

Peter has been engaged at sundry jobs all day. I made on rather finished making a bargain with C. H. Lewis this morning. He agrees to work for me for a year for \$2.20 and board himself. I furnish him with a house and garden spot, traps a cow and a pony. The latter is to work for his board.

I went down to St. Matties this forenoon, found William and Mr. Halls away. I had quite a visit with Mrs. Emma all alone. She is a very interesting young lady in every respect.

Peter and I have been cutting wood in the woods again today. Have been cutting up an old elm tree at the North West corner of the three-acre field.

The weather has been quite cool; but, quite very warm during the day. The sun has got so high now that it seems to have great power. even when cloudy. See by yesterday's paper that the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher died on Tuesday morning the 8th inst. at 9 o'clock. Was buried today at Elmwood Cemetery. He was seventy four years old, and has always a name of great prominence.