

Had our old  
friend G. H. Seamon  
over night with  
us last night.

He started del-  
ivering notices for  
Sweden delivery  
this morning.

I began at  
the same work  
for the Port Dover  
delivery on Mon-  
day next.

Found the tree  
in at the station  
this afternoon.

Succeeded in  
getting all the  
notices for Port  
Dover delivery  
out this eve-  
ning.

Faint clouds a real-  
izing light. The clouds  
disperse the shadows fly-

This being  
the day of beer  
delivery in Sim-  
coe I remained  
with P. W. Leonard's  
over night, in  
order to be there  
this morning.

Have had a  
tolerably good  
delivery to day,  
the great ma-  
jority of the  
orders being paid  
by cash.

Have had a  
pretty hard day  
of it altogether -  
there being a  
large number of  
orders to arrange  
for in different  
ways. Got home  
to night in good time.

Went out to  
church this morn-  
ing and took  
Mr. Sturford's fam-  
ily party with  
us for the first  
time. Had the  
young minister  
to preach to us,  
with rather  
more than usual  
acceptance.  
Had a good time  
waiting upon  
the Lord at  
the close of the  
preaching service  
in a fellow-ship  
meeting, this  
being the first  
Sunday in the  
month.

Having had a considerable number of bees left on hand yesterday, I have been out taking them around and trying to sell those left.

This was rather the delivery day in port Edo, I have usually had George Semow with me, at least part of the time, but, this time have been alone all through.

Occupied the Norfolk House Barn, and got along very well, except for the usual few

Have been out nearly all day to day delivering from place to place the orders not called for yesterday. Their number was not great but had to travel a long distance to dispose of them. Took Maggie with me for the sake of company which made it much more pleasant. We drove more than a mile below Harticoke just for one more order and a small one at that.

Went out to  
Dover this after-  
noon, in order  
to go on St. W.  
Smith's fishing ex-  
cursion over to  
the cottage.

The Aldersons got  
us there at about  
four o'clock this  
evening and we  
started fishing at  
once. I only  
caught one fish  
this evening how-  
ever.

Mr. Cookman and  
Bradford Rowley with  
his boy Allie were  
my fellow boat-  
men. The latter  
two had a good  
catch this evening.  
Weather very fine.

Slept with Al-  
bert Gilbert in the  
club house at the  
cottage last night.

Got up at about  
three o'clock this  
morning and went  
to fishing.

Attempting to  
relate the fish sent  
to him as well  
as in one day time  
succeeded in catch-  
ing about forty  
fish before the Al-  
dersons came for us.

Were detained by  
the steamer get-  
ting on a sand-bar  
something like three  
or four hours. Got  
in to the port at  
about six o'clock  
however.



Started at get-  
out plum trees  
this forenoon.

Found them in  
fairly good con-  
dition; the fi-  
brous roots were  
rather dry and  
shriveled up how-  
ever.

Succeeded in  
getting some  
stuck over trees  
by get out through  
but this day.

It rather tedious  
hard work to  
set out fruit  
trees in an old  
lot, and our bias  
to be so very par-  
ticular about it.

Had a short visit  
from our minister  
this evening.

Continued to  
plant out plum  
trees this forenoon  
most of the time.  
Rain fell part of  
the time preventing  
work.

We washed sheep  
this afternoon,  
with several of  
our near neighbors.  
Towards night it  
began to be cold.  
It seems likely  
to have a cold  
spell now of  
an uncertain  
length of time.

Went out to  
draw this eve-  
ning after a couple  
of tree-balls,  
also some necessary

Went out to quarterly meeting in Pop. Dover this morning, taking my mother and my wife with me.

Bro. Cookman officiated for the last time, as our pastor. This being his last year.

Had a very good time, the Lords being with us; and that is our end & blessing.

Had dinner with Bro. Hillman & out to after service.

Weather has become very cold, when we consider the very high temperatures we have had so long.

fine and I got started at our job of setting out plum trees this morning again.

We succeeded in getting out some ~~to~~ twenty three trees this forenoon.

This afternoon I went up to Woodhouse Chapel to attend our quarterly business meeting. A goodly number were present.

It was decided by resolution that Pop. Dover and Woodhouse appointments to be stored again to a circuit. Bro. A. W. Smith fought against it tooth and nail. Took tea with Uncle Nelson.

Rain has been falling moderately most of the time to day. Our tree which was compelled to lay over for another day as a consequence.

The rain was much needed however and will do much good.

The heavy frost of Sunday night last has done untold damage to growing fruit and garden truck. Do not think that anything else will be damaged.

Jim and I have been setting out plum trees in the orchard again to day. Succeeded in getting some forty more in the ground, leaving a small balance for to-morrow.

I have found on examination that the terrible freeze of Sunday night last has destroyed about all the plums and cherries. For this year apples and pears are injured some and grapes a good deal. The cabbages may sprout out again.

We have kept  
 me with our  
 tree planting  
 for day as usual.  
 Have got pretty  
 well along with  
 our job so that  
 to morrow we  
 shall expect to  
 get through for  
 this time.

There has been  
 a very decided  
 change in the  
 weather since  
 the frost of  
 Sunday night  
 last. It is very  
 cool and windy.

My neighbour Mr.  
 Jackson Mc Bride  
 has been telling  
 me that such a  
 change would come

fine has con-  
 tinued to help  
 me to day as  
 usual.

We succeeded in  
 getting our trees  
 all set out this  
 forenoon. This  
 afternoon Jim and  
 I have been fix-  
 ing fences along  
 the creek and  
 at some other  
 points where  
 most needed.

We find that  
 our fences need  
 but little repair  
 in this Spring  
 which is not  
 always the case.  
 Weather quite  
 comfortable and  
 fine.



Have been very busy to day with Jim's help drawing in manure for the plow - trees just set out, and mulching them well. We succeeded in getting them all in good shape for growing. Thought it took us until night.

Frank Marr and his sister Bertie came this evening and are staying over night with us.

There is some appearance of rain this evening.

On account of rain last night and this forenoon we did not get out to church this forenoon as we intended doing.

Maggie and I went out this evening however there being a special song service in our church. Bro Cook was officiating.

Was pleased to learn this evening that our request to leave the circuit district had been accomplished at the district meeting.

I have been very busily engaged at sundry jobs for day mostly at fixing fence however.

The weather keeps quite cool with slight frosts, which have so far been harmless excepting one disastrous one of Sunday night, now a week ago.

Noticed to day that much damage had been done to the young clover, in stacks besides wheat, also in places.

Have been busy this forenoon with Jim's help at picking up and burning brush from the orchard. This afternoon I went out to blow and around see a collecting tour ~~for~~ on delivery account. He took tea at my friend W. J. Carpenter's. Succeeded very well, and will not have to go out again this year, I hope.

Have been reading the Word with profit. It is of great value, especially re. the charactering of the Lord.

My wife and I went up to Simcoe this forenoon for different purposes. One was to see about getting seed peas for some of the few-acre-fields. Found them at Mr. Edwards in Simcoe, made a bargain for eight bushels at 80 cts. Made out a paper at Wells & Sons for a small additional loan to cover contingencies arising from the transfer of our loads from the Co. to private parties.

Have been very busy as usual to day. Did some repairing in the house this afternoon. Besides have trimmed the young apple trees for this year. Worked this forenoon at repairing fence around the door-yard most of the time. The weather seems to be warmer than in store for us, for even to day we are having it very much milder than heretofore.



Have been  
quiet to day as  
usual. This fore-  
noon at sundry  
jobs and this  
afternoon at  
shearing sheep.

Bro Cookman &  
his wife came  
at about four  
o'clock and put  
a stop to my  
sheep shearing.  
He was glad to  
see them how-  
ever; for this  
will be our  
last pastoral  
visit from  
Bro Cookman, it  
may be for all  
time, this being  
the close of his  
last year.

Worked most of  
the time to day  
at sheep-shearing.  
Had only five  
to do to day  
however.

Have been  
narrowing the  
garden for a  
few potatoes.  
This afternoon &  
getting the front  
garden ready  
to plant with  
corn as well.

Amford have  
been planting  
corn in the field  
by Jim Challant  
to day.

The weather is  
somewhat warmer  
of late.



Went out to church this morning as usual taking my wife and Mildred with me. Bro. Sturford's family also went out taking Bertha and Jim with them in our democrat.

Bro. Cookman officiated for the last time before conference, and we do not expect to see him any more.

We are very sorry to see him go away. His minister has been so acceptable.

Have been working in the kitchen most of the time today getting it partly ceiled up with thin pine lumber, instead of putting on plaster.

My old friend P. M. Seamon came this evening, so I had to go to work at the ordinary papers at once. Have spent the evening at home making very fair headway. Weather quite cool to night.

Got through with my delivery papers this morning, I trust in a satisfactory way to all parties concerned.

Maggie and I went up to Uncle Andrew Matthews to day his being his ~~seventy~~ eighty seventh birthday. There was a large number of people present to celebrate the birthday of my dear old Uncle. He came by Mr. Down, and went also.

Mr. Stanford went up to Lincoln to day after some seed peas. He also took a quiet to mill for himself and us.

I sent a fine bushel of wheat with him which we sold for me at a dollar per bushel. This is the first dollar wheat we have sold for some years, and seems something like.

I have been very busily engaged on the kitchen getting it plastered and ciled up to day.

Did not get  
~~the~~ low plaster-  
 ing in our kitchen  
 & C until nearly  
 noon to day.

This afternoon  
 I have been plant-  
 ing early potatoes.

My wife and  
 Bertha have been  
 papering the kitch-  
 en, and have  
 just finished this  
 evening.

There is an-  
 other change in  
 the weather to  
 report. It has  
 become quite  
 warm again  
 as well as dry.

I prepared the  
 front garden  
 patch over mor-  
 ning for planting  
 to corn and got  
 the corn in this  
 afternoon.

Our friend Mr.  
 Beecher is with  
 us this evening.

The weather  
 is wonderfully  
 warm for this  
 time of the  
 year, as well  
 as dry.

There seems but  
 little prospect  
 of rain soon.  
 Rowfords are be-  
 ginning to drill  
 in his ten-acre  
 field to day.



Went up to  
Lincoln this  
forenoon take-  
ing some wool  
crop with us.  
Sold the latter  
at the woollen mill  
at 20¢ per pound.  
Exchanged eight  
pounds of wool  
for four pounds  
of Stocking yarn  
untwisted.

Had dinner with  
G. W. Lemons, &  
spent some time over  
our delivery returns.

Drove out to Speenab  
and got there at about  
five o'clock. Finding  
the folks at home.

The weather is  
very warm, even  
sultry just now.

Spent the Sabbath  
with my wife's  
father and mother  
went to the Rutland  
church with them  
this afternoon, where  
we heard a local  
preacher John Dobby.  
The usual after-  
service followed.  
I felt much edified  
in worshipping with  
this people. The  
best of all was  
God's presence with  
us.

He came home  
after sundown,  
the weather being  
very hot through-  
the day; but  
pleasant and  
cool at night,  
with moonlight.



I have been busily engaged to day at manuring our grape vines and some young fruit trees around the house. Got all through this evening and ready for some thing else to morrow.

The thermometer has registered ninety four degrees of heat in the shade to day.

The ground is getting rather dry and rain is much wanted.

A protracted summer drought seems to be in order.

I have been busy getting up wood from the woods this afternoon with Jim's help and part of the forenoon. Think that we have enough now to last us until fall now excepting burning wood, which we purpose securing at once, so as to be in readiness when the time for using it comes.

There is much appearance of rain this evening and it is much needed.

We were blessed by a beautiful fall of rain this forenoon which was very much needed.

Bused myself during the forenoon in making repairs of different kinds.

Went down to John Mear's chopping this afternoon to get some trucking wood cut up ready to draw. Not being able to call over any fences this spring has shut us off from this usual source of supply.

Have been getting up wood from John Mear's chopping to day for trucking wood Jim has been helping me, also George Crawford. We have succeeded in getting up six loads he used the team.

The late rain was cleared away and another cool spell was followed, almost cool enough for frost. There is a considerable injury to wheat ripening but the late frosts the different localities

Worked this forenoon at cutting and helping get up wood for Mr. Crawford. His boy George having helped me get up the wood yesterday. Have been getting the wood from John Marrs chopping.

This afternoon Jim and I have been getting out manure to put around the young apple trees in the orchard. This has been almost our first chance to do this work.

Have completed our job of manuring apples this afternoon with Jim's help, after a long time.

Went out to Port Dover this evening taking my mother with me.

Had a letter from my old friend Dr. J. H. Mackay of St. Thomas stating that his son had just died from the effects of smallpox.

~~Went out~~

Find by to-day papers that the price of wheat is still on the rise.

Went out to church this morning as usual. Taking Bro. Chas. Good with me. This is the first time since he came that he has attended our church in Fort Hovey.

Bro Cookman officiated as usual. Was pleased to hear that he would continue with us until the end of the month.

Heard my old friend Bro Ebenezer this evening. His subject was, Have you received the Holy Ghost

Worked this forenoon at fixing fence across the creek by Mr. Bridges with Jim's help.

This afternoon I have been digging a hole in the ground on the west side of our kitchen for a new cistern. The old one having given out entirely.

The weather continues very warm and dry with but little appearance of rain. The Lord send comfort and joy to all who are afflicted with this disease.



I have been digging for oil barrels for day. succeeded in getting the large Polk oil barrel in place to night.

The weather still keeps warm and dry. There is some appearance of rain to night however.

We were fortunate in having two new cows for day. Have been looking for them to come in this land since. but in vain.

"The Lord is my helper." Glory to His name.

Have been very busily engaged at the cistern, and contrary to my expectation it was taken, until this evening to get it completed. Think however that my job is a rather permanent one.

We seem likely to have rain soon there being every indication of it to night.

Reyau Judice has two new calves to night and had very good success with them. Do start on.

Finished cleaning up after digging our new kitchen this forenoon. This afternoon have been working at repairing the horse-rake preparatory to starting mowing, which Mr. Bradford propose to do tomorrow. They are beginning this early in order to try to get some clearing from the field. The crop is a very light one, so light indeed that we fear being able to gather it with the horse rake.

I have been very busy today getting our old horse-rake fixed up for work. Had to put in two new shaves besides some other repairs. Went down to Jarvis this evening to take little Flora to the horse doctor. Was afraid of a rupture, some being looked by a cross-bull. The farrier assured us however that this was not the case.

Jim and I worked in the garden this forenoon at hoeing corn.

This afternoon I went out to home, mostly to see about getting a note in the hands of Bro. Montgomery in proper shape, to satisfy the latter.

We had tea for the last time with our dear Bro Cookman and family. We are so sorry to see them go. Went down to see the Grabbow works this evening.

We did not go out to church this morning as we intended doing, our horses being rather disorganized for driving, especially little Flora.

Maggie and I went ~~to~~ over to the Sunday school near by, and the remainder of the day have spent at home laying as best we could, to improve it to precious moments. Bro Atwood was over this evening and gave us the benefit of his company.



Jim and I have been hoeing corn in the garden by the road to day. Got our potato crop hoed also, by night. There seems to be no present indication of rain: but, everything except hay seems to be growing notwithstanding.

Winfords have finished cutting the clover-field back of their house for the first crop hoping to get a second crop for seed making.

Jim and I continued to dress out the garden and various patches this forenoon. Got it done, so the folks went to school again this afternoon, and I started out at another job. Am making a new waggon tongue for one of our old waggons. We have had only one waggon all the spring. in account of the one waggon tongue being entirely disabled, but now hope to have another soon.

Have been exceedingly busy to day, making and ironing off a new wagon tongue. Got it done all right, and a new stone boat nearly completed as well. Am thankful that while I was not able to get these jobs done in their proper time, from different reasons, an opportunity has come for getting them done as I gave the very busy season of haymaking and harvest.

Worked this forenoon at sundry jobs - such as finishing the stone boat &c.

This afternoon I have been working on the sidewalk with one hand and fine for driver. This being his first work on the road. Mr. Clifford & his boys done one half of our road work this year we have only six to do ourselves.

Rain began falling at about five o'clock & drove us away home

On account of rain this forenoon, or rather the appearance of rain, for it did not come after all, we did not go on the road as we intended. But this afternoon Jim and I got at it again in good earnest. Mr. Stuford's team about done their share of the road work this year.

Our rain was a very meager one after all but will be a great benefit to growing crops.

It was taken fine and I will be here all the time to day to get in our Patriotic labour for this year. I am always believed in my mind when this or even any other duty is performed.

I have been blessed in an unusual degree with the presence of my father. The usual experience of the past has been that Friday. His presence makes my paradise & where he is is heaven.



Went out to Church this morning as usual taking my mother and Jim with me.

Our dear Bro Cookman officiated for the last time in the morning service.

The subject of discourse was The older brother of the prodigal son. The parable given us by our blessed Saviour. Some excellent lessons were given us in the discourse.

I have been fixing fences along the East side of the New ground for some time. Mr. Crawford and John have been helping me.

This forenoon however we worked awhile at splitting rails in the back woods to use in repairing fences around the pasture field. We were blessed with a beautiful shower of rain this morning just what was needed.

I have continued to work at fences - building and repairing until the middle of this afternoon, around the new ground field - Mr. Stanford & John helping.

Went to the black-smith shop this afternoon to get repairs on the buggy &c.

There still seems to be every appearance of rain but still it does not come.

Am still in the enjoyment of a precious sense of acceptance with the divine and infinite.

Got started this afternoon at cutting the field back of the barn where we expected to have had the sike, but owing the peculiar seasons, last year and this, I do not think it worth cutting for seed, and scarcely worth cutting for hay, but as hay is going to be very scarce owing to the frost & dry weather it seems necessary to save all we can, even the poorest.

I have been cutting hay in the field & back of the barn to day, owing to the peculiar state of the crop from the frost and dry weather of late, it is very hard to cut. The crop very light as well. Have scarcely cut an acre without grinding the mowing-machine knives. There has been showers to the north of us to day, but none here.

I have continued to work away in the field back of the barn to day, owing to the great difficulty of cutting have not made any great headway however. The field is only a little more than half done to night.

We have had every appearance of rain to day but no rain has come. The greatest summer drought that we have ever seen, has come.



I kept on cutting in the field back of the barn this forenoon; but, this afternoon I had Jim at work with the horse-cake while I have been busy cooking up the meat. He will have some hay after all; but not much all the while. The cattle is both short and scattering; though to evening with filled. Will not get through until late this evening.

I went out to church this morning taking my wife with me. The young man tried to preach to us on "Jesus kept" but I could scarcely see that any points were made. I fear very much that this young man has been called to preach and yet he has put in his term of probation and is now going to college. My wife and another went out to hear Bro Cook preach this evening.

July

MONDAY 1

1895

I cut the remaining portion of the field back of the barn this forenoon.

This afternoon I went out to dinner, taking my wife and two children with me.

There was a very large crowd of people gathered together there, it being Dominion Day.

Was somewhat set back by a demand from a kitchen through the clerk that the small ball, owing him he paid right away.

July

TUESDAY 2

1895

We finished raking and cocking up the remaining portion of the field back of the barn this forenoon, June 2.

This afternoon Maggie and I went out to Port Hope to accompany a small fishing party out in the lake in honour of our minister & his family on the eve of their departure. It was got up by my friend H. J. Carpenter. We had a very pleasant time, although some of us got quite sea sick; from rough seas.

Got to work  
 this morning at  
 drawing the hay  
 from the field  
 back of the barn.  
 Jim has been  
 doing his first  
 loading for me  
 and is doing  
 very well. The  
 way is so very  
 short and Jim  
 that we do not  
 make much head-  
 way, having only  
 six small loads  
 for our days work.  
 The weather keeps  
 very dry, and  
 warm in the day-  
 time but rather  
 cool at night.  
 My mother had a quilt  
 sent to day.

I have been very  
 busy getting in  
 hay from the  
 field back of  
 the barn to day.  
 Jim has been  
 my only help, &  
 he does first  
 rate for a boy of  
 his age.  
 We got in five loads  
 to day and six  
 yesterday. They  
 were very small  
 ones however, the  
 way being so short  
 as to render it  
 impossible to get  
 heavy loads on  
 the wagon.  
 It still keeps  
 very warm and  
 dry, very good  
 drying weather



Jim and I got in our last load from the field back of the barn except rakes. To day. Raked this forenoon.

This afternoon he has been raking over the field while I went out to Port Dover, taking my mother with me.

I succeeded in getting some sixteen dollars from Mr. Seawson to pay a bill owing E. Kitchen. It did not quite complete the job however.

We finished getting our rakes from the field back of the barn safely housed this forenoon.

We took more pains than common on account of the great scarcity of hay.

Went out to town this afternoon taking my mother with me.

Went to Mr. R. Seawson for a small loan to cover Fred Kitchen's bill. Did not get quite enough however, & afterwards found out was sorry. Some four dollars are still behind.

Owing to the very heated state of the air & not feeling very well I did not go out to hear our new minister to day.

Bro. Stanford went and was much pleased with him.

We went over to the church at home this evening however and heard a young Bro. Templeton preach very acceptably. ~~His~~

The Bro. prayed for rain in his closing prayer, and very appropriately it seemed to me. United prayer must bring the blessing down.

Worked this forenoon at sundry jobs, delayed getting to cutting hay in the orchard on account of an occasional sprinkle of rain until this afternoon; but, the rain failed to come after all.

Cleared up the last of our wheat and sent it to the mill this afternoon. Was able to let 700 bushels have six bushels for their bread besides about eight bushels for our own.

Have been mowing hay in the orchard to day, the crop is all exceedingly light one however, and cuts very hard. We have it all cut but about an acre to night.

Wheat harvest is upon us, & would almost do to cut to-morrow.

Rain has failed to come again, it has cleared off and become quite cool.

The drought has made havoc in general, & the hay crop has been...

I just about finished cutting hay in the orchard this forenoon, & Jim has been raking up this afternoon with the horse-rake.

I have also been cultivating potatoes and corn this afternoon.

Was just informed of the sudden death of old Heyd Ben Coe who has lived near us for some years. He was a drinking man & I fear was poorly prepared for the change.



July

THURSDAY 11

1895

Jim and I have been working away at our hayting as usual to day.

I have been mowing around the fences with the scythe this afternoon, while Jim has been raking and cocking up for me as fast as I could cut.

We were blessed with a beautiful shower of rain this afternoon, which has freshened up everything greatly.

July

FRIDAY 12

1895

Have been working away with all our might to day, cutting the swale in front of rehard, got it all cut and had a fine crop there for. Jim has been making and putting up for me as fast as I could cut with the scythe.

Had a short call from our old neighbour boy Hollis Eberole this afternoon. It is twenty years since he left us and he has now become a minister of the gospel.

We were blessed with a rain this morning and last night which rather hindered our laying, so I went up to Kenyon after twice before noon. Got one hundred lbs of Braufford wine at \$7.50 per wls. payable first Oct.

We got the hay in this afternoon from the orchard, had about two loads of very good hay.

George Christophers has been helping us get it drawn in barn.

Took my wife and mother with me out to Dove this morning to church as usual.

We heard our new minister Rev Mr Bennett for the first time as our pastor.

He seems to be an able speaker in different ways, not in appearance however, for he is rather insignificant as for the latter particular.

Heard our old neighbour boy Willie Ebersole this evening. He is quite a preacher also.

I have been working all the forenoon at getting the binders ready for harvest. Succeeded in getting to work with it this afternoon on the hill in the field by Mr. Wicks made very good headway for the first.

George Crawford has been helping me in Star-kest to day.

He has used the cradles and raked and banded mostly on the steep hillsides.

On account of rain we did not do anything at our harvest this forenoon; but this afternoon we have been picking up sheaves fine and I, while George has been cutting with the cradle when we could not work the binder and binding it by hand.

The rain has thoroughly wet the ground and that for the first time since more than a year ago some of our neighbors had.



We began working the binder this morning in the field next to Mr. Brides. The ground was rather wet but soon dried off.

Succeeded in getting the field about half done to night.

Had a serious time in getting the binder adjusted for the very short wheat. It is not all that way, however, but a considerable proportion of it is.

Have been busily engaged to day in cutting out field of wheat next to Mr. Brides to day.

George Stanford has been sitting up leaves for me, all day.

We have left about "half" day cutting for to morrow in this field. Where the wheat is ripe it begins to shell some, but there are a great many green spots in both fields.

The previous savour has been my strength and stay. His promise to come out with us and to sup with us ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> in some measure verified of late.

July

FRIDAY 19

1895

Finished cutting the field by Mc Bride with the old binder this afternoon. Cut moved over to the other field in time to cut an acre or two besides.

George and John cut around the front field by the church this forenoon and bound it up for me.

Mr. Sturford has been shocking up all day and all that is cut has been stacked up.

We have still some seven or eight acres to cut yet and it is raining to night.

July

SATURDAY 20

1895

On account of a heavy rain that came last night we were not able to continue our harvest work today. I have been doing other necessary work however and this afternoon have been cutting some with the new cradle, getting ready for the binder in the front field by the store.

Had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Clarke today.

Went out to our usual morning service in Port Dover this morning taking all except my mother with me.

The sermon was short and to the point. The lesson taught was a good one and seemed to fit my case. Text - "and when the evening was come they came near a rich man of Stramathia". The minister pointed out that God always provided for any emergency, at the right time in the lives of His people that put their trust in Him.

The ground being rather wet for harvest work we did not get started until this afternoon.

George Crawford has been helping me for the afternoon. Got along nicely & we are expecting to be ready to draw in our wheat after to morrow.

Our front field is quite a good deal better than the field of Mr. Kridler for this time. Some prospect of fair weather now.



I have been busy with the bundle again today getting the remaining field all cut and up in stack by this evening.

George Crawford has helped me as usual.

We have been getting ready for drawing in our wheat with two teams ~~to~~ tomorrow, since our days work was done, repairing the old rack etc.

Am satisfied with the goodness of the Douce, and merciful care, from day to day.

We have been drawing in wheat from the field by Mr. Bridges to day. Succeeded in getting in our twenty loads by night.

Have had Mr. Crawford and his two boys helping us so we have used two waggons, Jim has helped me in the barn.

Rain has come again to night. and our wheat drawing will be likely to cease for a day or so.

Am intense desire prevades my soul to spend all my days only for Him.

On account of the rain that fell last night we were not able to get to work at our wheat hauling until this afternoon.

Had some raking this forenoon however while I went around setting up beams.

Our usual help came to our assistance this afternoon, and we succeeded in getting ten more loads safely hauled with their help.

We got to work again this morning at drawing in wheat. Succeeded in getting all through except a part of the raking.

We had forty loads altogether except the raking.

Mr. Stanford and his two boys helped as usual until about three o'clock this afternoon when we finished.

Feel very thankful for these harvest, mercies and blessings. Surely God is good to his people.

On account of  
the fine shower  
that fell last  
night we left  
off working at  
our hardest to day.

Got ready this  
forenoon, and  
this afternoon  
Maggie and the  
children went  
with me up to  
Dycomb, on a  
visit to my  
wife's father's.

Arrived there  
safely at about  
dark, finding  
the old folks well,  
and glad to see  
us.

Found them in  
a rather discouraged  
state from poor crops.

We have enjoyed  
the Sabbath with  
our dear relations  
very much. Got  
all ready for church  
this afternoon  
but, my brother,  
will come & we  
thought best not  
to go.

Wrote one to  
Delhi in time  
for the evening  
service however,  
and went to  
the Presbyterian  
Church on the Hill.

Felt somewhat  
edified with the  
discourse of the  
brother that  
preached, even  
if he did read his  
sermon.



Wife and I stayed with John's last night and this morning I went out back of Delhi with Will. Noticed the effects of the late drought everywhere. The rains have evidently come in time to save the potato crop as well as Corn & Hungarian grass &c.

We came home this afternoon, calling a short time in Lincoln. Found my old friend G. H. Seaman in a very depressed state of health.

I have been cutting grass around the field by Mr. Brides Dr. Day.

Have had Sam. Starling helping me. We succeeded in getting home cutting and part of it put up ready to draw. Our old friend Mrs. H. St. Norton came to visit us this afternoon & took tea with us. She reports Mr. Norton going quite poorly. Another fine rain came last night and everything is growing nicely.

Have been getting in our wheat rakes to day. Had Sam. Starling to help us until it was done, which was at noon.

I have been cutting out fence corners this afternoon, and, cocking up what was cut yesterday in the big field by Mr. Bridges.

The weather is quite cool, just now, some indications of a frost; but, it may not come.

I have been working as hard as ever, trying to get the fence corners cut out and some patches in the front garden where there is some grass and weeds that will make good hay.

My only help to work has been Jim. He has been cocking up what I cut yesterday.

The Good Lord has been with me to day. I do so desire to walk with Him continually.

I have been cutting out fence corners so they are usual of late. I have also been cutting the grass in the yard around the house intending to make hay out of it. Got feeding horses. The crop is everywhere a poor one, but, then we get some hay besides the cutting of stray weeds which are thus prevented from going to seed. It also makes the place look much more tidy.

Owing to a rain last night we could not get to work at drawing our hay until this afternoon, so I kept on cutting until noon.

We have succeeded this afternoon. Jim and I, in getting all the hay drawn from the different pens & garden patches that I have been nearly a week cutting with the scythe. But, of course the crop was a very light one, and not unlike the hay cut in June for size &c.

Went out to  
the quarterly  
meeting in post  
dovee taking  
my wife and  
mother with Mildred  
along.

Had a rather  
enjoyable season  
together waiting  
upon the Lord.  
The ministers text  
"Hitherto Jesus  
has helped me",  
seemed very appro-  
priate. It suited  
our case any  
way.

Had dinner at  
Mrs Clarkes on the  
way home. We met  
Mr. D. H. X. Foster &  
wife there. The  
latter is quite unwell.

Spent the fore-  
noon in getting  
ready to plough,  
which I did this  
afternoon in the  
field back of the  
barn.

The ground is  
rather hard to  
plough in places  
but is moist  
after all.

Mr. Atwood has  
just finished  
ploughing his  
new ground field  
to day. He is  
beginning sowing that  
field to wheat  
as well as the  
ten-acre field.  
This will make  
some twenty six  
acres in all.



Got started in good time with the plough this morning; but on account of a shower had to quit about ten. Did not work more than half the time this afternoon from the same cause.

We were surprised to see day just a little before noon to see my niece Leilia, wife of Mr. P. Stearns, come up. Her husband's two sisters brought her down. We were very glad to see her, after her long absence. She now lives in Milwaukee Wis.

Have been very busy with the plough in the field back of the barn to day. On account of lagging off for so horrible thought best to do all I could to day. Leilia has been with us, and they have all been busy getting things in readiness for a pick-up to morrow out to Port Dover.

We expect to see Robert and his people here. This will be our only chance at present.

According to  
 Cecilia's wish we  
 all went out to  
 Prof. Dove's this  
 forenoon in order  
 to spend the day  
 there pick-nick-  
 ing. Cecilia's hus-  
 band Mr. Robt. Shum-  
 er with his brothers  
 sisters and parents  
 were there besides  
 quite a number  
 of our other friends  
 and relatives. So  
 we had a very  
 pleasant day al-  
 together. Was  
 very favourably  
 impressed with  
 the doctor's fam-  
 ily, and am in-  
 clined to think we  
 will have to visit them

Got to work again  
 at my ploughing  
 in the field back  
 of the barn this  
 morning. Have  
 had a very warm  
 day, so that it  
 was impossible  
 to make much  
 headway.

It has looked  
 like rain nearly  
 all day; but  
 only a few  
 sprinkles have  
 come so far.

The Lord was  
 very comfortable  
 to my poor soul  
 again to day.  
 Am so thankful  
 to have found  
 such a friend.

I worked at ploughing in the field back of the farm this forenoon as usual. This afternoon, I went up to the oat-meal mill and had Jim to look what had already been ploughed in my absence.

There seems likely to be very good crops of corn, potatoes and peas after all the long summer's drought. These crops are growing very rapidly just now.

Went out to church this morning as usual, taking Bertha and Jim with me. We were caught in a shower when going out; and, in a very heavy thunder storm when coming home. We fortunately in not getting wet however. The young minister from Waltham officiated in our church; our own minister having gone to Waltham to hold quarterly meeting. The young man not being ordained,

Got started at the plough again this morning in good time. There was a very heavy shower this forenoon which made the ploughing go much better off-wards.

The rains are having their effect upon all our late crops and it seems likely that they will average pretty well after all.

Have rejoiced in God my Saviour while at my work in day. He owns me as His child.

My ploughing still keeps me busy, and seems likely to, for some little time to come.

The late rains have had a very good effect on the soil for ploughing, and on account of this the labour is not nearly so great as it would have been, if the dry weather had continued until the present.

It is very warm also, as well as wet.



Ploughed most of the forenoon in the field back of the barn as usual.

At about eleven o'clock A.M. my old friend Mr. Carpenter, with his wife and mother came to visit us. I set him to work with the team afterwards, rolling and harrowing with the disc.

So, have had a nice visit, as well as rest, ~~with~~ these dear friends.

Had a call from Mrs. Arle Leawe this evening.

Have been laying my best to shake up for last time yesterday. Did not finish my ploughing as I expected, however; but got about all done but the headlands.

The weather is very warm just now, especially for working a team; and flies very bad.

Mrs. Leawe, an old favourite of mine came to visit us last evening. She now lives in Toronto.

I finished my job by ploughing the field back of the barn this forenoon or rather this morning, for Jim got the ball of it rolled by soon. He has been driving the disc harrow for me this afternoon in the same field, and is getting along nicely.

I have been doing some repairs on a carrow this afternoon getting it ready for use on the wheat field.

I went down to Wilson Deters this morning to help thresh. Have been helping them all day. There was a terrific thunder storm this afternoon however that hindered us some.

Frank Chrysler's hog barn was struck with lightning, set on fire and burned up with three hogs. It happened that no other buildings were burned, though very nearly.

The large Carr ferry steamer, Schuauy's No. 1, came over this afternoon on the first time.

Went out to  
Port Dover this  
morning as us-  
ual taking my  
wife and daugh-  
ter with me.  
George was here  
and wanted to  
go home so we  
took him along  
also.

Had a very  
plain discourse  
from our min-  
ister as usual.  
This morning.  
This time about  
"It is good for us  
to be here". He did  
not forget to show  
that the horse race  
& pleasure dance were  
bad places to be on  
account of bad company.

I helped, Wilson  
Porter thresh again  
this forenoon, make-  
ing a day and  
a half altogether.  
His wheat turned  
out much better  
than we expected,  
having gone some  
twenty one bushels  
per acre. Should  
be very thankful  
if ours should  
do this much.  
The weather has  
become much cooler  
and was very  
windy to day.

I have been  
narrowing this af-  
ternoon most of  
the time in the  
field back of the  
barn.

I have been ploughing or rather harrowing the field back of the barn for day.

The ground works remarkably well, owing no doubt to the long & very unusual summer drought. It takes a good deal of harrowing to get it down however.

Had a visit from Mrs Thomas Stripes or now Mrs. Blake this evening. She is rather curious about us it seems.

I finished up harrowing the field back of the barn this forenoon. This afternoon I started ploughing a part of the bull pasture where we intend getting out fruit trees &c. I found the ground in good shape for ploughing, although a sod of more than forty years standing. Do not remember the time when this little field was ploughed. Weather very quiet and cool.



Ploughed this forenoon in the bull-pasture field as usual. Owing to the shape of the field I find it rather tedious.

This afternoon I took my wife and children out to town, to see the new passport, Steuangs No. 1, for the first time. This is her second trip over however.

It was deeply impressed with the power-ers size and fine steam engine and other equipments of the new boat. An excursion came over to day.

It has actually taken me all day to finish ploughing the northern portion of the bull-pasture. It has never been ploughed before, my mother says. My father had it sown to wheat once and since then it has been into grass; it must be more than forty years now since the first crop.

The weather has been quite warm to day, and the sweat has come to our brow.

Have been passing through a severe ordeal to day, viz. loss of a family jar.

Got started to work with the sick pines where I have been ploughing lately; but soon a shower of rain came & we did not do anything more for the day.

I have read plenty of other work books, have been cutting back our young peach trees according to directions of experienced growers.

Maggie and I went out to town this afternoon, called to see the merchants on the way home.

Owing to one of Jones' Computers having visited me in a rather painful part of the body I did not think best to go to church this morning but sent most of the other members of the family & Maggie with I went over to hear Rev. Bro. Everett however, who counsels his own parsonate in our neighbourhood to day. Believe him to be a good meaning brother and hope to see much good result from his work.

I have con-  
 tinued to work  
 with the team  
 to day as usual.  
 finished rolling  
 and harrowing  
 the ground across  
 the lane from the  
 house this forenoon.  
 This afternoon  
 have been har-  
 rowing the field  
 back of the barn  
 with the disc.  
 found the grass  
 coming up in  
 great places.  
 Have been  
 realizing in  
 some measure  
 the goodness of  
 God to me.  
 Would like to be  
 more thankful.

I have as  
 usual been work-  
 ing with the  
 team to day.  
 The field back  
 of the barn is  
 enjoying me at-  
 tention just now.  
 The grass is  
 very hard to  
 keep down own-  
 ing mostly to  
 the late fre-  
 quent rains.  
 Maggie and the  
 children with Ber-  
 nea went up to  
 visit Robert Cul-  
 vers to day.  
 They report the  
 family all well  
 and having had  
 a nice visit.

Have contin-  
ued to work at  
discing the field  
back of the barn  
to day. Did not  
succeed in getting  
over the field al-  
though I fully  
expected to.

It has been  
very warm, even  
sultry, and the  
flies very bad  
on the horses.

There is an  
other beautiful  
shower com-  
ing to us to night  
and vegetation  
is progressing  
rapidly.

On account of  
rain last night  
it was impossible  
to finish my job  
of discing the field  
back of the barn.  
So Jim and I  
have been piling  
manure in the  
barn-yard.

This afternoon  
we got out a  
few loads to  
the hill back  
of the drive barn  
where we purpose  
making a gar-  
den for different  
products - mostly  
Southern Sweet Corn.

Maggie went out  
after Maude Cay-  
ser this afternoon  
who is now visiting us.



I have con-  
tinued to work  
at getting out  
manure to the  
hill back of the  
drive-barn to  
day as usual.

We are anxious  
to get the barn  
yard cleaned up  
for the new  
straw stack, be-  
fore the threshing  
commence.

The weather  
has become quite  
warm since the  
rain, and veg-  
etation continues  
to make rapid  
growth.

I went up to  
Lincoln this fore-  
noon. Took a walk  
of better to the  
market in hopes  
of selling for  
money. Stayed  
there for an hour  
or more after  
which I took it  
to the store after  
all; but got the  
money all the same.

Had some bus-  
iness at the  
bank which de-  
ing transacted, I  
arrived at home  
a little after noon.

Have been get-  
ting out manure  
from the barn-yard  
again this afternoon.  
Went up to Chrysler's to  
night.

Took my mother and the two children Jim & Alotie with me to church this morning. Had an old pastor's colleague Bro. Prudham to preach to us which he did very acceptably.

Had an excellent fellow-ship-meeting after the preaching service, with a very large attendance.

The other members of the family went out to church this evening.

We have been getting our barnyard cleaned up this forenoon. Jim has been helping me.

This afternoon I have been working with the disc harrow on the field back of the barn.

Have had a very serious time trying to kill the grass. The frequent rains have been the principal cause however.

The big Shebangs took out a large excursion to Conant to day.

Have been very busy with the seed to day - trying to get over the field back of the barn with the disc harrow.

Got nearly done this evening, with this job.

It seems likely that we will be able to subdue the grass pretty well after all if we keep on it. Maud Chrysler has been visiting us lately.

I have been mowing in the field back of the barn this forenoon and this afternoon I have had Jim driving the team.

Maggie went to the train at Jarvis this morning after her cousin Ida & her husband Mr. Kottle.

I took the train for down to the port this afternoon to see the big steamer get going on ducking white men.