

Aug 8th, Ma and I to meeting. New Mr. Joslyng from Zion preached. Liked subject and spirit in which it was delivered. His outward movements are anything but pleasant. I found it necessary to look away from the minister to get the good of the discourse. Presume this would wear away with a better acquaintance. Best of all God was with us.

Aug 9th, Boys working on wheat ground. I cut around the ten acre field and remaining portion of field in front of tenant house. The oats are not rusted, even the later ones. Bad in neighbourhood.

Aug 10th, John rooling [rolling] Willie and I drew out bottom of old stack and then ploughed last land. Ground very hard. All done except stubble field, about 23 acres ploughed in all.

Aug 11th, Cuting, binding and partly shocked field by tenant house. Good for 40 or 50 bus. / acre. I should have sowed 2 bus. / acre, but sowed thin for better clover. Failed both ways.

Aug 12th, We finished little field, half cut and bound 10 acre field. East part magnificent crop.

Aug 13th, Continue oat harvest. Albert McWade helping last 2 days to finish. Dry and warm.

Aug 14th, Walked out to Dover. Called at Mr. Barret's to see how Harry was, and, the result was a 2 or 3 hours visit. Of course I enjoyed it greatly; They are such kind good folks. Ride home with C. W. Smith. Shocked up remainder of oats after dark. Machine came unexpectedly tonight.

Aug 15th, Ma, Nellie and me to Meeting. Proffitable waiting together at class. Saw Hellen and Andrew Bowlby and old acquaintance who used to be Emma Ault.

Aug 16th, Threshed 363 bus of wheat. 50 bus. From 12 loads of rakings. Many shrunken grains.

Aug 17th, Finished threshing - 665 bus. Wheat, 109 bus barley, 2 loads (50 bus.) Of oats. I have to pay back for help - James McBride - 11/2 days, James Horn - 3 days, Willie Corbet - 2 days, Mr. McWade & Willie Write - 2 days each.

Aug 18th, Could not draw oats due to heavy rain. Boys working on wheat ground with harrow and cultivator. I patched barn roof over granery [sic] The Lord is graciously present

Aug 19th, John & Willie worked on front field with both teams. I cleaned out sweet potatoes, found good sized tubers. Rain forced us all to pull rag weed this afternoon. Have made up my mind to wage war on this troublesome weed to the death. Hard to get rid of once seeded.

Aug 20th, Rain again, boys pulling rag weed. John went to dover in afternoon. I have been in house all day with something like Cholera Morbus, but am recovering.

Aug 21st, Boys separated lambs from their mothers, then ploughing oat stubble and harrowing front field. I have been unwell, but, strange to say, inwardly it has been one of the happiest days I last.

have ever experienced. Glory to God.

Aug 22nd, Sufficiently recovered to take Samantha and Leilia to church.

Aug 23rd, Drew 14 loads of oats from field by little house, making 16 in all. Had Albert McWade and Tommy McBride helping. Oats in fine order, but somewhat damaged by the rains.

Aug 24th, Got in all but 2 loads of oats. I mowed away in barn for two reams. Albert McWade & little Bobie McBride helping.

Aug 25th, The boys ploughing, and got in last two loads of oats this evening. I went to Dover to Mr. McPherson's to see about getting few bus. of Boyer wheat. New variety of red bearded, red chaff wheat. Had tea at Mrs. Jackson's who told me little message from Avrielle, of no moment.

Aug 26th, John helping Mr. Smith thresh. Willie ploughing. I cultivated in back wheat field in forenoon. Visited Peter Gilbert & wife and mother, who have been with us. He learned me how to bud peach trees and was surprised to find the process so simple. Intend to improve them this way.

Aug 27th, John threshing at Smith's. Willie breaking up oat stubble and I cultivating for wheat. Just had two four year old heifers come in. This will add to our stock of milk, which is scarce.

Aug 28th, Boys ploughing, cultivating & rooling for wheat. I went out to Andrew Ball's for peach buds and have been budding them. Brought home 3 little piggs [sic] from Mrs. Jacksons.

Aug 29th, On account of rain did not attend church. Not hindered by rain since April last.

Aug 30th, Boys ploughing. I finished budding peaches. Archie Olds here about buying sheep, but did not make a bargain. Sold apples for drying at 12 & 1/2 cents per bus. Pulling rag weed.

Aug 31st, Boys finished ploughing. I pulled rag weed. Writing to Rev. Gray in St. Thomas.

SEPTEMBER — 1880.

Sept 1st, Willie & John drawing and spreading manure. I picked rag weed west of woods this morning. Word that cousin Frank Olds of Chicago died, corpse on it's way, buried tomorrow.

Sept 2nd, Boys and I at manure this morning. Willie and I went to attend funeral at Woodhouse cemetery. Small attendance as time reported was contradictory. Corpse arrived from Chicago at half past five by way of Simcoe. Much afraid for Florence's health.

Sept 3rd, Heavy rain, so boys cleaning up wheat. I got 16 bus. of Boyer wheat from McPherson.

Sept 4th, Showers again. Doing sundry jobs of little importance in helping along the work. To Simcoe to try and sell apples, could not find the dealer. Sold 4 old sheep, 2 lambs, to Isac[?] Bint.

Sept 5th, Took Nellie with me to Meeting. Excellent class meeting. Bro. Chalmers attended a child's funeral at Woodhouse this afternoon. Mother Josie Ryerson, now Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Sept 6th, Harrowing and manuring for seeding. Thinking some of going to Dresden to take Leilia and Nellie home and attending the Michigan State Fair

Sept 7th, Continue harrowing and manuring. Albert McWade started cutting corn. Weather cool.

Sept 8th, Work continues as yesterday. Lord still gracious and full of tender compassion.....

Sept 9th, Willie and I at manure this morning but Willie drilling Boyer wheat in front of little house this afternoon. John harrows and Albert cuts corn. Mrs. Wm. Wallis and Mrs. D. Olds visited us this evening. The Lord is still gracious, yea! Chiefest among ten thousand to my soul.

Sept 10th, Willie drilled today. I am trying a new plan of harrowing and rooling after the drill. It makes the ground firm while covering seed thoroughly. Bro. Chalmers and lady to dinner. We visited some of our country members this afternoon.

Sept 11th, To Dover after papers and groceries. Ditching later. Last of three little pigs purchased from T. Jackson died today.

Sept 12th, Ma and I went to Meeting, excellent sermon and precious giving of testimony after.

Sept 13th, Willie drawing manure, John harrowing and cultivating, Albert cutting corn, as usual. I was ditching, which I find hard work, but a very necessary and most important job.

Sept 14th, Left the boys at home while Ma and I took Leilia and Nellie to Woodstock and put them on the G. W. R. for home. Went through the Baptist College or Seminary and very courteously received by the authorities. No. of students small, said to be not very prosperous.

Sept 15th, Willie has big field two thirds drilled. John busy with the other team. Albert and I cutting corn, about 4 rows to cut. Frost has injured it some.

Sept 16th, All working as before.

Sept 17th, I have been ditching. Willie and John preparing remainder of corner field for the drill. Albert is helping McBrides thresh. Rooled and harrowed all wheat. It brings it up sooner.

Sept 18th, All working as yesterday. I went out for papers. Albert still threshing.

Sept 19th, I attended Meeting and class. Bro. Chalmers sermons are worth retaining permanently.

Sept 20th, Willie & Albert helping James Horn thresh. Both teams at work as Tommy McBride is harrowing. Back field is furrowed. Have 25 acres sown in all. Hope to finish this week.

Sept 21st, John & Willie working in front field, Albert finished cutting corn and I ditching. Peaches are now in season & we never had so many.

Sept 22nd, Albert & Willie threshing at Horn's in morning and back home this afternoon. I took a load of oats to Horn's to be threshed, got 28 bus. My heart rejoices in the abundance of peace.

Sept 23rd, John cultivating, Willie & I drawing manure. Mr. & Mrs. Culler visited.

Sept 24th, Got front field 2/3rds drilled. Hope all our labour is not in vain. Able to leave it to Him.

Sept 25th, done our seeding at last. Rooled and harrowed all, Mr. Smith firmly against it.

Sept 26th, To Meeting alone, and well repaid for my trouble. Found Albert very sick this evening. Went also to see Mr. & Mrs. Holcomb.

Sept 27th, Finished cleaning our water furrows. John home at noon. Mr. & Mrs. Chandler Holcomb visited this evening. Sorry they had to leave so soon.

Sept 28th, Boys cleaning barley for market. I went to Jarvis and Dover and decided to take barley to Jarvis. Offered 95 cents for wheat in both places. Holcombs called, but could not visit.

Sept 29th, Ma, Willie and I went to the Provincial Fair [sic] in Hamilton. Show of stock not large but some fine specimens. Interesting that we had breakfast and supper at home, and day at Fair.

Sept 30th, Willie not home from Exhibition. John and I got out 2 loads of barley (all but tailings) and sold at Jarvis @ 51 cents / bus. My cousin Albert Matthews lying at point of death these last few days with Typhus or Typhoid Fever. All hopes of recovery are given up.

OCTOBER — 1880.

Oct 1st, Drawing wheat and sold at 95 cents - 98 cents for the last load. John and Willie are cleaning it up. Up to Uncle John's about Albert. Doctors just held a consultation and decided his case was hopeless. He was a much loved boy, I feel much sympathy for U. John & A. Lydia.

Oct 2nd, John has been running around in preparation for my dear cousin Albert's funeral, which takes place tomorrow at 11 o'clock. He died at six this morning. Only sick a few days. Feel sad at loss of this dear young life. We have hope that his life is not lost, only continued in a more happy state of existence. He left a precious testimony of Jesus power to save.

Oct 3rd, My painful duty to attend Albert Matthews funeral. A promising young man of about 23. Mr. Culler held short service at the house, corpse taken to Woodhouse Chappel where Bro. Chalmers preached. The Lord is still very precious [sic] to me.

Oct 4th, Willie did not come home. John & I doing odd jobs. I took small load of wheat to Dover. Mr. Collins buried at Woodhouse today.

Oct 5th, Took grist to Simcoe & few bags of wheat to sell. Not as good price as Dover. Made payment on mortgage. Rains have not affected the roads and do wheat good.

Oct 6th, Took load of wheat at 93 cents / bus. Boys and I dug 2 bus. of sweet potatoes and others.

Oct 7th, Digging potatoes. Late Rose best yielder (5 bus. a row up and down) Early Rose not like they used to be. Snow Flakes poor yield, but fine for use. Reading of arrival of two ship loads of American wheat in northern Russia, a thing unheard of before.

Oct 8th, Finished potatoes and husking corn. Warm. Like to thresh. Need more barn room.

Oct 9th, Willie fixing fence and then cleaning wheat with John. Sold load of wheat. Settling accounts tonight, disposing of eight. Happy when able to pay my debts, and to owe no man nothing at all, but to love one another etc.

Oct 10th, Mr. Culler preached Albert's funeral service today. Did not go out to Dover as desired. I do not feel right to spend the Sabbath visiting. It seemed necessary today however.

Oct 11th, Boys cleaning & I drawing wheat. Sold at 93 & 94 cents. Will not put out me of debt enough to feel easy. Expenses being so high.

Oct 12th, Two loads out, one at 99 cents, other 95 cents. 15 bus. left. Disappointed, as yield is 100 bus short of the machine measure, and price so low.

Oct 13th, Picked all the Baldwins and Siek's [?] Our apple crop best ever. Same everybody.

Oct 14th, Picking apples. Let Mr. Lundy have 16 bus. for 16 shillings, or 2 days threshing. Got all our winter apple gathered excepting Talman Sweets. His presence makes my paradise.

Oct 15th, All husking corn. I took wheat to mill and 12 bus to Mr. McWade on Albert's wages. Made bank deposit & paid little debts. Went to splendid Agricultural Show. D. W. Horton called.

Oct 16th, Boys at sundry jobs. David Hortons called. Sold ballance [sic] of wheat at 98 cents. The Township Show came off at Dover, not much due to rain, good attendance.

Oct 17th, To Meeting in a gale, no fire on. Mr. Joslyng of Zion preached. but abilities not marked.

Oct 18th, Boys and I picking apples. Lot ready for peeling, still cider apple to gather. Corn pressing

Oct 19th, Gathered near 300 bus apples, cider and all. Most ever. To see Tommy Jackson about use of his black [?] sheep.

Oct 20th, Have 80 bus. corn husked and in the crib. Told of tremendous snow storms in west.

Oct 21st, Willie, John & I husking corn - 120 bus. in crib. Expect up to 800 bus. yet.

Oct 22nd, Husking till stopped by rain. Albert Gilbert stayed overnight, here for seed corn. Sold 10 bus. @ 25 cents. Mr. Smith in and Fred Kitchen & his family in to see me. At Capt. McFells last night making an evening visit. Had a pleasant time.

Oct 23rd, Rain. To Dover for papers. Husking. Letter from Rev. J. W. German with act. of family.

Oct 24th, To Meeting alone. Rev. Mr. Campbell of Port Rowan preached on Charity.

Oct 25th, All husking - 220 bus. in crib. Mr. Murphy & gr-son Roscoe here for two days, left with Maggie & Mrs. Murphy, who have been staying here last few days.

Oct 26th, Rain stoped husking. I went out to Dover. Heard my Grandfather is not expected to live long. Sad spectacle to see a man live so long in the way of sin. Lord save me from such a life.

Oct 27th, Husking in the cold. Ma & I to McIntee's tonight. My cousin Rose[?] & baby well.

Oct 28th, Husking. Sold 30 bus. potatoes @ 30 cents, to some Walpole men. Went to Dover.

Oct 29th, Husking. Ma, Aunt Lydia and I to Simcoe. Attended a small matter at the bank. Went to see Florence (Mrs. John Harris) who's been poorly. Brought home fixed over buggy from Dover.

Oct 30th, Ma & I went down below at half past two. Reached Canfield Station for breakfast. To Mr. Horton's for dinner safe and sound. Large company of relatives gathered for Mr. Holcomb's 88th birthday. Favoured with company of my young lady friend A. H. whom I have so long and so highly esteemed. Stayed over night at Mr. Hortons.

Oct 31st, Sunday. Went to North Pelham Presbyterian Sunday School and preaching service. Rev. Mr. Hancock conducted. My privilege, never before enjoyed, to have Avrile's company there. Had dinner at Chalmer's, it being Avrile's birthday. Staying with them. Good Lord is with me.

NOVEMBER — 1880.

Nov 1st, Bad weather so stayed on visiting. Dinner at Mr. Cooks, tea at William Holcombs, and staying overnight at James Holcombs. Very pleasant visits. Never used better by everyone.

Nov 2nd, Started home. Dinner at canfield Station. Home to find threshing machine here. Had to look after getting hands for tomorrow. Every thing all right at home.

Nov 3rd, Thanksgiving day but have not kept it as I wanted to. Threshed 804 bus. of oats, largest ever, with McBride and Stringer's machine. Great pile of straw too. Yield is over 38 bus / acre.

Nov 4th, Willie and John sent with both teams to take the threshing machine to Henry Misener's. I washed off the buggy. Husking corn later. Got 10 bus. making 410 bus. total.

Nov 5th, John finished his seven months with his lost time tonight. Had to pay him \$28.00. Balance.

Went to Simcoe for money to pay Willie and John. Found Mr. Chalmers with diarrhea.

Nov 6th, Willie and I husked corn, rain stoped it. I paid him and he about accepted staying.

Nov 7th, A violent wind and a cold made it disagreeable going to church. Have found that in order to obtain a blessing it is necessary to make some sacrifice. It was quarterly meeting.

Nov 8th, Albert is helping as Willie is away. Husked corn in a. m. I went to quarterly business mtg. Our deficiency is considerable and ought not to be. We took tea at the parsonage Ma & I. Enjoyed it very much but 7 smaller children made it hard for the Bro. To listen to visitors.

Nov 9th, Fine weather for Albert & I to husk corn. Ma took Samantha home we thought for good.

Nov 10th, Willie and I husking in a. m. Rain forced us to fix up around barn for winter. Mrs. Chesley is visiting us. Her many trials have doubtless benefited her in some ways.

Nov 11th, Willie and I got in two loads of corn making 520 bus. Wind was in the s.w. when the sun crossed the line, which, it is said rules the winter months.

Nov 12th, Now have 540 bus. husked corn in the barn. Samantha being away I put more time in around the house. Don't know what we would do without a hired girl.

Nov 13th, Willie husking. Took care of some garden stuff. Went to Dover, old Mr. Orr died. On coming home learned that my paternal gr-father died. About three o'clock. Ill some time.

Nov 14th, Ma and I out to church. Remained to class mtg. Visit from A. G. Rose, wife is better.

Nov 15th, Willie finished corn husking, all but 3 shocks he brought up on the waggon. 570 bus. I got the cider barrels hooped up and filled with water. Considerable snow and very cold.

Nov 16th, Willie geting up wood with sleighs & working around the barn. I put 20 bus. potatoes in the cellar. Foot of snow, sleighing good. Finished corn none too soon.

Nov 17th, Willie took load of apples to cider mill, but did not get cider back. I was picking over and storing apples for winter. Not altogether ready for winter as yet.

Nov 18th, 20 degrees below freezing. Willie got up wood and this afternoon has been working the team [sic] I continue to work away at the apples, not made much headway owing to great quantity

Nov 19th, Willie got cider home. I have 13 barrels of apples yet to over-haul. Out of room.

Nov 20th, Warm so we took out a hole of potatoes. Sold to Mr. Huffman 15 bus. and took ten to Bro. Chalmers. One pit to take out yet. Still happy in the Saviours love.

Nov 21st, Due to cold, chores and trying to keep warm could not get out to meeting. It was the

occasion of the preaching of Gr-fathers funeral sermon by Mr. Chalmers. Have enjoyed opportunity for reading and meditation greatly, in my supplications at the throne of grace my Maker has been near.

Nov 22nd, Willie cutting and splitting wood in woodhouse. I have plastered up holes in house.

Nov 23rd, Samantha came home. Willie getting the horses shod. I promised to let him haul out wood from Unckle Walter from his farm. Sold 12 lambs to Ross, 5 for \$3.00, 2 at \$2.00. Sold a weather & a pet of Leilia's for \$5.00. Several enquiries for cattle.

Nov 24th, Willie took first load of wood to Unckle Walter. Feel myself graciously directed. Snow.

Nov 25th, Willie and I cleaned load of oats. I took 50 bus. & 24 lbs to Jarvis to sell for 30 cents / bus. It weighs well 44 & 1/2, I think. Willie helping father kill hogs. Paring apples in evenings for some time. Extensive crop makes it necessary in order to save them.

Nov 26th, Sold 4 bags of dried apples at 90 cents / bus. in Jarvis. No market for green apples at my price, so took to Hagersville & sold to Evaporator at 20 cents / bus. Not great, but better than to throw them away. Sleighing is splendid, and the weather cold.

Nov 27th, Willie cleaning oats while I took a load to the oatmeal mill. Not pleased with my bargain. Miller will only give 30 cents, if for the whole lot. Partly concluded to take him 200 bus. Came home by Dover, sent renewal for "The Witness" together with Mr. Smiths.

Nov 28th, Ma & I to meeting. Room too warm. Felt drowsy and stupid. Did not stop to the class.

Nov 29th, Took load to oatmeal mill at 30 cents. Sold Archie Olds 25 bus. for seed. Got up load of corn stalks and one of straw this evening in the drive house.

Nov 30th, Took load of oats out making 246 bus. Went to bank in Simcoe to get my money.

DECEMBER — 1880.

Dec 1st, Willie and I got up wood this afternoon. Paid for blacksmithing to Mr. McIntee & Mr. H. Perkis. Favoured with another snow storm, making sleighing good again. Still warm.

Dec 2nd, I have been cutting and splitting wood. Willie took a load to Unckle Walter. Writing to Rev. W. Briggs for Mrs. Chesley tonight. The Lord is still very merciful to me. I am so glad that He has ever called me to His Kingdom and Glory. Lord help me to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith thou hast called me.

Dec 3rd, Took small load of potatoes, 16 bus., to Lewis Miller in Jarvis weather being warm and sleighing likely to go off. Got 30 cents / bus. Balance of the day Willie & I cutting wood. Reading of the sad fall of the great H. W. Bucher of Brooklyn. He is reported to have given the right hand of fellowship to Ingersol Nie, notorious skeptic and infidel. It is said to have taken place in public too.

Dec 4th, Willie and I got up a couple of loads of cornstalks. They are badly frozen down. Ma and I went to Dover. Paid County tax and small debts. Delighted to be able to meet my engagements favourably. The Lord has been with me, enabling me to continue my consecration to Him, of my little all.

Dec 5th, Out to church as usual. Very interesting testimony meeting afterwards. James Holcomb and wife here on returning home, having lately come from Pelham. Had to spend the day in an undesirable way to me for I like to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. But these visits are very few and far between. They left for McIntee's tonight.

Dec 6th, Taking care of cider apples but failed to get even half put away. They are pretty badly frozen. Keith & James to visit. Ma and I went up to McIntees with them for the evening. Mrs. M. looks very bad but still talks of going to Pelham with James's in the morning. Very cold again.

Dec 7th, Willie and I cutting wood in the woods as so cold we could not work anywhere else. Long time since winter commenced so early and continued with such severity. Have enjoyed much power in prayer. What a privilege we have of calling on god in our distress.

Dec 8th, Cutting wood and getting in oat straw. Reading about what a converted Hindoo said about the gospel in India. The old and effete systems are crumbling into dust.

Dec 9th, To George Mitchel's funeral. He died of inflammation on the lungs at forty seven. Leaves a wife and 7 children. Long known him and favourably too excepting his influence and example were on the side of liquor [sic] and intemperance. His death could come from exposure when under the influence. Came home by Mrs. Clarke's.

Dec 10th, Got in 2 loads of cornstalks. Had to skin and dress one of my best young cows hooked to death by another cow that got loose. Found in time to bleed her, so will not be entire loss.

Dec 11th, We got in two more loads of shocks blown down by the wind. To Dover to sell my cow hide. Weather very boisterous and windy.

Dec 12th, Ma and I to church. Bro. Chalmers not afraid to declare the whole council of God with respect to the careless and half-hearted christian. Class profitable. Had short visit from my friends Andrew Ball and Crosby Morgan of Port Dover.

Dec 13th, Willie putting oat straw in the barn from the barnyard. Ma and I to Simcoe for whole day. I had some mending to get done to my grinders etc. Had dinner and tea at Mrs. Murphys. Met my friend A. C. R. who keeps books for Wm. [Mercer?] Wilson. Had pleasant visit with old friends Wm. & Mr. Murphy, also at Tom Murphys.

Dec 14th, Heavy rain takes snow. Doing sundry jobs. John & Robert Marr have been making discoveries with reference to filing cross-cut saws. Tried it with my saw and it will cut one third faster than the old way of filing. The cutting teeth are made chisel-shaped.

Dec 15th, James McBride helped us kill two hogs, the smallest number in my remembrance. Went out to Dover this afternoon. Splendid turnout for the tea meeting and good speeches. Had Revds. John Kay, Waterford, Brethour of Simcoe, Smith of Nanticoke and resident ministers of the village presbyterian and episcopalian.

Dec 16th, Willie and I got another load of straw for the horses and he drew wood while I was visiting. Mr. & Mrs. Clarke, Tommy Jackson and Fred Kitchen to see us. Am somewhat pleased with Mr. Clarke, he seems a gentleman. Received copy as premium of Montreal Witness, of "Clerist leaving the Praelonum" [?] Am much more than pleased with it. It is touching & pitiful.

Dec 17th, Sent Willie to Dover with a load of oat straw for Unckle Walter. Ma and Samantha went to Jarvis. I cut up two logs at home. Unckle Joe here and received \$12.00 for some four sheep property of my friend Rev. J. W. German, who had them on shares the last four years. Have caught a severe cold in my face.

Dec 18th, Sent Willie with straw to our minister as promised. Writing a letter to former pastor Rev. J. W. German now living in Petrolea. [sic] I have a feeling of peace and security, which comes from God. Surely his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Dec 19th, Out to meeting Rev. Brethour preached our missionary sermon. Had old friend and class mate Mrs. Clarke with us at class for first in several months. Minister quoted an English gravestone: "Here lies L.V. T. who died many years ago. What property I kept, I have lost; and, what property I gave away, I have." Quaintly illustrating a great and important truth.

Dec 20th, Geting in oat straw all but one load, and barn doors shut. Visit from the McIntees.

Dec 21st, Willie and Albert geting in oat straw for horses. Ma and I went out to Dover to be on hand for the missionary meeting tonight. Took tea at Mallies, sent \$12.00 for Charley's sheep.

Dec 22nd, Willie spliting wood at woodhouse after helping put up load of corn for the mill. I started with it for Simcoe after noon. To D. Rose's mill but not ground before eight and home by eleven o'clock. Have been feeding my 3 beef cattle ear corn until now. Bought bran to mix with it

Dec 23rd, Pleasant weather, working in the woods. No sun for several days, keeps 5-6 degrees below the freezing point day after day.

Dec 24th, Got up two loads of corn stalks, and load of straw. Went to Dover for Christmas things. Brought Miss Giles home with me to spend Christmas with us. Received first Harper's Monthly.

Dec 25th, Kept Christmas according as is our custom. Had Mr. S. F. Parker, and lady and little boy and Miss Mary Giles to take dinner with us. I enjoyed it very much, and glad that our friends seemed also to enjoy themselves. Thinking of my dinner party below where I should, perhaps, have gone. The weather is still cold but fine and the roads excellent.

Dec 26th, We went to meeting, Miss Giles going back with us. Bro. Chalmers preached on meaning of Christmas, the Mass of Christ, which is thoroughly papist and inappropriate, especially for

protestants & in a protestant land. The Anniversary of the Nativity of Christ, he thought would sound *much better*.

Dec 27th, Cutting wood in the woods. Mr. Venner's forecasting of weather for past months has come about correct. Started cutting down the largest straw stack we ever had today.

Dec 28th, 2 degrees below zero f. Willie worked in woodhouse. I sharpened crosscut saw.

Dec 29th, Working at wood, awhile in the woods. Temperature below zero all day. Attended school meeting in forenoon. New trustee is P. E. McIntee.

Dec 30th, I cut wood all day, let Willie go out to Dover this afternoon. Letters from friend J. W. C. and Mrs. Hall. The latter said that Hattie was ready for me and that she would marry in the spring. This made me feel rather streaked [?] for I had not thought of such a thing. Cold spell has passed.

Dec 31st, Willie getting up wood, while I have been cutting wood in the woodhouse. Called to see Mr. Culler [or Cutter] for a pleasant visit. Cannot but feel thankful to Almighty God who has kept me through another year, and brought me to this hour with my face still Zion-ward. Have not been as faithful as I ought, but he has tenderly borne with me.

CASH ACCOUNTS FOR 1880

JANUARY:

Jan 2.	Paid Ball due Latustin [?]		.88
" 3.	" Postage act.		.56
" 3.	" For nails		.20
" 8.	Recd. on sheep	4.00	
" 10.	" Ball on sheep	5.00	
" 17.	Paid Rep. Spectacles		.25
" 17.	" Postage cards		.10
" 19.	" For iron for harrows		.75
" 19.	" For harrow beems [sic]		.55
" 23.	Recd. John Noah, house rent	2.05	
" 26	" For balance of alsike	12.40	
" 26	Paid for bolts for harrow		.60
" 30	Recd for cow hide	4.03	
" 30	" For lard	1.80	
" 30	Paid for groceries		1.20
" 30	" McGilvery on a/c		18.00
" 30	" Pew rent & quarterly		4.70

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 11	Paid for Samantha shoe mending		.30
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"	11	Recd - Lard	1.07	
"	11	Paid for nails & boots		1.07
"	13	Recd - use of Bull	3.50	
"	13	Paid for sawing hands		4.00
"	17	" Expenses to Listowell & return		.35
"	21	" Collection		.10
"	22	Recd - for dried apples	8.00	
"	22	Paid for Ma's dress etc.		12.00
"	22	" For essence Lemance [?]		.35
"	10	" Mr. Parker on foals		2.00

MARCH

Mar.	22	Recd from James Horn	1.50	
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APRIL

Apr.	1	Paid on postage a/c		.41
"	7	" Barber's fee		.20
"	8	Recd - for beef cattle	25.00	
"	9	Paid McGilvery on a/c		5.00
"	9	" Riddell's balance due		3.40
"	9	" George Parker for three foals		15.00
"	9	" D. Abel for church matters		1.00
"	10	Recd - Ball on cattle	70.00	
"	10	Paid postage		.20
"	12	" For photos & frame		3.00
"	12	" On note at F. B.		40.00
"	12	" Interest on note		1.58
"	13	" Sub. Min. Fund		1.00
"	13	" Missionary subscription		5.00
"	13	" Threshing a/c to J. W. McBride		5.00
"	13	" To L. Kitchen - wages		8.00
"	16	" To John Hartman		.25
"	18	" E. F. Collection		.25
"	20	" Entrance fee C. of Ag. L. [?]		.25
"	20	" Note paper etc.		.70
"	26	" Garden seeds		.21
"	26	" Fruit trees		1.50
"	26	" Mending spectacles		.20

MAY

May	1	Recd - for 17 doz. Eggs @ 9 cents	1.50	
"	1	Paid - groceries etc.		1.60
"	5	Recd - for 50 doz. Eggs @ 8 cents	4.00	
May	5	Paid - Ma & me [?]		4.00
"	9	" Collection, quarterly		.25

"	10	"	Quarterage & Pew rent		4.70
"	11	"	Nails & seeds		.25
"	15	"	For John's reins		.29
"	20		Recd - for 19 doz. & 9 eggs @ 9 cts	1.60	
"	20		Paid - groceries		1.63
"	26		Recd - 40 doz. Eggs @ 9 cents	3.60	
"	26		Paid - dry goods etc.		3.60
"	27	"	Postage for John		.04
"	31		Recd - of Samantha	1.00	
"	31		Paid - for sweet potato plants		1.00

JUNE

June	7		Recd - for potatoes	2.80	
"	7	"	Of Samantha B. M.	2.00	
"	7		Paid - for iron		1.60
"	7	"	For groceries		.80
"	7	"	To Willie		1.50
"	12		Recd- for 20 doz eggs	1.80	
"	12		Paid - for groceries		1.80
"	14		Recd - for Wooll - 185 lbs. @ 28 cts.	52.99	
"	14		Paid - Wilson's on a/c		6.00
"	14	"	For umbrella		1.75
"	17	"	Ma S. M.		11.00
"	17	"	Samantha, wages etc.		5.00
"	19	"	John Hartman		2.00
"	19		Recd- for 14 doz. Eggs	1.23	
"	19		Paid - for groceries		1.23
"	21	"	Ma S. M.		.75
"	26	"	For land plaster		4.13
"	27	"	For collection		.05
"	27	"	For repository		1.50
"	30		Recd-for 20 doz. Eggs	1.60	
"	30		Paid - for groceries		1.60
"	30	"	John Hartman		.50
"	30	"	Postage		.65

JULY

July	6		Recd- for 18 doz. Eggs	1.85	
"	6		Paid - for sugar		2.00
"	6	"	For other necessaries		.25
"	28	"	Et. Charges on ress. For reaper		.60
"	28	"	For John		.25
"	28	"	For quarter & Pew rent		4.70
July	28		Paid - for post cards		.10

AUGUST

Aug.	1	Paid collection quarteriy		.25
"	2	" John Hartman		.25
"	5	Recd- from James Horn	3.00	
"	5	Paid - John hartman		1.25
"	7	Recd- for 20 doz. Eggs	2.00	
"	7	Paid - groceries		2.00
"	7	" Reaper repairs		.25
"	7	" Samantha		2.00
"	17	" Mr. McWade for calf - threshing		2.00
"	18	Recd-for 20 doz. Eggs	2.00	
"	18	Paid - groceries		2.00
"	18	" John Hartman		.34
"	24	" Tommy McBride		.15
"	24	" Bob[b]y McBride		.25
"	24	" Willie Write - [Wright]		2.00
"	28	Recd-for 20 doz. Eggs	2.00	
"	28	Paid - for groceries		2.00

SEPTEMBER

Sept.	4	Paid - for corn knife		.45
"	9	Recd- of Colleck man on a/c	4.00	
"	9	Paid Ma S. M.		1.00
"	11	" - for glycerine		.45
"	11	" - Ecursione[sic] to Woodstock		1.10
"	14	" - Leilia's and Nellie's fare		4.00
"	14	- Barber's fee		.15
"	19	Recd- for sheep of J. Bint	15.00	
"	19	Paid - for fruit jairs		1.00
"	25	" - for fish		.75
"	30	" - Ex. To Prov. Exhibit		3.70
"	30	Recd- for Barley	39.00	

OCTOBER

Oct.	1	Paid - for groceries		1.00
"	2	" - Postage a/c.		.51
"	3	" - John's quinine		.25
"	3	" - John's powders		.25
"	5	" - John H. cash		4.00
"	6	Recd- on wheat	200.00	
"	6	Paid - interest on mortgage		200.00
"	6	" - B. draft		.25
"	6	" - Harry Barret[t]		8.00
Oct.	6	Paid - for repairs on Fairchild Waggon		30.00

"	6	" - H. Ryerse's a/c		.50
"	6	" Fish		.30
"	6	" - on a/c to McGilby		5.00
"	9	" - David Abel a/c		1.00
"	9	" - Turnbull & Buker a/c		7.27
"	9	" - Harness Majree's [sic] Newell a/c		11.50
"	9	" - Ball. Of McGilvery's a/c		3.00
"	9	" - R. N. Colver's a/c		2.00
"	9	" - Riddel & dean's a/c		5.15
"	9	" - John McBride's a/c		1.20
"	9	" - Dr. McLean's a/c		9.50
"	9	" - for Sugar		1.00
"	9	" - Guardian Office a/c		6.00
"	11	" - Frank Parker on a/c		20.00
"	11	" - Mr. McPherson for seed wheat		16.00
"	12	Recd- for wheat	243.67	
"	12	Paid - Hired Girl		10.00
"	12	" - Ma - S. M.		.50
"	15	" - Dentist, Ball. Of a/c - L. L. Wells		4.60
"	15	" - L. Murphy on ? ?		10.00
"	15	" - Perry's [photographer] for frames		2.25
"	15	" - Wilson & Holmes ball.		5.00
"	15	" - James Lyons ball. Of wk.		13.60
"	15	" - at Bank on deposit		59.81
"	15	" - Ex. To Simcoe - Ay. Exhibition		.20
"	15	Recd- for 12 bus. of wheat @ 95 cts.	11.40	
"	15	Paid - Albert McWade		11.40
"	16	Recd- for 15 bus. of wheat	15.30	
"	16	Paid - A. Thompson bal due		4.75
"	16	" - J. W. McBride - on threshing		20.00
"	22	Recd- for seed corn	2.50	
"	23	Paid - for Starch		.60
"	26	" - Insurance		15.00
"	26	" - A. Harris & Son for Re— Us[?]		3.00
"	26	- Postage		.35
"	26	Recd- from Ross	7.40	
"	26	Paid - G. Husted a/c		7.40
"	28	Recd- for potatoes	9.00	
"	28	Paid - for liquorice		.10
"	29	Recd- bal from Unckle John	4.00	
"	29	Paid - for John Heartman		1.25
"	30	" - Ex. To Pelham		.50
"	30	" - Ex. Home again		.58
"	30	" - John McBride for threshing - days work		1.00
"	30	Paid - Willie Write - ditto		1.00

“ 30 “ - Jessie Misner - “ .75

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4	Paid - George McBride for days work		.75
“ 4	“ - Frank Austin for days work		.75
“ 5	“ - interest on note		5.00
“ 5	“ - Kirby Repts [?]		5.00
“ 5	“ - History of Methodism		3.25
“ 5	“ - Tob. For Holcomb		.20
“ 5	Recd- per Bank check	195.25	
“ 6	Paid - Willie's Wages		145.00
“ 6	“ - Ball. Due John H.		28.70
“ 6	“ - Quar. Collection		.14
“ 6	Recd- from L. Bint	2.75	
“ 9	“ - for butter	4.75	
“ 9	Paid - Quarter & Pew Rent		4.75
“ 9	“ - Hired Girl		20.00
“ 13	“ - H. Perkis on a/c		4.00
“ 19	“ - for cider making		1.27
“ 19	Recd- J. Bint, R. McBride	2.80	
“ 20	Paid - Frank Parker for Vist.[?]		2.75
“ 24	Recd- from John Shand - B. M.	1.00	.05
“ 26	“ - for 50 bus. 24 lbs. of oats	15.80	
“ 26	“ - for Apples	4.80	
“ 27	Paid - for Willies's R??		1.15
“ 27	Recd- for Oats	15.90	
“ 29	“ - from Archie Olds for seed oats	7.50	
“ 30	“ - for Oats	51.26	

DECEMBER

Dec. 1	Paid - for Collars & thread.		.63
“ 1	“ - H. Perkis a/c for Blacksmithing		4.26
“ 3	Recd- for 16 bus. of potatoes	4.80	
“ 3	Paid - L. Miller on a/c		4.80
“ 3	“ - Rep[ai]rs on barrel		.50
“ 4	“ - W. E. Smith on a/c		4.00
“ 4	“ - Mr. Cayley on a/c		2.00
“ 4	“ - Mr. T. L. Gillies on a/c		4.00
“ 4	“ - Mr. Albert McWade for work		4.00
“ 4	“ - County & School tax		50.09
“ 4	“ - Guai, [Guy?] May & Harper		6.50
“ 4	“ - for some necessaries		.22
“ 4	“ - A. F. Parker on a/c		8.00
“ 4	Recd- for cow's hide	3.60	
Dec. 14	Paid - Repairs on teeth		1.00

"	14	" - for collars & cuffs		1.25
"	16	Feed- for sheep	3.00	
"	16	Paid - Samantha & ex. To tea meeting		3.60
"	16	" - Postage etc.		.70
