

OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 5

1887

It has taken us until the middle of this afternoon to get done with threshing. Have only had a couple of loads besides ourselves to day however. Threshed the barley this forenoon. Had out hundred bushels from eight acres coming or about thirty new bushels per acre. Threshed out the cloverseed to day also. Had only six bushels from twelve or fourteen acres. Everything this season has run about half of the usual yield owing the long continued hot dry weather.

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THURSDAY 6

1887

I went up to Simcoe this morning to see Mr. J. H. Miller about the matter of the mortgage. Made a partial agreement with him for its renewal at the end of the present month. Our progress at making money from the farm has been very slow, and the pleasure of paying long standing debts from our own earning remains impossible. Have had the dog picking apples again to day. Went up to St. J. Carpenters this evening found Mrs. C. quite ill yet.

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FRIDAY 7

1887

Went for down
to Jacksons to help
him in moving
his old barn to day.
He has been gathering
apples. I went to
Jacksons after lun-
ch, and after helping
them awhile, to com-
plete their job. Then
I went to the
Cheese Factory and
got a couple of port-
ers, one belonging to
each of us and took
them down to Jarvis.
Received eleven dollars
for mine or at the
rate of four dollars
and forty cents per
hundred live weight.
Had a disagreeable
ride both down and
back.

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SATURDAY 8

1887

Had a short visit
from Mr Stealy Matthews
this morning also
Dr. J. M. Wade, and
G. H. Seaman. The latter
two on business.
This afternoon I drove
out to Dover, partly
to go to the township
agricultural show,
taking ma and Ben-
sha with me. He got
there rather late how-
ever, so did not go
but took tea with Miss
Jones thereby fulfilling
an oft repeated promise.
Joe and Mrs. both
went out to the
show to day, and
so did Mariane.
The day has been
a delightful one
for this season of year.

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SUNDAY 9

1887

Went out to Church
as usual this morn-
ing as usual, but
alone. Bro Goodwin
exhorted upon, "Come
now with us and
we will do thee good
for the Lord sake."
Spoke good concerning
Israel. The sermon
was excellent and
a delightful class
meeting followed.

The Good Lord was
with us to own and
to save. Failed to get
down to the school house
as we intended owing
to rain that has been
falling at times this
afternoon. Appreciate
more and more fully
the association of God's
people. Surely His people
shall be my people.

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MONDAY 10

1887

Some rain has
fallen to day, see-
ing to keep us from
gathering apples.
The boys have, con-
sequently, been clean-
ing up barley for
the market. I have
been enjoyed much
as usual at sundy.

Was told by Mr. Geo-
ley Matthews lately
of his plan of feeding
horses in winter. He
cuts straw enough
for morning and eve-
ning, packs hot water
over it and mixes
up with some chop.
His experience with
this kind of feed is
that it does much
better than hay & is
much cheaper.

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TUESDAY 11

1887

Have drawn two loads of barley to Jarvis today, this being the amt. of this year's crop with us. Had only eighty bushells and 32 lbs by weight out of 100 Bu. By machine measure. Sold at fifty cents per Bushell.

As I was going with my second load up Mr. Bridges hill where should I meet but Ida Skinner with Mr. Coubs on their way to Simcoe. We have been expecting her for a long time however.

The boys have been working at gathering apples & sundry other jobs as usual.

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WEDNESDAY 12

1887

Joe and I cleaned up a load of oats this forenoon. This afternoon I took it up to the oat meal mill and sold at 32 cts per bushell, though Mr. Edwards was away and I did not get the money. Had sixty five bushells and two pounds on my first load. The boys have finished gathering cider apples today & have got the stubble done. It has been a disagreeable cold blustering day with every appearance of an early Winter.

The boys and I got ~~ready~~ the bad-ance of the apples gathered today. I have dry potatoes as well. I went out to town with six barrels of apples sold to Watts. Was greatly surprised to find that the knitting mill of Mrs. Ellis was on fire. Watched it burning for a couple of hours. The large establishment was quickly demolished with all its valuable machinery and other stock. It took fire at about half past ten. A. M. Continued turning for several hours. ^{Our friend Ida Skinner came this evening and is assisting with the work.}

We killed a sheep this morning. The boys and I, for home use. Lewis and I cleaned up a load of oats afterwards. While Joe went over to James Challand's to help thresh. We are about square now in exchange of work for this year. I went up to dinner this afternoon to look after certain matters relating to our mortgage. Succeeded in getting a loan of \$500 from the old one, & paid the debt besides. Went to Holcomb after tea on the way home. Had tea with them.

Took a load of
oak to the mill again
to day. Sold both
loads for thirty two
cent per bu. Had
to wait a long time
for Mr. Edwards
however which made
me late getting home.

Went to Hovee this
evening and paid the
balance of note given
for Bister. This I
am glad to say is the
last one out for im-
plement. It is such
a relief to have
it retired. Received
a letter from Mr.
Arday relative to
Willie M. Wade. The
letter is not likely
to get a situation for
the Grand Bank after all.

Ma and I with Bertha
went down to hear Mr.
Baer in Jarvis. This
~~morning~~. Came back
to Holcomb for din-
ner after which we
attended service in
Elliot's school house.
Bro. Baer preached
there also. Came
home afterwards &
after doing chores
went out to Hovee to
our new church.

Bro. Goodwin gave a
discourse about Joseph
mostly expository. En-
joyed it very much.
The day has been
a very profitable
one to my soul.
Surely they that wait
upon the Lord shall
renew their strength

cut Lewis out
to Springdale this
forenoon after a
load of lumber for
building the ellow
wall under tenant
house. This after-
noon we have been
getting the house
leveled up ready
for work.

I went down to
Jarris ^{this} morning to
see about an account
with Mr. Carpenter
respecting the buggy.
Called at Halecomb's &
took sweet Ida Skin-
ner with me. It is
seldom indeed that
such a precious pure
minded innocent girl
is found. Called at Jarris
for dinner on the way home.

The boys and I
have got to work in
right good earnest
at the cellar and
the little house.
Fully expect to have
a long tedious job.
Had a visit from
our minister Bro.
James Goodwin to-
day, he took din-
ner with us.

The weather has
become warmer &
nice at last. Rain
fell in some lo-
calities last eve-
ning in large quan-
tities, but none
here. We are much
in need of rain
at present, stock
water is getting low.

Ma and I went up to Simcoe this forenoon to the City Show. The day has been exceedingly fine & warm. A large crowd of people were in attendance and the exhibits were pulled up to any other year.

We went first to George Hennessy and had dinner.

Was informed of the unexpected death yesterday of the Rev. S. S. Miles, B. D. who was for over thirty years president of Victoria University and one of my own tutors for a time.

Went down to Jarvis this forenoon to see about selling the bull but failed. Afterwards drove to Home to attend the trial of Mr. Calvert who was charged with breaches of discipline, but I have an idea that the case was not serious in its effects either way. Went back to Jarvis after tea before going home. She had been attending the Sabbath school convention there to day. The report a very interesting time.

Have been working away at our cellar most of the time so far. A change in the weather has occurred since the rain last night.

Had our first visit from Mr. Darr today who was with us for dinner. He brought Miss Ida Skinner with him from James Holcomb. Ida is going to stay with us for a few days.

I went with her this evening to farrier this evening after the bull which I thought was sold to Mr. Westerson.

Still continue to lay out all our energies on building the cellar wall under the front house. Do not seem to make much headway however; and, after all, we do not feel disposed to give it up until finally accomplished.

Went up to Deakle and Matthews for tea this evening. Ma and Miss Ida Skinner being already here. Of course I enjoy this young lady very much. She is so much superior to the general run of her sex.

Look Miss Adair & Jim
 over with us & is
 morning to church
 in Dodge. Had a
 profitable meeting
 upon the Georg and
 Rev. Dickson were
 renewed for the
 Nov. Quarterly meeting.
 Rain began to fall
 before the morning
 service was over
 so we did not come
 home but stayed at
 Mrs. Goodwin's for
 dinner. Went to
 Sabbath school and
 as it still contin-
 ued to rain we
 remained. In the
 evening service. Came
 home in the rain
 afterwards however.

We have been
 working away at
 our cellar to day
 with all our might.
 Mrs. and Joe have
 both been helping.
 Our wall has grown
 until the south
 end is about com-
 plete. Building a
 cellar wall is a
 very slow process
 however.

Went over to Keilds
 for tea this evening
 ma and Miss Adair
 & Jimmie being there.
 Took the cattle down
 to Holcomb after-
 wards to see about
 some small matters.
 The late storm has
 passed away and
 become a calm.

Both the men
& myself have been
working away at
the cellar wall
again this day.
Our progress is some-
what slow and
the prospects are
that this week will
scarcely complete
the job.

The weather has
been very cold and
disagreeable so far,
but we did not
feel it at our work
very much.

Went down to
William Hether's this
evening, Ma and
Ida leaving home
this afternoon.
Had a very pleas-
ant evening's visit.

Continued to help
at the cellar again.
This forenoon was
used to talk of the
men as well.

I went down
to Mr John Mencke's
of Haverhill this
evening taking Miss
Ida with me, and
Bertha. Our visit
was to see the
deed of which Mr.
Mencke has seen-
ten altogether.

He attended the
lecture of a Rev Mr
Pogson of New York
City in our Church
at Port House this
evening. It was
somewhat disap-
pointed, on account
of what I have heard

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THURSDAY 27

1887

Mrs. and I together with Joe have been working away at the cellar again today as usual.

I went down to Mrs. Clarke's to take Miss Ida Skinner this morning, however. Called at Captain W. G. Tull's on the way. The latter has had a sale today of his loose property, preparatory to leaving his farm.

Mr. John Murphy acted as auctioneer and stayed over night with us last night; and Tom Hurley also.

The cold weather has abated again.

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FRIDAY 28

1887

Went up to Lincoln this forenoon taking my usual walk, for business purposes. Got home for dinner and this afternoon have been working away at the cellar wall with the men. Am thankful that we are making some progress notwithstanding the tediousness of the job.

The weather has become much warmer and present indications are that another rain may soon follow. It will be exceedingly hot.

The boys and I have continued to work at the cellar under the vacant house to day as usual. Do not feel quite satisfied with our progress however, it seems to take us so long.

Ma went out to show this afternoon and brought home Miss Ida Skinner with her. We propose to take the lake to ~~the~~ Simcoe to ~~the~~ tomorrow; and, to church while there.

The weather was few very cold and blustering, but seems to be getting milder.

Ma and I went up to Simcoe this morning taking Ida Skinner with us. Attended both morning and evening service in our own church, while Miss Ida and I went to the army in the afternoon. The latter was after all the most interesting meeting.

after all.
The Rev. Lee Roy Hooker the Methodist minister preaches very well, and says some very good things. Had our dinner and tea at Mrs. John Murphys. The day has been beautiful.

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MONDAY 31

1887

Have continued to work away with all our might at the cellar wall to day as usual. Joe and Geo. have both been helping. The weather has become very fine with some appearance of its continuance. Had a visit from the Halls girls this evening. They came mostly to see Ida Skinner at present with us. Enjoyed the evening with these young friends very much. Look them over afterwards.
Weather very fine.

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 1

1887

Worked away to day also at the cellar wall. Both the boys helping. The weather has become very fine and comfortable indeed. I was expecting that it will continue so for some little time. Ma and Miss Ida have been down to James Holcomb's ~~to~~ to day. This evening they came home & we all went down to Halls to spend the evening. Enjoyed the visit very much.

Joe's time was
 out last night
 but to day we
 has continued to
 work for fifty cents.
 I went down to
 James Holcomb's after
 wheat that he owed
 me this forenoon.
 Look it up to Simcoe
 this afternoon &
 left at 4 o'clock
 mill brought some
 some flour from
 it though. Look
 it down to James
 Holcomb, she having
 completed her visit
 it with us for
 the present. Have
 promised to go
 down to Palham
 on Saturday next
 & to take her with us.

Lewis has been
 ploughing in the
 ten-acre field to day
 for the first. Joe
 is gone so we are
 all alone.

Went up to Simcoe
 this forenoon to see
 about getting money
 for Joe. Look it
 up this evening
 had dinner with
 Thomas H. Nelles to
 day & family. His
 wife is quite an
 interesting lady.
 Saw her that day
 to see Miss Nelles
 when I was at
 the college in Co-
 bourg. She has
 greatly changed
 since then how
 ever.

Have had Lewis ploughing most of the time to day in two-acre field. Have been taking potatoes out of the hole myself to put away for winter in the cellar. ~~How~~

It is surprising to see Miss Ida here this forenoon. Expected that she had gone home. She seemed disappointed when we told her that we could not go to Pelham to-morrow.

Ida lost a gold ring in our back yard this afternoon which I suppose helped to make matters worse. Hope to find it for her again.

Lewis ploughed in the two-acre field this forenoon. After-noon I had to send him after a load of water to the lake.

I have been engaged at sundry jobs through the day. Went out to home before noon and did some errands there.

It seems strange that the weather continues so warm and dry when September and October were so very cold and winter like.

Had intended going to Pelham to day but owing to business still unsettled I had to go it not.

Mrs Bertha and I went out to the November Quarterly Meeting this morning at the Post. Enjoyed the service very much. Thought it seemed a little tedious. Had our dinner at Miss Giles and afterwards did a little pastoral visiting.

Came home in time to go down to Atokomb in whose house a prayer meeting &c was held to night by Steamer Rosefield.

A goodly number was present and a profitable time spent.

The weather has been very warm & is still quite dry.

Have had Lewis playing in the ten-acre field again today. I went up to Simcoe to settle up some outstanding accounts. Got the matter all right with reference to loan also. Some of the charges were not satisfactory however, being as I thought out of reason. One is very poor minded in making a loan that the borrower is servant of the lender. Went to Klover this afternoon to attend the Quarterly meeting also to do some other business in connection with paying debt.

Lewis has continued to plough in the ten-acre field as usual. I went down to Jarvis this forenoon to settle up some accounts &c. Called at John Belbeck's on the way and paid a note given last year for sawing. Have been picking over apples in the wood-house this afternoon.

Received a card from my old college chum W. St. Rowson saying that he was in town and would like me to come and see him before Thursday next.

The weather continues fine.

My man has continued to plough in the ten-acre field to day. Sue thankful to say that he has finished this field.

Have been being myself as usual at sundry jobs. This afternoon however I went to the mill at Port Down with a quart of chop.

Had to come home without it though.

While in the village I took tea with my old college friend and room-mate W. St. Rowson of Burlington Out.

He looks very much changed; but talks quite natural.

On account of the rain that fell last night and at times to day we have not been able to work out of doors to day. I have been sorting apples most of the time in the wood-house while Lewis has been unshing corn and getting the back portion of cow-stables emptied of corn for occupation by cows &c.

The rain has been just what was needed. The dry weather is effectually broken for this season I hope.

Lewis has been ploughing on the Big Flat to day for the first. The weather has been very cold, windy and disagreeable. Have been picking over apples myself.

Went down to James Stolcamps this evening to see them about going down to Pelham to morrow. As being quite poorly with a cold we have thought best not to go to morrow.

Learned to day of the death of an old acquaintance & friend Mr. John M. Leade. He died last night at five o'clock.

Went out to
the dove mill for
a quart of chop.
This forenoon. Found
the roads quite muddy.
After dinner went
to Mr. M. L. Leland's fun-
eral. Did not get
to the house in time
to go with the pro-
cession however.
Cannot help feeling
for the family. The
husband and father
being gone. Mr. M. L.
Leland had many
very good qualities. Have
many pleasant re-
membrances of him
in my own experience.
Lewie has been
working away at
the cellar wall again
to day.

Took Bertha with
me this morning and
drove out to church.
Bro. Goodwin preached
to us as usual.
Enjoyed the service
thoroughly. Felt that
the Lord was with
us to own and bless.
Had a precious time
in the class-meeting
though I felt my
weakness much.
Nevertheless where
the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is
liberty, and our
burdened souls are
satisfied with the
weakly manna -
The broken body,
and the shed blood.
O, the precious gift
of God!

I have been picking over apples today getting them ready for the cider mill &c.

Lewis has been working at the cellar wall part of the time. He went out to blow this forenoon however to attend the court of revision, some one having objected to his having a vote. How glad that the matter was arranged satisfactorily.

We have been taking our cattle to water this sometime, to the creek on the concession, but today the spring water reached our place in abundance.

Lewis has been working at the cellar again today. It seems to take a great while to finish. But, we expect to see the time yet.

I have been picking over apples as usual. I have about got done with the cider apples for this year.

Read a note of Peter Hutchins this evening. How so beautiful that I had the money for him.

Heard from Miss Ida this evening. She seems to have enjoyed her visit with us.

Lewis has been working away at the cellar to day and I am happy to say he has finished at last.

I have been away with apples to the cider mill which has taken all day.

The roads were quite muddy, which made it heavy lifting for the horses.

The weather continues very warm & like rain all the time.

Our old friend G. W. Seaman is staying over night with us to night. His visits have not been very frequent of late.

We left our ploughing for the forenoon and killed a pig for present use. This afternoon however Lewis has been ploughing again see the Big Plot.

I have as usual been engaged at sundry jobs.

The weather has been moderate but windy to day.

I have completed the cellar and got the ground about the little house leveled off which makes it look a great deal better. My experience continues to be somewhat unsatisfactory and dark.

Our work is much as usual. Chores taking up a good part of the time.

The weather continues warm but as windy as ever.

Have not had as bright an experience as usual of late. One reason, I suppose, too great an anxiety about worldly matters and not enough about spiritual prosperity.

Am so glad that these dark seasons do not last always. Troubles do not last forever. The darkest day will pass away. Praise God & our Saviour.

Thomas has been ploughing on the Big Flat as usual today.

I went out to Hovee before noon taking with me a lot of old iron - five hundred pounds which I sold to R. H. Colver for fifty cents per hundred lbs. Trade.

Rain has fallen today but moderately. Went down to Holmonds this evening, brought home three black New Turkey and one gobbler for stock purposes. Was glad to hear that some of the friends below were soon coming up.

Did not go out
to church this morn-
ing the weather being
stormy and disagree-
able. Took Bertha &
Marian with me
to the meeting in Ell-
is school house this
afternoon however.

Thomas Boersfield
preached a very good
sermon about the
sword of the spirit.

The weather has
become cold and
like winter, with
snow on the ground.

Have felt like
the weather ^{which} has ap-
peared gloomy and
dark. So my soul
has felt down today.
But ^{John} faith says
the sun still shines ^{behind}
the clouds.

Have had the plough
going and the big flat
again today. Lewis
has nearly finished
the fall ploughing at
last.

I have been picking
over apples to put
away for winter
and for other purposes.
It takes a good deal
of the time however,
to look after stock, &c.

The weather has
continued cold with
strong South West
winds, flurries of
snow causing oc-
casional.

My Christian experi-
ence has become
brighter than yesterday.
The dark clouds are
moving slowly away.

Lewis has finished the fall ploughing so day, for which I am thankful.

We have only ploughed about eighteen acres however where we want to sow oak in spring.

I have ~~been~~ been working slowly away at the apple trees, and have not finished picking them over yet.

The weather continues moderate, the winds having fallen since yesterday. It is warm for this time of the year.

Got done picking over apples to lay for winter. Lewis and Aug. I have also finished the straw stack in order to keep the cattle from wasting straw. This took nearly all day.

Had a straw-berry patch ploughed out the hill-side in front of the house this forenoon.

It is wonderful how warm and comfortable the weather continues to be for this time of year. It seems like Indian Summer, just now.

On account of rain that has been falling ever since morning slowly but steadily Lewis and I have not been able to work out of doors. Have been levelling the ground under the West shed, righting up the foundation and doing some repairs in the barn. Have never felt better satisfied with a days work than with 10 days. It makes such an improvement in the buildings. We are preparing to build a couple of rows of stanchions for fastening the young cattle in West shed.

Have been full of business affairs today as usual. Went to Dover this forenoon to look after some small matters. This afternoon to Judson's store to get some orange goods. Lewis went up to his father-in-law's, Mr. Matthews this afternoon after some potatoes &c. Rain appears to have come in earnest. News of the death of my dear friend C. J. Cooke came to night very unexpectedly. Funeral on Sunday. Now expected at the funeral. Surely life is uncertain.

On account of rain which has continued to fall a good share of the time today Lewis has not got home yet.

A piece of our straw-stalk fell down last night and I have been all day as hard as I could work trying to get a heifer from under the straw and the straw taken care of. Succeeded in both.

Wanted to have gone to Pelham today again but circumstances prevented. The funeral of my friend Mr. C. J. Cook takes place tomorrow. Would like to have seen them.

The weather continues rainy with intervals of fine weather.

Went out to Church this morning taking Bertha with me.

Enjoyed the service very much indeed especially the class-meeting. Utterance was graciously given when endeavouring in my humble weak way to discharge my duty as leader.

Truly, I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the seats of wickedness.

Cannot forget my dear friend the late C. J. Cook died with an illness of only about twenty minutes, or what is wanting to the living.

The rain of the last three days culminated in a snow storm last night almost the first in the season here. Some five or six inches fell this time.

Lewis went up to the Deacon neighborhood after potatoes this forenoon, while I worked around at sundry jobs, getting things in readiness for winter ^{when} seems to be upon us now in earnest. Have to spend the evenings at paring apples occasionally, which we did to night. There being quite a few of the dew apples & palling

The small quantity of snow that fell the Sunday evening last is chabbling us to draw up some wood out the bob-sleighs.

Went out to blow this afternoon after some winter boots and shoes for myself and Lewis's family. Made a purchase of Caley of more than nine dollars worth. Got a pair of water-proof felt boots for myself at \$3.75 per pair.

The weather is quite cold, not far from zero to night.

Have had Lewis getting up wood most of the time today. The little snow on the ground seems to make the sleighs slip along much better than the waggon.

I have been getting things in order for the winter most of the time. Find plenty of work however, even at night, for we are still packing apples for drying &c.

The winter weather still continues and seems like a fixture, judging from appearances at the present time.

Worked away this forenoon as usual at sundry jobs, both Lewis and I.

This afternoon we have been getting some timbers home from John Harris woods to be used as posts or sleepers in our proposed new stables.

Have been enjoying in a good degree the assurance of the Divine presence and favour.

It seems so strange that I am so unstable in my enjoyment. I often wonder why it should be so. It must be owing to natural infirmities partly at least.

Lewis has been getting timbers & called on one side for sleepers under our proposed new stable. He has finished his share.

I have been building stairs to go down his cellar. Got them all done besides getting a door nearly made for the cellar-way. Also making the lattice out of floors.

Settled up with Joe Green to day, paying the balance due him for his summer work.

The cold weather has become quite warm and soft.

Lewis and I have been working away at the stabling under the west shed most of the time to day as usual.

I went down to Hobcous before dinner however to get a few pieces of siding for use in fixing the little house.

Heard a few particulars of the sudden death of my friend Mr. Capt. Calvin J. Cook. He suffered and died of convulsions or cramp of his stomach in about fifteen minutes from the time he was first taken, out of comparative health. Had no time to make any preparations for death.

Our account of rain which has fallen moderately at intervals both yesterday and to day, we have not been able to attend our usual church service.

It is a comfort to realize the blessedness of God's service even at home, on these holy days. So have the time for reading meditation and prayer. How ashamed to think that I have been living beneath my privilege of care. Have been so forgetful of My God amidst the cares and anxieties of life, and yet He has graciously come with strength with me. ^{Be steadfast and unwavering always abundantly in His labors.}

Lewis and I have been working away at our new cow stables as usual to day. We do not seem to be making much headway; but we hope soon, by steady work to get along with our job.

Shut up our turkeys for the Christmas market to day.

The weather has become cooler since the rain; but, is beautiful indeed.

Am enjoying the sunshine of God's presence, again. What a mercy, that all is not dark and gloomy in life. Surely He hath done all this well.

We have got through with the oft. dreaded job to day, killing hogs. There is nothing that I dislike more; indeed, to take the life of anything seems dreadful to me.

The day has been delightful. More like spring than winter. Had James & Bob to help. We understand the business well. Killed six young pigs.

Was glad to hear that the new church on his place would be dedicated in a couple of weeks. Some of our Peckham friends are to come then.

Got our pork cut up and salted this forenoon, Lewis and I. This afternoon we have been at work at our stable as hard as ever. Find that it will take longer than we expected to get our cow stable done. How thankful however that I have got such good help, for Lewis is quite a carpenter and, to gether we can get along nicely. We hope to get the farm building in a much better state of repair soon with his help.

Have continued to work at our stable to day as usual. Our progress seems very slow however. I went out to house this afternoon to get some necessaries also to take a crock of butter to Mrs. Moody. The crock contained ^{7 a half} several pounds of butter at 22 cts.

The weather continues as warm as ever, seems like rain again.

I find that the Commercial union movement is also being talked in the towns and villages as well as in the country.

Our cow stable still hangs fire, and is likely to keep us poor a good while yet. I had visitors to day, however, which has interfered somewhat with my own work.

William Thalk and wife with their two daughters took dinner with us and have spent the afternoon here.

It keeps as warm as ever and again has every appearance of rain.

Notice by 10 days paper that Commercial is still progressing favorably, in discussion at East

The warm weather has again become rainy.

Have been working away at our stable to day as usual. Succeeded in getting the floor all laid down to night. The super-structure remains to be completed.

The weather is very favourable for our work notwithstanding the rain.

Noticed that a majority of 146 votes were given to carry a bonus for Mr. J. Ellis' knitting mill in Port Hope. Only five votes were polled against the by-law.

It has continued to be warm and rainy to day. Went out to church this morning however, alone. Was amply repaid for going out in the storm. The God of all the earth being with us ever and to bless. Enjoyed the class meeting very much, even though it became my duty to lead part of the class. Could only be induced to do this thing from a positive sense of duty. Feel such a natural ineffectiveness for or lack of gifts, indeed, can only depend on God to strengthen my weakness.

Lewis has been working away at the new cow-stable again to day, almost most of the time, however. After getting him started this morning I went out to horse after some necessaries.

Our bay mare still was served with Robert Justice horse. Thought of trying to raise a winter colt.

Bro. Ellis' factory is progressing finely for this season of the year. It seems likely that the whole frame of main building will be up this week.

Our work does not vary much of late, it seems to take so long to get our cow-stables done. Have worked at it to day as usual.

The weather keeps remarkably mild and even warm. It freezes some nights but day time shows few signs.

We have been making sausage this evening. The sausage cutter did not work very well and it took us till nearly twelve o'clock to get through.

Lewis has been working away as usual at the new cow-stable, and I have helped him only part of the time, on account of some other jobs that had to be done.

Charles Evans came to dinner and while here we settled up for the year's threshing. Paid him five dollars in cash and gave him my note at one per cent for twenty three dollars balance, payable in ten days.

Lewis and I have cleaned up a load of oats and peas for chop stuff, to take to the mill to-morrow.

Took a quart of grain out to the mill at eleven this forenoon. Got along nicely going out, just coming back the roads had become quite soft and heavy.

Left away a pail of butter to my old friend Josephine Fitzgerald of Ottawa, containing twenty seven pounds and three quarters.

Went over to John Marrs to sea this evening. Had a pleasant visit, much of this being there. Poor Eva Marr is still quite poorly, & I am afraid will never recover.

Lewis and I have been at our old job - fixing a new cow stable. How thankful that we are making some headway though not done as yet. Hope to get nearly done to-morrow.

The warm weather of yesterday has become cold again.

Have heard some painful news of our dear friend Mrs. W. H. Boston. She is very ill from a fall and may never recover. It seems that three of her ribs were broken some months ago and have never been set since.

Our job has continued to ~~be~~ last to-day and is not even yet done. How thankful however that we have got our new young cattle up at for the first. The seem to enjoy their new stable immensely.

The weather has been quite mild again to-day, but to night it is snowing. There does not seem to be any indication of a heavy fall of snow however. The past week has been a very busy one. How glad that the precious Sabbath is at hand.

Took car and
Bertha, out to Brown
this morning as
usual. The Rev.
John Laycock preached
both morning and
evening. Our usual
route was away to
Shafterford. Gidding his
pulpit there.
Took dinner with
Miss Giddens. Went
to Sunday School at
beginning. Called
in to Mrs. Mont-
gomery's before
noon for an Bible
article. Had some
interesting talk
about religious
matters.
The night weather
still continues, as
usual as ever.

Lewis and I
have got the new
cowsstable very
nearly done. So
much so indeed
that we have got
the room all
occupied that is
available.

Ma and I went
out to Brown this
afternoon, mostly
for the purpose of
attending the
Oyster Social at
the house of Mrs.
Phuathree Ellis.
Had a very en-
joyable time
indeed with a
goodly house full
of attendants.
Everything was con-
ducted very nicely

Went down to
 James Holcomb's
 this forenoon to
 see them about
 some matters con-
 nected with their
 coming tea-meeting.
 Took a bible down,
 which I had ob-
 tained from the De-
 pository for the
 use of the new
 church.

Went out to show
 this afternoon to
 see Mr Crutcher
 about the turkeys.
 While there, however,
 it turned out that
 this gentleman was
 here on the same
 business.
 Have about sold
 the turkey crop.

Worked at sundry
 jobs this forenoon
 with my man.
 Chores occupy most
 of the time.
 This afternoon we
 have been killing
 and picking turkeys.
 It took us until
 ten o'clock P.M. to
 get the job done.
 Twenty four in all.
 Lewis and his wife
 have been helping
 us both in the
 afternoon and
 evening. The first
 turkey, I think
 that I have ever
 tried to pick.

The weather con-
 tinues cool and
 frosty, with every
 appearance of snow.

My man has been unable to work to day on account of Rheumatism which he has contracted in some way or other.

Have been extremely busy all day.

Took ma down to Holcomb this morning where she attended the dedication of the new Methodist Church on Holcomb place.

Went down myself this evening, but got there too late for the tea-meeting. The latter was a success. Subscriptions were taken to build sheds & c. Signed 4th page at the next Hall.

Lewis has been entirely laid up to day with the Rheumatism. Find enough to do alone to keep me busy all day long.

William and John Hatt's came this morning after a couple of turkeys for their Christmas dinner. Sold them at nine cents per pound.

The weather has been quite moderate to day. There is some prospect of another fall of snow before long.

Learned last night from Mr Clarke that Mr Leaver was coming up soon.

Lewis being still unable to work I find enough to do to keep things attended to. We are now stabling thirty two head of cattle and ~~head~~ head of horses, which makes plenty of work. One consolation they do not require so much feed and do much better other ways.

I went out to Hovee this afternoon expecting to meet my sister and her husband but failed. The weather keeps moderate with occasional falls of snow. In small quantities however.

Went out to Church this morning alone. Found my sister and her husband there however, and brought them home with me after service.

Bro. Goodwin gave us an excellent Christmas sermon. Have had but little time to myself, the stove occupying almost every moment.

The weather has been somewhat cold to day. Snow continues to fall at intervals in small quantities. Sleighing is pretty good.

Had plenty of work
to do myself to day
to keep me busy.
Had a household of
visitors to take Christ-
mass with us, besides
My sister and her hus-
band were the occasion.
James Holcomb & wife
with Mr & Mrs Clarke,
Uncle John Matthews
family and Miss
Giles were with us.
My main father
came this evening
and, as he had gone
away this morning
Mr Lewis and a
Miss having stayed
over night with us.
Some of the other
friends spent the
evening with us,
as well.

On account of the
numerous visitors
yesterday and last
night I failed to
get any of the
stables cleaned out
and have got them
ways behind.
My sister and her
husband are still
with us and went
down to Captain M.
Pells this afternoon.
I have been as
closely occupied as
ever at doing chores.
Can only about
get through my
work by eight o'
clock in the eve-
ning, by close
diligence through
the day.

A very cold storm mostly of wind from the North West has been raging to day. It always seems to take more work to keep the stock in such weather.

My sister and her husband are still with us and have been visiting at Uncle Joseph M^r Jello's this evening.

School meeting came off to day, but was unable to attend to it, on account of my many house duties. Joe Green was here and wanted to live. Enjoys him and eight dollars per month. All cows get well.

The weather being very cold and windy I have had my hands full to day. But, in the midst of my labors Jesus has been precious. He is indeed the King of Glory. My King and my God.

Looked at Reid's this evening with our old friend of the "New Dominion" Mr. George Wilson now of Port Hope.

The evening passed off very pleasantly talking about various matters.

Much fault has been found with me for not getting a wife sooner.

Continued application to business, or rather chores, is still the order of the day. But little time is left after stock is looked after properly for visiting with my friends who are still with us.

The day has been very fine and pleasant.

Had Mr. G. Wilson of Port Hope to dinner with us, also Mr Isaac Austin. Both gentlemen were in a great glee for talking, not having seen one another for many years.

Was informed of the death and burial of Mr Thomas Murphy of Sisco, Myden. List.

Have been engaged as usual at a kind of work that requires constant attention.

Went over to the cheese factory this afternoon after the last payment of money on account of cheese.

The weather has been stormy to day. Snow has been falling, and still continuing.

Have just been told of the death of old Mr Morgan aged 80 yrs. The father of L. G. and Crosby, Morgan - old school companions of mine.

Luke & her husband are still with us, & have been cutting up