

**Courtland Olds' (1844-1896)**  
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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1867**

Spent the forenoon in cutting wood in the wood shed at which Snively helped me. He did a few chores around in the afternoon. I started for Bowlby en route for the Tea Meeting at the Methodist Church in Simcoe. Broke down on the road to Dover and did not get there until late. Put my horse in the stable and went up with Mr Bowlbys folks. Met with Richardson and Well Carpenter besides several others of my old acquaintances. Got back to Dover about 12.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1867**

Stayed all night last night at Mr. B's and before I could go home had to get this old buggy mended which I did by eleven o'clock. Started for home as soon as possible got there about twelve. Found everything all right side up with {cow?}. Snively cut wood all day in the bush while I spent the afternoon in husking corn. Attended prayermeeting in the old schoolhouse to night and had a very profitable time of it.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1867**

Ma and myself started for Dover this morning early. I went to mill with a grist of wheat and buckwheat. Ma and I took our dinners with Mary Jane and in the afternoon I went out in search of a young lady to go with me skating. Was lucky enough to find one at the first place at which I stopped. Had the honor of waiting on Miss Bowlby the afternoon and was of course delighted with my afternoon's skate on "silver lake." It was a beautiful afternoon. Got home about nine.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1867**

I spent the forenoon in working at Snively's shanty, which, after a long time I have finished. In the afternoon I hund {hung} a door in the corner of the east shed on roolers. Finished it in a good season and did some patching or fixing in the cow stables. Snively cut up wood in the

forenoon and in the afternoon drive it up to the house. Mother and I went to spend the evening at George Matthews, had a pleasant time.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1867

Snively and myself spent the forenoon in cutting wood at the woodhouse, while in the afternoon he cut wood again in the woods. I spent the afternoon in filing my wood saw and also the cross-cut saw etc. Had my bath as usual.

To Make Radway's Ready Relief

Put 3/4 oz. ciana. pepper; 3/4 oz. camphor {grease?}; 3/4 {tspn?} Ammonia or {Haidshorne?} into a quart of Whiskey. Allow it time to dissolve and settle before bottling. From Maj. M. Hoyt Brantford.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1867

Ma and I went out to church this morning to Dover. Heard the Rev. Mr. Messmore preach an old fashioned sermon this morning. After church we went home again and had our dinner. I then went to meeting at the schoolhouse. The preacher did not come; but we had a very excellent class meeting. Captain McFell led the class for the first time and the manner in which he did it, augurs well of his future usefulness.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1867

Started for Dover this morning as early as possible. Gave in my note and then went after Miss {Higmans?} and my Boss. They came home with me and we had a very pleasant little ride with the two old-maids. They came to spend a few dys with us. I husked corn most of the afternoon but towards night I went to work and built a shelter for my old ewes back of the barn. Snively put up wood most of the dy. for himself.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1867

Snively and I cut up a big pile of wood at the house this forenoon. And in the afternoon Snively cut wood in the chopping. About eleven o'clock J. B. Carpenter's Brother came here to see a cow which I had offered to Mr. Carpenter for one of his thoroughbred Durham Bulls. He concluded that he would take up my offer. I husked corn most of the afternoon and did some other little chores about the barn. Mr. & Mrs. {Wall?} came and stayed until eleven. Had a great old fashioned visit with them.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1867

I set Snively at husking corn this this morning. & in the afternoon he cut wood in the bush. I husked corn until School meeting time. When I went down to the school meeting and was unhappily appointed Trustee & Secy. for the remaining term {illegible}. After dinner I took Mrs. and Miss Higmans home. Had a pleasant little visit at the Higmans. Went to the store for a few articles and from there to Mr. G. Bowlbys {illegible} I was persuaded to spend the evening and spent it very pleasantly with a lot of Bowlbys.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1867

After doing my chores, Ma and I started for Simcoe. Got there about noon. Saw an old friend at Mr. Willoughbys (Mattie Burke). Went to Mr. Wells to get our teeth mended and I had two front teeth filled with gold. Stopped Walter Ods. on the way home and took him with them. Started home about eight and on the way stopped at Ed {Kniffins?} to leave the tax money. Got home about ten and found everything all right side up with {cow?} etc.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1867

As soon as we got our chores done, Snively and I went out to the woods & cut six sawlogs before noon, in the afternoon Snively cut wood in the bush & I husked corn most of the time. Young Robt. Riddell was here just before night. About six o'clock Asford Bowlby with his two sisters Hellen & Louisa & Miss Anna Douglas came to spend the evening with us. I had a pleasant chat with them. They went home about eleven or thereabouts. When I went into dreamland as usual.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1867

Got up in good season this morning and after doing my chores Snively and I went to work at cutting sawlogs to take to mill. Got about a {dozen?} rady for drawing too day. George {Buck?} was at the house when I came from work. We had a good little chat on various matters and things. Cut my Sunday wood in the dark too night and felt very tired when I got through with it. Carried water from the cistern and had a good bath.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1867

After doing up my chores I cleaned up and put on my Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and afterwards spent the forenoon in reading the Pilgrims Progress. The Rev. Mr. Laird was here

to dinner and he and I had a good old chat together about church matters, etc. Went to church or to meeting in the Schoolhouse. Mr. Laird gave us a proffitable discourse. Stayed to Classmeeting. Mr. {Stringer?} lead the class for the first time. Spent the evening in reading etc.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1867

After doing my chores and giving Snively orders and after getting ready Ma & I started for Brantford with the cutter. We stopped at Mr. Howard and took dinner. Got to Brantford about three o'clock. found the folks all well and in comfortable circumstances. Spent a very pleasant evening with Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt. Went out with Mr. Hoyt in the course of the evening to the soldiers hospital which Mr. Hoyt had been repairing after a fire.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1867

Took breakfast this morning about nine. Spent the forenoon in walking around the town and in getting a negative taken at Parks Gallery. Had a nice little talk with Miss Lewis. In the afternoon I walked around town, visited with Mrs. Smith & Mr. Hoyt and about five, went around to Mrs Elliots. Miss Elliot was not at home so I concluded to go back again after a little while as they said that she would be in soon. Called on Miss Louise Elliot again about seven o'clock etc

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1867

Found Miss {inserted: Louise Darling} Elliot to be rather a pleasant girl. We had a very jovial old fashioned talk with her about our adventures during old college days our fictitious correspondents etc. She gave me an invitation to her the following evening but alas!! I could not go. Ma and I started for home again about nine. Stopped at Mr. Howe's to {warm?} & got home again about two o'clock. Found everything all right. Snively had been cutting & getting up wood doing chores &c. since I went away from home.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1867

I went out to Dover last night and attended the Presbyterian Tea-meeting. They had a very good tea and afterwards a good variety of speakers Such as the Rev's. Messrs. Swain, Craigie, Burns, {Gunner?}, & Laird. Got home & to bed about nine. Snively & I cut wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon we husked corn. I spent the afternoon in visiting with Mr.

Howell and had a very pleasant time talking with the old gentleman. He said that he would let me have money to pay Grandfather Olds. Good.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1867

As soon as I had finished my chores this morning I went to see if I could not get John Matthews to come down and help me kill the beef; but he could not come. Leonora played a few lines on her new organ which is a very fine one indeed. Snively & I got ready for killing the beef before noon. I killed it after. We got along very well considering our little experience. Finished up our job about six by which time I was pretty well chilled through.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1867

Snively and I cut up the beef this morning. Got started for Simcoe about eleven. Took a quarter of beef to Mr. Willoughby. Took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Willoughby, after which we went to Donelys & paid him for my books. Went to Colonel Wilsons office to see about getting a probate for Pa's will. Stopped at Mrs. George Matthews for H. {Misener?}. Got home about dark. Wrote a letter to Springer and had a good bath.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1867

Got ready and started for church this morning with Ma; and Mrs. Howell who has been staying with us for the last few days. Heard the Rev. Mr. Laird preach. After church we went to Mr. Bowlbys for dinner. Stayed there until church time to night. I spent the afternoon very pleasantly talking and reading, with the girls. It stormed so furiously when we got ready for church that we concluded that we had better go home and, we acted accordingly.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1867

Did not get up this morning until nearly eight o'clock, as I did not feel real well on account of having a bad cold. Went to George Matthews to sharpen a Buck Saw and Hand Saw. George rather surprised me by saying that I owed him fifty five dollars for threshing; "whew"!! Snively husked corn before noon and he and I cut up some wood in the afternoon. Spent the evening in writing a letter to W. H. {Rawnd?}

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1867

Finished up my chores about nine, after which I took the hide off from a dead sheep and dressed it and cut it up. In the afternoon I cut up two quarters of the beef and put it away. Cut wood towards night at which Snively helped me. He {Broke?} roads and drew up a couple of loads of wood. Spent the evening in writing a letter to my friend John Saunders And in talking to Walter Olds who is stopping with us right at present.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1867

Carried up the sheep sack this morning and got ready to go to Dover. Started about eleven. I took some hides to Lawson's tannery and went from there to Francis Wares. Had a good visit with him. Leonora went out with us. In the afternoon I went over to town on a little business with Riddles and Mr. Lawsons. Took tea at Mr. {Marrs?} and started home afterwards ~~started~~ Stopped until the mail came in. Got home about eight and found everything all right.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1867

I felt very unwell this morning from having a bad cold. Made up my mind this morning to starve my cold but I had to have the haystack drawn in for the stock. Had to take dinner in consequence. Snively helped me to draw in hay--got in four loads before night. I payed off Jane Lewis to-day and expect to be obliged to do all the churning and milking after this. Had to put off both too night. Leonora and Walter are still with us.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1867

Walter built fires for me this morning & when I got out of bed I found myself pretty sick. Ma was complaining too we both kept getting worse and about three we sent Snively after the Doctor. He soon came and said that he was afraid that my fever would hang on me for some time. But he did not think that Ma's was quite so bad. Stuart gave me an emetic which I took and it made me as sick as a dog. Went to bed about one. Fortunately Walter & Leonora still are here.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1867

Remained in bed the whole of this forenoon as I did not feel able to get up. Walter milked my cows for me & Leonora got breakfast for him and waited on Ma and I very nicely indeed. Got up at twelve and after dressing and cleaning up etc. I read some. Took dinner about four when Walter came back to cut Sunday wood for me. Mr. & Mrs. Wilsons came out towards

night & helped me to do up my chores etc. Later Dr. came and to night he said Ma was doing well.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1867

I felt pretty sick this morning but had to milk and do some other little chores notwithstanding. Mr. Wilson helped me some and Mrs. Wilson made up the beds, got breakfast etc. Ma still improves & I think we will both soon be well. I laid around the forenoon and Lydia Matthews came down in the afternoon and got up a very excellent dinner for us of beef soup etc. Felt much better after eating of it. Unckle McFell was up to see us this morning; we had a good talk.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1867

I started out this morning to work notwithstanding my ill health. Snively and I shovelled roads and cut up a load of wood by dinner time. In the afternoon we cut up wood in the woodhouse etc. About dark Frank Springer turned up. Personally, I enjoyed the evening talking with him very much; although I had to churn and work butter and sundry other little jobs. Got to bed about twelve.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1867

Did not get up until daylight this morning. Got breakfast and fixed up things about the house. Springer helped me milk after which we started off for a girl for Ma. Hellen Mcfell promised to help us a while, or until Ma got better. We got to Dover all right & took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Laird. In the afternoon we called on Mr. Hane's folks; on Mary Jane & on Mr. Bowlby's. At the last place we had a very pleasant time. Got home about sundown.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1867

Walter Olds built fires for us this morning. I spent most of the forenoon in cutting down and cutting up an oak tree with my man. In the afternoon Frank Springer helped me to saw up a tree with a cross cut saw while Snively got up a load of {wor?} or so. Felt very uncomfortable today from my cold which gave me a bad headache. At night my friend & I had a real pleasant time talking about old college days, smoking etc. This has been a very beautiful day although it was a very cold one.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1867

Franklin and myself started for Simcoe as soon as I could get my chores done and get ready. Got in Simcoe about noon and after doing some shopping started for J. B. Carpenters. Found them all well and spent the afternoon talking and reading the news. Went with Ed and Min to Mr. Duncan McCall's party. Found Mr. Bowlby's folks there from Dover. Louise among the rest. Had an exceedingly good time during the evening. Did not go home until after midnight had long past.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1867

It took Frank & I from midnight until daylight to finish chatting with the young ladies and to get home. Felt rather blue all day to day but knocked around at work mostly all day. Mr. & Mrs. Sweetlove came about noon and made us a nice little visit. They went away about four. Franklin Springer and myself went down to the Port too night to spend the evening at Mr. Bowlby's. Had a very pleasant time if I did feel sleepy. Got home by eleven o'clock.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1867

Felt some better this morning than I did last night as well as Frank. Ground up my hay-knife and when I had finished Mr. Allen Culber & family came together with Uncle Homes & wife. It rained real hard nearly all day and froze nearly as fast as it came. Had a pleasant visit with our folks who went away about five or thereabouts. Snively sawed wood most of the day. Had a good bath tonight as usual.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1867

Was a little lazy this morning in my feelings so that we did not get out to church. I[t] stormed very bad. However, Frank & I spent the forenoon in reading some of our old letters at which we enjoyed ourselves well. We started out for Dover towards night and went to Mr. Herrells. Frank and I {joc?} to {Lea?} with them. Went to church and heard the Rev. Mr. Ware preach a very good discourse. Got home again about eleven. Found things all right.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1867

Walter got up first and built fires this morning. I helped Snively to cut up the old "oak tree in the lane." In the afternoon I cut up wood in the woodhouse and churned for Ma at which Frank helped me. We started for the port about five and went to Mr. Wares to spend the evening. I had a good time talking with Mattie Burk & Miss Howell. Saw them home of



course. Sparked ~~the~~ Miss Ella Jones & Frank {here?} until two or so. Cut out some of the poor boys.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1867

George Buck came over this morning. I started for Unckle P. Wykoffs as soon as we could get rady. Got there all right about noon. Took dinner with them & went over to see Miss Bell McCall afterwards, but unfortunately the dear lass was away from home. We went home about five and concluded that I would take a good nights sleep. Snively cut up some wood and drew up a load of s--.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1867

At about nine we started off for another visit. Ma went along with us this time and we went up to Allen {Eaubvers?} for our visit; found the folks at home. Spent the day very pleasantly. Frank put in a good time singing etc. with Miss Culver to the edification of the rest of us. Started on our way home about six stopped at the Missionary meeting in Dover. Before which Frank & I had a good smoke together. Got home & to bed about twelve.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1867

My old friend started for home this morning about nine. I felt a little bad to see him go, for we have enjoyed our visit together so well. I went to work at drawing in the remainder of the hay-stack. Snively helped me at it. Got in four good loads by night--which took it all in. Felt a little lonesome too night but Walter came in and took tea which cheered me up some. Felt pretty tired after pitching hay all day.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1867

As soon as Snively and I had finished our chores we started with the big white-faced cow for Carpenters Mead farm. Had a rough journey going out as our cow got away from us and we had a hard time catching her. Saw an awful run-away on the gravel just above Beaupres. Started for home with my thoroughbred Durham bull about one. Fell in with my sister's cow on the way and drove her home too. Got home about four all right only I felt very tired and sore.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1867

Snively and I spent a good part of the forenoon in cording wood in the woodhouse. We husked corn the remainder of the day. Have about one day's work yet. After doing my chores I had to churn for Ma and do sundry other little jobs. Had my Saturday evening bath as usual. Sorted over a lot of apples etc. This has been a very stormy blustery day. The snow & wind come from the southwest.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1867

This was a very windy cold dreary morning so much so that Mother and I made up our minds not to go to the quarterly meeting which was at Woodhouse today. Stayed at home all day and occupied my time in reading etc. Had a very proffitable and happy day religiously. I have endeavored to consecrate myself ^ wholly unto the Lord and He has blessed me with an outpouring of his spirit. Truly it is good to wait upon the Lord and to walk in his paths. My sincere prayer is that I may never depart from there.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1867

It was pretty cold this morning but the wind blew strong from the South. After doing our chores Snively and I cut wood until noon after which we I put up a door on the west shed for the sheep to go through. Husked corn the remainder of the afternoon at which my man helped me. Caleb Matthews was down {here?} too night. I spent the evening reading, cleaning up my face etc. The weather is becoming a good bit stormy.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1867

The weather begins to moderate. The South wind blows up warm too-day. The forenoon Snively drew up some wood and I helped him to draw up a load of rails and boards. He husked corn in the afternoon and I made a shelter or pen for the chicks under the west shed. I settled up with Snively this evening, we came out all fare and square. Had to churn afterwards. Walter stopped with us again too night. This has not been an extra day religion {cut off}

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1867

Did my chores this morning first thing after breakfast. After which I made a feed box for the cattle. I went up to John Matthews for dinner as this was his birthday. Went up to Georges in the afternoon to sharpen my saw. Bob {Lorrie?} was there and gave me my hay knife. I had a

{spear?} talk with George about his account of threshing against us. Came to the conclusion that I had better pay him. Ma and I got home all right and found things serene.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1867

Got my stock fed in good time and Ma and I started for Dover about ten. I took a grist to mill. The creek was very high down by Smiths on account of the great rain and thaw yesterday. The sleighing was very poor in places. After doing our little chores we went to Mary Janes and took dinner. In the afternoon I called on Mr. Howell to see about some money and had good success. Had my horse shod and we started for home about four. Found all right.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1867

After doing my chores I went out to show Snively where to cut some wood for himself and helped him some. Afterwards I went to work at a sheep rack. Helped Snively to load some of his wood after dinner and then went to work again at my sheep rack. At about five I started for Bucks, got there in good time. Had a good talk with them on matters and things. Got home about nine. This has been a windy cloudy day.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1867

Walter sharpened my saw this morning before he went away. I went to work at the sheep rack after doing my chores. Got it almost done by noon. In the afternoon I went to look after my boom across the creek under the bridge by Browns. It had broken loose and gone away. {Louise?} Ryerse was over this afternoon. I helped Snively to thresh peas most of the afternoon. Threshed two florins with the horses. It rained this morning. Very windy since.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1867

I went over to the Millright church this morning for a change. Heard their crack preacher, the Rev. Mr. Sumner preach. I was perfectly disgusted with the sermon and made up my mind that it would be some time before I would go there again. Heard Father Messmore in the afternoon after which I stopped to class. Had a pretty good time. Father Messmore stopped all night with us. Had a pleasant talk with him.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1867

Father Messmore went away home this morning. Snively and myself worked at cutting wood in the corner of the field by Browns. I went to the port towards night with the horse and sulkey. Took Turner some flour and did a little shopping and came home again. After I had got home I had to churn and do my chores. Got through about ten. This has been a very beautiful day just like Spring. I still feel the Lord precious to me.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1867

We have had a cold North East wind too day all day. This forenoon my man and I shoveled snow in the lane, so that in the afternoon we managed to draw up some wood. I cut wood in the afternoon while Snively drove the team. I had to become churning maid again too night not unconsciously either. I would not like to be the hired girl. If such was the case missus and I'd fall out.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1867

Did not make a move this morning as soon as I would like. "Early to bed & early to rise" is my motto, if I do find it hard to put it in practise at all times. Snively and I cut some wood in the wood house this morning and in the afternoon he threshed peas with the horses. I broke my bay colt to lead and afterwards helped Snively at the peas. Ma is quite unwell too night with a cold. I spent the evening pleasantly in reading, "My farm of Edgewood," etc.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1867

Mother was pretty sick this morning, so that I had to get breckfast and wait on her most of the forenoon. It commenced snowing pretty hard towards noon and by night we had good sleighing again. Mr. Strand{?} and Mr. Shearer{?} were here just after-noon to see about starting a cheese factory. Threshed two florins{?} of peas afternoon and in the evening I washed dishes for Ma and did other little jobs for her.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1867

I had to get my own breakfast this morning as Ma was very sick. I had to wait on her most of the night. This morning I went up to Wilkinsons to get a girl but did not succeed very well. Elizabeth came home with me to stop a little while. In the afternoon I went out after the Doctor for Ma and after Mary Jane. While my sister was getting ready I went over to Mr. B's to get a look at my "ducky." Saw her of course and had a pleasant little time of it. Received a letter from {friend?} Springer. Got home by nine.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1867

Had a very good night sleep last night, and this morning mother was a good deal better. The dr. said that she had every symptom of inflammation of the Bowells. This forenoon I helped Snively at the pea threshing and we got done by dinner-time. In the afternoon we cut some Sunday wood and cleaned some of the peas through the fanning mill. Unckle McFell & wife came to spend the evening; had a pleasant time.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1867

Mother was very sick last night; about two in the morning I went up to John Matthews after Lydia to come and wait on Ma. Mary Jane is still here and is going to stay until Ma gets better. I stayed at home to day until towards night when I went out after the Dr. for ma he said that she would soon be around if she did not catch cold and took her medicine properly. Went to church. Heard Laird preach. Saw my "ducky" of course but could not talk with her.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1867

I was permitted to have a good night's rest last night and felt all right again this morning. Mary Ann Wilkinson came last night and we got her to stay a while with us. My sister and her attended to ma last night. Snively and I cleaned up the peas this forenoon and carried them into the Constables. In the afternoon we cleaned and sifted a lot of tymothy seed, cut wood.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1867

Ma was a considerable better this morning, so I went to work with a hopeful heart. Snively drew up wood before noon while I went over to Peter Ryerse and to Browns to see about cows for the dairy. Did not succeed very well, as their cows were but few. In the afternoon I took Mary Jane to her home and while in Dover called on Mr. Howell. Had a pleasant chat with the old gentleman. On my way home I stopped at Mr. {Strand?} a little while. Got home, and found ma not quite as well as before.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1867

My mother was not quite so well this morning but her sickness seemed to be in spells. Snively and I drew up two loads of hay this morning and in the afternoon Mr. Howell together with numerous other visitors. Unckle Homes & wife came etc. I was brought three hundred

dollars by Mr. Howell. Laird was here and Mr. & Miss {Noll?} etc. etc. Unckle Homes went for the Dr. for mother towards night.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1867

Got my chores done this morning in good time and afterwards I went to Dover after some medicine for my mother. I paid up the store account of Wares and wrote a letter to Mr. Hoyt to inquire about those photographs. Stopped at my sisters on my way home. Got home about noon I found ma about the same. Snively and I cut up some trees in the saw ground for the drag-saw in the afternoon. Mother was not quite as well to night. She complained of being very sick

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1867

I was very uneasy last night about ma. She was so very sick. I sent for the doctor about ten at night. Towards morning she gradually improved. The Dr. staid all night. In the morning I took aunt Maria to the Port. While there I got several things for ma and after dinner called on Miss Louisa. Had a good time. At three I started for home with my sister. Found ma a good deal easier, than when I left her. This has been a lovely day.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1867

Mother was pretty bad this morning. And as for myself I began to feel the effects of being up nights. But Ma is certainly geting better so that I will have a chance to sleep again before long. Laird was out this morning. I went down to pay Grandfather some money to day. gave him two hundred and forty six dollars. I came home with the conviction that he had tried to cheat me out of \$100.00 & that I must see him again on the subject.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1867

I was called up this morning about two, to see ma who was very bad again. Stayed up with her the rest of the night with my sister. This morning she began to get better and about seven was quite easy. Throug the day there was a great many {one?} to see her notwithstanding the cold wind and storm from the East. Did not enjoy this Sabath as well religiously as I would like but hope that I may be more devoted in the future Went to bed farely early to night. Farewell.

## MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1867

Ma was a good deal better this morning. As soon as I had got my chores done I went down to Grandfather's to see about the Mortgage. Had a seedy time with the old gentleman who tried his best to cheat me out of my eyes, almost. Got through at last, gave him my note for ninety dollars. Payable in six months & took the mortgage. Took Mary Jane home this afternoon, & while I was waiting for Miss Howell I went over to see my ducky.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1867

{handwritten: Thursday} I found it snowing pretty hard this morning so that the threshers did not come until nine or ten. I went over to James McBrides this morning to get his help but did not succeed. I made out to get John Snively about noon. Got to work after dinner and threshed the cloverseed of from the {shaw} in about three hours. I had a dusty place and when night came it felt as though I had the chill fever.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1867

After doing my chores this morning I helped Unckle Homes at fixing the Wood-house We managed to get the stairs up and the sleepers in and by night the floor mostly laid. In the afternoon I cleaned out some barrels and filled them with pork. I have some good times talking to the {sendies?} etc. of whom we have a goodly number with us at present. The machine came too night but it is snowing & I am afraid of tomorrow.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1867

I had a pretty good time at Mr. B's last night. Afterwards I went over to Mr. Howell and found Miss Burke there. Had a very pleasant little time. I saw her home and spent some time at Mr. Lairds pleasantly. Miss Howell went home with me. Snively and I got up four loads of hay to day. Unckle Homes and Aunt came to day. He worked at the stairs in the afternoon; in the evening I went to see about the threshers.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1867

I set up with mother last night and this morning as a consequence I feel somewhat sleepy. Went to threshing cloverseed again about nine and got done about noon. In the afternoon Unckle Homes & I cleaned up some cloverseed & hung a door at the waggonhouse. Visited with Mr. Howell most of the afternoon and with John Matthews. This has been a beautiful day but the snow has not yet gone but will be soon I fear.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1867

Snively and myself cleaned through the cloverseed this forenoon and cut some wood. In the afternoon I went out to Dover and took Miss Howell home. I went out in the cutter but, as fortune would have it, we had to go on bare ground most of the way. My sister came back with me. It has been a very beautiful day, and what snow there was on the ground had to suffer destruction. Got a letter from Mrs. Hoyt.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1867

I had to set up last night as a consequence this has been a sleepy day. Spent the forenoon in cleaning up and sleeping. Rev. Mr. Laird was here just before meeting. I went down to the school-house there was not enough of a congregation to have service, on account of the snow. Mother became a good-deal worse towards night so that I had to go for the doctor. He came out in good time and seemed to think that he could soon check Ma's disease.

## MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1867

I went down to Mr. Wooddricks this morning to look for a girl for ma. Had pretty good luck. Made some pickle for my pork, after which I took my sister home again. The roads were very bad. While in town I called on Mr. Halls folks. Had a pleasant little chat there. I did some shopping and then went to Mr. Laird for a little while. Saw Mr. Willoughby. Had a nice time. Saw Miss Bowlby on the streets with Miss Douglas.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1867

Mrs. Coppway came home with me last night to stay with ma. I went over to P. Ryerse after a clover sieve this morning. Cleaned up cloverseed the rest of the forenoon. Afternoon I split some wood and worked around the woodhouse. Gave the School teacher an order on Mr. Craigie too night. John Matthews came in too night. Mother is still gaining slowly. This has been a warm day but cloudy. We put Charly into drawing wood for the first time. He went first rate.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1867

I was permitted to have a very good nights rest last night; Mrs. Coppway waited on mother for me. I cut some wood this morning and pickled the pork. Snively drew up a few loads of wood before noon. In the afternoon we cut up a lot of elms etc. ready for the drag saw. It has



been a pretty blustery day and cold. Caleb Matthews was here to night after grass seed. Mother does not seem to get better very fast.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1867

I stayed up last night to keep fire and to wait on mother. This morning I went over to Samuel Ryerses to him to saw up my {samwares?} wood but he was not at home. Went after John Snively afterwards but he was not at home. Went home again and cut wood until noon. Afternoon Snively & I cut some more logs for the drag saw until towards night. This has been a very cold day & blustery. Mother is beginning to improve quite fast.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1867

I went over to Samuel Ryerse's this morning first thing to see about getting the sawing done. I then went over to James {McBride?} to get him to help but he was not at home. After Breakfast Sam. & I went back to pick out a place to saw. I then went over to Billy Austins to see if he would run the saw. Snively carried some corn to the woodshed & I cut wood etc. towards night I found another {swope?} & then went to Dover.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1867

I was at a great debate last night in Schofield's hall did not get home from it until midnight. Stayed up and kept fires the rest of the night. I went over to James McBrides this morning and did some little jobs around. I sent Snively after a {crotch?} to draw logs one for the drag saw. In the afternoon we killed a sheep and dressed it. I went over to J. Barnhardts to get my hair cut. It has been snowing hard most of the day from the east.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1867

Had to keep fire last night again for mother. This morning as soon as I could get my chores done and get ready I started for Dover with Mrs. Coppway got there and to church in time to hear the Rev. Mr. Laird preached. After which I went to Mr. Bowlbys to dinner & from there I went to church in the evening. Had the exquisite pleasure of seeing Louisa to church and home again and in the meantime we had a very pleasant talk together.

## MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1867

Kept fires for mother again last night and this morning did not feel in very good trim for work. I had to go after James McBride, John Snively & Brown in the morning. We got to sawing about ten and had very good success for by eight we managed to cut up about all our logs that were cut. Ack. Bobby was here in the afternoon a little while. Got {Jimmy?} to take the horse-power away for me after we had finished It was a very favourable day.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1867

I was permitted to have an excellent nights rest last night but this morning I was about half sick with a cold. Mother is gradually recovering from her sickness This forenoon Snively and I drew up wood & also in the afternoon. We upset once and spilt out our wood. Frank Ryerse from Port Ryerse was here to dinner to day. He came after clover & tymothy seed. It has been a beautiful day a considerable warmer than of late.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1867

Kept fires and waited on mother last night but in the spare moments I took some sleep. Started for Simcoe about nine this morning too see about selling my clover & tymothy seed. Rode the pet colt (Charly) up for the first time. I took dinner at Mr. Willoughbys and after started for Dover to try my luck there. On my way I stopped at Eber Decons to see a girl. Made a bargain with Schofield for the sale of the grass seed & then went home.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1867

It commenced storming this morning & too night there is quite a coat of snow on the ground. Snively got up wood in the forenoon I busied myself at cleaning up cloverseed splitting wood shelling corn and sundry other little jobs. This after-noon we split wood in the woodhouse on account of the storm. Towards night I sorted over some apples toward night. Mother is geting along nicely so much so that I was permitted to have a good nights rest last night.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1867

Had a good nights rest last night. It snowed nearly all day to day from the northeast. The foreman Snively and I cleaned up a grist of wheat and this afternoon he drew up wood while I carried my tymothy seed to the barn and cleaned it with the mill made it nice and clean. Towards night I went up to George Matthews after a cloverseed seive. While there I filed my wood saw. Stopped to John Matthews and got my boot mended. Went to Sam. Ryerses afterwards and found a seive.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1867

I sifted my cloverseed this morning as soon as I had finished my chores. Caught a pig for Andrew Smith. Helped Snively draw up wood until noon and this afternoon we drew up three loads, after which I got ready and started for Dover. Rode Charly out and had a very rough time with him. He did not throw me off but came pretty near it. Called at Mr. Halls a few minutes. Going home I had a rougher time than coming.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1867

This has been a very stormy day. The Rev. Mr. Laird was here notwithstanding the rain. He took dinner with us. After noon or at three I went to the School-house to meeting. There was only a half dozen or so there so that we did not have preaching but class-meeting we had a very good one. I spent the rest of the day in reading the Guide and doing chores etc. This has been rather a lonesome day on account of the rain, besides I wanted to go to church to night.

## MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1867

Commenced this new week with somewhat better feelings than usual religiously. Snively and I finished up drawing wood about the middle of the afternoon. I then cut down the straw stack for the sheep's bedding etc. Afterwards we split a little wood. Spent the evening in writing and afterwards I had a wholesome bath. I am now a little more encouraged about my work than before, as we have now our Summer wood up.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1867

Got up in good time this morning and prepared myself for a trip to mill. I to Dover with my clover- and tymothy seed. Went over to Bucks before starting to find out the Simcoe price. Got to mill about noon & sold the grass seed to Schofield for the cash. In the afternoon I called at Mr. Bowlbys where I had a pleasant time, also at Mr. Howells. Took dinner at Mary Janes. Left two hundred of flour {florin?} at my customers & drove home in the cold wind.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1867

I found a couple of lambs this morning for the first. During the forenoon and afterwards Snively and I split wood in the woodhouse. Got along very well. Towards night after doing my chores I went to Caleb & George Matthews to pay my threshing bill. While at George's I saw

a young Matthews a few hours old & a fine boy too. Went to the prayer-meeting afterwards where we had a very profitable time. Got home about nine.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1867

It was a very cold night last night for March, but there was no lambs frozen to death so that it made no difference with us. Snively and I got up hay again to day from the hay-barn. Got four loads during the day. Spent the evening in looking over my books of etc. etc. Afterwards I took my usual smoke which afforded me of course a wonderful amt. of comfort. I must either get me a companion or else smoke more than I do at present.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1867

Made myself scarce this morning from my bed in good time. After doing my chores I started for George Bucks with the horse & cutter. I took some clover & tym. seed for him in the cutter. Worked nearly all day at Georges at making some feeding racks for his sheep. Did not get quite done by dark. Went home after dark and found things all right side up. May Ann Wilkinson talks of leaving us; Alas!!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1867

This morning I went over to Bucks for the purpose of finishing up the sheep racks for George; got done about noon. In the afternoon I started out in search of a girl in place of Mary Ann who went home this morning. Got to the Port about four and found things all serene. Going home Miss Flora went with me and on my way I stoped at Mr. McFells and prevailed on Hellen to go with me home for a week or so.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1867

This was a very beautiful warm sunny Sabath. In the forenoon I stoped at home and read a few pieces in the Guide. William Wilkinson & wife were here to dinner and after dinner we went to meeting at the School-house. It was Mr. {Symbumun?} appointment but he did not attempt to preach but allowed us to have a longer meeting. We had a very good time. Was quite disapointed in not getting out to the Port to night to church as I wanted to see Louise.

## MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1867

This is April fool's day at last and a very stormy wet day it was too Tended to my sheep etc. most of the forenoon but towards noon I went to see after my booms along the creek. Found one and made it fast but the other had made off. Found him below the steam mill. In the afternoon Snively and I split wood in the woodhouse. Got one big pile done across the woodhouse. There was two lambs came too-day they got along nicely. Mother is not very well too night I am affraid she will be sick again.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1867

I found my lambs all right this morning, and myself also, as a natural consequence. Snively and myself split wood too day. Got quite a good bunch split up before night. We have now almost filled the woodhouse wood & hope it will dry some time. Lost another lamb too night, I am afraid, from my carelessness in not looking after them as I should. I will do better tomorrow. This has been a lovely day. The {Dundas?} man was here too night.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1867

Mr. Westin from Scotts implement factory of Dundas stopped all night with us last night. Had a pleasant chat with him. I took my mother & help Flora up to John Matthews this morning. The roads are very very bad. Snively and I split & piled wood again too day. Finnished another pile. Had the ill luck to lose two fine lambs too day. Hang the luck. I attended prayer-meeting too-night. There was only a few there but had a good time.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1867

After seeing to my lambs, doing my chores etc. I started for Dover to get some medicine for ma. I rode Charley out. The roads were very bad. Before starting home I stopped to see Mrs. Hall had a very pleasant little visit with her. Recieved a letter from Springer in which there was a photograph. Got home by noon. It rained in the afternoon so that I had a chance to visit with Mr. Howell who was here on a visit.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1867

It was still raining this morning. Found my sheep all right except one lamb which had kicked the bucket not long since. Talked with Mr. Howell most of the forenoon and did some little jobs arround the barn. This afternoon I tore loose the old fence by the woodhouse. George Buck & I went up to Matthews towards night. Saw George's big boy. Spent the evening at home at churning and reading etc.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1867

Worked a while at my fence this morning. Towards noon I went over to Mr. Woodricks to see after a girl but she was not well enough to work yet. I went from there over to Bucks had all the sugar I wanted to eat and my dinner too. Towards night I went to the Port to see after a man. Took Charley to Mr. Bowlbys. Got some advice from him. Saw my {mare?} & came home.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1867

This was a beautiful morning, & a very lovely day. After I had washed myself and dressed I spent my time in reading mostly until three. When I went to preaching at the School-house. The Rev. Mr. Laird was there. We were favoured with a good time at class meeting. I went out to Dover to church this evening & took Miss Flora Wilson home. Heard {Work?} & Laird preach again too night. Had an awful time going home the old plank too night.

## MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1867

Felt rather blue this morning after my awful ride last night. Went out to the Port this morning to hire a man. I agreed to give him fourteen dollars and fifty cents per month for six months. Before going home I got Charly shod before I went home in the rain & found Haris and Samuel Ryerse there to ring my Bull and pigs. We soon did the job after which I went to see Sam's horse and made a trade with him.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1867

Snively and I went to work at drawing in turnips this morning. My new man Thos. Grant came this morning and worked too day. We got in one pit of turnips and the mangels and carrots. Samuel Ryerse and I changed horses this morning. This afternoon I took the meat out of the pickle and hung it up today and smoke. Tended to my sheep and pigs etc. and then went up to Matthews after a turkey hen.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1867

Got up in good time this morning. Hereafter I have concluded to get up at five instead of six. My man found a considerable fault about board this morning and said that he guesed he had better leave. I told him he had better stay a little while yet for I did not know weather I could

get another man or not. It rained most of the day. We could not do much on account of it. Snively, John was here too night, he has not yet a place so good bye old man.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1867

Thomas Grant my new hired man went away this morning. He was rather to green an Irishman to answer my purpose so I started him. I hired John Snively yesterday so that I am sure of help yet. He will be on soon. Snively split rails too day, in the chopping. I worked around the house most of the day at a picket fence from the woodhouse to the lane. I had to churn to-night which I did not relish very well as I was tired beforehand. This was a beautiful day.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1867

This was another beautiful morning. Snively split rails to day. In the afternoon I went up to W. Wilkinsons and had my jacket full of sugar. It was excellent. Mother, and Hellen went up in the morning. I rode my new mare too day for the first tie. She is a frisky beast and very full of life. Andrew Smith was here and set out a grap vine for me too day, for which I am to give him a peacock.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1867

I felt a little better this morning than usual so much so that I did some heavy jobs before noon, build fence, puting up {bases?} etc. After dinner I took mother out to the Port for the first time in about three months. Attended the conservative meeting, and towards night went over to Bowlbys but found the folks all gone except Hellen who gave me some music. Left mother at Mary Janes and got home myself about eight found Hellen all right.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1867

It looked a little like rain this morning, but I started to the Port and got there and got my horse just out in time for church. After church mother took dinner at Mr. Howells. After dinner I run in to Mrs. Laird and to Mrs. Halls and finally to see Miss Bowlby who I found at home & alone in all her glory. Enjoyed myself very much especially at the latter place. Saw Miss Burke just before starting home. Ma went home with me.

## MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1867

It has, this morning, still the appearance of rain. but it did not commence fairly until the afternoon. Snively did not work this forenoon but this afternoon he washed {hens?} & helped me in the woodhouse at my picket fence. I spent the forenoon in geting things ready for seeding. but did not succeed in geting my drill in working order, but the cultivators and one harrow are all right. It is a splendid growing shower.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1867

It has stopped raining this morning although it is still cloudy. I started out to help Snively cut up some wood. this morning for himself but Mr. Wright came for some wheat so I had to go & clean it up for him. Let him have five Bu. for \$1.60 per Bu. This afternoon I set a couple of gate posts and afterwards went up to George's to sharpen a saw and make a chisel handle. It is actually raining, again.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1867

This was a beautiful morning and day, and we had a very drying wind. John Man and {us?} fixed a couple of booms accross the creek between him and us. After we got our job done Snively and I went to drawing up lumber and edging from the old water sawmill. Andrew Smith worked in the garden too day cleaning currant bushes etc. Mrs. Matthews took dinner with us too day. Went to prayer meeting too-night. Had a good time.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1867

Another beautiful morning, than which we could not have a nicer. Truly we should be very thankful to God for his great goodness. I had the fence around the calf pasture made a little higher so as to put the bull in after a while to have him {hurry?}. We got in a hole of potatoes this after-noon and I opened a long under-ground drain back of the barn which had been stoped up for a long time at the lower extremity.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1867

I went to Dover this morning as soon as I could get ready, to sell my eggs, before Easter. Was quite surprised to see the stores all closed but soon found out that it was 'Good Friday.' It took me until about five o'clock to get what groceries I wanted; my news-papers etc. In the mean time I called on Miss E. Jones and also on Miss Howell & Miss Burke where I enjoyed myself as well as usual.



## SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1867

The season is far advanced for the seed-time but God has promised a seed-time & harvest; as of course it will come. Too-day I started two teams on the oat-field by McBrides. My two colts went very well indeed. The earth was somewhat hard, which doubtless comes from the abundance of rain which we have had of late. George Buck was here for dinner. I have felt the witness to-day & have been happy in the Lord.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1867

This is Easter Sunday, the day on which some eighteen hundred years ago the Resurrection of our blessed Lord, it is said, took place. Surely we should praise the Lord with all our hearts for his great love in laying down his life for our sakes. I did the work for mother this morning, mostly {Sick?} Buck was here for a while. In the afternoon I took mother out to Mary Janes, to take care of {Nilla?} who is sick with the measles. Was dissappointed badly too-night.

## MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1867

I was troubled last night with a touch of the blues but I have concluded to cast all trouble aside and make the best of my disappointment. It has rained nearly all day and with-all it has been pretty cold. Snively and I cleaned out the wagon-house and prepared our cultivaters drills ploughs etc. for work. This afternoon C. Matthews & I went to Smiths to consult on hiring a School Teacher for this Section. Mrs. {Cheily?} is a candidate.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1867

John Snively came to day for the first. I have hired him for six months at sixteen dollars per month. I sent him after a girl this morning. We spent the day in leting off water, and sundry other little jobs. I hope that we will be able to go at our seeding again too-morrow, if it doesn't rain we will, D. V. I am tired of keeping bach. and am glad that it is so nearly at an end, as I expect the girl in the morning. Spent the morning in reading, & writing to Springer.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1867

I started both teams to work this morning on the oat-field but it commenced snowing about ten so they had to turn out. I hung a gate before noon, and after-noon all hands of us went to geting out earth from under the wagon-house where I intend to make an under-ground

shelter for sheep, I went to Dover too-wards night but ma did not want to come home until she had seen the doctor so I had to walk home & such a walk.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1867

I worked at the fence in the door yard nearly all day. In the forenoon Snively and his man John got up three loads of hay from the ten acre lot. In the afternoon they worked the one at ploughing and the other at cultivating. I expected ma from Dover this morning but lo! she did not get home until afternoon. John worked the two colts together this afternoon for the first time. They went very well. Spent the evening in reading and writing, etc. as usual.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1867

This has been a beautiful day but did not get much work done. John did not come & Mr. Snively spent the forenoon in doctoring his old cow, for the hollow horn. He ploughed in the afternoon. I worked in the forenoon at doing chores and leting off water etc. In the afternoon dug a few ditches and finished my fence in the door-yard did the chores at night. It looks like rain too night. Hope it will not come.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1867

Snivelys old cow was pretty sick this morning and towards night she went the way of all the earth. I did chores most of this forenoon, as usual spread manure etc. This afternoon I dug a ditch to let off a pond of water back of the barns. Snively ploughed all day. James McBride came too night with a cow. I had to churn after my other work was done which is a little unpleasant when tired.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1867

This has been another beautiful day, although it has been rather cold. Spent the forenoon mostly in doing chores cleaning up etc. G. N. B. was here a little while this morning. In the afternoon I spent a few hours in reading the Guide etc. Went too the school-house too meeting at three. Heard the Rev. Mr. Ware preach. Had class-meeting afterwards. Captain McFell was leader. Had a very good meeting.

## MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1867

I scratched out of bed in good time this morning. John came too day so that I could set both teams to work on the oat field. They got done cultivating a little after noon when John went to drilling oats with the colts. Got about two acres and a half done. I spent the day in doing little jobs around one place and another. Made a pair of {bans?} in the afternoon. In the forenoon Clarke was here after Tym. Seed. It looks very like rain too night.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1867

It rained this morning so that we could not do anything more at our seeding. John and I went after some black rasp-berry bushes and we next went down the creek to see about a boom. We found it, floated it down the creek and brought it home with the horses. In the afternoon it cleared off so that we went to work again. Mr. Snively to ploughing and John to drilling in oats. I put up a pair of {bans?} and fixed the fence by the wagonhouse.

## TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1867

This has been a very disagreeable day. We have had a very heavy rain against and the ground is soaking wet. In the forenoon John did not come but his father went up to George's to get some plough irons sharpened and this afternoon he spread manure etc. John & I got a couple of booms up the bridge by Browns. This forenoon I went down to Mr. Smiths to see about hiring a Schoolteacher. Too night I went down to prayer-meeting. There was only one besides myself.

## THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1867

It was a very cold morning this morning, in fact it was about like winter. John Man was here with a cow. My two oxen both ploughed all day in the field back of the barn. I spent the forenoon in digging ditches, talking to John Man, etc. This afternoon I made a frame for Ma's honey-suckle and did several other jobs. Spent the evening in writing out an agreement between us Trustees and our new School Teacher.

## FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1867

It was a very cold morning this morning for this time of the year. There was about 3/4 inches of ice out of doors. It was a pretty cold day. John & his father ploughed this forenoon and afternoon Mr. Snively and I drained the oat field while John finished up sowing or drilling in the oats. In the evening I went over to John Mans to do some business about school matters. It took all the evening or until about ten o'clock.

## SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1867

It still remains cold but before night it became quite warm and it has been raining a little. The two Snivelys both ploughed all day. In the afternoon I went to the Port with mother and after doing my business I went to Mr. Lairds and took tea. Met with a number of strange incidents in my business {Jones?} of {Hal Jones?}. I had company home as John McBride rode home with me in the dark.

## SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1867

This is the Sabbath of our last Quarterly Meeting but it rained this morning so that it looked as though I would not be able to get out. But I went out in the rain & heard part of the sermon. After preaching I saw Mr. Laird dip two {young?} men from Mount Zion in the lake. Took dinner at Mr. Howells & went over to Mr. Bowlby to tea with Mother. We started home before church on account of the rough roads and dark nights.

## MONDAY, MAY 6, 1867

It still continues to rain & to all human eyes it would look rather unpromising as a seed time. But God's promises are sure & certain. Oh! how great is his goodness I feel that I can say "Praise the Lord oh my Lord praise ye the Lord." We worked at a gate in the forenoon & in the afternoon John went to Jarvis. While his father & I got in the last hold of potatoes. They were saved splendidly.

## TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1867

Got both teams started at the plough this forenoon again. but Mr. Snively & I got in the remainder of the turnips first. John & I went to Dover in the afternoon with a load of wheat. We took the colts out for the first time and I was much pleased with their actions. Got \$1.90 for my wheat at the Miller. Had a cold ride home but got there all right about nine. Recd. a letter from my old college friend {Rowsom?}.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1867

John & Mr. Snively ploughed all day in the field back of the barn. They almost finished the field. I did little jobs as usual all day; such as dig ditches, spade in the garden and in the afternoon I managed to get the boom chained up at the bridge at Browns. I went to prayer-

meeting too-night where I had to act as leader for the first time. It was rather hard but proffitable.

## THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1867

It is now geting dry enough so that we can proceed with our seeding. John & Mr. Snively finished ploughing the hill north of the waggon-house and harrowed a while before night. I spent the day in fixing fence arround the door-yard. did not get my job near done before night. Spent the evening in reading "My Farm of Edgewood." I still find that my hope is fixed on Jesus.

## FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1867

It still continues fine weather so that we get along nicely with our seeding. Mr. Snively & John harrowed the piece of round north of the wagon-house and towards night John went to drilling. I worked arround the barn most of the forenoon and this afternoon did some more little jobs arround the house etc. Mary Ann Wilkinson was here too-day. I had to churn again too-night and afterwards I read some.

## SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1867

My men both continued on at the seeding. John finished up the field back of the wagon-house before noon and afterwards they both harrowed back of the barn the rest of the day. I got the drain back of barn partly fixed again in the forenoon besides cleaning up some barly etc. After dinner I went to Dover on foot and coming back I got a chance to ride with James McBride. Here ends another week another week nearer etc {illegible}

## SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1867

I have asked *God* to bless this day to my souls glorified welfare & He has done it, for which I bless his most Holy Name. I have not felt very well too day from my own carelessness yesterday. In the forenoon I read mostly in one of the old Guides. Attend meeting after dinner and although I did not feel any great desire to go yet I was richly blessed. It is my most ardent desire to live nearer to *God* & to be more useful.

## MONDAY, MAY 13, 1867

It commenced raining this morning about five & kept raining off and on most of the day. We finished a gate this morning and afterwards John & his father went to ploughing until noon in the potatoe patch. This afternoon they cleaned up some wheat and then we went to work at fixing up some booms along the which kept us until night. I have been troubled with the toothache some for a while back & must have the dentist to work at it before long if it don't stop.

## TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1867

We were favoured with an old fashioned rain last night so that we could do nothing much to-day, so I sent John to mill and his father went with him. Mother and myself went up to Woodhouse while there I went to Unckle {Glower's?} where we took dinner and tea at John Gilberts. I leveled the plot of ground where pa was buried and made it look a little better. It has been a very cold blustery stormy day like March. Got home all right.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1867

There was a rainbow this morning & as a matter of course we had a very stormy day. John and his father ploughed the potatoe patch this forenoon and in the afternoon John harrowed in the field back of the barn while his father ploughed the strawberry patch. I spent the day as usual in doing sundry little jobs around the house such as clean out the cellar fill the back etc. Went to prayer-meeting too-night where there was only two of us.

## THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1867

My two men both worked at harrowing too day in the field back of the barn. They got it ready to sow by night, but it has much the appearance of rain too night. I tore down the old beach, moved it & filled it with ashes for {and?} this forenoon besides I carried a lot of leached ashes away into the garden. Salted the sheep and found them all right excepting a lack of pasture. George Buck brought my papers from Dover and a letter from Granger.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1867

It looked very much like rain this morning however it did not rain until after John and I had got the seed wheat from Smiths and got nicely too work drilling. The rest of the forenoon we worked around the barn cut some pigs etc. In the afternoon John went to drilling again and Mr. Snively to dragging the straw-berry patch and afterwards to sowing cloverseed. I dug some in the garden and set out strawberry plants, and set out the Chillian wheat.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1867

Here it is, Saturday once more. Mr. Snively finished sowing cloverseed this morning and then he ploughed his garden. He then commenced ploughing the pea-ground by Browns. John got some seed wheat from Worth this morning and then finished sowing. In the afternoon we went to the Port. I too {took} another small bag of wheat to the miller. Mary Jane came home with us too-night with her family. It is warmer now than it was.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1867

Mary Jane and her man were here last night & stopped until too night when I took Mary Jane home. My man had a colt last night ("Jessie") and a fine one too. Mr. Laird took dinner with us too day. I went to meeting after noon at the schoolhouse. Heard a good and proffitable sermon & had a refreshing time at one class-meeting. Took Mary Jane home too-night & had to come back in the rain. Got back all right however.

## MONDAY, MAY 20, 1867

It had stopped raining this morning but the ground was wet so I sent John to Jarvis to get the plough sharpened while his father ploughed in the field by Browns all day. John rooled the barley-field in the afternoon. As for myself, I had to clean up some wheat for George Matthews who sent after twelve bushels. In the afternoon I worked at fixing up fence along the creek. I have made a new start on my journey home. May God help me to keep it.

## TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1867

John worked at rooling wheat most of the forenoon while his father ploughed. In the afternoon it rained very hard so that we could not work out. As a consequence we carried on the work of excavation under the wagonhouse. I got the fence fixed up so as to keep the cattle out of the oats and springwheat. I have not enjoyed much of the love of "God" in my heart too day and I begin to think that there must be a deficiency somewhere, which I am asking my Heavenly Father to show me.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1867

It still had the appearance of rain this morning and it commenced again about nine. John did not come too day. Mr. Snively and I shelled corn before noon, and in the meantime had quite a conflag with Caleb Matthews about Anexation. This afternoon we worked at cleaning up

corn & wheat, and afterwards we worked at making gates until after four. I have not felt much of "Gods" grace in my soul to day, but feel that it is my own fault.

## THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1867

It rained all night last night and it has continued raining nearly all day. This forenoon Mr. Snively and I got out more earth from under the wagonhouse. Towards noon we went out and fixed up the fence around the field by Browns. In the afternoon we worked under the wagonhouse. John did not work to day but went to Dover. He got our mail for us. Spent the evening in reading and cutting Canada Farmers etc. Enjoyed the blessing of my Heavenly Father too day more than yesterday.

## FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1867

This is the birthday of Her Majesty and as such I suppose must be kept sacred. Mother and I started for town about ten but did not get there in time to see the performances of the {Buttonart}. Spent the day in visiting our friends generally and enjoyed it very much of course. I was favoured with a very pleasant walk with Miss Hattie Burke in the evening. Got home about eleven.

## SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1867

As soon as possible mother I started for Simcoe got there about eleven. Went to Mr Murphy and had dinner. Settled up some little accounts with H {Missence?} & Dr. {Goverston?} in the meantime. Went with ma to Mr. Wells in the afternoon and afterward did a little shopping. We had a very heavy shower of rain about six o'clock and as a consequence we had a very muddy ride home. Got there all right however.

## SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1867

This was rather a beautiful morning after the storm but we could not go out to church on account of the bad roads. Spent the forenoon in reading and such like; in the afternoon I attended meeting at the school-house where Mr. Ware preached. After meeting we had our class-meeting as usual; had a pretty good time. Spent the remainder of the day in reading in St. Johns Gospel with great proffit.

## MONDAY, MAY 27, 1867



John came this morning He and his father went to ploughing in the sod field by Brown's. Continued at it all day. I started of with Jessie to take her to the Stallion. I first went to Jarvis and then up to Isaac Wycoffs where I found him. The horse belongs to Isaac and is a fine one. I had a muddy time going home as I went through the sideroad from the town line to my place. Had to swim the creek.

## TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1867

John and his father went to ploughing this morning but it soon commenced raining so that they had to turn out. They went to ploughing again this afternoon. I righted up a boom up by Browns this morning. Mr. Laird came in the afternoon or rather took dinner with us. He came to see about getting a horse in exchange for his own runaway mare. I hung a gate in the lane.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1867

The weather was quite a good deal warmer this morning and has been improving ever since. John & his father ploughed too day. Peter Snively helped with his horse & plough. I have employed this day in doing a great many little chores etc. To night I went to prayermeeting, but it so happened that I alone constituted the whole congregation; however I was proffited by going.

## THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1867

My two men ploughed again too-day, but in the forenoon John furrowed out the potatoe patch prepared the carrot ground etc. They have almost finished ploughing the field for Brown. This forenoon I fixed a fence across the creek by McBrides. Dr. Sovereign {Loversign?} was here this morning after seed potatoes. I gave him a bushel. I planted the carrots this afternoon and also some other jobs besides.

## FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1867

Mr. Snively finished ploughing in the field by Browns while John ploughed {illegible} {Bart?} Snively in the big field. Towards night Mr. Howell came from Dover to let us know about a surprise party for Mr. Laird to night so mother and I went out and had a good time. There was quite a number present and Mr. Laird was presented with a purse of nearly thirty dollars. Mother and I did not get home until after mid {illegible}

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1867

It was cold last night but no frost. I harrowed with one horse while the old gentleman sowed peas. Mr. Ware came about noon to see about getting a hay mow. We soon made a trade--he agreeing to give me \$15.00 to boot. John & I hitched up the new horse after dinner but he balked so I took him back. Haw agreed to give me \$30 to boot and said that the horse was true as a nail.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1867

We have had another beautiful rain for making things grow, as it was very warm. Truly God is Good. We did not have our minister to discuss with us to-day however he gave us an excellent sermon notwithstanding our little number on account of the rain. I have been much profited too-day at reading the blessed Bible & my Saviour has been pleased to manifest himself to me in an especial manner.

## MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1867

We washed the sheep this forenoon at which my two men and Jessie McBride helped. We got along nicely. This afternoon Mr. Snively & John harrowed on the pea-ground while I ploughed potatoes etc. I have been enabled to keep my vows with the Lord this day, for which I bless his most holy name. I have felt much of the {love?} of my maker and have much peace and happiness of mind

## TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1867

Mr. Snively and John finished up getting in the peas this forenoon and in the afternoon they helped me to plant potatoes. I worked at planting all day. We did not get quite done. I have felt much of the goodness & love of my Saviour too-day and I feel {that?} I am growing in grace. I believe that I never felt so much peace of mind as I have enjoyed during the last week or so, & I think I never felt such a dread of sin.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1867

Nell foalped last night. The colt was very weak and we had had to lift him up once in a while all day. Mr. Snively & John & I finished the potatoes and John ploughed the garden. This afternoon they did not work. I went to mill & took a grist together with some wheat to mill. Got

back in good season. Weastbrook was there to-day & Mr. Murphy. Have had some precious sessions of prayer to-day for which I feel thankful.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1867

Mr. Snively started for Dorchester this morning. John did not come to-day so that I am alone at present. Spent the day in doing chores around the house. In the morning I put up some fence and stopped some hog holes etc. It has been a very warm day to-day and things are growing finely. I planted a lot of manzel seed too-day. I have not felt as much of the love of God to-day as is my privilege.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1867

John came this morning & worked to-day or rather this forenoon. in the afternoon he went up to Boston. We fixed up some fences and planted a lot of mangels. This afternoon mother and I went to Dover. The weather is at present very warm & has been for some time. I called on Miss Hattie Burke this afternoon & had a pleasant time. Have not felt well to-day and I have a bad cold.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1867

I started for Simcoe this morning I had Grandfather to go with me to have the mortgage discharged but did not get the job done as we did not have a transfer from {Henry?} to himself. We took dinner at the North American Hotel. On the way home I called at Mr. McFells for ma got home before dark. I have this day a spirit of Thankfulness to my God for his goodness & tender mercy.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1867

This was a beautiful morning in fact the whole day has been very lovely. Mother and I went out to Dover this morning to church. We came home right after church. Spent the afternoon in such a sleepy way as not to make it very proffitable. I have not enjoyed as much to-day as have before, but I confess that the fault lays at my own door. I still feel the necessity of becoming more holy.

## MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1867

I went up to John Matthews & from thence to Caleb & George {illegible} on business. Got home again about ten. Spent the remainder of the forenoon in fixing fences and a pair of {farrs?}. This afternoon I visited a good part of the time with Mr. Howell but I managed to fix the fence back of the barn in the lane. I have not felt much of God's love today and too night. Feel quite sad about my waywardness.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1867

Got up some {grass?} for John. {himself & C & Henry?} this morning and afterwards went to Dover. Got my horse shod and business finished and a great many other jobs done. Got home about four or five & then took up a horse to "{illegible}" for him to go after his sulky with. Have not had much enjoyment to-day religiously speaking but still trust in God.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1867

We were favored with a beautiful shower this morning. First thing this morning we fixed the fence accross the creek. We then got up the sheep and got to shearing after noon and by eight we got about 32 done. Both John & his father helped me to day. I have felt much better today than yesterday and have been favoured with some blessed seasons of prayer.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1867

Mr. Snively and John helped me to finish shearing the sheep this forenoon and this afternoon The old jentleman & I took Charley to drive single. This afternoon John did not work but harrowed his pease. Towards night I took the two mares up to Irwins & did not get back until dark. I have not enjoyed very much of the spirit of my Heavenly Father too day.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1867

This morning I started for {Nelson?} with Charley he went along first rate and took me through in good time. Stopped at Caledonia for dinner one hour or so and at Hamilton on the mountain for water etc. I was very fortunate in finding the road through in fact it seemed as though the Lord lead me. I have felt much of his goodness tooday & too night & feel very grateful for the many {illegible} which he gives me.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1867

Frank took me over his place this forenoon and after dinner we started for the Camp-Ground we did not get there in time for service and started for home again just night. I got acquainted with Franks sisters & a number of others and had a very pleasant time. The {illegible} were not altogether ready for the meeting from all appearances, as they were not all settled down.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1867

I remained on the camp ground last night & slept with old {Nelson?} Springer got up in good time this morning and attended the prayermeeting at six. Helped the girls get breakfast and afterwards to wash dishes etc. Heard two sermons this forenoon one delivered by the Rev. Dr. E. {Ryerse?}. There was two other sermons in the afternoon. The ground was so awfully crowded that we could not take much comfort or good of the {illegible}.

## MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1867

I remained at the ground again last night and had a pretty good nights sleep. The sermons of too-day were very good in fact excellent. but their good effect was most effectually newtralized by the retiring minister of the circuit Mr. Turner who is very fond of showing his authority. The Rev. Mr. Laird was on the ground too-day. Frank came up too-night about eight.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1867

I was very much taken up with the singing of the birds this morning. There is a lot of very delightful singing birds in the woods here. It was very cold last night. The services of too-day were spoiled by Mr. Turner as usual. The spirit of the meeting seems to be spoiled by him. My work too-day was pleasantly done in fact I like to wait on the girls so much that it don't seem to me like work.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1867

I helped the girls to get their work out of the way, which is of course a pleasant task. We had a very excellent meeting this forenoon in the absence of the notorious Mr. Turner. The most important feature of the morning's meetings was Frank's re-conversion which was a Glorious time for myself as well as for Mr. Springer & the girls. We {illegible} home too night. Frank & the girls & myself got home about twelve.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1867

The Campmeeting folks did not get home last night until twelve and as a consequence we slept rather late this morning. As soon as we could get ready we started for the campmeeting. I had the good fortune to have the company of Miss Springer on the way up. Of the high moral standing of this young lady I am very highly impressed. We saw the campmeeting close & then went home again. Clement went with us. Had a good time visiting.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1867

Started this morning for home But before starting I had a very pleasant time with Frank and his sisters, the latter more especially. Took my departure about half past nine. In going home-ward too-day I went up the Dundas street as far as I could go and then turned southward and got on the Governors road and kept it to within four miles of Beauxford. Got at Mr. Hoyts about four spent the evening pleasantly.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1867

I remained at Mr. Hoyt's last night and this morning started for home again this morning and had the good fortune to get there by noon found things all right. Mother had gone to Dover to see Mr. Laird about my safety. Spent the the afternoon in doing chores salting sheep cows etc. Found the things in good condition. John Saunders has been here in my absence. & I think that I will go down to see him too night.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1867

I stayed all night with my old friend John Saunders. This morning we went to meeting at {Lancaster?}. John had to preach. We took dinner at a Mr. Livingstones. I took my sister and little Netty out home too-night and afterwards went to church where I heard the Rev. Mr. Laird preach an excellent sermon. I have enjoyed the exercises very well and my private prayer has also been very precious. I can now say of a truth that "I am the Lords & he is mine."

## SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1867

I did not get home from church last night until late. Saw Hattie Burke for the last time as she is soon to be married. Spent the forenoon in working around the house hived a swarm of bees but after dinner they went off. Mother & I did up the wool. Mr. {Loversigh?} and lady were here this evening and made us a nice little visit. John ploughed on the orchard too day

& Mr. Snively {illegible} around the apple trees {illegible}. I have spent a happy day too-day; the Lord has blessed my soul abundantly.

## MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1867

Started for Dover this morning with my wool. Got along well with it. Sold it to Schofield for .30 per pound. Got home again by noon. This afternoon I cleaned off the buggy & afterwards went down to Grandfathers after a {transfers?}. John ploughed too-day in the orchard while his father dug around the trees. I have felt much of the love of God to day in fact I have been happy in his love.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1867

All hands of us went to work this morning at our strawberry vines corn and potatoes. John cultivated out the potatoes before noon. We almost finished out the potatoes before night. I can now say as I never could say before the last few weeks or since the camp meeting, My whole purpose is now to glorify my maker in all that I do and I feel that he blesses me with a clean heart. I now feel his presence all the day long and my soul is indeed happy.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1867

Mother and I started for the carding machine about seven. Mother ~~started for~~ stopped at Robert {Culkers?} & I did the carding business. Took dinner at Roberts and then went to Simcoe called at the Registry Office on business. Charly got frightened at Mr Wells while tied there and broke both {tills?} It was from an old squeaking wheelbarrow. We got home alright. My men worked on the Road to-day.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1867

We had to work on the road too-day by night. we put on seven days out of twelve. Both John & his father helped me of course. Mr. Laird & Mrs. {Copper?} were here too-day & made us a good long visit. Hattie was {here?} married a few days ago at Mr. Lairds to a Mr. {illegible}. I have not enjoyed my religion too-day as much as I might have enjoyed it. O that the Lord would help me to overcome my weaknesses {entirely?}.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1867

As soon as possible I got started for the grist mill. On the way I took E. Andersons sulkey home. While in Dover I went to see Mary Jane and several others. Got home about three o'clock. My men both worked on the roads too-day. Mrs. & Miss Howell were both here too-night. Too-day I have enjoyed much of the fullness of the spirits. The Lord has indeed blessed my soul. I am fully determined to be holy with the Lords help.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1867

Spent this forenoon in endeavoring to improve my spiritual knowledge. The Rev. Mr. Laird was here to dinner. Attended church in the afternoon where I was considerably profited. We had a good classmeeting afterwards. Spent the remainder of the day in writing a letter to E. S. and also in reading the sermons of William Carvosso. I have felt felt much of the goodness of God to-day. He still gives me the same peace which he gave me yesterday.

## MONDAY, JULY 1, 1867

This is the first day of the Confederated Provinces of Canada. Mother and I started for Dover about eight. There was an incredibly large crowd of people there during the day. There was about {500?} Volunteers present also the {Gunboat} {Briliance?}. The Soldiers were put through their drill and afterwards fired "Feu de Joye." Spent the day in looking on of course. Took dinner at the Bowlsbys & had a pleasant time. I have felt well too-day religiously.

## TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1867

My men worked at hoeing out mangels & carrots to-day. In the forenoon I helped them. This afternoon I put together the mower and went up to George Matthew's to get some repairing done for the mower and horse-rake &c. Spent the day also in a happy frame of mind. The Good Lord has been very near to bless my poor soul and to make me happy. It is indeed a good thing to serve the Lord.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1867

Got to work with the mower this morning in pretty good time and cut down two pieces of clover before night. Mr. Wilson & his lady were here the afternoon & to tea. Mr. Snively hoed & {wed?} carrots too-day & John cut arround stumps with the scythe. I went to prayer meeting too-night but there was no one there. I have enjoyed my religion much too-day.

## THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1867



I went to work this morning with the mower this forenoon cut about four acres in the field in front of the house. Mr. Snively hoed carrots beforenoon & this afternoon he worked in the hay-field. John cut around the stumps this forenoon & this afternoon raked hay with the old mare. It has had the appearance of rain this forenoon in fact all day but it has not come yet. The Lord has been with me too-day, and blessed me abundantly.

## FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1867

Mother and I started for Dover this morning. I had to see about getting the mortgage discharged. Had a {illegible} successful time with my business. We took dinner with Mr. Hall's people & spent a few moments with them very pleasantly. We were favored with a very beautiful rain last night and it is raining again too-night. Surely the Lord is good and to his mercies there is no end. I have not enjoyed as much today as yesterday.

## SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1867

Mrs. Chesly came over this morning and wanted me to help her make out the half yearly School report. It took us the whole of the forenoon and then we did not finish up the Report. John Snively went up to the carding mill to-day after his rools. The old jentleman hoed most of the day. I went down to Smiths and up to Caleb Matthews to get their signatures. I have felt very happy part of to-day while praying & contemplating the goodness of God.

## SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1867

Mother & I staid at home to-day expecting to have father Messmore to preach for us. But he did not come. For reasons which I cannot tell. Spent the day in trying to grow in grace to in the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus. I have not felt well to-day, having suffered much with the tooth-ache. But notwithstanding all I feel that it is indeed a good thing to serve the Lord, "for his yoke is easy & his burden light."

## MONDAY, JULY 8, 1867

As soon as I could get started this morning I went to work mowing for Peter Snively on Bucks place. In the meantime he worked for me in the hay in my place. I cut about six acres and a half when I had to quit work on account of rain. My men did a pretty good job to-day, they got me three loads besides raking & putting up about four or five acres. I have enjoyed much confidence too-day in my maker for which I praise him.

## TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1867

John did not come this forenoon. I sowed the orchard with Buckwheat and Mr. Snively harrowed it in today. This afternoon I cut {pease?} with the mower in the field in front of the house. John cut around the fence. Just night an awful accident happened me. The mower upset while going around the hill and never broke a thing excepting the seat. O how great is the goodness of God How manifold are his mercies.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1867

I had to repair my mower a little this morning before I could go to work. Finished up the field in front of the house by noon. Mr. Snively rooled the orchard this forenoon and John cut around fences & stumps raked after the {windows?} etc. This afternoon we all went to getting in hay. Got in four loads by night which finished up the clover hay. I have felt much of the {richus?} of the grace of my heavenly father to-day. and can still trust in him with all my heart.

## THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1867

I suffered very much last night with the toothache and have made up my mind that if it deprives me of another night's sleep I will go to the dentist. We all worked at drawing in our hay too-day and got all in that was raked up or {redy?}. We have now eleven loads in altogether. We are having a beautiful shower too-night. The Good Lord has entered my poor soul too-day with refreshing showers of His divine graces. Blessed be his holy name.

## FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1867

Mother and I started for Simcoe this morning about eight. While there I got the mortgage discharged at the Registry office. Mother had her teeth fixed etc. Got home a little after noon and found things all right. John cultivated the potatoes out this forenoon and his father planted some turnips & this afternoon he helped me to cock up hay. The grace of God has been given me without measure too-day & so {illegible} it bein alive,

## SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1867

I went to work this morning at mowing in the new ground field. Cut until noon. John cut thistles and his father put up hay this forenoon. After noon we all went to work at drawing in hay. Towards night ma and I went to town. I called on Mrs. Laird and found her pretty sick went to several places while there and had some pleasant little chats. Got home about ten.

## SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1867

Mother and I went out to meeting at Dover this morning. Heard the Rev. Mr. Messmore preach an excellent sermon from "What dost thou here Elijah." We took dinner at Mr. Howells and as mother wanted to stay to night service we went over to Mr. Bowlbys for a while. Heard Mr. Craigie preach too-night. I have felt too-day that the Lord was still my {function?} and hope. {She?} the blessed fullness that there is in Jesus.

## MONDAY, JULY 15, 1867

I had to go over to Bucks too-day with the mower. Had a very rough piece of ground to cut got along pretty well excepting a few breakdowns. My men worked at drawing in hay too-day until the rain which commenced about two. Peter Snively helped helped draw in hay. I have had a few trials though the good Lord has brought me through. I have been more careless too-day than usual. The Lord help me to be more watchful.

## TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1867

Mr. John Man and George N. Buck came this morning in answer to request, to value the loose property prior to getting our Probate. John & his father cut thistles this forenoon. This afternoon they went to work raking & picking up hay in the new ground field. I got the mower home from Buck to cut down about three acres in the new ground field. I have made a new effort at serving the Lord & he has blessed me.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1867

This forenoon I finished mowing the new ground field. John cut around the fences & stumps while his father raked after the {winsons?}. We drew in the afternoon, got in three loads. Andrew Hall and his mother came out this afternoon & we had a pleasant visit together. They are going down to Kentucky next week. I still can trust in the Lord by faith although I have not the fullness which I like.

## THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1867

We got in two loads of hay this morning which was all that we had ready. I then went down to Smiths on business, and wrote a letter by dinner time to B. Clement. This afternoon I went to mowing in the ten-acre field broke down twice driving the afternoon but nothing very

serious. John & Mr. Snively put up hay in the new ground field. I went to John & George's to-night. The Lord has favored me with his presence. My soul has been happy in his love.

## FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1867

As soon as I could get started this morning I went to mowing on the ten-acre-field. cut down a good piece before noon. John cut around the stumps &c. while his father cocked up hay in the new ground field. This afternoon we got four loads of the new-ground-field. Mr. Howell was here this afternoon. I have been enabled to cast myself upon the Lord too-day & I have felt much peace of mind.

## SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1867

Mr. John Man & George A. Buck came this morning in order to finish the Inventory of loose property. Mother & started for Simcoe afterwards. The executors were there and Aunt Lydia as witness so that we got our probate or {cut?} to get it next week. Mother and I took dinner at father Messmores and had a very pleasant little time. We then went home & from there to {Forest?}. The Lord has been with me to-day.

## SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1867

Spent the forenoon in resting and reading the Life of Carvosso which is very proffitable. This afternoon Mother and I went to meeting at the Schoolhouse where Mr. Ware preached. We had a pretty good class meeting afterwards which Capt. McFell lead. Mother advised me to go to Dover to meeting but I did not commence to get ready in time for which I am sorry. The Lord has blessed me too-day.

## MONDAY, JULY 22, 1867

I went to work this morning at mowing the last remaining piece of grass in the ten-acre-field. Got done by noon. John & his father cut thistles this forenoon and this afternoon we went to drawing in hay, got in four loads and are geting anxious to go into the wheat as it is ripe for the harvest. I have felt much of the goodness of God to day and have felt happy in his love. O what a blessed thing it is to serve the Lord.

## TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1867

We went to work this morning at geting in hay got in one load and then John went to raking hay & Mr Snively and I to raking and cocking up the hay. Got it all raked and cocked up by night and one load home besides. I sold the jenny that I got from Mr. Ware too-day to Pierce Flanders for fifty-five dollars. The Good Lord has been with me too day and I have been happier than usual in his love.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1867

Mr Snively & I {ground} the cradle scythe and went to cuting wheat this forenoon. This afternoon we put the machine together and got ready for reaping. John did not come tooday and that put us back again with our work. I went over to John {Groves?} too night and wrote a little note for Mrs Chesly to the {Coventor?}. Had a pleasant time. The Lord has been as precious to me too day as ever. It is such a sweet service to serve him. Truly His yoke is easy & his burden is light.

## THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1867

It rained last night and too-day too, so that we could not do anything at our wheat. This forenoon John & his father helped me to do some chores arround and I wrote a letter before dinner to E. S. and after dinner to Willie Rowson. Mother and I went to Dover this afternoon and while there we called and took tea with Dr. Stouart & lady. Had a very pleasant time. I still feel that the blessing of God is still with me.

## FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1867

As soon as the dew would dry off ennough to allow us to go to work we went to cuting wheat. John threw off and his father cut arround the stumps bound &c. We got about two or three acres done by night. We cut with the reaper and then bound a while. Mr Chesly was here too-night on shools business. Mrs. Chesly was successful in geting a certificate and is going to continue teaching our school. I have had some precious seasons of prayer too-day.

## SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1867

We finished reaping the wheat this forenoon and afternoon we worked at binding and seting up etc. John & his father helped me. After tea I went up to {forwins?} on the town-line with old nell. Did not get back until nine. I felt still as though I could spend and be spent for Jesus, and such is my determination, with his help. I have had some precious seasons of prayer too-day.

## SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1867

Mother and myself went out to church this morning. There was no service in the one church so we went to hear Mr. Craigie. We went home as soon as meeting was over. Mary Jane & her man went with us. I went to meeting this afternoon in the School house. Rev. Mr. Laird preached. We had a good class meeting. My faith in My heavenly Father is still strong. He helps me to put my whole trust in Him. I felt that to live for Jesus is all my desire.

## MONDAY, JULY 29, 1867

The men and myself went work at getting in the remainder of the hay, from the ten-acre field. We finished it before night, Having brought in forty loads. I have felt the same determination in my mind too-day as yesterday too press my way onward to higher and still higher attainments in the Christian life. May the Lord strengthen and lead me to do his whole will in everything.

## TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1867

John and I hoed in the mangels this morning until the dew was off when we went to work at drawing in wheat. We got all in, but two loads by night Gave Mr. Chesly our order on the Local Superintendent too-night. The Lord still gives me to feel that I am a Pilgrim in a strange country, & am seeking a city. I am all weakness, but my daily prayer is that he may turn my weakness into strength.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1867

My men worked at it hoeing mangels & carrott too-day While I went to mill with a grist. Took Mrs. Laird a hen and some chickens & had dinner with her. Got home again by six o'clock. Went to prayermeeting too-night. but there was none of our members there so that we had none. I have felt happy and contented too-day in the Love of my Maker. O may he shed it abroad in my heart more abundantly.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1867

Cut barley for Peter Snively this forenoon, on the big field. This afternoon Mr. Snively & I hoed potatoes. John went up to the carding mill too-day and brought his rools with Mothers. Miss Anderson was here to-night a little while. This forenoon the Good Lord filled me abundantly

with his Love. O how sweet it is to walk in his favour. May he lead me on to greater highs and depths of the riches of his grace.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1867

All hands of us worked at logging up a new piece of ground by Snively's house we finished the hollows by night. There was a man here too-day to look at my sheep & lambs did not sell them to him however. Too-night I feel much cast down. O I am so liable to do wrong & to make mistakes. May the Lord help me to do better & be more watchful.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1867

My two men worked at pulling and hoeing weed from amongst the potatoes too-day. I reaped barley in the big field for Peter Snively too-day. Mr. Dixon the butcher was looking at my sheep too-day but would not buy them at my price. My whole purpose is still to continue in the paths of righteousness. Such joy and peace as is brought by walking therein is more than language can express.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1867

Mother & I attended Church services at Dover this morning and also this evening. The Rev. Mr. Laird preached both times. I had my dinner at Mr. Howells & Mr. Laird gave me an invitation to go up to Woodhouse with him where he had an appointment at half past two. I went of course and had a pleasant time. Mr. Laird gave me some good advice about getting a wife.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1867

This forenoon we reaped our crop of barley which was only three acres. Afternoon the men and myself logged up the hillside next to the creek on the new ground. We finished up our job and had them all fired by night. They burned rapidly. John Snively is talking about leaving but I have not told him that he should go yet & I don't think I shall. I feel that same comfort & grace which the Lord only can give.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1867

All hands of us went to drawing out manure from the barn-yard. We took out thirteen loads by noon. This afternoon we went to drawing in barley. We took in three loads during the

afternoon which almost included the whole of one crop for this year. I think some of abandoning this crop almost altogether for a time at least. We are working our best now to get ready for seeding.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1867

We got in the remaining load of our barley this morning and afterwards we went to drawing out manure from the barnyard. It has been an excessively warm day and too-night I feel quite exhausted. I arranged to get to the prayermeeting, however, but there was no one there save myself. I feel a stronger determination than ever to seek after things heavenly rather than {fuller?} things of earth. O that the blessing of perfect Love might be mine from day to day & from {illegible} to {illegible}.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1867

John did not come too-day so that Mr. Sinvely & I had to work at geting out manure alone. I am altogether out of {consate?} with John he is so unsteady and now he wants to go away threshing. I think some of leting him go and hiring an Englishman in stead. The Good Lord has been with me too day and has tried my trust in him. O may he always help me to be strong to resist temptation.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1867

This morning John came, so we all went to work at the manure. I worked some at trimming trees before noon. Afternoon Mother & I went to Dover. While there I called at several places for inst. at Mr. Howells, Mr. Higmans and at Mr. Sovereigns where mother & I took tea. Spent a half hour or so very pleasantly with the {Dr.?} I met with Jack Boss from Kincardine.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1867

This morning John & myself went to reaping oats we had the very good luck to get done about dark when we were tired enough to quit work. Mr. Snively cut arround the stumps, made a hay-stack. I have felt much more of the love of God in my heart too-day than usual. I bless & praise him with all my heart for his goodness. How sweet it is to be a humble & devoted follower of Jesus.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1867



The Good Lord has wonderfully blessed my soul to-day. In the first place Mother & I went up to the Quarterly meeting at Mount {Jone?}; we were there in time for Love-feast which was a delightful time for my soul. The Lord helped me to give in my feeble testimony, for which I bless his name. Oh! that I could praise the Lord more, to do more for him. He has been so very good & gracious to me, that I always feel ashamed of my feeble efforts to serve him.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1867

My two men bound oats too-day and I went to Jarvis with the ploughs to get them sharpened for work. Cut barley for P. Snively part of the afternoon. Never in my life have I spent a happier day, in the Lord, than too-day. I have been enabled to exercise faith with regard to a perfect salvation from all sin & uncleanness. He has thereby greatly blessed my soul. Yea! I rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1867

It looked very much like rain this morning. I bound oats with my men a little while but it did not rain so that I went to work and finished cutting Peter Snively's Barly in my big field. finished about noon. Peter helped me bind oats this afternoon. We did not get our job of binding done. My oats is a splendid crop. As good as ever I {illegible}. Surely the Lord has not only blessed me in spiritual things but also in temporal.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1867

My men and I finished up the binding oats and got them set up by noon. This afternoon we got in five loads of oats. I went to prayermeeting too-night but there was no one there but myself, although alone the Lord was with me and blessed be his name. He has blessed me abundantly. I have enjoyed much in contemplating the goodness of God.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1867

We continued getting in our oats too-day and by night we managed to get in eight loads which took all but a small {jay?}. I went to see about getting Threshers this morning, up to Matthew's. After dinner I wrote a letter to {Elector?} Come I have been strengthened too-day, much. The Lord has been with me. I still find it sweet to hold communion with Him, and to be guided by his council all the day.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1867

This morning we got in our last load of oats and afterward cut and dragged together an old elm which had fallen across the road by the woods. Mr Snively brought up wood for himself next and afterward went to Dover. John commenced ploughing in the big field. The ground {mows?} up very dry. Mr. Murphy & wife took dinner with us and towards night Mr. Howell came out and took tea with us.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1867

John & his father both went to ploughing this morning in the big field. One of John's horses, "Jenn" had to balk and we had a sweet time with her. We got her to go towards night. I cut pease most of the day. Too night I went too see A Lang {illegible} to about working for me, too night. I have been enabled by the grace of God to live by faith in the blessed Jesus both too-day & yesterday. But my work has been unusually anxious.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1867

Mother & I went up Simcoe this morning to Quarterly Meeting. We heard the Rev. Mr. Philp preach an excellent sermon from, "Christ is all and in all." This sermon did me much good. And I could {realize?} ~~by~~ my feelings, the perfect truth of the text. We had our dinners at Mr. John Mr {illegible} where we staid until about six in the evening on account of the great heat of the weather. Did not spend the afternoon very proffitably.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1867

John Snively and his father went to ploughing this morning & worked at it all day. I cut pease until about ten when the Rev. Mr. Laird came we had a pleasant visit together. They remained with us until about five o'clock. I then cut pease until dark, or nearly that time. I have not enjoyed as much of God's presence today as heretofore, but I can, and do, still put my whole trust in him. O how sweet is that trust.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1867

My two men continued ploughing too-day and are geting along nicely. Mr. Broderick helped me cut pease too-day until the middle of the afternoon when he went home to fight fire. Spent the evening partly in writing to Andrew Hall &c. Surely we need not fear to walk with Jesus for surely he keeps his own through every thing. O for more & more of the Love of God in my heart every day.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1867

John cut around the spring wheat field this morning and we then went to work reaping. Mr. Broderick and Mr. Snively worked at binding. We broke down in the middle of the afternoon after which we went to work with cradles. John is going away now as I have hired an Englishman in his place. He is going to thresh with George Matthews. O, may the Lord be my director in all my doing, for I want to do all to His Glory.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1867

This morning we went to work at cutting and binding spring-wheat. We cut nearly finished by noon. My new man commenced work too-day for the first. Just a little before noon a load of visitors came consisting of the following Mr. & Miss {Ault?} from Seaforth. Miss Douglas Miss & Hellen Bowlby from Dover. They stayed most of the day and I enjoyed my visit with them very much. I have had some blessed seasons of prayer too-day.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1867

Received a letter from the Rev. John Saunders last night who is now preaching at Owen Sound. We worked at our pea cutting too-day, my new man & Mr. Snively helped me. We did not get done quite. John Snively has surprised me by finding fault with my a/c {accounts?} which I gave him last night. I have tried my best not to overcharge him but still he found fault. May the Lord help me to rise above dealing dishonestly with my fellow man.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1867

John Mr. Snively and myself went to getting in the spring wheat this forenoon. There was only three loads from eight acres, on account of the dry weather. We took the Buck lambs away from the old sheep after dinner. My men then went to {pedling?} peas until night. Mother and I went to Dover towards night. The first copy of our new paper, the New Dominion, was given over too-night.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1867

This morning after cleaning up I had a happy season of prayer. The Lord has been with me blessed be his holy name; his rod and his staff they comfort me. For a time this afternoon I have been lead to doubt some of the promises of my Heavenly Father and I have had a season of despondency. But surely the Lord is my strength and my strong tower, for I cried

unto Him and the tempter left me. I feel that the Lord is helping me to grow in grace more and more, week after week.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1867

This Morning my men both went to thresh for Mr. Brown. We expect to thresh to-morrow, if nothing prevents. I went after hands this morning to help thresh found them in good time, afterwards I cleaned out the granary for the new crop. This afternoon I cut peas. I can still say that the Blessed Lord is my all, and in all. Glory be to his holy name, I will praise him for his wonderful mercies and blessings for my soul.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1867

My men both helped Mr. Brown to finish his threshing. I cut peas this forenoon and this afternoon we went to threshing. We did not get started until half past two or thereabouts. My Spring wheat tussled out better than I expected. There was thirty-nine Bu. Of Barly there was fifty five bushels. The Lord has been with me too-day and still I feel that He is my rock and my strength, and that without him I can do nothing good.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1867

This morning we commenced threshing about eight got along pretty well and finished about five. My grain turned out as follows: Fall wheat, 87 Bu. from five acres. Barley 55 Bu from three acres. Spring wheat 39 Bu. from eight acres and Oat {367?} Bu. from eight acres. O the goodness of God in supplying all our wants and desires. He has been with me too-day and I have rejoiced in the blessed hope which I have, of eternal life.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1867

This morning we went to work at geting in our pease. We succeeded in geting in five loads by night, although it rained some in the afternoon. I have no almost finished up my harvest and am ready to put in my fall wheat. My happiness in the Lord has not been so great too-day as yesterday but blessed be His Holy Name. I can still put my whole trust in Him & feel safe in his care.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1867

Mr. Snively worked at ploughing too-day while John helped me to get ready this morning to go to mill and then he cut cloverseed the rest of the day. Mother went out with me this morning, we took dinner at Mary Janes. This afternoon I went too see Captain McFells boat the D. Sharp. We {prough?} our new sofa home too-night I have felt he Love of the Father of mercies too-day. Glory be to his Holy Name.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1867

This morning we went to work at drawing in our last two loads of pease. We did not do much else beforenoon. Afternoon Mr. Snively and John went to ploughing again. The ground is pretty hard and the plough runs accordingly. I went over to Bucks this afternoon to help thresh but had not been there long before Ware and Laird came to get some oats, so I had to go home and accommodate them. We had quite a jolly time going from Bucks.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1867

This forenoon my time was spent in reading the Life of William Carvosso. This afternoon I heard Father Messmore preach at the School-house. We had an excellent class-meeting this afternoon. Father Messmore came home with us and as usual I was much interested and strengthened in my Heavenly journey by his Godly conversation. O, the Lord has been so near and clear to me too-day, Truely it is a heaven below my Redeemer to know.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1867

Both of my men ploughed too-day. The ground is geting so hard that I am affraid we will have [to] give up some of it until we get rain. I visited with Father Messmore this forenoon. He started away about ten. I then set fire to some stumps until noon. This afternoon I spent some of the time in salting the sheep and cattle, afterwards I cut went to cuting clover-seed with the cradle. It is hard work for one.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1867

This forenoon and this afternoon my men worked at ploughing in the big field. Commenced ploughing the pea-ground to-night. I have been cuting clover-seed the most of too-day. but the wind blew so hard that I had to quit. I have had a very blessed season ef in prayer too-day, & this afternoon the Lord has blessed me wonderfully. I have been favoured with a sweeter communion with my Saviour too-day than for a long time.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1867

We were favoured with beautiful shower last night which has done a great deal of good. My men went to harrowing the big field for sowing wheat. They worked at it all day. I have been doing sundry jobs too-day Such as firing a few sheep and fixing up the drill for use, I finished cutting the clover-seed. I have been enabled to trust in my Saviour too-day; but I have not enjoyed as much of his love as I would like.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1867

This forenoon my men both continued harrowing the wheat field. After-noon Mr. Snively commenced drilling in wheat. He got over five acres. Mr {Honsil?} came out this afternoon on a visit. I enjoyed my visit with him pretty well and went out home with him in order to cast my vote in the morning. Attended prayer-meeting too-night in the Dover Church. Had a blessed time.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1867

Mr. Snively kept on drilling in wheat in the big field while John continued to harrowing. I spent a delightful night last night. ~~My~~ I did not sleep much but laid awake. My mind was occupied in contemplating ~~the~~ Divine things. O how sweet it is to put ones whole trust in Jesus. I received a paper too-day stating that Miss E. B. Cone was {drowned?}. This forenoon I gave in my vote & this afternoon raked up cloverseed.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1867

Mr. Snively did not help me too-day but prepared for his Quarterly {service?}. I drilled in four or five acres too-day & John harrowed and furrowed out the ground. This has been a good day with me although the tempter has given some unpleasant feelings & thoughts. But I am beginning to look for temptations and trials as my daily bread. I am more and more convinced, flowery beds of ease & happiness will not take me to Heaven.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1867

Mother took me to Dover this morning and that too rather against my will, but there it is hard to go against my mothers wishes. We heard Father Messmore preach this morning and in the evening Mr. Laird. We took our dinners at Mr. Bowlbys and also spent most of the

afternoon there. I have not have much proffited by my intercourse with others too-day. I feel more and more anxious to spend the Sabbath in a more careful manner.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1867

John and Mr. Snively went to ploughing in the big-field, for wheat. They have almost finished it too-day. I have spent the day in cleaning out ditches and just got done in time for the rain, as we being blessed with a beautiful Shower just now. I have been enabled to realize the {fuitures?} of the Holy Salvation which is provided for us. What blessings has not the blessed Jesus purchased for us? It is our full privilege to enjoy pardon holiness and heaven.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1867

My men both ploughed this forenoon. They finished up the big field. Snively did not work this afternoon. He is lame, and I am affraid he is going to be laid up with his leg. I ploughed in his stead this afternoon. This forenoon I finnished raking up the clover-seed. Sold a sheep too night to N. Mandeville. I have had my trials too-day for which I bless God. It is a proof that He Loves us to be chastened by Him.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1867

Mr. Snively was not able to work yet, so I had to take to the plough. John & I ploughed this forenoon & this afternoon. all hands of us went into the cloverseed. It took us all the afternoon to get one load on and off, the bunches were so small and scattering. Mother & Barbery went off berrying this afternoon. I have felt a blessed fullness of the spirit of my Heavenly Father this afternoon. attended prayer meeting too-night.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1867

John and Mr. Snively both ploughed this forenoon and Mr. Snively this afternoon. John went to Dover to get his shoes mended. I went down to {Colt Smiths?} this forenoon about School Matters. This afternoon Mother and I went to Dover. Recd. a letter from Andrew & one from Frank Springer. I am learning more and more the necessity of living by faith, from moment to moment on the blessed Jesus. One moments blessings does not suffice for every moment.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1867

Mr. Snively and John both worked at the ploughing this forenoon in the pigfield. I spent the forenoon in cleaning up some seed-wheat for E. W. Smith. This afternoon all hands of us worked at cleaning up the barn floor etc. on account of rain. The Lord has been pleased to be with me another day And oh! it is so sweet to have the abiding witness of the blessed spirit I feel that the sweet promise the comforter has indeed been given to me.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1867

My two men worked at preparing the remaining portion of the big field for sowing they got it sowed by night. According to the drill the big field only contains about 10 ½ acres, instead of 14 as we thought. This forenoon I did some chores arround such as burn brush in the garden fix the drill etc. Not a cloud has been permitted to hide me for a moment to day from the shining of the Sun of writeousness upon my poor soul.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1867

Spent this day at home with my dear mother. Little Nettie is with us now and it is such a treat to have her with us here. I have spent the day in reading the Memoir of that Man of God, William Carvosso. I have found in it a great many of the Glorious things of our Holy Religion, explained in a very clear and forcible manner. I have not felt much joy & happiness today; but I am beginning to see the necessity of trusting in the merits of the {atonement?} of Jesus weather I enjoy the {illegible} or not.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1867

This forenoon John & Mr. Snively and worked in the barn at cleaning up barly on account of rain. This afternoon they got to ploughing again. I spent the forenoon in writing a letter to John Saunders. This afternoon I have worked at pulling beans hoeing strawberries etc. I have never felt a greater sense of weakness and of my own nothingness than to night. O may I be ever kept at the feet of my dear Redeemer, What am I that He should deal thus mercifully with me.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1867

John worked at harrowing, too day, in the field by Brown's. Mr. Snively went over to drill in some what for Brown too-day. This forenoon I cleaned out some furrows & ditches in the big field. And this afternoon hoed at the strawberries. I have not experienced much joy too-day,



in serving My Maker. I have ~~felt~~ been visited by the "old adversary," but blessed be God He still gives me grace sufficient for {my day?}, and as he has promised to do always.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1867

Mr. Snively kept on dragging or rather John did and Mr. S. went to drilling in the wheat field by Browns. He finished sowing all that we had ready, about four acres in all. This forenoon I went down to Smiths after some peaches. got a couple of market-baskets full, for mother. I had quite a feast eating them. This afternoon I finished hoeing out the strawberries & cleaned out some ditches in the wheat-field. The Lord has been with me too-day & I have felt much peace of mind.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1867

John and Mr. Snively ploughed in the field by Browns too-day. Peter Snively also ploughed with his team. They nearly finished ploughing the field by night. I have been ditching and burning clumps all day in the same field. Had to churn for mother to-night, in the absence of our hired girl. This has been a good day with me. My peace has indeed "flowed like a river". Too-night feels as though the Good Lord had taken me {another day?} much nearer {Otonic?}.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1867

My two men continued preparing the field by Browns for sowing. They worked at it all day. I went to Dover this morning on foot. Saw Mrs. Hall who had just returned from Kentucky. I came very near getting wet coming home as it rained quite hard at times. Mr. Howell and his daughter came out this afternoon, so I had to visit with them. It is still my whole {pure?} and desire to think and to do every-thing with an {ye sin?} of my maker. O may I always feel thus.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1867

John put in the last of his month this fore noon ~~at~~ after which I paid him off and let him go. They both harrowed this forenoon and this after-noon Mr. Snively started the drill, he finished sowing the field by Browns all except about an acre. I have been ditching & burning stumps all day. I have felt much satisfaction too-night in contemplating one of the blessed promises of the {illegible}. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1867

It is just one year ago to-day since my dear father was called away to his reward. How I good has the Lord been to me since. He has been more than a father to me, in that he has lead me into paths that I knew not. And yet how unworthy have I been of all His blessings and mercies. This night I rejoice in hope of the glory off God. I rejoice that the blood of Jesus cleanses me from all sin this moment. What a mercy that such a man should be recieved in the fold of Jesus.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1867

Mr. Snively finnished drilling in the field by Brown's this forenoon & this afternoon we finnished the field ditching etc. & then he went to firing stumps. I went to market this forenoon with a load of barly and recieved eighty cents a bushel for it. Too-night I went over to Bucks to clean and divide the barly which grew on my big field. The good Lord has been with me too-day, and blessed me.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1867

As soon as possible I went over to Bucks, this morning. We finnished cleaning up the barly and got started for market about noon. Took dinner at Peter Snively's. We recieved eighty center per Bu. for our barly, Peter took his barly at the same price. Mr. Snively is laid up with a sore {breast?} and I am affraid he will not be able to work again for a while. Words cannot express the joy and peace which the religion of Jesus has given me too-day. I can now say from experiance that it is a "Heaven below, my Redeemer to know."

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1867

Mr. Snively went to Dorchester this morning on a visit. I have now no help but expect to get to work at the remaining piece of wheat ground. This forenoon I set fire to a lot of stumps. The wind blew pretty bad and the fire gave me some trouble. This afternoon I grubbed out roots on the new ground by Snively's house. Mrs. {Lawson?} & Mary Jane were here all day too-day. I am still ennable to rejoice in the rock of my salvation.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1867

This forenoon I worked at digging out roots and stumps on the new-ground. This afternoon I have had visitors; so, of course, I could not work. {illegible} Homes Matthews & wife together

with Mrs. John Matthews & Mrs Smith from Port Ryerse were here. The afternoon passed by very pleasantly as some of these ladies are {seriously?} good talkers. They went away about dark. The Lord is still leading me on in the Heavenly Journey. I have felt a great hungering & thirstiness after righteousness too-day. I bless God that this need not be done in vain for he says that wish shall be filled.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1867

I have been working at geting out stumps and roots again too-day. Managed to get out one very bad stump in the new-ground by the tennant-house. The last four months have been the happiest season of my life; the freest from trouble and anxiety. Surely, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. I have placed everything in the hands of the Lord and am endeavoring to do everything with an eye single to his glory.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1867

Continued working at grubbing out roots & stumps on the new-ground. Took one very bad nest of roots this forenoon. After noon mother and I went out to Dover. We made Mr. Laird's a short visit & took tea with them & Mr. Burns and lady were there also. Spent the time with them very agreeably indeed. We arrived home about nine. The Lord has not withheld any good thing from me too-day. I feel that the precious promise is realised although not as much as is my privilege {illegible} We will {illegible} in {illegible} you and up with you and make me {illegible} with you.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1867

Too-day mother and myself stayed at home. Father Messmore and Miss Giffen came in time for dinner. He preached to us this afternoon from "Unite my heart to fear thy name." His sermon was an excellent one. We had an excellent class meeting afterwards, of which father Messmore was leader. The Lord has been pleased to manifest himself in an extraordinary manner to my poor soul. I have spent a proffitable evening in conversing with father Messmore.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1867

Father Messmore and Miss Giffen started for home this morning about nine. John Snively was here after seed-what, but I have none to spare. Sold one of my suck lambs this morning

for two shillings to Mr. Wooderick. I have spent most of the day in preparing the new ground, by the tennant house, for sowing with wheat. Have not enjoyed that blessed nearness to my Master too-day which I have enjoyed in days gone by. But I am endeavoring still to put my whole trust in him.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1867

This forenoon I continued my efforts on the new-ground and this afternoon also. I have now got it about ready for ploughing. This evening I killed my first calf and that without any assistance. I had help to dress it however. The blessed Lord has been pleased to make his presence manifest to my poor soul too-day. Surely it is "A heaven below, my redeemer to know." With the Psalmist my prayer is, "Unite my heart to fear they name."

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1867

Peter Snively came and ploughed on the steep field next to the creek. His father helped him, or drove his team for him. It rained a little this forenoon but not enough to do much good. Mother and I went out to Dover this afternoon. I peddled out pat of the veal and sold some hides. Sold my sheep and lambs this morning to a drover. Took tea at Mr. Halls too-night. I have not lived as closely to my Saviour too-day as I should have done. O may he help me to resist evil inclination of my {nature?}.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1867

Peter Snively finished ploughing the hill-side too-day and did a good job. His father drove for him all day. I went down to Mr. Mans after a scraper and afterwards did some cleaning or logging and then went to work at ploughing and scraping a water-course through the hollow. Too-night I met with the other trustees at John Mans to see Mrs Chesly about a disturbance which we were told had taken place in the school. but it proved false.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1867

This forenoon Mr. Snively went to ploughing & scraping. Peter came and ploughed this afternoon. I have been working at picking up, burning and digging too-day. Mr. Howell came this afternoon on business which somewhat startled me. He actually wants to take my mother away from me. We had quite an animated talk on the subject of matrimony etc. The trustees were here too-night to make out the Assessment Roll for the season. Got along first rate.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1867

Mr. Snively ploughed this forenoon on the new-ground & this afternoon I helped him. I took my the weathers and lambs, which I sold the other day down to the Dog's Nest. Several of the neighbours drove down sheep at the same time. I have enjoyed a sacred nearness to Jesus too-day. He has filled my soul again with a happiness and peace, such as words could not possibly express. The same longing desire to know more of Jesus, which I have had for some time past is still with me.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1867

About midnight last night John Man & William McBride came and waked me to take Mrs Smith up and send her to jail. So this morning I went up to Caleb Matthews and we then went together to the Majistrate John McBride who could not act alone so we all went to Dover and found another Majistrate when our business was soon accomplished, The quarter part of this day has, in consequence, been unprofitably spent. Mr. Laird preached this afternoon an excellent sermon which I enjoyed much. But the class-meeting afterwards was better.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1867

Snively and I worked at ploughing in the New Ground wheat Field too-day. We finished our job a little before night and then got some remaining logs and chuncks together and set things on fire etc. Uncle Homes was here too-day after a lamb and some peaches. I am very grateful to my Maker for the blessed desires which he gives me. My determination to keep my face Zion-ward is becoming stronger, day after day. Oh, that my pathway may still continue to brighten.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1867

Mr. Snively sowed the hillside next to the creek this morning, by hand. He harrowed and sowed with the drill the remainder of the day. I worked at dragging all day, also. We have now a fair prospect of finishing our seeding to-morrow. D. V. Caleb Matthews was here to get the use of my drill a half day or so. I have not enjoyed as much of my Redeemer's presence too-day as in days gone by. But still the Good Lord gives me to feel that He is my only hope. May He ennoble me to walk in a manner, worthy of the blessed calling with which He has called me.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1867

This forenoon Snively & I finished sowing our new ground wheat field. I got the ditches done by noon. Mr. Snively went up to Caleb Matthews with the drill to sow his wheat for him. It has been raining since this afternoon, but Mother and I went out to Dover and attended Mr. Laird's social. We enjoyed ourselves pretty well as there was a nice company of our friends there. We are staying at my sisters too-night. I have felt much happiness too-night, in the Service of the Lord.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1867

Mother and I did not get home this forenoon until about noon. I got the old horse shod and did several little business errands around here. Spent the afternoon in getting ready to start for Niagara. Was up to John Matthew's too-night. It still rains occasionally, but I don't think it will hinder us from starting for the Falls in the morning. Have been blessed with a sacred nearness to my Saviour too-day while attending to my closet{?} devotions.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER ~~11~~, 1867 {handwritten} October 19

I went after Smith this morning to help me dig potatoes. Also to Caleb Matthews to see about the Assessment Roll. Spent most of the day in fixing the hog-pen. Mr. Snively has been drawing rails this forenoon and this afternoon splitting them. Mr. Horton & wife came back too-night. Mr. Horton and I went to the singing school too-night. I have experienced some happy seasons too-day in the Lord.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1867

It commenced raining this morning about daylight and continued raining more or less all day. Spent the day in reading and visiting with Mrs. Horton's folks. Velma gave us some nice music. She plays well considering the time she has been practicing. Mr. Horton's farm appears to be of a soil somewhat similar to our own but his buildings are rather old and dilapidated. His cattle and sheep etc. are not any better than mine.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1867

We did not get up very early this morning but managed to get ready for meeting. Attended service in the old Presbyterian church at North Pelham. Heard Rev. Mr. McGlasplan give a sort of Report of the late Sabbath School Convention in Toronto. After meeting I went down to Mr. {AB?} Lea Mattias, about one mile distant. Found Ira at home. He appeared to be very

glad to see me. I enjoyed the afternoon with him very much. He spent the evening with me at Hortons.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1867

Mr. Horton and wife, Mother and I, started for the Falls this morning about nine o'clock. We went through Fort Hill Annville and Drummondville. We arrived at the falls about noon, & did not get to see them from the American side neither did we get to see the suspension bridge. It is certainly a grand sight to see such a great sheet of water leaping with all madness into the gulph below. Surely the works of the Creator are great beyond all human comprehension and his ways past finding out. We took tea with one of Mr. Horton's friends Got back to Hortons about eight.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1867

I started for St Catharines this morning about nine o'clock. Mr Hortons son {Seavence?} went with me. Saw Ira De Sea-Matter in the road with his "Jemima." St' Catharines is quite a respectable looking place both as to size and appearance. Saw Hugh McClive, an old {Cobong?} lad, who is practising law here at present. Got home again about four. Took tea at Chandler Holcombs, where they were raising a large building. Spent the evening pleasantly at Mr. Horton singing with {illegible} Thomas & Horton.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1867

I got out of bed this morning about three o'clock We had our breakfast about half past four and were ready to start for home about sunrise. Mr. Horton and family came with us. It has been a beautiful day consequently our ride has been very pleasant. We took our dinners at a Roman Catholic house in Cayuga. our dinner was better than we expected. Arrived at home about dark, all safe and sound. Had a job to do to night for the benefit of the L. Y. {bris?} to calculate the school tax.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1867

I found things all right this morning. Sinvely has been splitting rails since we went away most of the time. Mr. Horton and I went out to see the wheat this morning. It begins to look well. Hired Peter Snively for a year this morning. We all went up to John Matthews towards noon on our way to Dover. Had our dinners there. We got to Dover and while there visited the factory and took Mr. Horton around the town.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1867

I have been visiting so long that I do not feel much inclined to go to work again. Mr. Horton, his family{?}, and my mother, went out to Townsend visiting too-day. Mary Jane and I stayed at home all alone. I have been doing a multitude of little chores too-day. such as starting up my peaches & fixing the pen making some fences around the new ground & too-night I killed a lamb. My mother and I went up to John Matthews too-night & spent the evening pleasantly.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1867 {handwritten} October 11

Mother and I started for Pelham this morning about eight. We took some yarn to the weavers on the road. Passed through Deconsville, Cayuga, Welland Port & Fenwick besides a number of other little villages. We kept the Caneboro road until we came to the village of Fenwick when we went in a north x north-easterly course for about three miles. The country from Jarvis down appears to be of a very heavy level soil, so level as to make drainage very difficult.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1867

I went with Mr. Horton to the Messiah Church this morning and a wonderfully mixed up mess as {Telmia?} called the sermon. Attended our own sermon or rather, meeting this afternoon. Mr. Ware preached a better sermon than usual too-day. At the class meeting this afternoon the Good Lord manifested himself to my poor soul in a wonderful manner. I could scarcely speak for joy while endeavoring to tell of this goodness to my fellow-class-mates.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1867

Snively has been splitting and drawing rails too-day and I have been building fence around the new grounds. Mr. Smith came this afternoon and we finished up the Assessment roll. Mr. Hortons went over to Clines too-day and too-night all hands of us went over to John {illegible}. Spent the evening pleasantly. Got home again after twelve. The Good Lord has impressed upon my mind one of his blessed promises too-day. Viz. The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1867

Snively and I finished up the fence around the new ground wheat-field this forenoon. Mr. Horton and his family left us this morning for home. I felt bad to see them go away after



having spent such a pleasant time visiting with them. However, the best of friends must part. I have been writing a letter to Frank Springer this afternoon. Mr. Howell of Port Dover made us a short visit this afternoon. The Lord is still with me.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1867

Snively went to after apples too-day, for himself. He brought a grist from the mill for me. I have been picking apples and sorting potatoes all day. Mother went up to the the plains with John Matthews folks. Never have I enjoyed a sweeter communion with my Maker than too-day. I have had some delightful seasons of prayer. O that I could do more for Jesus. Surely it is no more than an reasonable service, to give ourselves entirely up to his ~~service~~ work.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1867

Snively worked at drawing out manure too-day into the field behind the barn. I spent the forenoon in sorting over and pilling {pitting?} potatoes. They are strangely infected. The rot consists of a little black core in the center of the potatoe. A rotten potatoe may look as pure and {illegible} as any in the {illegible}. I have been picking apples this afternoon. Too-night I went up to Matthews & to Smiths after help.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1867

My man worked at drawing out manure this forenoon and this afternoon we both worked on the road as we have three days to put in yet. I went down to Mr {Kells?} too-night with the school assessment list, which he has agreed to collect. I have enjoyed a blessed nearness to my Saviour too-day. I can testify that, of a truth; it is a heaven below my Redeemer to know. O, may this always be my privilege.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1867

Mr. Snively and I finished up our road-work this forenoon and this afternoon he covered my potatoes and did some other little jobs. Mother and I went to Dover this afternoon found my sister all right as far as one could see outwardly. May the Lord lead her to seek for the salvation of her soul. I am asking the Lord daily to save her. I have still the same purpose before me of striving to do all to the Glory of my Master.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1867

Spent the forenoon in preparing some {lines?} for use in our meetings. Father Messmore came about one He preached to us this afternoon. We had an excellent time in our class-meeting. The Lord was with us. O what a mercy that God should condescend to manifest himself to creatures of such low estate as we are. Spent the evening greatly to the building up of my poor soul. Father Messmore's advice and conversation does me me much good. He is indeed a man of God.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1867

Snively drew up wood too-day and brought one load of corn from the field. I have been picking apples all day and have more than another days work yet. Father Messmore went home this morning. It is raining too-night for the first time in a good while. I have still that longing desire to be ever found in the paths of duty & righteousness. O that I could do more for Jesus, that I could be more fruitful of good.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1867

Peter Snively came this morning for the first. I have hired him for a year at two hundred and twenty dollars. Mr. Snively and him ploughed in the field back of the barn too-day. I have been picking up apples too-day and puting them away. Took my colts away from their mothers this afternoon. Peter Gilbert came too-night. We had quite a time talking. He stayed all night.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1867

Peter Snively did not work this forenoon. His father drew up wood while I went to Jarvis with the plough to get them sharpened. Got back by noon but was unfortunate enough to come home without getting one of the shears mended and will have to spend another half day in taking it to the blacksmith. My men both ploughed this afternoon in the field back of the barn. I have been picking up apples again.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1867

This forenoon Mr. Snively ploughed again in the field back of the barn also this afternoon. Peter got up a load of corn and too wood this forenoon, and this afternoon he dug potatoes. I picked up apples again. This forenoon and this afternoon went to Dover to get a ploughshare mended; got home by sun-down. The day has not been spent by me in as great enjoyment as I could wish but those who near the crown must come up through great tribulation.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1867

Both my men worked at ploughing in the field back of the barn today. They are getting along well and will soon have the field done. I separated my ewe lambs from their mothers this morning and put old Jack with the old ewes. Spread some manure before noon. Killed a lamb too-night. William Wilkinson was here to-night after {illegible} I am still striving to ward off the repeated blows of the enemy and the ~~and the~~ Good Lord still gives me strength.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1867

My two men continued ploughing this forenoon in the field back of the barn, but had to give it up on account of the hardness of the ground. They ploughed in the 'big flat' this afternoon. There has been a great wind yesterday and too-day which has set some woods around us entirely on fire but fortunately for me, I have no fires, out. Cut off my whiskers this afternoon & Mother says that it makes me look frightful.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1867

The wind is still blowing from the east as hard as ever, but no rain until too-night when the wind shifted around to the west and soon brought rain. Mother and I went out to the Quarterly meeting at Dover this morning. Heard Our Minister preach an excellent sermon. There was a crowd of people there. We went to Dr. Loversigne for our dinners. But I happened to get mine at Mr. Bowlbys where I had the pleasure of dining with Miss Douglass {obscured}

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1867

Peter Snively did not come this forenoon so that his father ploughed on the "big flat" alone. He came this afternoon, however. I went up to George Matthew's this morning and sharpened a plough share and got a {not?} mended for another. This afternoon I have been doing sundry little chores. Too-night I have been oiling up my old clock. The service of the Lord still continues to be a delightful service to my poor soul. There was a very high wind last night.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1867

My two men continued ploughing too-day on the "Big Flat." Peter Snively and I {spear?} up our accounts too-day, and too-morrow he commences to put in his year at eighteen dollars-a-month & board himself. I went over to Burks this forenoon to see about some barley due me

from George. This afternoon I have been digging potatoes. Never before have I been enabled to value the Word of God so highly. It is now the most precious thing on earth to my soul.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1867

Mr. Snively and Peter both worked at ploughing too-day; on the Big Flat. They are nearly done with their job ploughing there. I have been digging potatoes all day and too-night I felt the results very much. The weather has been beautiful too-day and still looks like dry weather. The Good Lord has permitted {illegible} to enjoy some happy seasons of prayer too-day; and my poor soul {illegible} much strengthened thereby.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1867

My men continued their work at ploughing on the Big Flat. They finished up ploughing about eight acres which is all that I intend ploughing this fall, there. This forenoon I fixed up fences and did sundry other chores. This afternoon I finished up digging potatoes for this year. The potatoes have not yielded as well as usual on account of a dry rot which infects them.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1867

Peter Snively went to Dover to {illegible} something about a grist at the mill. His father got up wood for himself this forenoon but this afternoon both of them worked at getting out manure from under the Horse Stables. I went up to George Matthews's to get a waggon and from there to Jarvis with my two ploughs and one of Georges. Got the ploughshares etc. all laid and got home again by dark. The Lord has been with too-day, of a truth.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1867

This morning I went to Decons with my cider apples, to get them made up. Went from there to Dover. Took dinner at my sisters and got home again about dark. Mr. Snively has been drawing out manure too-day on the new-ground next to Lane Ryerse's. Peter gathered Mangels for me this forenoon and the afternoon he went to Simcoe on business of his own. I have been still endeavoring to walk in this {mars?} path but the Good Lord has not been so precious as yesterday.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1867

Mother and I went to church at Dover this morning and heard the Rev. Mr. Wellmot from the Nanticoke circuit preach an excellent sermon from XXXI Chapter of Deuteronomy 12 and 13 verses. He showed in a very forcible way how important it was to parents to sow the seeds of righteousness in the hearts of their children. And that, to do this, was their bounden duty. Heard the Rev. Mr. Ware preach at our appointment an excellent sermon also, from "Behold, what manner of Love, the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1867

Mr. Snively ~~and I~~ drew out manure too-day into the ten acre new ground field while Peter took care of the last of the mangels. I went up to De Cous this morning after my cider. It was not made as I expected but he had to make it after I got there. Got home about four. My cider is excellent. I have had some very sweet and precious seasons too-day in contemplating the great blessings of God to His own people.

## TURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1867

Mr. Snively & I have been drawing out manure too-day from under the west shed. Peter commenced ploughing the new-ground sod on this side The Ten Acre field. It ploughs very nicely as dry as it is. We had visitors too-day; Miss Maggie Martin Granddaughter of the brave Captain Brandt of the Six Nation Indians was here, also John Matthews & wife also Mrs. Man. This young Indian woman appears to be quite amiable and intelligent. She is a splendid alto singer.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1867

Peter has been ploughing again too-day in the sod field. Mr. Snively and I drew manure too-day. I loaded and he took it to the field and unloaded while I loaded. We took it all out from the Sheep house excepting about one load. The drouth still continues and our prospect for water is decreasing as our well and cistern at the barn are both getting low as well as the creek. I have not been as happy in Jesus to-day as yesterday.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1867

Peter continued to work at the ploughing in the sod field and Mr. Snively worked at it too-day also. Mother and I started for Simcoe this morning. we found Mr. Willoughby very low, but recovering slowly from a very severe fit of sickness. We took our dinners with Mrs.

Willoughby with whom we had a pleasant little visit. I settled up an old account with Lyon's, this afternoon.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1867

My two men continued ploughing in the new-ground-sod too-day. I spread manure most of the forenoon. Went down to Man's after some lime as Unckle Homes came this morning to do some patching up arround the house. This afternoon I helped him some besides spreading some manure. Mother and I spent the evening at John Matthews where we found Miss Martin the young Indian woman. We had a very pleasant evening.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1867

My visit last night made me feel rather sleepy too-day, as a natural consequence. Peter Snively ploughed too-day in the new ground sod. Mr. Snively threshed peas this forenoon and went to ploughing again this afternoon. I went up to Georges this morning and sharpened a plough-share. Unckle Homes Matthews & wife took dinner with us. I have been spreading manure this afternoon and doing some other little jobs.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1867

Mother and I stayed at home too-day or rather this forenoon. Spent the forenoon in reading the guide. Rev. Mr. Laird took dinner with us. He gave us a few excellent observations on a portion of the VIII chapter of Matthew relating to the stilling of the tempest by our Lord Jesus. In conclusion he observed, that ~~efas~~ the blessed Jesus saved his disciples from destruction by the tempest, so would he be not only able to but even ~~ready~~ prepared to save his people from the fiercest attacks of the enemy. The Lord was with us in the class-meeting & blessed our poor souls.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1867

Mr. Snively ploughed again too-day in the new ground Sod. Peter and I got up wood, this forenoon, and this after noon he went off in search of a girl to take care of his wife after her confinement. I have been spreading manure this afternoon gathering cabbage, and fixing fence etc. and too-night I killed a lot of chickens for ma. I am still endeavouring to pursue the king Highway of Holiness and the blessed Saviour is with me which I count the best of all.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1867

The old gentleman ploughed again too-day in the sod field. Peter did not work too-day as he has not yet done with his running after girls etc. I have been picking over apples and putting them away this forenoon and this afternoon I have been cutting wood and setting it up for winters use. Miss Maggie Martin came here too-night and Mrs. Chesley & Leonora Matthews.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1867

Peter worked at {turning?} the potatoes to the pits too-day. I helped him this afternoon. Mr. Snively ploughed again too-day. I sharpened the ploughshare this morning, spread some manure etc. Tom. Murphy and wife came too-night on a visit. I met with the other trustees at John Mans too-night to settle up with Mrs. Chesley. We managed to get through without much trouble. The Good Lord still enables me to continue on the Heavenly Journey.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1867

Mr. Snively continued to work at the ploughing too-day and Peter chopped and put up wood, back on the new Ground. I went to Dover this forenoon. Took dinner with my sister. After dinner I drove up to Ainsleys and hitched my horses before his shop. Went away to the barbers across the street and when I came out my horses were gone. They were frightened by a butcher, Cruikshanks, who came along the sidewalk with a pig, but little damage was done.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1867

The old gentleman continued ploughing in the sod field. He has almost finished the field too day. Peter and I filled {filed} up our axes this morning and worked at cutting cord-wood on the chopping. I broke my axe handle a little before noon But managed to get it mended with another one. I have not lived as closely to my Saviour too day as I should have done. but the Lord does not always lead us in the sunshine of his glory. But clouds and storms often Hide the Light of righteousness from our vision.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1867

Mr. Snively threshed a flooring of pease this morning and afterwards finished ploughing and furrowing out the new-Ground Sod. Peter and I have been chopping and putting up wood again too-day on the new-ground, or slashing. The weather is now quite warm, and as dry as

ever. I have had some very precious seasons of prayer since last night & I felt indeed that I was holding communion with God, blessed Source of all good.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1867

We did not get ready for meeting this morning so as to get there in time. Mother and I went however & I went to Church. We took, little Nettie home. I went over to Bowlby's to dinner & I had the pleasure of seeing Miss Bowlby. She has just returned from a long visit to Windsor. We got home about five. I have not enjoyed the presence of my Divine Master too-day as much as is my privilege. O Lord, pardon my heart-wanderings, & help me to renew my covenant with Thee.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1867

Mr. Snively took a scraper home this evening and got a load of edging from Mans Mill to the School House. Afterwards he ploughed in the field back of the barn. Peter cut wood in the slashing all day; at which I helped him this afternoon. This forenoon I did several chores ~~this afternoon~~ forenoon. It is still very warm and the wind continues to blow from the south. And that without bringing much rain. However, it is raining too-night.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1867

Mr. Snively finished ploughing the field back of the barn this forenoon. and this afternoon he ploughed a strip along the creek, where I intend to plant willows. Peter cut wood this forenoon and this afternoon he got up wood for himself with my teams. I spent the forenoon in getting ready to kill my hogs and this afternoon in cutting cord-wood in the slashing. This has been a high day with my poor soul for the Lord has blessed me with His divine presence.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1867

We got ready for killing our hogs about nine. I had Peter, Mr. Snively, and John Matthews to help. We killed ten hogs and got done about four. They were not very fat but fat enough to make good provender. Spent the evening mostly in putting a top on my old {berlin?}; which I have been putting in a state of thorough repair, for a few evenings and mornings back. My purpose is still to continue in the narrow way & I hope always with God.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1867



Mr. Snively cut up my pigs this forenoon and this afternoon he went off in search of a {barn?} for himself. Peter has been cutting wood to-day in the slashing. I went to Dover this morning with our surplus pork. Sold five hogs for nineteen dollars and thirty-six cents or at four cents @ pound. Our pork has not brought more than half what it cost to fatten it this year. I received a letter from Frank too-day. He is still striving to continue on in the way to Heaven.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1867

It commenced raining this about six o'clock. It continued to rain all day. Mr. Snively made me some axe handles too-day and Peter cut wood this forenoon in the woodhouse. In the afternoon we moved the calf stable from one corner of the west shed to the other, in order to make it more {convenient?} for a sheep pen. Spent an hour or so this evening playing my violin for the first time in almost two years.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1867

There was quite a sudden change in the weather last night. This morning it is as cold as Greenland. Mr. Snively did not work too-day but went to Quarterly Meeting at Nanticoke. Peter cut wood this forenoon in the slashing & this afternoon he worked at banking up our house and the tenant house. I have worked like a beaver too-day, getting things in a proper shape for winter.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1867

Was much profited this forenoon in singing the praises of My God, and in reading of his goodness and tender mercies toward the children of men. Heard Mr. Ware preach this afternoon from the verse of the XXXV Chapter of Exodus. "And the Lord said My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest." This was said to Moses while journeying from Egypt & is analogous to the journey of the Christian from the state of bondage to Glory. {illegible} promise to those who love and serve Him.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1867

Sent Mr. Snively to mill this morning after a grist also to the blacksmith-shop to get the horses shod. Peter has been cutting wood most of the day. He helped me do some chores around the house. This morning, I have been doing a lot of chores again too-day such as fixing the gate at the road making a wood-box for mother shutting my old sows up & making a place for them. We had a large increase last night some six new piggs and one calf.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1867

Peter has been moving into my tennant house too-day. Both families are now living together. Mr. Snively has been cutting wood too-day. Mother and Miss Martin went to Dover this morning. This forenoon I hung a door under the west shed. This after-noon I have been helping Snively cut wood. Spent the evening in preparing to an instrument of agreement between the School teacher and the trustees.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1867

Peter got up wood this forenoon but this afternoon he did not work. Mr. Snively and I have been cutting wood most of the day too-day. William Matthews was here to-day after a half Doz. Sheep which I have let him have in shares. I have been over to John Mans too-night on trustee business again. As a consequence I could not attend to the prayermeeting. The Lord is still leading me, sinful as I am.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1867

My men chopped wood too-day in the old slashing. Mother and I started about nine for Walter Olds near Simcoe. We arrived there about eleven. Before dinner I went to the village of Bloomsburg after some B{illegible}s for mother. Took dinners at Walters and afterwards had a pleasant visit with them. Got home again about six. It has been very cold too-day & has every appearance of snow-storm, too-day.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1867

Mr. Snively made a fence around the straw-stack this forenoon and this afternoon we all worked at chopping and splitting wood in the slashing. This evening, the wind has blown so hard that the two doors of the waggon-house were both blown off the rollers and mashed up a considerable; Besides the building, on our premises, which corresponds to the Parliament Buildings of Victoria College was blown over.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1867

Went to work this morning with all hands, repairing fences mending doors etc. My men worked at putting up fence, threshing etc. this afternoon. Mother and I went out to Dover this afternoon. Spent the afternoon in doing some shopping and in talking with several of my

friends. We took tea with Mrs. {Sawson?} but did not enjoy it much as my teeth ached painfully. Read a letter from my old College friend John San {obscured}

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1867

It was very cold this morning. After doing my chores I read some and after dinner went to meeting at the Schoolhouse. Heard a {journey-man?} preach, whose name was Austin. He has just commenced his career as a local preacher. He preached from those memorable words of our Saviour, "It is finished." His discourse was delivered in a forcible and quite fluent manner and augurs well of his future usefulness.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1867

Peter and Mr. Snively covered the potatoe pits with manure this morning. Afterwards Peter went to mill with a grist of his wheat. He also took some wheat and some grain to get chopped, for me. Mr. Snively and I mended the waggonhouse door, cut wood & made a pig-pen too-day. I received a summons frøom attend Court tomorrow this afternoon. Repaired the stove-pipe at the School-House too-night.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1867

Gave orders to my men this morning concerning chores and work during my absence at Court. Started for Simcoe about eight o'clock, with Charley. He went along pretty well considering, but going from Simcoe to Walter Olds I had some trouble with him. Took tea at Walters & afterwards went over to J. B. Carpenter to spend the evening. Had a pleasant time chatting with him about farm matters, etc. Got back to Walters about 8

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1867

Walter Olds and I walked to Simcoe this monring. Went to court and staid around there most of the time until noon I then went to Mr. Murphy's for according to invitation and had dinner. Our little affair was settled up about Mrs. Smith after dinner after which I started home with all haste. Charly went along first rate. Arrived home at dark. Found things all right as far as I could see.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1867

We have had a cold and very severe East wind too-day, and part of the day it has been snowing. Mr. Snively put in the last day of his year too-day. He made axe-handles for me. Peter and I cut wood in the wood-house, and got up my lambs too-night. I have only a little over twenty four dollars to pay Mr. Snively for his years work. The remaining amt. having been paid mostly in provisions etc. through the year.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1867

Peter and I fixed up the sheep-pen this morning and put the sheep in their lodgings. We also made a bridge to the old stable door and made a calf pen and shut our calves up for the winter. This afternoon Peter did not work for me but got his sheep ready for winter, and got up some wood for himself. I sharpened my Buck-saw this afternoon. I have had a humiliating season too-day. O that the Good Lord may keep me from the paths of sin and {illegible}

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1867

Settled up with Mr. Snively last night. We got along without any trouble. Peter got up wood too-day. Mother and I went out to Port Dover this forenoon, but before we started I put a lock on the Schoolhouse door and fixed the stove-pipe. Spent the afternoon in doing some business and calling on some of my friends. Had a pleasant time. We took tea with Mr. G. Wilsons. Got home at eight.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1867

Peter went up to Port Ryerse too-day and took the cutter without asking for it. Mother was prevented from going to meeting in consequence. It has been snowing most of the day, so that the sleighing is now pretty fair. My feelings too-day with reference to religion have not been so bright and happy as in times past. But the Blessed Lord has been amongst us at our meeting this afternoon where we had a profitable season.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1867

Peter threshed a flooring of pease this morning and the rest of the day he got up wood. Mother and I went down to Jarvis. She remained there, visiting Mrs. Lambert while I went on down to the weaver's Dicks, after some cloth but did not get it as I expected. We drove Charley. ~~We~~ He went along first-rate. I got him shod at McMicken's in Jarvis. The Lord has been with me too-day and has been pleased to manifest himself to my soul.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1867

Peter and I mended a gate this morning and fixed the stable for the bull. Afterwards we went to the slashing and chopped wood the rest of the day. We have just finished cutting the smallest of the wood and we have perhaps enough cut to keep us going a year or more. The school master Mr. Weston made us a visit too-night. I have again enjoyed the sunshine of the Christian life too-day. for Lord has blessed me.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1867

My men got up wood too-day while I spent the day mostly in doing chores and fixing up some around the barn. Fixed up some fences back of the barn and made a fence around a hay-stack, cut some wood etc. Attended prayer-meeting too-night. There was only one there besides myself, but the Lord was with us. I have been abundantly blessed with the presence of my Redeemer too-day. I am again enabled to put my whole trust in Him.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1867

Peter drew up wood again this forenoon but this afternoon he went to weigh out some hay for his father etc. Mother and I started for Dover about ten. Went to Rev. Mr. Laird for dinner and visited there most of the day or rather, when I was not doing my town business. Saw Mr. Burns for the last time as he is going to Milton to teach Grammar School. We drove Charly too-day. He went first rate.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1867

Peter worked at drawing wood most of the day. The weather has become much milder since last night. There was a fall of about four or five inches of snow last night but I am afraid it is going off again for the south wind is blowing very warm. Have not done much too-day. Have felt very uncomfortable from a cold and am trying to cure it by starving it out. The school-master was here too-night to make out the school report.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1867

Peter got up wood too-day excepting a little while this afternoon, when we brought up a load of straw for bedding for the cows etc. I have been doing chores and preparing to go to Nelson next week. It is snowing again too-night very furiously. This storm is from the east. I

have been reading Fleetwoods Life of Christ. His explanation of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins is certainly very plain as {illegible} {obscured}

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1867

We were favoured with a heavy rain last night, which will be a great blessing to many. The Good Lord has been pleased to show me my own nothingness in a wonderful manner too-day. I find that with all my efforts at serving Him I very many times grieve his Holy Spirit and come short of His glory. O what a mercy that he still bears with my deceitful heart so long. We had a good service in the School house this afternoon. The Lord was with us to bless us and to do us good.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1867

It was quite blustery this morning, and all day the wind has been blowing quite hard. Peter has been splitting wood this forenoon and this afternoon he has been putting manure on mother's flower beds. I have been a little unwell too-day with a cold and consequently have not done much in the way of work. cut some wood this afternoon and this forenoon did chores etc. Spent the evening in hunting out some {lume?} for meeting.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1867

I sent Peter to the blacksmith-shop this morning with the horses to get them shod. I went out to Dover as soon as I could get my chores done this morning. Drove Charly to the buggy, He went very well. Took dinner at Mary Janes. Got home again about three. The school-master came over too-night to help me finish up the school report for the last six months. It has been very blustery too-day.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1867

Mother and I went out to Dover this morning. Attended service in the Episcopalian Church afterwards we took dinner at My sisters. Called at Bowlbys this afternoon and spent a couple of hours very pleasantly in chatting with the girls and etc. We arrived home after dark. I attended prayer meeting too-night in the school-house and had it all to myself. However, it is always profitable to wait upon the Lord.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1867

Peter and I worked at cutting up some old pine trees for kindling-wood too-day, back in the chopping. The weather is still very mild, indeed, the past day has resembled a fine day of April or May much more than one of December. The snow has all disappeared and mud is fast coming in its place. The prospect of my going to Nelson is rather slim at present, especially with the cutter. However I have no doubt but that the weather will be more favourable before many days and then I'm off, of course.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1867

My man cut wood in the wood-house too-day on account of the rain. Towards night we made a dam below the waggon-house to back up water for the cattle & horses. Last night we were visited with a regular Summer Thunder shower. The weather still continues very warm and the frost is about all out of the ground. In the way to Heaven I have not made as good progress too-day as I might have made. O Lord, help me in my extreme weakness that I may arrive safely home at {obscured}

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1867

My man split wood too-day in the chopping. After doing my chores I went to Dover on horseback. Took dinner at Mary Janes. Got home about two. Spent the afternoon in getting ready for my journey to Nelson. I went over to the Messiah Church too-night Where they were giving an entertainment of music & then recitations of Sabath School Children. It went off pretty well.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1867

Attended Meeting in the School House this afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Laird delivered a very excellent discourse by which I was much profited. He told us of the necessity of being constantly ready for that great and notable day of the Lord when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil. Of a truth one is very dangerously exposed {who?} is out of Christ every {obscured} one moment, for we {illegible} what a day or an hour may bring {obscured}

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1867

Started for Nelson this morning about seven. Peter took me as far as Jarvis where I took the stage. Had a rough time down as the road was terribly rough. Got acquainted with a young Dr. Faber on the way down from Caledonia. We started ~~for~~ on the train for Toronto together

at seven. I stopped at the Square and had to walk up to Mr. Springers. To My great surprise Frank, Emily, and Alice had gone up to Jerseyville only a few hours before. Oh! dear what will I do.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1867

Spent this forenoon in visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Springer and Elisa. The time passed by pleasantly of course. Walked down to the Square Station about noon, and took the train for Copetown "we work" for Jerseyville. Had to get off at {dumtown?} as the train did not stop at Copetown. Happened luckily to get a ride almost to Jerseyville Arrived at Mr. {Reed?} Howell about six. Frank had gone to a party but Emily and Alice were there. Spent the evening very pleasantly Young Donald Sutherland was there.

## MEMORANDA

No year of my life has been so abundantly fraught with mercies and blessings to my poor soul as the one which has just pas't. During the first six months of the year the Lord lead me more and more to see the necessity of entering into a closer walk with God. About the First of May I was enabled to give myself up both soul and body to the dear Redeemer, but as yet, without any

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perceptible change in my religious enjoyment. About the middle of June I was permitted to attend a camp meeting at Mill-Grove on the Wellington Square circuit in company with the Springer family. On the occasion of Frank's re-conversion I was favoured with a wonderful blessing from my Heavenly Father, and from that time until the present I have been enabled to reckon myself dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God.

{hand written} Sunday Nov 22nd {1868?}

I have this forenoon been reading the last of Carvosso's Memoir. By it I find that I have almost unconsciously been doing that which grieves the Holy Spirit. I have for some time been lacking in faith, indeed, it has at times seemed as though it was impossible to take God at his word. I have trusted too much to feeling, and works and altogether too little to the all atoning blood of Jesus. but bless God that He does at times show me where I am and gives me to feel a sense of my danger. It seems as though I was sailing on an immense Ocean ~~under~~ bound for a ~~port~~ country of which I know nothing. Only as I am taught by Him



who is King of that country and who has given a chart by which we are to avoid dangerous rocks and shoals. For there are many such and multitudes set out on the voyage but by dint of carelessness and negligence {illegible} to consult the chart, soon guide their ships from the right course and ere long are swallowed up in some dreadful {illegible} or shipwrecked

before they have again recourse to the Chart. Another source of my has been that I have of late spent too little time in co{illegible}ing with my Saviour O that I could pray always without ceasing and in everything give thanks And instead fo trusting fully in him I have been drifting away into the dangerous waters of self conceit. But now in {illegible} and the deepest humily {humility?} I speak with the poet "not but I yield I yield I cannot any more." There are no desires of my heart so strong as the the desire to be entirely conformed to the will of God. And withal{?} I do want to be use- {writing is cut off}

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