

Did not work this forenoon on account of the wet weather. It was continued to be wet and lowering all day.

Our friends Mr Wallace and Mrs Ida Booth who came yesterday ~~the~~ have been with us so long & I have visited with them most of the time.

They went away this evening however, for ~~Garvis~~ Lovell, Maggie took them down to Garvis. The threshers came to night.

We have been threshing our wheat so far. John & James Kearney have been our threshers. Their machine went off well and did good work.

Had the following hands to help, viz., Adam Trothick, W. Pat's man, Theo. Jackson's man, Mr. Stanford & his two boys, Mr. Stalling's son Sam, and our two selves.

Our wheat turned out much better than I expected. Had 540 Bu of wheat from the machine, very good wheat.

Jim and I worked in the barn this forenoon, mostly at cleaning up a small load of wheat for a grist, and some of the load to sell.

Just as I was ready to start, Knott's packer came for some wheat for seed. I let him have a little over twenty five bushels.

Took my load to Mr. Seward's mill & sold it there for fifty six cents per bushel.

Owing to a sore eye which came mostly from the dust in threshing, I did not get out to church this morning as we wished.

The day was very full of blessing, however, and, to God my exceeding joy, my soul has not ceased to offer praise for His great goodness to me.

Went over to hear our young brother Leveson this evening.

I went up to Lynn Valley this afternoon mostly to take a small load of wheat. Could not sell it there however so I took it on to Simcoe and sold it for the same as received in Port Dover on Saturday last viz. fifty six cents.

Got caught in the rain on the way up but managed to get stubble.

Had the satisfaction of settling at least two small debts for day.

Went out to town this forenoon. Kife & I prepared a couple of bushels of onions & I took them out to sell. Which I succeeded in doing to Mr Thompson for 20¢ in Coal Oil.

Had the privilege of paying a couple more of my small but too numerous debts. Got a clear receipt from the Clerk for T. Kitchener who paid me Cash Spring. This I consider a great deliverance from my heavenly Father.

This was my first suit & I hope will be the last 20. 9.

Jim and I have  
been helping Mr.  
Carpenter thresh his  
oats and peas  
this afternoon, or,  
rather, to day.

We threshed five  
hundred of oats  
this afternoon  
and seventy eight  
bushells of peas  
this afternoon.

Promised George  
Byers four or five  
loads of straw  
from the old stack  
in the ten-acre field  
at one dollar per  
load. He takes it this  
fall and leaves  
the manure on  
the ground.

Am writing to Mr.  
Mackay for an agency  
to my place.

Went to work  
at my old job  
of with the team  
to day. Have  
been discing the  
field back of  
the barn to day.

John Belbee  
was here to day  
and got thirty  
five bushells of  
wheat. He agreed  
to pay for it by  
the first of April  
the same as I  
sold the fall of  
wheat for. If  
my uncle George  
Matthews does not  
pay for the sawing  
of that time we  
is to keep his  
pay from the  
proceeds of wheat.



I have continued to be very busy with the team as usual, getting the field back of the barn ready to sow. The field is so grassy in places that I will have to go over it twice with the disc and once with the harrow, and probably with the roller before sowing.

Learned to night the Mr. Clarke who married Mr David Jackson's widow some years ago died this morning.

Nearly finished discing the field back of the barn for the last time this forenoon.

Tracy got through with it and began harrowing this afternoon, while I went out to town.

While there I called on the minister and did an errand for Mrs Clarke.

Went over to the Calkers place this evening after the Maggie who has been helping them to day. Mr Clarke's daughter Mrs. Rippey came home with us to night.

My mother and I went over to Thomas Jacksons this morning, for the funeral of the late Mr Clarke. Our minister was there and conducted the service both in the house and at the church in Port Dover. The burial took place at the new cemetery above the village. There was quite a large congregation in the church.

David Norton was at Jacksons sick with a diarrhea.

I have been very busy again today, with the team trying to get the field back of the barn ready for drill. It has taken about all day to get it narrowed over for the last time. Think now that it will have to be rolled before drilling, to prevent putting in too deep.

Had James C. Holcomb to dinner with us today.

He was on his way to his home in Buffalo.

I have been very busy to day getting the field back of the barn rolled ready to sow with wheat to morrow. I fear however that I will be disappointed as the weather seems like rain.

Mr. Horton who came on Saturday last from Lincoln to Mrs. Clarke sick, is in a very critical state of health. The doctor thinks he will never get up from his bed again alive.

Went down this evening to see him

Have been work- at cutting corn most of the time to day.

This forenoon it was too wet to do anything most of the time.

Hear this afternoon that my old and highly respected friend Mr.

Mr. Horton of North Pelham had died at his sisters residence, Mrs. Clarkes, at eight a. m. to day.

Mr. Horton and Leavenworth came last night and were in time to see last of the dear wife that had died.

I have been away nearly all day, attending the pre-liminary funeral of our dear friend the late R. W. Horton. We met at his house, Mrs. Jackson's where our bro. died, at eleven o'clock A.M. After a short service by our minister, we conveyed the corpse to Jarvis, on the way to North Pelham where he lately resided. I felt it a privilege to act as one of the bearers, which I did. Mr Horton was in his sixty eighth year.

I have been working with the spring plow cultivating for me the field back of the barn where we want to sow wheat.

This is the third time that this field has been prepared for seed and were prevented from sowing by rain.

Hope to get it in this time however.

The weather is very warm as well as moist, so everything is growing nicely for the time of year.

Jim and I have been working with all our might today, trying to get the field back of the barn drilled in to sleep. He succeeded in getting all done out about an acre.

It did not come as well as I would like. The grassy nature of the soil being much against doing a good job. Do not suppose we will get any great crop on account of this grass.

Went out to church this morning as usual taking my wife and Jim with me. Did not enjoy the service as much as at other times. But feel that God has forgotten to be gracious to me.

Went over to the neighbouring church in the evening. There seems to be some indications of good being done by the young minister lately arrived. St. Charles is in news.



Finished drilling the field back of the barn this forenoon. Got it furrowed out and the ditches partly cleaned.

Jim helped me this forenoon but this afternoon we went to school again.

The weather has changed again today, to some summer heat it has become delightfully cool and pleasant.

We had a visit from our old friend & neighbor Peter Nyerse today.

Have been cleaning ditches in the field back of the barn most of the time today.

Had Mr. and Mrs. Pickersill of Hye come here to dinner, so had to spend two or three hours with them. They were on their way to Salkirk for a visit.

The way seems strewn with difficulties just now owing to the low price of wheat, scarcely know what to do.

Went up to  
Linn Co today  
taking Maggie  
with me.

Went to my  
uncle David's  
for dinner.

Took a couple  
of bushels of  
oatmeal with  
us but could  
not find sale  
for them in  
any of the  
groceries.

Got our bus-  
iness all done  
that we went  
for.

Weather still  
very warm &  
rather damp.

Swiford finished  
sowing wheat today.

Worked this fore-  
noon at cleaning  
up a load of wheat.

Took it to garnis  
this afternoon &  
sold at fifty  
eight cents. I  
found a new  
buyer there whose  
name was Smith.  
He is the miller.  
& rather like him.

Mr. L. B. Tolubbe  
was here today  
and I finally con-  
cluded to allow  
him seventy  
dollars for the  
Jackson well,  
on his note.

There was a  
heavy wind &  
rain & some last  
night.



Jim and I looked this morning at getting our second load of wheat ready for market. We got about done by school time.

Gold in Jarvis the same as yesterday.

I went out to Dove this evening to attend the Torrens Lodge. There was a matter of considerable importance discussed viz the prompt payment of dues. It was decided to suspend all delinquents more than one month in arrears.

As Mr. Clufford wanted to take a load of peas to Jarvis this forenoon I did not try to go myself with wheat. Have been most of the time cutting corn, which did not get done.

Went out to Port Dove this evening after my dear old friend L. G. Morgan whose periodical visits are much appreciated by all of us. The weather is becoming somewhat more reasonable than of late.

Owing to rain that has been falling this forenoon and part of the afternoon we did not get out to church as is our custom, to day.

Have had the company of my old schoolmate and friend Mr L. G. Morgan of the Port Dover "Maple Leaf" to day which is always interesting notwithstanding his despondency. There is not much lack of spiritual mindedness in my friend either.

Took my friend L. G. Morgan, home this morning.

The rain of yesterday has left the roads somewhat muddy.

Have been cutting corn the remainder of the day. Succeeded in getting all done by night.

The weather has become quite cold and almost wintry. Had our first snow and sleet storm to day. It did not last long however.

So far there has been no frost to speak of.

Got a load of wheat ready for Jarvis this forenoon, but had to put off taking until too morning as Mr Crawford was away with the wagon.

Have been busy at other work during the remaining part of the day.

We are leaving a return to pleasant weather much sooner than we expected. It is very fine just now.

I went down to Jarvis this forenoon with my third load of wheat. Found that the price had improved a couple of cents per bu. since I was down last.

Went this afternoon up to Sincere this afternoon to see after my sale notes, and to pay some other accounts &c.

Found that there were several who had not paid their notes; but, hope they will be all right.

Have been  
 busying myself  
 around home  
 to day. Worked  
 this forenoon  
 at the ovens,  
 getting another  
 batch of them  
 ready for the  
 market.

This afternoon  
 I have been  
 helping John  
 Crawford fix fence  
 on the south  
 end of the new  
 ground field.

Went over to  
 prayer-meeting  
 at the neighbor-  
 ing church.  
 We had a grand  
 time together.  
 But a small number  
 present.

Started off this  
 morning to see  
 Mr. S. P. Tolmachee  
 and Mr. Wm. Ham-  
 mond. These two  
 men having notice  
 that are still  
 unpaid. Did not  
 succeed in find-  
 ing them how-  
 ever.

Succeeded in  
 disposing of a  
 couple more  
 bushels of onions  
 besides doing  
 some other bus-  
 iness.

The weather  
 is very fine  
 just now, but  
 cool. The app-  
 roach of winter is  
 foreboded.

Have been working at the onions mostly this forenoon getting some more of them ready for the market.

Went out to house this afternoon taking my mother with me and what onions we could carry.

The general onion crop is so abundant this fall that the market is very low and hard to find good ones. Price per bu 50¢ & made at that.

Went out to church this morning taking Jim with me.

Had an excellent discourse from our own minister who officiated.

As my mother had been staying over night at Mrs. Sandy Lewis we took dinner there on the way home.

Went over to the neighbouring church this evening taking my wife with me.

I went up to Lincoln today, taking my wife with me. She concluded to stay with Florence and the caller is to take her up to Delhi tomorrow. She proposes staying away until Thursday next. Succeeded in getting a stage furnished with my settlements for day. Payment of notes is complete except about four still retained. Weather is still warm & so good.

Have been busy in day as usual at sundry jobs. Got started this afternoon at picking apples for the first.

Went out to house this evening to look after some small matters.

We seem likely to have cooler weather now from this on.

Had our first call from our new minister this evening.

Am still maintaining curiosity at see how or when I have a chance.



Jim and I cleaned up a load of wheat this forenoon or rather this morning, and this afternoon I took it down to Jarvis. Sold this load to Grey and Collins and received a cent more than for the former. They have just lately started buying.

The roads are very fine just now and there could not be a better time for drawing away grain. The only hindrance is the rather low price for which we have to sell.

I went down to Thomas Jacksons to help him thresh this morning. Stayed until about the middle of the afternoon when the machine broke down and we had to quit.

I went up to Simcoe this evening after my wife started here. There waiting to come home with me.

Have been rather unwell of late owing to symptoms of a bilious attack.

Noticed by the papers this evening that wheat is still rising slowly in price.



October

FRIDAY 11

1895

Having been unwell through last night from a sort of William's attack, so could not go down to Thomas Jackson's to help him finish threshing to day as I had intended. Sent Jim instead.

Have been picking apples part of the time to day.

The Vet. Surgeon Dr. Coleman of Jarvis came to dehorn & ring our Durham bull to day. He did a very good job for us for which I paid him a dollar.

October

SATURDAY 12

1895

Owing to rain that has been falling most of the time to day and last night our work to day has been mostly inside. Got started again this evening at picking apples however.

Received a lot of papers from Mr. Mackay with reference to our new bought ewe spring, and the agency that I have proposed to take for time storage. He thinks at selling nursery stock. Wanted to play as far as possible for my plum trees in this way.

Went out to church this morning as usual talking my wife and Bertie with me. Our song minutes was with us to day and we felt well repaid for going out through the mud.

We had our monthly fellowship meeting to day and quite a large number remained.

I went over to Mr Ebersole one evening. Always feel blessed in attending his services.

I have been picking apples this forenoon; but this afternoon I went up to Dixon to see about some notes that are still unpaid at the bank. It happens that there only three however, these notes aggregate over fifty dollars though.

The Lord has been very gracious to us this fall in delivering us in some measure from some troublesome debt. The low price of wheat seemed to be against us.

Owing to a shower of rain last night I have been digging potatoes this forenoon; but, this afternoon returned to picking apples again. And Maggie has been helping me. We feel highly favoured to have such an abundant crop of apples for this year. There are a great many even of our neighbours who have scarcely an apple.

Have been trying my best to get the apples gathered of late. Made some considerable headway to day though far from being done.

The weather has been rather disagreeable owing to high winds & an occasional shower of rain.

Have had unusual access to the Father of His Spirit of late. My petitions seem to go right into His presence. Glory be to His Name.

My wife and I have been working away at picking apples to day. Our job is drawing near to a close, and we are thankful.

The weather has been very cold and windy to day with an occasional shower of rain.

The tin can show took place to day, and I fancy their crowd would not be very large.

Am still enjoying much confidence in Ed the Colnights. He is my deliverer & guide.

I finished digging our crop of potatoes to day. Got through about the middle of the afternoon.

Have since been picking apples which is also nearly complete. Our apple crop for this year will amount to more than fifty bushels, and of very good quality.

Had a young Mr. Simpson here to day who is a traveling agent for Morris, Stone & Wellington of S. Ont. Hill Nurseries. He asked me to deliver for him next Spring in P. O. boxes.

Finished gathering our apple crop for the year to day; or rather this forenoon.

This afternoon Jim and I have been getting up a load of wood, our supply having run out.

Went out to Port Dover this evening Maggie and I, there being some little errands to look after.

The weather has been very cold and windy of late, almost incessantly.

Went out to meeting this morning as usual, taking my mother and wife with me. Felt greatly benefited by the service throughout.

The minister preached from the calamity that fell on Jericho from the enemy of our kindred.

Surely he will be ardent about his people for evermore.

Maggie & I went down to St. Peter's this evening to visit his wife who was in the hospital lately.



Got started at husking corn today for the first. I find that the crop turns out as well as expected.

The windy weather still continues, and is very disagreeable for husking corn especially.

Mr. Crawford's are digging potatoes; and they find them an excellent crop, both in quantity and quality.

Have continued to work away at my corn-husking as usual today.

We were favored with a visit from Mrs. Francis Marr & Mr. Marr today. Did not spend much time with them however.

The weather keeps cool and very windy throughout the day.

It has been good for me to wait upon my job today, the day has been exceedingly precious to my poor soul.

Maggie and I went down to Jarris this forenoon, to do a little huckling etc.

I have been huckling corn this afternoon again as usual.

I send in Jarris to day that the price of wheat had somewhat improved of late, it is now sixty six cents per bu.

The price of apples is also much better than I expected. Fifty cents per bu. is the common price.

Have been very busy to day at huckling corn as usual.

Succeeded in getting all done but three or four shucks.

Have had a very windy day, in fact it is this way every day of late.

Went over to the prayer meeting this evening as usual, and had a very good time with the brethren in prayer & supplication before God.



I finished my  
corn-busking  
to day in, called  
Miss Foreman.

This afternoon  
I went out to  
port down taking  
my mother with  
me.

Had the pleasure  
of paying an ac-  
count of John Mc,  
Bridges that had been  
standing for some  
time, also one of  
St. Augustine. The  
Cattle has given  
me some trouble  
especially East Wintu.

Mr Crawford was  
in this evening.  
He talks wildly  
about the Chulches.

Have been very  
busy to day  
at sundry jobs.

The principal  
one however was  
cutting wood in  
the woods this  
forenoon and get-  
ting it home for  
use. This after-  
noon. Jim and  
I succeeded in  
thus getting up  
three loads ready  
for use.

I went down  
to Hammond's this  
evening to see  
about getting some  
riggs but failed  
in our call.

Went on to Thomas  
gackens afterwards  
to take fence home.

Went out to morning service in Port Dover as usual. This morning taking Bertie and Jim with me.

Our minister rather exalted himself in discoursing on Job's great trials, & final triumph.

Our class after wards was also a time not to be forgotten owing to the presence of the divine and infinite.

Have been at home the rest of the day as usual.

Owing to heavy gales from the west and south-west it seemed best - not to go up to Simcoe as we intended to day. Have been exceedingly busy however at fixing the sheet - stone this forenoon and cutting away potatoes for winter this afternoon.

Our friends Miss C. and Mrs. Gilbert came to see us this evening. They have lately removed from Buffalo to Waterford.

Intended going to Lincoln for day; but, owing to a snow storm and heavy winds accompanying thought best to put off till another day.

Have been very busy at sundry jobs, such as putting potatoes in the cellar for winter and repairing the two gates fronting the wood-house.

Two friends James Holcomb and wife who came to visit us last night left us again this morning.

Went up to Lincoln for day, to look after some matters of business.

Took a couple of bushels of apples to Uncle Sam.

Paid the fall of insurance fees in British American for three years, also for one year in Norfolk mutual.

Ate dinner at my uncle's.

Called at Mr. Ross on the way home.

Made a purchase of a set of scales ~~on the way~~ for the kitchen in Lincoln at a bargain.

I took another load of wheat down to Jarvis this forenoon.

Sold for day for sixty eight and a half cents per bu. This is the most we have received at all for any portion of this year's crop.

Intended going to the port this afternoon but as rain has been falling most of the time I thought best to stay at home and work at sorting and putting away apples.

I went out to Port Dover this forenoon stopping out the way at Mrs. Blakies.

Called at J. E. Mott's grocery store in town and settled my yearly interest as usual. It seems as though the good Lord is gracious to me although so much money is required to pay interest.

Have been enjoying in a good degree the presence of His Good Spirit. This always brings peace to the soul.



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Went up to  
Simcoe this morn-  
ning, partly to  
take ball of eight  
bushels of apples  
to uncle Daniels  
and partly to go  
to the bank with  
reference to some  
delinquent sale  
notes. Found  
that only one  
remained.

Jim and I got  
in our load of  
conestoga this  
afternoon and  
then I went up  
to Newton to get  
the four sacks  
of salt that was  
ordered last  
winter.

Went up to  
the Woodhouse  
chapel to attend  
our second, year-  
ly meeting for  
the year. Took  
my mother and  
Bertha with me.

The lady our  
own minister  
is officiate, which  
we did with his  
usual acceptance.

Had dinner at  
James Berry's and  
attended evening  
service in Post  
Dove on the  
way home.

Our church was  
full.

This day has  
been a delight-  
ful one.

lost about  
through putting  
away apples for  
our winter use  
to day.

Started the plough  
in the front field  
by the church  
about the middle  
of the afternoon.  
The ground is  
both dry and  
hard, so fear  
I shall not  
make much head-  
way at getting it  
turned over.

The weather  
was because quite  
warm again  
with some op-  
pearance of rain  
soon.

Have been  
ploughing to day  
in the front field.  
Before in the  
North West corner.  
The weather is  
very warm, so  
that the plough-  
ing does not  
work off very  
fast.

Had a short  
visit from our  
old neighbor and  
friend Peter Ry-  
er. He strongly  
advocates the  
ride of the North  
corn. In his  
opinion it will  
out-yield the  
other varieties at  
least one third.



I have been  
ploughing in  
the front field  
again to day  
and it rather  
hard and dry  
to plough for  
this time of  
year, hope to  
get through with  
it in due time  
however, all  
being well.

Have continued  
to plough in the  
front field to day  
as usual.

Jim and I took  
off a load of  
corn stalks from  
the waggons this  
morning however.

The weather  
has become re-  
markably warm  
for this time  
of year. It  
seems as though  
our cold weath-  
er came in  
October instead.  
for we had pleas-  
ure of it then.

The Lord is my  
help and guide  
shall I not rejoice  
Praise the Lord.

Rain began falling last night about three o'clock and has been raining nearly the whole of the time since.

This is the first steady rain for a long time. Still hope now to see an improvement in the ploughing. It was rather dry and hard before.

Have been busy to day at secondary wet weather job. Cut some wood this forenoon.

The rain that began falling yesterday morning has continued until to night - the first two days rain of the season.

I have been very busy to day at wet weather job, of which there was more than enough to do.

Notice that the G. V. R. are thoroughly repairing the road from Garrison to Pt. Dore and laying with new rails.

Owing to the terrible state of the roads we did not get out to church today.

Intended going over to the neighboring church this evening; but, as Maggie was unwell I could not well leave her.

Have not been a stranger to the benefits of grace even today. For the Lord's Word has given many of them.

Glory to the God of all grace.

The ground has been very wet today so I did not try to start the plough.

Worked this forenoon at putting up a shelf in the pantry for the scales. This afternoon I went out to town to take some onions and other things.

Found the roads quite bad but got through with my load very well.

Went out to  
Port Dover again  
this morning,  
taking Maggie  
with me.

Had dinner at  
uncle George  
Matthew's and  
afterwards went  
to the cutting mill  
for some ma-  
terial for under-  
wear. Found  
just what we  
wanted, and  
at a reasonable  
rate.

Got home in  
time to start  
the plough again  
this afternoon.  
Found that the  
late rain has  
improved the plough-  
ing very much.

There was quite  
a heavy frost  
last night, so I  
did not get to  
ploughing until  
about ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> o'clock to day.  
Got along all  
after it had  
thawed open but  
even.

Went over to  
the prayer meeting  
at the church  
this evening and  
had a good time.  
Found my spiritual  
strength renewed  
by these means  
of ~~God's~~ grace.



The day has been exceedingly warm and fine me.

Have done my best to improve the chance thus afforded for ploughing, and am getting along very well. Think that the nine acre field is at least half done.

Noticed by the papers to night that affairs in Turkey are in a serious condition. It is said that anarchy and bloodshed prevails almost everywhere.

Have been very busy to day with the plough in the front field. Am thankful to have it already more than half ploughed. The weather continues very favourable for our fall work.



I went up to Simons this forenoon, but this afternoon have been ploughing again in the front field.

The weather continues very warm and pleasant, very favourable for ploughing and other fall work.

Learned while in Simons that my old friend Dr. W. Seaman was recovering from his late illness in a satisfactory manner.

On account of rain that began falling about our usual time for going to church we did not get out to day.

Maggie and I went over to the neighboring church this evening however.

Had a very interesting account of missions in the Barbados island from John Starkman a retired missionary.

This got me worked for a while which fact makes his experience all the more interesting.

Was able to plough this forenoon again.

This afternoon however, Jim and I were compelled to get up wood, the supply being about gone.

The weather is very fine for this time of year, and seems to more than make up for the cold weather of last month.

Have continued to have the divine illumination of the soul in a good measure.

I did not plough this forenoon but went out to Port Louis instead. Wanted to see my friend Jonathan Ellis, who promised some time ago to come out with me. He did not come to day, however.

Got to my old work, ploughing again this afternoon.

The days have got to be very short however & we don't seem to have much time for work.

I have been able to keep the plough running in the front field to day as usual. Have nearly got through with this field for this time.

The weather is growing colder & we seem likely to have a freeze up now.

Maggie and I went down to Jarvis to night to meet her sister Sarah at the station. We fortunately found her there and brought her home with us.

Had my uncle Daniel & his wife, my aunt Nellie to take Thanksgiving dinner with us to day; also, Mr. Sarah Crysler, my wife's sister.

The weather was been very cold for this season of the year, very much like winter.

Maggie and Mrs. Crysler left for Kyeconubi this afternoon at about four o'clock. Little Dottie went with them. It seems everyone without Miss

Our first snow storm of the season came last night and so day.

Have of necessity worked inside, Helen and I have been cleaning out the drive barn & packing implements away for the winter. The snow has not amounted so much after all, for not more than two inches has fallen.

The weather is moderating some since yesterday.

Weather continues to be stormy and disagreeable. Went out to town this afternoon however, and while there called on Bro Jonathan Ellis about matters of business. He promised to help me through my present difficulties and to give me a chance to redeem my place &c. His is gone the Lord and so His shall be all the praise. Bro Ellis says that in about two years he has made over forty thousand dollars.



Went out to  
our usual church  
service this ~~late~~  
morning taking  
my mother with  
me.

Had a most  
excellent sermon  
from our min-  
ister Bro. Bennett

His subject was  
the new riches.

Our class-meeting  
afterwards was  
also a season of  
power from  
our Div. pres-  
ence.

Went over to  
the neighboring  
church this eve-  
ning. The good  
too there was also  
also greatly blessed.

Went up to  
Lincoln for day,  
mostly to go to  
the bank. Found  
that everything  
was favourable  
to my purpose.

Saw Olive Persu-  
son and learned  
from her that  
my wife and the  
Sister Sarah were  
at Delhi this  
morning, or since  
Saturday last.

Rain has been  
falling about  
all day so I  
had a wet journey  
there & back. Look  
dinner with Mrs  
Lover, where Olive  
is boarding.



A. Terrible  
wind from the  
South West has  
been blowing  
to day.

I went down  
to the saw-  
mill this fore-  
noon after a  
load of bass-  
wood lumber.  
While there I  
piled up a lot  
of lumber that  
had been sawed  
since I had been  
down last.

Went out to  
the Port above this  
afternoon, with  
the lumber, &  
left it at my  
uncle's shop.

I went down  
to the saw-mill  
this forenoon and  
got another load  
of bass-wood lum-  
ber. Took it out  
to Dover this af-  
ternoon and  
left it at my  
uncle George  
Matthew's shop.

Took a con-  
siderable portion  
of this load  
for Mr. H. Fairchild  
mostly rich stuff.

The very high  
wind of yesterday  
has scarcely  
subsided to day.

Much damage  
seems to have  
been done yester-  
day.

I went down to Thomas Jackson's this morning to see about getting a truck sheep. Failed to get one law-  
ever. Called at Mr. C. W. Smith's on the way.

Started the plough again this afternoon in the front field. Did not find the ground as very good shape owing to the frost still in the ground.

Maggie and her niece, Hill's daughter went out to house this afternoon.

We killed our only hog this forenoon. Had Addam L. to help us; also Mr. Crawford. It took us the forenoon. Expected to have about ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> hundred pounds of pork from the one hog.

Helped Mr. Crawford get up the morning work this afternoon from John Harris' deep ground.

Heard to night that Mr. Silverman had died to day from an accident.

The weather has been very stormy to day, so much so that we have not been able to work out of doors very much.

I went out to Port Haven this evening to see Bro. ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~Mc~~ <sup>Mc</sup> ~~Arthur~~ <sup>Arthur</sup> ~~Callis~~ <sup>Callis</sup>. But as we had gone to Hamilton he had to come home without seeing him after all.

Went out to the Port this morning taking Maggie with me. The Landedock minister Rev. Mr. Row preached to us both morning and evening very acceptably.

Contrary to our usual custom we went up to our friends W. A. Carpentier and wife dinner staying with them until the evening service. Had to come home in the rain however.

Stormy weather continues to be the order of the day, so much so that I have been unable to do any outside work through the day.

Snow has begun to come in good earnest.

Have been doing chores and little repairing all the time today.

Went out in P.M. down this evening to see Bro Ellis and found him at home this time.

I went up to Lincoln & his foreman, mostly to settle up the old debt to Sney and Allen of Jarvis. Succeeded in getting it entirely settled. Bro also through Bro Ellis's assistance. Paid a note to H. D. Orr also, that was been of long standing, though not a very large one.

Had a rather serious time getting settled up at the bank. It took all the afternoon.

December

WEDNESDAY 4

1895

Went out  
to Port Dover  
this morning  
to settle up  
with several  
parties there,  
a most desir-  
able privilege.

Paid Mr. P. Law-  
son a small  
debt and two  
or three other  
ones, in part.

Left a note  
of Wilson & Co  
to Mr. C. W. Smith  
on the way home.

The threshing  
hasn't been here  
to day and I  
have been help-  
ing them  
this afternoon.

December

THURSDAY 5

1895

We finished up  
our threshing  
this forenoon.  
Mr. Swfords sick-  
ness turned out  
very severe was  
not from machine.

Have been get-  
ting cleaned up  
at the end of  
Perdore.

Mr. Fairies ma-  
chine left us  
this afternoon.

The weather  
still keeps cold  
and windy.

Have been greatly  
blessed of late  
with the presence  
of the Holy Spirit  
through His  
Spirit. Praise  
God!



Owing to the continued winter weather I found it necessary to finally put the things altogether in readiness therefor.

Succeeded in getting an Oxford down range of George Ryene to put with six flock of five or six ewes, this morning.

Got a load of saw-dust, and banked up the cellar with it, this afternoon, also a load of wood from the woods.

My wife went up to Lincoln this afternoon.

Just as I worked in the woods this forenoon at cutting wood. This afternoon however James McCoubert was here with his wife, so we did not get to the woods as we intended.

There has been some indications of a change in the weather today, a light snow accompanied by rain having taken place.

Went out to church as usual. This morning taking my wife and Bertha with me. Our own minister officiated in his usual interesting way. Had a very good time in the class-meeting also.

Went over this evening to hear Bro Ekerson. Always feel benefited in attending the ministrations of this good Brother. Believe him to be an excellent speaker.

I started off for the woods today again got two loads of drawn besides getting a lot of cut. Mr. Crawford's team have been helping part of the time.

Went over to Mr. Crawford's this evening to settle up with them. But spent the evening in visiting with them instead. We intend laying it over to tomorrow evening if nothing happens.

Maggie and I went out to town this morning, on some special business.

I went mostly to settle up with Mr. Edmoudeon which was accomplished in due course, without any trouble. Being that I owed him some fifty dollars yet.

Had a visit from John and his father this evening, mostly to settle up the Summers business.

Owing to stormy weather this forenoon we did not do anything besides chores.

This afternoon however, the storm has abated somewhat and we have got to work in the woods at cutting wood to burn.

Mr. Swford and John have proposed to help me build a basement under our driving barn next summer for roots and for feeding cattle through the winter.

Have spent most of the time today visiting with the relatives Wood and A. F. Rose at their new residence in Lynn Valley. They have only lately begun to occupy this new home.

The weather has been very cold and windy, so that our ride to Lynn Valley & back was very tiring. The roads also were quite rough.

Found our friend very comfortable in the new home.

I worked this forenoon at sundry jobs. The weather was very cold.

This afternoon Mr. Crawford and John have been helping get some straw drawn from the stack to the drive-bar for feeding to the horses.

The weather has been moderating this afternoon, somewhat.

Close winter weather has been the order of the day ever since it began.

I went up to  
Lincoln this fore-  
noon taking Dottie  
with me as far  
as A. G. Rose's.

Bought a nice  
quarter of beef  
at four  $\frac{1}{2}$  per  
pound, kind quar-  
ter.

Took dinner with  
my old friend G.  
H. Seaman, who  
I am glad to  
know is quite  
well. He is  
working away  
as hard as ever  
at canvassing,  
and has deliv-  
ered me from  
the necessity  
of undertaking  
the same.

Took my mother  
with me to church  
today. Our own  
minister officiated  
as usual.

We are leaving  
a spell of warm  
weather is now  
in progress, &  
seems likely to  
be of some du-  
ration.

Went over to  
Mr. Eberharts  
meeting this eve-  
ning, and had  
a very good  
time. The word  
being with us.

Left my wife  
and Bertha  
out to church  
in P. M. & down  
this evening.



Mr Crawford  
and his two  
boys have been  
killing a beef  
to day, also a  
couple of pigs.  
I have been  
engaged at sundry  
dry jobs, there  
being several  
such waiting  
this some time.  
For a chance  
to get done.

The warm  
spell that be-  
gan on Satur-  
day last still  
continues; but,  
it does not  
seem to draw  
so very much  
after all.

Have been get-  
ting straw from  
the stack in the  
barn - and to  
the driving barn  
loft. Mr. Crawford  
have been helping.

Find that our  
stack is saving  
very well and will  
likely have an  
abundance of  
fodder.

We are still  
having a head  
with some per-  
fect of the con-  
tinuation.

The Good Lord  
continues to give  
peace and the  
joy of Salvation.  
What more ~~can~~ we  
desire if.

Have been very busy to day as usual at sundry jobs.

The weather was continued to be quite warm and the snow is fast leaving us.

Went down to Jarvis this evening to take the last batch of our onion crop to market. My wife went with me. Have marketed something like thirty six bushels of onions this season, from a small patch of ground.

Roads getting very bad.

Took my wife and mother out to my friend Mr. J. Carpenters to dinner to day. Had a tedious drive over the bad roads, but enjoyed my visit very much, and so did all the others present, apparently.

Had an interesting conversation with Mr. Symington on matters relating to fruit-growing.

He decided to try and organise a local fruit growers association for our own locality.

Have been at home to day and the weather has continued very warm, so I have improved the chance to make some repairs on the shed and drive-barn roofs. This has kept me busy all day and did not get quite done either.

Our late winter weather has entirely departed the frost has even left the ground and, of course, the snow is nowhere to be seen.

We have had a very rainy day since about 12 o'clock this morning.

Prepared some spare turkeys for market this morning and afterwards went out to Port Dover with them, so we had the benefit of a rainy drive.

Went in to William Hallies to get out of the rain and fortunately got her dinner, although it did not stop raining in the mean-time. Our trip was fairly a successful one.

The roads being very bad from yesterdays rain we did not go out to church today as usual. The most of the family went over to hear Mr Eber-sole both morning and evening however.

Always feel benefited by hearing this others preach. His congregation are not large enough however to afford him much encouragement.

Trust however that God Almighty will bless his labours among us abundantly.

Owing to an almost incessant rain to day we could not work out of doors much so have been working inside & reading also.

Have just finished reading Father Chinagrays fiftieth years in the Church of Rome.

Thought a very voluminous book requiring much time to read. Feel well repaid for the time spent, though it has taken my spare moments for six months or more.

Rain has come again to day so that inside work has been largely followed by all of us.

Noticed in the paper of today that a cold wave was approaching us.

Have been digging some ditches the frost having entirely gone.

This evening we have as usual been playing off Santa Claus for the children. Of course this reminds me of the time when I was young.

To day being Christmas, we have of course been enjoying a holiday.

Having had an invitation to spend Christmas at uncle John's we all went up there and had a very pleasant family gathering.

The weather has continued to be very warm and rainy, and the roads very bad.

So the Christmas time has again come and gone as always before.



We have had an exceedingly heavy and continual snow fall since last evening until this. I have been busy inside at sundry jobs such as mending harness &c. The weather has turned somewhat colder this evening and the rain has turned into snow.

Have continued to feel strengthened by believing in the promises of my God. Feel the necessity of living close to Jesus the Lord and Bishop of my soul.

We have had a fine day. For day after the rain and we have been trying to improve it as best we could.

Mr Crawford and us have been cutting wood in the woods.

We have had some of our neighbors in for supper with us this evening - Mr. Starling and Crawford.

Have been in the enjoyment of great peace and of much assurance to-day. Indeed, what can there be more precious than this?

We have continued to cut wood to day with the Crawford's assistance.

The weather is very fine and warm but full of mud.

Went out to home this evening, with a horse and buggy. Had a rather disagreeable time owing to the bad roads.

Called to see Bro. Ellis in behalf of Bro. Crawford. The latter being in need of some assistance.

Paid my Tomatoes dues also.

Went over to see Bro. Ebersole to day. The roads being so very nearly impassible as to keep us from going out to our own church.

Went down to Mrs. Clarke this afternoon taking my wife with me on foot. Mrs. C. has been very poorly for a long time with a bad sore on her head. There are serious indications of its being a cancerous humor.

Found her in a somewhat worse condition than when we last saw her.

We seem like  
 to finish up  
 the old year  
 with abundance  
 of rain. Have  
 been cutting wood  
 in the woods near  
 Oxford and so  
 although a part  
 of the time it  
 has been raining  
 or snowing.

Notice by late  
 papers that a ter-  
 rible state of things  
 still prevails in  
 Armenia. Thou-  
 sands of the poor  
 helpless Armenians  
 are being slaughtered  
 by the unspeak-  
 able Turk. There  
 seems to be no help  
 for them.

The rain has  
 ceased after all  
 and the wind  
 took its place  
 last night from  
 the West & North West.  
 To day there has  
 been very heavy  
 cold winds all  
 day.

I have spent  
 most of the time  
 in the woods  
 myself to day  
 cutting wood &c.

God has been  
 helping as usual.  
 The year has  
 gone but it has  
 brought us many  
 blessings.

"Praise God from whom  
 all blessings flow."  
 Praise Him all creatures  
 here below &c.