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## Martha McMillan Journal Transcriptions, 1895

January 1895

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

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

2" January, Wed. Cold but moderated considerable--I spent last night on the train. I reached S. Charleston at nine this morning or nearly ten. I found Mr Mc and Paul at the train waiting for

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

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

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

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

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

and Harlan up stairs in their room--Homer has fire there. This Eve too wet for any of them to go to the young folks meeting. All of us here around the lamp.

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

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

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

10" Jan. Thurs. A [gloomy] day--towards evening began snowing--it has rained considerable today. Jason took Homer down to the College. He & Clayton at school. Fred was at Springfield yesterday eve- -with Miss Lizzie Cook--Harlan took supper with them at Adam's--He did not get home until late--and did not get up until near noon. Uncle Joe & Jim L--and Noah DeV. at the work. Mr Mc around home most of the day--Dewine [?] brought up a load of corn--This afternoon late--Mr Mc & Fred left for Selma were back in time for supper--After supper Fred and Clayton at C--and brought Homer out. Mr Wood Warner called this morning. It has been a disagreeable day.

11" Jan. Friday. Snowed last night--Fred took Homer down to College and told the folks good by. Back again at an early hour. We sent up to the school house for Clayton--And after an early dinner he went with Mr Mc and Fred to Springfield. Fred told us all good by--He goes back to Monmouth this Eve at five O'clock. Freds visit was short at home--he came the last Saturday of the old year--but we certainly enjoyed his stay here--And now that he has gone we will miss him. How many clouds of sadness cast their shadows over hearts in life--then again at other times the bright days of sunshine strike through. Uncle Joe at C--this P.M. Homer came out with him. Jason at school. Jim L-- and Noah at work to day. This Eve while Alvie Orr past and Homer went with him to attend the lecture at Selma-- Subject. The signs of the time--Mr Mc and Clayton did not get home until late. After Fred went away they waited a little and went with Harlan to supper.

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

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

14" January Monday. Moderated a little. Homer went back to School. And Uncle Joe came back in his conveyance. Jim L--and Noah at the work Clayton & Jason at school. This afternoon Jim L--and Noah at the stock again. Mr Mc took the washing to Mrs P. This Eve Edd Stuart &

company brought Homer out from College. This eve Homer & Mr Edd W. in the vicinity of Clifton--Aunt Katy busy

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

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

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

18 " Jan. Friday -- A cloudy day very much like rain -- Sleighing still fine -- Homer went back to College this morning. Clayton and Jason at school. Mr Mc around at John Thomas -- home in time for dinner Jim L-- and Uncle Joe around -- Noah helping. Simon Peter helping me -- Louis stopping with us until Monday for a little rest and visit -- Aunt Mary came out with Uncle Dan as he past up -- here for dinner -- and until four this P.M. -- when she went back with him as he past home. Mr Mc went to Wards this afternoon -- This Eve Mr Matthews and his friend called. They live at the late Crawford farm. Jim L- spending the night George Smith -- Clayton & Jason took him out in the sleigh -- Homer at C- at the College at Society meeting.

19 " Jan. Sat. Snow going off. Mr Mc went in the sleigh to the Y. Springs to see Mr Mellinger[?] - - did not get back until near evening. Jim L- came back this morning -- he and Noah at the work. Uncle dan called this P.M. and Uncle Joe went home with him. Homer at his books today. Louis around -- Homer at his books today, Louis around -- he began up shelves in the pantry this P.M. Jason went with Noah to C-- with fodder for grandmothers cow. This eve Homer took Jim L- - to C-- he will stay with Lizzie until tomorrow Eve -- Simon helped me with the work -- he was at town this Eve.

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

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

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

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

24" Jan. Thurs. Quite cold indeed -- Uncle Joe at C- early on some Mrs [illegible] trial. Homer got excused from College and went out to a dinner party at Uncle Silas's. Mr J P Stoddard called this



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

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

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

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

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

29" Jan. Tues. Bright sunshine moderated considerable. Jim L- and Noah Uncle Joe Paul and Simon and Aunt Katy holding forth here today. Homer at C- this morning -- he and some young Elder past up to Miss Rhoda Elders funeral. Clara went up with Annie[?] Morton to the funeral -- Clayton took Mr Mc to the train this morning -- This was the day of the [illegible] Convention in Xenia to day. Several going from C- on the train I spent the day with grand-mother Murdock and Aunt Mary I called at Aunt Janes. Homer & Clara and Annie M- took dinner with Aunt Mary when came back from the funeral. This Eve Mr Mc came up from X- at six Oclock. We came

home in Homers conveyance and he went with Alvie Orr to Xenia to the Secret Society Convention that meets in the Opera House there. Clayton and Will Shears[?] at C- for a little sleigh ride -- A letter from Fannie tells us of the death of Father Brown -- Mrs Elmer Wallace dead too -- her funeral from Mr McKenzies church the 13<sup>th</sup> of Jan Sabbath. They were called home from Salem on account of Mr Browns death.

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

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

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

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

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

Clayton & Jason went at four to the organization of the Christian [illegible] - for all the little folks - Homer & Jim L- here I heard the boys catechism & went over the Sabbath School lesson with them.

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

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

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

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

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

9" Feb. Sat. Still below zero this morning eight degrees- Quite a delegation in to help move the hogs - Eight wagons - 68 hogs - at \$450. Willie McMillan, Mr Fields - & Mr. McClain and the Matthew bro. and Jim Collins and Clayton and Noah Devault - Mr Mc and Homer & Jason went along too - went later in the sleigh - I failed to mention that one of the McDownies [?] wagons was in the procession. This Eve Homer in his room at his books - Clayton took Uncle Joe down this evening. Aunt Katy & I busy. I am not feeling very well to day.

10" Feb. Sabb. Moderated a little. I have been on the sick list to day. Homer Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at Church alone. Aunt Katy and Simon and Paul at home with me. After preaching Jason went to grandmothers and Clara came home and went back with Clayton when he went to the childrens meeting. Robbie Murdock came last week - and came home with Homer & Clayton from church to day - - He is here to night he nor Homer did not go back to church - A man from off the pike here for lunch. Jim L- here to day & to night as usual. Clayton and Jason returned near dark from the young folks meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

16" Feb. Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Snow on the ground. I made a hasty trip to C - left a donation for Aunt Jane from Mr Mc called to see Mrs P. and was home at one Oclock. Homer very tired. He did not get up until late. Word has come to C. that Earl Conley is dead. The Xenia

paper noticed the death of Mr Mort Starks this week. Jason took Aunt Katy up home this afternoon - Jim L- at Selma - he was there Wednesday I think. This Eve Clayton & Jason took wood to Aunt Jane after dark - and Uncle Joe went down home with them. Homer at his books.

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

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

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

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

21" Feb. Thurs. Blowing a little to day - but not cold - Homer went back to College - Clayton at C- on an errand. Jason out of school Clayton here this afternoon - Simon swept the tenant

house out and put a fire in it - to be ready for the folks - his friend Mr Moore landed with their goods about four O'clock and came up and took supper here. Homer & Alvie Orr in the vicinity of Clifton this eve. Uncle Dan here this P.M. Word came that Mr Wm Marshal was found in the field in an insensible condition. Mr Mc and others gathered there. Jim L- and Noah around. Jason at Kyles this P.M. Paul and Uncle Joe and Simon Peter around.

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

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

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

25" Feb. Monday. Quite a bright day. I did not mention in my report for Saturday that Will Huntington called in the eve - and Homer rode to town with him. Uncle Joe went down & Homer came back in his conveyance and that Mr Bennett and Mr Mellingner [?] called. This morning Homer went down to College and Uncle Joe came out - He brought nails for repairing the tenant house. On yesterday [Blank space] wife & little child and father arrived from their home in Highland Co - they did not seem to regard the Sabbath. They went direct to Mr Matthews and came back to their house and began repairs this morning. Jim L - and Noah and Mr Mc and Simon and Paul and Uncle Joe around all day. Clayton and Jason at school. This afternoon I called at Mrs Ps - took the clothes - and went to grandmother Murdocks - made a little call and stayed for supper - Clara there - Homer at Orrs with Alvie looking over his lesson He came home with me. I called in to see Mr Wm Marshall - He is still suffering terribly with his head. Aunt Katy here at the work as usual.

26" Feb. Tues. A beautiful day but muddy. Mr Mc and Basel at Clemens that moved last week from Charlie Marshalls. They were back at noon - Mr Mc at old Mr Gillows [?] sale - this afternoon. Uncle Joe called to see Will Marshal - when he came back Homer took me over and I stayed there until this evening when Mr Mc called for me - He was quite weak and suffered terribly this morning - I almost feel sure he thought he was going to die for he asked his wife if she thought he was saved. Happy for those when that question is all settled - satisfactorily & forever - The Dr and several callers there to day. Homer not feeling well he went down to College this afternoon - Clayton & Jason at school. Jim L - Noah & Uncle Joe & Paul & Aunt Katy here Simon helping with sheep & around and at the wood. Homer at his books - Jim L - here -

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

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

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

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

3" March Sabbath. A mild day—Clayton at home to superintend the feeding Homer and Jason & Paul and I at Sabb school & church Paul sat in the Bible class with me. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness Unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lords house shall be like the bowls before the Altar." The theme of the text—the power of the gospel—Let us notice the inscription Holiness Art the Lord: Holiness is not knowledge nor honesty a desire to hear the gospel or in going in good society or with Gods

people—while all of these things are important and essential and belong to Gods people but yet they do not constitute holiness and with this alone never see the kingdom of God—To be holy –is to be complete—to be whole. free from all blemishes and defects. A holy person is consecrated to God—and is in the possession of the graces of the Spirit. Holiness is the grandest of excellence of which humanity is capable of possessing. When it says Holiness shall be inscribed upon the bells of the horses—and the pots it means that it shall be inscribed on every day business of life—Clara came home with us from church This Eve Clayton & Jason at the children meeting later on Clara went down with Homer to the Young folks meeting & Jim L came back with him. Aunt Katy and Simon at home.

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

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

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

7" March Thurs. Drizzling rain disagreeable. Noah & Billie S—busy hauling corn. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe & Paul around Homer went down to College & home this Eve. Clayton & Jason at school. This afternoon Joe called at Mr Wm Marshals—He is not so well. Jim L- went with George Smith to Springfield to bring his conveyance back. George is going from there to some springs for his heath—Aunt Katy and I finished the ironing to day. This Eve Homer did not come home but went to Clifton for company and attended Byron W. Kings lecture at the Opera House



8" March Friday. Damp and cloudy all day long. Jim L- came back from Smiths at noon. He is resting this P.M. Noah & Billie S- around. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe & Paul and Simon all here. Aunt Katy busy. Clayton and Jason at school. This afternoon I visited the school—Miss Haines is getting along nicely—but I feel sure—if I had called long ago I might have helped Clayton & Jason a great deal—this Eve blustery—clear. That in regard to Homer happened this eve when Homer & company attended Kings lecture. I was asleep when I attached that to the details of Thursday when I was starting on my record for to day.

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

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

11" March. Monday. Rained a sprinkle and snowed a little very gloomy. Uncle Dam & Will Mc here to day helping with a combination butchering Homer went down to College and came back in his conveyance then he went down with the clothes to Mrs P- and Homer came back

with him. Billie S--& Noah & Jim L- and Simon around assisted by Uncle Dan & Will Mc and Paul at the work. Aunt Katy in charge—Uncle Dan here to dinner. Clayton and Jason at school— Not withstanding the work and the crowd Mr Mc and I went to Springfield—we took dinner at Adam's with Harlan This afternoon I called at Mrs Stuarts—Mr Mc and I took supper there. Harlan called there to see us. We came home very comfortably reached here at ten after all had retired. This is Clara's birthday.

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

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

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

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

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

17" March. Sabb. & light snow on the ground. Homer and Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School & Church. Paul was with us and sat in Cora Blair's class. Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton's

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

18" March. Monday. A nice day—but the roads muddy. Homer went down to College and Uncle Joe came back in his conveyance. Clayton and Jason at School. Billie S- and Simon hauling manure [sic]—Noah & Jim L- feeding. Mr Mc around home. Alice [Blank space] and her little girl from our tenant house here this afternoon. Aunt Katy in charge. Paul around home. Aunt Matt

went with me to Xenia to day. I got a basque-- goods for Clara. I called to Dr Ida Woolsey this P.M. When I came to C- Homer came out with me. Homer and Jim L-made a short call at Ada Creswell for books. Homer at his lessons the rest of the eve.

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

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

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

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

23" March. Sat. A beautiful day—Mr Mc left at an early hour this morning and went to Springfield and attended to some little business and called at Carsons Store for Harlan and they reached our church in time for two O'clock meeting—Homer went down with Uncle Joe to church—and Clayton and Jason and I went in the surrie [sic]. I left—Paul at home with Jim L- and Simon Peter and Aunt Katy Noah & Billie S- around. Rev Mr McKinney preached— text "And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." After preaching we went down to Aunt Janes—she and Aunt Matt both on the sick list. I stayed and got them their supper. After we came home Harlan and Homer took a hasty supper and went back to the prayer meeting rooms to prayer meeting. Uncle Joe remained in town.

Sabb—24" March. A pleasant day. Communion Sabbath in our church Harlan Homer Jason and Paul and I at the ten O'clock prayer meeting. Mr Mc and Clayton at Aunt Janes before they came and they did not get there until late—Aunt Jennette has been sick for a week—but was so far recovered[?] that she came in and stayed with Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt to day. Rev Mr McKinneys text "Make one to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice." This afternoon Communion Services. Mr Morton and Rev McKinney conducted the exercises. Clara came home with us from church—Jason went home with Aunt Mary to grandmother Murdocks. This Eve Homer and Clara at the Young folks meeting. Mr Mc and Harlan and I at church—Homer Clara and Jason there too & came home with us. Mr McKinneys text—"For the Lord shall be they confidence and shall keep they foot from being taken" Life is a pathway and it as fall of snares and deadly enemies [sic] and they are waiting to entrap the young the middle aged—and the old. Always suspect more in a temptation or a sin than what you can see or ever imagine or think of—but remember that if the Lord is thy confidence—he shall keep thy foot from being taken. This is the only safety. Aunt Katy & Jim L- and Simon here all day & Clayton and Paul have with them this Eve.

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

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

27" March. Wed. I have been in bed most of the day—Billie S- and Noah and Simon Peter all busy. Clayton and Jason at School—Clayton and Uncle Silas's on an errand—Jim L- at the sheep shearing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around and Paul. Aunt Katy busy. This Eve Elwood & Garbold from the College called. Homer at College this morning and back this evening. He and Jim L. at Will Mc a few minutes Jim stayed with Will to night as Ellen and the children went on a little trip to her sisters—to Farmersville.

28" March Thurs—A nice day. Jim L- at the shearing. Billie S- & Noah & Simon busy. Uncle Joe & Paul around. Clayton & Jason at School. Mrs Davis called to see Aunt Katy. Near noon Mr Mc at C—and this afternoon at Selma—I have been in bed to day again Homer drove down to the College and home again this eve—

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

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

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

#### April 1895

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

2" April. Tues. Very gloomy all day. On yesterday P.M. George Smith called for Jim L- and took him home with him – and to day Jim L- is absent to day. Clayton and Simon hauling out manuer [sic] – Jason at School. We took the clothes to Mrs P. – and have opened a new acct. with her now. Mr Mc around looking after things all day. Billie S- and Noah hauling in hay. This Eve Mr Mc went down and brought Uncle Joe out. Homer came home with Carrie Haines. Aunt Katy busy. Jim L- came this eve – he and George Smith were at London Sale to day.

3" April. Wed. Cloudy & cold. Jim L- at George Smiths shearing – home again this eve. Homer at College and back this eve – Uncle Joe and Paul around. Billie S- and Noah hauling hay. Jason at School Clayton there until noon – This P.M. he and Simon cleaning stables. Mr Mc at C- late this P.M. Homer at home at his books this eve. Jim L- back this eve. George Marshal here playing marbels [sic] awhile with the boys. I cleaned the sitting room [illegible] to day.

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

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

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

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

8" April Monday. Homer not feeling well – he went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out – After dinner – When father was going down to meet with the newly select supervisors at H.M. Stormonts office – Homer went along and came back with him – They took the clothes to Mrs P.

– I put the wardrobe & dresser in perfect order – and Aunt Katy helped me with taking the carpet of the same room – the front room up stairs. This Eve Homer Jason & Clayton at Power's lecture at the Opera house – James L- around – It has been damp to day. Wm S- and Noah & Simon at work. Several of the feeding sheep off – considerable with over feeding. Aunt Katy around. Jason at School until noon – Jim L- and Clayton at Paxtons for hogs.

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

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

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

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

13" April Sat. A beautiful day. Wm S- and Noah and Simon busy hauling stacks off field. Clayton at Clifton mill. Jim L- in bed until noon – not and well. Jason took sheep up to Wards – and after an early dinner Mr Mc went there and brought him home This afternoon – Homer at C- and brought O. C. Powers (the lectuer [sic]) here to spend the afternoon and took tea. Homer and I had it mostly to our selves as Mr Mc was too busy to be in. This Eve Homer took him back to C- He speaks at the Opera house to night again. Homer and Clayton both there Noah & Wm S- took Joe home. Aunt Katy and Alice spent the eve at Will Mcs. And I took care of the work here.



14" April. Sabb. Quite cool. Easter Sunday. Rained a little – a light Shower. Homer and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Mr Morton's text – "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, And Shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; And they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Clara came home with us from church – Aunt Katy & Simon & Jim L- at home. I read to Paul and heard his questions. Clayton and Jason at the childrens meeting When they came back and finished their work – they went with father and me to the hall of the Opera house to hear C. Oliver Powers give from the Manger to the throne with stereopticon views – Had quite a good audience – Clara & Homer were there – Clara went back to grandmothers from the meeting Jim L- Aunt Katy and Simon here with Paul.

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

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

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

18" April Thurs. Most a beautiful day. Homer at C- at an early hour to help Mrs Morton and Aunt Mary off to a W. C. T. Quarterly at Aley's [?] Chapel some miles from here – Noah & Wm S plowing on sod near the old meadow – Simon filling in ditch. Uncle Joe not very well. he and Paul around. Jason at school. Jim Little getting sheep ready for pasture – Mr Mc stopped in C- and took Homer with him to Bryson's horse sale – they stopped in X – and did not get home until after dark. Jim Little at C- this Eve. Clayton at C- this A. M. and back this afternoon to set out turnips for Aunt Jane

19" April Friday. Most a beautiful day. Clayton & Jason at home at work. Uncle Joe and Simon opening the potato pits. Wm and Noah plowing. Mr Mc and Paul around. This afternoon I went down to town to see grandmother Murdock and the folks around town. Homer walked down to town to College this morning and came home with me – I am not feeling very well this evening.

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

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

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

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

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

25" April. Thurs. Everyone busy from the oldest to the youngest – Wm S- Noah Clayton and Jason Uncle Joe Simon Paul and Mr Mc plowing taking care of lambs – and getting out potatoes. home & Jim L- shearing sheep. Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell went to a W. C. T. U. "gathering" in Dayton – they went this morning to be gone until tomorrow Eve – After tea Homer took one down to town to stay with grandmother Murdock and Clara – Aunt Katy away. We have been busy taking the carpet off Claras room – and the boys to day. Clara and Jennie M- at the U. P. Church at a lecture this Eve.

26" April Friday. Quite a mild day but cloudy. I stayed with grandmother last night and until four O'clock this Eve when Mr Mc came to town and I came home with him. Aunt Katy in full command! Wm Noah & Clayton and Simon plowing Uncle Joe Jason & Paul & around. Mr Mc went to Warners this A. M. This eve Uncle Joe & Aunt Katy and Jim L – at Wm S- at the tenant house – their little Grace very sick. Mr Mc and Homer at our church at a lecture. Homer and Jim L- shearing today. We brought the clothes from Mrs. P- s and I finished ironing by lamp night.

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

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

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

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

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1" June Sat. Quite warm. Sadie up at an early hour & going right along at the work - Uncle Joe & Clayton & Wm busy - Noah has been here four days this week. This afternoon Sadie & Paul took Uncle Joe down camp and brought Clara out. After tea Mr M C started to the Ward sheep pasture but concluded to come back on acct of the lateness of the hour. Homer around home all day and this eve. Simon Peter and Jason at Springfield to day. They did not get home until after night.

2" June. Sabb - A very warm day. Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath school. Sadie went with me but drove down for Aunt Jane and Matt and were at church. Mr M C at church Mr Morton's text "for what is your life: It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little ~~while~~ time and ~~then~~ vanishes away." Every where the Bible teaches us that life is short and that we have a great work to do and only a very short time in which to do it. Since this is true how important we seek an interest in Christ who is always near always interested in us - always love us and who will never leave us or forsake us. While it is true that life is short - yet is long enough for us to be prepared to meet our God if we are in earnest. and will seek him with our whole hearts. The vapour is a blessing to the world in **[illegible]** causing clouds & showers- Our lives should be a blessing to the world - Our lives devoted to God should bring a blessing and leave a benediction behind. We should do this by our noble work, by our lofty deeds and our kind words. and by our godly living **[blank space]**

Homer & Clara Paul Aunt Katy, Simon Wilson Jacobs at home. This eve Clayton and Jason only attended the young folks meeting. Since our time is so short in which to do the work God has for each of us to do I wonder if we individually realize our responsibilities and what it means to fail.

3" June. Monday. A very warm day indeed. Clara & Sadie sewing I went to C- this morning and Uncle Joe came out with me - Wm Homer & Simon and Jason plowing corn & Homer worked all day long. Wilson Jacobs finished whitewashing the new barn at noon - this afternoon repairing chairs, etc. After dinner Uncle Joe went with Mrs Piggs on an errand to C- this eve Homer and Sadie & Clara rode out to town. After an early supper Mr M C and Jason at the Hollingsworth pasture in their absence Mr & Mrs Sam Raising called - Mrs R - was my favorite school friend - long ago - we had a pleasant hour this evening.

4" June. Tues. At an early hour Sadie at town and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt Out - they remained until six this Eve when Sadie and Clara took them home - this morning Jason and Paul

took Mr Mc to the train to Selma - to go to the London sale - he did not go out to Mr Phipers until after dinner. It came up a wind storm there - but did not rain - we had wind here it rained a little - This Eve "Bill Nye" past in his double team and Homer rode with him to Selma for father - Wilson G cleaning up - Wm & Homer Simon & Clayton at the corn - Aunt Katy busy. This eve Homer retired with the family.

5" June Wed. Rain last night Uncle Joe planting potatoes - Homer & Clayton & Wm & Simon all at work plowing. Clara and Sadie at C- this morning - ~~This afternoon~~ Clara and Sadie at Xenia this afternoon - They stopped in X- awhile and drove to the orphan's home - were back again at Sundown - This Afternoon I was at the congregational prayer meeting and at a later hour at the womens missionary society. Mr Mc around looking after things. Uncle Joe and Noah, Simon & Wm and Clayton & Jason and homer busy at the plowing & planting potatoes - Aunt Katy busy too. This Eve Homer "at home" and retired with the family. I called to see Mrs Matthews.

6" June. Thursday Cool to day again Homer working in sheep pen. Mr Mc around. Uncle Joe "making garden" - Wm & Noah and Simon and Clayton & Jason at the plowing. Aunt Bell brought grandmother and Aunt Mary out to spend the day - they stayed until after four. This Eve Homer took Clara & Sadie a riding after they came from town Wilson Whitewashing the 'Old Barn' to day. Clayton around with Lester Small this Eve.

7" June. Friday. Still cool. Homer in the sheep pen. Wm Noah Clayton & Simon at the plowing. Mr Mc Jason Paul & Uncle Joe around They set out the plants that Mr. Phipper expressed yesterday. We rec d a letter from him also - We had just returned from the funeral of Mr Whethers. Our old camp meeting friend of last summer - This Eve Clara and Sadie at C - they were invited to tea at Mary Brattons - but the meeting was postponed on acct of the serious sickness of Aunt Marian Reid - Whitelaw's Mother. Sadie & Clara took tea with Aunt Mary & Grandmother. She and Clara sewing to day. Homer at home and retired with the family.

8" June - Sat. Mr Mc Uncle Joe, Simon, Homer, Clayton Jason Wm & Noah all busy plowing & at other work. Paul around. Wilson almost completed the whitewashing of the barn. Aunt Katy in charge. At an early hour Clara & Sadie left for Xenia with Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell and her family. This is flower mission day. I stopped off at C- and stayed ~~at~~ with grandmother - she would had a lonely day by her self - but we had a very pleasant day. Mr Morton called Aunt Matt not well - we reached home near dark. Homer took Uncle Joe home this eve.

9" June. Sabb. Beginning to get warm again. Homer and Clara and Jason and Sadie and I at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church - Mr Morton's text "These that have turned the world upside down are come thither also" only at the power of the gospel - It revolutionizes soul - the family,

the church and the nation. When the fervor of the gospel comes in the things which wrong are over thrown and things which are right and ushered in when the power of the gospel comes into the family all [illegible] and wrangling[?] are driven out by the spirit of kindness and forbearance. Let the spirit of the gospel come into a family and the hour of family worship will be the best time of the day - and every member of the family will want to be present. In every home there ought to be a Hannah training of the little ones for the temple service There ought to be a mother and a grandmother Training a Timothy in the Scriptures. O that the power of the gospel may come into our Soul - into the church - into the family & nation. This afternoon Clayton & Jason and went over the Sabbath school lesson for Sabbath - and I heard Pauls lesson - Sadie & Clara at the young folks meeting.

10" June. Monday. Quite a beautiful day. Homer, Clayton, Wm, Simon plowing Mr Mc around all day. Frank and Fern here and Jason helped them down with Aunt Marys corn After dinner they brought him back home - About five Frank Fern went back. Paul busy to day trying to pick cherries. Sadie and Clara sewing. This Eve Clara Sadie and Paul took the clothes and brought Uncle Joe out. Wilson finished the barn up. Aunt Katy and I busy to day. This Eve Wm Kyle[?] called -

11" June Tuesday. Most a beautiful day. Homer Wm Noah Simon & Clayton busy. Mr Mc Uncle Joe & Paul around. This AM. Jason at C- on an errand. Clara Aunt Katy and Sadie I very busy. This afternoon at two o clock Mr Mc Jason & Sadie and Clara and I at Mrs Marion Reids funeral - Sadie & Clara went in the buggy and Mr Mc and Jason and I in the surrie and took Aunt Jane and Aunt Mary Murdock with us. The funeral quite a nice affair. Gov Mc Kinley & Sec Taylor besides other distinguished guests present. Whitelaw & his wife were in the "old world" for some months - they arrived in N. York Saturday PM - and his mother died Sabbath morning at two oclock - she was in her [blank space] year. We all went to the Cemetery - This Eve Lizzie Blair and her sister Mary McMillan and Bessie Caldwell [illegible] took tea with us - we had quite a nice evening - it has been nine years since Bessie was here she goes back to her home in Missouri [*sic*] soon. Homer at C- awhile this Eve.

12" June. Wed. A warm day Homer & all the men of yesterday at the plowing and replanting. Uncle Joe and Paul & Jason around. Sadie and Clara here with Aunt Katy. At an early hour Mr Mc and I left for the state Prohibition Convention at Springfield - We attended the meeting in City hall in the morning - Mr Mc and I had our arrangements made to take dinner at Mrs Stuarts - she and Maggie there alone - I felt so tired - then sick that I had to excuse my self and go to rest - I did not get up until three when Mrs S- got me coffee - Mr Mc took advantage of the occasion & rested until that time too - We both felt convalescent - and Mrs Stuart went with us to the Convention - the meeting was nearly over all the nominations made when we got there.

[blank space] Was nominated for governor - After the meeting Mr Mc & and I called to see Harlan at "Carson & Forbes" - and took a six o clock tea with Mrs Stuart - Charlie there this Eve with his mother and Maggie.

We had a nice ride home reaching here at nine. Uncle Joe Sadie & Clara at C- this afternoon.

13" June. Thurs. A nice day. Homer Wm S- Clayton Simon & Noah all busy at the plowing Uncle Joe & Paul around. Mr Mc and Jason around all forenoon - this Eve Mr Mc at Wards pasture - Clara on an errand at C- she went alone - Sadie sewing to day. We finished the ironing -I have been in bed part of the time Wilson doing chores - Aunt Katy busy. Homer and Clayton at C- this Eve.

14" June Friday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc Wm S- and Lafe At Xenia to day. Homer Noah and Clayton and Simon busy. Uncle Joe Paul and Jason around. Sadie & Clara busy all day. This afternoon they went in the surrie with their basket and got Blanch and Mary & Jennie M and their basket and drove out to grandfather - Murdocks old place and had their suppers under a shade tree - they did not get home until late - Clayton at Mr Piggs this Eve. Homer Noah and Jason at C- on an errand this Eve. Aunt Katy and I busy all day. I finished making the muslin Coverlet & Aunt Katy [illegible, 3 words]- Wilson cleaned the wool ha[?].

15" June - Sat. A nice day. But very dry. This AM Mr Mc and Clayton at Wards pasture - after an early dinner Sadie Stuart told us all good bye and she and Homer left for Springfield. Wm Clayton, Simon and Jason & Mark plowing - This afternoon Paul and I took Uncle Joe home - and called to see grandmother\_ and were home in time for supper. We left Clara in charge with the boys and Mr Mc and I took Aunt Katy up for a weeks vacation up to [illegible]. It's 9 year [sic] this evening since Aunt Katy first came here - Sadie has been with us since the 24th May It seems lonely to be without her this eve -

16" June. Sabb - warm & dry. Lafe T - Mrs Alice S-s sister and Homer and Clayton and Jason & Clara at Sabbath school and church. Mr Mc and I and church. Paul at home with Simon Peter and Wilson Jacobs - He has a sore toe Mr Morton's text "who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." One remarks If we have a son or daughter or friends about whos Salvation we are concerned we need to bring that one at once the Lord Almighty to be healed - for we can not heal our children - We are poor weak and sinful - God alone is mighty to save - can save to the uttermost.

After preaching Clara went home with Aunt Mary to grandmothers. At three o clock Homer went to the gospel temperance meeting at the M. E. Church. - and later to the young folks meeting Clara came home with him from there.

Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting I heard Pauls lesson at home.

17" June. Monday. Warm and very dry indeed. Homer & Jason in the sheep pen. Wm Simon & Clayton plowing. Clara and I at the work. Mr Mc and Jason and Paul around. This eve Homer at C- Clara went with him to attend a called meeting of the Chris Endeavor Alive Orr gave a report of the Cleaveland Convention - Clayton and Jason took clothes to Mrs P- Wilson J. Cleaned the cellar to day.

18" June. Tuesday. Another warm dry day. Clayton at mill and brought Uncle Joe home. Mr Mc and Jason & Clayton around. Wm S- at Matthews Homer Clayton Simon & Noah at work. Clara and I at the work. Wilson J. white washed the pantry & began in the wood shed to white wash this P.M. This Eve Homer at C- Clara drove to the office this Eve.

19" June. Wed. Almost a shower to day - the first for a long time. Wm S- and Clayton Homer & Simon plowing - Mr Mc around all day. Wilson J- finished the whitewashing at noon - we finished the ironing - This afternoon - a sprinkle of rain but the men continued their work. This eve Jason rode to the office - we rec'd - Donalds & Malcolms & Mr Minonet[?] picture - and were glad in deed to see them - Homer at home around the lamp with his book.

20" June. Thurs. Rained last night - gloomy this morning but in spite of the elements Mr Mc & Clara & Jenni Morton went to Wilberforce Commencement but had a wet time - they were almost soaked - they did not get home until after two - Jason and I cleaned the pantry to day. Work suspended - Simon the only person employed. Uncle Joe Wilson Jacobs Homer Clayton & Jason & Paul around. This eve Homer around the lamp with his book.

21" June. Friday. Cloudy most of the day. Uncle Joe out with his force trying to put in gate posts. - Clayton & Simon cleaning in the old barn. Mr Mc & Jason and Paul around. Clara at the work. Wilson Jacobs doing chores - This afternoon - late - I went to C- I took tea with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary - I took Aunt Matt out a riding then I took grandmother out to see the College Foundation. This Eve Homer and Clayton at Charleston - came back a little after dark.

22" June. Sat - A nice day - Uncle Joe and Simon Clayton & Jason and Homer around. Simon busy cutting weeds. Clara and I very busy. Wilson doing little things - This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at Townsley. Jason took uncle Joe home - and waited for the evening mail - Mr Piggs left us very suddenly to day - he dropped dead at the race course - I feel sad I know we will miss him. Wm & Alice & Grace - Stanford - left with the pony & Matthews buggy for Reesville this afternoon - Lafe left to keep their house - He and Clayton out driving all P.M. - Mr Mc & Homer home in time for supper - Mr Mc then - went up to the pasture and brought Aunt Katy back -



Clara and I have been busy this week. Homer around the lamp to night - Jason at the tenant house with Lafe he took supper here - Uncle Dan called this P.M. Frank Lamont here to dinner -

23<sup>rd</sup> July. Sabb. A beautiful day. We still feel the better for the rain. Lafe with us to day - he and Clara Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School - I drove down for Aunt Jane - but she had gone I stopped in to speak to grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc at church. Homer Simon Wilson Jacobs and Aunt Katy at home Mr Mortons text "Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. The great affect of Pauls life was to win souls for Christ. This he done[sic] by his patience and kindness and sympathy and by meeting people upon their own level. Subject of text "The soul winner" Paul had a noble object in view that many might be saved. He lived and worked to bind up the scars that sin hath made - to lift up poor fallen ones on their way to eternity - to bring men and women closer to Christ to put them under his plastic touch until they were molded into his own image - to make them holier and higher in their thoughts and [illegible] If we would be successful we must strive to emulate Paul - we should bring our children and men & women as we have opportunity closer to Christ that they may be moulded by his plastic touch into his own image - if we fail to do this our lives are a failure - Another thing Paul was full of love for God- we need to be filled with love - a burning ardent love - full of the graces of the holy spirit - we need to be in closer touch with Christ that sinners will love us and be drawn to us. Get near to Christ get the love and grace and sympathy of the Lord Jesus into our hearts and sinners will love us and be drawn to us. Paul also had a strong love for man. By his kindness and gentleness and sympathy he convinced people that he loved them. He gained their hearts and their confidence. He did not win souls by getting down to the low level of the sinner by reaching down and lifting them up. This text teaches that by loving tack[?] we are to accommodate our selves to those around us. Like the master we are to visit sinners in their own home and be interested in their interest and win them for Christ. Brothers and Sisters can we not pause long enough in the mad rush of business to do something for the lost ones. We all have opportunities of doing something these opportunities meet us in our homes - on the street - and wherever we go. We should adapt our selves to the emergency of the hour. To day there is an urgent call for a braver fight - for more daring earnest workers. Lately Paul made sacrifices. He pleased not himself. He denied himself the brilliant position this world offered him - he endured hardships that he might profit and save some. Let us imitate him - let us go & do likewise Lafe was sick in church to day - had to be carried out. He was here for breakfast and with us to dinner - his folks came back this Eve. Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting. Clara at the young folks meeting alone. Homer Wilson Jacobs and Simon Peter & Aunt Katy at home to day.

24<sup>th</sup> June. Monday. Wm S- & Simon & Clayton at the manure hauling this A.M. This P.M Homer & Jason joined these and went to the corn field. Father & Wilson Jacobs at C- this morning

Uncle Joe came back with them - all here to dinner. Aunt Katy swept this forenoon - this afternoon she is washing - etc. On yesterday as Father and I came from church we called in to see Mrs Piggs - Mr Piggs funeral tomorrow at ten o'clock. Uncle Joe & Paul around this afternoon. I have not been feeling well to day. This Eve Homer and Clara at C-

25" June. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Mr Piggs funeral - the service held in the M.E. church - the house crowded. The ministers text "But a man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up ghost, and where is he? His body was layed away in the old baptist cemetery. Clayton went back home. Mr Mc and Jason and Paul and I took dinner with Mr & Mrs Pidgeon - at grandmother Murdocks - Aunt Mary had Aunt Matt invited over to dinner too. This Afternoon The Corner Stone of the Cedarville College was layed. After the ceremonies at the grounds - a large crowd assembled in the old church yard - to listen to the music and to the address Pres Long L.L.D. - of Antioch College gave quite a fine address - as well as other from Xenia & Clifton. The meeting gathered together a large crowd from every quarter and had quite a grand day. This Eve Homer took Clara up to Springfield to visit at Mrs Stuarts - The state Christian Endeavor Convention meets there this week. Unfortunately it was too late to attend the meeting when they reached there. Homer returned alone. We missed seeing Harlan as he was out of town.

26" June. Wednesday. A nice day. Jason went down for Aunt Matt and Jane - Mrs Alice rode down with them. Jason took Aunt Matt out to Aunt Jeanettes before she came out - she and Jane here until after tea when they took the buggy down for Uncle Joe. Homer Wm S- Simon & Clayton plowing. Mr Mc Jason & Paul around. Aunt Katy busy. In the hurry and rush of yesterday I forgot to mention that our friend who stopped with us from off the pike the 9th of May and who has rendered us such valuable service bid us good bye Mr Mc took him to the train - he rec'd help from a friend in Baltimore and has gone there - he went on the morning train (yesterday morning) This eve Homer retired early. Mr Mc around all day looking after things - Uncle Joe back with us to night.

27" June. Thurs. A beautiful day. Wm S- and Simon Clayton and Jason and Uncle Joe and Paul all busy plowing corn and potatoes. Jason cleaning in the old barn faithfully. The State Chris Endeavor Convention still in session Springfield - Mr Mc and I were going - then I withdrew and Homer went in my place - they will not be home until late. This afternoon I attended the Womens Missionary Society The subject The entrance of thy word giveth light - Notice not the reading of the word but the entrance of the word in to the heart - O the brightness of that light - How we forget the power of Gods word - it converts the soul - it giveth light - it makes the simple wise. It is the power of God unto salvation - why do we not search the scriptures - study

them earnestly. I took tea with grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary. Mr Mc and Homer still away.

28" June Friday. A beautiful day. Mr Mc & Homer returned late last night - Clara still away at Springfield. Mr Simon Clayton and Homer plowing. Uncle Joe & Paul around. Jason cleaning at the barn for awhile this A.M. At noon Clayton at the office - Mr Mc around all day. Mr Bense[?] Collins here with a book Aunt Katy and I busy to day as usual. Homer and Alvie at the Springs to night -

29" June. Saturday - A nice day. Mr Mc and Paul at Clifton this morning Homer Wm Simon Clayton plowing. Uncle Joe and Jason and Paul around. Aunt Katy busy. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at C- Mr Mc went out to see Mr Mc Elroy - He and son were here Wednesday morning. When he came back to town he called at the paper mill and to see Ed[?] Osborn - we also called to see Mrs Piggs. We took supper with grandmother and Aunt Mary - Aunt Mollie and Ralph there - Jason and Lafe took Uncle Joe home. Homer retired early this Eve.

30" June. Sabb. A nice day. Mr Mc at church - Homer went to the M.E. Church to hear Proff Mc Chesney. Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at church. & at sabbath school too. This was review day. Mr Mortons text "Gather not my soul with sinners or my life with bloody men." As a rule men die as they live and are gathered to their own company when they die. Are gathered with those whom they associate with in life. If you would be gathered with Gods children you must make them your company here. This eve a shower prevented Clayton and Jason from going to the young folks meeting. This is the last day of June - the year half gone - How soon the months go by. We can not scarcely realize it.

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1" July Monday. Pleasant after the rain. Wm Homer, Clayton & Simon plowing. This morning Clayton took a load of wood for Aunt Jane and Uncle Joe came back with him. Jason out with him part of the day hunting a lost hog. This afternoon Aunt Katy up at Will Mcs and Noah's. This A.M. Mr Mc at C— took dinner with Brown and he & Mr Mc went to Xenia this afternoon — to see a little about the Piggs estate. This Eve Homer retired early.

2" July Tues. Quite a nice day. Frank Jaswelkson[?] who was with us last fall called — and was here for breakfast a little later Mr Kelley passing to Curries[?] Taylor shop in Xenia called in for a lunch. Mr Kennedy from Concord O. here with a book and here to dinner. Stanley, late of Highland Co— here with his machine cutting wheat — Homer & Wm and Clayton in the field helping Simon plowing. Mr Mc sowing buckwheat this A.M — Mr Tindal called to see him. Jason at town on errand. Lafe went with him. This P.M. Mr Mc drove up to Mr Wilson Cellars. Aunt Katy and I busy. Mrs Alice & Grace called. This A.M. Uncle Joe left for Springfield. He took up some things for Clara she is still at Mrs Stuarts visiting. This Eve Homer and Clayton at C— on an errand.

3" July. Wed. A nice day. Stanley here cutting wheat — Wm S— and Homer Clayton & c in the wheatfield — Simon plowing. Jason around. Our men all in to dinner — Lafe here too — They finished cutting wheat at four all the men into supper — Homer at C— this Eve — Uncle Joe went down with him to be ready for the 4" tomorrow. Mr Mc took Stanley home and at C— awhile. I done the ironing to day. Aunt Katy very busy. Mr Mc at C— at Conklins this A.M.

"4" of July Thursday. A very great day at Cedarville. The entire Country poured in. To Celebrate the day. Mr Mc and Homer at C— and brought out the Piggs horses — After an early dinner they went to C— and stayed awhile after the fire works. This morning I took Clayton Jason Paul and Lafe — with me to C— ~~at an early hour~~ Aunt Bell and I took our baskets and children & took dinner with grandmother Murdock & Aunt Mary. Uncle Ervin and Aunt Jane & Aunt Matt were there — we were sorry that Mr Mc and Homer were missing for we had nice dinner and a hearty welcome for all. Mr & Mrs McKinley at Mr Mortons — I met them there. This eve **[Illegible, 2 words]** was taken very sick with a pain in his stomache — He was at Aunt Janes and young Dr. Stuart called in. I was there for awhile to help wait on him. Taking it all together we had a pleasant day — and certainly should be devoutly thankful that we all escaped with out an accident. Mr Mc came back in the carriage with us — leaving Homer to come in the buggy. Harlan & Clara & Co — at C— this afternoon — and evening I did not get to see them —

**[Transcriber note: Homer took tea with Alvie Orr this Eve the 4" written in the margin]**

5" July. Friday. A very beautiful day again. Wm & Simon plowing & Clayton. Mr\_Mc finished sowing the buckwheat he got at Conklins on Wednesday. This afternoon he and Lafe at Hollingsworth for sheep & Jason — they brought the sheep home. Homer went to Sprringfield this afternoon for Clara she has been there since the 25" at Mrs Stuarts. They did not get home until late.

6" July. Sat. A beautiful day. — Clayton and Jason and Paul and I put in a full day cleaning the calf house. Wm plowing Simon plowing the potatoes. Mr\_Mc and Homer drove one of the late Piggs horses down below Xenia to Mc Calleny[?] and took dinner there — they did not get home until evening Aunt Katy busy. Clara with us to day. This eve Jason at Mr\_Townsley on an errand. Clayton & Wm took Aunt Marys cow back home — Thus another week is ended.

7" July Sabb. A pleasant day. Homer and Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath school. Mr\_Mc came at a later hour to church. Clara Aunt Katy and Simon at home. Clara not well. Mr Mortons text "There is that Scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there that withholdeth more than is meet tendeth to poverty." The theme of the text Pain by giving and loss by withholding. The person that imparts material wealth or good things to other are enriched by it — so also are those that impart in [**illegible**] eternal or spiritual gifts are made the richer They never lose what they give but are made the richer by so doing. While this is true — it is just as true that those who withhold material good things or fail to impart intellectual or spiritual gifts to others are impoverished by so doing. It is said that "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it" is the only saying of Christ that is recorded in all of the four gospels. If we work and give and make sacrifices for the good of others we will become stronger and grander and more like the master. There is not any doubt but that withholding more than is meet is one of the greatest causes of poverty — both financially — intellectually and spiritually. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting — we had a slight shower.

8" July Monday. Warm — sprinkled a little. Clara at C— this morning and brought Uncle Joe out — Wm & Homer and Clayton plowing. Simon & Jason & Uncle Joe plowing. Mr\_Mc around all day. Aunt Katy and the rest of us busy. Paul around. This Eve Homer took Clara to a Christian Endeavor business meeting at Mattie Bromegans.

9" July Tuesday. A nice day. Clara at C— for Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt — before coming out Clara took Aunt Matt out to Aunt Jeanetts. This Eve after tea I took them home and called to see grandmother & Aunt Mary. Aunt Matt is not very well these times — Grandmother was not

very well to day. This eve Homer at C— again — He and Wm & Clayton & Simon plowing. Uncle Joe & Jason & Paul around. Mr Mc around home all day.

10" July. Wed. Another nice day. A man from off the pike [blank space] with us for breakfast — and concluded to remain with us for a day or so — He is a "Jack" of all trades. He cleaned & swept in the barn across the way assisted by Jason & me. Uncle Joe working in his garden. Aunt Katy & Clara at the work — ironing and so on. Mr Mc around. They began cutting grass yesterday and working at the plowing & hay to day. Dick McDaniel[?] here at the work this P.M. and here to supper — Homer & Wm at C— with "Father."

11" July. Thurs. A beautiful day. Haunk — ; or Henery [?] A. Standish and swept a good deal this morning. I went to C— & made a short stay He and I at the cleaning in barn again this P.M. Homer Clayton a Simon Wm & Dick — M" — all at work and here to dinner & supper — Mrs Alice & Grace called around and here to supper too. Aunt Katy & Clara busy We rec"d a letter from Fannie she and Donald & Malcolm at Salem Mr Mckenzie at the Convention at Boston. Mr Mc and Clayton at C— at the Barber shop with Eve. Uncle Joe sick to day. Paul around. Jason at Will Mc S— harvesting this P.M. He is trying to make some money.

12" July. Friday. A nice day. Homer Wm & Dick McDaniel and Simon & Clayton and Wm in the hayfield — All in for dinner. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Hank finished cleaning the barn. Aunt Katy & Clara busy. I have been off duty to day. This Eve Uncle Joe and Paul at C— Paul got his hair cut. Jason at Will Mcs to day again. This Eve Homer & Will Mc drove Patch to Selma — Mr Mc & I were invited to Law — [illegible] this eve and expected to go — but some way at the last changed our notion. Clayton & Will at C—

13" July. Sat. A nice day. I went to C- on an errand this morning. Aunt Katy and Clara busy. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul around. Hank finished his work in new barn. Homer, Wm S, Noah, Dick M— Clayton Jason Simon and all the above ones in to dinner. and in to supper. How strange to record that the harvest is past. They finished it this evening. This has been the shortest harvest in our history — Only an extra hand — with the reception of to day we had two on the roll This Eve Clara took Uncle Joe down home. Homer making a special call in the vicinity of Selma this Eve.

14" July. Sabbath. Warm to day. Homer up in good time to break fast he and Clara Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at sabbath school. Mr Mc at church. Aunty Katy, Simon & Hanks at home. Mr Mortons text " And they took of the fruit of the land in their hand, and they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us." We have received gifts and graces from

the heavenly world ever since we have been in this wilderness. The theme of the text gleams of heaven. Some of the good things received the noble men & women who are the embodiment of charity love and forbearance are foreigners — do not belong to this world — but are built of heavenly graces — and they scatter sunshine and also a benediction where ever they go. The Christian amid the overwhelming difficulties of life can say the Lord is my helper — lead me to that rock that is higher than I. After preaching Clara went down to Aunt Mary & Grandmother Murdocks and came home with Homer from the young folks meeting. Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting.

15<sup>th</sup> July Monday. Quite a nice day. A shower this eve. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Homer at Xenia. Homer got a light suit. Wm & Clayton putting away plows this A.M— and this afternoon Simon and Jason went with them to pull weeds out of the corn. This P.M. I called to see Etta McMillan and Mrs Noah Devault — after I came home I drove down to see Mrs Alice S— while I was there her father & mother and little brother came from Highland Co. to spend a few days. This Eve Jason took Lafe on an errand to C— at late hour Clayton & Jason & Simon at Alice S to ice cream — Clara around home to day. Aunt Katy busy. Hanks and Paul around. Hank cleaning around stables. Mr Mc & Homer did not get back until late.

16<sup>th</sup> July. Tuesday. Warm to day. Mr Mc and Clara and Paul left this A.M. for Springfield to meet Fred — He was to start yesterday from Monmouth — He was in College there all of last year — A printing press is taking his attention there now. Homer at C— this A.M Came home and after an early dinner he went to the springs to see Mr Wellingover — He came home and after supper he went to see his friend in Selma — Wm, Clayton, Jason & Simon pulling weeds. Hank cleaning up around. Jason at C— this P.M. — on an errand for Stantforths. This morning Grace McMillan Wilson was found dead in her bed. Etta called this Eve (— She had Leon with her) and I went with her down to Uncle Dans to see Harry and the children — their baby Florence Margreath, is seven weeks old to day — It seemed sad in deed to see the little ones left with out their Mother. Hank went down to town this Eve — The folks did not get home until late — Fred did not come — neither did Mrs Stuart as we expected.

17<sup>th</sup> July. Wed. Cloudy this morning — quite a good “air stiring”[sic]. This morning Stanford late from Highland Co fast[?] up with the late Mr Piggs Ben — — Homer went with him to Charleston home again at noon. I took Clara to town this morning to be ready for the Mc Chesney and Morton wedding they were married at half past three this P.M. Clara will stay with Jennie tonight. I took Aunt Matt out on a little drive Mr Fred Smith here to dinner and remained until after tea — Aunt Katy busy. This afternoon Homer at Springfield to meet Fred — They got back here before dark. It is nice to have him at home again. This eve all at home. Walter called.

18" July. Thurs. A warm day. Homer left at an early hour for Uncle Silas's to work in the hay field. Jason at Wm McS this A.M. Fred & Clayton at C— for Fred's trunk. — Simon pulling weeds — Hank & Aunt Katy around. This afternoon Mr Mc and I attended Grace McMillan Wilsons funeral. Rev Mr Morton conducted the exercises. His text "I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you" — I rode with [illegible] Mc & his little girl to the old Massey Creek Cemetary where her body was laid. Clara and Jennie M— rode with Mr Mc Clara came home with us. Homer came back from Uncle Silas's.

19" July. Friday. A warm day. Wm at Din Callins[?] yesterday and to day cutting grass. Homer at Uncle Silas and is home to night. Fred at C— this morning and brought Uncle Joe out — he took him back this eve — he is not very well. Hank, Simon & Clayton put in a full day hauling and putting the sheep pen & vicinity in order. Mr Mc called at Stanleys to see Piggs Ben & to meet a Xenia man. Aunt Katy ironing — Clara sewing. Alice S— & Grace called

20" July. Sat. Very warm indeed — Homer left at an early hour for Uncle Silas's meadow. Clayton at Will Mc S at work. Jason around with Paul — Hanks and Wm finished cleaning the sheep shed. Mr Mc and Fred at Xenia and were at home for a late dinner. About four O clock Fred left for Springfield for Harlan — We have had a heavy shower this Eve — I have not been feeling well to day — Clara sewing & helping can pears. This Eve Clayton and Simon took Aunt Katy out home. Jason and Paul down at Abels[?] — Homer retired early.

21" July. Sabb. Very warm. Fred and Harlan had quite an experience last night — It rained part of the time coming home — and they came slowly along part of the time did not reach here until after twelve — and when they came found that Harlans valice containing his new pants & three suits — of underclothes were lost — They turned and drove nearly all the way to Springfield in search of it — but without finding it — they came in about four o clock. Fred got up in time to go with Mr Mc to Church. Homer Clayton & Jason at church and at Sabbath school. Mr Morton preached as usual. I was sick last night and in bed to day. Harlan here. Clara Paul Hanks and Simon around. Rather a dull visit for Harlan. This Eve Homer and Clara at Young folks meeting — More clouds than sunshine to day, Uncle Joe here to night —

22" July. Monday. Pleasant. Uncle Joe left with Harlan for Springfield this morning. We were expecting Mrs Stuart home with him but she did not come. The paper mill took the remainder of the straw. Hank, Clayton (and Jason for part of the time) cleaning out the grounds. Jason and Paul went after Aunt Katy this morning — she has been busy to day — Clara swept the house & put things in order. After supper this eve Fred took Uncle Joe down — and called around town



Homer went to Uncle Silas this morning but it was too damp to work. He went back again near noon — & stayed until late this Eve. Mr M around home all day.

23<sup>rd</sup> July. Tuesday. Pleasant but cloudy all day long. This morning Fred took me to town to spend the day with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. Aunt Bell and Frank and Fern have moved in to stay until Ervin and the girls return from Indiana — I was there for dinner and supper — Fred came down for me this Eve. Aunt Matt still complaining. Clayton at mill this A.M. Uncle Joe came out home with him. Aunt Katy and Clara keeping house Alice here while. Mr M around home all day. Hank Clayton and Jason hauling out manure[sic] all day. Wm & Simon busy. Paul around home. I called to see Mr & Mrs Morton. Homer at Uncle Silas's to night.

24<sup>th</sup> July. Wed. Cloudy again all forenoon. Fred at the office near noon — home in time for dinner. Mr M here — Uncle Joe & Paul busy. Hanks and Clayton and Jason still at the cleaning in the barn & vicinity Simon & Wm busy. We brought the clothes from Mrs P— last night and I have been busy ironing. Clara in the kitchen Aunt Katy was washing all morning — for Clara and the family. This P.M. Hanks washing the buggy Fred and Mr M at Charleston — home in time for supper — Homer came home from Uncle Silas's. They have finished the harvest out there. This Eve he went by way of Selma to Mrs Curries at the Y. Springs to night, (Curries company.)

25<sup>th</sup> July. Thurs. A nice day. This morning I left home expecting to go to Jamestown — but when Fred took me to town Aunt Bell & co — had given up the trip. I stayed with grandmother —s all day. Fred took Aunt Matt with him out to Uncle Bingham's — they were there to dinner — after which he brought Aunt Matt back in time to attend the missionary society Aunt Mary & I there too — This Eve Mr M came to town — and I went with him to Frank Townsley & around — then home — Walter was here for tea — & he & Homer calling at Selma this Eve. Uncle Joe was at town this eve also. Hanks & the boys and Simon taking out manure. Aunt Katy & Clara ironing Paul around all day.

26<sup>th</sup> July. Friday. A nice day. Hank & Co — hauled out manure this A.M. Men busy looking out m[illegible] and making arrangements to thresh. Clayton Jason & Paul at C— this A.M. Grandmother Murdock — Aunt Mary & Bell and Fern here to dinner — Walter here last night — and went away this morning Homer at C— & he and Alvie Orr brought a livery rig out, carriage here for dinner — After dinner they went by way of Selma for their picnic etc. Mr M Uncle Joe — Fred Clayton Jason Paul Hanks & Simon all in to dinner. Aunt Katy & Clara and I busy. Hanks and I swept in barn this morning. This Eve Fred & Clara at C— we rec'd letter from S[illegible] Fannie and Donald and Malcom still there — All the Stormonts machine[?] here — one man camped out.

27" July Sat. Very much like rain this morning two of the machine men here to breakfast — Fred at C— this morning on an errand — and brought Fern out she is here to day. We had nineteen men here beside our own force. They finished in time for a one O clock dinner. Aunt Katy & Clara and I have been very busy. This afternoon Fred went to Springfield and brought Harlan down home His friend Frank Bruster, the son of the lady where he rooms, died this week. Harlan was one of the pall bearers — She lived a beautiful life — and tried a triumphant death. Homer & Will Mc took a drive to Charleston this afternoon — In the evening Homer took Uncle Joe and Fern home —

28" July. Sabb— A nice day. A "Brush meeting" at Courtsville to day the colored people passing in Clonds[?]. Homer & Clara at Sabbath school and church. Mr\_Mc Fred Harlan Clayton Jason and I at church Paul not well to day. He stayed with Aunt Katy. Simon and Hanks around home. Mr Mortons text "and these are they which thou shall have in abomination — the Owl — the vulture and the bats — were the ones he mentioned — and the swine." Under these figures he noticed some of the unclean things we are to hold in abomination — the owl is a gloomy bird and God tells us to put away gloom and sadness and cultivate a spirit of sunshine. The owl is a meloncholy bird that is perched in many a Christians heart — we have no right to be sad & gloomy A man that is on the road to glory ought to be sunshine and happiness. I know we have dark days and gloomy nights and heavy burdens but if we would only think of the infinite treasures awaiting us in that glorious city — it ought to chase away our sadness. Cheerfulness makes the hardest lot bearable —

Another unclean bird is the Vulture. It rightly shows us what a tale bearer or a tattler is — it feeds and fattens on filth & loathsomeness and so does the tattler feed & fatten on infirmities and mistakes of others. The lowest and most godforsaken wretch on earth is the tattler or the person who circulates evil reports or slanders his neighbor and is doing the devils lowest and meanest work.

Another creature to be held in abomination is the bat — hald bird — & half mouse — and belongs to neither one or the other — and is like those persons who are one half for God and the other half for the world — and are for neither — neither cold or hot. The swine should be held in abomination — the swine is like as the person who is selfish and cares not for the wishes of others — is like the swine that grabs and takes all within their reach and is never satisfied —

This afternoon spent with the children. This Eve Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting Homer & Clara at the young folks meeting.

29" July. Monday — Pleasant to day. At an early hour Mr\_Mc left with Harlan for Springfield. Fred & Clara at C— Uncle Joe came out — Paul there too. Homer called at Uncle Silas's Aunt Katy ironing etc and helped do the sweeping. I have been busy in the Kitchen all day. Wm &

Simon & co bringing straw into the barn & cutting weeds. Clayton & Jason around. The late Grace Wilsons baby brought down from Columbus at eleven O clock I mean its remains were — she died Saturday evening & was layed byside her mother to day. Will Mc took our surrie down for the occasion. This Eve Uncle Joe around and Fred took the clothes to Mrs P— and made some sales — Homer at his friends in Selma. Clara & Paul calling at Alice S Mr\_Mc returned at dark.

30" July. Tuesday. A shower this morning but the day certainly beautiful. Simon cutting weeds — Wm & Clayton at Jim Cullins at there Threshing. Hanks chasing[?] pigs[?] Paul & Jason — pulling up the new **[illegible]**. This morning Uncle Joe and Fred & Clara drove out to the Torrence, Blair, & Stormont — picnic — they went to Bruins beyond Clifton. They put in a full day — Homer at the sheep this A.M. — this afternoon he met Walter in C— and was around with him. Aunt Katy and I busy. This Eve Mr Oscar Masons brother & brotherin law here for — tea — at a later hour the folks from the picnic and Homer & Walter came all here for supper — Alive Orr called — he and Homer at Selma — This Afternoon Mrs Orin Matthews called. What a beautiful day this has been —

31" July. Wed. A beautiful day day. Fred and Clara at C— this morning. This afternoon Clara getting ready for her company tomorrow. Mr\_Mc around — home all day Uncle Joe & Fred and Jason and Paul here — This is Simon last day on his time — He and Jason cutting weeds — Clayton & Wm at Henry Townsley & Mr Carrys on the machine — This Eve Uncle Joe & Fred at C— awhile. Fred called to see Lincoln[?] Smiths This afternoon Aunt Katy putting the house in order — Walter & Homer around this A.M. This afternoon they went to Springfield.

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1" Aug. Thurs. A beautiful day. Walter & Homer did not get home until late last night. — This morning they went to town to do some errands and brought Jennie Morton out with them. Miss Pauline of Jamestown and her Cousin Mrs Ervin of Washington D.C. were here to dinner & to spend the day — Homer & Walter, Present. Everything past off nicely. Wm Mc with us too. Uncle Joe & Fred at Solon — took dinner there home again this afternoon. This P.M. — Homer and Walter at C— and home again to tea This Eve Fred and I at C— called at grandmothers and Aunt Janes. The evening beautiful — Homer & Walter retired early. Jennie M— here with Clara — she expects to remain a few days — Aunt Bell at Xenia to meet Ervin — He returned from his trip to Indiana — Blanch and Mary Bell will come later on. Wm & Clayton building fence. Simon settled up with Mr Mc and is taking a vacation — Jason & Paul around home all day. Hanks began making soap to day. Simon came back this Eve.

2" Aug. Friday. A pleasant day. On yesterday the Commissioners past of this way inspecting the road. Clara & Jennie here all day. Aunt Katy at her work — Hanks at his soap making. Uncle Joe & Wm & Clayton and Jason & Paul at the gravel pit. Fred at home & at town and around. Homer and Walter here — This after noon they left for Springfield — This A.M. Mr Mc and I left for Xenia — Aunt Jane and Matt went with us — We took a nice dinner coffee & all and drove into a cluster of trees off the highway & had a cool retreat — Where to eat our dinners. Aunt Matt and I called to see Dr. Ida C— Woolsey and got our first medicine from her to day. — We came home the old federal road reaching here before dark —

3 Aug. Sat. A beautiful day. Mr Mc Fred Clara & Jennie M— at Springfield — Homer and Walter did not get home until late last night — They were around all A.M. — this after noon Homer took him home. Wm Uncle Joe & Clayton & Paul at the gravel pit. Aunt Katy and I ironing etc. Simon away yesterday & home again in the evening. He went away again this after noon Jason took Hanks to C— this after noon — This Eve Clayton & Wm took Uncle Joe home — Homer away all P.M. — and at Uncle Silas's for supper — Neither he nor the folks got home until late — Jennie Morton here to night.

4" Aug. Sabb — A lovely day Jennie M— told us good bye and went with Homer Clara and Clayton and Jason to Sabbath School and Church Paul and Mr Mc and I at church — Hanks — Simon & Aunt Katy here — Harlan came with the folks last night He & Fred at home to day. Mr Mortons text "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." In the journey of life we are surrounded with many trials and

dangers. It matters not how worthless and insignificant we may appear God is interested in us and will keep us from falling — The Sparrow is the most insignificant of birds mentioned in the Bible — yet God feeds them and tenderly cares for them — If he remembers the Sparrows will he forget us subject of the text is Gods special providences — God in everything. The hand of God. The power of God, the spirit of God is seen in the little affairs of every day life. He is not only interested in the concerns of the great ones of earth but in the lowliest & poorest of his Creatures as well. When we speak of God sitting upon a throne we think of him being only interested in the mighty things of earth — and so he is but at the same time he is interested in the smallest details of every one of his creatures — you are deeply concerned about that boy of yours — you pray and work for him but he does not make much improvement and you are ready to give up — but God says work on struggle on He asks are not two sparrows sold for a farthing & ye are of more value than many Sparrows.

God arranges and determines before hand every calamity that befalls us — Every struggle every trial is a step in our upward journey. God also arranges for us our trade our profession our calling in life. The occupation we choose — depends on the place of our birth our education and all these are in the hand of God — a kind heavenly father knows what we can do best and he arranges it for us. God controls[*sic*] our business that it redounds to his glory and our good. The business world seem to act like there was no Lord in it — But not so — for he knows just how much money we need and arranges it for us — he knows the same in regard to our losing and arranges that for us. When it is best for us to go up we go up — when it is best that we go down we go down — we can not go one inch beyond the limit — God has marked out for us. What a worry it would save us if we would remember this. That little boy of yours wants a sharp knife — he cries for it — and begs for it but in love we withhold it — on the other hand we ask God for wealth for worldly prosperity but God in kindness with hold[*sic*] this from us — he knows it would be an injury to us. Christ comes to point God to us — He points Him in the lilies — in feeding the sparrows — Jesus comes to tell us how to live — He tells us to feed the hungry & visit the sick and lift up the fallen and make the world better. Let us not leave God out of our lives but take Him in to the smallest details as well as into the greatest details of our life — Let us have God in everything Mr\_Mc Fred, Harlan, Homer Clayton Jason and Paul and Clara all here — We miss Fannie — Hanks & Simon & Katy around. I read in the Bible to them this Eve. Clayton and Jason at the childrens meeting. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting.

5" Aug Monday. A beautiful day. Fred left at an early hour for Springfield with Harlan — I took the carriage to George Evins Shop for repairs — Paul went with Uncle Joe came back with us . Wm & Clayton at C— for ashes this a.m. A branch of the regular army past here to day to the Barracks in Ky. Mr Coopin[?] of Springfield here to dinner — Mr\_Mc & Homer around. Frank Lamont called. Hanks began repairing carriage this P.M. Aunt Katy and Clara putting the house in order to day. Jason around — Fred returned in time for tea bringing Mrs Stuart with him. This

Eve Homer our at Edd Stuarts on Springfield road — Fred stopped off at C— and stayed until he came back. Mrs S— with us to night —

6" Aug. Tues. Clayton at C— with clothes for Mrs P— at an early hour. Uncle Joe & Clayton Wm & Simon at the gravel pit. Hanks & Jason took the carriage to the shop again did not get home until noon — Mrs Stuart sewing lace on Claras corset covers — Clara sewing & helping Aunt Katy. Homer & Fred at C— this P.M. home at an early hour. Homer took Mr Mc to Selma to the train this morning he went to London to the stock sale and took dinner at Mr John Mitchels— He did not get to see Mr Phipper — Mr Kemp and family start for the Urbana Camp meeting grounds in the morning— Homer went back to Selma to the evening train for his father — they reached here in time for supper — they are up expecting Uncle John and Aunt Mary Murdock to come to grandmothers to night — from their home in Lyons Ind — Fred & Homer went back to see them but they failed to come.

7" Aug. Wed. Quite a nice day Uncle Joe & Wm & Clayton and Jason and Paul at the gravel pit — Clara and Mrs Stuart at C— this morning — Fred packing his trunk to go to Chatanooga — to see Uncle David & Aunt Jennie. After an early dinner Uncle Joe left with Fed for Springfield — Fred was quite disappointed to find Harlan would be out of town — he had to stay in Springfield to night until eleven tomorrow morning Uncle Joe came back alone — Clara expected Helen to come but she was not well — This afternoon Clara baking cake — Mr Mc at Mr Gregg Weysmiths[?] funeral this afternoon at the M. E. church — I attended the congregational prayer meeting at our church — “the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.” — was the subject— after the meeting we called at grandmothers to see Uncle John and Aunt Mary. They came there this morning — Uncle John was at the funeral. This Eve Uncle John went with Rae Ryles to a supper at Ross Tamehils[?] — Mr Mc and I took supper with grandmother and Aunt Bell & Mary & Ervin is in Cincinnati and Aunt Bell & Frank and Fern have been at grandmothers. Blanch & Mary are at Lyons at Uncle Johns — helping Annie Bell keep house while their father and mother is away. Homer at C— this P.M. back home and there again this Eve—

8" Aug. Thurs. A beautiful day. Uncle Joe and Wm & Clayton at the gravel pit hauling. Simon cutting weeds Hanks at the carriage painting yesterday and at the soap making to day. This morning Clayton & Homer at mill — Paul went with them — Jason went down and got Uncle Ervin and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt out to spend the day while Mrs Stuart is here — Mrs S— with them in the parlor most of the day — This Eve after tea Mr Mc and Mrs Stuart took them down home. This afternoon Homer and Clara went in a carriage with Jennie Morton and Walter Murdock along with Miss Paulin and brother & Miss Ervin of Washington City & her

friend to the Cliffs & suppered there did not get home until after night. The Kyles having their annual picnic at Wilberforce to day.

9<sup>th</sup> Aug. Friday. At an early hour Mrs Stuart and Paul and I left for Aunt Jeanettes — We took Aunt Jane and Matt with us. Mary Harbison son and baby there. Aunt Matt still under a cloud. This Eve as we came through C— we got Uncle John and brought him home with us. He and Mrs S— here for tea and with us to night. Mr\_Mc around Selma this afternoon looking for corn — Clara at home with Aunt Katy. Uncle Joe and Clayton & Jason & Wm & Simon at the gravel hauling & cleaning up the **[illegible, 2 words]** by the creek. Homer at C— this P.M. — and at home this eve — Clayton at C— on an errand. Sadie Gains[?] buried to day — very warm — it was **[illegible]** to day

10<sup>th</sup> Aug. Sat. Very warm Uncle John went up the pike with Mr C on a little drive this morning. Uncle Joe Clayton and Jason & Simon and Paul all busy at the gravel hauling. Frank Lamont came stepping in to tea and to tell Fannie she would be ready to go home with her when they came. She and Uncle John & Mrs S— here to dinner. This after noon Uncle John went down with Mr\_Mc to C— & he went to Xenia — He & Aunt Mary goes to Uncle Rolls this evening. This afternoon Homer & Walter went to Selma on a little trip. Flora Trout called this P.M. Hanks finished his carriage painting to day. Mr\_Mc at Xenia this afternoon and returned after dark. Homer & Walter returned from Selma in time to take tea with Mrs Stuart and Clara Ralph was here all P.M. and came into tea too. Aunt Katy **[illegible]** bid us all good bye and left with her goods — Mrs Stuart and Clara taking her up to Edds — her Sons. She has been with us for fourteen months — but she has gone — and our home is “changed”. Mrs Stuart and Clara did not get back until dark — Walter & Ralph took Uncle Joe home with Prince & Uncle Joes buggy. Homer made a call at Selma and went in Walters rig & came back and went on out to Walters to night. Mrs Laura Collins called this Eve.

11 Aug. Sabb. A warm day. Clara and Jason at Sabbath school and church — Mr\_Mc and Paul and Mrs Stuart and I at church. Clayton & Simon and Hanks at home — Clayton reading the life of Jerry MaeCauley to Simon to day. Mr\_Mortons text “take therefore no thought for the morrow for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself sufficient unto the day is the evil there of” the great lesson of the text is to do present duty and leave events to God. Learn to do the work of to day and endure the trials and disappointments of to day in to day and leave the cares of tomorrow and duties alone — for sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof if tomorrow brings trial there will be good to over come it. Do present duty and depend on God for strength and health for the future — We should not borrow trouble because the trouble of to day is all that we can bear — God sees that we need burdens and disappointments and he sends them and gives sufficient grace and strength as we need it That God that has carefully

guided us all our life long is the same kind father today and tomorrow and forever We should not borrow trouble because it only makes us over look present blessings and because it is doubting God — doubting his ability to uphold us in the day of trouble — While sufficient unto the day is the evil there of it just as true sufficient unto the day is the grace there of — The Bible blossoms from beginning to end with promises of God to be a present help in the time of need. Our pathway may be crooked and winding but it points upward and ends at the gate of glory which opens into the golden street of the city of Gods redeemed — We need stronger faith in God in his word. We see the horses and chariots of the enemy — but fail to see the horses and chariots of our Captain The horses and chariots of fire — Christians are representatives of Christ — and should be patient as he is patient — meek as he is meek. Hanks prepared dinner — to day. This Eve Clara and Homer at the young folks meeting Clayton and Jason and I had Bible reading & catechism. Homer came from Uncle Silas's to church — and came home with us as usual.

12" Aug Monday. Quite warm — Alice called this morning. Homer at C— and brought Uncle Joe out. I went over to Matthews **[illegible]** with Mr\_Mc this A.M. — to see about their sister coming to live with us. Clara & Mrs Stuart prepared dinner — Hanks making soap. This after noon Alvie Orr here to see Homer — Wm & Clayton hauling gravel. Uncle Joe superintending. Simon busy. This afternoon Alice S— and I called to see the Matthews farther in regard to their sister — This makes the third trip for me over there to day This Eve Mr\_Mc took Mrs Stuart & Clara to C— to make some calls — while he attended a meeting of the trustees. I am sorry to write that Homer is at town to night.

13" Aug. Tues. A warm dry day. Jason left with a rig for Aunt Matt & Lizzie G — to go to Xenia **[illegible]** Aunt Matt to see the Dr but they had gone when they got there — and Frank Orr and Jason busy at the conveyance back — and Jason went back to town with Frank to make a little visit there. Mr\_Mc left with Mrs Stuart for Springfield this A.M — She has been with us since the 5" Had a pleasant week with her. Homer & Clayton out around this A.M — at C— Uncle Joe and Paul at the gravel pit — Little Grace Stanforth out this forenoon with them. Hanks scoured the dining room kitchen and pantry and has made him self generally useful — Homer at Selma this afternoon. Did not go out this eve- for a change. Mr\_Mc returned at dark bringing Sadie Stuart with Mr\_Mc got a white and a blue dress for Clara — She and Sadie are going into the dress making business.

14" Aug Wed. Another warm dry day. Sadie and Clara opened their shop in the front room up stairs — and began the white dress. This A.M. I went to C— I took Aunt Matt out a riding. Clara had dinner ready when I came back. Uncle Joe and Paul at the gravel pit. Wm hauling here and there over the farm — Clayton and Mr\_Mc on a horse and buggie trade with Wms bro and



friend from Highland Co. Homer around home all day. This Eve he went with Mr\_Mc to Selma — Clara and Sadie took Uncle Ervin's carriage home — we have had it since ours is being painted. Clayton went later and brought them home. Hanks finished making soap — Mr Orin Matthews called this Eve.

15" Aug Thurs. Very warm and dry. Homer and Clayton at Selma for corn this A.M. Uncle Joe and Paul and Simon & Wm busy. Jason still at Franks Orrs. Sadie at the sewing. This afternoon I attended a meeting of the W.C.T.U.s at Cassie Tomilsons. We had quite a good meeting — I experienced a great deal while there to day. There seemed to be a new life a new power After the meeting, I took tea with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary. I also took Aunt Matt out to ride — She is very despondent — more so than usual. I called to speak to Mrs Smith when passing. Mr\_Mc around home all day — around in his buggy a little after supper — Homer at C— this P.M — and then at Selma and home again and then Cedarville — Alvie Orr came home with him to be ready to make an early start to the Urbana Camp meeting in the morning. I been[sic] trying to help them fill their basket.

15" [sic] Aug Friday. Very warm and dry. I got up at three O'clock this morning to give Homer and Alvie their breakfast and to help them off to camp meeting. When I come to think about it I had only three hours sleep — and the boys the same. At a later hour Clayton and Simon left for the Xenia fair — Mr\_Mc around home all day. Wm and Hanks repairing the Cisterns Mr\_Mc at C— this A.M. for Cement for the barn. He called to see Aunt Matt to try to comfort her. Paul and Uncle Joe at C— this P.M. They brought Jason home he has been at the Orrs — since Tuesday. He went with them to the fair yesterday. Clara and Sadie making the "blue dress" — the white one is finished.

16" [sic] Aug. Sat. Very warm and dry — We have been hauling water for a week — The cisterns and wells are dry. Homer and Co. got home last night from the camp meeting. Clara and Sadie busy sewing — Wm hauling gravel — Simon around. This afternoon Homer and Clayton at C— Jason around home helping me — Clara and Sadie put in a full day at the sewing. Both dresses, blue and white, finished this eve — and they are handsome. This eve I took Uncle Joe home and he went with me to see Sallie Thomas at the Jefferie shops — She is to come Monday. Sadie and Clara around home this eve — Hanks choring & Mrs Laura Collins called this eve —

18" Aug. Sabb. Very warm and dry. Homer Clara and Sadie Stuart Clayton and Jason at Sabbath school and church — Mr\_Mc and Paul and I preaching. Rev Hutchison from Alltuna Pa [sic]— preached for Mr\_Morton to day — text "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" — Hanks had the dinner ready for us when we came from church. This after

noon I read to Paul and heard his questions. Clayton & Jason at the childrens meeting — Homer and Clara and Sadie at the young folks meeting — Clara led the meeting this evening, subject Christs work in the world.

19" Aug. Monday. Still warm and dry. Jason left at an early hour for C— took soap by the quantity to Mrs P— and returned at ten bringing Sallie Thomas with him. She began work at once. Clara and Sadie busy putting the house in order. Uncle Joe came out this morning with Uncle Dan. Wm and Clayton around at this & that. Simon busy. Jason & Paul around. This afternoon Clara and Sadie went out to collect for Bible society. MrMc and Homer at Selma — Hanks painting grill and red seats. I have been busy to day.

20" Aug. Tues. Still very dry — and very cloudy to day. Homer helped Hanks clean in the yard this A.M — Wm & Clayton hauling gravel & Simon busy. Jason and Paul around — we brought in beans — cucumbers lettuce[sic] and ripe tomatoes to day. This afternoon Clara and Sadie and Homer and MrMc and I at the meeting of the Bible Society — Prof McChesney gave the address. Homer only there for a short time — After the meeting we called at grandmothers and Aunt Janes they are talking about the expediency of sending Aunt Matt to Chicago to see the Dr there. Clara and Sadie came home with Homer & Uncle John and Mary Murdock came home with father and me. Sallie M— made the crabb[?] jelly this P.M. Will Mc rec" d a daughter into their family Sabbath morning — and Jim [illegible] McMillan received a son into their family this morning.

21" Aug. Wed. A nice day but very dry & dusty — This morning we took Uncle John & Aunt Mary with us to town for a little drive. MrMc and I wished to consult farther about Aunt Matt. We got back home in time for dinner. This afternoon MrMc and Uncle John went to Springfield to look in [illegible] the democrat state convention Homer and Walter went this morning. I took Aunt Mary down to town she will be there to night — Uncle John will stop off as they come home. Mrs Laura Collins called. This after noon Aunt Mary and I drove out to a cabin on the Jamestown pike to see a girl — Sadie & Clara and Sallie Thomas keeping house. After I came home I drove up to see Etta McMillan — and met Mrs Limmaton[?] there.

22" Aug. Thurs. Pleasant. MrMc at C. & Paul and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt out. Mr Frank Montgomery [sic] from Monmouth came to Cedarville this morning — Homer brought him out — We had a nice dinner and a pleasant time — This afternoon Clara and Sadie went with them to the Yellow Springs and they took there [sic] supper with them — Sally busy making grape butter. This Eve MrMc took Aunt Jane and Matt home — Uncle Joe & Wm & Clayton all busy. On yesterday Simon was helping at Matthews to day at Jack Walkers.

23" Aug. Friday. Very warm and dusty. This morning I went to C— to bring Aunt Matt out — but Ellen Ewing took her out riding & she concluded not to come — with me. I reached home in the heat & dust and went straight to bed — I have been on the sick list the rest of the day and to night — Every thing stands so thick & gloomy around — so much to do — and no strength to meet the emergencies [*sic*] — After dinner Homer and Mr Frank Montgomery went to C— We sent a dispatch to Chattanooga to Fred to bring no help — but an answer came that Fred was gone from there. This P.M. — Fred sent dispatch from Cincinnati to meet him in Springfield this Eve with carriage — After supper He and Frank Montgomery left with carriage for Springfield. Mr M at C— after an early supper at Woofords shop. Sadie and Clara and Sallie Thomas around. I retired early. Uncle Joe had W & Simon and all the force out helping to clean a ditch. Paul around all day with Jason & Clayton at work. Rev Robert Kyle and our good teacher Miss Nellie Haines were married on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday afternoon Rev Victor Kyle and Mary Porter of tender memories were married.

24" Aug. Sat. After long and patient waiting and hoping [*sic*] a nice shower of rain fell to day — enough to cool the air and lay the dust. Homer and Montgomery returned this morning at three O'clock bringing Fred and the cook Edd From Chattanooga with him. They came into Springfield at eleven O'clock last night. I am able to be around to day. Sallie busy at the work but just to night to be gone. Sadie and Clara around. This Afternoon Fred & Homer and Montgomery at C— Fred took him around to see his relatives. They came home to a five O'clock tea. Jason took Uncle Joe and Sallie home and forgot to attend to the errands — Homer had to go back to C— on that acct. Clayton Jason Simon & Edd at the watermelon patch.

25" Aug. Sabb. Quite a pleasant day. Fred Homer Clara Clayton Jason Mr Montgomery and Sadie Stuart at Sabbath School and church. Mr M at church. Mr Morton preached as usual — Edd and Paul and Hanks and Simon and I at home — Harlan rode down to church with Nellie Anderson from Springfield — and came home with the folks to dinner. Directly after preaching he rode with father to see Aunt Matt — she is not so well — we waited dinner for them. This eve Clayton and Jason at the junior meeting — Clayton gave a brief acct of Samuel. Clara & Homer & Sadie at the Young folks meeting. Near dark Mr M and Harlan went back to town to see about Aunt Matt — I have gone through a little of everything to day. The clouds are — all around me —

26" Aug. Monday. Pleasant. Our new cook Edward Hamilton Cole of Chattanooga only installed this morning. Mr Jack Stretcher — now of Monmouth Illinois called this morning. Homer took him to Xenia. Mr M Fred and Mr Montgomery at C— the later at the depot to see Miss Jennie Pollock — come home They were back in time for dinner. Hanks worked on the carriage until

noon — Came in to dinner to the “second table” and mysteriously disappeared. “No search made” — “no tears shed” — He has been with us since the 10<sup>th</sup> of July — and has done a great many nice things for us — which I shall not forget — Clara helping with the cooking &c — Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Fred went back to town in the after noon — Sadie making a blue percale shirt waist for Paul. Mr Montgomery in the hammock most of the P.M — reading Shakespeare — Homer & Jack home in time for tea — at a later hour Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Fred came. Jack with us to night — I have been canning grapes to day. This Eve Edd & Clayton and Simon at Mc Clains watermelon patch. This Eve — Fred Homer and Mr Montgomery at Selma at Emma Yarnells. We had a slight shower this P.M. We sent a dispatch to Uncle David to Chattanooga & came to see Aunt Matt is illegible came illegible before next week.

27<sup>th</sup> Aug. Tues. Pleasant Homer and Mr Montgomery at town this morning — Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Fred there too — all back in time for dinner. Uncle Joe came last night He has his force out at the ditch at work. Jack S — around to day — He and Jason & Paul at the watermelon patch — back here to dinner — This afternoon He & Clayton at Selma. Mr Montgomery and Homer went by the way of Cedarville and Pollocks to a picnic this afternoon Clara & Sadie around home all day. Edd on the illegible — Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Fred back at town again on a final consultation in regard to taking Aunt Matt to Chicago to the Sanitarium — This is a beautiful afternoon — Part of the world refreshing — Another part under a cloud — let us remember there is light beyond. Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Fred back in time for supper — Jacks — and Uncle Joe and Sadie here to supper. Near dark Mr M<sub>c</sub> and I at C— we met Uncle John Murdock and Aunt Mary there — & we told them good bye. I saw grandmother a few minutes — Blanch and Mary Bell home from their trip to Indiana. I did not go in to see Aunt Matt — Several around — the plan is now to take her to Chicago — she goes in the morning. Our guests in the yard when we returned. Jack is with us to night

28<sup>th</sup> Aug. Wed. A warm day but pleasant Mr M<sub>c</sub> left here in the carriage at half past five — and took Aunt Matt and Lizzie G— and Will Torrence to Xenia — They went on the morning express from there with Aunt Matt to Chicago Mr M<sub>c</sub> home again at two P.M — He stopped with Aunt Jane to dinner as he came home — Aunt Jeannette was still there. Fred and Mr Montgomery at town this A.M — and home again to dinner. Clayton took Jack S— to Mr illegible and they were home at noon. Homer around this A.M. Uncle Joe & Simon cleaning ditch. W<sub>m</sub> at Matthew’s — at the machines. This Eve Fred and Mr Montgomery at Mr Mortons to tea. This is a beautiful evening It is Freds last night at home — Sadie leaves us tomorrow too — Homer took her out a riding they were at Courtsville — and around. Clayton at C— on an errand — He rode down with M<sub>c</sub>, Jack S— here to night

29<sup>th</sup> Aug. Thurs. A nice day. After so long a time The folks got started to Springfield — Clayton and Jack rode up to Springfield to the fair with W<sub>m</sub> At a later hour Mr M<sub>c</sub> left with the folks to

Springfield. Fred told us good bye — as he goes back to Monmouth at three O'clock this afternoon. Sadie & Clara and Fred and Mr M<sub>c</sub> went in the carriage — Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Clara took their meals at Mrs Stuart's to day. Sadie making quite an effort to entertain them. Homer & Mr Montgomery at the office this A.M.- home for dinner and this afternoon Homer took Mr Montgomery to Pollocks — they were home in time for tea — This evening they went to Selma to Mary K's. This afternoon I left Paul at Alices and went with Uncle Joe to C— I attended the Missionary Society & a called meeting of the W. C. T. U.s at the prayer meeting [illegible] I called to see Aunt Jane. Will Torrence is home from Chicago this morning Aunt Matt got through safely. I called a few minutes with grandmother & Aunt Mary. Uncle John Murdock and Aunt Mary went to Cincinnati this morning to see Lizzie — then they go back to Lyons to their home. Mr M<sub>c</sub> and Clara came home through a heavy rain. Will M<sub>c</sub> and Clayton came after dark too — Jack remained in Springfield. Edd at C— this P.M.

30" Aug. Friday. Pleasant after the rain. Homer and Montgomery at C— this A.M. I have been busy trying to iron and make grape jelly. Mr M<sub>c</sub> around home all day. Uncle Joe around. Wm cleaned the cistern. Simon at work. Clayton Jason and Paul around. Edd helping me. This P.M. Homer and Montgomery at Pollocks — Clara went with them to C— they were all at Aunt Bells to tea and did not get home until after ten. A very heavy shower this Eve—

31" Aug. Sat. Pleasant after the rain. Edd scoured the kitchen and surroundings this A.M. Homer and Montgomery at C— home in time to dinner — Clara busy all of us busy. Wm & Simon & Clayton at work — Jason around and Paul. This afternoon Homer and Mr Montgomery called at home again in time for tea. Homer went to Selma and from there to Mrs Mattocks to spend the evening — Mr Montgomery stayed with us. I took Uncle Joe home and attended to some errands in town.