Diary
of

Mayes Farm
Township of

Draper

Muskoka

1874

Took possesion of our Farm of 200 acres on Saturday Aug^t 29. with wife and

1874

Sis children. a very small house. onust build a larger one as soon as possible — Set to work at once to, clean a piece of land for wheat

Sept 11th planted fall wheat.

" 19th Planted second piece of fall wheat

Live Stock on farm which we brought with us. Viz. 1 Rooster 1 Hen and Willies Kittie.

Sept 21st Self and 4 Sons began to cut underbrush.

" 29 Hired Mr. Forrester to help us cut logs to build house.

Oct 1st Finished cutting logs and

began to burn brush and clear space for house. Wife went to Bracebridge, missed her way in the bush - had to send back for Ernie -

Oct 2 Rain all the morning, but little doing to day. Robert quite ill to day, a newspaper from England.

Sat 3 Set out the foundation of a house 20 x 26. Dr. Algar with a yoke of Oxen & Dr. Philips came to helps

Sunday 4 Boys & Ada went to Dr. Taylors to Bible class for the first time hope it may be useful to them. Preached at Dr Taylors

Oct in the afternoon from the houses
built on a rock & on the Sand.

Monday 5th A fine day burnt heaps of
brush, and worked at laying
out the sils of new house, nearly
cut of the end of my thumb with
an axe,

Tuesday 6 Rained all day. we were all
Knitting mittens for winters use mother
made ten plum puddings ready for
the raising day E

Wednesday 7 We were digging a celler in our
new house Mr Algar was here
hauling logs for the house house
& unfortunately broke his chain
Mr Day paid us a visit O
planted onion seed

Oct 1874

Thursday 8 Went round and asked the neighbours to a raising bee a weariſome journey, got home about 6 Oclock.

Friday 9 Mr Taylor drew the joists, and Mr Philips hewed them, Father went to Bracebridge in the evening. Robert

Saturday 10 Mr Philips came and laid down the joists, Mr Forester and us dug in the cellar. Ernest.

Sunday 11 Rained all day nobody went out but Robert he went to the Bible class it rained so hard that we none of us went out. Orbando.

Monday 12 A fine, but cold day, the day of our house raising, 15 men to help, 2 Yoke Oxen the dinner & Tea at Mr Taylors the men worked with a will all went well—

Tuesday 13 Cusley Phillips come with a load of lumber for sheeting & we cut rafters for the house.

Wednesday 14 Planted fall wheat in Water field Ernest R

Thursday 15 Mr Forster was here and felled 4 large pines we were hauling rafters for the house. Sando. A

Friday 16 Went to Bracebridge for nails meat &c. wish we had a Railway =

Saturday 17 Peeled the rafters for the house, Vaut out the door. Robert.

Sunday 18 Brothers & Sister went to the bible class myself, and Robert staid at home being unwell, Father preached in the afternoon Ernest

Oct
Monday 19 We peeled the rest of the rafters Mr F Philips squared the house ready for the roof Orlando.

Tuesday 20 A splendid day, we got all the rafters on the new house, Mr. F Philips here.

Wednesday 21 Beautiful weather, a lot of odd jobs, did not seem to get on much, boys began to dig a drain from the cellar — "Brother" helped them.

Thursday 22 Weather still continues fine put nearly half the sheeting on the house, Mr. Taylor fetched some lumber from Bracebridge, brought us 2 letters.

Friday 23rd Began to shingle the house, R went to Bracebridge for nails.

Oct 1874

Saturday 24 Fine weather, finished shingling half the roof

Sunday 25 Boys to bible class Self preached in afternoon.

Monday 26 Self & Sandie went to Mr. Sanchesters. Bought a Yoke of steers 2x8 tried to get them home but got stuck in a swamp.

Tuesday 27 Mr Forester and Rd Lowen after the steers and got them home all right

Wednesday 28

Thursday 29 Went to Bracebridge with the steers, took Ernies Sleigh for a bag of Flour, Sleigh broke down had to leave it in the bush & go home for bags to divide it got it home all right at last

Oct. Friday 30 Shingles from Spradburys nearly finished roofing the house—

Saturday 31 Very cold, snow fell in the night Robt went to Bracebridge for Shingle nails

Sunday Nov 1st Went to Mr. Days School House to preach had a good time, staid at Mr. Lanchesters all night—and "got the Blues"—

Monday 2 Came home, Brought some oats Spade, shovel Brush Sythe—

Tuesday 3 Went to Bracebridge with the Steers. brought home some Lumber—a weary journey

Wednesday Began plastering and cutting out gains for joists

Nov 1874.

Thursday 5 A very wet day, we got in all the floor joists finished chinking up

Friday 6 Robt & Lando went to B— for lumber — Brought the fruit trees

Saturday 7 Orlando & me went to Mr Lancasters Mr Forester dug in the cellar father and brothers were plastering Ernest

Sundy 8 Myself and brothers went to. Bible class & Father preached at Mr Taylors Ernest

Monday 9 Robert and me went to B-ge after lumber and Window Sash Fall finished boarding up the end Ernest

Tuesday 10 E & L went to Lanchesters to hill up the Turnips — Bought a lot of Hay, Oats, Rye, of Mr L

Nov
Wednesday 11 Mr. Foresters last day, I put the windows in upstairs—

Thursday 12 Brother and Lando to St the Stears to Bracebridge for flour Mr Algar finished hauling lumber—

Friday 13 Put in the window down Stairs made the door—& put the floors down

1874

Thursday 19 Moved into our new house plenty of room here—"If the Lord will" may we have health to enjoy it

20 Mr. Algar brought quarter of beef, Pot of Butter. some turnips Self and 4 Boys began to open the road to Sanctuary

Nov 1814

Saturday 21 Road work again, Mr Forester gives us a day on the Road

Sunday 22 Usual service at Mr Taylors

Monday 23 Chopping wood for the house

Tuesday 24 Myself & R. E & L on the Road to Lonchesters Brought home a chair.

Wednesday 25 Myself R & E Mr F. Forester on the Road

Thursday 26 Self R & E & Mr F. on the Road took the steers brought home the first load of Oats & Potatoes

Friday 27 R & Self took the steers brought home 3 Bags of Potatoes and some Oats

Nov 1874

Saturday 28 chopping wood for house and doing up odd things

Sunday 29 Usual service at Mr. Taylors

Monday 30 Chopping wood for house &c

Tuesday Dec 1 Went to Manchesters brought home a load of Oates could not get up the rocks with the had to unload and carry it up, left Rat Ls to Thrash the grain

Wednesday 2 Doing up the stable put potatoes down cellar & chopping down trees

Dec 1874

Thursday 3 — Went to Lanchesters, brought home a load of potatoes- E & L went and cut a new road

Friday 4 — Another journey eastward brought home some more Potatoes-

Saturday 5 — Stayed at home, mended Sleigh &c- in the afternoon chopped down Trees-

Sunday 6 — Usual Service at Mr Taylors

From 7th of Dec: to 22nd

carting Oat, Hay Potatoes & Grain from Lanchesters

Self and Ernie there about a week Thrashing Rye-

1874 Wednesday
Dec 23 Self Wife, Robt & Landie went to Bracebridge to buy Groceries Meat and &c for Christmas a mild pleasant day, very good Sleighing

Thursday 24 Very stormy, snow fast all day, kept in the house squaring the the walls

Fridays 25 Christmas day, cold without warm and comfortable within a pair of chickens fresh pork ham &c Plum Pudding Cakes & lot of good Things, we all enjoyed the day very much Thanks to the giver of all Good

Saturday 26 Stayed in all day and worked at hewing the logs

Sunday Dec 1874

27 No service at Mr Taylors go to Bracebridge to preach at night. had a good time, good congregation, sweet music.

Monday 28 Self & Lando go to Lanchesters With the steers. cannot get through with the Sleigh, snow 30 in deep on the level

Tuesday 29 C Return from Lanchesters could bring nothing home but the Empty Sleigh, R gone to Bracebridge, and he did not come home till the following morning. Wife Started early morning in search of him

Wed 30

1875

Jan
8
Saturday Been a very fine week till to day. Snowing all day Hauling Hay from Lancaster every day this week) —

March
12
13 Brought in 7 Bags Flour at 4.75

Tuesday
30 Bought a Cow of Mr. Forester
25

Friday
April 2 Took 3 Bushels & 12 lb Rye to Penny's Mill Brought home 98 Flour 27 lb Shorts 27 Bran

Thursday
8 Planted in Boxes Cabbage Kale Brocli Cucumber, Water Melon

Monday
19 Set the Goose on 7 eggs

1875

Jany

Tuesday 20

father has gone to Bracebridge
posted a letter to grandfather

21 Had our first burn a bad one A M

May 22 Planted Early Rose Potatoes
23 Planted onions Beets & Parsnips small seeds & Peas Cucumbers

25 Set out Potatoes & Garden seeds

26 Finished Planting Peas

27 Put in Corn in Fern field also Squash

Sept 26 Sunday

Rev.d Taylor came to preach to us for the first time, Text "Ye must be born again, we were all pleased with him hope we may be profited too

18 in the Congregation.

1895

Sept 27 Cut some shingle blocks.
& firewood in the morning
mendeon the ox cart in
the afternoon.

28 Father & Mother went to Bracebridge
& took the steers got the boys new
hats. R. & L. turned the oats

29 Went to the Agricultial Show a
very wet day.

30 Another wet day

Oct 1st Taking up potatoes. 41 bushels
Robert went to Bracebridge for
lumber

Oct 2nd Snow 2 ins deep oats still out.
boarded up the ends of the house

Sunday 3rd Appointment at Days &
Matthias's, saw some fine
Beans in the Bush on Lott 17
thought discretion the better
part of Valour. so shedaddled
back to foresters in a hurry

Oct 1876

Thos. Forester went as my Escort through the bush — we neither of us got Chawed up

4th Lando & Ernie swinging dismal. All day Robt

5th Tiring up the Carriage & Father hauled the manure & I went to Bracebridge finished thrashing the wheat. Fine

6th Very ~~wet~~ wet in all day

7th Cut barn logs took up potatoes and began to mud up the house

8th Robert and me cut barn logs all day & Ernie went to Bracebridge Father did odd jobs Had a letter from home

1875

Oct 9th Made a walk before the door and pulled turnips

Sunday 10 Rainy day, Very cold Tom & George Stevenson came to service

11th Pitted 35 Bushels of Swedes 15 Bushels Aberdeens -

12th Very Cold - but very fine Pulling Turnips and Turning Oats

13th Pitted 14 bushels of turnips in the morning pulled turnips in the afternoon in the forlaw it was a very fine day.

Oct 14th Thursday — Cutting barn logs, Taking up parsnips, in the morning Hawling Cats in afternoon Stinging frost last night

15th — Rained all day cut firewood & did odd jobs.

16th — Snawed a[illegible] a little Father and Ernee went to Bracebridge with the steers Bob and me did odd jobs aff homes.

17 Sunday — Mr. Taylor came to preach 17 People present, he is well recieved.

18 — Much snow, we tried to pull turnips a very bad job

Heifer fetched stone from Mr. Corrigans

Oct 1875

19 Wed Robt away helping to make a fresh road to Peacebridge E. C. & Self pulling turnips, got a large quantity together the snow going away rapidly

20 Cut the tops off the turnips we pulled yesterday, a nice fine day

21 Filled 112 bushels of turnips. Lovely Weather, Indian Summer

22 Another fine day, finished the turnips & spread out the oats to dry.

23 Saturday Turnips in the morning - Got up the Oats in the Afternoon

24 Sunday Still very fine weather

25 Went out shooting in the morning finished the turnips & oats in the afternoon

Oct
26
Tuesday — Wet all day indoors knitting

Wednesday
27 — Robt went to Mr. Greggs after the dog, could not get her

Willie & Self went to Bracebridge

Thursday
28 — Underbrushing - Lando took 50 weight of Flower to Forresters @ 5½ dollars pr barrill, $1.38c

Friday
29 — Underbrushing ——

Saturday
30 — A very wet day, chopping Wood. R Making Sleigh

December
Sunday
31 — Mr. Taylor unexpectedly visits us — stays till Monday

Nov
Monday
1 — Underbrushing, Lando - Went to Bracebridge

Tuesday
2 — Underbrushing

Nov 1875

Tuesday 29 Self and Herbie went to Bracebridge with the Cattle

Wednesday 30 Flour 5 dollars
Cleared the Road Through to Robinsons, Arthur helped us

Thursday Dec 1 Forrester came to see about some Chopping. let him 5 Acres to Chop. Log & Fence, nx/ dollars pr Acre.

Friday 2 We began to Chop in the Bush & Cut firewood

Saturday 3 Cutting firewood, Chopping in Bush

Sunday 4 Do Public Service
Robt Stile very ill.

1876

Dec

5 Monday Chopping in Bush

Tuesday 6 Self. E. & W. to Bracebridge
Brought Blk Horse $6-
Salt 1-75

7th Chopping in Bush

8 Went through to Robson

9 Chopping

10 Chopping -

Sunday 11 No Service, Robt Stuart
Very ill.

12 Began to haul hay from Tysons

13 Hawling hay

Wednesday 14 — Hawling hay

Thursday 15 — Finished the hay from Robsons

Friday 16 — Snowed all day made a bedstead

Saturday 17 — Went to Bracebridge Father Mother and Lands with the Stars

Sunday 18 — Had Service expected Mr. Taylor but was disapointed he did not come

19 — Chopped and hauled firewood Mr. Corrigan passed

Tuesday 20 — with a team of horses Cutting out Dollars road ready to haul our hay

Nov 1861

Sunday 14 — No service on account of Robs illness -

Monday 15 — Wife and C went to B. & brought home a Rocking chair

Tuesday 16 — Snow came to day ---- Cutting fire wood

Wednesday 17 — Did Odd Jobs

Thursday — Thursday a very fine day Olandos Birthday 13 years Fetched hay from little field Went Hunting - still -

Friday 18 — Getting fire wood

Sat 19 — Made bedstead

Sunday 20 — No service. Robt still very sick

Monday 21 — Finishing A + Sleigh

Tuesday 22 — Cutting fire wood

Inr Lloyd English Church Minister Called

1875
Nov Wednesday
23 Getting Firewood

Thursday
24 Fixt up the Stable. Cut Firewood

Friday
25 Made a bedstead. Odd jobs indoors

Saturday
26 Morning, Odd Jobs—
useded the new Sleigh
for the first time—
Self Wife. Robt. Ada &
Willie went to Mr Stephensons
with School petition

Sunday
27 No service, Robt not Well

Monday
28 Intensley Cold, Boys out
Dean Stalking. Nil.

December 1896

Wednesday 22 — Furnished making Dollar main road.

Thursday 23 — Killed the black pig and cut firewood

Friday 24 — Cut & hauled firewood and trimed the christmas tree

Saturday 25 — Christmas day we have the tree at night Mr Stephenson and Son visited us

Sunday 26 — No service at home H & O went to Bravo bridge

Monday 27 — Hawling hay for Mr Taylor

1875

Tuesday
28 Father and Orlando hauled hay from the beavermeadow for the first time chopped 12 trees and some firewood

Ada Mayes

Wednesday
29 Father & Ernie Carting hay from Corigans beaver meadow

boys shopping at home

30
Thursday Cutting firewood, rain & very warm weather the snow rapidly melting

Friday
31 Got in a hill of potatoes 8 Bushels, put in 2 cedar posts at front door —

1876

Saturday Jan 1st — Got in fire wood — put in posts at front door —

Sunday 2 — Mrs Forester came, her Children all ill —

Monday 3 — Mother went to Mrs Forester Little Girl died — stopt all night — Election day

Tuesday 4 — Messrs Stock & Fenn came made coffin for little girl

Wednesday 5 — Buried little Forester Mother, Self, J. Phillips & P. Taylor present —

Thursday 6 — Chopping in Bush Robt helped us the first time after his illness

Jany 1875

Friday 7 — All of us Chopping in the Bush —

Saturday 8 — Brother & Herbie went to Bracebridge, Chopping in the Bush — Roads very bad all ice

Sunday 9 — Self went to Mr. Forresters to visit the sick

Monday 10 — Chopping ——

Tuesday 11 — Chopping Self got grievously hurt by a tree falling on to me.

Wednesday 12 — Boys all Chopping

Thursday 13 — Chopping

14 — do

Saturday 15 — Robt & Ernie hauling hay

Jan'y 1876

16 Sunday Brother went up to Mr. Gloucesters, to see how the sick prospe

Mondays 17 All of us went to Conyams beaver meadow for hay Made a Corduroy Budge

Tuesday 18 Brother & Robt went to Brace bridge — a very wet day 2 Bags flour, 1 Bal meat Self and Boys killed the pigs

Wednesday 19 Cleand out the pigs Stye

Thursday 20 Chopping

Friday 21 Chopping

Saturday 22 Went to Beaver Meadow to fetch hay

Sunday 23 January 1876 Sands & Herbert went to Bracebridge

Monday 24 To Bracebridge for flour for Mr. Taylor and self Robt & Ernie half day on the Concession Cutting out the fallen timber

Tuesday 25 Chopping & hawling hay

Wednesday 26 Chopping & hawling hay

Thursday 27 Cutting Shingle Blocks

Friday 28 Buried Mrs Pains Infant Finished hawling one stack hay from Corriggan beaver Meadow

1876.

Saturday Jan 29 — Chopping in the Bush

Sunday 30

Monday 31 — Went to Bracebridge for Mr P. Taylor – 1 Bag Flour for him and 4 for self, the roads very bad

Tuesday Feb 1 — Chopping in Bush

Friday Feb 11 — Self & Wife Ada & Robt & Willie went to Bracebridge left them to come home with the Cattle, Myself, Ernie & Lando went to the South Falls to a Tea Meeting enjoyed ourselves vastly – got home about ½ past 12

1876

Sunday 13 — Self and 4 Children went to south falls Sunday school —

February — Br. Finlay preached in afternoon

Monday 14 — Chopping fire wood

Tuesday 15 — Went to Council Meeting Stayed at Mr Springs All night a Terrible journey. Goose layed the first Egg on Tuesday —

Wednesday 16 — Chopping fire wood

Thursday 17 — Began to haul the Second Stack of beaver hay — Afternoon went to Wm Taylors lot to haul in a pit of potatoes for Mr. P. Taylor

1876

Feb 25 Finished hauling beaver hay from Mrs Corrigans Meadow

" 26 Went to Bracebridge Selected home 2 Bowls Yeloww @ 4-75 p-Bl

March 1 Splitting Cedar rails in Swamp and hauling them home

" 6

" 7

" 8 Made sap troughs

" 8 Father went part of the way to Bracebridge.

" 9 Made sap troughs

" 10 Made sap spouts

" 14 Set the goose

March 1876

20 The Boys Cutting Stove wood 4½ Cord cut some Split hauled home.

31 Tapd 80 Trees for Making Syrup—

April

1 Walked Out to Bracebridge

Sunday 2nd 20 People gathered together but no preacher came—

Monday 3 To Bracebridge with the Steers fetched home 3&½ Thousand Shingles $1-50

1876

April
4 Hauling logs for barn
5th Making Sugar & Syrup
19th Mr. D. Taylor raised his
Barn, Robt assisting them
24th Made # 53 lb of Maple Sugar
& 4 Gals of Syrup
Raised part of our barn
The Cow calved to day
a fine Bull Calf

May
1 Went to Bracebridge to sell
Seed &c &c Making Vinegar
2nd Logging
3 do
4 do — Robt making Vinegar

May 1876

Friday 5 Very wet weather,
Logging

6 Still very wet

Monday Rainey — Logging
8

9. do do

10 Wet & put in a window
Mother and I went to
Mr Springs very kindly treated
got home a lot of
Vegetable & Flowers seeds

Thursday
11 Put in peas at the stable
Onions &c &c Parsnips
Lettuce. Carots — set out, cabbage
Storks

1876

Friday May 11 Planted Oats and seeded down a small piece where the weeds were

Saturday 12 Put in garden seeds

Monday 14 Put in a few Oats and seeded down a rocky piece near the stable

Tuesday 15 Put in white Oats in fallow and seeded down

Wednesday 16 Hoed round the stumps and cleaned up, R went and fetched Some plum Trees

Thursday 17 Put in 1k Oats and a few Rennies Prize sweede Turnip

1871

Friday May 18 Put in 2 Bushels of Potatoes in the Top of Oat field and cleaning up behind the house planted 6 Week and Asparagus beans, also Pepper Veg^{s} Marrow and Melons

Thr 24 Hen set on 12 Duck Eggs Ernie Lando Herbert went to Bracebridge. Caught 5 nice Pickerel

~~Fri~~ Sat May 26 Burnt the piece behind the House

Saturday 27

~~26~~ 29 Logging

30 Logging at Foresters

31 Logging at Home

June 1 do " "

2 " " "

3 " at Foresters

1896

June 5 Logging behind house
Thos Stevenson helped us
Robt made the Shovel Plough

6 Ploughed part of it and planted
th some potatoes—

7 Raked, Burnt the heaps
th

8 Ploughed a piece

9 th Planted potatoes

10 do do ~~& Corn~~

Monday Self Logging at Joe Taylors
12 Boys Ploughed a piece
up at the stable, Robt
went to Inanigans with
the Cow & Heifer

13 Logging the Gully

Good night

These tranquil hours of social mirth
Form the dearest link of earthe. Good night—
And when each hand is kindly pressed.
Oh may our prayers to heaven
With humble fervour be addressed
For its blessings on our rest. Good night—

Oh how each gentle thought is stirred
As we breathe the parting word. Good night—
Oh could we ever feel as now
Our hearts with love up raised
And while our warm affections flow
Hear in murmurs soft and low. Good night—

Jan 15, 1859

A smile

A smile. who will refuse a smile
The sorrowing heart to cheer
And turn to love the heart of guile
And check the falling tear
A pleasant smile for every face
Oh tis a blessed thing
It with the lines of care erase
And spots of beauty bring.

June
14 Planting corn White beans
transplanting Pumpkins
Melons Cucumbers—
Sheeting one side of barn
15 and began to shingle
Robt went to Bracebridge
to fetch lumber
Putting shingles on one
16 side of barn and sheeting
the other. set a hen on
15 Eggs

1877

Pinkey taken out Jan^{y} 5 = 1877

Purchased 4 horse power & open cylender and drag saw - can work them very well - Dec 1876

1877

April 12 Grafted some cherrys
13 Began to clear the Rocky Land up for oats

Planted 2 Bushels pease

24 — Onions & Sedge

Planted 3 bushels wheat.

26 — Blood Beets

May 1 Commenced to plant Oats

4 Put in Asparagus

6 Wept in the Brown Hen all night

9 Set our Bramah hen

11 Planting Oats still

12 Logging Brush Fence

Sowed part of

14 Sowed it with oats & Grafted some more cherries

15 Logging Pine wet part of Fence

25 Planted ½ bail of Potatoes on Turnip Patch

26 Finished sowing oats

& set the flower seeds in Garden

Oh Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in dangers hour
From rock and tempest fire and foe
Protect them where so'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea

June 1869

Our Baby

A flower that opens from day to day
A sunbeam that cheers lifes onward way
A treasure, oorth more than life can say
Our Baby
Love looks out of his dark blue eyes
How is a frown or a speech surprise
On their drooping lids then soft sleep lies
Our Baby
His round little cheeks are plump & fair
His brow is unshadowed by grief or care
And bright are his locks of golden hair
Our Baby

Over

He fills a large place in Sissys arms
Who is hourly filled with soft alarms
Lest he fall into untoward harms.

Our Baby

=

Baby begins to lisp - Dear Mamma
When the door opens Knows his papa
And chirps like a bird He he ha ha

Our Baby

=

Sweet birdie o he. Oh if the cage door,
Should open some day to enclose him no more
Fledged may he be for the heavenly shore.

Our Baby

=

The Skaters.

See how merrily the skaters go, Glancing quickly
o'er the ice and snow; While like diamonds
in the forest trees, The crystal drops are waving
in the breeze. 2nd Verse.

See how merrily around they play, Sweeping
featly o'er the sparkling way, While the woods, that
are in spring so fair, In winter time their wilder
graces wear. 3rd Verse.

See how merrily the time goes by. There is beauty
in a wintry sky: Tho' the summer wears a verdant
hue. The winter brings a merry season too.

4th Verse.

See how merrily the pastime o'er, Now they circle
round the hearth once more; For if winter brings us
howling storms, His ingle bright the kindly
bosom warms. —

March 1870.

The Useful little girl

A little girl I am indeed
And little do I know
Much help and care I yet shall need
That I may wiser grow
If I would ever hope to do
Things great & good & useful too.

But even now I ought to try
To do what good I may
God never meant that such as I
Should only live to play
And talk and laugh and eat and drink
And sleep and wake and never think

I may if I have but a mind
Do good in many ways
Plenty to do the young may find
In these our busy days
Sad would it be tho young and small
If I were of no use at all

Yes Jesse my child is beyond the skies
A Paradise of flowers
Where little children angels there
Paint those flowers so bright and fair
And bring them to this land of ours
Oh how I wish that home were mine
And you were with me too.
I would paint a wreath so strangely fair
And twine it Mother for you to wear.—
A crown of heaven's own hue.

Feb 21st. 69.

Let it pass.

Or it is better to be annoyed than angry
Be not over quick to take offence. Let it pass Let it pass
Anger is a foe to sense. Let it pass
Blood not darkly o'er a strong
Which will disappear ere long Chorus.
Rabbie sing this cheery song Let it pass.
(Merrily cheerily sing this song. Merrily cheerily
sing this song. Better to be arranged than
wrong.. Let it pass.)

Strife corrodes the purest mind. Let it pass
As the unregarded wind Let it pass.
All the vulgar souls that live
May condemn without reprieve
'Tis the noble who forgive Let it pass
Merrily &c

Echo not an angry word. Let it pass
Think how often you have erred. Let it pass.
Since our joys must pass away.
Like the dear drops and the spray
Wherefore should our sorrows stay. Let it pass.
Merrily &c &c

If for good you have taken ill. Let it pass.
Be kind and gentle still. Let it pass.
Time at last makes all things straight
Let us not resent but wait
And our triumph shall be great
Merrily &c &c Let it pass

July 1869

My times are in thy hand.

My times are in thy hand. My God I
wish them there My life my soul my all
I leave Entirely to thy care

My times are in thy hand. Whatever they may be
Pleasing or painful dark or bright.
As best may seem to thee.

My times are in thy hand. Why should I doubt or fear
A Fathers hand will never cause
His child a needless tear

My times are in thy hand. I'll always trust in thee
Till I possess the promised land
And all thy glory see.

Because He loved me so
I love to hear the story. Which angel voices tell
How once the King of glory. Came down on earth to dwell
I am both weak and sinful. But this I surely know.
The Lord came down to save me. Because He loved me so

I am glad my Blessed Saviour. Was once a child like me
To show how pure & holy
And left Heaven's bliss & glory. His little ones might be
And if I try to follow. His He never will forget me.
His footsteps here below Because He loved me so

To sing His love & mercy. My sweetest songs I'll raise
And tho I cannot see Him. I know He hears my praise
For He has kindly promised. That I shall surely go.
To sing among His angels. Because He loved me so.

Music in the valley. Music on the hills Music in the woodland
Music in the rills. Music on the mountain Music in the air
Music in the human heart. Music everywhere.

Music by the fireside. Music in the hall. Music in the
school-room. Music for us all. Music in our sorrow.
Music in our care. Music in our gladness Music everywhere

Sing with joyful voices. Friends and loved ones dear
Let discord and trouble. Never enter here
Join the happy chorus. Of all nature fair
Sound the glorious anthem. Music everywhere.

Flemington

My Mother

My mother, oh, my mother. long hast thou toiled for me.
And borne lifes burden all alone with none to comfort thee
Be mine the hand to help thee now, be mine the voice to cheer
And mine the heart that loves thee best - till death my mother dear

2

My mother, oh my mother how deep have been the shades
And sharp the thorns about thy path along earths lonely glades.
But Christ the Sun of Righteousness hung stars and lamps in the sky
And lit them with his glorious beams. of love that can not die.

3.

My mother oh, my mother, in sorrow and in tears
The past a tale of blighted hopes, the present full of fears
A tomb stone o'er the loved ones head who should have been thy stay
Thus, mother dearest, thou hast passed along the weary way.

4

My mother, oh, my mother, when no one has been near
To soothe thy grief and whisper words of comfort in thine ear
When we thy little children all unconcious by thee lay
Thou hast let the pent up fountains of sorrow have their way.

5

My mother, oh, my mother, so peacefully we slept
And never knew that for our sakes one watched and prayed & wept

Jan

G Taylor

P Taylor