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PROGRAMME OF SOCIAL at EAGLE LAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL

Opening hymn Shall we Gather at the River

Xmas 1890

Prayer

Tea

Chairmans Address.

Rec.	opening address	Wellington Vanmeer
Dia.	The Birds	6 boys & girls
Hymn	Our Cheerful Sabbath Home - school	
Rec.	Rock of Ages	Sarah Jane Parks
Rec.	No	Grace Ellis
Rec.	Mr. Nobody	Alex Bone
Hymn	The blood of the Lamb	Choir
Rec.	The little orphans	S. J. Parks
Dia.	Little things	six schoolars
Hymn	Beautiful Sunshine	school
Rec.	The little angel	Maggi Robertson
Rec.	The sluggard	Westley Venmeer
Dia.	Jesus & the Soul	Mr. Mints & Mr. Tennant
Rec.	The cancelled bond	Sarah J. Parks
Hymn	Down in the valley	Mrs. McGuir
Rec.	The Teetotollar	Well. Vanmeer
Rec.	I am a little girl	Eva Parks
Song.	Death Song	Mr. Aberdeen
Rec.	The Sunbeam	Sarah May Tough
Hymn	Beautiful City	Choir
Closing	Address	David Tough

Christmas Tree

Votes of Thanks

DIARY OF JAMES GEDDES

Appointed to South Falls, Eagles Lake, Rye & Commanda

1889

- Oct. 31    Went by steamer to Burk's Falls for South River.  
Earnestly prayed to God for help in this work.
- Nov.    1    Went to Eagle Lake to visit before Sabbath Service.  
      2    Went to South River and visited several families.
- X        3    Service at D.R. & E.L. Text 1 Pet. 1. 394 (Our  
          Inheritance). Felt at home in the service. Trust some  
          good done.
- 4    Visited at Eagle Lake. Getting acquainted with the people.
- 5    Visited at Eagle Lake. Wonder am I to be blessed in this  
          work.
- 6    Visited Rye. 7th. Visited Rye. Oh for the true spirit  
          of work.
- 8    Visited Commanda. 9th Visited Com. people scattered.  
          Many indifferent as to the pres. cause. Oh for refreshing  
          times.
- 9    Back to Rye at 7:30 held Bible Class. Quite a number of  
          good men & women present. Can I do them good? Help!
- X        10    Service at Rye & Com. Subject "Our Inheritance". Asked  
          help of God. Surely the weak things will be made strong.  
          11th to 16 spent in visiting and studying.
- X        17    Service at D.R. & E. L. Sub. "Continue Ye in my Love"  
          attendance good. Atten. good. May He follow with the  
          blessing. 18th to 23 visiting & studying.
- X        24    Ser. at Rye & Com. Sub. "Continue Ye in my Love"  
          good attendance. Atten. good. One person much impressed.

SOUTH RIVER EAGLE LAKE RYE & COMMANDA

1889

- Nov. 25 to 30th vis. & studying.
- Dec. 1 Ser. at D.R. & E. L. Sub. "Jesus the light of the world.
- X 2 to 6th studying for Missionary Meetings.
- 6 Started with Mr. Finlay, Eagle Lake for Rye. Miss. Meeting, but instead went to Magnetawan. Walked 12 miles, stayed with Mr. Grinton.
- 7 Got Mr. S. G. Best's cutter. Went to Miss. Road.
- X 8 Preached at Miss. Road at 10. Spence at 2:30 and Magnetawan at 6:30. Poured of rain. But pretty good meetings. Sub. "Jesus the light of the world."
- 9th to 14th at home. Found all well. God be praised.
- X 15 Ser. at S. R. & E. L. Sub. "The Judgement". Roads bad. 16th to 18 studying.
- 18 Tues. meeting at S. R. Rain, yet good atten. Mr. Robertson of Sundridge, Mr. Sinewright of Huntsville, Mr. Smith of Powassan & Mr. Sanderson of S. R. speakers, Mr. J. D. Reid of "Arrow Burk's Falls, chairman. Good meeting, good addresses. \$ about 34.
- 20 Social 10 cents. Wet night, pretty good attendance. Mr. Sanderson (meth.) & myself the only speakers.

Comm. Service  
X  
at Rye & Com.



1889

- Dec 22 Serv. at Rye & Com. Sub. "Jesus the light of the world".  
att. fair. atten. good. Roads rather bad. "Hope  
in God" 23 & 25 visited at Com & Rye. Oh for a  
refreshing.
- 25 Spent Christmas with Mr. Tennant, along with Mr. & Mrs.  
Mip Aberdeen. Quiet but happy night. The Davisons born,  
what an inestimable blessing. In Him and through Him  
all blessings flow. Praise Him!  
26 to 28 Studying and reading.
- X 29 Ser. at S. R. & E. L. Sub. "Christians defence". Bad  
roads, poor att. Felt a blessing in my soul. What  
security in Christ! 30th to 3rd. Visited Mr. McCaig's  
to Mr. Aberdeen's, a new road to one. Spent New Years  
day with Mr. McCaig & R. Aberdeen.

1890

- Jan 4 Went to Rye. Good Bible Class.
- X 5 Ser. Rye & Com. Sub. "Christians Defence ". 2 Kings  
16. Roads very icy with snow. Poor att. Pretty tired.  
Got a ride back same night to Mrs. McLarens.
- 6 Went to Eagle Lake. 7th Visited Mr. Snow & Mr. McQuinn  
Heavy snow and wind. Drifting. Slept at Mr. McQuinns.
- 9 Went to Sundridge. Stayed with Mr. Barrowman. Saw  
Mr. Robertson. Enjoyed his company. Blessed him.

- Jan 10 Preached at Mr. Hills School on "Jesus the light of the world.
- 11 Went with own team to Mr. Dukes at Hartfell. New road to Mrs.?Heavy fall of snow.
- X 12 Ser. at Lynch Lake, Hartfell & Sundridge. Mr. Duke drove me. Heavy roads. Poor att. Lynch Lake Sub. "Christian defence". School house very cold. Fire would not go. Cold service. Hartfell & Sundridge "Jesus the light of the world. Better attendance, service warm. Oh that the fire celestial would be imparted." Help!
- 13 Heavy rain. Back to S. R. in afternoon. Visited.
- 15 Came to E. L. with Mr. Tennants sleigh. Studying 16.
- 17 Went to Rye. Visited Mrs. Mannering.
- X 19 Good Service at Rye. Large congregation. Roads good. Text "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater". Trust it will strengthen one faith. Poor att. at Com. Service seemed cold. Oh for refreshing times.! We must work for it, must pray for it. Walked back to Rye after service.
- 20 Went home. Mal met me with the team. Raining.

- Jan 20 Got home by five. Found all well.
- 21 Mr. Whelpton visited me. Felt a little sick.
- 22 Felt better. Mal and I drove to Burk's Falls.  
Visited Mr. Drinnan. Had pleasant Christian intercourse.  
Telegraphed to Malcolm Morris. Afraid some accident has  
happened to him. Home by six o'clock.
- 23 Doing chores. Can serve the Lord even here.
- 24 Walked to Magnetawan. Found Mr. Grinton sick.
- 25 Drove to South River with our own sleigh. Took Mrs.  
Geddes with me. Visited Mr. Geo. May at Sundridge.  
Arrived at Mr. Hulditch at five.
- X 26 Good service at S. R. Mr. Downey sick. Mr. Aberdeen  
absent. Sub. "If we receive the witness of Men". Mr  
McQuinn led the singing. Surely some good done. Good  
ser. at E. L. Felt the power of the spirit. How I  
wished every one hearing me would become united to Christ!  
Oh that that blessing time would come.
- 27 Visited Henry Tough with Mrs. Geddes.
- 28 Visited South River. Staid with Mrs. Hulditch.  
Heavenly conversion. Tis a real blessing to be with a  
child of God.
- 29 Visited Mr. Downey. Remained over night. Felt cheered  
in the Christian Race by our intercourse.

1890

- Jan. 30 Visited John Snow and family. Then Mr. Moore.  
31 Back to Eagle Lake. Visited Mr. Conley by the way.
- Feb. 1 Went to Rye. Visited Mr. Archer & Mr. Russel & family,  
Mr. Philip Smith & Family, Mr. Folke, Trent & Sen. Had  
a nice bible class at night. Subject "Jesus brought  
into the Temple. Felt at home on this beautiful phrase  
of Christs life. Oh that we were more dedicated.
- X 2 Sabbath. Good meeting at Rye. Sub. "Falling asleep  
in Jesus". Beautiful thought! May we all be enabled  
to do so. Let us work for it.  
Good meeting at Commanda. One there who never came  
before. Encouraging. God grant some good is being done  
in this cold place.  
Left after service, drove to Mrs. McLarens. Had tea  
and drove to Mr. Woods. Fine night, moonlight.
- 3 Left Rye for home. Reached Magnetawan about 12 o'clock.  
Home at five. All well.
- 5 Visited Mr. Rousel, found him sick with influenza.  
Visited Mrs. Gutridge, sick too with cold.
- 7 Visited Mr. Mitchell. Found Mrs. Stewart from Sask.  
Maria home. All well. Visited Mrs. Noll too.

Feb. 8 Drove with James to Sundridge, took cars to South River.  
 X 9 Sabbath. Good meeting Sub. "Asleet in Jesus" Had a  
 hoarseness in throat. Good meeting too at Eagle Lake.  
 Feel the blessedness of sowing the word. May my own  
 soul be watered and refreshed and God glorified.  
 10 Studying 11th to 12th visited Mr. Halls Eagle Lake.  
 13 & 14th Vis. Mr. McCaig, Geo. McCaig & Mr Aberdeen.  
 Back to Eagle Lake 15th went to Rye Bible Class only 7.  
 X 16 Service at Rye and Commanda, very good attendance.  
 Sub. "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me". Tried to  
 make it a personal matter. Trust the Holy Spirit sent  
 the truth home. Oh how often we do persecute the loving  
 Saviour!  
 17 Walked back to Mrs. McLarens. 18th Back to Eagle Lake.  
 19 Vis. Mrs. Mat. Parks. Mark Robertson, Geo. McCaig.  
 20 Service at Mr. McGuirs. Drifting very bad. Few present.  
 21 Vis. Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Aberdeen, then went to South River.  
 22 Vis. Frank Downey, Wm. Holditch, Mrs. Taylor  
 X 23 Ser. at South River. Good atten. Good roads.  
 " Serv. at Eagle Lake. Atten. Good. Had to walk but 1½  
 miles. Attention very good. Trust the subject will  
 help people to reflect, and change. Sub. "Saul, Saul  
 why persecutest,



Feb 24 Attended Mrs McCaigs funeral. She died on Friday morning. Funeral services at her house at ten in the morning. Text John 11. 25 & 26. Solemn occasion crowded house. Felt the occasion, and preached sermon earnestly. Oh that all were prepared for death. Went with the remains to Sundridge. Solemn service at the grave. Much weeping. Oh that it may make the mourners turn to Jesus! The only Refuge!

Reached Eagle Lake at 8 p.m.

25 Very tired. Hardly can read or study. But will I feel sure have the blessing of sleep to-night.

26 Rose refreshed. Feel thankful to the "Giver of all Good. Read, wrote, and studied. Preparing a few sermons to

28 that I might be enabled to visit home, and the families of my stations. Visiting, conversation, reading & prayer.

March 1 Walked to Rye. Visited Mr. Folke. Very sick, and I fear near the end of his journey. Spoke seriously to him and feel glad that he was prepared to die. What a blessing.

X 2 Service very good at Rye. Best att yet. Trust much good was the result. Poor att. at Commanda. Cold church (fire would not burn) and I fear cold service.



1890

- March 3 Visited Mr. Mawe, Mr. Arthur, Mrs Carrs, Mr. Bone,  
Mr. Collins, Mr. Young, and Mr. Henleys, and Mr. Clarks.  
Cannot get roused up to come to service. Some will promise,  
but will not always perform. Oh that their hearts were  
fired with love!
- 4 Travelled to Mrs. McLarens. Stayed at night.
- 5 Travelled to Mr. Noods. Visited Mrs. Mannering, Walked  
to Eagle Lake. Found all well. Got a letter from home.  
Glad to hear all better from the colds.
- 6 Walked to Geo. McCaigs, then to Mr. McGuirs, held a  
meeting there. Good attendance. Sub. "Asleep in Jesus".
- 7& 8 Visited at South River.
- X 9 Service at South River & Eagle Lake. Sub. "The people  
swelt in Kadesh". Pleading for deciding for Christ. No  
halting at the boundry line." "Step over the line" through  
the help of the Spirit.
- 10 Went home, Malcolm met me. Found all well, and glad to  
see me.
- 14 Left for Rye. Dinner at Mr. Woods, left with Mr. Cameron  
for Commanda. Visited at Commanda.
- 15 Visited at the settlement, intimating change of hours of  
service.
- X 16 Service at 10 at Com. Good meeting. Sub. "Fiery furnace"  
Service at Rye at 3. Good attendance. Same sub. Many  
seemed interested. Trust the Holy Spirit would send home  
the truth.

- March 16 Walked after service to Eagle Lake. Fine cool night.
- 17 Got a ride to South River. Visited Mr. Snow.
- 18 Went to Barrie. Left at 5:35 a.m. At Presbytery meeting by 12. Examined by the committee. Easily passed. Spent most of the day in the meeting.
- 19 Left Barrie for South River at 3 p.m. Saw most of Gient trade of taking ice to the United States, hundreds employed. Saw ice flows, ice slides (elevated by steam)
- 20 Visited Mr. Unger, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Boreas, Mr. Minto.
- 21 Visited Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Holditch, Mrs. Mood.,
- 22 Visited Mr. Erbe, Mr. Peacemen.
- X 23 Service at South River, & Eagle Lake. Sub. "Fiery Furnace" Good attendance & attention. Mr. Downey drove me. Good service. Felt the inspiration. God help all christians stand to their feet.
- 24 Studying.
- 25 Walked home (26 miles) Found all well. Consulted about staying longer in the field. Resolved to stay till other supply came, or all the summer if supply would be soon. Want to work somewhere for the Master.
- 29 Drove from home to Rye with young Cult and Malcolm. Lovely day. Had a nice stay at Magnetawan.

1890

- March 30 Service at Rye & Commanda. Good meeting at Rye, but very  
X poor at Com. When shall the work revive? Oh Lord bare  
thine hand. Thine is the power and thine be the glory.  
Drove back to Rye same night. Sub. "Is not my world."
- 31 Malcolm went home, and I visited at Rye. Walked to  
Eagle Lake same night. Lovely night. God was with me.
- April 1 Studidied.
- 2 Went to George McCaigs, Mr. Waters, Joe McGuir and passed  
the night with Mr. Aberdeen. Prayer and reading & con-  
versation with all. A good way of serving the Master I  
think.
- 3 Visited Mr. McGuir. Held a service there. good attendance.  
and attention. Spoke on "I am the doors" May some have  
entered.
- 4 At Mr. Aberdeens. Read & conversed. Sang the song of Zion.
- 5 At Mr. Downeys South River. Visited Mrs. Taylor, Mrs  
Greaves, Mrs. Holditch. Studided for Sabbath
- X 6 Good service at S.R. Poor attend. at Eagle Lake. Text  
"Is not my word like as a fire saith the Lord".  
Hope many warmed & cheered and some brought into this  
fold. How hard to reach the masses!

1890

- April 7    Went to Mr. James Frowman child's funeral.  
Large gathering. Text "The flower fadeth, but the  
word of the Lord shall endure for ever." Impressive  
service, many in tears. Young child, about one year,  
gone to Jesus to bloom in the garden of Heaven.  
Oh that the little Angel may dress the parents thus.
- 8    9th & 10th Studying.
- 11    Went to Mecinoma & Spring Lake visited every home.
- 12    Went to Rye, found friends all well.
- X 13    Service at Rye. Very good att. & atten. Many thanks  
will be the last Sub. for sleighing, so availed themselves.  
School house full. Subject : "The Rock Christ Jesus.  
Trust many are in this foundation. No other safe.  
Small meeting at Com. When will the people be roused?
- 14    Visited Mr. Maw. Hada tea with Mr. Peaves the Meth.  
student. First time we met. Glad to meet as church  
worker. "As iron sharpens iron" so I trust our meeting  
together will quicken both of us.
- 15    Visited Mrs. McLaren, and then to Mr. Woods.
- 16    Then to Eagle Lake. The roads very bad.

1890

- April 17 Studying. Read Drummonds "Natural Law in the Spiritual World". Many splendid thoughts.
- 18 Went to South River. Visited Mr. Snow, Mrs. Holditch, Mr. Frank Downey. 19th Visited & studied.
- X 20 Service at South River. Bad roads, but good attendance principally males. Subject "Jesus the Rock of our Salvation" Just the simple gospel, the "good News" I felt an inspiration. May perhaps never meet the same congregation again, but rust meet many of them in the "Many Mansions". Good service at Eagle Lake. Felt as if I was speaking to God's own people. Most of the congregation being members. Mostly males, only six females. Bad roads.
- 21 Studying and writting. 22, 23, 24th studying and visiting
- 25 Went to Rye, visited Mr. Parks.
- 26 Bible Class for the last time. Had a good meeting. Trust to meet many of the class yet.
- X 27 Good services at Rye and Commanda. People turned out well. Excelent attention. Preached "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Warned, plead, and entreated my to flee to Jesus.



1890

- April 27 Went to visit Mr. Bones family, spent Sabbath night with them. Oh that we all would be in earnest about the things that pertain to our souls salvation.
- 28 Went to the village, visited several families, bade good-bye. Visited Mrs. McLarens, then walked to Rye.
- 29 Left by stage for home by Magnetawan. Spent night with Mr. Grinton and family.
- 30 Walked home in the midst of rain. Found a hearty welcome, and all well.

Thus finished by six months in the mission field of South River, Eagle Lake, Rye and Commanda, Enjoying the service, the people, good health, and the walking in a fair measure. May the blessing of our God attend the effort for good.

Jas Geddes  
Ce-Cebe Lake  
Parry Sound District  
Canada.



SOUTH RIVER, EAGLE LAKE, RYE and COMMANDA STATIONS

1890

- Oct 17 Left home in the afternoon by steamer.  
Left Burks' Falls at 8 p.m. arriving at South River  
at 9. Welcomed by Mr. Downie, Glad to be again the  
field, and trust the endeavour will be blessed by our  
Heavenly Father.
- 18 Visited Mrs. Holditch, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Geo. Travine.  
Trust who dropped a wind in season.
- X 19 Preached at South River & Eagle Lake on "I will guide  
thee with mine eye." Felt at home in the service.  
Good number, good attention. Oh for the blessing!
- 20 Studying & writting.
- 21 Visited Andrew McGee, Mr. Preston and Mr. Harrison  
Read & prayed. Trust that some heart has been touched.
- 22 Visited Mark Robertson, Mrs. Parks, and Charles Ruble.  
Urged them to attend divine service. How cold in this  
duty does some seem to be. Oh God rouse them.
- 23 Visited Mr. Tough. Found the boy David confined with a  
swelled leg. Reading and writting.
- 24 Went to Rye in the afternoon. Had a warm welcome at  
Mr. Woods. What a fine Christian he is.

1890

- Oct. 25 Visited Mr. Russel, Mr. Archer, Mr. Philip Smith, Mr. Folke, Ralph Folke, Found Mrs Ralph very sick. God is good. Trust she will be drawn to him. How much need we all have.
- X 26 Services good at Rye, and the best ever Had at Commanda. Still it is hard to get people to live as the word of God teaches. Sub "I will guide thee.
- 27 Visited at Commanda settlement. A hearty welcome.
- 28 Visited Arthur Day, Mr. Zine, Davis Smith, Mrs. Parks.
- 29 Walked to Eagle Lake. Wrote letters, and studied.
- 30 Walked to Geo. McCaigs, Jas McGuirs & Robt Aberdeen. Got a hearty welcome. Had a profitable little prayer meeting at Mr. McGinn's. Text "Hope the anchor of the Soul."
- 31 Visited Mr. Snow's, Mr. Hills, Mrs. McQueen, Mr. Conollys Glad to see me. Read & prayed. Trust that these visitations are blessed on souls. They let us know each other and our wants.
- Nov 1 Visited Mr. Moore, Mr. Brockville, Found Mrs. B. anxious about her duty as to joining the church. She has three children not baptized. May the Lord help her to see her duty. I trust I did my duty by them. My prayers are with them.

1890

- Nov 2 Service good at South River, notwithstanding the slushy roads and falling snow. Sub. "How shall we escape". Poor attendance at Eagle Lake. Felt the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- 3 Studying. 4th Reading & studying. 5th writting & I  
6 do & visiting. 7th studying 8th walked to Rye.  
8 Had a good Bible Class. Sub. Jesus before Pilate & Herod.
- X 9 Service but poorly att. at Rye. Better at Com. Roads very bad. 4 inches of snow, and a crust and raining. But yet was in time. Spoke of "The Truth held in unrighteousness.
- 10 Visited at Com and at Mrs. McLarens. Spend monday night with Mr. Wright, the young methodist student, at Mr Woods . He has many discouragements. Hope God will open up his way. He will I trust be a faithful servant.
- 11 Had a fine Cottage meetingat Dick Mannerings. Well attended spoke on the cream of the bible John 3.16. Some impressed.
- 12 Walked to Eagle Lake. Answered letters.  
13 Studying.
- 14 Visited Ge. McCaig, Mr. Waters, Joseph McGinn, Jas.McGinn, Robert Aberdeen. Lovely day, sun shining. Oh for the shining of the Sun of Righteousness! 15th visited South River. Staid at Mrs. Holditches.

1890

- Nov. 16 Service at South River. Fine day, but muddy roads.  
X Best attendance yet. Sub. Truth held in unrighteousness  
Rom. 1.18. Semeed inspired. Trust good done. At Eagle  
Lake atten. also very good. Same subject. Oh how many  
"hold the Truth in Unrighteousness." Bare thine arm  
O Lord". Open the blinded eyes."
- 17 Reading, writting and studying. 18th The same.
- 19 The same. 20th. Weather stormy, and roads bad, so I am  
preparing a few sermons so that I may be able to visit  
when the roads get better. Trust I should be able to  
say a word in season to some careless one, or encourage  
a weary one.
- 21 Went to Spring Lake. Remained at night with Walter Folk.
- 22 Visited Mr. Pawson, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Folks and Mrs. Woods.
- X 23 Good service at Rye & Com. Roads very frosty, but good.  
The best attendance yet at Com. Preached from Lucke 18.  
27. "Gods Power" Excelent att. Oh for the power of  
God to influence these tations.
- 24 Walked to Mrs. McLarens 25th Walked to Mrs. Woods. Had  
a nice cottage meeting at Philip Smiths. Some visibly  
affected.
- 26 Walked to Eagle Lake & studyed. 27th Read & studyed.
- 28 Walked to Mr. McGirr's for prayer meeting. Snowing.

1890

- Dec 14 Service at South River & Eagle Lake, good attd.  
X Best ever had at E. L. Seven sleighs at the door. Sub.  
"Oh that those wouldst hearken to my commandments!"  
Felt quite at home with this sub. When will man listen.  
15 Studied, and preparing for E.Lake S.S.Social.  
16 Attended the S.S.Social. Full house. All seemed pleased.  
Spoke on being "true to the core" Everything spoken &  
sung was good, and if acted on would bless.  
17 18th, 19th Reading, writting and studying.  
20 Went to Rye. Held Bible Class.  
X 21 Service at Rye & Com. Fair attd. Stormy. Walked to Com  
and back to Rye same night. Spoke from Izek 21. 9 & 10th.  
What a strong warning to sinners. Would think every one  
would see this and flee to Jesus! Felt the influence of  
the Holy Spirit.  
22 Went home by Magnetawan. Had good roads. James met me  
with the horse & sleigh. Home by 2 P.M. Found all well.  
27 Left home for South River. Arrived at five. Good roads.  
X 28 Good service at Eagle Lake, but poor at S.Riv. Very cold  
Sub. "A sword a sword  
29 Went home to spend the New Year.

1891

- Jan X 4 Mr. Grinton took the Rye and Com apointment for me.



1890

- Nov 28 Had a profitable cottage meeting at Mr. McGirrs. Subject "Godliness" Good attend. 29th Visited Mr. Aberdeen, Mr. Snow, Mrs. Greaves, Mr. Downes, Mrs. Taylors.
- X 30 Service at South River. Day threatning. Poor attd. Better attd. at E. Lake. Sub. "Gods power." Oh that the time would come when sinners would allow the Saviour to use his saving power! Walked from E. Lake after service to Mecunoma. On Monday morning started for home by Magnetawan. Walked all the long road of 20 miles. Took the friends by surprse. Got a right hearty welcome.
- Dec 1 & 3rd visited withe friends 4th Had service in the evening at Midluthin, sub. "Oh that thou hadst Full house, great att. May the blessing follow. 5th visited
- 6 Drove with James to Mecumoma, then walked to Mr. Woods.
- X 7 Had good service at Rye, and better at Com. Lovely day. Several strangers present at Com. Sub. "Oh that thour"
- 8 Visited at settlement 9th Walked to Rye. Cottage meeting at Mr. Parks. Good attd. 10th Walked to E. Lake.
- 11 Studided 12th Walked to Mr. McGirrs & held cottage meeting.
- 13 Walked to South River. visited Mr. Downeys, Mrs. Holdichs.



1891

- Jan 4 James drove me. Pretty good meetings.  
Held service at Midlothian. Preached from Ezek, 21.8,9,10.  
Full house & good att. Hope some soul was arrested and  
saved.
- 10 Left home for South River. Had the colt with me. She  
behaved well. Hound all well at S.R.
- X 11 Good meetings at S.R. & E.L. Glad to see some out for  
the first time. Sub. "Peters release" Oh for faithful  
preaching to the people!
- 12 13th Studying 14th visited Mrs. Mat. Parks.
- 15 Fair meeting at Rye and good at Com. quite a number of  
strangers, (Sub. "Peters release".) but some presbyterian  
friends absent that could be there, had they a proper  
interest in the cause. Had a walk as my colt got loose  
in the stable at Rye and went as far as Spences. Had to  
walk after her on Monday. Caught her after walking 30  
19 miles. Very tired.
- 20 At home. 21st. Went to an open meeting of Midlothian  
Lodge of Good Temples. Full house, Mr. Bluthewick  
(baptist minister) showed some beautiful views by the  
Lantern. Some joined the Lodge that night.

1891

- Jan 22 Went to Rye. 23rd Went to Eagle Lake, then to Mr. Molsons to hold cottage meeting.
- 24 To South River. Visited Mr. Downeys, Mr. Taylors, Mrs. Greaves.
- X 25 Good services. Weather & roads good. Preached from that warning text "How long hath ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God follow him". My prayer is that souls may be decided for God. This indecision is fearful.
- 26 Writting and studying. 27th visited Mr. McQueen, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Conolly, Mr. Brockville. 28th Visited Mr. Aberdeen,
- 29 Mrs. Holditch, Mr. Erb, James Wood & Mark Robertson.
- 30 Visited Harry Pawson, Walter Folke, Philip Smith.
- 31 Visited Charles Wood, Wm. Parks, Mrs. Manering.
- Feb.X 1 Good service at Commanda, but small at Rye. Heavy roads, had cutter. Attention real good. Plead deciding for Christ. How long halth ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God follow him.
- 2 Visited Mr. Bone, found Mrs. Bone poorly. Trust she is prepared for death. Spoke seriously to her. Visited Mr. Collins. Hard to impress him. Visited Mr. Clark. Hope some good will be done him.

1891

- Feb. 3 Went home. Found all well. 4th 5th 6th home.
- 7 Went to Katrine by Doe Lake. Dined with Mr. Nelson.  
Com service held by Mr. Robertson of Burk's Falls.
- Com. Service  
at Katrine  
& Lake.* X 8 Good services. 10:30 Katrine fairly full. 2:30  
Burks Falls well filled, 6:30 Buridale, the largest  
I ever held. Subject "Oh that they would hearken to my  
com".
- 9 Drove to South River, heavy roads, drifting & snowing  
The Colt "Fanny" scared at the engines, nearly an  
accident, but provedientily escaped. Miss. meeting.
- 10 Drove to Eagle Lake. Too soon, Mr. Finlay, Mr.  
Garwick, and myself out in the storm, but got "Fanny"  
in shelter. Lifted the window of the church, and soon  
had a comfortable fire. But a small meeting, but good  
collection.
- 11 Spent most of the day at Eagle Lake with Mr. Finlay,  
and Mr. Garwick, both of whom went to Miss. meeting  
at Rye. Mr. Finlay wishes me to be in continous work.
- 12 Studying 13th. Went to Meconoma to meet Mr. Garwick.
- 14 Went to South River to go to Powasson. Arrived at  
Powasson by last train 9:30. Mrs. Garwicks son met me.
- X 15 Fine morning. Had Mor. service at Powasson 10:30  
Good attd. Preached from "If the Lord be God follow him".

1891

- Feb 15 Powasson church a large firm church. All chairs. The people sit too much at the sides. Fair choir, and good organ. In the afternoon drove to Nipissing. Poor congregation. The church unfinished and cold. One half mile of the road badly drifted. Good service at Powasson in the evening. Text "Oh that thine" Singing led without the choir & organ. Better singing then in the morning. Good attention. Hope in have been all blessed. Mr. Garwick held communion services at Rye & Com. Had extra attendance, best ever held at these places.
- 16 Studying in Mr. Garrwick's house. Went to South River by last train. Slept in Mrs. Holditches. Warm day.
- 17 Studying & visiting at South River. Mr. Garwick came to South River, and left for Pow. by last train.
- 18 19 20 Visiting & studying at South River. Went to Mr. McGirrs in evening. Held cottage meeting.
- 21 Visited Jas Tennents, Joe McGirrs, Robt. Aberdeens.
- X 22 Fair attd. at South River service and fair at Eagle L. Roads drifted, but took the lumber road from the village to past Cole's hill. Attention very good. Some strangers present. Sub. "Looking into Jesus."

1891

- 23 24 25 26 Studying & writing 24th a day of heavy rain.  
Felt glad had not to go out in the storm. Tuesday  
& Wednesday quite a thaw. Snow disappearing.  
Thursday freezing slightly.
- 27 Visiting at Andrew McGies. Mr. Prestons, Mr. Harrisons,  
John Hawkins, and D. Hawkins.
- 28 Went to Rye.
- March 1 Service at Rye & Com well att'd. Good att. preached  
X from Heb. 12 .2 "Looking into Jesus". Just as we go  
to the church find two of our female members out for a  
cutter ride. What an example! Oh for more of the true  
spirit of Christ. Went back same day to Rye. Had Mip  
Woud with me from Rye & back.
- 2 Went home to consult about staying in the work in summer.  
Got home by way of Spence & Midlothian Lake. Lake too  
icy for colt. Decided to continue in the work in the  
summer. 3rd. & 4th helped at home.
- 5 Drove by way of Silvesters. Recorded my vote for the  
Dominion Election. Then to Burk's Falls, then to  
Birndale. Malcolm with me who drove other 12 miles to  
Tilsons camp.



# STISTED STATIONS

1891

- May 6 Started from home for new field by stage. Reached Doe Lake by 4 p.m. 7th Left at 7 a.m. arrived at Armstrongs at noon. Walked to Mr. Paces. Left on 8th at 8 a.m. and arrived at Aspdin. Stayed at T.D. Smiths.
- 9 Visited Mr. Jas. Darlings, Mrs. Darlings, Mr. Whites, Mr. Sprosts.
- X 10 Good service at Aspdin. Fine day. good attention. At 3:30 service at Chalmers Church 9 miles from Asp. not so good attd. more attn. Sub "Oh that thous".
- 11 12 13 Reading & studying. On 13th got trunk.
- 14 Visited Mr Hood. 15th & 16th studying, reading and fighting fires. Great bush fires all round Mr. Paces. But in the evening some rain came.
- X 17 Fair service at Chalmers Church. Sub. "Gods power" There are many that might come that do not. Started for Hoods. When near Hoodstown asked a woman the road. She told me to go to the left, whereas I should have gone straight on. Travelled miles extra on lonely roads past Mrs. Mums, when I board at Hoodstown, and arrived long round Fire Lake at Mr. Mulkins weary and sorry having missed the service. Mr. Mulkins (Ch. of Eng. puple) was very kind giving me tea, and paddling me over to Mr. Munns.



1891

- May 18 19th Visited near Fox lake. Urged the people to come to service. Congregation at Hoodstown very small. It will be up hill work to gather congregation on this field, so many careless ones, and so many Ch. of England.
- 19 Walked to Mr. Paces by a new road. Got all right.
- 20 Studying and writting letters. Wrote one to Widow Tough.
- 21 May God care for her and her little ones.
- 22 Walked to Aspdin for Mr. Finlays preparitory meeting. Held a profitable service, though a small congregation.
- 23 Walked to Hoodstown, Mr. Finlay going to Ch. Ch for Pre meeting.
- X 24 Small attd at Hoodstown, owing to many of the people fighting fires. Sub. "Oh that thous" Mr. Finlay held Com. services at Ch. Ch and Aspdin. Good attd at both. Six children baptized.
- 25 Visited Mr. Wellington & Charles Wellington, Mr. Robinson. Mr. Brooks, and Mr. Tipper at Hoodstown.
- 27 28 19 Studyed 30th Walked to Aspiden.
- X 31 Very warm, road dry, oppressive walking. Good service. Large attd. at Aspiden, but fair only a Ch.Ch. Many seemed to feel impressed by the service. Oh for the blessing!

1891

- June 1 2. 3. Studying & writting 3rd. First rain for a month.  
"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness"
- 4 Visited Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Howell at McMunich boundary.  
Glad to meet with any true Christians. But we are so  
aft to turn our conversation on worldly matters.
- 5 6th Reading, writting & studying.
- X 7 Warm day. Good services at Ch. Church & Hoodstown.  
Roads very dusty. No rain for weeks. Many people  
late at Ch. Church. Congregations very attentive.  
Felt the power of the Holy Spirit. Were they one  
single soul touched?
- 8 9 10 11 Spent at Hoodstown, reading visiting and  
boating. Visited Mr. Hilditch often. Poor man lying  
helpless. He has strong temptations. Oh that he  
implicitly trusted Christ.
- 12 Walked to Aspdin. Visited Mr. Sproat, Mrs. Hemmings,  
Adam Darling and both Mr. Rice's father & son. At  
9:30 reached Mr. Smiths. Rested all the 13th.
- X 14 Best attendance yet at Aspdin & Hoodstown. Very dry  
and warm. No rain. The visiting brought out several  
It is a pleasure to preach when people turn out.
- 15 Walked to Mr. Paces. Got several letters, two from  
home, sweet home. Glad all seemed well.

1891

- June 16 & 17 Studying & reading. Very dry. no rain for weeks.  
18 Walked to Aspdin. Warm walk. Crops not growing.  
19 Visited Alex Macmichel, Harry Dickson, Robt Dicson,  
Robt. Macmichel & Mr. Dickson & Mrs. Sweegi.  
20 Rested & read.  
X 21 Very dry and warm. Good attd. at Aspdin, but only  
fair at Ch. Church. Preached from "How shall we  
escape if we neglect so great salvation". Felt helped  
by the spirit of God. Would that souls were saved.  
22 Went down to Armstrongs to catch the stage for home.  
& 26 Spent at home. Walked on Monday 20 miles, the stage  
having broken down, fore axle broken. Lost a ride  
from Doe Lake through the stage being late, so had to  
walk. Walked from Mr. Paces to Armstrongs 3 miles,  
near Spinedale 5. (through stage breaking down).  
Doe lake to home  $12\frac{1}{2}$  mi in all  $20\frac{1}{2}$ . Felt very tired  
next day. On friday left home by waggon to Mr. Nelsons.  
Left Mr. M's in afternoon for Doe Lake P.G.  
27 Left Doe Lake P.O. arrived at noon at Armstrongs.  
After dinner came to Mr. Paces. Found all well.  
Enjoyed the trip, notwithstanding the weary tramp.  
Oh how dry the weather is! Oh for rain!

1891

X

June 28 Service at Ch. Church and Hoodstown. Pretty good attd. at both services. Very dry walking. Got a ride to Armstrong shaded road after that to Hoodstown. Had a solemn text to preach from. How I wish good will be the result. 29th to July 3 walked, read, and visited at Hoodstown.

July 3 Went to Aspden. Rained nearly all the day. What a blessing.

4 Rained all day. Visited Mr. Whites.

X 5 Service at Aspden. Fairly well attended. Raining. Only 5 at Hoodstown. So wet. This rain is indeed a blessing.

6th to 10th Studying & reading. Came from Hoodstown on Monday. Lovely weather but cool. Must visit more there.

10 Went to Aspden. Visited Mr. Sweesys & Mr. Sproats.

11 Visited Mr. Hemming & Mrs. Darlings.

X 12 Good service at Aspden & Ch. Church. Very warm. Did not sleep well on Saturday night, and so felt very tired on Sunday night. Glad to rest at Mr. Campbells on my way back from service. Had a few strangers at Ch. Church. Pity the people do not come better out. Must work and pray for it.

13 to 18 At Mr. Paces. Reading, writting & Studying. Read.

the "Prince of the House of David," "Mary Lundie Duncan,"  
Ester Ried still speaking" beside more substantial work  
such as "Charnock in Regeneration!" "Moore's spiritual  
truth for believers" "Spencer's Sermon" &

- X 19 Service at Ch. Church pretty good, but poor at Hoodstown.  
What can be done to get people to take more interest in  
the services. I spoke as earnestly on unbelief as I could  
Oh for the spirit of real belief, real trust! Few present  
at H. Mr. Anderson's son got his leg broken, preventing  
them. But carelessness I fear with too many.
- 20 to 23 at Hoodstown.
- 24 Went to Mr. Paces. Glad to find a letter from home.
- 25 Went to Aspdin after tea. Very hot day, but evening cool.
- X 26 Fine day. Good service at Aspskin, attendance poor at  
Hoodstown. How I longed for the salvation of souls! Am  
I taking the best way of attaining this object? I fear  
I am not so consecrated as I might. God help me to be  
more so. May He use me for good. Oh to rely on him!



1891

- July 27 Left Hoodstown for home. Took stage at Armstrong. Reached Doe Lake at 6 p.m. M. Malcolm my son met me with the team, along with my nieces, Eliza & Katty Sutherland, and Lizzie Geddes, and Carry Rousell. All went to an open meeting of the Doe Lake Lodge of Good Temples. Excelent meeting. Home by 12 p.m.
- Aug 8 Left home at 4 a.m. for Doe Lake to go with the stage for Armstrongs. Lovely day; reached Mr. Paces about 3 p.m. Spent my time at home in haying, visiting and reading, though not much of the latter. Spent Sabbath the 2nd at Burk's Falls. Morning in Methodist church. Usual service, Love feast, and communion service in afternoon at the Presbyterian church. What an excelent sermon, how eloquent was Mr. T.L. Robertson. In the evening at the Baptist church, music good, sermon of Mr. Blatherwick very good. Mostly young people present. Music I fear more of an attraction with many than worship.

1891

- Aug 9 Pouring of rain. Did not go to service. Told no  
X one would be there, the people have so far to come.  
I have felt it keenly. Wonder if I should not have  
gone in all the rain. Trust I have done my duty.  
Went in the afternoon to Hoodstown. Rain. No service
- 12 Visited Mr. Anderson. Had a long conversation with  
his son who got his leg broken a few weeks ago. Tried  
to lead him to our Saviour.
- 14 Went to Aspdin.
- X 16 Good service at Aspdin, but small at Hoodstown. Felt  
the influence of the Sabbath and the sanctuary.  
Subjects Gods protecting power. And truly His pro-  
tecting power is grand. What a consoling!
- 17 to 21st studying & visiting near Chalmers Church.
- 21 Went to Aspdin.
- 22 Mr. Smith drove me to Port Sydney. Fine day. Had  
dinner at Mr. Farqnarsons. Mr. F. and I then rowed to  
Hood's landing in Mary Lake, when I walked to Mr.  
Fletcher Broadbent's (5 miles).  
Mr. F. & I were exchanging pulpits. I went to Mr. F.  
B's to be ready for morning services.

1891

- Aug 23 Dull morning. Rained a little. Began service at  
X Brunel at 10:30. Small att'd. But a warm hearted  
people, who were drinking in the words. Felt in-  
spired by their attention. Showed by their actions  
they appreciated the service. Got many thanks for the  
sermon. Spoke from Isa 48. 18. Had a fine Christian  
conversation with Mr. Symour who drove me to Port  
Sydney.  
Good att'd at P.I. but not so sympathetic an audience  
as Brunel. Had to lead the singing here. Fine church.  
Paid good att. However at night at 7 had service at  
Parkersville. Mr. Wilson drove me. School house full.  
principally young people. Great att. spoke on "Jesus  
the light of the world".
- 24 Rained heavy during sub. night & mon. morning and on  
tillnoon. At 3 started for Aspdin. Passed through  
Utterson. Reached Mr. Smith in time for ten, feet  
soaking wet, but soon comfortable at Mr. S's stove.  
Enjoyed the change.

1891

- Aug 25 Travelled to Mr. Paces. Set to work on a sermon for the presbytery - selected Rev. 7th 9 & 10. "The Great Multitude". Studying, Reading & visiting all week. Several times felt a wish to run home and see the friends there. Had a letter from Mr. Finlay asking if I would go out in the winter. Replied I would be glad, but would like to be near home. I am getting of home and the friends there. Wearied more for home this summer than ever I did. God bless my dear home friends.
- X 30 Good service at Chalmers Church. Many strangers present. Spoke of that delightful subject "The great multitude arround the Great White Throne". May a blissing attend our services. Small attendance at Hoodstown. Do not know what is to be done with this station. I have tried my best to get more interest in it, but as yet seem to fail.
- 31 Delightful sail on Vernon Lake from Hoodstown to Huntsville & back on steamer "Lady of the Lake", along with Mr. Munn and Mepus Armstrong & Mrs. Armstrong. Lovely day, and pleasant company. Walked to Mr. Armstrongs.
- Sept 1 Walked this morning to Mr. Paces. Found all well.
- 2 Visited McMurick. Mr. Pace drove me. Called at Mr. Stewarts, Mr Marshalls, and Mrs. Marshalls. All buisy at the harvest. Hard to get many of the people here to feel an interest in our services, or things partaining to eternity.

1891

- Sept 3 Studying.
- 4 Went to Aspdin. Got a ride by Mr. Paces team.
- 5 Visited at Aspdin.
- X 6 Very like rain. Few females at service at Aspdin, but quite a few males. Cleared up, but no service at Hoodstown. Only two came. My last service here. I fear the service here will be discontinued.
- 7 Walked to Mr. Paces. Very dull weather. A great to deal of the harvest cut but lying in the wet.
- 12 Reading, studying & visiting at Chalmers Church.
- X 13 Lovely day. Good congregations at Aspdin & Ch. Ch. Held service in the school house at Campbells at 7 p.m. Full house. Spoke on "indiction".  
1 Kings 18. 21 Good attention.
- 14 Went home by stage. Got a chance by Mr. F. Blushill from Todd's corners. Found all in bed but my niece who gladly supplied the outward man.  
Helped to shingle & the barn, at which the boys are so busy. Visited my brothers family & Mrs. Gutridges.
- 19 Left home by 4 a.m. with the team. Too late to catch



1891

- Sept 19 the "stage" What must it be to be too late in getting Salvation!. Had to walk 14 miles before the stage came up to me. It having broken down, and had to get repaired. Went all the way to Aspdin with the stage.
- X 20 Fine day. Arge congregation at Aspdin, the largest yet. Small at ch.ch. Spoke on the "Firey furnace". Got great attention. Was then a seed sown which will spring up to life eternal! God grant there may. Had dinner at Mr. McDonalds, He drove me till we caught Mr. Paces Team. Was very glad of the ride for it was very warm. After service, went with Mr. Rome to Axe Lake. Stayed Sabbath night, and Monday night there.
- 21 Visited Mr. McPherson, Mip Clark teacher at the school, Mr. Brown and Mr. Quinn.
- 22 Back to Mr. Paces. Visited Mr. Howell, Mr. Campbell Mr. Bolter. Mrs. Percley.
- 25 Went to Aspdin. 26th Went to Skeleton Lake.
- X 27 Beautiful warm sabbath. Good attendance. Service at Aspdin, Ch. Ch. & Campbells school. Blessful meetings.

1891

Sept 27 Subject at Aspdin & Ch. Church The "Rock Christ  
X Jesus" and Campbell's School House. "I will guide  
them with mine eye" Felt at home in the services.  
Next Sabbath my last sabbath in the district.  
Appointed for Emsdale field. How often I have  
wondered whether there has been good done while  
I have been here. "The day will declare it" My  
prayer is may He use me for His glory.

28 Resting & reading. More tired today than usual.

29 Studying.

30 Went to Stisted Agricultural Show and then to  
Hoodstown. Visited there on 1st October.

Oct 2 Went to Aspdin. Visited Mr. Sproat, Mrs. Jas  
Darling and Mr White & Mr.T D. Smith,

3 Visited Mr. Hemmings & Mrs. Darling.

X 4 Wet Sabbath. Last Sabbath on field. Raining most  
of the day. Yet had good congregation, but would  
have been larger had it been favourable weather.  
Subject "Prepare to meet thy God". Great attention  
Many strangers present.

1891

Oct 5 Preparing to leave. Filling up reports etc.  
6 Bidding "Goodbye". Trust a blessing will follow.  
7 Left the field by stage. James met me with the team.

Thus passed the summer months in the Stisted field. Enjoyed good health, though sometimes weared in body and mind. So many careless, so many stay away from service. And Hoodstown so poorly attended. Yet glad some good was done and sometimes a seed dropped in good soil.  
To God be the glory!

Midlothian 8th Oct. 1891.

EMSDALE, NOVAR & SPRUCEDALE FIELD

1891

- Oct 9 Left after dinner for Burk's Falls. Stayed with Mr. Whelpton.
- 10 Left by cars for Novar, arrived at 10:30 a.m. Stayed with Mr. Coopes. Visited Mrs. McGillvary.
- X 11 Good services. Had to walk all the way. Good roads. Sub. "I will guide thee". Trust I shall be guided in this new field by the Divine Hand.
- 12 Rested and read at Mr. Copelands Sprucedale.
- 13 Visited Mrs. Corbett, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fountain, Mr. Mills., Mr. Dean & Mr. Peddie.
- 14 Mr. Copeland, Mr. Heron, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Macadie Stayed all night at Haldone Hill.
- 15 Mr. Sherwood, Mip Kirkman.
- 16 Studying 17th The same.
- X 18 Good Services at all the stations. Driving by Mr. Dean's rig from Sp. to Ems. Rode with Mr. Smith till within four miles of Novar. Enjoyed the services. Good singing at Novar, organ & choir, Bourding with Mr. McGillevray.
- 19 Resting & Reading.
- 20 Visited two widows Mrs. Fleming & Mrs. Nichols.
- 21 Visited Mr. Hooie, Jas. Rogers, Mrs. Guthbert, Mrs. Gillespie.

Dan Campbell Rogers, Lovegroves, Dexon.

McGillevray, Sinclair Stayed over night at Mr. Dixons.

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Oct 22 Visited, rested & read

23 Studying. 24th The same.

X 25 Good services. Fine dry, warm day. Turned out well, walked from Novar to Emsdale. God a ride to Sprucedale from Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke on Gods power. Good attention. Mrs. Copeland very sick.

26 Resting & Reading.

27 Visited Mr. Pearce, & Mr. Chapman & Mip Kirkman.

28 Visited Mr. Freeland. Left early in the morning for Mrs. Sims (by Doe lake) to bury her little boy (9 years) Good attd. at funeral service. Burried at Emsdale. Happy change for the little boy, who had s uffered for years, and was unable to speak and deformed.

29 Stayed last night and tonight at Mr. Brices. Visited all round Mr. Brices.

30 Visited many families north of Emsdale. Walked at night to Sprucedale. 31st studyed & wrote.

Nov 1 Fair attd. Cool & dry. Driven to Emsdale, thence to Bridge. In good time at Novar. Small meeting at Novar. Spoke on "Jusus the light of the world". Would that men would be enlightened. How we His servants should work for it.



1891

- Nov    2    Read, Pansy's "From different standpoints"
- 3    Visited Ed. Hosey, Mr. Matise, &
- 4    Went by 5:40 morning train to Emsdale for Sprucedale.  
Got telegram to attend Mr. Fowlers funeral (Beggbon)  
Terrible accident, crushed to death by mill. What a  
warning! God help me to improve the occasion.  
Walked from Emsdale to Sprucedale. Large funeral  
service at Beggsboro at eight at night. Very  
impressive, and a large gathering. Subject "Prepare  
to meet thy God" Stayed all night with the family  
Tried to comfort and draw them to Jesus.
- 5    Went to Mr. Copelands. Visited. Attended a meeting  
in Mr. Mills house about building the new church.
- 6    Walked to Mr. Hamiltons Star Lake P.O. Gota ride to  
Emsdale. While passed school house was told Mr.  
Finlay was writing me at Mr. Freelands for missionary  
and communion meetings. Had received no words, the  
letter gone amissing. Felt so sorry. Communion serv.  
put off till first week in December. Mr. Finlay & I  
visited Mr. Shaws, and then Mr. Buchanans. Stayed  
there all night. Next morning Mrs. Finlay went to  
Burk's Falls.

1891

- Nov 7 Visited Mr. Hill, walked to Novar. Visited Mr. Cooper.
- X 8 Best service at Novar & Emsdale, poor at Sprucedale  
Got a ride from Emsdale to Sp. by getting La Fontain  
Copelands rig, Mr. Craving walked home before the  
service. Great attention at Sp. owing to accident at  
Beggsboro.
- 9 Went home, visited Mrs. Fowlers at Beggsboro.  
Daniel met me 3 miles from Beggsboro. Foundall well  
and got a hearty welcome. Home by three.
- 10 Plowing with the colts. 11th do raining the afternoon.
- 12 Visited Magnetawan. Union thanksgiving meeting.
- 13 Plowing with the colts.
- 14 Went to Sprucedale. Visited Mrs. Fowels. Stayed till  
3.
- X 15 Fair attd. at Sp & Novar, good at Ems. Got a ride to  
Ems. & from Ems to high bridge. Dull moonlight.  
Eclipse of moon. Got in time.
- 16 Rested. Pouring rain. Visited Jake Condon, who cut  
his feet with an axe. Strong Methodist, & Good Temple.
- 17 Snowing. Wrote letters. Visited Mrs. Nichols & Mrs.  
Fleming.
- 18 Wrote home. Read. Got summer money from Mr. Moodie.
- 19 Visited Mr. Hooey & Mr. Mattice, & Mr. Cooper, Agreed to

1891

- Nov 19 No service at Novar, owing to opening of Meth. Chris.  
Walked to Mr. Freeland's Emsdale.
- 20 Visited Mr. Clearwater, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Greenaway  
and Mr. Neil Smith. Stayed all night at Mr. Smiths.
- 21 Visited Mr. John Smiths. Mr. Thortons, Mr. Neukin.  
Pouring of rain. Glad to change my sock at Mr. Freeland's.
- X 22 Small att'd at Ems. No service at Sp. It rained so.  
Glad Mitchell Freeland drove me all the way to Sp.  
Went to Sp. church in all the wet, but only Mr. Copeland  
& Mr. Deams & myself present. How would the covenantors  
have acted on such a night. Oh for their spirit!
- 23 Resting & writing. 24th studying. 25th do. snowing.
- 26 Copying over former books (own books connected with my  
various fields.) Reading and studying.
- 27 Visited Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Pearce, & Mr. Fowler.
- 28 Studied.
- X 29 Fair att'd at all the stations. Walked from Ems to Novar.  
In time. No organ now at Novar. Subject. Epistles  
of Christ. When will we be epistles of Christ? God  
help us, we are often unfaithful. Oh for a closer  
walk with God!

1891

Mar 30 Resting and reading. Dec 1st. Visited Mr. McPhail  
Dec 1 Godrey, Mrs Fleming, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs Cooper.  
2 Walked to Emsdale, visited Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Shaw  
3 Stayed at Mr. Freeland's 3rd Walked to Sprucedale.  
Expected Mrs. Finlay, but did not come till the  
evening train. Reached Sprucedale at 7:30 Held  
Miss meeting small attd. Raining.  
4 Pouring of rain. Got Mr. Deans "buggy" to drive  
Mr. Finlay to Emsdale. Terrible rain all the time.  
Bought a \$8. water proof, and found the good of it.  
Left Mr. F. to conduct the Ems. & Novar, Miss &  
Communion Services alone. Drove back myself to  
Sprucedale. Bruised my heel walking.  
5 High winds, and slightly snowing. Reading & writing.  
X 6 Attended Sabbath School at Sprucedale. Conducted it.  
Good service at night, full house. Mr. Finlay con-  
ducted the services. Comparitively few members present.  
Impressive communion service. Good collection. Fair  
attd. at Emsdale & Novar. Three new members at Emsdale.  
Expect more. Hope they will come forward next time.  
7 Studying. Mr. Finlay left at one for Emsdale and the  
north. Feel my foot yet. cannot visit far.

1891

- Dec 8&9 Studying. 10th visited David Copeland, Jake Westwick  
11 Visited Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Well & Mrs. Fowler &  
Mrs. Lawrence. Stayed on 10th at Mr. Westwicks,  
11th Mrs. Fowlers. Hope these visits will be bless to  
us all. 12th studied at Mr. Copelands.
- X 13 Subject "Our Friend". Good turn out at Sp. best yet.  
small at Ems. good at Novar. Subject appropriate after  
com service. Walked from Ems to Novar.
- 14 Rested. Lovely day, bright sunshine.
- 15 Very stormy, wind & hail. Kept house, felt a little  
lonely.
- 16 Dull. Cleared up in af. noon. Left Mr. McGillvrays  
as they have now no room, there neice coming. Went  
to Mr. Coopers.
- 17 Left by 4 p.m. train for Ems Miss. meeting. Mr. Finley  
there. Fair attd. Lamps would not burn. Had stable  
lamps.
- 18 Stayed 17 & 18 at Mr. Freeland's. 19th left by 10 a.m.  
train for Novar. Visited Mr. McGillvrays.
- X 20 Dull, but mild. Walked all the way to Sp. No service  
at Ems. as Meth. church was being opened. Forgot on  
my lunch at Novar, and glad to get dinner at Mr. Hamiltons  
Got a ride from Mr. Copelands to church, and from  
church to Beggsboro. Good sleighing. Many teams out.  
Best attd yet.



1891

- Dec 21 Left Beggsboro at 8:30 a.m. for home. Walked to Mr. Nelsons. James met Me then. Home by one Hearty welcome!
- 22 Drove to Magnetawan with Mrs. Geddes. Warm, snow melting. Roads nearly bare coming back. Visited Mr. Muraro, & Grinton. Saw Mr. Jameson, & Mr. McKenzie (Pres.) & Mr. Farrer (Meth). "Fanny" had a hard pull. Met Mr. Mannering from Rye.
- 23 24 at home doing chores and reading.
- 25 Christmas Spent it at home with my brothers family. had a nice quiet evening, pleasant and happy. Malcolm comes home by 11 fun McCormacks camp. Travelled 40 miles, and felt very tired, but well.
- 26 Mal. drove me to Doe Lake P.O. Travelled then to Sp. Fine cool day, but hard roads, and scarce any snow.
- X 27 Fair cong. at all stations. Bad roads, but little snow. Had to walk all the way. Felt it. A little late at Ems. in time at Novar. Sub., "This rock Christ Jesus" That all might build in Him!
- 28 Lovely day. Resting. Felt tired.
- 29 Dull sleet & snow. 30th Lovely sunshine. Reading.
- 31 Cold. Walked to Mr. Freeland's Ems.

1892

- Jan. 1 New Years day spent at Mr. Freeland's. Had a sleigh ride to Ems.

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- Jan 11 Dull morning. Went after dinner to Mr Bryces. He has got the "Grippe". Stayed all night.
- 12 Visited Mr. Giles, Mr. Bosfield, Mr. Robb & Mr. McQuillin. Drove to Mr. Thoms Katrine. Stayed all night. Got colds too.
- 13 Drove to Mr. Buchanans. Stayed all night.
- 14 Visited Mr. Galbraiths & Mrs. Wilsons, and then Mr. Freeland. Taking advantage of having the colt. Read & prayed in all the houses.
- 15 Visited Assn McCaig, Mr. Thomson, & Mr. Clark & Mr. Freeland.
- 16 Visited Mr. Neil Smith. Drove to Novar.
- X 17 Cold clean day. Fair att'd at Novar, good at Ems. & Sp. Had Cutter. The colt shied at Ems. Neary a accident. How we are preserved. Sub. "Likness to King Jesus". What a priveledge to be like the Master. Quite a few strangers at Ems. Visiting brought them out.
- 18 Drove home by bush road by Reids. Heavy fall of snow. and drifted. Very cold. Ar. at 2:30 at 7 went to open meeting of I.O. G. T. Fine social meeting, splendid behaviour. Expected Mr. Blatherwick (Baptist) but dissappointed made me chairman instead. Rev Mr. Miller (Bap) present, who spoke and sung.

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- Jan 19 to 22. Helping at home. Went to Magnetawan on 22nd with the team. Heavy roads and slush on lake. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Grinton. Quite a conversation with them. Fellow Christians.
- 23 Left at 9 for Sp. Heavy snow. Broke the road to junction there was one sleigh ahead. Better as I approached Sp.
- X 24 Good att at Sp & Ems. Poor at Novar owing to all the churches having service. Sub. "Christians defence" Felt much at home. One person much impressed at Novar. Trust that he will accept the Saviour as his Sav. Oh that men would flock to the Saviour.
- 25 Drove from Novar to Mr. Dicksons (5 miles). Arrived in time for a great "Drift" storm. How it drifts, and how cold, yet I should be thankful I was well sheltered.
- 26 Stayed two nights, and then the storm seemed over. Visited Mr. Wm. Hoey's & Dan Campbells, all sick with "La Grippe".
- 27 Drove from Mr. Dixsons to Mrs. Freeland's Ems. Bad roads. Broke the whiffletree in a drift. Thankful nothing worse.
- 28 Visited Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Spiers & Mr. Murphy.
- 29 Visited Mr. Hill, Mr. Neakin, Mr. Thorton. Just heard of the death of Mr. Walker of Stisted. Another child of God translated. God help us all to be ready. Died of cancer in the tongue.

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- Jan 30 Drove to Novar. Roads improved a little.
- X 31 Fair Cong. Sub "Take my yoke upon you". What a change if men would! Felt at home in pressing men to choose Christ and his yoke.
- Feb. 1 Left Sp. in the morning, drove to Mr. Campbells Stisted. Had dinner there and visited around there. All glad to see me again. At form went to Mr. Paces. Gave a ride to Miss Dickout the teacher, who boards at Mr. Paces. What a hearty welcome! Glad to meet old Christian firends.
- 2 Drove to Aspdin. Hearty welcome at J.D.Smiths. Visited Mr. Sproats.
- 3 Visited Mr. & Mrs. Darlings, Mr. Hemmings, James Darlings and Mr. Whites. Found Mrs. Whites little girl still suffering from a terrible burn she got in the fall. Her flesh wasted with fire! Whate a patient child.
- 4 Visited Mr. Sporat, A. McDonald, Mrs. Walker. Missed Mr. Walker, who died a week ago from cancer in the tongue. How he suffered. Stayed all night at Mr. Paces.
- 5 Drove to Sp. visited Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Murray. Holden Hill, Mr. Heron, Mrs. Heron slowly recovering from his fall.

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- Feb      5    Went to Foresters meeting at Sp. Spoke on "Aim in life". Rev. Mr. McGillvray gave a grand address on the benefit of the order of foresters.
- 6    Studying. Mr. James Rousell called upon me, told me that Mrs. Sutherland was very sick.
- X      7    Good cong. Sub. "The great Judgement" Cong very att. oh that all present may at last hear Jesus saying to them "Come ye blessed of my Father". Snowing heavy.
- 8    Drove from Novar to Sp. Very heavy roads. Fanny tired.
- 9    Drove home by noon. The last of the journey very heavy. Found Mrs. Sutherland very low and weak.
- 10   Drove to Burk's Falls to consult the doctor. He has good hopes of her. Late coming back and heavy crossing the lake.
- 11   Helping at home. 12th In the afternoon James and I drove to Walter Ballams to say "Good bye" as they are leaving for the n. west. They drove to Burk's falls. Attending Mr. Bethunes revival meeting. Met Mr. Robertson (Pres) and Mr. Smillie (Meth) as well as Mr. Bethune. Stayed with Mr. & Mrs. Blushill.
- 13   Took cars for Novar. Mr. Bethune on boat for Gravenhurst.



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- Feb 14 Fine day. Good cong. Sub. "Unbelief". Mr. Dixon drove me to high bridge, got a ride there by a team to Ems. Geo. Copland came for me from Sp. with Rev. Mr. Grants team. Had a quick ride to Sp. and then a nice rest. Mr. Grant(Inspector) took the service at Sp.
- 15 Walked to Mr. Freeland's Ems. Visited Mr. Clark's and Mr. Hamilton and the school at Ems.
- 16 Studying for tea meeting tonight and for Sabbath. Attended tea-meeting. Appointed chairman. Did not feel at home. Spoke on "Snow" as an emblem of what life should be. Very noisy meeting at first. Dissatisfied in Mr. Robertson if Burks Falls not coming and Mr. Elliott & Sparling coming so late. And some too if Mr. Tait's songs too frivolous. Some good things said and sung, but then was too much mixing for a ch. church tea meeting. Forgive oh forgive our heavenly Father whatever is <sup>4</sup>earing.
- 17 18 19 Studying and copying my sermons in a book.
- 20 Went to Sp. very dull morning. Like more snow. Mrs. McGilvray spent the week with Mrs. Freeland, before going to the M.W. another presbyterian family leaving Novar.

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- Feb. 21 Very mild day. Good cong. except Novar. Services  
X in all the churches then. Sub. "Jesus able to keep  
from falling. Organ & choir at Emsdale. We cannot  
keep ourselves, but He can. His is our Helper.  
May we ever realize this!
- 22 Walked from Novar to Mr. Byces. Ems to visit Mr.  
Bonsfield who is dying from mortification, begun  
at his feet. Knows he is and professes to be ready.  
May he be in reality.
- 23 Call again on Mr. Bonsfield. Did all I could to get  
the family to trust their saviour. Visited Mr.  
Rattan (Meth) and then went to Mr. Freeland's.
- 24 Studying. 25th do. 26th Went to Mr. Buchanans.
- 27 Took cars to Novar. Read and visited.
- X 28 Good cong. Fine day. Sub. "Our inheritance" Inh. of  
sin, salvation and Heaven. We took the one, oh may  
we accept the other! Was driven to high bridge Scotia.  
Got a ride from Ems. to Sp. by a chance team.
- 29 Went home. James met me. Got home at noon. Found  
my sister-in-law very poorly, but slowly mending.  
Also Daniel with a cold. March 1st. 2nd 3rd helping.
- Mar 5 Drove to Sprucedale with cutter, and the colt "Dick".

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- Mar      6    Fine day. Good attd. Sub "Saul, Saul why persecuteth thou me". Oh how sinners and saved sinners persecuteth Christ. How can we do such a think to our best friend.
- 7    Studying & visiting. 8th Drove to Mr. Smiths Scotia and then to Mr. Freeland's. Urged the Smiths to attend.
- 9    Drove to Sprucedale. 10th Drove to Whitehall with Mip Copeland and Mip Annie Fowler. When passing Sp. station, the cold shied at the engine, and sprung into the deep snow. No harm done. How thankful we ought to be! Might indeed have been otherwise.
- 11   Drove from Sp. to Ems. Took Mrs. Peddie with me. She is going to the "front". After dinner (in Mrs. Sherwoods") drove to Novar.
- 12   Visited Mr. McGillvray's, Mr. Finlay's.
- X    13   Cold north wind. Good cong. Sub. "The Ark".  
      Referred to the death of Mrs. Cooper, one of our Novar members. Best singing yet. What safety, what security in the Ark, in Jesus!
- 14   Held cottage meeting at Mr. Herons, on Mrs Herons account, she is still so sick after her accident Small meeting but good feeling. Spoke from John 3 . 16 "The cream of the bible!
- 15   Drove to Midlothien for Mr. Rousell, who is to play in the bass violin at our Sp tea meeting on 17th. Was home for three hours. Found all getting better. How thankful!

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- March 16 Spent at Sp. Head the Choir practice. Prepared a short address for tea-meeting on "Putting a true value on everything.
- 17 Lovely day. Full house at tea meeting. Mr. Robertson of B. F. in the chair. All came off well. Realized about \$40. Visited Mr. Dan Lawrence, he is very sick. An unconverted Mr. and Mrs. Heron.
- 18 Drove with Mr. Robertson to Elmsdale. Spent the night there.
- 19 Studying and walked to Sp. Mr. R. left this mor. Enjoyed his company.
- X 20 Cold north wind. Small cong. Sub. "Looking unto Jesus." Better att'd at Novar village than usual. Got a ride from Sp. to Elms. with Lafontins Coplands horse, and got Mr. Freeland's horse and cutter to Novar. Good horse, good cutter, and good roads and fine afternoon. Reached Novar at 6. Good meeting. Let me look to Jesus for all the help I need.
- 21 Drove to Mr. Freeland's Elm. In time for dinner. Fine ride.
- 22 & 23 Reading and studying. Snowing and stormy.
- 24 Went to Haldane hill. Got a ride to Sprucedale. Visited all the way. Slept at Mrs. Murrays Huldane Hill. Mrs. Macade and her daughter Mrs. Murray are leaving for "Chicago". Both born in Latheron Caithness, Scotland. May these visits be blessed.
- 25 Visited Mr. Alex Jameson, 1/2 mile past Huldane Hill, then

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- March 25 walked back to Sprucedale got a ride to Mr. Thomsons. visited Thomsons, Clarkes and Hamiltons, stayed at Hamiltons all night.
- 26 Walked back to Sprucedale.
- X 27 Lovely day. Good cong. Sub. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?" Oh that men would flee to Jesus! Roads getting bad. Snow meltin. Glad a ride half way to Sp with Mr. Thomson. No organ at Ems. or Sp. but excelent singing.
- 28 Resting, reading and writting.
- 29 Walked to Mr. Freeland's, Ems. visited along with Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Carmichal, who had just burried her husband. Also Mr. Cunningham. Stayed with Mr. Bryce. Improved these opportunities, but not half as much as I might have done. In some houses I feel it hard to speak of Jesus as I should like. Oh for less of the fear of man, and more wisdom.
- 31 Visited Ge. McDonald, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sherwood.
- April 1 Walked to Sprucedale, visited Mrs. Corbett, whose husband has just died in the Toronto Asylum. His remains came tonight. Had a short service. 2nd studying
- X 3 Went to Mrs. Corbetts house at 8:30 At 9 had a short service.



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- April      3    At 10 the procession started for the grave yard. Quite a number of teams. After the ceremony at the grave, church service began at 11:15. Very impressive. Crowded house. Many present for the first time since I came. Preached from John 11. 11 "Our friend Lazarus Sleepeth". Mr. Corbett was a member of our church. I tried to do good to the living. Mr. Dean drove me to Ems. Pools of water on the road. Snow going fast away. Walked from Ems. to Novar by the railway tract. No meeting in Novar. Only three came.
- 4    Stormy. Resting and reading. Felt tired.
- 5    Visited Mr. Finlay, Mrs. Fleming, Mr. McGillvray. Settle with Mr. G. for board, who gave it in a present to the Church. Settle with Mr. Cooper for board also (\$6.25)
- 6    Visited two strangers. 7th Reading and writting & studying.
- 7    Went home as Mr. Johnston the student is coming in this afternoon to supply for the summer.

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Thus finished my winters labors in this field. What success there has been, I know not fully, but He knows and I leave it in His hands, praying that some seeds cast in weakness may yet bring forth much fruit, to His honor, praise and glory.

Emsdale, Sprucedale and Novar Field.

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Oct 13      Being again appointed to this field, and willing to do what in me lies for Christs cause here, and having prayerfully considered the whole matter, I Left home this day to begin my appointment. I have been home all this summer, working in the fields, tilling the ground, sowing the seed, and reaping harvests of hay, and grain. And on Sabbaths in Sunday school and in regular services sowing the seed "the word of God". Sorry to have to learn this home field", yet hoping to be able to do more good, under the Presbytery of Barrie.

Rowed accross our lake to "wood pile". Took steamer to Burks Falls at 5. Reached at 8. The last four miles very dark, the steamer treading here way slowly and carefully. How often have we to do this same in our spiritual life. The difficulties great, the enemy vigilant. "Watching unto prayer". Stayed at Burks Hotel. Visited Mr. Whelpton and Mr. Todd.

14      Left by cars at 9:30 for Emsdale. Walked to Mr. Freeland's.

15      Left for Sprucedale. Visited Mr. Hamilton, Clarks, Thomsons, Mills, Peddies, and Capelands. Boarding with Mr. Macfarlane. What a stormy night, lightning and torrents of rain!

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- Oct 16 Cool morning but dry. Good cong. Sub. "The truth  
X held in unrighteousness." Mr. Dean drove me to Ems.  
Mrs. Bryce part of the way to Novar. God grant some  
good may have been done.
- 17 Spent in Mr. Coopers when I board at Novar, reading  
& studying.
- 18 Visited Mr. Ed. Hooie, Ronald Wovlie, and Mr.  
Mattice. Stayed at Mr. Mattice, it rained so.
- 19 Visited Mr. Bates (past Cyaprus) Mr. Brown, Mr  
Egerton, McKay.
- 20 Vis. Wm. Hooie, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs.  
McMillar, Mr. Dixon. Stayed at Dixons. 21st. Vis.  
Mr. Lovegrove, Mr. McGillvray, Mr. Cutherberts, Mr.  
Murphy, Mr. Denham. Read & prayed.
- 22 Studdied.
- X 23 Good cong. at Novar & Sprucedale, small at Ems. Sub.  
"Fiery furnace" Left my notes at Novar, but go on  
well for all that. Was driven by Mr. Mattice to  
Scotia, walked to Ems. Driven by Mr. Hamilton to  
Sp. Muddy roads to Sp. church glad I had Mr.  
McFarlanes lantern. I wonder will there be more  
additional ch. courage infused through my sabbath  
efforts. Oh for more of the spirit of the three  
Hebrew Youths!
- 24 "At home" reading. Intend to visit here this week.  
Snow.
- 25 Snowing but mild. Vis. Lar. F. Copeland, Mr. Taylor,  
Mip Krixman.

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- Oct 26 Vis. Mrs. Corbett, Mr. Smith.  
27 Mr. Heron, D. Lawrence, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Copeland.  
28 D. Copeland, Mr. Westwick, & Mrs Fowler. Bad roads  
heavy rain.  
29 Spent last night at Bugslens. A ch. family. Then to  
Mr. McFar.
- X 30 Muddy roads. Good cong. Full at Ems. No service  
in the Meth church. Sub. "Continue ye in my love"  
Several thanked me for my sermon. There is an  
inspiration in a full house. Geo. Copeland Jr.  
drove me to Ems and Hamilton Sherwood to Novar.  
Felt much at home in pleading.
- 31 Walked to Ems. Boarding there at Mr. Freeland's.
- Nov. 1 Vis. Mr. Bryces (stayed two nights) and Mr. Giles.  
2 Mr. Robb, Mr. May, Mr. Macquillin, Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Sandwick.  
3 Mr. Bosfield, Geo. McDonald & Mr. Buchanan. Stayed  
at night.  
4 Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Freeland's. Very cold  
snowing.  
5 Took cars to Novar. Bad roads. Sorry to find one  
of our newly joined members at Sp. worse of liquor  
at Novar. He fought manfully the demin for  
six months, but from some dissatisfaction he yielded.  
"Watch unto prayer".
- X 6 Very mild Sabbath. Had to walk to Ems. Bad roads,  
muddy. Mrs. Bryce kindly drove me 2/3 to Sp. Very  
thankfull.

- Nov        6    Met our Sp, member, who had been intoxicated, in his way to Sp. I felt so sorry for Henry Hoffman. May God help hime. Sub "Elijah's message". Small cong.
- 7    At home in Mr. Macfarlanes. Raining.
- 8    What a dreadful storm of wind. Oh for the poor sailors. Very cold north wind, and snowing. 9th Better day.
- 10   Vis. Mr. Hill. Mrs. Hill is a good ch. A pleasure to meet one. Thanksgiving day. Held a cottage meeting at Mr. Copelands house. Quite a few out 22 present. Sub "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness". Visited Mr. Taylors, Shoemaker who had fallen on the 4th from a frame barn which was being raised. He is getting wonderful well.
- 11   Vis. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Copeland who has been sick. Told of the death of Frances Ramey of Burdeau settlement. A young woman about 22. Was asked to bury her.
- 12   Preparing for funeral and Sabbath. This is three sermons for this week, one for Thursday, one for Sab. & one for this funeral.
- X       13   Fine Sabbath morning. Two inches of snow, mild. Good cong. at Sp. poor at Ems. fair at Novar. Thanksgiving Sab. Just as I was beginning service at Sp. got word that



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- Nov 13 the Methodist student would bury the remains of  
X Mip Ramsy. He had been visiting her. Held our  
regular service, but alluded to the death. The  
funeral party had not arrived when we left the  
church. Sub. at Sp. "Bread of life" at Ems &  
Novar, "Thou crownest the year. Mr. Deans rig  
drove me to Ems. Walked to Novar. Mr. Cooper  
drove me to church.
- 14 Pouring of rain. Cleared up in the afternoon.  
Vis. Mr. McPhail and Mr. Godfrey. 15ht Wrote  
home. Dull day. Felt tired.
- 16 Kep the house. Raining & misty.
- 17 Raining. Went by cars to Ems.
- 18 Heavy rain. Writting. Cleared up in the afternoon.  
All left the house but myself till tea time. Pre-  
paring for two weeks.
- 19 Took cars for Novar. Very bad roads
- X 20 Sub. "End of Faith" Bad roads. Mr. Cooper drove  
me to Novar church, and 1½ miles farther. Had to  
walk all the rest, some 16 miles. Fearfull roads.  
Never was so tired on a "field before. When within  
two miles of Sp. felt unable to go farther. Rested  
and prayed for help. Roads, forzen mud, and wet  
spots. Tired limbs, blistered feet, yet thankful  
I made out and in time. Never preached so tired.  
Sat all the time I could.

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- Nov 21 Mr. McFarlane drove me to Beffsboro, 3½ miles on my way home. Walked three miles when James met me. Found all well. Roads so bad, that the front of  
1 a wood bob sleigh with the team.
- 26 Left for Sp. James drove Dick, in a single sleigh.
- X 27 Good cong except at Ems. Mr. Dean drove me to Ems. Walked to Novar. Good tract on railway. Mr. Cooper drove me to Ch. and back. Sub Afflictions. Hard subject to understand.
- 28 Reading 29th Studying.
- 30 Walked to Scotia. Vis John Smith and Neil Smith. Stayed with Neil Smith. Dec 1st Vis Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Shaw, then to Mr. Freeland's.
- Dec 2 Studying. 3rd Train to Novar.
- X 4 Good cong Mr. Gilmour of Doe Lake took the service at Sprucedale, so I stayed at Ems. Sub. "Exceeding riches of His grace". Driven by T Dixon to Scotia, then by T.H.
- 5 Studying 6th do. 7th Vis. Alex Freeland, Mr. Sang Mr. Glendinning, Mr. Herd, Mr. Murphy, Mr Sherwood and A. Ellis.
- 8 Left Mr. Freeland's for Sp. Visited Mr. Mills.
- 9 Vis. T Peddie, Mip Kirkman, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Morrison Mrs. M. Feels her failings and tries to rest in Jesus.
- 10 Vis. Mr. Copeland. Studying.

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- Dec. 11 Good sleighing & roads. Large cong Sub. "I am a  
X stranger". Felt at home with the subject. Mrs.  
Mills drove me to Ems. Mr. Shaw to Novar. Gods  
people are strangers here.
- 12 Reading 13th Vis Mr. McPhail, Mr. Godfrey &  
Mr. Denham.
- 14 Stormy, snowing 15th Lovely day. Walked to  
Freelands.
- 16 Reading 17th Walked to Novar in the morning. Cool.  
Lovely day, but felt tired and fell asleep for two  
hours.
- X 18 Snowing, but mild, Good cong. Mr. Cooper drove me  
to Scotia, Mr. Smith to Ems. Preached for the  
Methodists. Their anniversary. No service in our  
own. Large cong. Subject "Kadish". Had to walk  
to Sp. Mr. Hamilton dissappointed me.
- 19 Snowing & blowing. Ems. Meth tea meeting. Could  
not go.
- 20 Keen frost. Mr. McFarlanes roof took fire. We soon  
put it out.
- 21 Tea meeting at Sp. under "ladies Aid" Fair turn  
out good programme. Self in chair. Mr. Gilmour of  
Doe Lake and myself the only speakers. I spoke on  
"Yes and No" Made \$25.
- 22 Walked to Ems. Attended the Ems. School exam and  
Xmas tree, recitation and singing. All did well.  
Mr. Chowen Chairman (English church clergyman). I  
spoke on "Arm in life" We had plenty of fruit and  
cake. Vis. Geo McDonald. Had tea there and walked  
back to Mr. Freelands. In all 13 miles walk.

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- Dec 23 Cars to Novar. Attended the U. B. tea meeting. Large crowd spoke on "Aim in life". Four Speakers One far too long.
- 24 Cars to Ems. then got a ride to Sp. by Mr. Peddies team
- X 25 Xmas Sub. "The word made flesh". Cold day 20 below. Mr. Morrison drove me to Ems. Good Cong there. Mr. Geo. McDonald drove me to Novar and after service to Ems. Novar church very cold. Preached with one overcoat on. Cold ride back, had to get out three times. Walked from Scotia to Mr. Freeland's. What a delightful theme the birth of Christ! What a change it has made to the world. May we let its influence befit in our lives! "Let your lights so shine before men".
- 26 Mr. Freeland drove me to Ems. Walked along railway tract to Katrine. James met me there. Home by five. Found my dear wife very sick. She has been sick for more than a week. Got doctors prescription, but not much better. A little better on thursday. What a blessing she feels in Gods hands and is ready for whatever He sees best. What a blessing a true christian wife is. One cannot be too thankful for this.
- 30 Left for Burks Falls. Got a ride from Knolls, with Mr. Morrison to within two miles. Stayed with Wm. Whelpton. Vis. Mr. Todd.

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- Dec 30 and Geo Whelpton. Met Mr. Blatherwick (Baptist Minister of Bracebridge) Spent a profitable night there.
- 31 Left at 11 a.m. for Novar, along with Mr. Blatherwick. We had a conversation about the sudden death of Ge. Silvester, Burk's Falls. He was sawing down a tree, when a limb fell on him. In a few days he was buried. How many warnings we get?

1893

- X Jan 1 New Years day. Missed the "Watch Meeting" on New Years eve. Sub. "Gods Message" A message for New Years and every day, "Gods love to man". Good cong though many absent that might be. John Dixon drove me to Scotia, T Smith to Ems. Our organist at Ems. (Mip Spiers) present for the first time this winter. No organist at Sp. Sick. Mip Martin is very regular at Sp.
- 2 Geo Copeland so kindly drove me to Todd;s corner and Mr. Nelson to Midlathian. Felt anxious to know how my dear wife was. She was poorly indeed. I hope by blessing of God and the human means employed she will get stronger. We have done all we can for her. We have laid her case before the throne of grace. Helped at home this week, in and out. One way of serving the Lord "In His Name"!
- 7 James drove me to Doe Lake. Walked to Beggsboro. Dinner there. Vis. Mr. Bell & Mrs Lawrence. Walked to Sprucedale.



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- Jan 8 Fine clear cold morning. Sub. "Snowing" Tried to show the responsibility of christians in their duty and priviledge of "Sowing beside all waters". If all would do so, oh what a change would come over the world.  
Geo. Copeland drove me to Ems. Mr. Shaw to Cyprus. (New Novar). We had fair cong. very good at Ems. Many Mtheodists present. Trust souls were re-consecrated to God.
- 9 Resting. Felt tired after the work at home, and the days preaching. Fell asleep for two hours in the afternoon. Snowing heavy.
- 10 Stormy north wind. Drifting. Vis. Mrs. Fleming before she leaves.
- 11 Clear Vis. Wm. Hooie, Mr. Blin, Mrs. Nicholl. Very cold 37 below zero.
- 12 Took cars to Ems. 13th Met Mr. Ridman (Mrs at Kearny) We are to change this Sabbath. Both got a ride to Kearny. Stayed at Mr. McIvors (Mr R's boarding house).
- 14 Mr. Redman left for Novar, and I walked to Ravensworth.
- X 15 Good service at 10:30 in Mr. Garrwicks house. (son of Rev. T. Garrwich). House full fine singing. Church here not yet finished. Sub "Oh that thou hadst hearkened. Mr. Garrwick drove me to Kearney. Very slow horse. Yet in time. Good cong. five Rom Catholics present. They have a fine churchhere. I suppose they will have to confess.

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- Jan 15 this sin (What a thought!) of being present at our meeting.
- 16 Walked to Mr. Buchanans. Vis. by the way Mr. Cong. Mr. Balbraith & Mrs Wilson. Mr. Ridman met me at Mr Buchanans. Spent a pleasant and profitable evening.
- 17 Mr. Redman walked to Kearney and I to Ems. Vis. John McDonalds, a ch. family, but strong Methodists & Mr. Shaw.
- 18 Reading and writing.
- 20 Vis. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Clar, and Mr. Thomson. Walked to Sp.
- 21 Vis. Mr. Armstrong John Westwick & B. Copeland. L. B. Copeland Mrs. Westwick & Mip Garriot (who was helping her) I found laid aside with measles. Had a hard time, but mending now. Mrs. Westwick feels keenly she is not faithful enough to her saviour. Mip G. professes to be a child of God. Counsell'd & comforted from His dear word & promises.
- X 22 Mild but slightly snowing. Roads very good. Best cong. yet. Sub. "A sword, a sword" Felt great freedom in preaching, almost as if I was conscious of it being my last opportunity of warning dying souls. Some told me they felt the service blessed to there souls, and that I seemed inspired. Oh that we felt more this way. Geo Copeland drove me to Sp. Walked to Novar.

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- Jan 23 Reading. 24th Driven to Mr. Dixons (five miles east of Novar ) so as I might have an opportunity of visiting.
- 25 Vis. Mr Sinclair, Mr. Martin, Mr. Sinclair a member of our church at Hamilton, but never yet joined us here. Too far to walk, and her husband too careless to drive here. Oh what indifference there is in spiritual matters!
- 26 Very stormy drifting. Read Dr. Cummings book "Bread of life".
- 27 Vis. Mr. Lovegrove, Mrs. McGillvray, Mr. Guthbert Dan Campbell, Mrs. Gillespie. Mr. Rogers and Mrs Hooie. Had a nights singing with Mr. Hooie.
- 28 Snowing. Heavy rain during the whole night.
- X 29 Raining. Went to Novar church in the midst of rain. Only two came. No service. Back to Novar (one mile), got lunch. Started to walk by railway tract for Ems. Weather cleared up and a terrible west wind sprung up. Bad walking, hardly able to keep the tract with the wind and sinking in the snow. Got in time to Ems. Only 14 present. Sub. "Let your light shine" Three in choir, sang and played a beautiful anthem during Collect.
- 30 Did not go to Sp. terribly drifting. Lovely day. Sun shining. Writting, to make up for lost ime.
- 31 Went to see Ge. McDonald who is to go away tonight for Dorkes one of our members. He is well like by everyone. Wish them God speed.

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- Jan 31 Visited Mr. Bryce. Stayed all night. Part of the family at Armon.
- Feb. 1 Vis. Mr. Taylor, Mr. May, Mr. Robb, Mcquillan, Mr. Bosfield and Mr. Giles. Read and prayed with all Many of them careless.
- 2 Vis. Mr. A. Freeland, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Bates, Mip Todd.
- 3 Got to Sprucedale with Mr. Heron. Road full. 4th Studying.
- X 5 Stormy day, drifting some. No tract to Sp. Church. Only 12 present. Driven to Ems. by Mr. Mills. Good cong full choir. Walked to Novar by railway tract. Real good walking. 20 present at Novar. Sub. "Brazen serpent".
- 6 Snowing, getting deep. Went by cars to B.F's Stayed with Wm. Whelpton. Very kind to me. Visited Mr. Todd Dr. Crawford and consulted about Mrs. Geddes health.
- 7 Took stage to Cecebe Bad roads, all drifted. Walked accross the lake, bad walking. Some slush. Daniel met me and helped by giving me the snow shoes. Found Mrs. Geddes better. Very thankful. Our prayers are for her.
- 10 Been helping at home. Wal ked today on snow shoes to Cowans P. O. Took stage to B. F's Drifted roads. Took 3 hours to go 10 miles. Met two lumbermens teams that ook 8 hours to go 6½ miles. Horses crowd so. Stayed at Wm. W. Visited Mr. Geo.Welptons.



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- Feb 11 Took cars to Novar. 5 hours behind time.
- X 12 Mild day. Good cong. at Novar. Driven by Mr. T. Dixon to "high bridge". Walked to Ems. by rail way tract. Tract very good. Large cong. at Ems. Church nearly full. Driven to within two miles of Sp. by Mr. Shaw. Held service on Sp. in Mr. Copelands house, the road not being broken to the church. Room full. Sub at Sp. & Novar "Let your light so shine" at Ems. "Is not my word like a fire saith the Lord". Splendid attention.
- 13 Got a ride to Mr. Freeland's. Roads improving.
- 14 Writting. In the afternoon visited Mr. Sandwich's widow.
- 15 Writting, vis. Mr. Herd, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. A. Freeland.
- 16 Vis Mr. Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs H. has been sick, but getting better. Vis Mr. Smith "Scotia". Old Mr. J was an elder outside. The sons do not take the interest spiritually that they might.
- 17 Walked to Novar. Attended a meeting to reconstruct the Union S. School. Owing to the Methodists this has come to nought.
- 18 Took cars to Huntsville. Changing with Mr. Siverwright who takes the anniversary services tomorrow at Emsdale.
- X 19 Stormy day, snowing & drifting. Sub. at morning meeting at



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- Feb 19 H. and afternoon meeting at Allansville. "Oh that thou hadst hearkened" Good cong for such a day. Wild drive out to O.S. Sub for night at H. "Continue ye in my love" Better cong.
- 20 Train late, too late for tea meeting at E so took cars for B. F's. Put up at Burk House, too late to stay with friends.
- 21 Left by stage for home. Found Mrs. Geddes very weak.
- 25 Left home for Burks Falls. Got a ride by Mr. Mitchel. Vis Geo. Whelpton, Mrs. Blashill, Wm. Whelpton staid with T. D. Reid, where Mr. Patterson boards Mr. Siverwright Huntsville is to be at the opening of the new church at Sprucedale, Mr. P. goes to Huntsville and I at Burks Falls.
- X 26 Got the horse & cutter Mr. P. uses. Drove to Birndale. Small cong. there. Back to Burk's Falls Good cong, though snowing. Drove out to Katrine small cong. Lovely clear night to drive back. Sub. today "Continue ye in my love"
- 27 Walked home. Had dinner in W. Silvesters. Found Mrs. G improving slowly. All the others well.
- March 4 Left home at 7:30 Walked to Midlothian, Thomas Gertridge drove me by Rousels saw log road to Doe Lake P. O.

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- March 4 Walked from P. O. to Sprucedale. Had dinner at Beggsboro. All this week it has been snowing & drifting, so roads are bad.
- X 5 Fine day. Good cong at Spruce & Ems. Fair at Novar. First time preached in new church at Sp. Fine church easy to speak in. They had good cong at the three services on opening sabbath. Rev Martin from Toronto & Siverwright from Huntsville. Crowded tea meeting on Monday night (26 & 27 Feb) Realized about \$100 at tea meeting and \$26 on Sabbath. Was driven to day by Mr Deans rig to Ems. & walked by r. tract to Novar. The tract good.
- 6 Took car for Ems. Got a ride to Mr. Bryces. Mr. Thomson Mrs. Bryces father very sick. One of Christs own. Hard to see if he is to recover, but if not, he is prepared to die.
- 7 Went to Mr. Freeland's. Writting & studying.
- 8 Vis. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Clark & Mr Thomson. Arrived at Sp. at 7:30 vis Mr. Mills, Mr Deans, Mr. Copeland.
- 9 Mis. meeting. But, the roads being so bad, Mr. Finlay did not arrive, till after the meeting was over 9:30. Mr. F. was not pleased that I did not make better arrangements for him being driven to Sp. I did the best I could, but oh the roads were bad indeed.

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- March 10 Mip. Meeting at Emsdale. I was chairman. Left the speaking to Mr. F. He did well. Gave us a fund of information on our home mission work. Had a business meeting afterward about getting an ordained missionary. Agreed to try to see if they could raise enough. Choir led our singing.
- 11 Saw Mr. F. off for Novar by cars. I did not go as the roads are so bad. It will be enough to get Mr. F driven to Ems.
- X 12 What a night of rain. Cleared up about 8 a.m. Mr. Finlay took the com service at Novar. At one o'clock it began to rain at Novar, and rained till four. Mr. F. did not come to Emsdale service. We waited an hour, then I took the service to teams out, the roads so soft. About 30 present. Subject "Our Guid". After service it was too late to go to Sprucedale with such roads. Had Mr. F. come to Ems, though late, I would have left the service and gone to Sprucedale.
- 13 Mr. Finlay walked up to Mr. Bryces from Novar last night. Saw him today. He explained all to me. We had no rain yesterday after 8 a.m. at Ems, but they had at Novar.
- 16 Visited Mr. Sahw and Mrs. Buchanan. Hard to get some out to church.
- 17 Visited Mr. Clark, Mrs. Turner then walked to Sprucedale.

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- 18 Visited Mr. Peddie, Mr. Copeland and Mr. Stewart.  
19 Fine mild day. Good cong. Sub. "What dost thou here?"  
Tried to make it a personal matter between God and  
their conscience. Driven to Ems. by Mr. Morrison  
Walked to Novar.  
20 Lovely day. Visited Mr. Hooie to make up the half  
yearly statement. Got my foot sprained on Sabbath  
night.  
21 Very mild. Foot still sore, cannot visit though  
I would like being so near the end of my six months.  
25 Still very firm. Been three days in the house.  
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26 Lovely day. Driven to Ems. Walked to Sp. Large  
Con sub "Awake out of sleep" Felt at hoem Plead  
with the people.  
27 Vis Mr Corbett, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Fowler, Beggsboro  
Found Mrs. Fowler had gone away wouth to visit her  
friends.  
28 Vis Mr. Heron, Mr. Stevenson, D. Lawrence & Mr Copeland.  
29 Vis Mr. DalGLISH, John Marshall, Mr. Hill, La F.  
Copeland.  
30 Sent for by Mr. Bryce. His father-in-law Mr Thomson is  
dead. Mr. Bryce's son drove me to Mr. Freeland's.  
31 Conducted Mr. Thomsons funeral service. A short  
service at the house. Text "I am the re. and the  
life". Funeral sermon on Sabbath. What a blessing  
to know he is safe with Jesus, a solemn service.  
Many in tears, while I plead with them.



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- April 1 Drove from Ems. to Sp. by stage. Bad roads. Rain through the night. Vix. Mr. Peddie, had dinner then. Vis Mr. Stewart, had tea there. Vis Mip Kirkman. Farewell visits.
- X 2 Bright sunny day. Had a good cong. at Sp. Sub. "Jesus the light of the world" Crowded at Ems. Mr. Thomson's funeral sermon. Sub. O<sup>u</sup>r friend Lazarus sleepeth". Very impressive. Beautiful singing, so appropriate. Fair cong at Novar. Many came though the roads were bad. One woman at Ems. anxious about her conversion Tried to point her to the Saviour. Spent all my spare time with here after service. A little late at Novar. Was driven from Sp. to Ems by Lochart Copeland and had to walk to Novar. Mr. Cooper drove me to church and back. Hearty shaking of hands at all the stations, many expressing a wish that we were staying.
- 3 After Vis. friends at Novar, took cars to Ems. Then walked to Mr. Bryces . Stayed all night. Mrs. Thomson feels the loss of her husband, but is resigned to her Fathers will.
- 4 Walked this morning to Mr. Freeland's. Wrote and read. At 4 p.m. went to Ems station with trunk. Took cars to



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- April 4 Burks Falls. Spent the night in Burks Hotel. Read a part of a "christians secret of a happy life".
- 5 Got home, and found Mrs. Geddes much better and the rest well. Glad to be home again.
- 6 Spent the day in writing friends on the field. Do not yet know whether I am to be out on the mission field this summer or not. But at home or abroad, I trust I may be able to be the human means of doing some good.
- 19 Got word from Mr. Finlay to go for a few weeks on the commander field as the missionary is sick. Will start on friday 28th for Rye, Com, and Nippissing Village. Have written to the station that I will be with them on Sabbath 30th. The distances between the stations are very long. So long indeed that if they cannot drive a part of the way I will be unable to keep in the field. I trust the friends will help me.

May God use me for these weeks in my prayers. May souls be saved. May Christians be encouraged.

Jas Geddes.