jason choring he & Paul at C- with wood for Aunt Jane. Mr Mc around. This afternoon he and Fred at C- home to supper then they went to Hollingsworth & Selma. Aunt Katy busy. Homer went to C- to meet Jim L—this morning—they were out today. I am too tired to wait for their coming.

23" June. Sat. Another busy bustling week is past—and to me it seems like a month – Homer did not come in until late as he and Jim L- went to Springfield yesterday Eve. Mr Mc and Homer up the pike looking over sheep. Uncle Joe and Adam hoeing until noon. Directly after dinner homer at C- to see Alex Irvin – home again in short notice. Clayton & Jason cutting thistles with mower – Uncle Dan called and rode down with Fred & Uncle Joe to C- Fred and Uncle Joe went out to Uncle Bighams and took tea – Homer at C- again and came home with Fred.

24" June Sabb. A warm day. Threatening rain. Homer and Aunt Katy and Adam at home. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Fred and Paul and I there Mr Mortons text And when all the people saw it they fell on their faces; and they said, The Lord he is God; the Lord, he is the God." This afternoon spent with Clayton and Jason & Paul. I also read to Aunt Katy. Fred & Homer around this Eve. How have we spent this Sabbath? Each one answers

25" June. Monday. Warm. Homer went after Uncle Joe this morning. Mr Mc around until after dinner when he & Fred went to Cedarville – home in time for tea – Adam and Uncle Joe hoeing. Isaac & Clayton plowing. Jason and Clayton hoed the watermelons an hour before breakfast. This Eve Fred and Homer took Uncle Joe down to be ready for the Dayton trip in the morning. Aunt Katy and I busy all day long.

26" June. Tuesday. At an early hour I left with Fred and Clayton and Jason for the train to Dayton – quite a crowd went over to day. I spent the day with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie had Jennie at the Drs for to have her arm reset. This afternoon Aunt Bell and her girls and I were out there – had quite a heavy rain. The train came in at half past seven. Homer in C- Fred rode out with him and Clayton and Jason with me. Jim Caldwell went over with the boys to day. Uncle Joe was there. Homer & Isaac hauling corn from Mrs George Harpers farm. Mr Mc Paul & Adam here Aunt Katy in the kitchen – Mrs Stace Hitchcock and children here and spent the day. Mr Achen from Springs here to see Mr Mc. Aunt Mary E- at Mothers to see me. The Pres of France assassinated on Sabbath. Pres Carnot stabbed in the heart before the eyes of a crowd at Lyons by an Italion [?]

27" June Wednesday. Pleasant after the shower—I have not been feeling well yet for a change I went with Mr Mc and Fred to Springfield to bring Clara home it is a week to day since she went there when Fannie went away. I spent the day with Mrs Stuart – spent most of the time on the rester. We heard of a girl in S—who I went to see for Fannie but missed her. Mrs S- and all very kind We reached home before dark. Jason and Paul at C- this morning & brought Uncle Joe out – Homer hoeing corn – Clayton & Jason & all busy. Paul around to day mostly with Aunt Katy.

28" June. Thurs. Warm. Our "Irish German Adam" left this morning Isaac & Clayton plowing & Homer also. Uncle Joe hoeing. Clara not very well. Paul and Jason around. Aunt Katy busy. Fred at C- this P.M. and this eve he & Clara at the office – and then he and Homer went to Selma. I have been in bed most of the day.

29" June Friday. Warm. Mr Mc here and there around home all day. Uncle Joe hoeing. Clayton and Isaac plowing. Homer and Denny at work bringing in hay. This is his first day. Fred at C- and brought Grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary and Aunt Jane & Aunt Mary E. out. Fred & Aunt Mary E. took the folks home and she is with us to night – They were here until after tea. This Eve Mr Mc up at the pasture and Aunt Katy went up after her things Uncle Dan called and Homer took him down home. Clara busy to day. I am not feeling well this Eve. After Fred came back he & Clayton called at Uncle Dans – or rather at Will McS. Fred called to see Dan & Sallie & co this morning.

30" June Sat. A very warm day. I left Clara and Aunt Katy in charge of the kitchen & the home. Aunt Mary E. and Paul and I called at C- for Aunt Jane and spent the day at Uncle Bighams – Aunt Jennette ad Uncle B- there alone – we were there to dinner and until after tea – Had a grand day. Mr Mc and Fred in Xenia to day. They took dinner as they passed down at grandmother Murdock and with Aunt Matt. Uncle Joe, Denny, Homer, Clayton Jason & Isaac all busy to day. Homer and Clara took Uncle Joe home. I called to see H. H. Mc as we came home. Mr Mc and Fred at Aunt Janes for tea – Fred stayed & came out with Homer. Clara came out with her father. We are waiting for Harlan to come down from Springfield.

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1" July Sabbath A very warm day. Homer and Clayton at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Fred & Harlan and Paul and I at church (Harlan reached home last evening after eleven) Mr Morton's text "For David after he had served his own generation, by the will of God, fell on sleep" This is Davids epitaph: This is the Christians epitaph. The Christians epitaph is the subject. If we would serve our own generation we must minister to the temporal and spiritual wants of our fellow men. We must be in earnest – wide awake to the needs of the hour – We should strive to help men and women to a higher and a better life – Clara and Jason and Aunt Katy at home. To day Mr Mc Fred & Harlan Homer Clara Clayton Jason and Paul and I sat down to dinner – all here but Fannie MacKenzie & Donald – This afternoon we assembled in the upper room – (boys room) and had our Sabbath exercises. We read the eighteenth & nineteenth chap of Matthew. This Eve Homer & Clara at the Young folks meeting. Harlan went to speak to grandmother Murdock and to Aunt Jane. We have had a good and I hope a well spent Sabbath.

2" July. Monday. A warm day. Fred and I at C- this morning. We called at H. H. McMillans and at Mrs John Williamsons Fred told the folks good bye – and we got Uncle Joe and was home near noon Mr Mc at Conners this A.M. Homer running the mower. Denny here – Clayton and Isaac plowing – Jason & Paul around. This afternoon Fred told us all good bye and Mr Mc took him to Springfield – he expects to go on the six O'clock train to Monmouth to get ready for his "work." I certainly feel lonely these days with Fannie and Fred both gone – but will have to take up life as if they were here – This Eve homer at C- Clara with Clayton at C- with the clothes. This Eve Blanch and Mary & Miss [illegible] drove out – She and her sister came to Aunt Bells this eve. Homer at C- a little while too. Mr Mc home in pretty good time.

3" July. Tuesday. Quite a nice day – not so warm. Denny & [blank space] here to day for their meals. Homer & Clayton & Isaac & Uncle Joe busy. Mr Torrence called. This afternoon I called to see Mrs Rolland Kyle she is in a very critical condition. I was at C- took tea with grandmother & Aunt Mary. I was at Steretts [?] office – I also called to see Aunt Janes. Aunt Mary E. still there. This Eve homer at C- as usual.

4" July. Wednesday. Not so warm – quite. Homer & Denny & Will McS man bringing in hay until noon. Clayton at C- this morning – After an early dinner Uncle Joe & Clayton & Jason went to C- to "celebrate the fourth" Then Homer and Clara went down –and at the eleventh hour Mr Mc and Paul and I went down and stopped with Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie at grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary for supper. Then Walter Homer and Charlie Spenser came in and had supper. Clara went with Jennie Morton and is staying there to night. Uncle Joe & Clayton & Jason were here when we came – Homer not home yet. Katy here by herself. When we drove out this P.M. Clara was at the congregational prayer meeting with Jennie. Homer & Walter expected to drive to Springfield to see Harlan.

5" July. Thurs. A lively day—indeed. This morning I helped Katy awhile and left her in charge of affairs and went to Xenia – Aunt Jane and Matt and Aunt Mary E. went with. I took lunch and spent an hour with Mrs Carrey & daughter, Jessie. I was home in time for supper. A new man

late from [blank space] stopped to work. Denny & Will Tim Joe and Clayton busy. Jason has been a good boy to help up with things while I was away. Paul helping his father drive sheep. This Eve as we came home we drove through the cemetery. How sad and lovely that silent city appeared. I felt so sad and discouraged I could hardly “see” the “triumph”—or know the “victory,” and yet I know that when “God calls our loved ones” they yet live on earth as well as in heaven – “They live on earth in thought and deed.” – “They live forever more.”

6th July. Friday. Pleasant to day again. Timmon & Denny & our Tennessee man at the wheat. Mr Mc & Jason and Homer Clayton and Uncle Joe are around. Dan’s man here until noon yesterday and only this afternoon to day. Uncle Joe at mill this P.M. Blanch and Mary and Clairs [illegible] brought Clara home this afternoon – she has been at Mr Mortons since the fourth and went with them to a little picnic to Clifton on yesterday. Aunt Katy and I busy we finished the ironing. This Eve Homer at C- a little while.

7th July. Saturday. A very pleasant day – a little cool. Uncle Dans man and our Tennessee man at work all day. Timmons & Denny finished the wheat at noon and went home after dinner. Mr Mc Clayton & Jason and Paul around. Uncle Joe on the sick list Clara took him home this Eve. Homer helping with the hay and at C- this Eve. Clayton & Jason there – on an errand at Alex Irvins. Old Isaac on duty. Katy & Clara and I busy all day. I can not forget that on this day one year ago Fannie & Donald came. How much we have “lived” since then. One year – how short, and yet how long. Mr Arthur Forbes with us to day for dinner.

8th July Sabbath. A lovely day – a “shade cool” Jason at home with Katy and our Tennessee man. Homer Clara and Clayton at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Mr Mortons text “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” Christians are stewards of Christ appointed to do a great work for him. What are we as Christs stewards required to do? We are stewards of our own souls. Then we are stewards of our own families – Our children our servants and all that are within our gates are committed to our care. There is no field where a greater work can be done for God than what can be done in the home. It is here where lessons can be taught which never can be forgotten. It is here where men & women are trained to go out into the world and take up the great burden and work of life – and are prepared to enter upon the glories of a future world. We are also stewards of the church and of the government. Be ye faithful unto death if ye would receive the crown of life. All at home this afternoon & Eve. Clayton & Jason & Paul recited their Sabbath lesson. Aunt Katy with us.

9 July Monday. Another beautiful day. Homer running the mower. Uncle Dans man & our Tennessee man & Denny here at work and in for their meals. Clayton & Isaac busy. Jason & Paul around. Mr Mc around all day. Jason at the office this A.M. This P.M. Clara sweeping and putting the house in order – Aunt Katy busy. This afternoon at C- I stayed grandmothers to supper – I called at Aunt Bells to see Vernie and Clair [illegible] – This Eve Uncle Joe and Jennie Morton came home with me. All at home this eve for a change.

10" July. Tues Quite a pleasant day. Denny Uncle Dans man and our Tennessee man and Isaac working in hay. Uncle Joe around. Clara and Jennie around all A.M. Near noon Mr Mc went to Springfield. Uncle Joe & Paul & Jason bringing in wood. Clayton & Homer busy. This afternoon Clara and Jennie went to Aunt Bells to their "girl party." Rev Mr McKinney & [blank space] in C- on behalf of the Cedarville College. Homer at the Y Springs at Florence Forbes at a party this Eve.

11" July. Wed. A pleasant day. Dry & dusty. Mr Mc & Homer trying to put machine together but failed. Clara went to C- on errand – but instead of coming back she went to the Orphans Home at X- with those [illegible] girls & Aunt Bells and Mr Mortons folks. Sam Murdock came to Cedarville last night from Bloomington Ind. and brought Claras buggy back and stayed with us until after dinner when he went to C- with Homer when he took the machine to shop. After Homer came back Mr Mc and Paul and I went over to the Springs but I did not get to see Mrs [illegible] – as we C- we made some calls around the city – we met Mattie White. Uncle Dans man & Denny here until noon. Our Tennessee man cutting weeds along the pike. Uncle Joe at C- at mill. Homer at C- at grandmothers on an errand. Isaac & Clayton helping Bazel thrash. Jason around. Aunt Katy busy. Paul very tired when he got home. Tindal took our hogs this A.M.

12" July Thursday. Still very dry. Clayton and Isaac at Din Cs helping thrash. Mr Mc here and there and around at the pastures. Uncle Joe around. Paul playing and running his wagon Mr Mc brought from Springfield Tuesday – Freds present. Jason around. This morning I was at C- I saw my dress that Aunt Mary E. and Aunt Mary are finishing off – it is nice. Clara came home with me. Homer running the mower – no extra men here excepting our Tennessee man. Denny here this afternoon. This Eve Homer at C- on an errand. Jim L- came home with him. We rec'd a letter from Fannie she and Donald visiting at Salem N.Y.

13" July Friday. Every appearance of a heavy shower but only a few drops fell. Denny & our Tennessee man heer – Clayton & Isaac at Collins awhile. Mr Mc at Selma and around. All in the hay this P.M. Sam Murdock called as he past from his Uncle Henrys. Calvin called. Jim L- around to day. This Eve Homer and Clara at Mr Morton along with several others for tea. Our new Prof of the Cedarville College there Prof W. R. McChesney & Vernie & Clair [illegible]. Jim L- went back to C- with them.

14" July. Sat – All signs of rain gone. Our Tennessee man and Denny & all of our boys and Isaac in hay. Mr Tindal here for that "only Mrs Hog this A.M. Uncle Joe at C- for us this A.M. Aunt Katy & Clara and all busy. This P.M. Clara at C- on an errand. This Eve men into a six Oclock supper. Clayton at C- on an errand Homer took Uncle Joe home.

15" July. Sabb. Dry – not excessively warm. Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and I at church. Mr. Morton's text "And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shall

cause them to inherit." Our work & how to perform it. Joshua's work was to lead the Lord's people out of the wilderness across the Jordan into the promised land—and we are to help—to teach and although the work is too great God can give us the needed courage strength and power. If we would be strong we must cultivate the graces of the spirit—There is a wonderful power in love and holiness patience and if we develop these powers then we will be strong. To be winners in the battle of life we need more piety more of God's holy spirit. Prayer gives us moral and spiritual power—power to overcome enemies and perform duties. Again if we would be strong we need the Christians armour on. If we have on this armour we are invincible to any power that opposes us. Holy living is needed. The greatest weapon ever put in our hand is taken from the armory of a Christian life. Sam Murdock and the new Prof of C. College at church to day. This afternoon spent with Clayton Jason & Paul. I began to day to devote a little while to the reading and study of "Bible Story" for the benefit of these boys – and my self also. This Eve Homer & Clara at the Young folks meeting. Aunt Katy at her sons near Selma awhile this P.M.

16" July. Monday. Dry and dusty. Clara at C- and brought Uncle Joe out this A.M. We are running two mowers to day. Denny & our Tennessee man here to dinner – with addition of Mr Pigge and Uncle Dans man to supper. Jim Little here to supper to. Uncle Joe and Mr Mc Clayton Jason Paul & Isaac in the hay field too. Homer there until after four we left by way of Cedarville to get Sam Murdock to take him to Springfield to see Harlan Sam expects to start home tomorrow.

17" July Tues. Very dry & dusty and warm. We have been running two mowers to day. This morning I went to C- on an errand. Sam Murdock left this morning – he will stop in Xenia until Friday when he goes back to his place at Bloomington Ind. I called a few minutes at Mr. Mortons—and met Prof McChesney there. I also made a brief call at Aunt Janes – Aunt Mary E. still there. Mr Pigge and our Tennessee man "John C Galyon." And Dennie & Will Mc along with Mr Mc Uncle Joe Homer Clayton Jason and Paul all in the hay field—Just as they came in at noon a raging fire broke out in the wheat field—all the men rushed there Clara and I with the rest—but for a while it looked as though the flames would carry all before it—about three acres were consumed before the fire ceased. All the men in the hay field this afternoon with the addition of Uncle Dans man. This Eve Homer at C- Aunt Katy and Clara and all busy. Jim L- came home with Homer – he wants to start to Minnesota in the morning to canvas for some machine co.

18" July Wednesday. Warm and very dry. All up at an early hour – Mr Mc breakfasted alone and left for Xenia – Jim L- rode to C- with him to be ready to take his departure. After the rest breakfasted Uncle Joe and Homer left with the forces for the hay field. A colored "hay staker" & son & Mr Pigg and our Tennessee man, John C. Galyon, and Denny all at work. Clara at C- and brought Frank Orr out – he and Jason and Clayton in the field. Paul back and forth all day to the field. Aunt Katy and Clara and I busy. Mrs Davis called to see Aunt Katy this A.M. Uncle Dan

went with Mr Mc to X- they were home again at noon. Homer took Clara to the Y. Springs this Eve.

19" July Thurs. Very dry—dusty—and warm. Homer running the mower at the railroad. Mr Robert McCracken—late of Monmouth college and a friend of Homers called this morning – he went to the field to see Homer and went back to C- Mr Mc at C- this A.M. The colored hay stacker (Moore) & son – Denny Uncle Dans man & J. C. Galyon Uncle Joe & Clayton Jason Paul & Frank Orr all into dinner & supper. This afternoon or Eve Mr Mc across at the Warner pasture. On last night Homer took Clara to Mrs Rodermer Curries to spend the remainder of the week there. Mr Mc met the railroad man to settle the wheat burning. This Eve Homer at C to meet Mr Robert McCracken They made some calls around town and Homer brought him out home with him.

Friday 20" July. Dry & warm. Uncle Joe and Frank Orr Jason & Paul – J. C Galyon Dennie & Uncle Dans man Colored Moore & son all in the hay field. Mr Mc took Homers place there – Homer took Mr McCracken to Mr Will Kyles & back too late for the train—he got back at noon—bringing Mr McCracken with him—both here to dinner along with our harvest men. This afternoon Uncle Joe & Mr Mc led the way to the harvest field again – Homer took Mr McCracken to X. – The men finished the hay by the railroad and after supper went to the lower meadow – did not get quite through Clayton at Robinsons & Lawn Stretchers at the machine. At four we had a shower the first rain we have had since the [blank space]

21" July. Sat. Last night one of the heaviest rain of the season fell – It did not rain but it poured – How many after the prolonged drought are turning back to give God thanks. Work suspended in a manner. Near noon Homer at C- at the office and back home. This afternoon Homer Clayton Jason & Frank O at Selma – to witness the base ball game – Isaac [illegible] not well. John C. Galyon went away this afternoon. Mr Mc and Paul and I at the Y. Springs for Clara – Uncle Joe went with us as far as Cedarville. Aunt Katy here alone and holding the fort. Clara had a nice visit. Homer took Frank Orr down home this Eve. I called in to see Mrs Carrie & Imo R- a "little bit" came past the girl that promised so faithfully to go to Fannie to find she had changed her notion.

[In left margin along the entire page] I want to forget that Homer rode down to the office & back with Jack Crites.

22" July. Sabb. A beautiful day. Clayton at home with Aunt Katy. Homer Clara and Jason at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul and I at church. Mr Mortons text "And I, if I be lifted upon from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Subject The attraction of the cross. The party that draws is Christ. He has an almighty arm. He sits on the throne of the Universe – has all power and is able to draw. He that says I will draw all men unto me is human – has a brothers heart – he knows our weakness. Our coming to Christ does not depend upon our own strength or any creative power – for if it did we never could come to him. "No man can come unto me except the father that sent me draw him. Thank God there is a divine drawing. But

this does not tell us to sit still and to wait for Christ to do all the work – but we are commanded to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. The parties that are drawn – It is said I will draw all men unto me It means he will draw all men and things into his service – He will draw all classes of men & finally all that the father has given him will be called. All the learning and influence of the world will be brought into his service – All the railroads & printing presses and manufactories & commercial interests of the world shall be brought into his service – All the wealth and the nations of earth shall be given to Christ. “He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.” They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow down before Him; and His enemies shall lick the dust. The Kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall bring presents: The Kings Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.” O what an inspiring thought what a glorious blessed era that shall be. How does Christ bring people to himself – He draws – he attracts allures and persuades. He does not compel persons to come to Him He makes them willing in the days of his power. He will imbue us with His spirit – fill us with his love – with his grace make us like him – He draws us to our closets – to our family altars, he draws us to his house and to the communion table – What is the power that he uses – It is the power of the cross. If we would bring men to Christ we must show them Christ let them see how glorious and living a Saviour he is. For if he is lifted up he will draw all men unto Him.” This afternoon our Sabbath lesson – After preaching Clara went from church with Aunt Mary to grandmothers She came back with Homer from the young folks meeting.

23rd July. Monday. A pleasant day. A little gloomy. Mr Mc and I at Xenia – called at Mr Carrys office and at Mrs Rev Elys to see about girl for Fannie part of the time things looked discouraging – but why not hope since “light often ariseth in the darkness.” We had refreshments and spent some time looking through the carriage departments reached home after five. I called in to see grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary – and called at Aunt Janes and brought Aunt Mary E- home with us. Homer and Clara at C- this eve. Homer spent to day among the sheep. Clayton at Lawn Stretchers at the machine all day. Jason and Paul at C- for Uncle Joe this morning. Aunt Katy busy. Clara has put the house in order.

24th July Tues. A beautiful day. Homer at C—and brought Mr. McChesney up and took him around Selma to look for students for the Cedarville College – Came back here to dinner and went back to their work in continuance this afternoon. Uncle Joe and Paul and Jason around We had our first young chicken to day. Aunt Mary E. with us. Clayton at Uncle Dans helping Willie bring his wheat in. Aunt Katy busy. Mr Mc at Mr Carys this afternoon. Clara and Aunt Mary E. at C- they brought Blanch and Mary out with them. Homer & the Proff here for tea along with the girls. Homer took him back to Mr Mortons. Mr Mc called at Din Collins’s. Blanch & Mary and Mary E. here to night.

25th July. Wed. Warm. Uncle Joe and Paul cutting weeds. Din Collins Wm West Horner & Clayton in the wheat hauling in and ricking it – All of these together with Aunt Mary E. and Blanch and Mary here to dinner. Mr Mc at the table also. Mr Morris and grandson came just as

we were seated and came out to the table and had dinner also – This afternoon Blanch and Mary and Clara at C- on an errand – Mr Mc over at Robt Anderson this P.M. This Eve Homer at C- Aunt Mary E. and I took a walk as far as to the Selma house.

26th July. Thurs. Very warm. Eli Small assisted by Wm West, Homer and Mr Pigg and Clayton – Uncle Joe and Paul & Jason busy. Mr Mc around home all A.M. This afternoon he was across at Warners. Aunt Mary E. and Blanch and Mary with us. Aunt Katy busy. Clara helping This afternoon Aunt Bell drove up for the girls. After tea Homer and Aunt Mary E. and I took Clara to town – she will stay with Blanch and Mary and go with them along with fourteen others of the girls to Neff grounds at the Yellow Springs tomorrow – I called briefly with grandmother Murdocks and over the way to Aunt Janes. Homer came back with Aunt Mary E. and me.

27th July. Friday. Quite warm. Eli Small assisted by Wm West Mr Pigg and Clayton and Mr Mc finished stacking wheat. Homer and Jason up at the pasture looking over the sheep – Uncle Joe and Paul at Selma this morning for flour. Near noon after helping Aunt Katy with the dinner, Aunt Mary E. and I went to Sallies and Dave McS to spend the day there Della at home too. Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt there We felt very lonely there without Aunt Rachel. This Eve Aunt Mary E. and I took Aunt Jane and Matt down home. We waited for the picnic to come in and Clara came home with us. I took tea with Grandmother & Aunt Mary. Homer at town this Eve.

28th July Saturday. Warm. Clara at C- at the office this A.M. We rec'd a card from Fannie she and Donald home from Salem this week. Homer busy with sheep and building fence this A.M. Isaac with him until noon. This afternoon Homer and Jason at Charleston at the Ball grounds. Clayton at home. Mr Mc around home all day. This Eve Aunt Mary E. and I took Uncle Joe home – I stopped at grandmother Murdocks there for tea. Aunt Mary E. and I came home past Aunt Mary Littles old home – The old house all taken away. We came past Mr Roll Kyles – I called to see Mrs K- she is going down very rapidly I think. Homer at C- this Eve on an errand. Eli Small came out with him and he took him up to Uncle Dans or to Will McS.

29th July. Sabbath Warm. I rode down with Homer Clara and Jason to Sabbath School, but were too late – a bad start certainly. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan [sic] hath desired to have you, that he may sift thee as wheat; But I have prayed for you that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted strengthen the breathern [sic].” This text is a description of Christian experience. What the Lord said to Simon he says to you and to me to day. We may be assured that our lives are each made up of falls and recovery. Of good and bad. We have pointed out the sifting process we are to have in our journey to heaven. Satan [sic] tries and [illegible] and sifts Gods own people. Peter had a weak point in his make up Satan [sic] found it out and attacked him there – And he became an easy prey to the enemy. He followed Christ afar off – he got into the wrong company and finally denied his master and forsook him. Often Satan [sic] finds us off our guard – and takes us for his prey. We may be Christians yet if we follow Christ in the distance – be negligent about prayer meeting – church and our closets Satan [sic] will be sure to find us out. If there be a spirit of envy of evil speaking among us Satan [sic] is at the bottom of it. Satan [sic] is a deceiver and

meets us under false pretenses. God sometime gives Satan [sic] the power to sift his people – gives him power over diseases, but his power is limited he can only go to the end of his chain. Satan [sic] desires to sift us that everything that is bad and sinful in us may come to the top and everything that is good may go to the bottom & not be seen. But our deliver is strong – he has never lost a case – he is our advocate – Our refuge Our Saviour. Aunt Mary E. Katy and Clayton & Paul. This Eve Homer and Clara at the Young Folks meeting Aunt Katy read with us in the Bible.

30th July. Monday. Another warm day. Aunt Katy, Clayton and Jason left at an early hour for Uncle Bighams for berries – were home again at noon they got a good many. Homer at C- and brought Uncle Joe out this morning. Wm W- here to dinner & supper – he and Isaac finishing the hay. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at Charleston Mr Mc took tea with Mr Houston – Aunt Mary around all day – she is not very well. Clara put the house in order – This Eve she and Clayton & Aunt Mary E. at Selma for Miss Imo Roadarmer she is with us to night. Mr Mc met one of the railroad co- to look over the loss of the wheat – Paul around home all day. Homer at C- this P.M on errand.

31st July. Tues. A warm day and very dry. Uncle Joe and Clayton at C- this morning. Aunt Mary E. and Imo R- here – Homer around all day and at the sheep pasture this Eve. Isaac bringing in wood. Clayton and Jason and Paul around. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston. This Eve Clara and Imo & Aunt Mary E. and I took a hasty trip to C. Mrs Adam Lerner buried to day. Homer rode horse back to C- this eve.

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1st Aug. Wed. Warm. Isaac and Susann have gone to Wilmington from the tenant house. Clayton at C- at the shop this A.M. Mr Mc and Homer at the lower pasture working with sheep. Jason and Paul and Uncle Joe around. I have not been feeling well last night or this morning. Aunt Mary E. and Miss Imo Roadarmer here. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at the Congregational prayer meeting— we took tea with Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Aunt Matt on the disabled list. Homer and Clara and Imo at Selma this afternoon at Base ball. Homer and Clara invited to J. R. Orrs this eve. Alvie called and took Imo down. Jose Orr returned from a five week visit to Altoona Pa. We had a little shower this eve.

2nd Aug Thurs. Uncle Joe and Clayton & Jason & Paul pulling weeds. Aunt Mary E. not feeling well. We were invited to [illegible] McCollums to day but she die not feel well enough to go. Clara and Imo at C- this morning on an errand. Mr Mc and Homer around all A.M. This afternoon Homer and Will Mc at Charleston. I helped Aunt Katy with the ironing. We had a shower this afternoon. Aunt Katy and Clayton up at her sons. Alvie Orr here calling on Imo & co. Homer at town at Dr Mortons to see Prof McChesney.

3rd Aug Friday. Real cool. Mr Mc and Homer and I at Springfield. We had a successful day. I took my furs to Miss Millers for cape [?] – Mr Mc contracted for buggy at the old Driscoll stand. We called to see Harlan. Homer took dinner with Harlan – Mr Mc and I patronized Adams's.

We called at Mrs Moores – and her daughter Ida came home with us – She will go to Fannies soon – We came home past C- and Homer stopped off at Christian Endeavor meeting at Dr Mortons to come home with Clara and Imo from there. Aunt Mary E. and Imo at C- to day Miss Lulu Smith kept here there to spend the day. Uncle Joe and Paul and Aunt Katy and Clara and Aunt Mary E. around home. Clayton and Jason at Dave McS at the thrasher. Everything went on nicely to day. We have been marvelously helped.

4" Aug. Sat. Bright sunshine but cool. Clayton and Isaac at Thomas's. He and Clayton did not get home until late. Aunt Mary E. and Imo here – Mr Mc and sons working with sheep at some of the pastures near Selma. This afternoon Aunt Mary E. and I took Ida with us to Selma. Imo & Clara with us to C- We drove out to Mrs Reid but did not call there were a number there we drove out to Aunt Jennettes – were home in time for tea. Ida Moore and Aunt Katy at home. Homer at Springfield this afternoon for "New Buggy" and to bring Harlan down – Jason & Paul around Uncle Joe went down home with Uncle Dan.

5" Aug. Sabb. Most a lovely day. Harlan Homer Clara, Imo Rodermer and Ida Moore at Sabbath School. Father and I at church – Mr Mortons text "Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." Subject dutie [sic] amid the trials and difficulties of life. The principle upon which we are to proceed is to attend to the present duties first – do the dutie that is nearest to us. When we fret about the future Jesus says don't do that but follow me. Let us keep our face to the sun of righteousness and the shadows and sorrows will disappear and trouble us no more. Let us leave all with Jesus Aunt Mary E. and Katy & Clayton and Jason and Paul at home. I had the lesson with the little folks This Eve Harlan Homer Clara and Imo & Ida Moore at the Young folks meeting and at the old side church – Rev Smith preached on the Jews.

6 Aug. Moday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Jason and I took Ida Moore to Xenia to make arrangements about her trunk. We were back home before dark. Clara and Imo took Harlan up this morning were home again at one Oclock. Homer at C- this A.M to bring Uncle Joe out. Mr Pigge here to dinner – Aunt Mary E. here all day sewing. This Eve Homer took Imo and Clara to C- to a Christian Endeavor committee meeting at Mr Mortons.

7" Aug. Tues. A pleasant day. Aunt Mary E. Imo Rodermer and Ida Moore here – Clara around Aunt Katy and Ida Moore busy. Mr Mc Homer Clayton and Jason around & Paul and Uncle Joe. Jas Boyd called. I have been around all A.M. in vicinity of the kitchen. This afternoon Imo R- after her weeks visit bid us good bye and Clara took her home. This Eve Clayton took Aunt Mary E. and Ida Moore and me to C- We called at Aunt Janes and Aunt Bells – and Ida called with me at Grandmother Murdocks – Grandmother sent a cradle quilt to Donald Ida will take it tomorrow. We also made a brief call at Mr Mortons. Homer out to night at C- Aunt Mary E. and I also called at Jose Orrs as we came home.

8" Aug. Wed. Warm & dusty. Homer took Aunt Mary E. to C_ to be ready to go out with Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt to Aunt Jennettes. This afternoon Mr Mc and Jason and I took Ida Moore

to Springfield to go to Pine Bush to Fannies We were faithful to the last – saw the train move off with out at the old Erie depot it did not start until 8:40. We did not get home until after midnight. Clara at town and brought Aunt Mary E. out this eve – Homer at town this Eve – Isaac and Clayton at Tarboxes for lumber. Uncle Joe and Paul around home. Aunt Katy in power We saw Harlan this Eve. Blanch & Mary & Fern called.

9" Aug. Thurs. Very warm. Homer and Clara at Springfield to day. Isaac Clayton & Paul at Aunt Janes with wood. Took dinner there. Aunt Mary E. here. We had huckleberry pie to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc took a hasty trip to C. Aunt Katy & I busy. Uncle Joe around. This Eve Clayton took apples to market to C- Aunt Mary E. rode down with him and back. Mr Mc at the Warner pasture. Homer & Clara home after dark. Clara took dinner with Helen [illegible] and Homer with Harlan. We want to go to Camp meeting to Urbana tomorrow if we should not be home until Saturday I will leave this book for Clara to post in my absence.

10" Aug. Friday. I shall turn back to this day & post this book as Clara failed to do it in my absence. Mr Mc and I left at an early hour for the Urbana Camp meeting – we stopped at Springfield for breakfast. Homer at Selma – and at Cedarville – and at Cedarville again in the evening – Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason and Paul around home. Aunt Katy in charge. Clara and Aunt Mary E. at C- in the afternoon and at Wm McMillan s to call.

11" Aug. Sat. A nice day. I have stopped to write the events of this day. Uncle Joe and Clayton & Jason around home. Homer at Selma & around—Clayton took Uncle Joe home— We had quite a shower today. Uncle Joe went down home—Homer looking after sheep today. Katy busy. Aunt Mary E. and Clara here looking after things in our absence. Jason and Paul around. Mr. Mc and I left yesterday morning for the Urbana Camp meeting—and reached home at four O'clock this afternoon. We stopped in S- yesterday for breakfast and reached the camp grounds at ten O'clock – Were there for that service – Mr J. C. Kemp took us home with him to dinner – We were at his cottage at the afternoon prayer meetings we had wonderful meetings We took tea at Mr Kemps and attended the evening meeting at the Tabernacle and came back and stayed all night at Mr Kemps Cottage. This morning we attended the six O'clock meeting and after breakfast we started home – We certainly enjoyed all of these meetings and felt it was a push forward and upward. We drove to see Mrs James Wilsons as we came home on the Y. Springs pike. We met Mr and Mrs John Johnston Mrs. J—looks like another woman now when we saw her last she had a very hard cough—seemed to be going down with lung disease. The medicine that was the means of curing her was the following

one pint of the very best whiskey

Half a pint of glycerine

1 lb. of rock candy.

Take the candy and add a little water to dissolve it – then add to the glycerine and whiskey—cork tight—Dose one dessert spoonful before each meal and before going to bed.

“Shake well.” There is no doubt to the worth of this prescription.

12" Aug. Sabb. A beautiful day. Aunt Mary E. and Aunt Katy at home. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School – Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Mortons text "They said unto him, 'Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand and the other on thy left hand in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them. Ye know not what ye ask; can ye drink of the cup that I drink of and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting. Aunt Mary E. with us. I heard the catechism as Mr Kemp says we will have to get down to business – be more in earnest every day but especially on the Sabbath day about these childrens lessons.

13" Aug. Another beautiful day. Homer around looking after sheep this A.M. This morning Aunt Mary E. told the folks & surroundings good bye Jason took her to C- At a later hour Mr Mc and Clara and Paul and I went to Mr J. R. Orrs to dinner – Aunt Jane & Matt and Aunt Mary E. there. Mr Mc was not there long – as he had to go to the sheep soon after dinner. Mr Jas Orr was not at home. We also expected to see Mr and Mrs Sam Hamilton there but was disappointed This eve we left Clara and Paul at Orrs while we took Aunt Mary E. and Aunt Jane home – We stopped at Grandmother Murdocks & Aunt Marys for tea. Monroe [illegible] late from Tennessee came to C- to day. He lived at Uncle Hugh Mcs two years. He came out with us this eve – and is with us to night. Homer at Springfield this afternoon and came to C- while we were there on his way. Clara and Paul took tea at Orrs. We told Aunt Mary good bye and left her at Aunt Janes. She goes in the morning home. Uncle Joe was up awhile this P.M. and went back home. Aunt Katy taking care of things to day.

14" Aug. Tuesday A beautiful day. Clara left at an early hour and called at C- for Aunt Matt and Aunt Mary E. & went over to Wilmington reaching there at half past ten – they stayed for dinner – and Clara got back home about eight – Aunt Mary E. felt like she was left "all alone" when they drove away. Mr Mc over at the Warner place – ten of the sheep killed with lightening during the shower Saturday. Clayton and Isaac plowing Monroe [blank space] began work this morning -- He spent most of the day pulling weeds – This afternoon I went to C- called at Lizzie Ps to see Mrs John Caldwell and her daughter. Aunt Jane there I called at grandmothers took tea there. Homer out this evening.

15" Aug. Wednesday. A lively day. Clayton and Monroe plowing in field by the railroad & Uncle Joe. Clara around Aunt Katy busy. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Homer went by way Uncle Silas's to the Xenia fair – by the way Uncle Silas was here last night to supper. This afternoon I called to see Mrs Roland Kyle – she is growing weaker every day. This Eve Clara took a hasty trip with Uncle Joe to C-

16" Aug. Thurs. A beautiful day. For a change of scene—I went with Mr Mc Clayton and Jason to the fair—at Xenia. There was a terrible crowd there. We had a nice dinner—and supper on the ground with warm coffee. We did not meet many that we knew—yet we had a nice day reached home after dark. As we went this morning we called for Aunt Jane or Matt to go with

us but neither cared to go. While we were away Uncle Joe was at C- in the morning. He and Homer around Monroe plowing. Uncle Dan here to dinner Clara and Aunt Katy ironed. This afternoon Homer at Springfield for his new suit at Oettins [?] He did not get home until nine.

17" Aug. Friday. A beautiful day but dry and dusty. Xenia fair running today but none of us there. Mr Mc and Homer looking after sheep all A.M. Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason and Paul around. Monroe & Isaac plowing. This afternoon late Mr. Mc and Clara left for London—I must confess it is very lonely here tonight. – This eve, Hattie May is giving a grand party – Homer has gone to take Della. Jason and Paul keeping me company to night—Aunt Katy busy all day.

18" Aug. Sat. A pleasant day. I left at an early hour for Mrs Kyles who reside on Y. Springs pike – on a little errand came home past Cedarville called to see grandmother Murdock a few minutes – also Aunt Jane reached home again near noon. Wm Nye and Clara reached home after three – They reached Mr Phippers at seven. Stayed there all night – they called to see Mr John Mitchel this morning. Clayton at mill this afternoon Uncle Joe went down home then. This Eve Jason took Aunty Katy up home to call. Homer and Monroe took a hasty trip to C- came up all most a storm this eve but past without rain.

19" Aug. Sabb. Warm day & dusty. Aunt Katy, Monroe and Paul at home. Homer and Clara and Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School. We had a nice lesson the "first disciples." This was my first day – Mr Mc at church. Dr. Steel explained the 122 Psalm and Rev James Steel preached. His text "Whom we preach." Quite a number of strangers at our church last Sabbath and this. This afternoon I heard Clayton Jasons and Pauls questions and Psalms Aunt Katy joined in the Bible reading and in the story of the Bible. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting and at the M. E. church to hear Rev Tufts.

20" Aug Monday. A pleasant day. Isaac and Monroe finished field by railroad at noon This P.M. cleaning barn lot – Homer at C—this morning and brought Uncle out. Also a letter from Fannie announcing Idas disappearance. This afternoon Mr Mc & Clara at Xenia to see Mr Carey to receive consolation but in vain. This afternoon Clayton and Jason getting apples ready for Springfield. Clayton going up with Will Mc he is staying there this eve or night – to be ready to make an early start in the morning Uncle Joe at C- this Eve -- Homer out to night again. Aunt Katy and I busy canning corn. I feel sad this eve—if I did not believe that "Light will arise in the darkness." – "Lord increase our faith."

21" Aug Tues. A beautiful day, but dry & dusty. Homer and Jason at Holingsworths most of the day. Clayton ran in to speak as he and Will Mc past at four Oclock this morning to Springfield – they put in a full day as they did not get back until after dark. Uncle and Paul busy. Monroe & Isaac hauling out manuer [sic]. Aunt Katy & Clara putting up corn and tomatoes. I have not been feeling well all day. A Home Comfort Range man here to dinner. This afternoon for a change Mr Mc and I attended the Bible Society meeting at the Old Side church. The address of the day by Rev James Steel. The Dr S- spoke also. After the meeting I made a brief call at Grandmother Murdocks and at Aunt Janes. Mr Pidgeons children there this eve. Mr Daniel

Deans daughter Gertie and [Blank space] married this eve. Homer out with Alvie Orr awhile this Eve. North from X called.

22" Aug. Wed. Another beautiful day Isaac and Monroe at the barn lot. Uncle Joe & Jason Paul Mr Mc and Homer around. Clayton at C- this A.M. Katy and Clara busy. I am not feeling "overly" well. Mattie Hoglin called. Mr Mc around here and there all day looking after sheep. This Eve Homer and Clara at C- Clara to make a few calls.

23" Aug. Thurs. So very dry warm and dusty. Clayton not feeling well. Monroe and Jason hauling out manuer [sic]. Isaac working in gravel. Uncle Joe and Paul busy. Aunt Katy and Clara busy from morning until night. At ten Mr Mc and I left for Springfield – we picniced in woods near the City – had a grand lunch – A pleasant rest. We called to see Harlan – then Mrs Moores – the "late" Ida's mother – then Mrs Miller the furrier – later we called & Helen Wones came home with us. I saw Sadie – her mother still absent. Another day had come and gone. Homer at [illegible] at Miss Hersts party at the Yellow Springs.

24" Aug. Friday. Dry & warm. Mr Mc and Homer and Jason after sheep. Monroe Isaac and Clayton finished hauling the manuer [sic]. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Helen & Clara around Aunt Katy and I busy to day. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma. Quarterly meeting of the Tenaker [?] [illegible]. Homer and Jason at the Warner pasture. This Eve Homer took Clara and Helen to C- for a little call.

25" Aug. Sat. A nice shower this morning. Uncle Joe and Paul at C- this P.M. Homer & Jason working with sheep. Monroe & Clayton around. This afternoon Clara and Helen at Selma with Imo Roadarmer at the base ball. Homer around up the pike among the neighbors. Cannons machine came in this eve to be ready for Monday. Homer took Uncle Joe down home. Monroe and Clayton at Selma for [illegible] – Aunt Katy busy as usual. We had another shower this Eve.

26" Aug. Sabb. It poured rain part of the time last night – cloudy to day. Helen not very well – she and Clara and Aunt Katy at home. Homer and Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and Paul came to church by them selves. Mr Morton explained the 15" Psalm and Dr. Steel preached – text "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." We had a good sermon but I will not write notes on this page. This afternoon Katy and Monroe beyond Selma. This afternoon spent with the children. This Eve Homer Clara & Helen at young folks meeting.

27" Aug. Monday. Pleasant after the rain. Baker the machine man here to breakfast. Clara and Helen and Jason at C- on an errand and brought Uncle Joe and Aunt Jane out – Thrashing the order of the day. We had twenty men here to dinner & eleven to supper – Helen lent a helping hand to day – Aunt Katy faithful to the end. We were forceably reminded to day that in the midst of life we are in death – Jason was scarcely a hairbreadth of being knocked into a eternity. One of the machine men was bringing the auger down with heavy blows against a post – Jason was at his side – looking down – when he missed the post and glazed past Jasons head – if he had received the stroke – it would have been instant death – how much we have to

thank God for. So many deliverance seen and unseen – “Ever kept” – Let us not forget this scene – Never. This Eve Helen and Clara and I took Aunt Jane home. I stayed with grandmother Clara & Helen called and invited some of the girls out for Wednesday afternoon and Eve for tea.

28” Aug. Tuesday. Quite a nice day Monroe & Clayton plowing Uncle Joe & co, Paul and Jason, getting out onions. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. – and back to a late dinner – then he went to Selma & around. Homer left near noon for S- to bring Jim L- home he has just returned from his trip west on his canvassing tour. This A.M. Clara and Helen helped with the grapes – this afternoon they went to town back in time for tea. Homer & Jim L- home for a late supper – Jim here to night. Aunt Katy and Monroe and I finished off the grape butter. Old Mr Stretcher called with a basket of grapes and handed them in when passing.

29” Aug. Wed. What a busy pressing day we have had. All up at an early hour – as we could. Jason drove out and went with Aunt Jane and Matt and spent the day at McCollums. Clara and Helen made a hasty trip to C- to bring up the requirements for this evening. Mr Mc left this A.M. by way of James Boyd for the Springfield fair – then Homer went to C- -- home again at noon and this afternoon went up to Selma for Imo Roadarmer – She and Alvie Orr, Walter Lulu and Jennie M- & Alvie Orr, and Blanch and Mary heer to tea. Jim L- here to day & with us this eve and here to night. We had this company in honor of Helen She seemed to enjoy her self fine. With Homer & Clara there were twelve sat down to the table. Monroe waited on the table – Everything passed off charmingly. The company were here until after night. Uncle Joe and Paul at town this P.M. Mr Mc has not returned yet.

30” Aug. Thurs. The atmosphere hazy. Helen Wones told us good bye this morning and went back to Springfield with Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason and Monroe as they went to the Springfield fair – We had a pleasant week with Helen it past by very quickly. Homer over at Jamestown and around to do a work about gathering up passengers and students to go by a certain route to Monmouth to please Fred. This P.M. I attended the Ladies Missionary Society— we certainly had a nice meeting. Mr Mc around home Homer back from his trip after one. Clara & Paul around. Aunt Katy at her work. I spent the remainder of the afternoon at Mothers – there for tea. Aunt Bell still at the Drs in Chicago – not quite so well. The folks came home after dark. Homer calling at Will Mcs

31” Aug. Friday. A beautiful Homer & Monroe at Will Mcs at the thrashing. Clara put in a full day helping Etta with the cooking Isaac off duty. Clayton & Jason and Paul & Uncle Joe at home – Mr Mc and I attended Allie Barbers funeral this afternoon – The services conducted by Rev Warnock. We called at grandmothers – Mr Mc took tea with Aunt Jennette at the sisters. Paul around home with Aunt Katy. Homer at Rifes at C- to night.

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1” Sept. Sat. How strange to write this month September. How quickly the summer has past and gone. The flowers and friends that visited us have gone with it. But the sweet remembrance remains. Jim Little came back with Homer last night – they were up at Selma at

pasture. This afternoon Monroe at mill. Uncle Joe rode down home with him. This Eve Homer and Jim L- at C- This P.M. Clara and I at Selma we called at Mrs Roadarmers expecting to meet Mrs Currie there – but she did not come over. Clayton took Aunt Katy up to her sons this Eve. Jim L- stayed in C- Harlan drove out from Springfield at the eleventh hour. We rec'd a document from Mr MacKenzie – on lost girls – return.

2" Sept. Sabb – Dry and dusty and very warm. Harlan Clara Clayton Jason and Monroe at Sabbath School this morning. A man from Arabia stopping with us last night and with us until tomorrow. Aunt Katy here. Homer remained at home with her. Mr Mortons text "For he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of my eye." I did not take notes to day. This afternoon Monroe read Sabbath School lesson with us – Aunt Katy joined in the Bible reading. This Eve Homer and Clara at young folks meeting. Father and I at Selma at the Friends church at a gospel temperance meeting at half past seven – Had a nice meeting. Our Arabian still with us. Harlan not feeling well – and stayed at home.

3" Sept Monday This is Labor day. Harlan did not go back to S- been resting all forenoon. This morning I went to town. Uncle Joe came out with me – This afternoon Homer and Harlan at C- Monroe and Clayton and Paul there too for lime – Jason and Herman Townsley began whitewashing the School house premises – Our Arabian left us this morning. Harlan at C- to call around on his friends and to go with Homer to the Foot Ball – Both home for tea. About dark Harlan went back to Springfield. He is not feeling very well – Homer at here this eve. Mr Mc over at Mr Edd Careys. Uncle Joe and Clara took Aunt Katy up to her sons to be ready to go on the morning train to Columbus She is to visit her friends.

4" Sept. Tues. Warm and dry. Jason & Herman at their whitewashing Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Homer around Monroe and Clayton at work. This morning I left Clara in charge of the kitchen and went over to Mrs Rolland Kyles – Mrs Kyle is very low The boys all called home this morning. I found I was needed and I stayed until after dinner. Came home and went back at three O'clock – some of the friends came this [blank space] to remain with them to night when I came home. James Boyd called this eve – This Eve Homer and Sam Wilson were over at Stuarts at Clifton. Jason at the School yard.

5" Sept. Wed. A beautiful day but warm & dry. Clara and Clayton took Mr Mc to the Selma train to go up to Columbus to the State fair this morning. Clara met Mrs Currie, Roadarmer, in S- Homer at C- this morning to see James Steel & Mr McKinney. Isaac hauling gravel Monroe working in the pit this A.M. and this afternoon he and Clayton at C- for lime. Jason & Herman at the school yard in continuance – they finished their contract this eve. This afternoon Clara and I called at Mrs Roadarmers – Mrs Currie and I took a little drive we went as far as Mr Fagans late home. When we came back Clara and I soon came home – Homer brought Jim L- out with him – both here for supper when they went back to town. Clayton went to Selma to meet Mr Mc they did not get here until after night. He had a nice day at the fair – but would have been better pleased if he had taken his company with him from home.

6" Sept. Thursday. A beautiful day. Homer and Jason at Warners at the sheep – Mr Mc around home all A.M. Uncle Joe and Isaac completed the walk under the grape arbor. Clara and I at the work. Monroe and Clayton cleaning out the stable. Jim L- went back to town this morning. This afternoon Uncle Joe and I at C- I drove out to see Mrs Archie McElroy. I met Mr Dan McElroy. This Eve Bro John Murdocks wife came to C- on the five O'clock. She went direct to grandmothers. I called there to see her. Uncle Joe and I took her up to Mr Rolland Kyles as we came home. I made a brief call there. Mrs Kyle died yesterday morning at four O'clock. The funeral tomorrow at ten. Clare keeping house while I was away. This Eve Clayton went to the train at Selma to meet Katy but she failed to come.

7" Sept. Friday. Quite warm – Uncle Joe at C- and took Lizzie up to Mrs Kyles funeral. I left Clara in charge and Mr Mc and I were there – quite a large funeral. The services conducted by Mr Warnick assisted by Dr. Morton & Rev Sproul. Her body laid away in the old Massies Creek Cemetery. We did not go there but came back home. Homer at a picnic this P.M. Jason went with him as far as C- and came back with Uncle Joe – they brought Aunt Marys cow back with them. Clara and I ironed and canned tomatoes this P.M. This eve Mr Mc at Selma – Katy still missing when the train came in. Jim L- came home with Homer late this eve.

8" Sept Sat. Warm. Homer & Jim L- around. Clara and I at the work. Mr Mc around all A.M. Homer and Jason & Jim L- around. Clayton and Monroe putting their tools away, harrows plows. This P.M. Mr Mc in the vicinity of Clifton. Homer at Selma he called for Aunt Katy and she came home with she came from Columbus Thursday morning. This P.M. I took Uncle Joe & Jim L- down home – I called at grandmothers took tea with her and Mary & Bro Johns Mary. I also called to see Aunt Bell she came from Chicago this morning – she has been in the Drs care for over four weeks in that city. This Eve Homer and Clara at C- Jim L- came back with them. [in margin: Frank Orr here & spent the day]

9" Sept. Sabb. Quite warm indeed. Homer Clara Jim L- and Jason and Monroe at Sabbath School and church Mr Mc and I at church Clayton got his knee hurt on Frank Orrs bicycle yesterday – he and Paul at home with Katy. Mr Mortons text – "If thou hadst known even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto they peace; but now they are hid from thine eyes." Some of the things we should know we should know ourselves. We should know the state of affairs around us. We should also know the way of peace and riches and value of salvation. Now what is our day? There is a limited season to learn these lessons and if not learned now they are not learned at all. The present is our day. Life is given us to prepare for eternity – and if we allow this time to pass without this preparation our time is gone and gone forever. Life here is largely what life is yonder. Every day is telling for eternity. Lost time or lost opportunities have no resurrection. Youth is the best time to serve the Lord. God makes promises to young folks which he does not make to any other. Harlan came down with Mrs Stuarts daughter & granddaughter by way of accommodation, from Springfield last night – and stayed all night at the Drs and took breakfast there this morning – and was at church do day.

Jim L- remained in town and Harlan came out in the carriage. This afternoon spent with the children. This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting.

10" Sept. Monday. At an early hour Mr Mc left with Harlan for Springfield – most of the way drove though a soaking rain – quite a heavy shower here. Mr Mc came home past Mr Edd Cains – home again at three O'clock. Homer at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Our School opened to day – Miss Nellie Haines teacher. Clayton and Jason both there. Aunt Katy busy. Clara putting the house in order – I have been sewing to day. Mr Mc & Homer up the pike at the pasture. Old Isaac off duty. Monroe busy. This afternoon Uncle Joe took Paul with him to C- to get his hair cut – He called to see grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane. Old Mrs Thomas Stretcher is dead. Her funeral in the morning. As I have never called while she was living – I need not go there now, to her funeral. For she has gone to another country. Homer at home this Eve.

11" Sept Tues. A beautiful day after the rain. Mr Mc getting hogs ready for pasture. He and Homer Monroe Uncle Joe and Isaac & Paul busy. Paul put on suspenders for the first this morning I left Aunt Katy in charge of the house keeping and went to grandmother Murdock's. Aunt Mary at Aunt Bells assisting with the dinner – The Vanhuson [?] crowd there. Aunt Bell still on the sick list. Aunt Matt went out to Aunt Jennettes in my conveyance. I came home in time for tea. Homer and Clara at C- this eve. Clayton and Jason at School to day.

12" Sept. Wed. Cool last night and this morning. Clayton & Jason at School. Mr Mc at Xenia. I went to C- on a hasty trip – gathered up my rags for a rag carpet – Katy, Sammies sister, will begin weave on it tomorrow – I was home at noon. Aunt Katy and Clara working on tomato butter. Homer at Pickeral [?] to see about sheep this P.M. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Mr Mc home again near dark. Uncle Joe took Clara to C- to see Jennie M-. Homer over in the vicinity of Clifton to spend the evening.

13" Sept. Thurs. A beautiful day. Mr Mc over at the Warner place. Homer helping Monroe with a fence. Isaac at work. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Clara fixing for the moonlight picnic, this eve, Aunt Katy busy. This afternoon Mr Mc and I called to see Ollie Rice in Courtsville, for Fannie, then we drove to the Hollingsworth pasture – returned in the moon light. Clara at C- this P.M. Came home and went to town with Homer and from there with Walter Murdock to the Moonlight picnic at the Cliffs – Homer there too. This is certainly a delightful evening. Uncle Silas called this P.M.

14" Sept. Friday A beautiful day. Homer at Warners for rye. Mr Mc around home. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Paul around home. Monroe and Isaac at work – James Little came home with Homer last night. This is the day Annual County meeting of the W. C. T. U. Jim L- took me to town this morning & returned home after dinner Clara brought him to C- on his way to Xenia and attended the meeting this P.M. I was at the meeting awhile this A.M. and again this afternoon – Sister Mary, Bro Johns wife, and Laura Foster Boyd at grandmother Murdock's for dinner. This Eve Mr Mc came to C- and took tea there along with Mr and Mrs

Pidgeon & Johns Mary – and went with us to the Opera house to hear Mrs Josephine Nichols – Clara went home from the afternoon meeting and came back with Homer to the evening meeting – by the way and Cramer went over to the Springs on an errand – returned home about the time we came.

15" Sept. Sat. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Monroe and Homer fixing fence for a water gap & Clayton & Jason. Aunt Katy and Clara busy. This Eve I took Uncle Joe down home – grandmother Murdock not very well. Aunt Bell still complaining. I called to see Mrs Smith and Mrs Pigge also. Homer went with the Clifton folks to a picnic this afternoon. It has been gloomy & sprinkling a little.

16" Sept. Sabbath. Heavy rain last night – damp to day. Clara and Aunt Katy and Paul at home. Homer Clayton and Monroe and I at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Jason at church. Mr Mortons text "And the Lord thy God will put out these nations before thee by little & little; thou mayest not consume them at once lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee." Subject Israels conquest or the Christians conquest. We will meet with opposition all along the way. See the mighty nations, seven in number that stood in the way of Israel entering the earthly promised land – these together with the crowd of internal foes rose high. Their history is our history – their experience is our experience as we journey through life. See the mighty enemies that stand in our way. When try to come to Christ or to bring some one else to him the Devil the flesh and the world are arrayed against us. Often after we have embraced Christ these enemies are allowed to remain to vex and annoy us. Then we have internal sins to annoy us – Jealousy selfishness anger wrath envy hatred, all of these seek an entrance – The Christians is a warfare – a struggle – hard work and a battle. It is no easy matter to conquer the world the flesh and the devil. To expect smooth sailing over the ocean of life is to be disappointed – for tempests and storms will come. We will have to fight our way all along to the celestial city. But the encouragement is that these enemies will be conquered and victory will be achieved. These enemies will be driven out by the word and spirit and providence of God. God will destroy the love and power and dominion of sin in the soul – and fill the soul with the love and peace of Jesus The agency employed to do the work The Lord thy God will do it – He will do it little by little. Would you like to have your heart made clean and filled with the peace of Jesus; use the means God gives you – and the work will be done. This work is done gradually little by little – this is where we make our mistake – we want all to be done in a day – all at once. The enemies of the Lords people were not all conquered at once – but nation by nation – city by city. Gradual growth and development is the law of the Kingdom. This victory is obtained by reading the Bible – and in the closet Some of the most signal victories have been given in answer to prayer. After church Aunt Mary came home with us from church – she is with us to night. We had quite a pleasant time. We had considerable reading. I spent the usual time with the children – This Eve Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting.

17" Sept. Monday. Mr Mc called at Calverts at Selma this morning. Clara took Aunt Mary, Uncle Johns Mary, down to grandmothers and brought Uncle Joe out. Near noon Mr Mc and

Monroe started to Xenia. Isaac Hoglin moved out this morning of the tenant house. He has been there since March. This afternoon I called at Courtsville to see Ollie but she was at Cedarville I called to see Clara Kyle and Etta McMillan as I came home. Clayton and Jason at School. Homer and Uncle Joe and Paul around. Aunt Katy and Clara busy. This Eve Homer and Clara at C- to see Prof McChesney. Clayton and I there to see Ollie. Mr Mc and Monroe home after dark.

18" Sept Tuesday. Quite a "full day." Homer and Monroe over at Pasture this forenoon – near noon Mr Mc and I started to London – we reached there at one O'clock – We had a lunch by the way. We called at Dr. E. J. Roses office and drove around to Mr Phippers. We met Anna and her children there. We had an early tea and came home. Had quite a shower – it rained on us part of the way home – but we were wrapped so well it did not effect us. We reached home after eight. Homer and Clara at C- this eve. Uncle Joe there this afternoon – Paul around with Katy. Clayton and Jason at School.

19" Sept. Cool this morning and cloudy. I began the exercises of the day by taking Homer and Clara to the opening of the Cedarville College. It opened at the old residence of the late Dr. Hugh McMillan—Who can foretell the end. I called to see Mr Mortons sister, Mary, also called to see Aunt Bell – Homer and Clara are stopping at grandmother Murdocks. Clayton & Jason at School. Uncle Joe around all day. Monroe busy. The afternoon Mr Mc and I at the Foot Ball at C- The boys from the Springfield college down to play. Quite disagreeable – rained most of the time – the boys played in the rain I called a few minutes at grandmothers Uncle Johns Mary there. We came home and had supper and went back to the Opening Exercises of the College at the Opera House. We had addresses from the President – Rev McKinney – Steel of N.Y. Waters of Pittsburg and from our much esteemed Prof McChesney. Music fine – and audience large. The occasion grand. Every one pleased. Monroe and Clayton and Jason at the meeting – Paul in Uncle Joes care – Aunt Katy busy to day.

20" Sept. Thurs. Most a beautiful day. Clayton & Jason at School. Uncle Joe sick – Monroe busy. Mr Mc at the Barber pasture. This afternoon he went to the Hollingsworths pasture. I helped Aunt Katy with the ironing & peeling apples. This afternoon Clayton stayed out of School and went with Monroe to move Jones and his family to our tenant house. This Eve Monroe and Clayton took me to C- I called to see Ollie. We had a letter from Fannies. Donald got his foot scalded on Sabbath he is in the Dr's care. They are having the College sociable this eve at Mr J. R. Orrs. Uncle Joe in bed all day.

21" Sept Friday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Monroe looking up hogs this A.M. and in the afternoon they were at Jobs, Townsleys and Mr Rolland Kyles for wheat. Uncle Joe around to day. Paul busy too. Aunt Katy and I very busy at apple butter making. Clayton and Jason at School. This Eve Monroe at Cedarville on an errand. Homer came home with him Clara did not come. The first week of Cedarville College has past into history.

22" Sept. Sat. A beautiful day. Homer at his books this morning. I went to town to do some errands. I called to see Aunt Bell. She is far from well. I was home again at noon. This afternoon Homer at Xenia. Clara and Jennie Morton there this morning. Mr Mc looking after things all day – trying to sow rye. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Clayton & Jason helping. Aunt Katy busy. The latest from Ollie is she can not go to Fannies as promised. Monroe took Uncle Joe down this evening.

23" Sept Sabbath. Gloomy most of the day. Homer Monroe Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School & preaching. Mr Mc at church. Mr. Morton's text. I will behave my self wisely in a perfect way. O, when will thou come unto me; I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." This text contains the principles by which we should be governed. In starting out in life or assuming new responsibilities we should make this resolution. The subject of the text is the model home—or religion in the family. To be successful in establishing a home we must be truly pious. What is it to walk with a perfect heart? It is to have the heart right. A model home is a home where Jesus dwells. What is a perfect heart? It is a heart made perfect in Christ. If we have our hearts full of the love of Jesus—then we will have pure hearts—pure life and pure motives. The heart is the motive power—the main spring of life. These principles apply to the church, the school, and the nation. If we would have our children right we need to pray and work more for our selves; we need to pray earnestly for our selves that we would be better teach others. If we would be successful, we must do this. What is it to walk wisely? It is to live right lives. To do this is to love God more and to show our love by our lives and to love many more and to show our love the same way. It is also to eliminate our tempers. It is to keep them under check. If we fret at God's providence and see no light in his dealings with us is not acting wisely. To act wisely in the home we must have parental government or government in the home. There must be a mingling of parental authority with parental love. We are not acting wisely if we leave our children to decide whether they go to church or not—or whether they ramble about on the street or not. We are God's appointed guard and bound to them by the tenderest ties. Sometimes when it is too late we find that we have not acted wisely. We should regulate our lives by Gods words. The life must be right at home. We must be consistent Christians at home. We should be gentle and polite and patient in the home, although we may find much to vex and annoy us amid the trial and care of every day life. Some folks are kind and pleasant every where but at home. The home life after all is the true life. A mans life at home always reveals his true character. We should walk wisely at home because of our influence and our responsibility, and because there are streams that flow from the home that will either bless or curse the earth. The seeds that are producing such a glorious harvest were cultivated in the home. The seed that is bringing forth such an abundant harvest to curse the world was cultivated in the home. The home of the godly is a training school where boys and girls are trained for the university of heaven. While this is true of the godly, the opposite is also true of the home of the ungodly. Clara has not been home since college opened until to day she came with us from church – This Eve she and Homer at the young folks meeting. Clara at

grandmothers to night. Homer brought Jim Little home with him from C- Katy and Monroe at Edds. I heard the childrens lesson.

24" Sept. Monday. A nice day but cool. I took Jim L- and Homer back to C- Homer to the college & Jim L- to his sisters. I was home again near noon. I met Sister Mary, Johns Mary, at grandmother Murdocks. I called to see Aunt Bell – she is still sick. Uncle Joe and Aunt Jane came home with me. Frank Lamont and Dollie here to dinner and with us this P.M. Clayton at School – Jason at home helping Monroe gather apples. Mr Mc around all day. [Blank space] here to dinner and at the corn cutting and with us to night. This Eve I took Aunt Jane home. I made a hasty trip to C- & back again at dark. Took clothes to Mrs P-

25" Sept. Tues. We had fire for the first in sitting room to day. Mr Mc at Selma with wheat in "wagon" – Uncle Joe and Paul and Monroe at cider press this A.M. – This P.M. drilling wheat – Clayton at School. Aunt Katy and I busy. This Eve Monroe at C- on an errand at grandmothers.

26" Sept Wed. Quite a pleasant day. Monroe and Jason drilling wheat. Clayton at School. Uncle Joe and Paul busy. Mr Mc around all day. This afternoon I went to grandmothers to see "Johns Mary" to tell her good bye but she had gone to Xenia on her way home. Grandmother not well – in bed part of the time Homer and Clara at their books. Aunt Bell still in bed. Rose Winans married at Dr Oglesbee this eve Our boarder [blank space] cutting corn.

27" September. Thurs. A most beautiful day. All at home to day for a change. Clayton at home from School to help Monroe with the wheat. Jason went back to School at noon He has been home most of the week. Uncle Joe helping Aunt Katy and me with the apple butter making – did not finish until nine Oclock this P.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Paul around. The boys at the watermelon patch this Eve. Our boarder [blank space] still here.

28" September. Friday. Another beautiful day. Much warmer. Jason at School. Mr Mc up the pike somewhere this forenoon. Uncle Joe and Paul around all day. Clayton and Monroe drilling wheat. Our boarder with us at the corn cutting. Aunt Katy and I busy all day. This Eve I went to the office and to see grandmother. Homer and Clara there.

29" Sept. Sat. Another nice day. Monroe & Clayton at the wheat. Our boarder at the corn cutting – Uncle Joe and Paul and Jason busy. Aunt Katy and I busy all day. Mr Mc at the Hollingsworth pasture this P.M. Homer & Clara away. This Eve I took Uncle Joe home and they were over at the Y. Springs – and were not home.

30" Sept. Sabb. A beautiful day. Harlan came last night from Springfield – This morning Haran went to church with Mr Mc and Clayton and Paul and Monroe and I went to Sabbath School. We sat in Aunt Marys class. Mr Mortons text "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Homer and Clara at church and at Sabbath School and came home with us. This afternoon had Bible reading up stairs on the porch. Monroe took Homer down to the young folks meeting – and Harlan took Clara down. Homer went back to

grandmothers this eve and Clara came back with Harlan. Mary Harbison Tarboxes little boy dead. Funeral on Tuesday. Our boarder Ben Jackson with us to day.

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1" Oct Monday. A beautiful day. All up at an early hour. Harlan went back to his place at Mr Carsons store in Springfield. Clara went back to get her lessons ready for "College" Uncle Joe is to take the conveyance and go to Xenia. Our border Ben Jackson at the corn cutting. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe home this P.M. Clayton at C- on an errand after school. Monroe there, at Mrs Ps and at grandmothers on an errand.

2" Oct. Tuesday. Most a lovely day. Clayton and Jason at School. Ben Jackson at the corn cutting. Monroe & Uncle Joe a the sorgum [sic] – Paul is making almost a hand too. Aunt Katy in charge of the home – Mr Mc and I at Will & Mary Tarboxes little boys funeral at ten. He was five years old – name John Merrell. It was quite a large funeral. The services conducted by our three preachers "Warnock Morton and Sproul" – We stopped out of the procession at grandmothers to tell Aunt Mary Murdock, "Johns Mary," good by. She came up from Xenia with her brother, James Kyle – will take dinner at S. K. Turnbuls return to Xenia and go home from there on Thursday. We were home again at one – had dinner when Mr Mc went across to the Warner place. Old Mrs Andrews is dead – she has been dying for months – but is dead at last – Her funeral tomorrow at ten. After School Clayton took Aunt Katy up to Edds.

3" Oct Wed. Sprinkled rain – cloudy this morning but pleasant the rest of the day. Clayton and Jason at School – Monroe & Ben Jackson at Dolly Varden with sorgum [sic] at the mill there. Uncle Joe and Paul gathering potatoes – Mr Mc and I at Mrs Andrews funeral. Our three Cedarville preachers conducted the exercises. After the funeral Mr Mc took dinner at the Sisters – I took dinner with Homer and Clara at grandmother Murdock's – (where they board) This afternoon Mr Mc came home and I attended the congregational prayer meeting. This Eve Frank Ervin & Fern brought me home. Mr Mc drove back to C- this eve – Monroe and Ben Jackson returned home after dark. Oldy Lucy found dead in the pasture yesterday Eve.

4 Oct. Thursday. Bright sunshine this forenoon – This afternoon gloomy. This morning I took a hasty trip to C- I have about concluded to go to Fannies. Mr Mc around taking sheep down the pike. Ben Jackson our boarder assisted him. After dinner he left us. This afternoon Mr Mc at the late Captain Cellars's sale – Uncle Joe and Monroe gathering potatoes beans. Clayton and Jason at School. Aunt Katy and I cleaning the dining room. Miss Edith Pollock and Rev Thomas married this P.M. at three O'clock. Willie Mc called.

5" Oct. Friday. Quite a cloudy blustery day. Monroe & Uncle Joe and man from Uncle Dans tenant house at the potato and pumpkin gathering. Paul helping them all day Mr Mc around here and there all A.M. This afternoon he and I at C- I called at Dr. Homans office and had root taken out. We made a few calls – we called at Aunt Rachels old home to see Dave and Sallie & Della – Their barn with all its contents, crammed full of grain and all their farming implements [?] consumed. There was also one of their horses burned up – nothing but the reins remain.

On last night after midnight we saw the fire – Uncle Joe and Monroe and Jason went down – came back home – left Jason here and went to C- and brought James P. out – they were feeling so badly. This Eve Mr Mc and Monroe and Clayton and Jason and I at the Opera House to hear a Prohibition address by the Hon Mr McLin – the “Alert Quartet” furnished the music and it was certainly fine. Uncle Joe and Aunt Katy here with Paul. He has tooth ache this Eve.

6” Oct. Sat. A beautiful day Uncle Joe and Monroe & Jones at the potatoes. Clayton and Jason cleaned the Stable. Frank and Fern here to day. Near noon I went to C- took dinner at grandmothers – Homer and Clara and Mr Thacker there. After dinner Clara and I at the Springs to see Mrs Currie to make out a plan about our dresses. We reached home near dark – Jason had taken Uncle Joe home. Clara here to night. Homer at grandmothers. At a later hour Monroe & Clayton at the office on a flying trip. Mr Mc busy all day. He was at Pitchin this afternoon at [blank space] on an errand – At home around the fire this eve.

7 Oct. Sabb. Gloomy. Paul not well last night – has tooth ache. Clara and Jason at home with him Aunt Katy here. Monroe and Clayton and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “I have put my work in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.” God purposes to people heaven with men women and children that are fitted for that home. He also proposes to lay a sure foundation Christ and the Bible is a sure foundation None who build on this shall ever be put to shame. God proposes to establish religion and morality on the earth. When we work so hard to bring our children to Christ and to make them workers for him and meet with so little success we often feel discouraged – but we need not for the mighty Lord is on our side and we shall surely triumph. We shall surely come off victorious. God proposes to bring all of his children into his own family. There is no such love and forbearance in all the universe as God has for his people. How does God do this work – he does it by human instrumentality. After preaching I went down to grandmothers. Homer there, he did not come home this week. This afternoon Catechism and Bible reading – Aunt Katy and Monroe in the class. Clara did not go to the young folks meeting. I called at Mrs Conleys to see Nannie this morning She is sick with typhoid fever.

8 Oct. Monday. Quite an Autumn day. Clara drove down at an early hour to be ready for College – Uncle Joe brought the conveyance back – Aunt Jane came with him. Jones & Monroe helping Uncle Joe with potatoes – Paul around all day. Clayton & Jason at School. Mr Mc around home all day. We were disappointed about getting to town this eve – as the horses got out – but at later hour Mr Mc took Aunt Jane home – Aunt Katy busy to day – and so have I been very busy.

9” Oct. Tuesday. Rather a pleasant day. Mr Mc at Warners this A.M. – home at noon – I was at C- and home at noon I called to see Nammi Dell [?] Sabbath morning and was there again to day. Aunt Matt was in trouble about a lost pocket book – I was in to see grandmother Murdock – and home again at noon Quite busy getting my black cloth in shape for remaking. Monroe

hauling pumpkins. Uncle Joe & Jones at the potatoes – Clayton & Jason at School. Paul around home. Phillip Poth, a German stopped here this afternoon and will be with us for a little while. This Eve Mr Mc at the Barber pasture and I went to C- Aunt Matt has recovered her pocket book. Aunt Katy busy.

10 October. Wed. "Blowing" – not very pleasant. Mr Mc away all day at Will Spencers sale – at the late James Barber farm. Uncle Joe and Phillip and Jones and Monroe at the potatoes. Clayton and Jason at School. Aunt Katy and I ironed. Paul here and there all day.

11" Oct. Thurs. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe and Phillip at the potatoes all the time. Monroe and Jones at them part of the time Mr Mc around home most of the day. This afternoon he was across at Carys. Clayton and Jason at School. Jason at School this morning and Clayton there this evening. I have been busy sewing most of the day Aunt Katy busy.

12" Oct. Friday. Blustery & cloudy. Uncle Joe, Phillip Monroe & Jones all at the potatoes and buckwheat – Paul out making a hand too. Aunt Katy in charge of affairs in the home. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc and I went by way of Mr Piggs to Springfield – reaching there at one O'clock. We called to see Mrs Stuart – Mrs Miller and the fur woman. I went back to Mr Murphys after a long absence to get some supplies. We saw Harlan – He has been up at Bellefontaine for a few days for Carson & Fox. We reached home at eight O'clock. Clayton at C- this eve after school on an errand.

13 Oct Saturday Quite a disagreeable blustery day. Monroe and Clayton Jason Uncle Joe and Phillip gathering potatoes fixing fence and weighing the hogs. Mr Mc around all day Near noon I left for C- in the carriage – took the buggy and [illegible] down for Homer he went to Springfield and Aunt Mary and I went over to the Y. Springs with my goods for Mrs Currie to begin my dresses. We had a pleasant ride but a very blustery one – a cold one. Clara with grandmother – I did not get home until near dark. Monroe took Uncle Joe home.

14" Oct. Sabb. Chilly and gloomy. Homer came last night and went back with us this morning to the Sabbath School – along with Clayton Jason and me. I called to see Mrs Conleys – Nannie still very sick. Mr Mc at church Paul at home with Aunt Katy Monroe and Phillip. Mr Mortons text "Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt; or is there any taste in the white of an egg." Unsavory food for bodies or souls need seasoning. What are the unsavory things that need to be seasoned? What are the trials and struggles of life that need seasoning? The gospel and the truths of the Bible are unsavory to the world and need to be seasoned with the love and the grace of God. There is a wonderful power in love – in charity and in sympathy and those who would be successful in rebuking or correcting others should possess a large amount of these graces. Kindness and charity are important factors in reproof. Afflictions need to be mingled with a large measure of patience love and holiness. When disappointment and bereavement come they need to be seasoned with the love of God and with the blessings of his holy Spirit. We need Christ in all of these things – in everything – in prosperity and in the day of trial. Clara came home with us from church – and Clayton took her to the young folks meeting

this evening. I heard Clayton's and Jason's questions and went over the Sabbath School lesson with them. This Eve Monroe took Aunt Katy up to her home.

15" Oct. Monday. A nice day. Jason at C- this morning with wood for Aunt Jane's. Uncle Joe came out with him. Clayton at School. Jason there this afternoon. Phillip and Uncle Joe at the potatoes. Jones husking – Monroe bringing in corn. Aunt Katy helped me sew on our new rag carpet – we will put it down tomorrow – We put the dining room carpet down this P.M. Mr Mc over at Mr [illegible] on a final settlement. This Eve Monroe at C- on an errand for us.

16" Oct. Tues. A nice day. Not so cool. Monroe hauling corn. Uncle Joe and Phillip at the potatoes. Clayton and Jason at School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia. Aunt Katy cleaning windows in the bed room – This afternoon Uncle Joe and Paul at C. After "lamp lighting" we put down the sitting room carpet – Mr Mc home after dark.

17" Oct. Wed. A beautiful day. Mr Mc at Mr John Gillons sale – Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Phillip and Monroe at the potatoes and corn. Aunt Katy and I busy. This afternoon at C- Aunt Jane went with me over to the Springs to see Mrs Currie – we had a pleasant ride there and back. Grandmother and Aunt Mary were out at Uncle Silas's yesterday for a change. This Eve Monroe & Clayton and Jason at the "watermelon patch"

18" Oct. Thursday. A beautiful day. Bright sunshine warm. Uncle Joe Monroe and Phillip all busy sorting the potatoes and bringing in corn. Clayton and Jason at School. Mr Mc up at Mr Sparrows on Springfield road at a sale – home again before dark. I have been busy in the bed room doing extra work. Aunt Katy busy ironing.

19" Oct. Friday. Most a beautiful day – and a lovely evening. Mr Mc at Selma this A.M. and brought a handsome package from Aunt Mary E. Uncle Joe and Phillip at the potatoes in continuance. Monroe bringing in corn. Jason at School. Clayton at mill this A.M. – and this afternoon he went with Mr Mc to Sparrows for hog. I have been busy all A.M. Aunt Katy busy all day. Late this afternoon I went over to the Springs to Mrs Currie's – I brought out my black dress. This eve after so long a time Mr Mc and I at J. R. Orrs at their silver wedding. Quite a company there. By the way sister Libb from Kansas City came in this morning and was there – we are so sorry that bro John did not come – it has been twenty one years since they were here – Many a change in the [illegible] since then. The meeting this eve was certainly a very pleasant affair.

20" Oct. Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Monroe & Clayton left at an early hour this morning for Clifton and brought the "hog" on its journey that was left there yesterday evening. Mr Mc went a later hour and helped them home. Phillip off regular duty. Monroe worked until noon. Uncle Joe took the surry down and remained in C- and Homer brought Aunt Libb and Aunt Jane and Matt out to spend the day – all here to dinner. This afternoon they called at Willie Mcs. This P.M. Homer went to town with Monroe will not be out again as there is a lecture in X- to night to which he and Clara and the Cedarville students will be in attendance. Jason took the folks

down home. I called to see Mr Rolland Kyles this Eve – Aunt Katy very busy and very tired and so am I.

21" Oct. Sabb. Warm and pleasant. Monroe on sick list with sore eyes. Aunt Katy and Phillip here Paul at home with them. Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School and at church. Homer and Clara came there from grandmothers. Mr Mc at church. Sister Libb there with Aunt Janes at church – Mr Mortons text "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." The subject of the text is Christ and the Christian. The dove is the most inoffensive & harmless creature in the world – and when a Christian is called a dove it means that he is like a dove – The clefts of the rock is a place of safety and security. No matter what the dangers are to which we are exposed if we are sheltered in Christ the rock we are safe and all the storms of the earth and the gates of hell can not prevail against us. Christ gives the kind invitation – let me hear thy voice let me hear thy countenance. The voice of Gods redeemed children is sweeter to him than the songs of the angels and we can not ask too much from him and he urges us to come near. Christ is coming into our hearts to remove all disorder and to bring peace and love and happiness and he says show me thy countenance your approbation Let me your voice in prayer in praise and in teaching Let me hear your voice on the side of right. Clara came home with us from church. And this eve Clayton took her to the young folks meeting She went back to grandmothers from there. Clayton came back alone.

22" Oct. Monday. A warm bright day. Mr Mc at Hollingsworth pasture this morning. Aunt Katy went with him to his [her?] sons to take a weeks rest. Ollie Rice and baby came back with him to be here while Aunt Katy is away. I have not been feeling well to day. And Ollie was thankfully rec'd Monroe at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out. Clayton and Jason at School. This eve Mr Mc at a called meeting at the Opera in behalf of the college. I have not been feeling well enough to care to go. When Monroe took the clothes down Ollie & baby & Clayton went along.

23" Oct. Tuesday. Most a beautiful day. Ollie at the work. Phillip and Monroe busy making arrangements for sheep at Walkers. Uncle Joe at C- this A.M. Clayton and Jason at School. Paul around home. Near noon Mr Mc and I left for Aunt Jennettes. Sister Libb, Uncle Dave Torrence and Uncle Dan there. Grace Wilson and Gertrude – and Aunt Jane and Matt – Libb and Matt went with us to call to see Old Mrs Reid. She is past ninety and still seems interested in the things on this side the river. As we came home I called to see Mrs Sam Barber & Mrs Crain – A Prohibition meeting in C- to night but we were too tired to go back to it.

24" Oct. Wed. Gloomy & chilly – a little. Phillip and Uncle Joe at the potatoes. Jason at School. Monroe hauling corn. Near noon Mr Mc and Clayton left for Charleston – They called at Dr. Farris office and were out in the vicinity of Charleston at a sale. Mr Mc had dinner there. They reached home at dark. Monroe at Cedarville this evening on an errand. I have been busy sewing Ollie ironing and attending to kitchen.

25" Oct. Thurs. A pleasant day. Phillip Roth went to Columbus for his thinks this morning. Eli Jones husking. Monroe bringing it in. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Jason at School. Clayton there until noon This afternoon he went with his father to Xenia – he got a suit – and Mr Mc brought out a suit for Paul. Ollie busy. This P.M. I attended the Ladies Missionary Society. I called at Mrs Barbers to see Jennie Smith – and was at grandmothers a few minutes. Mr Mc & Clayton home at dark. All around the lamp.

26" Oct. Friday. Fast day in our church. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Monroe and Paul around all morning. Clayton and Jason at School until noon. This afternoon Uncle Joe went down with Uncle Dan to be ready for church. Preaching at two O'clock Rev Chestnut from Coulterville Illinois preached. Text "Jacob was left alone and there was a man that wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. Notice Jacobs condition – conflict and conquest. Mr Mc and Clayton Jason and Paul and I at church. This eve Ollies Mother sent for her and she went home. I have no been feeling well to day The boys finished up the work in the kitchen. Phillip came back this Eve from Columbus.

27" Oct. Sat. Quite a gloomy day. Phillip at C- this morning He and Monroe bringing in corn and putting away potatoes this morning. Clayton and Jason and Paul and Mr Mc all at home. Ollie and baby came back this morning. At two O'clock Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at church. Rev Mr Chestnut preached text "I must by all means keep this feast in Jerusalem." The Lords Supper of the Old Testament is the Lords Supper of the New Testament. It is a love feast – three kinds of love exhibited. It represents Gods love for man – and mans love for God – and our love for one another. When ever an individual or a family neglects to attend upon the divinely appointed ordinances of God it soon leads that individual or family to drift away from God – and to become careless in regard to their duty. Our safety requires us to keep this feast. The Blessed King at whose table we appear ask each of us what is your request and what is your petition and it shall be granted – and there is no time in the history of our lives when we have such power with God as when we seated at his table – Therefore have your petition ready – have on the wedding garment – and come in the exercise of a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. After preaching we made a few calls and came home. All have retired but Monroe and I who are staying up to receive Harlan It is now eleven O'clock he has just come bringing Mr Baker with him to remain with us until Monday.

28" Oct. Sabb. A very pleasant day. Prayer meeting at our church at ten O'clock instead of Sabbath School. We made a very great effort to get there in time. Harlan and Mr Baker and Clayton and Mr Mc and I there to day – Homer and Clara there. Jason and Paul at home with Ollie and her baby. Phillip and Monroe around. Mr Chestnut preached text – I will raise for them a plant of renown. God raised up this plant of renown to glorify himself and to satisfy his laws and justice and that he might redeem his people. This plant of renown is the Lord Jesus Christ. He has all healing qualities. The blood of the Lord Jesus will heal & completely cure the most deadly disease. This afternoon we had the Lords Supper – and after this service Homer and Clara came back with us – This eve Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clara and Jason and I went

back to church. Mr Chestnut preached – His text was Gideons Army – What the sword of the Lord and Gideon accomplished. This army of three hundred men chosen of God was characterized by their courage – zeal and faith and their obedience. The sermon was very grand the house full. Homer and Clara did not come back with us Harlan and Mr Baker here to night again.

29th Oct. Monday. Pleasant this forenoon – this afternoon gloomy. This morning we could not have things as we would like too – Clayton took Ollie home and Katy came back with him – all were glad to see her back again. Jason at School. Clayton there this afternoon. Monroe on a strike & off duty. Phillip taking charge of the team. Paul around taking care of himself. Mr Mc and I at the closing exercises of our communion services. Mr Chestnut preached at ten O'clock. Text. "Lord now let thou thy servant depart in peace since our eyes have seen thy salvation." In the aged Simeon and the infant Jesus we see the extremes of life. "No notes." After preaching Uncle Joe came out home with us – and Uncle Dan rode out with us. Aunt Katy here when we came. Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P- after school. This Eve drizzling rain -- & quite dark. Mr Mc and I at the Friends church in Selma to night at the First Lecture of the Lecture Course – Dr. Layman B. Sperry delivered Lecture this Eve – Subject "The Long & Short Of It." Made quite a nice address – I will not stop to tell here how he treated his subject. Homer and Alvie Orr at the lecture.

30th Oct. Tuesday. Rained most all day. Uncle Joe and I at C- this morning. I am getting my tea gown made at Mary Jones – I called to see grandmother & Aunt Bell & reached home at noon – quite a number in our different trades. Hugh Harvey Stormont among the number. Monroe [illegible] went away this morning. Phillip is in full command now. Clayton and Jason at School Mr Mc at C- on a hasty trip and home again in time for tea. Aunt Katy busy.

31st Oct. Wed. A very dreary day. Rained last night and most of the day. Clayton and Jason at School Phillip at the work. Uncle Joe and Paul at Cedarville this eve – Aunt Katy taking charge of the home. Mr Mc and I at Springfield to day completing my shopping – I want to start to N.Y. next week to Fannies. We took dinner at Harlans boarding house with him. Harlan is complaining – is not feeling very well these days. We had a pleasant day notwithstanding the rain and the gloom – Every one pleasant. I met Mrs Heffelfinger to day.

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1st Nov. Thurs. Quite a change from yesterday – quite a bright beautiful day. Phillip bringing in corn. Clayton and Jason at School. Uncle Joe and Paul around – Mr Mc at Mr Hatfields sale – there to dinner – came home past Selma. This P.M. Uncle Joe at C- Aunt Katy busy. I have been very busy to day too.

2nd Nov. Friday. Pleasant this morning but latter part of the afternoon – blowing after dark rain. Mr Mc around all morning – at this pasture and that one. Mr Ramsey called Mr Mellinger past down. Phillip out hauling corn. Jones and Denny husking. Uncle Joe and Paul around. Aunt Katy busy. Clayton and Jason at School. Near noon I went to C- took dinner with Homer and

Clara at grandmothers – After dinner Aunt Mary went with me to the Yellow Springs but my dress was not ready – and Mrs Currie was not there. I will have to go back in the morning. I called at Miss Hornes shop in C- my tea gown will not be ready until tomorrow.

3rd Nov Sat. Cleared off to day but gloomy & chilly. Mr Mc around all forenoon Mr Harvey Stormont here for cow. Phillip and Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason around. Aunt Katy in charge kitchen. Paul around this afternoon Mr Mc and Jason at Hollingsworths removing sheep to Mr Wards pasture did not get home until dark. I went over to the Springs this afternoon for my dress but Mrs Currie was not ready for me – Mrs Currie had company. Alice Armstrong & sister and Fannie [illegible] visiting there I did not get started home until after dark came all the way my self to C- and from there home. Ollie called this A.M. What a lonely ride I had to night – all by myself – yet safely kept – safely guarded – alone yet not alone.

4 Nov. Sabb. Gloomy & chilly. Mr Morton at Cincinnati to day. Clayton and Jason at our church at Sabbath School – then came down to the Old Side church where Mr Mc and I were. The old side minister from Utica Ohio preached – Text “Master it is good for us to be here” It is good for us to be here because Christ commanded us to be here. It is good for us to be here because this is the day we celebrate the Lords Supper and this service is a token of Christs redeeming love. It is good for us to be here because this service is an appointed means for spiritual growth – and comes to us as a pledge for the future. The communion services this afternoon – but we came home after the sermon I stopped in at grandmothers and told her and Aunt Mary good bye – Clara and Homer came home with us. We had questions and I went over the Sabbath lesson with the children. This Eve Clayton Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting. Came back through the rain. I have been feeling sad to day – for tomorrow I start to N.Y. to see Fannie and her family. Is it strange I should feel sad since in twenty seven years I have never been away from the “home nest” longer than a few days at a time – Then another thing I go the journey alone – but then we can be alone yet not alone – In the same sense those, others, of the family that are away are not alone. Now I lay my pen down for Jason to keep up this book while I am away.

[**Transcriber note:** From November 5, 1894 to January 2, 1895, Martha is in New York visiting with her daughter Fannie and family. Others are keeping the daily journal at home, thus a variety of different handwritings and writing styles are evident. Martha does keep her own journal while away in New York and that separate journal is glued into the back of this 1894 journal. A separate transcription of Martha’s trip journal has been completed. What follows through the end of the year are the journal entries of others while Martha is gone.]

Nov 5th This is a old gloomy day Homer took Clara to town to College this A.M. & brought Uncle Joe out Father at town this A.M. also at the bank and attending to some other business. Father and Homer took Mother to Spfld to the 8:50 P.M. train for Pine Bush. Harlan took us to supper with him then went to the train with us Father & Homer got home at 1 Oclock. Katy rustling about her work.

Nov 6th Tuesday. This is election day a nice day. The [illegible] a little cool. Father & Philip & Uncle Joe about their work. Clayton & Jason at School. Katy at her work. This is Election day Too nice a day for Democrats Father & Uncle Joe at the Election this after noon. Homer went back to College with him this after noon.

Nov 6 1894 [Transcriber note: Don't know why this date appears to be repeated. The handwriting is different and the days that follow are listed in the correct order.] This is a gloomy day Phillip and Uncle Joe are gathering apples in the forenoon. Father and Uncle Joe at Cedarville in the after noon Clayton and Jason at School Aunt Katy and Paul at home. Phillip hauling corn in the after noon.

Nov 7 1894 This is a cold day it snowed all day Clayton and Jason at school Uncle Joe around home Phillip hauling corn Mr Mc is around home and settled with Jones Orr Warner here in the forenoon Mr Mc went up to Selma in this after noon.

November 8 1894 This is a gloomy day Mr Kizer was here in the forenoon Mr Mc around home in the forenoon and over at Sam Stretchers in the afternoon. Philip around home Clayton and Jason at school Uncle Joe at town in the after noon and Clayton and Jason at town in the evening. Jim Little here and stayed all night.

November 9 1894 Uncle Silas came up this morning and father and him went to Miss Madlocks sale. Uncle Joe and I went to the mill in the forenoon. Philip feeding cutting wood and hauling corn all day. Jason at school all day.

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Nov. 10th 1894 Saturday. This is a cold day snowing in the forenoon. Jim and Clayton went up after a ram up at Mrs Madlocks for Uncle Silas. Uncle Silas came up in the morning to kill a muttan [?]. We were driving sheep mostly all day.

Nov. 11th 1894 Sabbath. Clara Jason and Cayton at Sabbath school and father at church. James Little Philip Katy and Paul at home. Clayton took Clara to prair [sic] meeting in the evening. Homer stayed at home in the evening.

Nov. 12th 1894 Homer went after Uncle Joe and came back to help father and Jim with the sheep. Jason and Clayton took Homer back to school.

Nov 13th 1894 Tues. Philip went to [illegible] Barbar place for corn They waid [sic] the hogs to day. Father Uncle Joe Jim and Paul around home all day. Clayton and Jason at school. Katy busy at work.

Nov 14th 1894 Wen. Clayton went to town after Aunt Jane and to take some letters to the post office. We butcher three hogs to day. Uncle Dan Uncle Joe Willie Jim and Philip helped to do it. Uncle Joe and Paul took Aunt Jane home this evening. Jason at school to day Father was around at the Stretcher pasture this evening. Katy busy at the work.

Nov. 15th 1894 Thur. Jason went after Aunt Mat and Jane to help with the hogs again to day. Uncle Joe and James are working in the meat all day. Philip a hauling corn and feeding all day. Paul around all day. Jason and Clayton at school to day. Father at Mr Walkers [?] this forenoon to see about some corn. Father took Aunt Jane and Mat back town this evening.

Nov. 16th 1894 Fri. this is a gloomy day Father was at John Tomson this forenoon and father and Jim were driving sheep this after noon Philip a feeding and hauling corn all day. Aunt Jane came up with Uncle Dan again this morning. Uncle Joe Katy and Aunt Jane busy in the meat. Katy busy at the work. Jason took Aunt Jane home this evening and brought Clara home. Father and Clara at a lecture at Selma to night. Paul around all day Jason and Clayton at school to day.

Nov. 17th 1894 Saturday. A bright gloomy day. Father and Clayton driving sheep mostly all day. Jim and Philip a hauling hay and corn all day. Uncle Joe and Paul around home all day. Clara and Paul took Uncle Joe to town and to get the mail. Katy busy with her work. Jason hunting in the after noon.

Nov. 18th Sabbath. Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at sabbath school and church. Father at church. Jim Paul Philip and Katy at home Jason stayed with Aunt Mary and Grandmother's in the afternoon till evening. And Homer and Clara went to church in the evening in our church. Clara stayed and Jason come home with Homer.

Nov. 19th Mon. Father and Clayton went up to sault [sic] some sheep at the Ward pasture in the morning. Father Clayton and Paul went to Dave McMillan to help raise the barn. And had a nice dinner. Uncle Joe didn't come out to day. Jim and Philip a feeding around today. Katy busy with her work. Jason at school to day.

Nov. 20th Thur. A bright day. Father around home in the forenoon and went to Clifton in the after noon on some business. Clayton went after Uncle Joe in the morning and got back by recess. Jim hauling corn to day. Philip feeding and hauling corn to day. Katy busy with her work. Jason and Clayton at school to day. Homer at school to day. Paul around home all day.

Nov. 21st Wen. Father around home mostly all day. John McMillan brought are sheep home in the forenoon and was here for dinner. Jim husking corn in the forenoon. And was digging and picking up potatoes the after noon. Philip was feeding and hauling corn in the forenoon and in the after he was helping with the potatoes. Jones was helping with the potatoes in the afternoon Father and Clayton driving sheep in the after noon. Uncle Joe and Katy making [illegible] butter to day. Homer at school to day. Jason at school do day. Clayton till noon. Paul around all day. Homer at Cedarville this evening for the mail and other things.

Nov. 22th Thur. Father around saulting [sic] the sheep to day. Uncle Joe and Paul a feeding around. Jim was shucking and hauling corn. Philip busy feeding and hauling corn. Katy busy with her work. Homer at town for the mail and other business. Homer at school to day. Clayton and Jason at school to day.

Nov 23th Fri. Father around home all day. Mr Milinger called in the evening to see father about the hogs. Uncle Joe Jim and Paul around all day. Philip feeding and hauling corn all day. Aunt Jane and Mat up all day. Father took them home in the evening and brought Clara home with him. Homer Clayton at school to day. Jason sick in bed. Katy busy with her work. Frank Orr came up yesterday evening.

Nov 24th Sat. Jason sick in bed again to day. Father around all day with Jason. Jim husking corn in the forenoon and was helping weigh the hogs to day. Uncle Joe Clayton and Paul around all day. Frank Orr went home forenoon. Aunt Jane came up with Uncle Dan this morning. Philip a feeding hauling corn all day. Homer went to Cedarville in the forenoon and in the afternoon to Springfield. Uncle Dan called in the after noon Aunt Jane staying here all night. Clayton took Uncle Joe to town and Aunt Mat come up with him to stay till tomorrow.

Nov. 25th Sabbath. Homer at Sabbath school and church. Father Aunt Mat Clara Clayton and Paul at church. Jason is still sick. Aunt Jane and Katy stayed with him while we were at church. Jim and Philip a feeding around this morning.

Nov. 26th Mon. Aunt Mat went home this morning. Homer and Clara back to school this morning. They took the buggy down to Uncle Joe and he brought it back. Clayton and father and Paul took three calves up to the barber pasture this morning. Jim a husking corn. Philip a feeding and hauling corn. Uncle Joe and Jim and Clayton getting corn ready for the mill this after noon. Father around saulting [sic] sheep this after noon. Paul helping Uncle Joe. Katy busy with the work.

Nov. 27th Tues. Father around looking after the hogs and sheep. Jim husking corn and feeding around. Uncle Joe and Paul took some wheat down town to exchange for flour. Aunt Jane went home with them. Philip a feeding and hauling corn. Katy busy with the work. Homer and Clayton at school to day. Homer and father went up to Selma this evening.

Nov 28th Wen. Father around busy all day. Two men were here from Selma to put in a new pump in the pump house and were here for dinner. Uncle Joe at the mill. Jim around busy helping father and Uncle Joe. Paul around all day. Homer Clayton and Jason at school to day. Philip feeding and hauling corn. Katy busy with her work. Homer went to town to take some things to Aunt Mary for she is a going to have a big dinner tomorrow.

Nov. 29th Thur. Father Clayton Jason and Paul went to GrandMothers for dinner. Uncle Ervins were there and Aunt Jane and Mat were there too. Homer and father were at church. Mr McChesney preached in our church. Uncle Joe and Jim around all day looking after the things. Philip feeding in the forenoon and went to Cedarville in the after noon to have his hollow day [holiday?] [**Transcriber note:** Apparently this is the Thanksgiving holiday and some of the family gathered at Grandmother Murdocks for their meal] Katy busy with her work.

Nov 30th Fri Homer and father went to Jamestown this morning to see Mr. Millinger a bought [about] the hogs. They were back by noon. Aunt Mat rode up with Uncle Dan this morning to

help Katy with the work. One of Mr Elie Smalls girls Florence died last night. She was a bought [about] five or six years old. Uncle Joe and Jim around all day working at the feeding and butchering. Philip a feeding and hauling corn to day. We butchered a hog to day. Homer took Aunt Mat home this evening. Jason and Clayton at school to day. Paul a crying around this evening with the tooth ache. Katy busy with her work.

December 1894

Dec 1st 1894 Sat. Father around all forenoon. In the after noon him and Homer went up the rode [sic] on some business. Homer at Cedarville this morning after the mail and Clara come home with him to help with the work. Jim and Clayton a feeding in Philips place while he was cutting up the hogs. Jim ad Clayton working in the cow stables in the after noon while Philip was hauling corn. Uncle Joe and Paul a feeding around all day. Jason a hunting this after noon. Mr Elie Smalls little girl was buried this after noon. Katy busy with her work. It has been raining all day.

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Sab. Dec 2nd Father, Homer, Clara Clayton & Jason at church. All of them were at S. S. but Father. Cloudy & cold. Clara & Homer went to young peoples meeting in the evening. Mr Morton preached from Heb 5:12.

Monday 3rd Homer & Clara went to College this a.m. Uncle Joe came back in the buggy Jim Little husking corn. Father around all home all day Philip busy. Katy busy with her work. Homer went to see the young man that got his hand shot on Thanksgiving this p.m. Cloudy & chilly.

Tues. 4th Aunt Matt came out with Uncle Dan this morn. Father & Uncle Joe around home Jim Little husking corn Philip looking after his pension. Clayton & Jason at school Paul busy; has been making a barn to day; has had some tooth-ache poor boy.

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Dec 5th Wen. Father and Jim took some sheep up to Mr. Hollingsworth pasture this morning and got back about evening. Uncle Joe and Paul a feeding around. Philip a hauling corn all day. Clayton has been sick all day. Katy is busy with her work. Homer and Jason at school today.

Dec 6th Thur. A beautiful day. Father around looking after the stock. Philip took is clothes and moved down to Jones but he is a going to husk corn for us. Jim around feeding the stock in the forenoon and went to Selma in the after noon for a load of coal. Uncle Joe and Paul busy looking after things. Clayton is sick again to day but is feeling some better. Homer and Jason at school to day. Katy is busy with her work.

Dec 7th Fri. This is a cold rainy day. Father Uncle Joe and Paul around looking after the stock most of the day. Jim around feeding the stock and hauling corn from the Mrs. Barber place.

Homer and Jason at school to day. Clayton went to town this morning for some time and the mail. Katy busy with her work. Homer at Xenia tonight.

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Dec 8th Sat. Raining all forenoon Men looking after the stock. Clayton some better today out some this p.m. Homer at Selma this morn. Uncle Joe took Paul home with tonight clear this p.m.

Dec 9th Sab. All at church but Clayton. Clara came home with folks from church. A very pleasant day Father and Clara went back to church tonight to hear Mr Campbell preach.

Dec 10th Monday. Raining. Aunt Matt came out with Uncle Joe & Paul this morn. A new man here to day. Katy busy. Aunt Matt & Katy sweeping and cleaning up things generally. Men in and out caring for stock best they can.

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Dec 11th 1894 This is a bright warm day. Father Uncle Joe Jim and Paul around looking after the stock. A gentle [?] man stopped in two [sic] work for a few days for us. Father went to Mrs. Arn Shepards sail [sic] this after noon. Homer, Clayton and Jason at school to day. Katy busy with her work.

Dec. 12th Wen. This is a cold rainy day. Father Uncle Joe Sam Boyd and Jim around looking after the stock. Uncle Joe at Cedarville this evening after some things. Paul around looking after the things. Homer Clayton and Jason at school to day. Katy is looking after her work.

Dec. 13th Thur. This is a gloomy day. Father Uncle Joe Jim and Sam around looking after the stock. Katy and Paul were up to see her folks to day. Aunt Mat come up to do Katy's work while she was gone. Homer Clayton and Jason at school. Homer took Aunt Mat home this evening and went to a lecture.

Dec 14th Fri. This is a beautiful day. Father and Clayton up to Mr. Hollingsworth pasture to see after the sheep. Uncle Joe and Paul a feeding around. Jim and Sam a feeding and hauling corn from Mrs. Shepard. Uncle Joe at Cedarville this evening. Jim and Homer out see their girls to night. Homer and Jason at school to day. Katy busy with her work.

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Dec. 15th 1894 Sat. This is a beautiful day. Father around looking after the stock and feeding. Jim and Sam hauling fodder from Shepards. Uncle Joe and Clayton hauling corn and feeding. Homer Jason and Paul around all day. Katy busy with her work. Homer at Cedarville this evening on some business for father. Clayton and Jason took Uncle Joe home and took Aunt Jane some wood to night.

Dec 16th 1894 Sab. This is a beautiful day. Father Homer Clayton and Jason at church and the rest of the people at home. Jim and Sam looking after the stock and feeding.

Dec 17th 1894 Mon. This is a beautiful day. Father Uncle Joe and Clayton looking after the stock and feeding. Jim and Sam feeding and hauling corn. Homer and Jason at school. Paul around sick all day with the cold. Katy busy with here work. Father and Homer over at Mr. Packsons to see about some hogs. Homer at Cedarville this evening with the clothes.

Dec 18th Tues. This is another beautiful day. Father was up to Mr. Hollingsworth pasture to see the sheep. Uncle Joe at Cedarville this evening after some things. Jim and Sam busy feeding the stock. Homer Clayton and Jason at school to day. Paul around busy all day. Katy busy with her work.

Wen. Dec 19th 1894 This is a beautiful day. Father Uncle Joe and Sam busy feeding. Jim and Clayton took some sows and pigs to Mr. Packsons and brought some lambs home. Jason at school to day. Homer at Cedarville this evening. Paul around busy all day. Katy is busy with her work.

Thur. Dec. 20 1894 This is another beautiful day. Father Homer and Clayton took the hogs to Cedarville to Mr. Mellingner this morning. They averaged 214 pounds apiece. Uncle Joe Sam and Jim busy feeding. Paul around all day with Katy. Jason at school to day. Katy busy with her work.

Dec 21st Fri. This is a right pleasant day. Jim and Sam busy feeding and hauling corn. Uncle Joe and Paul around feeding all day. Father and Clayton went to Mac Coopers funeral this after noon and Aunt Mary and Clara rode out with them. A large crowd was gathered there from different places. Mr. Morton preached at the funeral. Homer at Cedarville this after noon. Clara rode out with father this evening to spend her vacation. Jason at school to day.

Dec. 22th 1894 Sat. This is a pleasant day. Father and Homer went to Springfield this after noon to see Harlan and to get some things. Uncle Joe Sam Jim and Clayton busy feeding the stock. Clara Jason and Paul took Uncle Joe home and got the mail. Katy busy with her work.

Dec 23th Sab. This is a gloomy day and a little cold. Homer Clara father Clayton Jason and Paul at church. After church Paul went home with Uncle Joe to stay till Monday. Katy Sam and Jim staying home looking after the work. Homer and Clara at prayer meeting and church this evening.

Dec 24th Mon. 1894 This is a cold rainy day. Homer at Cedarville this morning after Uncle Joe and Paul. Father Uncle Joe Sam Jim and Clayton busy feeding the stock Homer at Springfield this afternoon for Harlan. Jason took some wood to Aunt Jane this after noon. Katy and Clara busy with their work.

Tues. Dec 25th 1894 This is a gloomy day. Father Jim and Clayton busy feeding the stock. Uncle Joe on the sick list to day. We had a [illegible] chicken and oysters [?] for dinner and

invited Aunt Jane Aunt Mat Aunt Mary Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell out for dinner. Harlan spent his Christmas at home with the rest of us. Sam at Cedarville to spend his Christmas. Harlan at town this morning for Aunt Jane and Aunt Mat. Homer took Aunt Jane home and Clara went along to get some things. Katy and Clara busy with their work Clayton took Katy home after she was through with her work.

Dec. 26th Wen. This is a cold day and snowing some this evening. Homer took Harlan back to his work at Carson and Fox and Co. Sam back at his work this morning. Father Uncle Joe Sam Jim and Clayton busy feeding the stock. Jason and Paul around all day. Katy and Clara busy with their work.

Dec. 27th Thur. This is a cold day and snowed some. Father and Homer went up to Mr. Hollingsworth pasture this after noon to look after the sheep but could not find them no where. Sam and Jim hauling hay from Mr. Cleman's and busy feeding Uncle Joe and Clayton feeding Jason and Paul around home. Katy and Clara busy with their work.

Dec. 28th 1894 Fri This is a cold disagreeable day Father and Homer went back to see about the sheep again to day Mr Hollingsworth found them and put them back in the pasture and feed them and so they concluded to leave them their for the present. Sam and Jim hauling hay from Mr Clemans and busy feeding the stock. Clayton at the mill this after noon. Jason and Paul around all day. Katy and Clara busy with there work. Homer at Cedarville this evening.

Dec. 29th 1894 Sat. This is a real cold day. Father Uncle Joe Sam Jim and Clayton busy feeding the stock. Homer at Cedarville this forenoon and went two Springfield this after noon for Fred and got back about eight oclock. Katy and Clara busy with their work Jason and Paul around all day. Jim up at Bill McMillan to stay all night while his wife is gone.

Dec. 30th 1894 Sab. This is a cold day. Father Homer Clara and Jason at church. And the rest of the people at home. After church Father and Clara call down at Uncle Dave Toreneces to see them.

Dec. 31st Mon. This is the last day of 1894. And is not so cold. Father Fred Home and Clara at Uncle Dave Toreneces funeral to day. Uncle Dave died Friday evening about ten oclock. Sam and Jim busy feeding the stock. Mr John Jameson died Friday evening about four oclock and was buried to day. Clayton moved Buster Jones to town to day. Jason took a cow down to Aunt Mary and stayed all night with Frank Orr. Father and Fred went to Xenia after the funeral. Jim is a little sick to night. Paul around all day. Katy busy with her work. Homer at Cedarville to night.

[**Transcriber note:** Martha steps in on her return home to write a final note at the end of this year's journal.]

When I came home and found that Clayton had kept this book faithfully every day since the 5th of November – I certainly felt very proud of his faithfulness – He kept an account of the home

and I kept an account of my visit while I was at Fannies at Pine Bush N – which I will insert in the next page.

[**Transcriber note:** The journal kept by Martha McMillan on her trip from November 5, 1894 to January 2, 1895, visiting with her daughter Fannie and family in New York, is glued into the 1894 journal at this point. A separate transcription of that journal is available.]

[**Transcriber note:** Following the inserted journal of Martha's trip, the last page of the Journal includes the following:]

The Power of Prayer

Lord, what a change with in us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will avail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosom take,
What parched grounds refresh us with a shower;
We kneel and all around us seem to lower;
We rise, and all the distant and the near
Stand forth in sunny outline brave and clear
We kneel – how weak: we rise – how full of power;
Why therefore should we do our selves this wrong.
Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or trouble, when with us is prayer –
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee.
Archbishop French

[**Transcriber note:** The following is written on the inside of the back cover of the Journal]

“Sure I am if we were to remember these things better if would be”

16” April 1894

“Don't you think that the Lord Jesus can rest you anywhere except by the way of the grave? That is such a mistake, and I made it for so long that I know all about it. Don't you hear his voice calling to you to come to rest in him this minute?” Are there no release or deliverance from trouble by way of the grave – Yes there is

20” June 1894 – “See Journal”

Aunt Mary E said after the folks drove out – It is parting here but yonder “We shall meet at Jesus feet shall meet to part no more.

We want a living victory. A victory through our Lord and Saviour.