

Aug 12th, Got a new rake out by John Marr's, old one very dilapidated [sic] makes quite an improvement in the appearance of things. Young lady visitors, Nora Matthews and Miss Smith of Port Ryerse. The Lord gives me a most precious assurance with reference to a certain matter.

Aug 13th, Boys cutting thistles, I work around home. Samantha's folks here. Writing a letter to my sister tonight. Am troubled some with toothache which makes me feel miserable.

Aug 14th, Hammon and man at oats. I am busy at hay. My old complaint troubling me. Quite discouraged sometimes. It seems so deceptive, quite well sometimes and then again real bad.

Aug 15th, Little Bob[b]y, Jessie Homs [Holmes?]boy helping me draw hay. Went out to Dover this evening and heard Morton Bowlby had died. Suffered little, and best of all he died happy.

Aug 16th, Went to Morton Bowlby's funeral. Went from the graveyard to Simcoe, got my tooth doctored. Saw A. and was permitted to enjoy her company. Lord still fills me with gratitude.

Aug 17th, Out to meeting and took Carrie Sweetlove who has been with us for a week or so. Heard old friend Nathan Austin. Much pleased with his discourse. Has improved greatly. Dinner at Mrs. Sweetlove's and after to Mrs. Bowlby's. Saw A., and had such a pleasant and profitable conversation with her on various subjects. I am so thankful to Almighty God for this grt. favour.

Aug 18th, Hammon helped get in my last load of hay. Rained right after. Our friend E. H. left us, he appears to feel a good deal at home here. The Lord is a very present help to my poor soul.

Aug 19th, Taking old reaper to pieces, 12 to 14 years old. Hammon drawing manure on fallow. Ma and I attended the Flanders Troupe Concert. Very agreeable affair, especially the musical part.

Aug 20th, Ma and I attend birthday party in Dover for Walker Old's wife. Visited our minister.

Aug 21st, Stacking oats for Hammon, almost 11 big loads. Much in prayer, does so much good to ask God's blessing upon this matter with reference to A. [a lady friend, he thinks of a lot]

Aug 22nd, Hammon got at work at his pea pulling at last. I went out for groceries and papers. I then went to camp ground at Ade's Mill, being one of the committee. Dinner at Bensen Stirlings.

Aug 23rd, Hammon at peas. I cleaned barn and grainry [sic]for threshing. Cleaned off bugs to night besides other sundry jobs. Fred Kitchen here after some money for his sister's time. Gave him \$13. Which with ten paid a few days ago makes 23. Leaving a ballance [sic] of three dollars.

Aug 24th, Sunday. Ma and I to Dover. Rev. Joseph Colling preached. Sermon intended for Sabbath school children, but was profitable for all. Seems especially adapted to this kind of preaching. Had dinner at Mrs. Sweetlove's. I went to see A. but disappointed in not finding her.

Aug 25th, Heavy rain. Up to shop, then making a barnyard gate. The Lord is still present and gives me good desires and holy determinations.

Aug 26th, Hammon mowing his peas. I am getting ready to thresh. Put up gate. Much in prayer these days. The very weight of A. prompts me to offer up a silent petition to my God. Indeed I feel that unless I find favour in his sight my desire shall not be fulfilled.

Aug 27th, Threshers came, wheat in stacks. Threshed 368 bus. wheat. George Buck here to help.

Aug 28th, Threshed 324 bus. oats from machine and 63 bus barley off 3 acres. This afternoon helping Jimy[sic] Horn thresh. Glad when we get done, dust is so disagreeable. Good many days yet.

Aug 29th, Threshing for neighbour Horn. Square on the work question, when done tonight. It was my part to make the stack. Turned out well. Enjoyed myself religiously very much.

Aug 30th, Cleaning chaff and that around the barn. Ma and I to Dover this aft. Tea at David Olds. Hammon drawing in peas. Much less happiness in Jesus, but fault lies at my own door. I have done evil in thy sight Lord. Pardon my transgressions.

Aug 31st, Sunday. Heavy rains, not conducive to comfort on camp at Ade's Mill. We were prevented from going. I have been reading the Guardian and Missionary Notices much of the day.

SEPTEMBER — 1873.

Sept 1st, Helped Hammon clean a load of wheat, he took it to Port Ryerse and got \$1.22 a bus for it. I went up to camp meeting this afternoon. There was an excellent influence prevailing.

Sept 2nd, We cleaned another load of wheat, Hammon got \$1.20 for it. Prospects rather dark for a good market this Fall by the papers. Ma and Samantha to Camp Meeting. The report is very good and meetings well attended. I have been away, looking after seed wheat.

Sept 3rd, Ma, Nora Matthews and I to Camp Meeting. It was quick and interesting, not as much so this afternoon. Brother Jackson preached. Dinner at Mrs. Sterling's and home in the weat.[sic]

Sept 4th, Rained preventing me going to camp. Busy around house. Helped Hammon clean load of wheat this evening. Have had some happy seasons contemplating the great Goodness of God to my soul in the past. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

Sept 5th, Went to Dover mostly to see my friend Annie. The Lord has been very good to me. I saw A. and enjoyed an hour or so in her company. My visit was doubly precious from the glorious sense of blessing which I felt rested upon me in this matter. Had tea with Capt. McFell at his house. He is still apparently as full as ever of religion.

Sept 6th, Hoed in the garden. This aft. up to the blacksmith's shop. Hammon has got around to ploughing at last although the ground is rather to[o] weat. I have had a precious sense of the Divine.

Sept 7th, Sunday. Ma and I to meeting, heard old friend Nathan Austin. Dinner with Mrs. Sweetlove, over to Mrs. Bowlby's, saw Annie for short conversation. Tea at Lotties.

Sept 8th, Ma and I went to Dover to get some presents for sister's children. Called at Mrs. Bowlby's for some cran-berries and crab apples. Before done picking, it was dinner time, so stayed to dinner. Went to neighbour when home for seed wheat. Old friend E. H. is here tonight.

Sept 9th, Could not go to Hamilton as Hammon needed help with peas. Five loads in. Splendid crop as to grain and straw. Busy today doing up any chores, getting ready to start [for Hamilton]

Sept 10th, Hammon took us to Jarvis in time to have breakfast with Mrs. Canfield. Went rest of way on the Stage, a fearfully rough ride. Went to see Barnum's Show this evening. So many curiosities and strange feats performed. I was delighted with it. Most extensive show I ever saw.

Sept 11th, Put up at the American last night. To Toronto by train in time to take train for Bowmanville. Had to walk with heavy valise to village of Tyrone, 9 miles north. Found them all well except little Georgie.

Sept 12th, Felt very sore and bad, rested and visited my sister. Cold. Attended a protracted meeting at the Methodist church. Meeting was very good, a few penitents came forward

Sept 13th, Continued my visit. Went with Henry to Enniskillen, a village 2 miles north. Country is beautiful. Learned they cannot grow wheat. Put in some window glass for Mary Jane.

Sept 14th, Sunday. Henry and I went to church. Heard Rev. Mr. Fergusson. My sister and I went again this evening. I was pleased with her. Her manner of life is much changed.

Sept 15th, Henry took little Leilia and me to Bowmanville, but expected train did not come. Had to wait for mixed train in afternoon. It was late. Had to put up at International Hotel. Rain & wet

Sept 16th, Away in good time for Hamilton. Hunted up Mr. G. Wilson and left Leilia while I did business. Came to Caledonia on Hamilton and Lake Erie line. Pleasant visit at Mr. German's.

Sept 17th, Enjoyed visit at German's there being a young lady there. He took me to see their church at Seneca. Had dinner and left by stage. Enjoyed company on stage of Dr. Pine, Indian Commissioner, of Hagersville. He is certainly a very intelligent and loyal gentleman.

Sept 18th, Thankful to be home. Sowing and cleaning ditches. To Smith's for seed wheat.

Sept 19th, To mill as stock of flour had run out entirely. Saw Annie briefly and Mrs Hall returned from visit to her father in York state. Helping Hammon this afternoon.

Sept 20th, Helping Hammon who seems to take so long to do a little. Cultivated pea ground. Mrs. Sweetlove here today and Mrs. Hall came briefly this evening.

Sept 21st, Sunday. All out to church, Samantha, Leilia Ma and I. Mr. Bryers preached most energetic sermon; Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Dinner at Mrs. Hall's, recently returned from the other side. Called at Mrs. Bowlby's and had privilege of seeing Annie, also some friends.

Sept 22nd, Fixing fence. Hammon home at noon with a boy. I helped him at cultivating for wheat. Raining by three. Precious assurances with reference to A.

Sept 23rd, Cultivating pea ground for wheat. Hammon ploughing. Boy digging potatoes in my place. Went to Peter Ryerse's about seed wheat, just in time as he had almost sold out.

Sept 24th, Got pea ground by Shand's all drilled by dark, does not suit me because of spear grass. Boy digs potatoes in my place.

Sept 25th, Called to petit [sic] jury in Simcoe for first time in my life. Heard Mr. Thurlow died very suddenly while waiting on a customer in his grocery. I attended his class last Sabbath.

Sept 26th, To court at 9.30. Only one jury case. Heard Honourable John Hilliard plead a case. He is the best lawyer or pleader I ever heard. Had dinner at Mr. Murphy's.

Sept 27th, Helping Hammon. Coming home last night I came by Dover for papers and called at Mrs. B's for an hour or so. Had pleasure of Annie's company.

Sept 28th, Sunday. Ma and I to Dover, heard a new local Simcoe preacher. Saw Annie, and Ma and I went home with her. She is somewhat indisposed with a cold, which gives me uneasiness.

Sept 29th, Cleaning load of wheat with Hammon's help. Also put away my seed barley.

Sept 30th, Started for Dover with wheat after getting stuck in barnyard. Buyer H. Mulkins found so much fault with my wheat I really felt ashamed. Sold at last and home about my business.

OCTOBER — 1873.

Oct 1st, To Jarvis to see about selling wheat but no market established yet, so must go to Dover. Worked alone to clean 20 bus. The good Lord has been with me today.

Oct 2nd, Have at last cleaned load of fifty bus. It is tedious work alone. Hammon still ploughing new ground for wheat. I am quite satisfied to quit the share system liting [?] a farm. It would perhaps not do so bad if I could find a proper man, but present arrangement is obsolete.

Oct 3rd, Took wheat out and found Mr. Hall there. Much less trouble. Cutting wood. Paid Smith \$30. For seed wheat. Did not settle however.

Oct 4th, Raining. Ma and I to Dover and had good weating [sic] in the operation. Left her at George's and came home. Have had much happiness in prayer to day about a certain matter.

Oct 5th, Sunday. Went to Church, Mr Bryers preached on necessity of perfect and entire sanctification. Remained to class, William Smith appointed leader in place of Mr. Thurlow, lately deceased. Favourably impressed with his fitness for post. Called on Mrs. B. and saw Annie, but did not have the privilege of her company much.

Oct 6th, Splitting wood and digging potatoes. Hammon finished ploughing new ground. I tried to persuade him to leave it and sow barley in spring. Not satisfied. Told him if failure not my fault.

Oct 7th, Sowing wheat for Hammon on new ground in front of Sol. Austin's. Late. Sowed white midge proof wheat. Proverbial for being hardy winter wheat. Short visit with Thomas Murphy.

Oct 8th, Running cross furrows. Grinding mower knives. Old Mr. Roberts helping me. Ma and Samantha have been to Simcoe and I keeping batch. The Lord sends delightful weather again.

Oct 9th, Commenced cutting clover seed to day in right good earnest. Hammon has quit his work on our place. He will have wheat to take off next fall. Never will have man on place in same way again. Think it best to rent out and out, or at least a good deal less trouble. I have had more care.

Oct 10th, Cutting remaining portion of ten acres. Hammon helping me. Drawing manure in morning and raking with horse rake this afternoon. Alarmed that my throat may turn to consumption

Oct 11th, Hammon helps cock hay, done by noon. To Dover, Hammon on way home. I consulted with Dr. McClean about my sore throat. He thought my case not so bad. Got some new medicine.

Oct 12th, Sunday. All out to Dover. Mr Messmore did not come so went to hear Mr. Craigie. Had dinner at George Hall's. Learned from Hellen Bowlby that A. has gone to Smithville.

Oct 13th, Ready to draw second crop of clover. Mr. Roberts helping in morning, Hammon in afternoon. Four loads stacked, but not finished and rain threatens.

Oct 14th, Hammon finished raking, to Show after. I walked my Bull to Show [Agricultural Fair ?] in Dover. Got second prize this time for the first. Hard to go out and back and stand around all day. Made arrangement with Jimmy Horn for use of his buck sheep. I am quite thankful for this.

Oct 15th, Hammon and Mr. Roberts helped draw 9 loads in one stack. Well provided for feed.

Oct 16th, Cutting clover west of woods. Hammon drawing manure. Mrs. Sweetlove, & Hall here.

Oct 17th, Cutting again and finished. Hammon draws manure. Writing to Rev. Thos. Woolsey.

Oct 18th, Rain. Sold keg of butter to Schofield at 20 cents a pound. Mr. Hall sticks to his text. The Woodstock railway Company are trying to cheat him out of his property.

Oct 19th, Sunday. Ma and I out to church. Good class meeting. Ma and I came home after.

Oct 20th, Raining. Picked apples and other jobs.

Oct 21st, Still showery. Cleaned our barley. Killed a lamb, and separated them all from mothers.

Oct 22nd Hammon and I cleaned load of wheat for market. Dust does not agree with my throat.

Oct 23rd, Cleaned thirty-five bus. of wheat for bread. Cleaned up tailings as well.

Oct 24th, Ma and I to town, sold tub of butter for 20 cent / lb. Traded most of it. I came home for load of wheat, sold at \$1.12. Hired James Thurlow at \$12.50 / month. Hope to keep him.

Oct 25th, Hammon ploughing and this aft. raking hay. I gathered apples all day. Our friend E. A [or is it C. H.?] came tonight, bringing good news as to our business matters.

Oct 26th, Having C. H. here, we did not go to Dover. I went to hear Mr. Ebersole.[at Marburg school] His views not in accordance with my own, which is nothing unusual.

Oct 27th, Picking apples. Hammon ploughing front field. New man came. He does not suit me well.

Oct 28th, Took Ma to Jarvis, just[in time] got train to Caledonia to visit Mr. German. Harmon ploughing in forenoon. He and Thurlow cleaning his oats this aft. I put new lining in sheet iron stove.

Oct 29th, Went to Dover with tub of butter. Jimmy Thurlow got up wood. 6 inches of snow. Went around to deliver tickets and gather quarterage. Got three dollars. Saw A. for which I thank God.

Oct 30th, New man ploughing, sticks to a job and seems steady. Picking apples. Expect news of disasters on the lakes after this storm. Weather keeps rainy and windy. Days getting very short. I went to Jarvis after Ma. Hideous ride through the mud. Ma had a splendid visit.

NOVEMBER — 1873.

Nov 1st, Sent my new man away, with \$2.00 for week's work. Could not get much work out of him and then he did not seem that smart. Sold seven old sheep to Irae Bint for \$11.50. It is such a trouble to winter old sheep I was glad to get them off my hands. Have felt the Lord's presence.

Nov 2nd, Ma and I out in spite of bad state of roads. Heard Bro. Campbell from Hullsville. Ma went to dinner at Mrs. Sweetlove's. I went to Mrs. Bowlby's and had great pleasure of A's. Company, most of the afternoon. I was very thankful for the privilege.

Nov 3rd, finished gathering apples and went to meeting of our Quarterly Board. Resolutions submitted by Conference with regard to union were passed unanimously. Had some things to occur [sic] lately which make me feel quite unruly. Mrs. Sweetlove fairly insulted Ma this morning. It astonished me to hear of it.

Nov 4th, Hammon to Jarvis with his barley and some oats. I have been shaking out my second crop clover. Have prayed I might say without ceasing. The burden of my prayer has been with reference to a blessing long asked for and expected. O!, it has been so sweet to pray for it today.

Nov 5th, Hammon has been ploughing, and raked clover. Samantha went home on a visit.

Nov 6th, Hammon and I got in 3 loads of clover seed. Samantha home today.

Nov 7th, Hammon. and I finished clover, all stacked and in barn. Little Willie Ebersole helping us.

Nov 8th, Hammon and I to Dover for groceries etc. Talked to Mr. Hall and to Annie at Bowlby's.

Nov 9th, Sunday. At home. Went to hear Mr. Ebersole. Writing to Mr. Woolsey this afternoon.

Nov 10th, Choring and ploughing. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Sweetlove here to dinner. Have the matter with Ma settled. But the Lord is in this matter – In Him will I put my trust. [Mrs. S. insulted Ma.]

Nov 11th, Helped Hammon measure the oats and clean up tailings. Ploughed. Snow tonight.

Nov 12th, Got cider barrells[sic] ready, making fence around two stacks. Hammon threshing peas. Unckle [sic] Walter Olds, as full of talk as ever, is staying here tonight. There is good sleighing.

Nov 13th, Hammon threshing peas as usual. I went in search of a man. Saw James Cline, he wants to think of the matter for a day or so. Have felt the hand of the Lord upon me [etc]

Nov 14th, Hammon to Dover with his oats. Put winter apples away and made wood box for Ma.

Nov 15th, Got buck sheep from Jimy Horn. Butter to Dover, saw A., Mr. Hall home with me.

Nov 16th, Sunday. E. H. here kept us from church. Took Mr. Hall home and to church tonight. Mr. Bryers had splendid sermon about Cornelius the Centurion. Saw A. briefly.

Nov 17th, Unsuccessful search for a man. Sandy Shand will come for a day. Geting cider apples ready, and stacking pea straw. Hammon threshing. Still walking by faith, what peace it brings.

Nov 18th, Sandy helped stack pea straw, ready for the roof. Apples to cider mill at DeCou's. After to Grey's mill to see about selling wheat. I bargain for what little is left, at \$1.00 per bus.

Nov 19th, Sandy and Hammon finished peas. I took wheat out and to Simcoe to pay note on mowing machine. Got cider on way home. Roads bad, but job well done. Rejoice in present Saviour.

Nov 20th, Hammon and Sandy cleaning up. I am geting ready for winter. Settled up with Hammon and had no dispute at all. I am so thankful, it is disagreeable to get in disputes over money matters.

Nov 21st, H. & Sandy finish in morning and Hammon left. Sandy and I draw 9 loads of manure.

Nov 22nd, Ma and I to Dover. Spent most of afternoon making out the school assessment for the year. Dinner at Mrs. Hall's. Called at Mrs. Bowlby's and saw Annie, not much chance to talk.

Nov 23rd, Sunday. Ma and I to Dover. Heard Mr. Wilkinson from Simcoe. To Mrs. Bowlby's to dinner. Feel much cast down in my mind. Have been trying to carry my troubles to the Great

Sympathizer, and I do feel he comforts me. O! How faithless we are. Lord help !

Nov 24th, Cutting wood today. Snow and nasty out. Making out the school tax, but am so sleepy.

Nov 25th, Cutting and splitting wood. Down to Smith's on school business. Ma and Samantha to Dover today. Have enjoyed in a precious sense the presence of the Divine to day.

Nov 26th, Fixing fence. Very tired, need a man but poor prospects. Have had most precious assurances. It makes my heart so glad to know that the Lord leadeth me on this matter.

Nov 27th, Got the sheep up. 6 inches of snow & snowing all the time. Mr. Bryers to visit us. Glad to see him. Seems so strange to have the minister come so seldom. Such a change from the old time.

Nov 28th, Got old Bluch shod, axe ground etc. Account small. Hammon here for balance of his peas.

Nov 29th, Hammon here to settle up and take his colt. Went to mill and Dover. Saw Mr. Bryers.

Nov 30th, Ma and I out to church in Dover. Mr Bryers text "Stand fast in the Liberty wherewith God hath made you free." Excellent class meeting and dinner at George Hall's. Went over to see Annie a little while. Had a very pleasant season in her company. The Lord was present.

DECEMBER — 1873.

Dec 1st, Went to Dover to see Mr. Hall about our business in Simcoe, at present requiring our attention, but on account of our present circumstances we can only depend upon the kindness of our friend to attend to it. Have been fixing up around the barn this afternoon.

Dec 2nd, Busy as usual at my chores. Raining. Clean off the buggs and the cutter. Write Mary Jane

Dec 3rd, Raining and warm. Made an axe handle. Prince Albert, on his death bed said "I have had wealth, influence and power, but what good does it do me now." Rock of Ages cleft for me. Let me hide myself in thee. How significant these words and this testimony. All! All!!! is vanity.

Dec 4th, Terrible wind levelled the fences. It would take a couple of weeks to repair them properly. Snow gone and cattle can get their living. Have got a pit of potatoes into the cellar.

Dec 5th, Fixing fences around the wheat field. Cattle still out. Got up a load of wood.

Dec 6th, Cutting and splitting wood. To Dover this aft. Mr. Hall discouraged over his rail road business. Came by Mrs. Bowlby's, asked Annie to come home with me. She flatly refused.

Dec 7th, Sunday. No service in our own church, I went to hear Mr. Ebersole. Jimmy Holcomb came home with me until evening. He is such a talker, I could only talk about worldly concerns.

Dec 8th, Fixing fences. Weather has moderated & raining. Mr. C. W. Smith to visit this afternoon.

- Dec 9th, Puttied up windows. Geting up wood and rails to fence the straw stack. Stock out still.
- Dec 10th, Have put away nearly 50 bus. of potatoes. Weather still warm and damp. Mud bad.
- Dec 11th, Cut wood in woodhouse. Fenced barnyard to keep cattle from tramping the meadows.
- Dec 12th, Still fencing. Have sheep off meadows and cattle & horses in comfortable quarters.
- Dec 13th, To Dover for papers, with colt Maggie for first time single. Roads are very bad.
- Dec 14th, Sunday. To church alone with Maggie on cutter. Snow on mud bad. Home to dinner.
- Dec 15th, Cuting wood in woods in morning, drew it up in afternoon. Weather very warm again.
- Dec 16th, Got up 3 loads of wood this morning. Geting ready to kill hogs. Asked for help.
- Dec 17th, My promised help came according to their word. (Uncle John & James Holcomb) and the 3 hogs are slain and dressed as we wished. Old Mr. McSurlly came and coaxed so hard and offered such a good price, I sold 8 lambs for promise of \$3.50 a piece. I take to Elliot's Sat. wk.
- Dec 18th, Cuting up my hoggs [sic] Mr. David Sterling to visit. Remains very warm and damp.
- Dec 19th, After chores went to grist mill and Dover for papers and groceries. Mr. Hall just returned from railroad mtg. in Woodstock says Dr. Walker re-elected director. It does not auger in favour of the road. Brought Carrie Sweetlove home with me for the holidays.
- Dec 20th, Engaged busily as usual, or more so. Cut wood in woodhouse, choring and fixing up. I have felt quite cast down in my mind. But why art thou cast down O my soul, why disquieted.
- Dec 22nd, Cuting wood all day. To John Marr's to settle up with Miss Beemer, whose time is just out. Got along very nice. Enjoying happy assurances with reference that matter near my heart.
- Dec 23rd, Ma and I to Simcoe after Christmas fixings. Oyster dinner at Mrs. Murphy's. Saw School Inspector and got from him blank coppies [sic] of reports I unfortunately lost.
- Dec 24th, Fixing fence along the side road. Seemed a formidable job but patience and perseverance accomplish wonders at times. At any rate I am satisfied with the result this time.
- Dec 25th, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Sweetlove, Mr. George Hall and George with their respective families here for a very pleasant Christmas. Overhauling old papers tonight & consign them to the flames.
- Dec 26th, Out for chop and flour. Roads improved especially by the Dog's Nest. Mild. Did not see the one I desired to see. Been nearly a month, seems an age. Still hope for an opportunity.
- Dec 27th, All day geting my lambs to Elliot's. Waited for another flock to pass, but did not come,

so went on my own hook. To Holcomb's this evening. Still warm and snowy but not enough for sleighing.

Dec 28th, Sunday. Ma and I to church. Went to Mrs. Bowlby's to dinner and saw Annie.

Dec 29th, Drawing wood. Ma and I visited Captain McFell's this evening.

Dec 30th, Cutting wood in woodhouse. To Mr. William McBride's and C. W. Smith this evening on school business and paid ballance on threshing bill. Also to visit John Wesley McBride's.

Dec 31st, Ma and I spend last day of year visiting at Mrs. Sovereign's. Captain Wesley Hazen there with his wife and child, from their home in Bay City, Michigan. I staped across to Mrs. Bowlby's a couple of times and spent a very pleasant hour visiting with the girls, especially with Annie. Received an invitation to spend the evening but could not accept.

DIARY MEMORANDA.

In reviewing the past year I see many things which encourage me to continue puting my whole trust in God.. It has indeed been a year of trials and disappointments. All of which tend to make me feel that we have here no continuing city but seek one to come. It has been also I think, a year of some progress in the Divine life, though extremely slow. I have had many doubts and have often felt discouraged. But the saviour's love has as often turned my sorrow into joy. I have often cried out like Jacob of old. "All these things are against me," but still I have hope that all these things work together for my good; according to the promises.

With reference to a companion I have often poured out my soul to God, and have thought myself providentially directed to A. [Annie Douglass] though circumstances have seemed to tell me that such was not in accordance with my maker's will. I am, however. Still determined to seek the direction of Him whose wisdom alone is infallible.

Have also had some precious answers to prayer, though not as marked as in some years gone by. It has still been my habbit [sic] to commit my way unto the Lord, and in doing so, have felt an unmistakable assurance that He lead me in my way. This course has tended greatly to lighten my burdens, and to gladden a sorrowful and disappointed heart.

Here again I raise my Ebeneser [sic] and say, Hithertoo [sic] the Lord hath helped me !
Glory to his Great Name !

DIARY CASH ACCOUNTS BY MONTH.

Month	Description	Received	Paid.
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January 2 nd .	Received for 2 Geese	.55	
" "	Paid for groceries		.55
January 17 th	Received cash for butter	6.00	
" "	Paid Teamecting [?]		.30
" 19 th	Paid Hired girl		5.00
" "	Received for Geese	1.49	
" "	Paid for groceries		1.49
" 25 th	Paid postages		.65
" 27 th	Received from Mr. Hall	77.00	
" "	Paid J Scoot, [Scott?]Simcoe		8.28
" "	Paid Toals		.16
" "	Paid W. B. Schofield & Co.		40.00
" "	Paid ballance Jane Lownie note		2.00
" 29 th	Paid Blacksmith act.		1.25
" 30 th	Paid for Spectator		1.00
" 31 st	Paid County tax.		20.40

Totals

\$105.04

\$ 81.08

FEBRUARY

February 4 th	Paid G. Wilson act.		11.14
" 8 th	Received for Sausage	1.80	
" "	Paid for groceries		1.80
" 10 th	Received , Mr Bryers	16.89	
" "	" for butter	1.35	
" "	Paid Le ???? Acct.		18.79
" "	Paid for Guardian		1.00
" 11 th	Paid Woodhouse tea party		.50
" 15 th	Paid for Brandy		1.25
" "	" " Beppee [?]		.18
" 19 th	" " Lecture		.15
" 22 nd	Received from Thurlow	7.75	
" "	Paid for groceries		2.75

Totals

\$27.79

\$38.06

MARCH

March 1 st	Paid for coal oil		.50
" 6 th	Received for Hay	6.00	
" "	Paid Sandy for labour		6.00
" 8 th	Received from Thurlow - hay	4.12	
" "	" For butter	1.80	
" "	Paid for groceries		1.80
" 10 th	Received Bull mony	2.00	
" "	Paid Vinie's[?] interest		2.00
" 22 nd	" Ma's flower seed		1.25
" "	" Groceries		.55

"	24 th	Received for butter	3.44	
"	"	Paid old Wilson act.		1.15
March	24 th	Paid for Table Linen		1.69
"	"	" " Barber's service		.40
"	27 th	" " Glycerine		.10
"	30 th	Received for heiffer [sic]	15.00	
"	"	Paid to T. O. of G. T.		.50

Totals

\$32.36

\$25.51

APRIL

April	2 nd	Received for butter	.50	
"	4 th	Paid for thrashing grain		5.00
"	5 th	Received for sheep skin	1.16	
"	"	Paid for tea & sugar		1.75
"	"	" on Ridell & Deans act		8.00
"	12 th	Received from Ma for garden seeds	1.00	
"	"	Paid for postage		1.00
"	19 th	Received for hides	2.20	
"	"	Paid for whip lash		.16
"	23 rd	" " missionary subscription		4.00
"	22 nd	Received for hides	1.80	
"	"	Paid for groceries		1.90
"	"	Received for eggs	1.00	
"	"	" On potatoes, from Canfield	2.00	

Totals

\$9.66

\$21.82

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May	4 th	Paid ??? Coll.		.15
"	5 th	Received for eggs	1.00	
"	"	Paid for groceries		1.10
"	7 th	Received for seed barley	3.60	
"	8 th	" Robert Wri[gh]te bull mony	1.00	
"	9 th	Paid for necessaries		.77
"	13 th	Received for calf skin	1.00	
"	"	Paid for wall paper		1.35
"	"	" " Fruit trees		3.85
"	"	" " Pass. Word		.25
"	14 th	Received for potatoes	1.00	
"	15 th	" " "	.48	
"	19 th	" " calf skins	1.60	
"	"	Paid groceries		.55
"	20 th	" Wall paper		.56
"	23 rd	Received for eggs & Head??	4.00	
"	"	Paid for groceries etc.		4.00
"	"	" on shoes		.75

"	27 th	Received for potatoes & pork	13.80	
"	"	Paid Canfields act.		5.06
"	29 th	Paid Hired girl		8.00
"	30 th	" for Harness mending		.50
"	"	" " garden seeds		.14
Totals			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$27.98	\$27.63

JUNE - 1873

June	3 rd	Paid Sup. Fund		.30
"	4 th	Recd for eggs	1.90	
"	"	Paid " groceries		1.90
"	11 th	" " sheering sheep		.15
"	12 th	" Ex to Circus etc.		1.05
"	"	" For Barber's services etc.		.75
"	14 th	Received for eggs, 19 dozen	1.77	
"	"	Paid for groceries		1.77
"	21 st	Recd. for wool	57.75	
"	"	Paid for Reformer		1.50
"	"	" " Insurance		18.00
"	"	" " Salt		1.75
"	"	" " Aibrella [umbrella?]		3.50
"	"	" " Sugar		.50
"	24 th	" " Road tax		10.00
"	25 th	" Ma S. M.		2.00
"	"	" Hired girl		5.00
"	28 th	Recd. for eggs	1.55	
"	"	Paid for groceries		1.55
"	"	Recd from Hammon	2.00	
"	"	Paid for sheep sheering		2.00
"	"	" " Pere's Glue[?]		.10
"	"	Recd. Bull mony	2.00	
Totals			<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$66.87	\$51.72

JULY - 1873.

July	1 st	Recd on steers	20.00	
"	2 nd	Paid Hammon on rake		5.00
"	5 th	" On groceries etc.		1.35
"	"	" Ballance on shoes		1.75
"	"	" Postage act.		.65
"	"	" For cabbage plants		.25
"	9 th	Recd for veal skin	1.50	
"	"	Paid for Linen etc.		1.00
"	12 th	Recd for steers	20.00	
"	"	" " eggs	.88	
"	"	Paid for groceries		2.60

" "	" " whip and shoeing horse		1.50
" 13 th	" Collection		.25
" 14 th	Paid Sandy Shand for cuting wood		2.00
" 18 th	Recd ballance on steers	20.00	
" "	" From Mrs. Bowlby on hay	5.00	
" "	" For shoulder [of pork ?]	2.61	
" "	Paid ballance on Riddells		9.00
" "	" on J. McBride's act.		5.00
" "	" For groceries		2.91
" 19 th	" Hamon Oakes		5.00
" 22 nd	Recd bull mony	4.00	
" "	Paid for Spectator		1.00

Totals

	\$73.99	\$39.91
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July continues on next page of diary cash account section.

July 24 th	Recd for eggs	1.42	
" "	Paid for groceries		2.15
" "	" " Quarterage		5.00
" 26 th	" Hammon Oakes		5.00
" 31 st	Recd for eggs	1.87	
" "	Paid for sugar		1.50
" "	" Ma, S. M.		1.00
" "	" Clay Pectoral & ???		2.00

AUGUST - 1873

Aug 1 st	Paid for nails and blueing		1.25
" "	" " Suspenders etc.		1.06
" 3 rd	" ?? Collection		.25
" 6 th	" Hammon Oakes		20.00
" "	" For groceries		2.89
" 15 th	Recd for eggs	3.24	
" "	Paid for groceries		4.25
" 20 th	" " Concert etc.		.50
" 22 nd	Recd for eggs, 10 dozen	1.25	
" "	Paid " Groceries		1.25
" 23 rd	" Vinie Kitchen		23.00
" 30 th	Recd for eggs	2.03	
" "	Paid for groceries		2.06

Totals

	\$9.83	\$73.29
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SEPTEMBER - 1873

Sept 3 rd	Recd from Hammon Oakes	50.00	
" "	Paid Hired girl		10.00
" 5 th	" For horse shoeing		.50
" "	" " Mustard seed		1.00
" 8 th	" For Lulia's & Nellie's business [???		4.00

"	"	" For groceries		1.80
"	"	Recd for eggs	1.25	
Sept	19 th	Paid for mending harness		.25
"	20 th	" " Bronchites by Hull		1.50
"	25 th	" " Dinner at Court		.25
"	26 th	Recd for being jury	2.70	
"	"	Paid for Tobacco		.20
"	29 th	" " 1 lb of tea		.75
"	30 th	" " Cream Tartar		.38
"	"	Recd for calf skin	1.50	
"	"	Paid for Ex. To Tyrone		13.00

OCTOBER - 1873

Oct	2 nd	Recd for veal etc.	.89	
"	3 rd	" " wheat	52.40	
"	"	Paid C. W. S.[mith] on seed wheat		30.00
"	"	" Sugar		1.00
"	"	" For Keatness Seosings [???		.37
"	"	" Postage		.67
"	"	" For Ma's bulbs		1.00

Totals [end of Sept. page]

\$108.74

\$66.67

Oct	4 th	Coal oil		.18
"	"	Slate etc.		.08
"	11 th	Whip Leash		.25
"	"	Dr. McLean act.		2.75
"	"	For old buggy	10.00	
"	14 th	Sandy Shand for work		5.00
"	"	Mr. Ryerse for seed wheat		16.50
"	"	Fee for Township Society		1.00
"	"	Ma for S. M.		2.00
"	"	Dinner etc.		.44
"	18 th	Threshing		5.00
"	"	Keg of Butter	17.60	
"	"	Calf skin	1.00	
"	"	Groceries		4.60
"	"	Mr. German for crock		1.30
"	"	Umberella [sic]		1.25
"	"	On account to Schofield		10.45
"	"	for mending shoe		.25
"	22 nd	Hammon on threshing		.37
"	24 th	Keg of butter	17.50	
"	"	Dry Goods		7.59
"	"	Coal oil		1.75
"	"	Groceries		3.50

		End of page : Totals	\$45.80	\$65.70
Oct	24 th	For wheat	45.11	
"	"	On act, Scotts		30.00
"	"	Sugar act.	1.00 [?]	1.10
"	"	Wool carding		.85
"	"	Schofield's om act.		2.56
"	"	Ogaine Keating		.50
"	28 th	Ma, S. M.		5.50
"	"	Roberts for work		3.00
"	29 th	On R. Smith's note	22.93	
NOVEMBER - 1873.				
Nov	1 st	Bal. to Peter Ryerse on seed wheat		1.00
"	"	Thurlow for work		2.00
"	"	Collection		.20
"	3 rd	Ma, to S. M.		2.00
"	"	From john Man [?]	10.00	
"	8 th	For Herald		1.50
"	"	Sugar - 50 c. to clean lamp.		.70
"	"	Matches & Losenges		.80
"	"	Foolscap for school		.13
"	15 th	Butter	17.60	
"	"	From LePing [???	7.00	
"	"	Groceries		1.85
"	"	Scotts, on act.		16.45
		Page Totals	\$104.14	\$72.14
Nov	19 th	Wheat - Dinner	29.75	.25
"	"	Note to Paterson & Brown		\$46.70
"	"	making cider		.90
"	"	Barret[t] & C.		2.20
"	22 nd	Groceries		.66
"	25 th	Ma, S. M.		3.00
"	"	Samantha		4.00
"	"	Hammon	\$9.00	
"	"	School tax		\$10.00
"	29 th	Hammon bal[ance] due	2.24	
"	"	Harness repair	.72	.13
DECEMBER - 1873.				
Dec	1 st	Woods Measuring [?]		1.50
"	"	Harness mending		.80
"	"	Groceries		.39
"	12 th	Fiddle string		.30
"	17 th	Recd on lamb	5.00	
"	19 th	For diary & Keelings ser[?]		1.08

“ ”	Groceries		2.20
“ 23 rd	Christmass pres.		3.35
Dec 24 th	Sandy Shand for work		5.00
“ 26 th	John Marr on act	10.49	
“ 27 th	Ball. For Lambs	23.00	
“ 30 th	Ball of threshing		10.00
“ 31 st	Ma, S. M.		1.00
“ ”	Sugar		.50
“ ”	Barrel of Salt, J. Riddell		1.75
TOTALS		\$80.40	\$85.11

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR -- 1873.

MONTH	RECEIVED	1873 PAID OUT
January	\$105.04	\$87.11
February	\$ 27.79	\$38.06
March	\$ 32.06	\$25.51
April	\$ 9.66	\$21.82
May	\$ 27.98	\$27.63
June	\$ 66.87	\$51.72
July	\$ 73.99	\$39.91
August	\$ 9.83	\$73.29
September	\$108.74	\$66.67
October	\$ 45.80	\$65.70
November	\$104.14	\$72.14
December	\$ 80.40	\$85.11
Totals for year	\$692.30	\$654.67

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