

On account of the very warm weather Ma did not go with me this morning but I took Joe instead.

Heard our new minister Bro. Jas. Goodwin for the first time. Enjoyed his discourse very much. There was so much of Christ in it, and so little of self, just the opposite from what we have been having. Had a very precious time in our fellowship meeting after service. Came home for dinner and drove out this evening for evening service. Have been abundantly blessed for going out twice in the extreme heat of day.

Have been getting in hay as fast as possible today. The weather has been as warm as ever, 90° in the shade. Got in six loads which makes twenty seven altogether, so far. And thankful to say that we have got in all but a small load of raskings from the field back of the barn. So might it rain. Have had a very heavy shower of rain, which will do much good to the growing crops. The Lord is indeed good to his people in providing us in his season.

The rain last night stopped further work with the hay. For a time at least. Started Lewis ploughing in the field by Mr. Brides, while Joe and I have been cutting thistles and doing sundry other jobs.

Ma and I went out to town this evening. Called at Mrs. Lawrence for a few minutes and afterwards at Mr. Barretts. Found that Harry was going to British Columbia soon, staying on Friday next. Had a pleasant short visit with them.

Lewis has continued to plough in the field by Mr. Brides to day. Finding that the ground is already getting hard and dry.

Joe has finished going through the corn again to day, also the fodder corn and potatoes in garden.

I have been doing sundry jobs such as putting Paris Green on the potatoes and hoeing in garden.

Lauranthe Kitchen came to see us to day. She does not look well though. Is still living in Lewis.

Worked in the garden most of the time today while the men have been cutting grass in fence corners and in odd places. It don't seem to pay very well for the time it takes but, there are so many weeds destroyed in the operation that we are often induced to go through with it.

Drove down to Mrs. Clarke's this evening for a little while. She told me that Mr. Claudius Halcomb had been there and gone away again. I felt disappointed at not seeing him.

I have been working in the garden most of the time today. This morning however I took Ruth and Samantha up to Elias Kitchens and this evening we have got in a couple of loads of hay making thirty of this year's crop or some fifteen less than last year. We have this year cut some two or three loads around fences and along gulches. Have seen load ready to take out to house in the morning to Mr. Ross. The weather continues quite warm and even sultry. Find it hot working.

On account of rain this forenoon we worked inside, at grinding reaper knives and cradler scythes together with sundry other such jobs. This afternoon Lewis took a small load of hay out to Mr. Alexander Ross, for me. He brought back a load of shingles for Perkins. Joe has been hoeing potatoes in the garden which have been weeding cast-ats and parsnips.

The rain to day was a very moderate one and it still keeps warm. Have enjoyed in an unusual degree, communion with the living and infinite God. God is God, indeed.

Took Mantie and Bertha out with me to church this morning. Had a delightful service throughout. The minister told us of a recent visit to the dying bed of old Capt. Uebel who was in a dying condition a few minutes before the hour of service & asked his brethren to pray that strength might be given to endure his last sufferings. He finally died between eleven and twelve P. M. in the triumph of faith. Praise God. Came home to dinner and returned again this evening. Spiritually it has been a day of fasting on the heavenly banquet from God to me.

My men have
been hoeing potatoes
and corn to day.
I have been help-
ing this afternoon.
This forenoon worked
in the garden at
hoeing & weeding.
Had a number of
visitors to day some
from Down, among
them Eric and son-
nie Stewart.

Mr. Hoses man
was down this forenoon
and got the second
calf. He have also
got another heifer
come in since it
was taken away.

Cannot help thinking
of father Lewis who was
a member of my class for
years. He was humble &
consistent as a Christian.

The men and I
finished hoeing the
corn to day. It took
us until night to
get done. Have got
started at picking
cherries for ma
this evening. Our
girl Wenke has be-
come a source of
almost constant
annoyance to us.
The fact a kind of
a nuisance. She is
disobedient, selfish and
ugly and a hundred
other things that are
bad. She don't work
more than earn her
board and yet she
wants a dollar a week.

The warm weather
still continues & is
becoming very dry.

Mr. Alexander Ham
 came this morning
 before I was up to
 get me to cut his
 wheat with the
 Binder. Went to see
 it and when I got
 back home found
 Billy M^r there
 so I had to stay
 at home and cut
 our own wheat as
 Billy wished me to do.
 Got the Binder ready
 this forenoon and
 this afternoon have
 been cutting wheat
 in the ten-acre
 field. Went out to
 Hovee this evening
 for Billy's balice and
 to do some other
 small errands for
 ourselves.

Got down cut-
 ting the ten-acre
 field of wheat to-
 day. Found it a
 much better crop
 than I anticipated.
 Have prepared to
 start cutting in the
 other field in the
 morning.

Went out to Hovee
 this evening taking
 me with me to at-
 tend the Raspberry
 festival in Erie Pa.
 Saw Mr. Hill and got
 to talking, also Mr
 & Mr. Alderson &
 before I could get
 to the festival it
 was nearly dark.
 The entertainment
 was quite a success
 however.

Have been cutting wheat in the second field back of the barn so far. Got along nicely, leaving only about four acres out of the eleven. The back part of the field was with a poor crop while the south half was pretty good.

The boys have been drawing out manure from the barn yard again to day. The weather has become very dry and continues as warm as ever.

Lewis has made a rail fence around his lot to day.

The men have continued to draw manure to day. They have finished drawing from the barn yard and will soon complete the whole. I have been cutting the wheat with the binder and finished after tea. A rain about noon prevented cutting until then. The weather has been exceedingly warm since to day. Ninety two degrees in the shade at about noon.

Received a cabinet of my friend Row A. P. Cutler, this evening, which was a pleasant surprise.

Took Joe, and Bertie with me this morning to church. Had a very delightful service. It was truly God's house and the gate of heaven to my soul. The Good Lord blessed me in the class meeting also, and unlocked my tongue to speak to His praise.

Met Paul's wife & his wife, my father's cousin and mother's friend. Had not seen him for thirty years.

Went out to the evening service as usual and was much profited in his being to the precious Word of God.

The boys and I got the East part of the bay in old barn floored over and underpinned this forenoon.

This afternoon I have been repairing a wagon-rack for drawing wheat tomorrow. Joe, and Mrs. have about finished getting out the manure except from below the drive-barre.

It has been quite cloudy & dull and much cooler and more comfortable than yesterday.

Am rejoicing in God my Saviour, my all and in all.

Have been helping Billy Mc. Kee get in wheat to day with the two men. Got the ten-acre field all drawn and gone loads from the eleven acre lot.

Had visitors who we never expected to see in the flesh Mr. Reuben Ellis & wife. He had some other friends as well felt sorry that we had to work while they were here. Expect them back again however in a week or so. But, after all it was so nice a great treat to see these dear friends of my father and mother in their fading days.

Finished drawing wheat this forenoon some thirty loads or all. Joe ^{W.} has been taking stubble & setting it in &c.

I went out to blow this evening with or rather after some repairs for Keaper & to attend a prayer-meeting with society or official meeting afterwards. A new quarterly board was organized with Mr. Joshua Allen Ellis as recording steward. Saw much improvement with the business capacity of our new minister as well as his sterling piety.

Started the reaper in the barley field this morning, but the repair brought from home last night did not work so I had to take the broken casing to the blacksmith shop for mending. The boys Lewis and Joe have pulled peas this forenoon while this afternoon we have been ^{cutting} Billy thresh wheat. Let Jib to me to take care of the plow however. He has John Myers's machine which does very good work. The grain is about ready for market.

Finished threshing wheat this morning, getting done about five o'clock. This afternoon the boys have been pulling peas while I have been trying to cut barley. It rained occasionally light showers however. So I visited with Mr. Francis Mann who were here, with Bertha's little brother and sister. Our wheat did not turn out as much as we expected; but went some twenty bushels less than three hundred. The sample is very good however, and was well threshed.

My men have
been pulling peas
again to day. They
have finished it
much less time
than I expected. It
is a great satisfac-
tion to have men
who will not slack.
Feel very thankful
that the Good Lord
has sent them
us. Our work has
been kept well up
throughout the whole
season so far, &
everything almost
done in its proper
time.

Have been cutting
barley most of the
time to day. Not
being well, I have not
made much headway.

On account of
my sickness last
night and yesterday,
I did not feel able
to go to church this
morning. We all
went out this eve-
ning, and had a
profitable waiting
before the Lord. It
was good for us to
mingle with
those that worshiped.
Feel very thankful
for the goodness of
Almighty God in send-
ing us such a
worthy pastor, as
Brother Goodwin seems
to be. No wonder
the people generally
have received him
so well.

I went out to
Dover ~~at~~ this morn-
ing to attend to
some matters with
the Bank requiring
attention. Called
at William Walker's
on the way.

The boys have been
getting in barley all
day while I have
been cutting since
I came home.

Sent out first
milk to the factory
to day for the season.
Have had a couple
of calves dropped
to day making
nine cows in all
so far.

Went up with Billy
McPherson to day for
work done in Washburn.

Finished cutting Bar-
ley in the field by
Chalbrund to day.
The boys have also
finished drawing
all but the raskings.
Our barley crop is
very poor, being light
in weight and some-
what colored.

The dry, hot, weather
still lasts, and people
will be short of
water soon unless
enough. Have
had ~~two~~ ^{one} more cows
drop a calf to day
which will soon
give us ten cows
to milk.

Have enjoyed much
favor, with God, to
day and yesterday.
We hear & answer in
prayer.

Joe, raked the barley stubble this forenoon while I was out and I got in peas. Have drawn eight loads altogether to day. Find that the peas turn out loads pretty fast. Expect to have our big bay gull from eight acres. The heat has been very oppressive to day. I have felt it very much. The dry weather is favourable for our work getting in crops though. We begin to feel the want of rain though, and had to get up some water from the creek to night for the first. The big red cup came in to day.

Got in one load of loose barley (Ratings) this morning, being sun last. Have since been drawing peas from the hill field. Seven loads of peas with eight drawn yesterday makes fifteen in all so far. The crop is a very heavy one, especially of straw and we are likely to have nearly as much more.

Received a letter from Mr. Walter Ardley of Montreal saying that he was coming to spend a couple of weeks with us in August.

Lost the old spot.
 Red cow last night.
 She was afraid that the
 diable came par-
 tially from my
 neglect in not
 milking her before
 calving. Her death
 came from milk
 fever. The calf still
 lives, is a heifer &
 we think of raising.
 The ground being very
 hard to dig, we tried
 burning the carcass
 and find it a suc-
 cess. No smell, seemed
 to arise and the
 flesh and even bones
 were consumed
 by the flames.
 Have been drawing
 in peas again today
 as usual.

The boys and I have
 been working away
 at hauling peas a-
 gain today. Got
 the last load in
 the barn about the
 middle of the after-
 noon. There was
 twenty seven loads
 of peas from the
 hilly field, one acre
 of which is into
 fodder corn.

Wrote up to Sister
 on this evening
 after our friends &
 my father's friends
 Hensley, Alice & wife
 found them at Flor-
 ence, waiting for
 my coming. Had
 a very pleasant
 ride home with
 them.

Took my friend Paul
 Olds out to meet
 him this morning.
 Had a profitable &
 joyous session both in
 class meeting & then
 service the Good Lord
 being with us. Had
 our dinner at home
 and all went out
 this evening. The
 heat has been
 extremely great to
 day and this evening.
 yet it has been a
 day of spirit of feasting
 and enjoyment. And
 so beautiful that
 we have a minis-
 ter after our desire.
 The change has been
 so great that we can
 fully appreciate our
 privilege.

Have been washing
 up our old buggy Neil's
 forenoon and doing
 some other little jobs.
 Lewis has been mow-
 ing cloverseed in
 the field west of the
 woods &c. Went up
 to Kenekle John Matthews
 this afternoon with
 our friends Mr. and
 Mrs. Mansur Olds,
 who are to spend
 the week with us.
 Had a pleasant visit
 with them and they
 seemed to enjoy it
 well. Mr. Olds is
 quite a musician
 still though sixty
 five years of age.
 His voice keep always
 as clear as ever.
 Had a good sing to night

Lewis has continued to cut cloverseed in the field west of the woods, I have been visiting a good part of the time with our friends.

Cannot feel right to do otherwise since they have been absent from us for over thirty years and before going away were such intimate friends of my father and mother. Their home being so far away we are not likely even to see their faces again in this life after they leave us.

Went down to Wilson Koster's this evening with Kauler.

Started Lewis with the binder this forenoon in the North East Corner field of oak. Afterward I went with my friend & relative Kauler & Olds to see Huckle, Holmes, Matthews & Daniel Hooley, some old acquaintances of my friend. Took dinner at Huckle Holmes and tea at Mr Hooley's. Came home by Port Haven and stopped to the prayer meeting in our church. The weather was so extremely warm that we could not enjoy ourselves as we could wish.

Lewis started the plough again today in the soft field next to Mrs. Mc Bride's job. He has been helping me in the oat field. He has stocked up while I have been cutting with the binder in the East corner field. Do not find the oats an extra crop on account of the very dry weather, no doubt. There are many short spots in the field. Went down to Decker's Joe. Mc. tells this evening where our friends and my mother have been visiting this afternoon. Still as hot and dry as ever.

I have been exceedingly busy today. Cutting oats in big N. E. Corner field. Got started in the New Ground field besides finishing all that was fit to cut in the other. The machine has worked splendidly throughout.

Sent Joe to help Jim. Challand through this afternoon. He has been ploughing in the field next to Mc. Bride's. The ground is extremely dry. It is strange to say it ploughs well. Had Mr. Conium of Danville also the two Mrs. Aldersons to visit us today.

Lewis has been ploughing in the field next to Mr. Brides most of the time today. We got up a load of cloverseed after dinner. Went with our friends Mr. and Mrs. Olds for a stroll along the lake shore this afternoon. The weather has become cool at last and is quite comfortable. Rain seems to have fallen to the north of us, but, here it keeps as dry as ever.

Joe helped James Channing Mearns for one this forenoon. They finished about eleven o'clock.

Took our friends R. Olds and wife with us to our first Quarterly meeting at Port Haven today. We missed the Woodhouse friends and the number of communicants seemed smaller than it should have been. Remained to the evening service which was also a reason of profit. The minister gave us what he called a song service which was somewhat different from others that I have attended. Short addresses were given by Brother H. C. Ellis and Y. Montgomery as well as by the minister.

AUGUST

MONDAY 8

1887

The plough has been running again today, in the field next to Mr. Brides. Helped about getting in our second load of clover seed from ~~the~~ West of the woods. Only had two loads. Our visiting friends left us today, after which I went out to the quarterly business meeting. It was the first pleasant meeting meeting without the Woodhouse brothers. The lack of their presence was not altogether a loss, for we missed also their wrangling and quarrelling, so we have peace in our borders at last.

AUGUST

TUESDAY 9

1887

Lewis has been ploughing again today, in the field next to Mr. Brides. I have been cutting the new-ground field of oats with the binder and Joe has been plucking up most of the mice. Did not get quite done however. Hope now to finish all tomorrow.

Was told yesterday of a young woman that was once chosen to be my wife, not by myself however. Her name used to be Miss Elsie Jones. She left a husband and four or more children.

AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 10

1887

Have continued to cut oak this forenoon. Finished cutting the new ground this morning and the remaining portion of the big field by noon. Got started at ploughing again in the field by Mr. Brides, a light rain-fall or drizzle having put a stop to our drawing oak right off. Looked over old Barrow pig-down to the Cheese factory this evening and had a serious run to get him there.

Mr. Ardley of the C.P.R. Montreal came this evening to stay a couple of weeks with us.

AUGUST

THURSDAY 11

1887

Kept the plough going this forenoon. A slight fall of rain last evening having made the oak somewhat damp for drawing. Commenced drawing this afternoon however and got in three loads from the big field, in fine order. Do not look for a very large yield of oak this season owing to the continued dry weather. Went out to Dover this evening to see after some small matters. Expected to have brought Mr. Ardley home with me, but found that he had started on a foot. He is quite a walker.

Our oats being unfit to draw on account of a shower last night we ploughed with our team this forenoon. This afternoon we have been at the oak again and have got in four more loads making seven in all so far.

Had some parties here looking at our sheep, wanting to buy some but failed to make a bargain complete.

The warm weather has received a check I think and will not be so warm again permanently. Our biggest still to trust in God.

We have continued our work of getting in oats as usual. The weather remains as dry as ever & the outlook for fall pastures is anything but encouraging. Am thankful that our coarse feed is of an excellent quality and of fair quantity which will enable us to keep cattle from starving.

Got in eight loads more of fat so far making fifteen. Finished drawing some the big 17. C. Corner field to day. Our friend Mr. Ardley still seems to amuse himself about the farm.

Took Mr. Walter Adley
out to meeting in
Port Dover with me
this morning. He did
not seem to appreciate
our service as much
as I thought he might.
But, concerning J. and Don
Keal, where ~~was~~ he
has resided for five
years, is perhaps suf-
ficient reason.

Enjoyed the morning
service very much.
It seemed indeed to
be Gods house and
the gate of heaven.
In my soul, I can
truly say as did the
Psalmist, I had rather
be a door-keeper in
the house of my
God than to dwell in
the tent of wickedness.

Have been getting
in oak the boys
and I, with all our
might. Succeeded in
getting the last load
in the barn to night.
Got in eight loads more
the cattle being from
the new growing field.
Had twenty three loads
of oak in all. The
barn is well filled,
unoccupied space being
rather scarce.

Our last heifer
came in to day, for
this season. Expect
to have fourteen
or fifteen cows when
the calves are all
disposed of.

The rainless weather
still continues.

Lewis has started the ploughs in the field by Mr. Brides again today. Joe. has been spreading manure. Spent the forenoon myself in getting the old reaper ready for work.

This afternoon have been cutting clover in the Big F. Cat with the reaper. The crop is a rather poor one being rather thin, but otherwise is well filled. Had a short visit from Mr. and Mrs. ^{Smith} ~~Robert~~ this evening.

The weather keeps very dry, with some appearance of rain occasionally.

Have had one team ploughing in the field by Mr. Brides again today. Joe. worked at spreading manure this forenoon, this afternoon he has been helping Walter Austin stretch.

It has taken me all day to get the balance of clover-cut on the Big F. Cat. Raine commenced falling at about six o'clock. There are good indications of an ample shower.

Had a short visit from William and Nellie Hatt. This evening. Mr. Ardley still remains in

Lewis has been ploughing again today in the field by Mr. Bridges. The rain last night having made the ground plough much better. Joe has been helping Walter & Austin & Frank.

I have spent the day very pleasantly with Mr. Ardley. He first visited the cave near Houlbert. Drove to Mr. John Henck's for dinner. Had a delightful visit there. Cruise by the lake, then to William Wallace's for tea, and spent a pleasant hour with them.

Found Mr. Alderson waiting for me at home with an invitation to a church trial of our last minister

Kept the plough going again today in the field by Mr. Bridges. Joe has been rolling in the same field. I have spread manure most of the time myself. This evening however I went up to Henck's place. Matthews with our friend Mr. W. S. Ardley who leaves us in the morning for Montreal. Have enjoyed his company very much, more than usual for a stranger. He leaves very reluctantly and promises to return with the first opportunity. Probably next summer.

Look to Mr. Adley
 out to blow us
 time for New Grand
 trunk train North.
 We expect to arrive
 in the Mountain to
 morrow morning at
 about eight. Have
 been more than
 pleased with this
 evening. His com-
 pany has been par-
 ticularly enjoyable.
 Felt sorry to have
 him leave so soon.
 Lewis continues to
 plough and the field
 by Mr. Brides and
 Joe is now harrow-
 ing. The growing has
 rows up beautifully.
 Our old spotted cow
 got mixed in the creek to
 night. Expect to have a
 trial getting her out.

On account of rain
 we could not go out
 to church as is our
 custom. Our old spotted
 cow got down in
 the muddy creek bottom
 and Joe and had to get
 her out this morning.
 She seems to be weak
 from want of green food
 arising from the pro-
 tracted dry weather,
 her legs being all gone
 with age. The rain
 has continued to fall
 nearly all day, and
 the dry weather is dis-
 tress at last.

Have enjoyed some
 precious seasons in
 sweetest communion
 with my God through-
 out the day. His favor
 is indeed better than life.

Several showers have at last fallen and the earth is again sufficiently moistened for all practical uses. It has rained most of the time to day. Got up our old cow this morning and now we have the satisfaction of knowing that she is at least comfortable.

Joe has been helping me about clearing out the pasture at Drivebarre this afternoon. Lewis did not get home until this evening from his trip to his father-in-law's. It did not make much difference though.

Showers of rain have continued to come until this morning, but to day the weather has been fine. We took our seven yearling pigs to the factory this morning. Afterwards Lewis started the plow in the field by Mr. Bridges. Joe has been spreading manure in the same field.

I went out to drive this afternoon to attend a trial of the Lake minute. Bro. Calvert was a charge laid by Mrs. Anderson. He did not come however. His wife being very ill. She had been quite poor to day also.

Went out to do some
this morning to get
some repairs for
a plough. Came
home by Mrs. Clarke.
The roads are still
quite muddy.

Ma still keeps
quite ill. But her
loss very much par-
ticularly on account
of having a shamefully
disagreeable girl, Manki.
She is quite a source
of annoyance to me
in many ways. Hope
however, soon to
dispense with her
services.

The boys have got
done ploughing the
field by Mr. Prides.

Sold the Cattle to day
at 3¢ per head.

Got started ploughing
with both teams in
the hilly field north
of house. Warm to day.
The late rains have
made it in fine
order for ploughing.
I have been cutting
and cleaning up weeds
& old rasp-berry bushes
in the old fence row
next to the creek for
ploughing.

Mr. Carpenter came
with a new buggy &
I actually kept it through
unwisely, perhaps. The
price was one hundred
dollars. He allowed fifty
dollars on one of
our old buggies, and
I gave him five. This
to pay the balance as
paid between this and next
fall. The balance remained
at that time to be paid in a year.

Have been a good deal under the weather to day - so much so as to be unable to do much work.

Both Joe and Miss. have been ploughing in the Lilly field.

Have made an addition of quite a piece of land along the creek by removing the fence and ploughing down to the creek. The appearance is much improved as well.

Was thankful to hear that my mother is again convalescent. But though she is not recovering as fast as I would like to see her.

Cool weather prevails now, both night and day, a great change from a few days ago. Have had the ploughs running in the field ~~by the~~ north of Wivebank as usual. The boys are likely to finish it soon.

Looked few cents to Jarvis this morning. Joe and I. Received ~~two~~³ dollars each for the lot.

Heard from my friend Mr. Ardlie of Montreal, that he had got home all right but was not feeling as well as when here. Wrote out to him this evening.

Have had a most blessed day. The precious word of divine grace & fellowship of saints has been so satisfying.

O, these sweet precious God given Sabbaths how necessary are they, for the Christian and indeed for the unbeliever, though in a more worldly sense.

Bro. Goodwin preached to us again this morning about Joshua's last battle, comparing it to those of the Christian. Went out again this evening, to hear a solemn discourse about dying. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Why not, when we consider all his benefits.

The two men have been ploughing to day as usual. They have well nigh finished the field north of Kiveton for which I am thankful.

Have been on the road looking for a girl to help me about the house. Have been graciously prospered in my way. Found a good, healthy strong girl willing to come in a few days, daughter of Mr Henry Hill, near of Lymington Valley. Am thankful to have the promise of a good girl for they have been so scarce of late. The weather is fast becoming warmer again.

The boys have been ploughing a part of the land in the field north of drive - barn or rather Mrs. has while Joe has been harrowing and rolling. Mark just about finished ploughing the same field for which I am thankful.

Had a couple of men after seed about from Tennessee, some twenty miles away. Mr. Bartholomew took thirty seven bushels and Mr. Ed. Knight thirty four. sold them for 80 cts per bu.

Received some pamphlets from Mr. Ardley and some cigars, which I wanted for Mr. E. Cooke.

Finished ploughing our wheat ground to day. Do not remember the time when we got done so early in the season. Have now some thirty five acres ready for sowing including the corn ground on Big Flat. Put one last load of clover seed into the barn also.

The weather is now very fine and comfortable. It is fast becoming dry again however.

Have felt very thankful for the precious promises of my God to day. They seem to be so real & to comprehend so much.

Cleaned up a gust of wheat this morning and took it to mill today. Joe has continued to harrow on the hilly field, while Lewis has been cutting corn on the Big Flat. I have helped him myself part of the afternoon.

We do not find the corn of any great value excepting for fodder. There being but a small crop of good corn.

Talked up with Dan. Rose this forenoon - also Bob. Mr. Krids for work last fall.

We are likely to have rain soon I think. The ground is much in need of another rain - fall.

Light showers of rain fell last night and until nearly noon today. At present seed wheat ready for sowing and this afternoon we have been working as usual. I went and have been cutting corn on the Big Flat while Joe has been harrowing and rolling on the hilly field. Our corn crop excepting as a fodder crop is indeed quite a failure. We have cleaned the ground in fine style however, and in that respect it has been a great success.

Lewis and I. Out
 come again to day, or
 rather this forenoon.
 This afternoon I went
 out to town to see
 about some small
 matters.

Talked up with our
 girl Martha who has
 worked for us this
 summer & paid her
 off as well.

Brought Miss Giles with
 me this evening.

Wrote down to James
 Holcomb this evening
 to hear from below.

Mr Holcomb had lately
 returned and brought
 word that all were
 well and some of them
 were talking of come-
 ing up before long.

Went out to meeting
 this morning as usual,
 taking Bertka with me.
 Had a most excellent
 discourse from our
 dear Bro. Goodwin.

He preached about Elizabeth
 Request of Elijah, that
 a double portion of
 his spirit might rest
 upon him. Our fellow-
 ship meeting was also
 a precious season.

Went out again this
 evening taking Miss Giles
 and Bertka with me.
 The sermon was about
 the fool that said in his
 heart, there is no God.
 Was so thankful that
 our ministers discourses
 satisfied the soul, they
 are so full of the
 precious gospel.

Joe has been getting out manure from below the drive barn to top dress the hill side East of the house. Wes and I have been cutting corn a gain as usual. Did not get done as we expected however.

Was greatly surprised this evening when coming up from the field to meet my niece Cecilia. She came quite unexpected. How thankful to see her grow to be a fine healthy girl, and quite interesting and useful as well. Sold thirteen Bushells of wheat to Francis Smith for seed to day at 50 Cts per Bushell.

Lewis and I finished cutting corn on the Big Flat this forenoon. This afternoon both he and Joe have been drawing and spreading manure on the field next to Mr. Berden.

Went up to Lincoln this afternoon to get Cecilia's trunk. Had tea at Mr. Hugh Colvers before coming home.

Was surprised to night to hear that my friend and Bro. Alexander Ross had died this morning at about 2 o'clock. Had fully expected that this brother would soon be well again - hence my surprise.

The boys have been drawing and spreading manure. On the hill east of the house to day, most of the time. Have been engaged at sundry jobs myself most of the time.

Cannot help being deeply impressed with the loss we have sustained in Rev. who died yesterday. It seems a great personal loss to me, & what will we do without him in the church? I cannot go out to blow for a long time without thinking of Bro. Ross's many kindnesses to me, in so many ways.

My men and boys have continued to work on the field by Mr. Brides getting it ready to sow.

I went out to blow this afternoon to attend the funeral of my friend and Bro. Alexander Ross where I acted as Pall Bearer. A large number of people were there.

I heard when on the road how of the death of Bro. Reuben Olds very suddenly on Monday last in the township of Burford. Heart disease was supposed to be the cause.

Went to a social this evening in James Holcomb's Church. at 8 o'clock. number present. Proceeds \$5.00

Both Deems have been working on the field next Mr. Brides to day or rather most of the time, to day, for it has been raining this afternoon occasionally.

In getting the old drill fixed up for work I found it considerably out of repair so I thought well to see Johnny Mr. Brides about exchanging for a new one.

Made a sort of a bargain to take my old drill and fifty dollars for a new Oskowa one.

The money to be paid in two annual installments, first payment in Nov. one year from this fall.

On account of the moist state of the ground we had to leave off seeding operations this forenoon. This afternoon however the Deems have both been preparing wheat ground.

Found it necessary to kill our old spotted cow there being no possibility of her ever getting up again. Took this ride out to the lanes this evening.

The weather has become as cool as ever since the rains. It almost looks like an early fall and winter. To see it so cool now. The frost as yet low.

Took Bertie and Cecilia with me to church this morning. Did not feel as much profited as our other days, but, the Lord was with us, in due very much. Spent the balance of the day at home in reading & meditation, ~~not~~ not without being blessed thereby. Was somewhat unwell so might from having eaten something for dinner that did not agree with me. Did not go to church this evening on account of darkness and rain.

My soul is greatly drawn out after God.

Did not have a very good night's rest on account of illness. Got off with Cecilia this morning however & took her to Dover in time for the eight o'clock train.

Called at H. J. Carpenter's and at Mr. Stamps to make enquiries about a servant girl. Have spent the whole day in trying to find one. With the exception of Miss Marianne Williams who promised to come next Monday if we wanted her at that time, I have failed to make a success of our day's labour. Hisley has been drilling wheat again 2 days

Lewis has been drilling again today in the field by Mr. Brides, Joe has been working away with the plow and the lilly field. Have been away myself looking after a girl, did not succeed very well so have concluded to fall back on the Miss Williams who promised to come next Monday. Have had some favourable reports of the latter from different ones which make me feel thankful. Brought Mrs. Moody home with me this afternoon for a visit with us.

Got the field by Mr. Brides all plowed today and partly furrowed out. It looks very fine indeed since finishing. Joe has finished cultivating the lilly field with the plow and has been rolling before drilling this afternoon. I have had a great number of jobs through the day as usual. Helped Lewis near the cross-furrows this afternoon. The weather has been very fine indeed. Mrs. Moody has been with us today, & is a very interesting lady.

Lewis has been drilling in the lilly field most of the time to day. This field is also in very fine order and covers with the soil very well indeed.

I have been cleaning ditches most of the time in the field by Mr. Bridges. While Joe has been using the steam on the Big Flat getting it ready to row to-morrow.

Had a short visit from Willie Wilson this evening. He now lives with his father in Port Hope as assist. act editor of Port Hope Guide, is quite an man.

Have been cleaning ditches myself in the field by Mr. Bridges while the boys have continued to work as usual at seeding. Lewis finished drilling the lilly field this afternoon and got started on the Big Flat amongst the corn. He is now moving the corn stocks on ground that has been sown, so drill when they stand. propose to break the corn on the wheat ground, also, or most of it.

The weather keeps cool, but as yet we have had no frost.

Finished drilling the Big Flat to day, then sowed that and the hilly field with the Mitchellman & Leitch Hybrid wheat. Am thankful to have some thirty five acres in to wheat.

Have been very busy myself as usual. Took Mrs. Moody, who has been visiting us for a few days past out to school this afternoon. She is a very interesting lady and her visit has been quite a treat to us. She has been a good help to me as well.

Our first frost came last night. But, did not hurt the corn fodder.

Went out to Church this morning taking you with me.

Our minister was away from home so Bro. Ellis preached, as rather read us one of Gal-mage's sermons.

Came home before class, our purpose to be able to attend the meeting of Louie Rossfield in Elliot School house. Found Jack and Florence here however, so I had to give up going after all.

The past has not been one of my best days, spiritually. Still, I do not propose to fall back on good things alone; but to go forward with the strength of God, from conquering to conquering. Amen.

Have had Joe husk-
ing corn on the Big
Flat to day for the
first, while Lewis
has been furrowing
out wheat ground &
cleaning out furrows.

Went up to Mrs Henry
Williams this morning
after his daughter
Marianne who has
agreed to do house work
for us at one dollar
and fifty cent per week.
Succeeded in getting her
this time and was
thankful, for she
is so unfit to do the
work of the family.

Had Mr. John Menck
here to dinner, and
for a short visit.
Received an invitation
from him to attend a Grange
social, noon.

Joe has continued
to husk corn to
day as usual. Mrs.
has finished cleaning
out furrows, and
this afternoon he
and I have been
cleaning wood out
of the Creek bottom
next to Mr. Brides.
Thought it a good plan
to take advantage of
the present low water
to get some wood
and to make the
Creek look more
tidy as well.

Has done to James
this forenoon, after
a note given to Lou.
Paid last Spring, for
which I had received
no value, got it
back all right.

Kess. has been cleaning out the creek again today and Joe has been working corn as usual. Ma and I went out to look over this morning and the invitation of Mr. Alderson, for an excursion over the lake. Had not go however, the wind blowing rather strong broke the banks west making the lake rough. Mr. Alderson arrangements had been changed as well so as to prevent his returning to night. Had dinner at Mrs. Aldersons however and came home afterwards.

Lewis and I have continued to clean out the creek and did not get done until nearly night. Brought home our first load of corn stalks this evening however. Joe has continued to work corn as usual. He has got a nice piece husked and ready for drawing off. The weather is turning much colder again, & to night it feels a good deal like winter. Have had not frost to fill corn as yet, though

Lewis and I have been drawing corn from the Flat this forenoon. Got two loads of unhusked corn inside ready for a rainy day.

Joe has been helping Alexander Mass through about three quarters of the time to day.

Uncle Holmes Matthews and wife were here to dinner, and for a short visit.

Went down to the schoolhouse for an evening entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be used in building sidewalks.

Have been gathering and sorting over apples to day, and Wesley has been helping me. We are trying to get a load of fall apples ready to take up to Lincoln. Joe has been husking corn over the Big Flat.

Mrs and I went out to Groves this evening to look after some small matters. Drove up to Hellington carpenter's see the way home to see how Mrs. Carpenter was. Finding her in a very low state of health, a consultation had been held this morning.

Took ma and Be-
tha with ^{me} this morn-
ing to church.
Had a most excellent
discourse from our
brother Goodwin.
Always feel profited
by his sermons. Our
class-meeting after-
wards was a season
of profit.

Went down to Elish
School-house this
afternoon to hear
the Jarvis minute
Rev. Jackson. The
service there was
also interesting.

This evening I heard
Mr. Grady preach
his last sermon as
pastor of the church
here. Have seen much
encouragement and strengthening
of the body here.

Lewis and I put
up a load of apples
this forenoon. This
afternoon I went
with them to Simcoe.
Sold to Mr. W. P. Emis
at fifteen cents per
bushell. Had five-
ty seven bushells
and a half on my
load. They brought
me nearly six dollars.
Have had Joe truck-
ing corn again to-
day.

Our first frost
of the season
came last night.
This morning the
green corn fodder
was frozen stiff.
Am still enjoying
the favour of the
Almighty God.

Have been gathering King apples most of the time myself to day. Lewis and I have been drawing home corn and corn-stalks, besides husking.

Our old friend Mr. E. Nyerson came to see us this afternoon, after a long absence. She is now becoming quite aged but is still of vigorous mind, and in good spirits notwithstanding her many troubles.

George Benson came to night to stay over night with us. He has been away a long time also.

The boys and I got in a couple of loads more of un-husked corn this forenoon. This afternoon we have been husking corn on the big flat. The weather has been very warm and nice. Rain is much needed but still keeps off.

Had dinner at home with wife Mrs. Nyerson and ma. She was also there.

Gave Benson a small order for peaches this morning for spring delivery. Our crop of peaches was so good this year that we feel encouraged to plant out more

The boys and I finished husking corn west of doors this morning. Got the remainder of corn-stalks drawn also. This afternoon the boys have drawn in the east end of husked corn from the Big Flat.

Look Mrs. Nyman home this afternoon and this evening and I drove down to Mr. John Mucken where we had tea. Went with them afterwards to the Grange Social in the new Grange Hall. Heard an address by the Master of Hamilton Grange. Mr. Moffat had a pleasant time.

Was killed and drenched our by Colt this morning. The boys and I, after looking for and finding hands for threshing this afternoon and to-morrow I went out to Dover to take the hide and to look after some other business. Got home in time to help them a while before night. The Evans' Machine being here. Joe allowed me of our team to run away this afternoon breaking the waggon badly, but otherwise not doing much damage, fortunately.

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 1

1887

Have been threshing
away to day as usual.
Finished threshing the
oat in the day when
we bag four hundred
and forty bushels.

Threshed out ninety
bushels of peas from
the day also. Did not
get more than half
done with the peas
however. The machine
did not seem to work
very well in the peas
there being a great
many stoppages. It
seems from the pro-
gress we have made
so far that we are
to leave the thrasher
more than another
day. But, I suppose
that we ought to be
thankful.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 2

1887

On account of the
heavy rain last night
and muddy roads to
day I did not go
to church as usual.
Went over to hear
Bro. Clark however, in
the morning and this
afternoon down to
Ellis's school-house
where I heard Bro.
Baer preach. This
has occupied the day
pretty well. It has
upon the whole
been a good day
to my soul. Have
enjoyed the favour
of God, which is
to me most precious.
Truly with thee conver-
sing we forget all
time and toil and
care. Labour is sweet
if there be joy in it.

OCTOBER

MONDAY 3

1887

Our threshers did not come this morning as we expected. I suppose they stayed away on account of rain and high winds which have continued to prevail through the day.

The boys and I worked at gathering apples through the day. He went out to the woods this evening after hickory nuts. Brought home about a peck, after an hour's picking. The nut crop this year appears to be very plentiful. The weather remains quite warm though stormy.

OCTOBER

TUESDAY 4

1887

Got to threshing again to day. Had a very disagreeable time finishing the pea threshing on account of the very high wind and dust. Had nearly two hundred bushels of peas from eight acres or twenty five bushels of peas to the acre. Finished threshing at last having just about six hundred bushels altogether from here by one piece or about thirty bushels to the acre. The smallest yield we have had for some time that I remember of.