

12. MONDAY. <sup>[255-110]</sup>

Finished the field at dark tonight. Father sowed 2 bags & got over 2 of it. This is thinner than our usual seeding so we will see how it will do. Willi was picking up the forenoon & coming home found the ewe we call Blackleg dead in a fence corner. He plucked off the wool & put her with the sod at noon. Her breathing has been labourious for more than a year & I suppose grub in the head also -  
Cloudy & slight showers just like fall

13. TUESDAY. <sup>[256-109]</sup>

I was harrowing until Father finished sowing then Willi harrowed till night. I was scraping in Garden got it pretty level now but it has taken quite a while. Evening I hung gate at barnyard to open into calves field to let horses to water  
Bright blue sky today with big white clouds floating on a cool northern breeze.

14. WEDNESDAY. <sup>[257-108]</sup>

Willi harrowing all day. I & Father were digging stones and leveling in front of house. Afternoon had more picking stones off orchard, scraping, & removed parliment building to the shade of plum tree at the end of log house. Evening picked up a little in fallow & lit 4 log heaps.

15. THURSDAY. <sup>[258-107]</sup>

Willi finished field at 1/2 past 10. Father & I lighted a lot more heaps & picked up. The wind got up very high from South East so the fence caught 3 or 4 times but we put it out. Got Orchard at back of house sours at dinnertime & I ganged it in. I was at fire evening Willi harrowing ganging. The wind is still high but we have got a fine shower. So I think we can go to bed

16. FRIDAY. <sup>[259-106]</sup>

I was up looking at fire between 12 & 1 as we have the equinoxial gale. The sparks were being whirled along with every gust, but I thought nothing fresh had caught so I went to bed till 5. Still a very strong gale. Fire spread a little among old logs but fence did not catch. Logged up piece to keep fire from spreading among logs. Then took off 4 log stones at lakeside. Picking up all afternoon & finished it  
Heavy rain at supper time & is still raining. Threw off last load of harvest today

17. SATURDAY. <sup>[260-105]</sup>

Rained last night & off & on all day today. Cleaned up barn floor had 1 1/2 bus. Cato from drawing in. We were to cut up in garden but rain put us home. I washed 6 bus peas cleaned them up & put them in bin. Papers report terrible fires in Michigan sweeping towns & villages & everything for miles. people taking refuge in the Lake. Desastrous gale on Saturday last to shipping on our lakes.

18. SUNDAY. <sup>14 after Trinity. [261-104]</sup>

We were at our S.S. & Scholars in all 4 in my class The service in our Church was conducted by Mr. James Duncan from the Northwest. Text 11th Ch of Matt at the 28th verse. Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.  
The Church was full Mr. Duncan being a general favourite before he left for the W.V. 9 years ago. He has since he left qualified himself for the ministry & has held appointments there but is home on account of sickness. & is now so far east as

Notice of the crucifixion was sufficient work of prop the elements is true still

1881.

30 DAYS.

SEPTEMBER.

19. MONDAY. [262-103]

Got remainder of S. F. round house sown & ganged in. Grass seeds sown over as far as back of house & harrowed in. Called on C. Duncan he is to give us 2 days logging tomorrow. Got bag flour from Uncle George this afternoon. Father & Willie fired all the logheaps. Put up some evening & fixed up little heaps. Warm day.

20. TUESDAY. [263-102]

Rolled in logheaps they had burned well, then we cut up with saw. 3 saw logs & a good few railcuts. A. M. Farland thrashing peas afternoon he was logging with us. We got a great amount of work done & well done. I think I will get plough started tomorrow if all well. We have got a clear piece at this side of fallow - Cool & cloudy.

21. WEDNESDAY. [264-101]

Branded up a piece of fallow at this side and along lower end then ploughing it ploughs well and appears to be fine rich soil & the greater part of it has no stones. Father & Willie were picking up. Had nine heaps burning tonight. We had to take down loads peastraw to log barn which is a great break just now. Quite a breeze tonight.

22. THURSDAY. [265-100]

Took down small load peastraw then at the plough. We rolled in heaps this morning the burned well many of them clean out. Arthur & Willie cleaned up peas afternoon he had 34 bus I was ploughing at C. Duncans for 2 days logging.

Warm sunny afternoon

23. FRIDAY. [266-99]

We had a great rain last night which will make things grow. The grass is getting greener & the wheat is up. I had plough at shop got coulter laid & set, & started to plough 2 parts & ploughed till dark. Got a good piece turned over. Lighted 3 heaps tonight. Father & Willie (Aunt Ann is here tonight.) finished picking up tonight.

24. SATURDAY. [267-98]

Ploughing, rolling up heaps made one brand heap drew off some railcuts. Willie had more hitchet up drew away small brands & roots. We had quite a rain last night again the heaps 3 in number & some smaller ones looked rather damp but Father lighted them all & they burned first rate.

We heard tonight that our dear friend Frank Cathrae died of 4 days illness of yellow fever at Barbados. He was here before he left 13<sup>th</sup> Sept so he had been here a year.

25. SUNDAY. [268-97]

15 after Trinity. We were at 12 Con. School house as usual. Mr. Curries that to day Gal. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>. Notice first the great & important privileges of these Galatians. Not that they had actually witnessed the crucifixion but they had a crucifix sermoen preached to them. They had not all the Gospels but they had some & one was sufficient & they had the Gospel faithfully preached to them. They had also the Gospel set forth to them by the consistent walk of professors. The celebration of the Lords Supper. The Galatians had all these yet they turned round to the elements of the law & rejected the Gospel & this is what called forth the expression of Galatians. The same is true still. Believing in theory but not in practice. Hears but not does of the Word.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER. — 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> MONTHS. 1881.

26. MONDAY. [269-90]

Branded up fallow one heap the last & skidded 7 saw logs then ploughing till night. Willie picking roots with Jon afternoon thrashed via few oats. Had shower after. Ordered a pair of every day boots from P. Thomson Kelly St.

27. TUESDAY. [270-95]

At Aunt Mary's bee Ploughing for fall wheat & drawing out dung. Cousin George is to work the farm now & this is the start. Rather a showery forenoon but turned out a fine day. Arthur split 100 rails this afternoon for line fence between us and Ronald McLeod

28. WEDNESDAY. [271-94]

Ploughing got through at 4 o'clock Willie thrashed some more oats this forenoon. Father sowed oats stubble with timothy as the spring sowing failed to catch owing to the dry season. Willie harrowed it in one stroke. Got down load pea straw Arthur was thrashing this afternoon

29. THURSDAY. [272-93]

St. Michael—Michaelmas Day.

Sowing new land got over it all by night double stroke which is all it will get. Father has more than 2 sown with timothy. Took down load straw at noon. Arthur finished all the peas on top of granary tonight. There is a load of straw out side on way gone but it will be dry I think.

30. FRIDAY. [273-92]

Took down straw then shifted fence with waggon got nearly through 3 loads well finish. Afternoon Father fired stumps this forenoon & the fire began to run from stump as there was a very high wind. We kept it from fence & fired a lot more to windward. Arthur cleaned up peas & put them in bags for C.W. market 28 1/2 bus. 62 1/2 bus all together Arthur has 6 bus 1 pk. for his work

1. OCTOBER—SATURDAY. [274-91]

Drew remainder of rails for fence logged up a corner to let fence down to bush fence. Afternoon Father sowed the other 2 of new land with timothy also some of oat stubble across creek. Got fence all built by night 4 horses shod.

2. SUNDAY. 16 after Trinity. [275-90]

We were at our Sabbath School had fine attendance. Mr. Carri's text today Romans 3<sup>rd</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The Offence here mentioned Adam's sin. The design of the introduction of the law in the economy of grace—that the offence might abound, viz that it might bring out sin that it might be seen & known. Law does not cause sin but rather reveals its true character. Grace abounded; Triumphed over sin more powerful. Sin in possession by nature. Grace the victor. More than sufficient. Also in regard to its fruits sin robes of earthy blessings. Grace bestows heavenly. God & humanity united in one person the fruit of grace. The redeemed can sing a song to their deliverer in which the angels cannot join.

3. MONDAY. [276-89]  
County Court Term begins.

At C. S. Market. Had 32<sup>00</sup> bus  
peas sold a 74¢. \$23.70. House 12.50. Miss B. 3.00  
Plough point 50 Pop. grass seed 80¢ Sundries 45 = 1.75 Balance  
on hand 4.44. That how the money goes. Barley No 1 sells  
to day at 80¢ Wheat 1.25 Oats 40¢. Very warm day

4. TUESDAY. [277-88]

Threshing, did not do much forenoon horse  
power lost small key which had to be replaced. Afternoon threshed  
well. I think there are about 60 bus spring wheat .150 oats &  
60 barley. Got through before sunset. Father finished grass seed  
sowing across creek. Very cold day

5. WEDNESDAY. [278-87]

I was threshing at Charlie Duncans  
Willie was harrowing across creek all day  
Father was burning stumps. Cold day

6. THURSDAY. [279-86]

Stacked up wagon & dug & drew 5 loads  
sand for stone root house. It is splendid. Sand & easily  
got beside farthest knoll. Afternoon demolished part of  
old root house & helped Father to fire stumps got them  
all going by night quite a line of fire. Willie was at Kibyth  
show lottery. Evening at Uncle W's arranging about root house

7. FRIDAY. [280-85]

Taking down old root house. Willie finished  
harrowing across creek. Mother drew away 3 bags manure that was  
round root house, & by 4 o'clock afternoon we had it all down. We then  
cleared barn floor of barley chaff and cleaned up 4 bags chaff 3 quist & 8 bags  
S.W. for market. got through at 9 o'clock P.M.

8. SATURDAY. [281-84]

We had thunder last night & this morning  
with a rainy day clearing up about 3 o'clock afternoon. Took over  
lime from driving shed to cow stable for grout. Got out remainder of sawdust  
grout by taking off outside board between stabling. Nailed it up & drew water  
and got 1/4 of the side of stable grouted.

9. SUNDAY. [282-83]  
17 after Trinity.

We were at our S. S. again had very good attendance & pleasant day.  
Mr. Currier's text today Luke 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The Prodigal Son had a pleasant home & kind Father but here  
we find him in a far country & in want. He makes a great discovery. I perish with hunger, next  
plenty in his Father's house. He makes a resolution, of which there are two kinds one caused by remorse the other  
by true repentance. Meet the spirit in which it was carried out turning to his Father. He left all behind. Hearty confession  
of sin. A deep sense of his own unworthiness. True humility. Make one as one - still the son. He arose & went to his Father.  
The glorious result. His Father was watching. His Father saw & heard him did not allow him to finish his speech  
Collected him Fed him. His Father with him at the table.

10. MONDAY. [283-82]

Cold stormy day with a few flakes of snow. Started for C.S. with 11 bags S.W. Swine to grind & 4 bags chop. Sold 8 bags at Mill @ 1.25 per bus had 19.50 = 23.91. Bought 25 lbs 3 in nails 75¢ 12 lb Shingle nails 45¢ = 1.20. Beef 1.00. B. Salt 80¢ Dinner 25 in all 3.25. Got home all right Clear frosty night

11. TUESDAY. [284-81]

Finished digging out foundation of root house forenoon Afternoon shifted lane No let us along bank of old barn straight down to gate. Then drew some stones for root house from old fence bottom at Orchard, & some more from stone piles in field. Paid boots to R Thomson \$4. Had very hard frost this morning ground had quite a crust.

12. WEDNESDAY. [285-80]

Rainy morning started to grout we have the half of one side done now. Afternoon about 3 o'clock went to Uncle W's got his tools & load of lime 20 bus @ 15¢ I was dark before we got home threw off load & covered part of it for later use with sand.

13. THURSDAY. [286-79]

Look out all the sawdust sowed some lime & started to cut out boards along the end of stable just below beam so that roof may get in below. Uncle came afternoon & got a good piece done by night. Clear & cold. Barley down to 65¢ it was 80¢ a week ago.

14. FRIDAY. [287-78]

Fine morning. Building the order of the day Mixing mortar drawing water wheeling stones. Willie was ploughing this afternoon learning by experience how to turn the bottom glee. This has been a very pleasant day but is now raining

15. SATURDAY. [288-77]

Rainy morning & rained till 2 o'clock Grouting stable afternoon drawing stone for building. Evening hunting a lad to plough but was not successful We should have looked out sooner. Pro cra & I too busy So on to bed

16. SUNDAY. 18 after Trinity. [289-76]

We were at our S.S. fine day & good attendance. The text to day Jer. 9:23-24 with special reference to the last verse. Man worshipeth something either the true or false gods. The true God of this world Wisdom, might, riches, we are to glorify in these but rather, we are to glory in understanding & knowing the true God. Notice first understanding, that is hearing with the ear and having intellectual knowledge of the things of God. The first great step, but useless if we stop there. Second in that he knoweth me. The knowledge of the things of the plan of salvation will be to our condemnation if we do not know him practically, experimentally, spiritually. The latter knowledge of him of success. The former Columbus theory of a western continent gave him no rest, the fact underlying the theory remained him of success. We may assent to Col. 3:10 but it did not move them. We must be moved to action. This is the knowledge to be gloried in. We know also to know him in a particular way, not as the Creator but as he that exercises loving-kindness towards man as manifested by his saving grace. And judgment his children rejoice in this because the judgment of the persecutors to him. Righteousness. Righteous in his loving-kindness. With his stripes we are healed. Righteous in judgment always right. He delights in all these. Reasons why we should glory in its intrinsic value, the knowledge of it, God's delightful character. It will never leave us The possessor supremely happy.

He had god's love never his law's satisfaction and for

17. MONDAY. [290-73]

Rainy morning mended some of the harness then grouting till night. It has rained all day & this afternoon it rained very heavy thunder showers. Our root house floor is not very wet & I hope it may not.

18. TUESDAY. [291-74]

Dreazy morning. Grouting till noon we have an end of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  to do now. The north end will have the grout between inside boards & stone wall of root house. Afternoon shifted some oats and took 20 stooks to Mr. Curri. We then drew 3 loads sand & 2 loads gravel for grouting north end. Dry afternoon.

19. WEDNESDAY. [292-73]

Got up early & fixed up for killing pig. Got him hung up by 9 o'clock then ploughing till dinnertime. Uncle was here in the morning. Willie was ploughing for turnips next year, afternoon Father & I were with mason.

Fin dry day

20. THURSDAY. [293-72]

Had some rain early this morning but has cleared off and we had a dry day. Willie was ploughing all day. I & Father were tending the mason. Breaking stone drawing stone got as many in as will keep him going tomorrow. Had thanksgiving service this evening in our Church. The text was in Psalm 63<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

21. FRIDAY. [294-71]

Dry frosty morning got half of potatoes ploughed out. Willie was ploughing. Got home a load of potatoes into pit. Uncle has got up a good piece to day. We had preparatory service to Communion in our Church to day. Text. Exodus 32<sup>nd</sup> + 26 Who is on the Lords side. Beautiful day with bright prospects for tomorrow.

22. SATURDAY. [295-70]

The promise of a fine day as we thought brought a rainy morning. It cleared a little and ploughing & building were started but were soon stopped by rain. Then started to mend trais in cow stable. At Church at 2 past 10. Mr. McKenzie Kilblyth preached from Acts 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. A good plain & simple sermon. Rained all afternoon finished trais & got in one box of grout.

23. SUNDAY. 19 after Trinity. [296-69]

Rainy day. This being our Communion Sabbath we were not at our S.S. We had Mr. Curri this year. Text. Job. 14 & 25. Notice first, Job's Redeemer. Jesus a living Redeemer. He had not the knowledge of his facts connected with his life as we have but his faith took all the facts hold of his person and considered the redemption fully implied. Job felt that he had been in bondage but was now redeemed and not with corruptible things. The redemption the life of Gods dear son. To whom does the price paid. To what no one were never his by right but to eternal justice. Notice next what was he redeemed from first from the guilt & power of sin. Can one think off from the visible laws. No he is helpless but trusting in Jesus he can. Redeemed from the demands of the law. The redeemed Adam took the place of the first & kept the law which we had broken. Also from the power of Satan. Next Job's profession. My Redeemer liveth. Second I know no false assurance. There is fully assurance. There is full assurance & affection often brings us out & shows on what we are leaning. He knew also that his redeemer liveth now and for ever & although worms consumed his body yet in his flesh he would see Gods Glorious hope.

24. MONDAY. [297-68]

Wet morning. Shifted store up to front kitchen  
Willie at plough all day. We were all at Thanksgiving service Mr. Currie  
preached from the text of Cor. 13<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup>. Notice first the victory next the giver  
of that victory Jesus Christ the victor. 2<sup>nd</sup> What are we victors over Death & sin  
Reasons for gratitude The greatness of the gift to us & us so unworthy. The greatness  
of the love if he had not given us the victory eternal death. <sup>also worse than hellfire</sup> Afternoon Uncle building  
& drew <sup>stones</sup> and put them in brick wall then <sup>came</sup> in the <sup>banking</sup> up over them.

25. TUESDAY. [298-67]

Breaking & drawing stones evening brought home 8 bus  
more lime & 3 buckets for scaffold from Uncle's. Uncle was building & Father  
mortar man. Willie was at Chesley with Mr. Murray's cow I think we  
will get to the potatoes tomorrow if all well.  
Cold & clear at bed time

26. WEDNESDAY. [299-66]

Hard frost this morning I ploughed a hill then  
turned out potatoes Got them <sup>up</sup> harrowed & all home into pit & covered  
with earth at night Uncle has north wall all the height now. It has  
been very fast in the spade all day the mortar jumping on the wall.  
Willie was home here at 4 o'clock full of Chesley & surroundings  
The new railway has a splendid iron bridge then row  
Treaty to night.

27. THURSDAY. [300-65]

Got up scaffold then drawing stones & grouting  
between stonewall & stable. Then pulled manjolds got them into  
put on field 3 loads & covered with straw. Uncle got a great jump  
done. Evening had waggon at Uncle's & got end rafters for root house  
Willie was ploughing a great amount of work has been  
done today & it has been a beautiful day.

28. FRIDAY. [301-64]

Ploughed a furrow away from the carrots as Ann & Paul  
are to pull them Brought home load of sand drew stones got rafter on  
on east end afternoon Got load of gravel for grate put in one boopul  
then home carrots into pit and covered with straw. East end & 2 sides  
of root house are finished now so we will finish stone work tomorrow if dry &  
all well. Been a fine day but looks like rain.

29. SATURDAY. [302-63]

Rainy morning. Cleared off at 9 o'clock  
Uncle finished building & all the pointing except an hours work  
Willie was ploughing afternoon. I was tending mason. Took  
him home evening.

30. SUNDAY. 20 after Trinity. [303-62]

We went to S. again had few scholars dry day.  
The text today Gal 5<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> The spirit here spoken of The third person of the Trinity  
Spoken of in Gods word as the Spirit of God. The Spirit of Christ he came to do Christ's  
work. The Comforter (beautiful title) who will bring all things to your remembrance & sur-  
round mysteries with a halo of light & glory. The Acts of the Apostles known by the early Church as the  
Acts of the Holy Ghost. The author of rejoicing in the soul. He convinces of sin, of righteousness, & of judgement. The Author  
of sanctification. The 100 against the Holy Spirit instance. He also said Jesus was under the influence of the Spirit of Jesus  
when he cast out devils. They rejected the Holy Spirit so they had no spirit to strive with them therefore lost to their feet

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31 & 30 DAYS.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER.

31. MONDAY. [304-61]

Went to bush & cut & skidded 2 logs 13 1/2 in long for rafters to roothouse. Got Durig's tracks & took them to Kilsyth sawmill brought home 9 bunches shingles & 1/2 feet lumber for shunting upon & Willie pulled 12 drills turnips & cleaned 14 bags barley. Very fine day.

1. NOVEMBER—TUESDAY. [305-60]

All Saints' Day.

At C. S. market had 14 bags barley 35 3/4 bus @ 85¢ & 30.35 good price. Bought oil 25¢ rope 45¢ sundries 70 - \$2.40 in all. Brought home load sawdust for roothouse from Kilsyth. Beautiful day & roads pretty dry. 26 drills turnips pulled today. Mr. Currie was presented tonight with a Buffalo Probe by members of the Y. P. C. & A.

2. WEDNESDAY. [306-59]

Opened pit with plough. Had Jack Sinclair filling & little Bob so we got in 12 loads into pit in field 1 in stable & 4 in pit beside barn. 17 turnips Willie & Father have pulled the 1/2 of the field. This has been a very fine day the turnips were dry & clean & I am glad we were able to take the good of it.

3. THURSDAY. [307-58]

Showery morning. Finished the groating of cow stable & cleaned it out & fixed ropes. Threw off the 17th load into pit. Afternoon hung new gate at road. Then helping W. Oliver to kill a big pig. Evening tied in the hay heaps we are to sell at Xmas & the cows as we have had some showers of snow to day.

4. FRIDAY. [308-57]

Ground white with 5 in snow. Got in cattle sheep & pigs. Snowing thickly all forenoon. Got pigs into old henhouse we have three to fatten. Pork is selling at 750 for but & peas at 73¢ per bus. Afternoon covered mangold pits with earth. Quite a wintry aspect today.

5. SATURDAY. [309-56]

Feeding cattle has begun again & we will have it for 6 months. Covering pits was the order of the day. Shovel off snow put on pea straw & earth. Thought hard & got the 17 loads covered by night. I suppose about 12 loads of pit. We made them shallow in pit so as to prevent heaving which accounts for the great length. It rained & snowed all day so we were pretty wet, but it is something to have them covered.

6. SUNDAY. 21 after Trinity. [310-55]

We have given up our S. S. for the winter months. Our hat today Feb 1st of 14th. Notice that there are other intelligent beings in God's universe besides us. He may believe in angels but do not realize the fact as we ought. Their nature & character. God's messengers & so much before the scriptures were given to man were seen in bodily form. They are spirits not encumbered with flesh & blood. Spirits pure & simple. Full of knowledge yet it is limited. They exalt in strength & gifts of power. Demonic spirits army. Removing the stone from the sepulchre, Peter in prison. Spirits probably with the nature of thought. They possess moral excellency & exalted goodness. They will be done. They receive when one dinner returns. Innumerable. They are of different ranks. They know reason why. Ministering spirits of earth & heaven. sure of their appointment by God. Our duty what falls to our hand. What is the nature of their ministrations. Instructors, Deliverers, Comforters. They will be busy on the great day. They attend the death bed of the heirs of salvation.

7. MONDAY. <sup>[311-54]</sup> Finished grouting between stonewall & stable. Willi covered carrot pit. Got home a load of sand & another load of turnips into stable. Afternoon went to Kilsyth for a load of sawdust. Ann & Willi were at turnips pulled 12 drills. The snow has gone very fast to day nearly all gone. I hope it will be long or it come back. Hurry for turnips

8. TUESDAY. <sup>[312-53]</sup> Fine morning. got pit ready & Bob & I brought home 10 loads. Part of 4 rows were put into furrows which Stephen in the morning & closed in evening. I think they contain 3 loads. Went twice round the furrow when covering in we will see how they keep. The pullos have left 22 drills to night so they will finish tomorrow if all is well.

9. WEDNESDAY. <sup>[313-52]</sup> Prince of Wales Birthday—born 1841. Fixed up pit at home & got home 6 loads forenoon had Jack Sinclair with us. Afternoon made pit on top of penod & another on the end of potato land. Got in 10 loads in them & one home at night. We will take these pits into posthouse when we have it roofed. The pullos finished at 4 o'clock. Cold wind to day had a great amount of rain last night. Goods days write done Saturday

10. THURSDAY. <sup>[314-51]</sup> Had several showers of snow this morning but cleared up a fine day but cold. Took straw to pits then threw the remainder of turnips into pit—9 loads & one load home into stable. Afternoon took in load into stable then covering pits. Father brimmed up & covered with straw 3 long pits to day. & Willi & I covered the north sides of those three with earth. Great days work

11. FRIDAY. <sup>[315-50]</sup> Willi covered pits & I ploughed a piece more for turnips & 3 lands afternoon of barley stubble for Cato next year. Took home a load of turnips off field into driving shed as there are signs of a storm. This has been a very fine day. Probably "The last Rose of Summer".

12. SATURDAY. <sup>[316-49]</sup> Rainy morning & rained till noon. I made two halters of rope for mare & Prince. Afternoon fixing church chimneys. Evening at Kilsyth about papers they will be cut on Wednesday. Blustery evening with showers of sleet. Paid Gills for boots 2.50 Harvest gloves 75¢ W. Slon 10 3.35. Thomson for Willis boots 4.00 Samson for two coats paint for gate 3.00

13. SUNDAY. <sup>22 after Trinity. [317-48]</sup> Mr Currie's text today Gal. 5<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> First what is implied by walking in or by the Spirit. Walking implies life but it also implies more. Conscious activity the sea motion unconscious yet very active. We must also walk in the right direction. It must be progressive activity. There is a tendency to a certain routine of duties but no progress which cannot be walking in the spirit. How are we to walk in the spirit by walking according to the written word also by yielding to the stirrings of Gods Spirit. Notice next the Grand results Free from fulfilling the lust of the flesh.

14. MONDAY. [318-47]

Snowy morning. Cleaned up great 3 bags wheat 4 1/2 chops. Then took in 13 pails of potatoes & covered up pit for winter. Afternoon finished pit & built cedar fence beside fall wheat which was blown down. Finished gouting by putting on board higher than stone wall to let groats up to top under beam. Snow all gone at noon but we have had more showers this evening

15. TUESDAY. [319-46]

Last night was very stormy we have 5 in snow & cold. Shuffed Oats off peas & thrashed 4 small floorfuls. This has been more of a winter day than we have had yet but I hope it may go away yet so that we may get root house fixed off. This world is full of care & trouble Whither you go it single or double

16. WEDNESDAY. [320-45]

Went to Kileyth sawmill for rafters had 10 of them 2x9 two scantlin 3x4 & some boards besides in all 300 feet which cost 75¢ Paid the shingles & lumber I got before 2000 1/4 = 3.94.175 per 1000. 180 ft lumber 1.06 in all 5.75 Had fair roads snow soft & going all the Afternoon framed rafters in barn we had a few drops rain. I hope it will be soft tomorrow.

17. THURSDAY. [321-44]

Fine soft morning snow all gone. Got rafters on the walls. Scaffold down & drain dug round floor & gravel hauled & filled in to it. Home load of turnips out of field. Afternoon placed rafters & put outside sheathing on 3 feet up & inside sheathing to carry sawdust 4 feet. Then cut plank & lumber for spout to take in turnips Evening made spout in back kitchen & a couple of a conjunction

18. FRIDAY. [322-43]

Rainy night but dry day. Got spout up & into position Finished under sheathing at 3 o'clock Then got sawdust groats in, all over roof 5 in deep on sawdust over that again. 3/4 of roof is ready for shingles. Uncle was here & finished painting & lead filling so we have been very fortunate in having such a day & in being able to get the goods off. We have the roof all covered with boards, lapped over each other in case of rain, but I think it will be dry.

19. SATURDAY. [323-42]

Had a few flakes of snow this morning. Went to Uncle Williams for a piece of pine to put under shingles at spout. Brought home load of sawdust with me from Maxwell. Afternoon got in sawdust & on sheathing 5 feet of 3/4 of roof to do yet with sawdust. Had on 4 courses of shingles at night then took in load turnips which was the first load for the new house.

20. SUNDAY. 23 after Trinity. [324-41]

Mr. Curri text today Gal 4. 4-75. Notice first the time the Saviour came into the world. The fulness of time. Why did he not come sooner why so many days ago. Had he come immediately after the fall man would not have had time to see sin & its bitter fruit. No time to fulfill the event. No expecting, longing, looking, praying & hoping for & believing in the promised Messiah. There was a peculiar fitness in the world at this time. The Temple of Solomon was closed then being no war in the world. The Jews in their wandering carried their Bible with them & spread the knowledge of the true God. Paul went when he found Jews & then he found a synagogue & people ready to hear. The world was sick of itself & finding its own power against sin & ignorance unavailing. The Magi expected him. That the manner in which he came sent forth from heaven proppos his previous incarnation. Joseph he was sent. Man or bond of a woman stated at the time of the fall. Having existed previously he had to come in some manner. Under the law. All creatures & the universes under the law. The son of God alone lay. But placed himself under the law for a definite reason. To redeem them which were under the law so that his Father might receive us as sons.

21. MONDAY. [325-40]

Michaelmas Term begins.

Went for another load of sawdust Afternoon  
finished sawdust & shunting & had the half shingled by night  
Snowy and cold.

22. TUESDAY. [326-39]

Shingling all day had it finished except  
the 3 last courses which will go under the beam & will be  
laid in mortar. Uncle Hayson & Mr. Thom came here today  
Mr. Thom will leave on Thursday for Annan.

23. WEDNESDAY. [327-38]

Took in 3 loads turnips into roothouse  
afternoon thrashing at R. McLeod's  
Willie thrashing peas & feeding  
Very cold day & thick showers of snow

24. THURSDAY. [328-37]

Thrashing at R. McLeod's all day  
Very cold day Mr. Thom left to day.

25. FRIDAY. [329-36]

At Tara Mill 3 bags grit 4½ chopp.  
Paid, Bruce for Clover Turnip & other Seeds 4-43 &  
74 for Glycerine. A. Allen for 28 bus lime @ 157 per bus 4-20  
3 lbs Rope 40¢ Had sleigh out very stormy day  
sleighing rather rough.  
Horn staples replaced 40¢

26. SATURDAY. [330-35]

Little soft to day so we were filling  
the roothouse Got the pit on the hill into the roothouse  
11 loads. We think there were about 2 loads in before & now it  
is about 2 full.

27. SUNDAY. 1 in Advent. [331-34]

Mr. Currier's text to day 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
To whom was this addressed to the Heathen No, they were decided,  
To Abimelech No, for they professed to be decided. But No those who know  
the true God yet their boasting sin kept them from deciding. Notice how condescend-  
ing God is The text expressed in the spirit of Come let us reason together

I forgot my pencil today

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1881. 30 & 31 DAYS. NOVEMBER & DECEMBER.

28. MONDAY. [332-33]

At Uncle Williams thrashing. The thrashing went well, ran steady all day.

Beautiful winter day & good sleighing

29. TUESDAY. [333-32]

Thawing so our sleighing is going. Drawing in turnips and a very pleasant day for the work. Got in remainder of <sup>longest</sup> put in Orchard, 10 loads so there will be about 22 loads in it now & it would hold more yet.

I hope we will now have some just as far as drawing in turnips is concerned. The rest of the labouring man is sweet.

30. WEDNESDAY. [334-31]

St. Andrew's Day.

Snow all gone & quite a mist this morning. We were fixing roothouse roof putting shingles on under beam of stable. Filled space with mortar then drove the shingles up amongst it. We put on 3 courses. Spingled top of spout & put zinc on back side of it. This has been a fine mild day & suited our work well.

1. DECEMBER—THURSDAY. [335-30]

The first day of the last month. Time's over on the wing. Gathred up lumber round root house (& making order where charrs was before then) banked up both ends & stiltle along side, with the earth which came out of foundation. Afternoon shut up the top of mangold pit put saw-dust in spout of roothouse, cleaned 3 bus peas Willi thrashed today, & plastered some cracks in horse stable to use up some left mortar. Evening mended ceiling of kitchen which came down. Father made plaster today. Faded

2. FRIDAY. [336-29]

Plastered up some more cracks in stable had one bucket full of mortar. Took in potatoes one barrel in roothouse & pedits in garret. Afternoon took home some balsam trees Father & Willi lifted at beavermeadow to plant at roadside. Then put 5 loads manure on garden patch & ploughed it in. Father planted the balsams. Fine fresh day

3. SATURDAY. [337-28]

Ploughed land of sod as garden was too small then drew stones for watering place 5 loads which will make it all right, I think. Afternoon split wood & banked up house wheeling the earth from old barn. Fine fresh day. Willi was thrashing peas.

4. SUNDAY. 2 in Advent. [338-27]

Mr. Currier's text today Romans 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The last thing you can get the natural man to believe is that God loves him. Notice first the objects of Gods love. Unworthy you unworthy me. God loved us in our sin not on account of it but notwithstanding. Found in penitent sinners, wailing & willing to pardon & provided a Saviour. Notice next the price God has given of his love The Gift of his dear son. Men will never get another & this is sufficient. The text says he died for us willingly died in our room & stead. None of Gods creatures could have taken our place, nor manifested his great love. God himself sacrificed for us.

Afternoon & night

and except & will be in today

roothouse

4

hopp. 43 & 4-20 day

Wing root house now it

18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> decided by know now understand & together mail today

5. MONDAY. [339-26]

Ploughing spring wheat stubble all day had  
Fow + Pince as Sparks came but I think will soon be all right  
got a good piece turned over. I can finish it tomorrow fore  
noon health & weather permitting.  
Mili was thrashing peas.

6. TUESDAY. [340-25]

Ploughing all day. Got stubble finished at  
noon. I had to fix cattle at noon alone as Willae was  
at school today. Ploughing afternoon stumpy part of oat  
stubble it ploughs pretty well. I think we will sow it with oats  
& grass seeds & leave it so stumps come out. I measured over 2 Armas cattle one 6 ft  
the other Dotty 5 ft 10 in. \$70 Time will tell

7. WEDNESDAY. [341-24]

At S. Carr's thrashing very stormy  
He has got up a good new house this year & is now nearly  
finished

8. THURSDAY. [342-23]

Thrashing peas all day 5 bushels also some other chous  
& fixing cattle which is always unceremonious Plastering evening

9. FRIDAY. [343-22]

Started to put up two new stalls in cow stable  
got one nearly finished down part of pig pen which was in the way  
to the pole home from bush.

10. SATURDAY. [344-21]

Michaelmas Term ends.

Forenoon got manger of two stalls made afternoon  
put up other stall finished the ropes & poles. Got calves tied in meat  
root house & yearolds into new stable very busy day. tied cattle with  
lantern. Sold our two fat hups for \$65 to Wilson. Chateworth

11. SUNDAY. 3 in Advent. [345-20]

Cow minister being absent we had Mr. D. Ross  
His subject was the different walks mention in Eph. First Eph. 2 & 2  
Walking according to the course of this world. Worse Walk in them. good works.  
4<sup>th</sup> Ch 1<sup>st</sup> verse Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. 17<sup>th</sup> verse Walk  
not as other Gentiles walk. 5<sup>th</sup> Ch 2<sup>nd</sup> Walk in love & 15<sup>th</sup> verse Walk circumspectly  
not as fools but as wise

had  
all right  
row for

12. MONDAY. [346-19]

Took home Uncle W's. barrels & returned bag of flour to Uncle G. Afternoon got wheel barrow repaired  
Snow all gone once more

iked at  
was  
of oat  
oats  
one left

13. TUESDAY. [347-18]

At Chatworth with heifers. Got there at noon. Weighed them one weighed 950 the other Dotty 840 They weighed more than I expected 1800 @ 4¢ per lb \$72.

I wish we had weigh scales at Keedy  
Rained all day had waterproof coat. got ride home except 2 miles 10 minutes to 11 o'clock. Showers on the windows pane.

nearly

14. WEDNESDAY. [348-17]

Got Mr. Duncans kettle here set it up started fire & carried water. G.H. came down to give us a hand

We got on very well 3 pigs 2 very good porks the other slightly poor. We are to keep one of the best for summer porks.

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15. THURSDAY. [349-16]

At C. Sound market had 8 bags oats (cleaned up this morning,) 2 pigs & 6 ducks. Sold Oats @ 42¢ per bus pork at 7 per 100. ducks \$1.30. 24 <sup>3/4</sup> Cows \$10-12. Porks 488 lbs \$34.16 Oatmeal & sundries \$2.28. House \$10.00. Cochran for 5 cows in calf 5.00 Devins one sow in pig 1.00. Father bought 2 steers at Alex. Hall's sale for \$28 payable 12 months hence

to way

16. FRIDAY. [350-15]

Threshing at Westly Olivers cold windy day.

to noon  
next  
with  
walk

17. SATURDAY. [351-14]

Put up the pole & tied up new steers. Then payed Gilles 4.84 Thomson Shoemaker for pair calfskin boots 5.00 T. Williams for digging post holes 3.50. James Mc. Innis for reaping 22 acres 9.50. J. Thomson for 2 days work 30¢ That's the way the money goes Let it go  
Afternoon took home 2 loads wood with wagon (no snow) down load feed straw to log barn & small load to Mrs. Welsh.

S. Ross  
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18. SUNDAY. <sup>4 in Advent.</sup> [352-13]

Isaiah 55.1 Ho every one that thirsteth &c. Notice first the properties invited or rather one party makes several names. The thirsty Thirst for riches worldly pleasure power & knowledge a curse, thirst for gold & knowledge of him the right Christ. He that hath no money He poor in spirit. The wretched & miserable & poor & blind & naked. The hungry also. To those who feel their need & them only. Drink the faint Water, Wine, & Milk. Water for the thirsty. This wine has in it an everlasting blessing. Milk spiritual food for young Christians that a glorious invitation to those who know their condition. The terms First Come; leave all false Gods. Buy Christ bought it for you accept it. 3<sup>rd</sup> Eat, we must partake of it

Walk  
respectly

19. MONDAY. <sup>[353-12]</sup>

Got Birk shod 2 new shoes. & piece of old iron of plough beam straightened to fix up his manger with. Fixed manger with it when I came home.

Afternoon cleaned out pig pen & fixed roof

Evening paid Hamilton \$12.75 Ballance on townline chopping

Very dark night frost coming out of ground. A brilliant light seen to W. & some building burning.

20. TUESDAY <sup>[354-11]</sup>

Cleaned up 14 bags Oats for C.S. on Thursday as Miss Bella is coming home. Afternoon pulled 4 drills turnips which was left at fence side. It took them home to root house 2 half loads. Will do well with stone cattle.

To day has been a very fine day a day one could hardly expect in the middle of a Canadian winter. Like the winter days of old Long Sene.

21. WEDNESDAY. <sup>[355-10]</sup>

St. Thomas.

Cleaned & oiled the turnip cutter then tried the plough in piece of new land went pretty well. Afternoon ploughed till G. Harrison came over to me. He came down for turnip straw cutter. Got load on to waggon for tomorrow. Rain tonight.

22. THURSDAY. <sup>[356-9]</sup>

Very rainy morning waited a long time for day light then fed the cattle turnips. Faint a little started for C.S. Sold 2 bags on the way for 6 bus at 42¢ = 2.52. 12 bags on Market 36 bus  $3\frac{3}{4}$  lbs at 42¢ \$15.45 = 17.95. Spent 1.26. Got Miss Bella at Station. The G. Trunk bought the narrow gauge road & has widened it & put on their rolling stock, powerful locomotives making Toronto in 6 hours. Turned out a fine day but cloudy, roads soft.

23. FRIDAY. <sup>[357-8]</sup>

Ploughing all day. stumpy piece, beside turnip land. By night the feet was getting rather hard. Two or three hods would finish it now.

24. SATURDAY. <sup>[358-7]</sup>

Thrashing peas two floors with flail. Afternoon 3 with horses. We had a lamb died today has been sick for four days. I think the ram must have hurt it. Did not get the peas cleared up.

25. SUNDAY. <sup>[359-6]</sup>

Christmas Day.

Our text today I Sam. 12 & 24. Samuel here would have the people consider the part of it would well for us at the end of the year to look back. How much we have to be thankful for. The Bible in our hands. The Gospel preached. Light all around & the support of Christians their help & encouragement to wait near for Christ. Oh how much to be thankful for. Therefore let us fear the Lord. Filial fear, honour & obedience. The fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom. They serve him in truth. Many would serve him but not in truth like Ananias & Sapphira. If not in truth it is no service. And we must serve with all our heart. Take our hearts Lord for we cannot give them to the keep them for we cannot keep them for other.

26. MONDAY. [360-5.]

Clained up some peas 10 bus I think  
 Splitting wood & other chores  
 afternoon at Mr. Brown's he is getting better  
 Fine moon lit night and pleasant walking

27. TUESDAY. [361-4.]

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

Thrashing peas 4 floors took all day  
 but they thrashed well & I think there will be  
 a good few bushels.

28. WEDNESDAY. [362-3.]

INNOCENTS' DAY.

School meeting day I was there till one  
 o'clock great wrangling over \$25 given to M. H. Bains in Tustin  
 afternoon took Miss B. up to Marmion with wagon.  
 Ground soft & no snow. Strange weather.  
 Paid James Atchison 75¢ for help in haying  
 Paid taxes \$37.38

29. THURSDAY. [363-2.]

Went up to Uncle Haverson's on a visit  
 at their annual tea meeting at night had good time  
 Splendid music. Some speeches good cakes & tea  
 but no sleeping. They realized between \$60 & \$70

30. FRIDAY. [364-1.]

Came home forenoon ground white this morning  
 with a little frost in the ground  
 afternoon drew home 4 loads wood with sleigh.  
 Snowing to night  
 I hope we may have sleighing for New Years day

31. SATURDAY. [365.]

Hitched up to draw wood for Mr. Carrie but roads were  
 very rough took down load of our own until the roads get better.  
 We had quite a bit of snow this morning & has snowed more or less all day  
 Bob & Willie took in barrel potatoes & split lot of wood. I was thrashing  
 peas. afternoon. Made halter & hid cart into stall he was quiet. let him to  
 water at night. I guess he will miss his mother's milke to night

So we have reached the end of another year, & we feel that we have been  
 in the hands of Him who doeth all things well. we cannot, therefore, but  
 trust him for the untried future, for it is all in His hand.

During the past year all our work has gone smoothly we had no  
 trouble with bush fires which were very prevalent. the harvest very pleasant  
 and winter snow found us with a good stone root house. As to health I have not been  
 a day in bed what I remember. Truly goodness & mercy has followed us

MEMORANDA.

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