

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1870.

Charley has been working at the straw-stacks and Miller splitting wood. While I have been finishing up my harrow.

Have just finished up reading the writings of Prose, the Pentateuch. In reading it I have had constant recourse to Dr. Clarke's Commentaries. This last named work has been of great benefit. I am following his directions in going from the Pentateuch to the four Gospels. This, he says, is of all others the most profitable way of reading the Bible. Where the reading of Joshua is to be followed by the Acts.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1870.

The boys have been working at the wood today.

I went to Dave's this morning with the wagon after cloverseed, some barrels &c. Took my sister home also. Had dinner with George Hault.

I have for years had a desire which God alone can fulfill. He has tried my faith much in withholding from me this blessing. Just still, after all the language of my heart is, be close or be dead, I dare not trust myself to choose but I can trust. He is so wise to see, too good to be unkind. I cannot but believe His promises true.