

AUGUST

MONDAY 8

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The plough has been running again today, in the field next to Mr. Brides. Helped about getting in our second load of clover seed from ~~the~~ West of the woods. Only had two loads. Our visiting friends left us today, after which I went out to the quarterly business meeting. It was the first pleasant meeting meeting without the Woodhouse brothers. The lack of their presence was not altogether a loss, for we missed also their wrangling and quarrelling, so we have peace in our borders at last.

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TUESDAY 9

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Lewis has been ploughing again today, in the field next to Mr. Brides. I have been cutting the new-grown field of oats with the binder and Joe has been plucking up most of the mice. Did not get quite done however. Hope now to finish all tomorrow.

Was told yesterday of a young woman that was once chosen to be my wife, not by myself however. Her name used to be Miss Elsie Jones. She left a husband and four or more children.