

Mother and I went to the funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Marr Senior, she was buried at the old Woodhouse cemetery to day. Her age was eighty two. Bro. Calvert conducted the services and preached a nice sermon at the church. The weather has been very chilly and windy; but, not for the time of year. Lewis has been getting up wood and splitting at the woodhouse. Called at St. J. Carpenters on the way home found that Mr. Carpenter had been very sick, and was not yet recovered.

Having received a letter from Mr. David Spence, the Ontario Immigration agent Toronto containing further information as to a farm land I went out to blow this morning to get an answer off as soon as possible. Went to St. J. Carpenters first to give him the benefit of what I had heard. Stopped at St. Halls on the way home & had dinner. Strange to say when I got home I found a man waiting, Joe the Indian, who I have hired for several months at twelve dollars per month with board. Expect him to commence to morrow.

Mrs. Lewis has been away with his wife to get his little girl from his father-in-law's day. My new man or boy commenced work on his seven months to day. How to give him twelve dollars per month. His name is Joe Green - a full bred Indian. Know him to be a good worker however.

I went down to James Stalcomb this evening, after getting clothes done. His father was buried on Sunday last at a cemetery in Crowland.

Have been skinning apple trees myself to day.

Ma and I went out to Dover this morning to church. It happened to be our annual Missionary Sunday. The Rev. R. J. Justice composed the delegation and preached two excellent sermons which I enjoyed very much. This brother is at the head of the Anna Ladies College of St. Thomas and I am sure he is quite capable of his position.

Had our dinner at Miss Giles and, afterwards went to the Sabbath school. From the Sabbath School I called on Mrs. & Decker Montgomery.

Mrs. Lewis has been working away to day at splitting fence posts and at sundry other jobs. Joe has also been busy taking down and laying up fence on the back concession.

I have been working as usual, at trimming apple trees and at this afternoon I have been getting harrow teeth in the frames &c.

Mr. Chesley died this evening after seven months illness at John Marrs. Happened there at the time of his death, and could not help feeling solemn at the death of one we have known so long.

Lewis and I worked on the Big Flat this forenoon at getting some stumps off, and in making police repairs in some stump fence along the road and creek. Have had time drawing manure on the belly field this afternoon. Have been doing sundry jobs myself, while Joe has been laying up fence. It beats all how the cold weather continues. Have not felt it more in the winter than to day and yesterday.

Received a letter from my old friend and partner J. P. Cutler this evening. He still lives at Stillman.

Have had Lewis working at drawing and spreading manure on the lilly field to day. Joe. has been laying over. fence on the back concession.

I have been pruning apple trees a good part of the time. Went over to the church, however, to attend Mrs. Chesley's funeral service. A very good sermon was preached by the new minister who has come to supply for Mr. Grady in place of Eld. Burnham, lately gone away.

The weather has got much warmer since yesterday.

My man has been getting out manure again to day on the lilly field. Joe. has helped this afternoon. This forenoon he worked at fencing.

I have been up to the regular monthly meeting of the grange this afternoon. Did not have a very large number present; but, enough to have our meeting. Came home home by Judson & Curtis & got five gallons of coal oil, at 20 cts. We have some idea of trying to get a car-load of salt. The difficulty seems to be to get it placed.

The Spring has come in earnest. The past has been a beautiful warm day. Our work has been much as usual, there being no prospect of seeding as yet.

My enjoyment of the Holy Spirit's presence has been unusual of late. There is nothing so satisfying to me, and there is nothing that He has promised to dwell in us and to walk in us, that He will be our God, and that we shall be His people. I rejoice that this is my exalted privilege, now, and I will rejoice and be glad all my days.

Lewin has continued to draw and spread manure on the hilly field by the Drive-Park today. He has been tearing down and building up fence in front of the field by Mr. Bridges. I have been trimming apple trees most of the time as usual. Went out to Hovee this afternoon however, partly to take the mail and partly to get a spring for my spring tooth cultivator. I saw Bro. Calvert who gave me some hopes of being appointed delegate to ~~the~~ ^{annual} conference at St. Catherine next Mo. This office is only desirable for a certain few years.

Took man and Beatha
 out to Church with me
 this morning, the weather
 being fine. Had two
 extra Easter Sunday
 services from six
 o'clock minutes. Stay-
 ed until after eve-
 ning service, there
 being nothing in par-
 ticular to call us
 home. Had dinner at
 Mr. Chingers, and
 tea after Sunday
 school at Mr. Mills.
 Enjoyed my visit with
 my friend Mattie who
 had just returned
 from a visit to Ow-
 en Sound, along with
 Mr. Hill who has been
 reading my book. Out of Mas-
 ses into delight, & I believe
 with profit to his soul.

Got the plough star-
 ted to day for the
 first, in the field
 North East of Olive barn.
 The ground was quite
 dry but very soft
 from much freezing
 but ploughed very
 well. Have had Joe
 letting off water
 from the back field
 most of the time.
 I have been getting
 ploughs fixed up
 besides doing a
 thousand odd one
 thousand things. There
 is some appearance
 of rain this evening
 I saw my old friend Miss
 Howell. Now Mrs Edy
 of Loudon at the kids
 to day, also Mrs Coff
 way

The boys have both been ploughing in the hilly field by the drive - base today.

I have been engaged as usual at trimming apple trees. Do not seem to make much headway however.

There being so many other things requiring attention.

The weather has become quite cool again. There is apparently, a storm brewing.

I notice that in the fishery dispute Great Britain sustains Canada, in her view to the detriment of the United States. Hope that this circumstance will hasten a settlement.

Mrs. and Joe. have both been ploughing in the same field as yesterday. Am thankful that they have got the field nearly ploughed.

I have been ditching in the back fields this afternoon. Did not do much this forenoon the weather being so stormy and cold outside.

Am reading a new book, "Simon Holmes" by J. Jackson Ward which is quite profitable and pleasant reading. Simon Holmes is a fine character; and one well worthy of emulation. Some fine lessons are taught.

The boys finished ploughing the field north east of the Klime-
 farm to day, or rather
 this forenoon. This
 afternoon they have
 been ploughing on
 the Big Flat for the
 first. Did not think
 of ploughing corn
 ground so soon, but
 the fields are still
 unfit to work.

Had a visit from
 our young friends from
 Dover. The Barretts, they
 and Miss Workman.
 They were here to
 dinner and tea. En-
 joyed their visit very
 much. Took Miss Work-
 man and Miss Barretts
 home this evening. The
 three walked.

Joe and Healey have
 been ploughing on
 the flat again to-
 day. I have been
 plowing most part
 of the time. Have
 been laid up nearly
 with a cold in the
 head which seems
 to affect my ears
 mostly and even
 my hearing. Had
 a visit from a
 cousin Clarke Vale
 this afternoon. He
 was never here be-
 fore that I remember
 of. The weather
 has been delightful
 warm and spring
 like, but occasional
 showers has fallen.
 Grass is starting
 nicely.

The boys have been ploughing on the big flat again today, which, by the way they have finished ploughing there. I worked at taking off water this forenoon in the back fields. This afternoon I went out to dinner to look after some little matters of business.

Read a remarkable case of faith cure in the Mail of an English Church minister. After a life long sickness, he was first sanctified and afterwards cured of his bodily ailments in answer to believing prayer.

Did not go out to church this morning but this evening instead. Have enjoyed the sabbath very much notwithstanding. The weather has been quite cold and windy and the roads rather bad in places.

In communing with my God I have been graciously blessed and ~~made~~ made glad with the assurance of his presence and sympathy. Am ever desirous to give myself fully to His service, and to live in the full enjoyment of His great deed of glorious Salvation from

The boys got ~~the~~
ploughing in the
big field North East
Corner. To day I
spent the forenoon
in ditching in the
same field. I went
down to Jarvis at
Lee repairs for drill
and a barrel of su-
gar which Reid ordered
for us. The weather
has been very dis-
agreeable, and cold.
Snow has been fall-
ing this afternoon
in small quantities.
Called at Holcomb
on the way home &
made enquiries about
the folks below. They
expect my friends N.C.
are at Le. St. soon.

My men have been
ploughing in the
North East Corner field
again to day. This
morning however be-
fore the snow dis-
appeared Joe and I
moved a big stump
from the line to the
line fence where I
intend to put in a
lot of stumps. I
went down to Hattie's
to see Hiliams see
some matters of business.
Have been making
a stump boat this
afternoon, &c.
The cold weather
still continues, but
the past has been
a most beautiful
day though cool
and windy.

The boys have been ploughing in the big field again today, while I have work around at sundry jobs as usual.

Had a visit from the Katto girls this afternoon. They are getting to be quite interesting company both of them.

Went fishing with the boys to night. Got something over thirty five pike and one picker. I could not help thinking of other days when I was younger. I used to think it fine sport.

We and Mrs. have ploughed most of the time today in the big field. Joe has got to harrowing in the same field however. Our first ploughing having become quite dry. Intend to stop ploughing now and go to seeding, the ~~it~~ ground not being fit to plough any more. We think that our spring ploughing harrows up bed so deeply. I have been eying much as usual today. Have got to staking and finishing up fence however.

Have had Mrs. Lewis ploughing head. Cows and some other small patches to day. Joe has been harrowing in the big field. I have been fixing fence along the side road east of big field. It has rained this afternoon however which prevented me getting done. It still looks like rain to night.

Am enjoying in great measure the Good Spirit of my God. His presence makes my paradise indeed. I am so thoroughly satisfied when He is near. His presence in my poor heart.

Have been exceedingly busy to day all of us. He sowed about five acres to oats in the big field to day, in North West corner. Sowed by hand and covered with spring tooth cultivator. Followed by smoothing harrow. Sowed grass seed before the smoothing harrow. Joe has been harrowing in the lilly field for peas. The weather has been very windy and quite cold to night. The ground is getting quite dry and works very well. We are expecting a visit from our old servant girl Sarah Walsh to night.

Went out to the
Post this morning to
see regular service.
Here favoured with
a heat however,
more than usual.
The Rev. Mr. Daniels
of New Jersey, now
President of Kealey
Park association,
preached both morn-
ing and evening.

Both sermons were
excellent and full
of Christian love.
We stayed to dinner
with Miss Giles, I
attended Sunday school
afterwards and took
Mr. Barron's class.
The latter being a
day. Saw Mrs. Rye-
son, just returned
from prep in Ottawa.

The boys and I have
been working away
in the big field to
day. I have been
sowing out until
the field is about
two thirds sown &
mostly harrowed in.
It is also partly ditched.
I went fishing with
the boys to night
but did not make
a very big haul.
Only got ten at
together. So conclu-
ded not to try it again
for a while.

The weather contin-
ues to be quite cool,
and is becoming dry.
Not a very unfavor-
able state of things
for seedling at any
rate.

I finished sowing
out ~~in~~ about ten
acres of the four-acre
acre field to day. The
boys have about got
it harrowed in.

It has been work-
ing in the hilly field
where we intend to
sow peas. Our sowing
machine, Fannie seemed
to be tired out to night
had to quit working
with her before time.
See that account.

The weather keeps
very cold and windy.
There has been a
cold rain to day,
but not enough to
stop work.

I will rejoice in Thy
strength O my God & Thy
only will I serve.

Joe and I finished
running ditches in the
big field this forenoon
all but about two ac-
res which was too wet
to work. Has been
drilling peas over
the hilly field by
the drive-bank.
Had some trouble with
my drill in the be-
ginning. Mr. Tractfield
and Robert Christie
came and fixed one
of our pumps this
afternoon.

Had our friend
W. C. Holcomb Esq.
& H. W. Pelham to
take tea with us
this evening. Mr.
and Mrs. Clarke &
James Holcomb & wife
were also here.

Here fortunate in getting ditches mostly cleared in big field, also ballance of peas sown in lilly field. It has been raining heavily since noon and we have all had a good rest.

Got about twenty acres of our seeding done. Thank God! for he alone can prosper our labours and make them effective. I desire exceedingly to do all things as unto Him. "For none of us liveth to himself" He is willing to accept us and our little offering and O, how glad I am that He accepts me.

On account of yesterday's rain we have had to suspend seeding operations entirely. The rain will be a great benefit however in taking out the frost and settling the ground besides starting seed already sown. Have had the boys at work at sundry jobs to day. This afternoon Mrs. went up into town seeing after her pump. Thought that with time our three horses would have an occasional rest. They have had it pretty long so far.

The weather has been very windy, and cold to day.

The ground has not dried off sufficiently for us to resume our seeding operations as yet. Have had grass and clover in the field by the church to day the catch from last year not being sufficient to make a good sowing. Thought best not to plough up the field from fear of parching of pasture through the summer. Ma and I went out to Home this afternoon to get some necessaries also for some business with G. W. Leamon. Expect to help him deliver his fruit trees as soon as they come. Went to Francis Martin for tea.

Went out to see Rev. Dowd's weekly meeting service to day, ma and I. Had to wait profitably waiting upon the Lord in His house. Took dinner with Miss Giles and remained to the evening service. Our old boy Willie McHade was there. It was quite a surprise to see him after some three or four years absence. Instead of being a worldly he has become a Christian and I understand a Methodist.

The Good Lord was with us in due love feast to day. It was good for us to acknowledge the goodness of God to each one.

Have had one team at work getting ground ready to sow barley. The other has been idle except ploughing a little patch in the garden. I have been cleaning out cello and planting garden seeds myself. Went out to town this evening to see about the fruit trees again. Found that they had not come yet, so I will be able to go to Quarterly Meeting tomorrow, as I wished. Expect to have some serious matters come up at our Meeting. Feel somewhat discouraged with reference to our minister.

Wesley and I have been planting potatoes in the garden this forenoon. Went out to town this afternoon to attend our last quarterly meeting for the year.

Some very gratifying circumstances happened one in particular with reference to Bro. Montgomery who has been absent from the means of grace for some months on account of bitter feeling towards our minister, which grew out of a sermon preached about Massey. Hope that the healing of the wound will be permanent.

I have been working in the garden to day most of the time at planting potatoes and at doing some other kinds of garden work. Helped me about the flower garden as well. Went up to William Wilkinsons this afternoon after the severe head of spungy cattle that we have had since for the last two or more months. Could not persuade my friend to take any thing for his kindness in feeding my cattle so long.

Drove up to Lincoln to night by way of Fort Dodge, where I went to see about trees.

George Linnow and I have been getting the Lincoln trees delivered to day. have got along all right so far as we could see. It went quite awkward for a while, on account of being a new job. Still thankful to Almighty God for strength and grace.

Left Lincoln at about eight o'clock P.M. and instead of going home I drove down to Malcomb. Made an arrangement with him to help me deliver notices to morrow.

I started from James Holcomb's this morning at about eight o'clock. To deliver Notices. Got James to go Eastward while I went West. Finished delivering my share of the Notices about sun-down. Found that the trees had not been taken from the car and did what I could to have them taken over early in the morning. Had dinner with Mrs. Daniel Wooley. Got home about ten, and found every thing all right so far as I could see.

The weather continues warm and showery.

Have been engaged at helping J. H. Seaman deliver Fruit Trees in Port Dover to day. Left home at about four o'clock this morning. Did not get through with our day's work until after nine o'clock this evening. Walked home ashen done. Had a few orders on hand but only three or four. Felt very tired after the job was over. The anxiety and care are considerable in connection with the matter. Enjoyed visiting with my old friends and acquaintances very much.

Went out to church this morning, taking Bertha with me. Our own minister officiated as usual. His sermon was quite instructive but somewhat marred as is ~~to~~ often the case with plain expressions. Some were become reconciled to such talk in this house of God.

Had several class-meetings divided up by themselves in different parts of the church, for the first. My class took the N. East corner. Enjoyed the change very much. The confusion of the old way being largely obviated

I have been at work at Ma's flower garden most of the time to day. We are covering the beds with fine manure, which I have to bring from the drive board on the wheel-barrow. The boys have been working at seeding in the back field again to day.

Had a visit from four old boys Willie M. Wade and Harry Barrett this afternoon and evening. George Lammox came this evening and is staying over night with us. Have been working at our delivery business to my

George Benson and I have been at work at our fruit tree delivery business, making out the returns &c. so far. Have had some difficulty in getting precise returns made out. The boys have been sowing oats in one of the back fields so far. Hope to finish tomorrow. Let out some fruit trees for Reid's this evening. Got our papers about made out ready to send away. So, now I hope to get to work again.

It has become very warm and summer like; Peach blossoms are coming out beautifully in abundance.

Have been extremely busy so far at many things, mostly at setting out fruit trees and berry bushes. Let some plum grafts in plum sprouts also. The boys have been putting in the last of our spring grain excepting corn, so far. The new ground has been the last. Have down to Waltham this evening to see about selling potatoes. Called at Hammond's on the way home.

Heard this evening of the death of Mr. Warren who has been sick only a little while. His wife still lives though expected to die for many years, with consumption.

Joe has been harrow-
ing over the flat, when
we intend to plant
corn. He has been
finishing the new
ground field with
the smoothing harrow.
I have been sowing grass
seed over the same field
before harrowing.

The weather has been
extremely warm again
to day. Vegetation is
advancing very rap-
idly for this time
of year. We seldom
have it so warm in
May as it has been
lately. Peach and cherry
trees are in full bloom,
and look perfectly
beautiful. The spring
~~has~~ been a de-
lightful one so far.

The boys have been
working away over
the corn-ground to-
day. Lewis and I
run out the furrows
in the new ground
field this morning,
to-day. I have
been getting planks
home and other
things in readiness
for planting corn
to-morrow.

Am very thankful
to Almighty God for
temporal blessing.
Our spring work was
never in a more back-
ward ^{even spring} state, ~~and~~ still
we were never fur-
ther along at this
time of year. He has
given me such
good help.

I have been exceedingly busy at a thousand and one things to day. The boys have got so planting come this afternoon. Went down to William Watts this morning to set a few grafts in plum sprouts & for other business. Drove up to Lincoln this afternoon to see G. Leamon further about our delivery matters. I think we are likely to get the ~~heavy~~ delivery business all straightened up now soon. Saw J. R. Hedges also about another matter this evening.

Ma and I went out to our usual morning service this morning. The Rev. Roy Smith officiated it being childrens day. The little people seemed greatly delighted as well as older ones. Had dinner at Mr. Hills, immediately afterwards we went to sabbath school, after which I went to visit some sick people. Had a precious season of prayer with Mrs. Harlow. She has just lost her husband, and has been laying at the point of death herself for some time.

Have been busy at sundry jobs to day. Got out potatoes this afternoon. The boys finished planting corn on the flat to day.

I went out to blow this evening to attend a special meeting of official board to consider the advisability of creating a station of Post House Methodist Church. After some considerable discussion, a vote was taken which was unanimous for the change. Woodhouse people are very backward in raising their share of minister's salary. & even refuse to pay some sixty dollars.

The boys have been clearing some ditch in the new-ground field this forenoon. This afternoon they have been fixing fence bet our cattle out to day on pasture for the first. Have commenced by staking our field for seed.

I went to see John & William Statts about raising a little more for minister's support in case of the proposed change should take place. Have been looking after maple trees to set out this afternoon, to set out. Called at Mr. Landy's on the way home & took tea

Have had the
men at fence re-
pairing most of
the time so far.

I went down to
farrier, after some
goods for ourselves
and Reids, this fore-
noon. Got a couple
of Barrels of Salt
from Mr. Mathias
Smith which had
been order from the
Orange salt works.

Took me with me
this evening to the
lecture of Mr. John
R. Clarke, a descendant
of Mr. Adam Clarke
the great Commentator.

Subject of discourse
was the Cross, the Shan-
rock, and the Thistle.
The lecture was grand.

Our work is still
as urgent as ever.
The men have been
helping me all day
at getting maple and
other trees to set along
the road mostly.
We brought home
something over fifty
from George Ham-
monds. Have at-
last completed the
road around the
farm except along
the west side next
to Stone.

Max and I went
out to the lecture
of Mr. J. R. Clarke
on J. B. Cougle. En-
joyed the intellectual
feast provided by
our brother very
much.

Leut Ness Lewis
out to Dove this
forenoon with a
small load of stone
to put up for founda-
tion under chimney
at New M. Church.
Had some difficulty
in getting from old
Duck, but made it
out at last.

The boys have been
fixing fences this af-
ternoon at different
points. Our friend
W. Benson came
this evening bringing
our wagon and horse
back, lately borrowed.
Have been trying all
evening to get the
fruit the delivery re-
turns done, but in
vain.

Lewis and I made
some stumps fence
this forenoon next
to Mr. Brides. The fresh-
et last spring or
rather in early spring
may a new fence
necessary for a few
 rods. Have had
 Joe at work fixing
 fences on the back
 end of the place.

I have been writing
for Benson this af-
ternoon most of the
 forenoon. George was
 here this morning
 and I was sorry that
 the papers were not
 ready for him.

The dry weather still
 continues and a
 drought appears to
 have set in.

Went out to church
 about this morning and
 not feeling well en-
 ough to go. The young
 brother Baer gone
 Halse preached to us
 very acceptably. He is
 a remarkably gifted
 young man. Prom-
 ises to become very
 useful as a preacher
 of the word. Went
 out again this eve-
 ning taking me
 and Bertie with me.
 The same brother
 preached to us again.
 Engaged our class-
 meeting. Halse's new
 new way of conducting
 makes me feel rather
 awkward. But, the
 good word was here
 with us to day.

The new wave
 been working to day
 as usual. Lewis has
 been ploughing potato
 ground harrowing
 and marking out
 the same. Joe has been
 building fences on
 the point concession
 most of the time. I
 have been working
 in the garden &c.
 Went up to Simcoe
 this evening to take
 the free-delivery papers
 to Mr. Lemont. The
 latter is going up to
 St. Thomas in a day
 or so to settle up with
 Mr. Mackay. Consider-
 able preparation ap-
 pears to be going
 on in Simcoe for
 the celebration & m...

A beautiful shower
of rain fell last night
which did a right
of good. Rain had
not fallen before for
three or more weeks
and everything was
becoming very dry.
Lewis has worked
to day but you has
been off to the col-
laboration in flower.

I have been working
in the garden and
at sundry other jobs.

Am so thankful to
see such beautiful
growing weather
again. It will be
of great benefit to
spring grain as well
as hay and pasture.
Am still sweetly trusting
in God, as my deliverer and
savior.

Commenced doing
our statute labour
to day. He have
succeeded in doing
five days out of
the fifteen required.
Lewis has two days
and myself Herbert
making fifteen.

Have been getting in-
formation from a
neighbour farmer with
reference to sowing
with corn. He advo-
cates sowing soft
sweet corn about
three times, early
medium and late.
After the first com-
ing off sow Wimple ditch
herb for feeding
after corn judiciously
day. Expected to be ploughed
sowed, sown and
sown - cont.

Our work on the roads has been continued to day. Completing our ten days, this evening. The weather has become suddenly cool with some appearance of frost. Frost is far advanced however, and I should think almost out of danger from an ordinary frost. Had a short visit from Mr. Sunday this evening. He has become quite an enthusiast in Bee-keeping, and is making quite a success of it. Have been blessed with power in prayer of late. God hears me, & gives answers of peace.

Am thankful to be able to record the completion of the Cabane for another year. Am always glad when these duties required by law are faithfully performed. There has been some rain this afternoon which made it somewhat disagreeable working at times. Our work is now in a rather advanced state thank God! More so than for some years at this season. We have a considerable extra work to do however which will keep us busy, I am sure till laying.

Have had the boys
at work manuring
and planting Southern
sweet corn for cow-
feed, at which I helped
them this afternoon.
Worked in the garden
this forenoon.

The weather has been
quite cool but other-
ways very fine so far.
Frost seems to have
gone for this Spring.
Never saw fruit move
forward than at present,
so early in season.

Uncle John this evening
told my friend Mrs.
Warren is much more
ill than before. She
is scarcely expected
to live from one day
to another. She is
prepared for the change
I know not doubt.

Had an excellent dis-
course from our Bro.
Ellis this morning, the
minister being away
at conference in St.
Catherines. Did not
have a very good time
in the class meeting
afterwards. It fell
to me to read as usual.
Our dear sister Warren
passed peacefully away
this morning, after
an illness of over eight
new years. Did not hear
particulars of her last
moments, or death.

Visited, and prayed
with Bro. S. H. Phares
this evening. He has
been suffering for some
time with disease & wait
for his release. His feet
are upon the Rock, that
Rock! He is safe.

We all worked at pulling red-root or pidgeon weed from the eleven acre field of wheat this forenoon. I have been working around the house this afternoon at sundry. Was thankful to see the people living on side road by the school-house commencing to draw gravel at this end of the road, also the fourth consecutive statistic labour is being done in the same way, and on this end of the road as well. Have long wished that this improvement might be made, particularly on the side road.

Have been engaged to day much as usual. Went to the funeral of our late friend & sister Mrs. Warren this afternoon. Quite a large concourse of people were assembled to pay their last respects to the deceased. Mr. L. Morgan went up with me to the cemetery. The church of England minister officiating in the absence of our own minister, the latter being at conference. Looked in at Mrs. Clark's on her way home. Learned from her that Mrs. Foster was up on a visit. Found that she had been here in absence.

We have been very busy today doing sundry jobs. Got done with the pigpen and business this forenoon since which we have been fixing fence around the field by Mr. Widen where we have just turned the cattle this evening for the first. Our clover-field west of the woods has been completely mowed off and is already so hard off for seed now. Have been finishing the fence on north end of lot and Joe has been getting the old rails home off of the road. Mr. Henning came and requested it, so that road work could be done.

A lovely rain fell this forenoon which was very much needed. The boys found work around the barn about and I have been very busy as well, at sundry jobs.

Ma and I drove down to James Holcomb's this evening to see Mrs. Norton who we expected to find there but were a little disappointed. She had gone down to Mrs. Clarke's sleep time before.

Have been setting out Cabbage plants today, the sowing being just a bit after the rain.

A beautiful summer shower was sent us this forenoon. Just what we needed to make things grow nicely. Joe got started at cultivating corn on the Big Flat this morning but owing to the rain he had to stop. Lewis went after a load of sand this forenoon, to finish the cellar under his house, which we would like to do before haying.

Turned the cattle off from the field west of the woods to day. Have been pasturing for cloverseed. The clover being well eat off thought best to shut up for seed.

Have had Lewis drawing sand from the lake. He has brought three loads. Joe has been cultivating corn on the Flat. I have been planting where the crows have pulled out, &c.

Went out to dinner this evening to take ma and Bertha.

Saw Mr. Toney about backing up the cellar wall under the little house. He has promised to come in a week or so. Thought of doing the job myself. But, finally concluded to get a mason.

Has told that Rev. Mr. Mailand was to be seen in the evening.

Owing to a shower of rain this morning and also this evening we did not get to church. It seems almost too far to go in the rain both for the horses and ourselves. I have been enjoying the day at home however as well as we could. It seems such a change from the usual routine of the week that one can scarcely accommodate themselves to it. When I sit down to read I soon find myself asleep. But, the Lord has blessed me with His presence & some precious moments communion with Him.

Have been ~~been~~ graciously blessed with a beautiful rain yesterday and today. This forenoon in particular, a heavy rain has fallen.

My men have been digging the cellar under the little tenant house today. Finding that the frost had spoiled our wall and crumbled the cellar badly where there was no wall as well. I made a lounge for the fields this forenoon and this afternoon have been off after scrapes and to see about getting some more stone for cellar &c.

Owing to rains which have lately fallen we have been giving a culvert in the lane & doing some other such work.

I went out to Stone this evening to see about our bee for drawing gravel to improve our church shed for bees. Made arrangements for having bee out next Friday.

Was greatly pleased at having our friend and true friend Mrs H. W. Horton come in unexpectedly this evening. She has been in the neighbourhood for over a week but this is the first we have seen her.

Joe has been cultivating corn again to day. He finished cultivating for the first time to night. Lewis has been hoeing corn while I have been doing sundry jobs as usual.

Went up to uncle Johns for dinner and had Mrs Horton with us. She went down to James Holcomb's again this evening however.

Mrs Horton told me how to keep celery over winter. Take up with dirt on roots - put in barrells in which dirt said was first been placed - cover up tight with board

The new beam
 been facing come
 on the big flat to
 day. I have been
 shearing our four-
 teen sheep. Found
 it as much like
 work as ever. In
 fact I ~~would~~
 could not have
 done another one
 without a great effort.

My cousin Horace
 husband of G. Rose
 came to call on
 us this evening. He
 has stopped on his
 way from Chicago to
 New York, just for
 a day. He seems
 to have become tired
 of his continued sep-
 aration from his
 family, & will probably
 stay.

Have had Joe hoi-
 ing come on the big
 flat while Lewis and
 I went out with a
 load of gravel to
 put under our cham-
 shed. Our bee was
 a success and a
 good job was done.
 we will not be likely
 to see as much mud
 and water there in
 a long time as
 there was last spring.
 Lewis and I brought
 home a load of
 stone from the
 quarries to night,
 for the cellar.

I heard to day for
 a certainty that
 Mr Goodwin from
 Hartford had been
 appointed to us by
 Lewis.

Joe. and Lewis have been cutting thistles most of the time to day in the out field, North East corner.

I went up to Lincoln to sell wool partly, and partly after some flour &c. Had dinner at Jack Harris. Saw Mr. Horton in Lincoln. Expected to have had a call from him and Mrs. Horton this evening; but, have been disappointed.

Sold wool to day at twenty three cent cash and twenty five cents trade. Brought home five hundred weight of flour from H. Ross Mill, two of which I took to Lewis.

We went out to Church this morning as usual. Bro. Calvert preached to us. His morning and evening. His sermon this morning was from the text "Our Father," & was quite interesting & profitable.

Had dinner with Miss Giles and went to Sunday school afterwards. Our class meeting was a precious season also. The Good Word was with us in power. It has truly been a blessed day to us. Went to Mr. Mills for tea and had much satisfaction in talking to Mr. Will.

The boys have been working away at cutting thistles to day as usual. Did not get done either. I went down to Jarvis this morning to take over old waffon for repairs. Expect to use it soon getting out manure and ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~bag~~ ^{bag}. Called at James Holcomb on the way down, and heard some particulars about ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~whole~~ ^{whole} made me see feel sorry for her. Her position must be very discouraging. ~~to~~ ^{to} her as well as to her father. Hope to see her before long.

The men finished cutting thistles in the back oat and barley fields to day. Lewis brought two more loads of stone from Labison & Austin this evening also. Got the cellar.

Went down to Mrs. Clark's just before dinner to see about Mr. Hor-
 Louis. Found that they had made preparations to visit us this afternoon so I came with them. Had a very pleasant time visiting with them. Went with Mr. Hor-
 Louis to see his old house - now Mr. Hummer's farm, back of us.

Continued cutting hay to day. Lewis has got the hay on Big Flat nearly all cut; but, he broke down the mowing machine to night.

Have had Joe at work on Big Flat at cultivating corn. I have been cutting black rust out of our cherry trees nearly all day. There seems to be a much greater number than I ever saw before at this time of year. Am afraid that we will fail to keep the cherry trees at all. Have been fighting them for the past nine or ten years.

Spent the forenoon in getting our mowing-machine fixed up. Had time to get the fall of Big Flat cut through. This afternoon we have been getting hay raked and cocked up, on Big Flat. Got all done. Found more hay than we expected, very fine and well.

Had a letter from my sister and her daughter Cecilia telling us of Nettie's marriage a week ago yesterday.

The weather has become very warm and dry. There was some appearance of rain this afternoon, but all has passed off.

A small shower of rain this morning prevented us doing anything more at our haying, except that we have been cutting some more grass in front field by the church.

Went down to Jarvis this evening to see about getting some rearing machine repairs and bringing down the old wagon from the wagon shop. Got caught in a heavy shower of rain on the way home, but happened to be prepared for it. Our old friend Mrs. John Murphy came to make us a visit today.

On account of the delightful rain last evening we have left off our haying for a time. Lewis and Joe have put in the ballance of our fodder corn patch. I went out to blow this forenoon to see about getting some pack screws & some other matters of business. Saw Mr. Vary and had dinner with him and his family. Failed to get his help very soon however. Got in our first load of hay this evening. It was not in very good order however.

Owing to a shower of rain this morning we did not get out to church. I went this evening however and took Lewis with me. Our minister gave us an interesting and profitable discourse on the fourth Commandment respecting the Sabbath day. I'm thankful that this subject is receiving the attention of the Christian public, more than ever of late. The agitation for more stringent Sabbath laws being apparently quite general.

The Lord has been very gracious to me this day also.

Proceeded in getting in our first crop of hay this evening. It was not in very good order though. Went down to garnis this afternoon to get the waffers all straightened up. Called on the way at James Walcott's & had dinner. Met my friend Mr. W. Munkie there unexpectedly. When coming home heard that J. Jackson had met with an accident his boy having had an arm broken by a saw-log rolling over him. The doctor speaks favorably though.

Started to draw
hay again this morn-
ing but a shower
of rain came just
in time to stop us.
The boys have been
drawing manure
most of the time
or until a little past
noon when another
shower stopped further
work therein.

Mrs John Murphy
of Lincoln who has
been visiting us
since Friday last
went home this
evening. The rain
to day has made
the ground quite
wet and even maddy
out. everything is
growing freely.

Kept the manure
waggon going most
of the time to day.
This afternoon how-
ever the hay became
dry enough to draw
so we got in two
loads. I went out
to blow this evening
partly to go to prayer
meeting. Expected some
to have brought our
minister & his wife
home with me to visit
us over night, but
was disappointed.
They go to another circuit
in a week from to day
and another comes in
their place. Hear
very favourable ac-
counts still of Bro.
James Goodwin, our
new minister.

The boys continued to get salt manure this forenoon. This afternoon we have been getting in hay. Have drawn three loads more from the Big Flat and one more from the field next to store making seven in all, leaving still another load out. Our old friend E. W. Benson came to night. He tells me that R. Wesley Hooley was buried yesterday after much suffering for a long time. He died well though for a long time under a cloud. He had been quite useful as a class leader & in other ways in & out of the church.

I worked at cutting ditches in the field by W. C. Brides to day, or rather this forenoon. The boys have been drawing manure all day. This evening however we have been getting our last load of hay from the Big Flat making eight loads in all so far.

Had Harry & Clarence Barrett here to dinner and tea. Harry is talking of going to British Columbia soon and came to bid us good bye. The weather is cooler & has become fair

Joe and Lewis have been getting out manure on the field by Mr. Brides to day as usual. I have been cutting thistles on the same field except for a time this afternoon when I worked in the garden. The weather is very fine and somewhat cool.

Had a letter from George Dutcher this afternoon. He has got to be a sailor again and is, apparently pleased with his old occupation. The salt business has apparently become unbearable I think. Adam Rose came home again to day for a short visit.

Took ma and Beatha out to meeting this morning. Remained for the afternoon and evening service instead of coming home. Our minister his farewell sermon this evening so we expect the new minister to preach to us next Sabbath. Did not enjoy Bro. Calvert's sermons to day very much. To me there appeared to be too great a lack of spirituality in his utterances. This has been the great hindrance to our pros. usefulness and I am afraid will continue to be.

Mrs. and Joe have been drawing out manure to the field by Mr. Brides again today. I have been cutting grass in the front field. Went out to House this evening to attend our social in Eric Park. It was not a very great success. The fire last night seemed to put a dampen on every thing, especially on Mr. and Mrs. Ross who were ^{leading} members.

The barns were without doubt set on fire by way of revenge, for laying information against illicit sale of liquor by a hotel keeper.

The men continued to get out manure today. Or, rather this forenoon. This afternoon they have been raking and putting up hay in front field, while I have been cutting hay in the orchard. The weather is very favourable for haying. Could not be better. Noticed today that new Victor stove is receiving a coat of paint which improves its ^{looks} very much. Also had Aunt Lydia Horak and Miss Murphy to see her to Day.

The boys have been cultivating corn on the big flat this forenoon. This afternoon they have been raking and putting hay in the orchard, where we have quite a crop.

Went up to Waterford this forenoon after a load of movables for our minister. Bro. Jas. Coof. will also come to us from Waterford. The roads were good but the weather has been extremely warm, dry and the roads quite dusty. Got to Home all right at about seven P. M.

Got in four loads of hay this forenoon from the front field and orchard. These make twelve loads of hay only drawn to day. The yield is much less than last year. In fact I do not remember having a lighter crop. Have been cutting in our east field this afternoon. The field back of the barn. The weather has been very hot and dry to day. Thermometer about ninety in the shade. Warmer than before this season.

Joe and Wes have helped me in the hay to day instead of going to celebrate Robinson day, as many others have done. I promised to give them a day at some other time however. Got in three more loads from the orchard this forenoon which makes fifteen in all so far. The weather continues to be very warm. 86° in the shade. Some appearance of rain in the north but not here yet. I have almost finished cutting the field back of the barn. Got the last part of it up to night.

We have been working in the hay again to day with all our might. Got in six loads from the field back of the barn, making twenty one. Finished cutting this morning and this afternoon raked and put up balance of field. There has been some appearance of rain this afternoon, in the North, but after all it has kept off. The weather has become still warmer than yesterday. Thermometer at 89°. Am thankful to be making such good progress with the haying.