

WATAUGA COUNTY OBSERVED:

THE DIARIES OF A. J. GREENE

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INTRODUCTION

I. BACKGROUND

Except for some time in his student days, A. J. (Andrew Jackson) Greene was a lifelong resident of Watauga County, North Carolina. Born and reared on a farm near the western Watauga community of Mabel, he attended the old Cove Creek Academy; he later attended and was graduated from Appalachian Training School, later Appalachian State Teachers College, in Boone, North Carolina. After his graduation from A.T.S., he taught in public schools, later becoming a professor at the college from which he was graduated (Appalachian). He was a husband, a father of two sons and one daughter, a devout churchman (Baptist) and almost as devout a Democrat. During his young manhood he became a road supervisor, a Justice of the Peace, an ordained Baptist minister, a lawyer of sorts, and a Freemason. His early adulthood was spent farming and working at a store in Mabel, as well as teaching in several of the public schools throughout the county.

One of the most fascinating things about Greene is that he kept a diary from 1906, shortly before his A.T.S. graduation, until August of 1942--in fact, his last entry was the day before his death on August 1, 1942. Through this diary we learn much, not only about his life, thoughts, and amazingly wide interests, but about everyday life in Watauga County during the first half of the twentieth century. Entries from the early years provide much information concerning farm and rural life, as well as customs of the day; the later entries show us the workings not only of the community of that day, but of the college at which Greene taught. Since this man recorded the names of almost everyone with whom he came in contact, the diary is valuable also for local genealogical purposes.

II. THE PROBLEM

A. J. Greene's handwritten diaries were donated to Appalachian State University by his daughter, Maxie Greene Edmisten, and are housed in its W. L. Eury Appalachian Collection; however, until these diaries were transcribed, microfilmed or in some way converted to another form in order to protect the originals, they were unavailable even to researchers. The reasons for this are twofold. First, their fragility, especially that of the older volumes, prevents use and handling. Second, and more important, the likelihood of loss dictates that they be protected, for some parts have apparently been taken when access was allowed. Therefore, other arrangements had to be made in order to allow the use of these valuable primary sources.

As the reasons for their protection are twofold, so at least are the possibilities for providing access to them. The first possibility is microfilming and/or photocopying them. While either of these solutions would be easier and less time-consuming, both present the problems of legibility

and usefulness. While Greene's handwriting is reasonably legible, it can be difficult to read on occasion, especially when he writes personal names. Even the transcriber could not read everything, but it will be easier for other readers and researchers when it appears in type or print.

The second possibility for providing access is, of course, the one chosen by the transcriber/editor: transcription from handwriting to type. This not only makes the diaries more legible, but it allows editing and indexing to make them more useful. The diaries have been indexed throughout, with special attention to personal names; they have also been edited. I have inserted notes in order to explain certain words or terms or to take note of customs and practices.

III. OTHER NOTES

Certain compromises and editorial decisions have been made in transcribing and indexing the Greene diaries. They are as follows:

1. **Names.--** Greene's use of personal names is inconsistent, to say the least. He may use a full name in one mention of a person, initials in another and surname only in yet another. When it has been possible to determine that these refer to the same person, they are indexed as such. When it has not been possible, they are treated as if they might be different individuals and indexed as if they were. In a few instances footnotes are inserted to provide an explanation of any problems encountered with the name.
2. **Handwriting, spelling, capitalization, etc.--** While, as previously mentioned, Greene's penmanship is reasonably legible, certain problems emerge as it relates to unfamiliar personal names. It is usually impossible to distinguish between his writing of the letter **a** and the letter **o** without knowing the name from other sources; for example, the name **Allie** could just as easily be **Ollie**, and **Ray** could just as easily be **Roy**--so the editor/indexer suggests checking all possible spellings when in doubt. The diarist also spells some words irregularly or in a uniformly incorrect manner (for example, he often spells the word **through** as **though**). The editor has tried to leave all spelling, punctuation, capitalization, hyphenization and separation or compounding of words just as Greene wrote them. However, in some cases, the term **[sic]** has been used after a word or term which is unusual or misspelled. In other cases added letters have been inserted in brackets ([]) to provide clarity. On occasion these problems are explained by footnotes.
3. **Subjects not indexed.--** In some cases subjects or places occur so frequently that it would take too much space to index (although these diaries are **very** copiously indexed), or would not be necessary to index because they are on almost every page. These include:
 - ▶ Rural life
 - ▶ Farm life
 - ▶ Mabel, Silverstone, Beaver Dam, Zionville or most places in western Watauga County, N.C. (especially for the early years when Greene lived and taught in these places)

- ▶ Greene's religious life (he attended Sunday School and church almost weekly). This includes singings, except singing contests.
- ▶ Greene's reading and study (he read and studied almost every day).
- ▶ Boone, N.C. (especially in the later years when Greene lived there and taught at Appalachian).
- ▶ Greene's health and moods (he mentioned these almost as often as the weather).

CHAPTER 1: 1906

JULY

July 15. -- Went to Sunday school at Union Baptist Church and to preaching at the Methodist. Spent the afternoon at J. E. Laurances'.

July 16.-- Wrote two letters and read some. Hardin Price visited me on business in the afternoon.

July 17.-- Visited J. E. Laurance's farm and looked at his stock. Went to office.¹ Returned home and read.

July 18.-- Read and went to the store.

July 19.-- Read and uncapped rye. Gathered some interesting ideas from Physical Geography about the earth.

July 20.-- Read and went to office and received some mail.

July 21.-- Attended an Odd Fellow picnic at Zionville, N. C. There was much misbehavior during the day. Heard Rev. C. R. Norris and Hon. R. Z. Linney deliver addresses. Mr. Linney spoke from the theme, "Watauga and her great women." Went home and spent the night with Mr. F. C. Thomas of Trade, Tenn.

July 22.-- Came home from Trade and visited R. A. Thomas. Heard W. Swift preach in the afternoon.

July 23.-- Went to store. Started for Boone. Spent a pleasant hour with Dr. Bingham. Visited W. F. Sherwood's store. Spent the night with J. H. & Mrs. Johnson.

July 24.-- Went to Boone and attended Farmers' Institute. A very instructive meeting for

¹When Greene writes of the office, as applied to the Mabel community, he apparently means the post office.

farmers. Met Dr. Tait Butler and F. B. Parker. At night visited Training School and saw many old friends. Heard Dr. Butler. Mr. Scott and Mr. Parker make appreciative addresses.

July 25.-- Attended school and spent the day most pleasantly with old friends.

July 26.-- Assisted in decorating the hall. Did a hard day's work. Met Dr. Reid.

July 27.-- Graduated at Appalachian Training School. Dr. J. I. Vance of New Jersey delivered the address. His theme was services and character. Five of the class were present and delivered orations. My Class mates were I. G. Greer, R. T. Greer, H. N. Blair of Watauga County, and Bertha Eller, Fred Eller, T. I. Jones of Ashe County. Miss Eller and Fred were absent. Capt. E. F. Lovill address [sic] the class. He gave us fatherly advice. He said that there was much for us to learn yet. He stated further that we must be cautious lest we fall. He gave the great man Bacon as an example. He mastered the seven learned sciences, yet he fell. So caution and acute judgment should guide us.

July 28.-- Left Boone in the morning. Visited Aunts Polly Harman and Polly McBride. Arrived at Amantha late in the evening and spent the night with Dr. Bingham.

July 29.-- Came to Sunday school at Union Baptist Church. Went home for dinner. Attended singing in the after noon.

July 30.-- Read some, wrote a letter to a lady and went to the office.

July 31.-- Worked in the meadow all day.

AUGUST

Aug. 1.-- Worked the road. Went to the Primary Convention of the Democrats and was elected temporary chairman.

Aug. 2.-- Wrote and read during the day.

Aug. 3.-- Cut and put up some grass.

Aug. 4.-- Went to mill, stacked some hay and bound some oats.

Aug. 5.-- Dressed and went to Sunday School. Heard Rev. L. A. Wilson preach. Came home for dinner. Attended singing in the after noon.

Aug. 6.-- Read and went to office for mail.

Aug. 7.-- Help milk, read and went to the store.

Aug. 8.-- Help cut and put up a haystack.

Aug. 9.-- Went to office and cut some grass.

Aug. 10.-- Cut and put up hay. In the evening a letter came notifying me that the Committee, of Leicester, Buncombe County, had elected me Principal of their Graded School.

Aug. 11.-- This is a day long to be remembered. Fixed to go to Asheville, but owing to circumstances declined the position and accepted work at Silverstone. This has been a tough place in my life. Trusting that divine wisdom may lead me right, the decision is made to stay in my own county.

Aug. 12.-- Went to Silverstone. Attended Sunday school and made a short talk. Took dinner at C. C. Adams'. Went to Dougherty's to board.

Aug. 13.-- Opened school at Silverstone with forty-nine in attendance. Prospects are flattering for a good session. Hardin Price was engaged to assist.

Aug. 14.-- Opened school with several new scholars. Success has crowned this day's efforts.

Aug. 15.-- Opened school with an increased attendance. The boys worked on the grounds at recess and at noon. We are well-pleased with our new school.

Aug. 16.-- In the schoolroom again. A very pleasant day. A severe rain in the evening.

Aug. 17.-- Closed one week of school and returned home. Became acquainted with N. J. Blackburn. Several letters were waiting for my return.

Aug. 18.-- Read, went to office and bought some meat.

Aug. 19.-- Attended Sunday School. Started for Silverstone. Met Walter Stanbury and Misses Annie & Bertha. Stopped at Mr. Mast's. Arrived at my boarding place late in the evening.

Aug. 20.-- Opened school with an increased attendance. Am very tired. It rained in the afternoon.

Aug. 21.-- Fixed door and steps at the school house. Attendance increased in school. Visited Bennett Smith in the evening.

Aug. 22.-- A pleasant day in the school room. Read in a wonderful book in the evening. It treats of mythology and is a rare book. There are just two or three in existence. Hon. R. Z. Linney is the owner.

Aug. 23.-- Read in Tauke's Pantheon, a famous book, and washed the windows in the school room.

Aug. 24.-- Closed second week of school and came home.

Aug. 25.-- Went to mill, ordered a book, visited Mast's store, and spent the night at Daily Comb.'s.

Aug. 26.-- Came from Laurel Branch to Pleasant Grove. Attended Sunday school and church. An able address by T. P. Adams. A Sermon by Rev. David Greene. Text Luke 6:46. Spent the after noon at Mr. Dougherty's.

Aug. 27.-- Started to school. Lost the key, but it was found after a diligent hunt. Had a good attendance in school. Went to the store. Met Miss Rebecca Daugherty, a very intelligent and cultured young lady from Russellville, Tenn.

Aug. 28.-- Had Misses Daugherty and Sherwood as visitors in school. Received a letter from a friend in Asheville.

Aug. 29.-- Water is flush from the effects of a freshet. School visited by John Wilson. Went to the store after school.

Aug. 30.-- Had a talk with Bennett Smith and Larkin Pennell. Tried some boys for manners and committed them. Had a very severe cold. The day has been rainy.

Aug. 31.-- The day opened fair. Arlie Wilson visited the school and made a talk upon the "Application of Time." Discovered on my way home that the freshet had damaged the roads badly.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1.-- Spent the morning in reading. Went to the office for my mail in the afternoon. On my way home met Misses Maggie Combs and Effie Harbin. Stopped at Church. Met Emsley Eggers, candidate for county commissioner.

Sept. 2.-- Went to Sunday school and church. Heard Rev. L. C. Wilson preach. Had

Prof. Moretz, Dotson and Williams with me for dinner. Went to singing in the after noon, and then went to Silverstone.

Sept. 3.-- Taught school, went to the store and wrote a letter.

Sept. 4.-- Taught, wrote and read today.

Sept. 5.-- Have been very sick today. Had a severe rain in the morning.

Sept. 6.-- Mailed a friend a card. Went to Greer's store in the evening. It rained late in the evening.

Sept. 7.-- The day has been fair. Had a spelling match in school. Came home after school.

Sept. 8.-- Went to see Prof. Dotson. Wrote Prof. Dougherty a card in regard to having the Institute at Mabel. Visited J. C. Davis', and, also, Prof. Williams at Henry Greer's.

Sept. 9.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Had Marion Thomas with me for dinner. Went to singing and had a good time. Started for school. Stopped and spent the night at the hospitable home of A. N. Mast.

Sept. 10.-- Came to Mr. Dougherty's and read some time. Then went to school. This has been bean-picking day in the community. Went to the store in the evening.

Sept. 11.-- Taught school. School visited by Supt. B. B. Dougherty. Spent the night at Mr. Pennell's.

Sept. 12.-- Came to school from Mr. Pennell's. Read some during the day.

Sept. 13.-- Made out monthly report for Co. Supt. and Committee. Went to bean-stringing at E. J. Smith's in the evening.

Sept. 14.-- Taught school. Boys had debate at noon. There was some argument and much brass displayed. H. W. Price went home with me.

Sept. 15.-- Went to a Teachers' Institute at Mabel. Enjoyed the occasion. Took dinner with Rev. W. C. Combs. Heard Hon. F. A. Linney make a political speech. Shook hands with several candidates. J. Arthur Wilson went home with me. Had supper and a pleasant chat. Went to educational speaking at night.

Sept. 16.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Taught a large class. Heard a talk on Sunday school by J. R. Isaac. Went home and had dinner. Came down the Creek and saw several drunk men. Spent the night at J. H. Mast's.

Sept. 17.-- Came to school. A very light attendance for the day. A good dinner. Took a nap in the evening. Wrote a friend at night.

Sept. 18.-- This has been a stormy day. School has been small. We are trying to learn map drawing. Visited Mr. E. J. Smith's and heard his daughter play the organ.

Sept. 19.-- Received a nice note from Miss Bertha Eller, a former school mate, and a card from Supt. Y. D. Moore, of Caldwell County. Had a pleasant day. Spent awhile at Greer's store in the evening and the night at S. J. Price's.

Sept. 20.-- Wrote a letter to F. P. Moore, Globe, N. C. in regard to a school. Attendance in school short on the account of an old soldier's Reunion at Sugar Grove. Was paid some money by Wiley Norris.

Sept. 21.-- The attendance in school is still decreased on the account of Reunion. Came home and read into the night.

Sept. 22.-- Read paper and books in the morning. Went to store and post office in the evening.

Sept. 23.-- Dressed and went to Silverstone. Caught some new ideas in Sunday school. Heard Rev. David Greene preach from the text, "He began from the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus." Went to Jackson Wilson's and took dinner and spent a pleasant evening. Went to my boarding place and had a pleasant chat with the preacher on various subjects. He told some amusing jokes.

Sept. 24.-- Had a very pleasant day in the school room. Went to Greer's store and heard Mr. Linney rage over a fellow who had been telling tales on him.

Sept. 25.-- Taught school. Received a letter from F. P. Moore. Went to Mast's store in the evening. Bought some chalk. Spent a pleasant night with Moses Yarber.

Sept. 26.-- Came from Mr. Yarber's early. Had a good school.

Sept. 27.-- Taught school. Went to store. Came to my boarding place and then went to the molasses making.

Sept. 28.-- This has been a rainy day. Had a spelling match in school. Came home through the rain. Got my mail from the office. Read some and went to bed.

Sept. 29.-- At home in the morning. Went to Mabel and to Zionville in the evening. Saw quite a crowd in Mabel. Bought some of the new school books for my school.

Sept. 30.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Taught a class and made a speech. Went home for dinner and then to singing. Stopped awhile at J. H. Mast's on my way to Silverstone.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1.-- The morning was not fair. Had one new scholar in school. Read and wrote some in the evening.

Oct. 2.-- Built a fire at the school house. This has been a disagreeable day. Fixed the stove pipe. Went to the store and on my return met Uncle Jack Greene. Had not seen him in about ten years.

Oct. 3.-- A very disagreeable day. Indeed this is very discouraging [sic] weather. Spent the night with S. M. Greene.

Oct. 4.-- Went to the school house and fixed some wood. Worked on the register. Wrote a nice little girl a letter.

Oct. 5.-- Attendance rather light in school. Came home though [sic] the rain. Had supper and read the papers.

Oct. 6.-- This has been a bad day. Read and ordered a book in the morning. Ate dinner and went to Mabel. How surprised one is at the small contentions and debates of people. Selfishness is the ruling passion in personal affairs! Came home, read the papers and visited a friend.

Oct. 7.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Taught a class. Heard Revs. W. Swift and L. A. Wilson preach. Had Alden and Mrs. Isaac with me for dinner. Went to Silverstone after noon. Indeed this has been the finest day of the season. Met Carrol Dougherty, of Tennessee, a very genial and pleasing gentleman.

Oct. 8.-- Another beautiful day. Went to the store in the evening and a very good time. Bought a book in which to keep my notes.

Oct. 9.-- Built a fire at the school house. This is a discouraging place to teach. People seem to be dead educationally. Self esteem and bigotry is the ruling characteristic. Sad is the fate of some of these dear children.

Oct. 10.-- This has been a cold day. It has snowed some. Went to the store and bought some winter clothing. Read some Latin.

Oct. 11.-- An inclement day. Received a letter from Prof. Harmon inviting me to take part in a debate. The invitation was accepted. The place of discussion Cove Creek Academy. H. W. Price spent the night with me. We had a good time yarning.

Oct. 12.-- A fine day. Had a spelling match in school. Had to quiet some smart boys. Came home. Got my mail. Read Miss Bertha Eller's essay upon "The Influence of Environment," and it was sure fine.

Oct. 13.-- Read and wrote before noon. Went to the office and received some mail. Some people are chronic grumblers. Selfishness is the dominant spirit.

Oct. 14.-- Dressed and went to Amantha. Saw several friends. Took dinner with Thos. Williams. Spent some time with Joseph Johnson. Went from there to Silverstone. Saw some girls and boys flirting. Arrived at Dougherty's hungry and tired.

Oct. 15.-- The school has increased in attendance. Have not been very well today. Went to store, returned and made out report to Co. Supt.

Oct. 16.-- A misty day. In the evening went to Rufus Smith's to an apple cutting. Stopped at Pennell's store. Talked with T. P. Adams some. Had a good time at Mr. Smith's, and a splendid supper and bed.

Oct. 17.-- Came from Smith's to S. M. Greene's. Got a watch. This has been a misty day. After school visited Smith boys. It is sad to think how little worth they are in considering what they might have been. Borrowed some magazines in which there is a vast amount of information.

Oct. 18.-- This has been an awfully rainy day. Notwithstanding this it has been a very pleasant one in the school room. Am very much interested in learning the children to add. Have been reading a history of iron and steel industry. Some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were iron-masters.

Oct. 19.-- This has been a very rainy day. Dismissed school early. Found the roads in bad condition owing to heavy rains. Arrived at Mabel and a large crowd was at the store engaged in laughing and disputing over sorry things. Came home and read the papers and the history of Hon. W. J. Bryan.

Oct. 20.-- Arose early and read some. Gathered some apples. Went to office and mill. The sun has shined some today.

Oct. 21.-- Went home from my sister's. Fixed and went for Sunday school. Taught a class. Attended services at the Methodists Church and heard Rev. O. P. Ader preach from the text,

“Sir, we would see Jesus.” Went home for dinner. Read, talked and visited remainder of the day.

Oct. 22.-- Arose early and went to Silverstone. This has been a day of discouragement. People are gone after strange gods. Went to S. M. Green’s shop. Saw a contentious old fellow. Stopped at Esq. Smith and had a chat with him. Arrived at my room tired and weary.

Oct. 23.-- Arose early and ate breakfast. Somewhat discouraged in my work at the disinterestness of the people. After school went to the store. Saw some fine ladies. Spent a part of the evening walking and reflecting.

Oct. 24.-- Mailed a friend a letter. Taught school. In the evening went to the home of T. P. Adams and spent the night. Had a pleasant time. Saw Uncle John Adams who is 82 years old. He is very tottery [tottery].

Oct. 25.-- Came from T. P. Adam’s to school. Had a very rugged day. Went to my room and read in magazines.

Oct. 26.-- Arose not feeling very well. Shaved and had my hair cut. Taught school. In the evening went to Cove Creek Academy. Met many old friends. Took supper with Bro. Sherwood. Retired to the school house and engaged in debate with Profs. Herman and Francum. Though Bro. Sherwood and myself made a strong effort yet the decision was given against us. We had good music. Spent the night with Bro. Sherwood’s. We challenged Profs. Herman and Francum for another discussion and was accepted.

Oct. 27.-- Came home from Cove Creek. Spent the day reading and looking up speeches.

Oct. 28.-- Before noon was spent at home in dressing and reading. Spent a very pleasant hour with Dr. Greer, and, also, some time at John Mast’s. Came to Mr. Dougherty’s. Attended church at night and heard Rev. David Greene preach an able sermon.

Oct. 29.-- We have been wonderfully encouraged owing to an increased attendance in school. Attended church at night.

Oct. 30.-- Taught school. Came to my room at noon for dinner. Visited Smith Bros. in the evening. Met P. R. Dougherty a deaf and dumb man who is very bright. Went to church at night. Had the preacher with us.

Oct. 31.-- It has been very cold today. Attended church at both the morning and night services.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1.-- Made a fire at the school house. Went to church and heard a sermon from the following text, "According to your faith be it unto you." Received a letter from a Chapel Hill friend.

Nov. 2.-- Had some visitors in school. Attended Church in the morning and at night. Saw friend Dan Cook.

Nov. 3.-- Went to Boone. Arrived there about 11 o'clock. A large crowd at the speaking. Went down to Mr. Council's and saw my old class mate, Miss Bertha Eller. Spent a short while most pleasantly with her. Visited R. M. Greene's. Went to courthouse and heard the candidates and Hon. T. C. Bowie. Met my old friend J. D. Watson of Montana. Saw a number of the graduating class of the Appalachian Training School. Met many friends. Returned to Silverstone and attended church. Spent the night with A. N. Mast.

Nov. 4.-- Came home in the morning and set about until noon. Read the papers and visited some in the evening.

Nov. 5.-- Went to Silverstone and taught school. Had a very nice attendance. Read and wrote some.

Nov. 6.-- Taught school until in the evening. Then went to the polls and voted Straight democratic ticket. By request of the judges assisted at the count. We got though [sic] about midnight. Went home with Moses Yarber and spent the night.

Nov. 7.-- Taught school and assigned some puns for entertainment.

Nov. 8.-- Made a fire at the school house. Got wood at recess. Wrote a dialogue.

Nov. 9.-- Had S. M. Greene to order me a watch. Had a spelling match in school. Went home in the evening.

Nov. 10.-- Shucked corn, read and went to office.

Nov. 11.-- Dressed and read until dinner. Started for Silverstone and spent an hour at J. H. Mast's. Had a talk with A. J. Greene. It has rained today.

Nov. 12.-- Had a very good school. It has snowed today. Had some wood hauled. Decided to give no entertainment. Read some in "Natural Law in the Spiritual World."

Nov. 13.-- This has been a cold day. Had a very good school.

Nov. 14.-- Had a tough day at school. Spent the night in the home of Jackson Wilson's.

Nov. 15.-- Had a cold day for school. Was very sick. Bought some medicine.

Nov. 16.-- Taught school. Went home in the evening. Read some and then went to bed.

Nov. 17.-- Cut some wood and read until noon. Also measured some corn. Went to the store.

Nov. 18.-- Visited J. C. Davis'. Then went to Silverstone. Called on Smith Bros. A bad rainy day.

Nov. 19.-- After school visited S. M. Greene. This has been a warm day.

Nov. 20.-- This has been a very nice day. Have had a pleasant day in the school. S. M. Greene visited school and brought me a new Elgin watch. Read in the evening.

Nov. 21.-- This has been a beautiful day. Have had some trouble in the school room.

Nov. 22.-- Arose late and went to the school house. Received a letter from a friend.

Nov. 23.-- Taught school and then started for home. Stopped at Mabel for a spelling match. Took supper at Mr. Burkett's. Had a good time spelling.

Nov. 24.-- Cut Prof. Williams' hair. Read until noon and then went to the school house, made a talk and helped the children spell.

Nov. 25.-- Dressed and went to Silverstone. Heard Rev. David Greene preach. After dinner went to S. M. Greene's and spent the evening.

Nov. 26.-- Made a fire at the school house. Taught with a large crowd. Spent the night with S. M. Greene.

Nov. 27.-- Cut some wood. Paid some debts. Divided candy, wrote letters and read.

Nov. 28.-- The air has been cool today. Had a fine time in school. Treated the students on candy. Had a speech from J. S. Dougherty.

Nov. 29.-- Built a fire at the school house. held some examinations during the day. Went to the store and visited Smith Bros. in the evening.

Nov. 30.-- Taught school. Finished a four months' term. Punished some boys for fighting. Had a spelling match after noon. Made out reports to Committee and Co. Supt. Had a big

spelling match at night. A large crowd was in attendance and many taking part. This is not a good place to teach. People are careless educationally.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1.-- Completed register and made report to Committee. Had my voucher signed. Received a booklet on the life of Dr. McIver. Started for home and fell into a mud hole. Came home, read my mail and had dinner. Read papers and books in the evening.

Dec. 2-- Prepared and went to Sunday school. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached a sermon from the theme, "Patience." Had company with me for dinner. Attended Church in the afternoon and heard Rev. Mr. Wilson preach from the theme, "The Heart." Came home and read papers until bed time.

Dec. 3.-- Before noon read and wrote friends letters. After noon went to store and office. Read in magazines at night.

Dec. 4.-- Studied debate before noon. Attended Church. Took dinner with A. Isaac. Went to Mabel and talked with Mr. Suddreth concerning a school. Read some at night.

Dec. 5.-- Went to Smith Johnson's on the Beaver Dams. Took dinner with Grant Laurance and wife. Came across the mountain and went to the office. Had a settlement with S. M. Greene. Went for my Grammar in the evening.

Dec. 6.-- Fixed and took my trunk to Mabel. Went to Amantha and had dinner at Mr. Johnson's. Spent the evening with Bro. J. H. Bingham. Mr. Sherwood and myself debated against Prof. Herman and Francum at Walnut Grove Institute. The subject was [""]heredity and environment". We won the decision. Spent the night with Bro. Bingham.

Dec. 7.-- Went from Sugar Grove to Boone. Took dinner at R. M. Greene's. Visited Printing office. Spoke to Miss Bertha Eller. Visited Training School. Saw many old friends. Spent the night at R. M. Greene's.

Dec. 8.-- Made a short call upon the Stanbury girls. Went to Blowing Rock. Met Mr. Brown's. Visited school house which is the best in the county. Met Mr. Stinson of Banner Elk.

Dec. 9.-- Attended Sunday school at Blowing Rock Baptist Church. Heard Rev. I. W. Thomas preach. Came to my room and wrote a dear friend a letter. Had G. M. Suddreth with me at night.

Dec. 10.-- Arose early and went to the school house. Built a fire. The boys came early. Am well pleased with the school. The day has been foggy and damp.

Dec. 11.-- Had a pleasant day. Read at night.

Dec. 12.-- A fine day. Played ball with the boys. Went to town in the evening.

Dec. 13.-- Went to the school house and made a fire. Played ball at noon. Have not felt very well today. Read in the evening.

Dec. 14.-- Wrote notes inviting patrons to take part in making a Christmas tree. Had a spelling match in school. Read in "Hoosier Schoolmaster" in the evening.

Dec. 15.-- Went to town and traded some. Returned and had dinner. Visited Mr. Cone's deer park. Saw four animals. Looked at his lakes and lawns. Had my trunk conveyed from town to boarding place. Read and talked with Mr. Brown at night.

Dec. 16.-- Attended church at Blowing Rock. Heard Rev. J. F. Davis preach. Met up with Rev. Mr. Brendell. Read and wrote some in the evening.

Dec. 17.-- This has been a foggy day. School has been somewhat pleasant.

Dec. 18.-- A very cold and damp day. Went to town and did some shopping in the evening.

Dec. 19.-- Rev. J. F. Davis and Mr. Brown visited school. Mr. Davis delivered a beautiful address. Gathered greens to decorate the hall.

Dec. 20.-- Received a business letter and answered it at noon. Assisted in decorating the hall in the evening. Read at night.

Dec. 21.-- Went early to the school house. Assisted in getting a Christmas tree at noon. In the evening read.

Dec. 22.-- Carried things to the school house and helped with the Christmas tree. Received a very important letter from a dear friend. It has snowed very much today. Met Rev. Mr. Savage. Had a very nice time at the Christmas tree. Owing to inclement weather the crowd was small. There were many preasants [sic] on the tree.

Dec. 23.-- This has been a raw day. Wrote my best friend and others.

Dec. 24.-- This has been a very cold day. Got extremely cold going to the school house for a book. Fell into a deep snow drift on my return. After noon went to town and mailed friends some letters. Returned to my room and read into the night.

Dec. 25.-- This has been a cold and dull Christmas. Wrote a piece for the Teachers' Record. Read a good portion of the day.

Dec. 26.-- Went to Mr. Richard Greene's. Saw friend W. O. Hardin. Had a very pleasant evening with friend R. G. Greene. Met Mrs. Greene, nee Caudill. A former school mate of Alleghany County.

Dec. 27.-- Came from Mr. Greene's to Blowing Rock on a wagon. Spent awhile in town. Went to my room and had dinner. Mrs. Brown had a large number of ladies for dinner. Was pleased to have the pleasure of meeting the most of them. Had a very pleasant evening.

Dec. 28.-- Received a library book. Arranged and catalogued the library. Went to town after noon and saw several friends. Bought myself a derby hat.

Dec. 29.-- Went to the school house and read until noon. Spent the after noon in town. Attended the lodge at night. Enjoyed the meeting. Met Bro. Holsclaw.

Dec. 30.-- At Breakfast saw a large number of bright little girls. Some displaying much culture. Had a good Sunday School. Rev. Mr. Davis preached from the subject, "Liberty of God."

Dec. 31.-- Commenced school again today. Am well pleased with the work. Has been a dreary and foggy day. This year has been good to me. Have had joy and sorrows. Have not done much.

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JANUARY

Jan. 1.-- New Year has been a fine day. Have not felt very well. Wrote some letters.

Jan. 2.-- This has been a fine day. Had a large school. Went to town.

Jan. 3.-- This has been a foggy day. Have been unwell today.

Jan. 4.-- The day has been clear. Had a large school. Read in a novel. Rev. Mr. Davis spent the night with us.

Jan. 5.-- Read and wrote a letter this morning. After noon went to town and visited Rev. Mr. Savage. Met with friend Hill Bolick and took a walk. Went to Grand View and viewed a beautiful landscape. Then we went on by Green Park Hotel and from there to Blowing Rock. Viewed it awhile. From there back to town. Remained in town during the evening and attended church.

Jan. 6.-- Went to Sunday School and to Rev. Mr. Savage's services. Returned and ate a hearty dinner. After noon went and took an view of Cone's mansion. Of the beautiful lawns and good roads it is with pleasure we speak. The view is just grand to say the least.

Jan. 7.-- Arose early and went to Mr. Hartley's. From there to the school. Graded papers. Worked in the hall at noon. In the evening read and assisted in getting lessons.

Jan. 8.-- Went to school and had a pleasant day. Swept house. Had preaching at night by Rev. J. F. Davis.

Jan. 9.-- Had a pleasant day. Have been studying some this evening.

Jan. 10.-- A good day. Received a letter from Prof. Herman inviting me to take a part in a debate. In the evening went to town and sent an order for books.

Jan. 11.-- The day has been pleasant. Played ball with the boys. Had speeches. Read at night.

Jan. 12.-- Ordered some literature. Went to town. Called upon Rev. Mr. Savage. Met Rev. Mr. Tufts. Saw a crowd of people in the reading room. Saw a man driving a crate of dogs. Returned for dinner. Took a bath and read.

Jan. 13.-- Read in a book this morning. Went to Sunday school and taught a class. After noon went to the little dam and looked at the fish. Returned by the Library and got the Life of Vance and read the remainder of the day. He was a great man and North Carolina is justly proud of such a distinguished son.

Jan. 14.-- Have been very sad today. Gloom seems to have gathered about me. Went to school early. Have not enjoyed this day. Despise bigotness, vainness, selfishness and self-esteem. Some people are vexing to the spirit.

Jan. 15.-- A very pretty day. A new but fast student in school. Read.

Jan. 16.-- This day has been foggy. Rode on a wagon of the boys' at noon. Spoke my piece and read in the evening.

Jan. 17.-- Went to the school house and graded papers. Went to town in the evening. Returned at dark.

Jan. 18.-- School was very scantily attended. Received a good letter from a dear friend. Worked on my speech.

Jan. 19.-- Went to town and spent a few hours this morning. Received a package of books and was delighted with the same. Wrote a speech.

Jan. 20.-- Went for my clothes, bathed and shaved. Attended Sunday school and church. Heard Rev. Mr. Davis preach. Finished my speech.

Jan. 21.-- This has been a bitter day. School has been very small. Practiced my speech.

Jan. 22.-- After doing some work went to the school house. Had a nice crowd. In the evening went to post office and store. Read into the night.

Jan. 23.-- A good day in school. Practiced my speech. Chopped wood to delight the boys. Read at night in an interesting book.

Jan. 24.-- Went to school and made a fire. A good school today. Made a poor attempt to speak my speech.

Jan. 25.-- Taught school. Dressed at noon. Went to Boone in the evening. Met a number of friends. Spent the night with Prof. Dougherty.

Jan. 26.-- Went from Prof. Dougherty's to Boone. Spent the day in town. Visited Democrat office and the old academy. Spent awhile at Mr. Stanbury's. Visited Cook Bros. At night engaged in debate with Profs. Herman and Francum. Won a glorious victory. Had a pleasant time speaking to many of my old friends. Spent the night at R. M. Greene's.

Jan. 27.-- Heard the sad news this morning that Loyd Jones was dead. Left Boone and stopped on my way to see a friend. Arrived at Blowing Rock about 12 o'clock. Got wood and read after dinner.

Jan. 28.-- Went to school house and found it locked. Returned for the key. In the morning went to town and did some shopping. Worked in different books after supper.

Jan. 29.-- Arose unwell. A wearisome day in the school room. Worked some in books at night.

Jan. 30.-- Went to school, made a fire and graded papers. Had a tough day.

Jan. 31.-- This has been a foggy day. Had a good day in the school. Read.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1.-- This has been a dreary day. Received some business letters. Read.

Feb. 2.-- Read and wrote my friends. After noon went to town. Have suffered with my breast (?).

Feb. 3.-- This has been a gloomy day. Have been very sick. Sent to the store for medicine.

Feb. 4.-- Today has been sleety. Have not felt well.

Feb. 5.-- A dreary day. Read some in "David Copperfield".

Feb. 6.-- A wearisome day. Met a Mr. Shoemaker from Banner Elk.

Feb. 7.-- A very cold day. Read in "David Copperfield".

Feb. 8.-- A cold day, but pleasant work in school. Had Mrs. Winkler and Miss Reid as visitors.

Feb. 9.-- Have not felt very well today. Went to town and sent some friends cards.

Feb. 10.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Heard Dr. Brendell preach in the Methodist Church. His theme was "Sacrifice". Have not felt well today.

Feb. 11.-- This has been a cold day. Wrote some of my friends.

Feb. 12.-- Have been very sick today. The weather has been severe.

Feb. 13.-- Arose feeling much better than usual. Taught all day. Came to my room and dressed. Went to Mr. J. H. Winkler's and took supper. Mrs. Winkler had a royal supper for us. It was enjoyed to the fullest extent. We spent a few hours playing and having a good time.

Feb. 14.-- Had a very pleasant day. Studied a book in the evening.

Feb. 15.-- A very nice day. We practiced our pieces some.

Feb. 16.-- Read and wrote letters. Went to town and attended the lodge at night and had a pleasant time.

Feb. 17.-- Attended Sunday school. Heard Rev. J. F. Davis preach from the theme, "The Righteous". After noon returned, had dinner and read during the evening.

Feb. 18.-- Went to the school house and made a fire. Had a good school. In the evening went to town on business.

Feb. 19.-- This has been a foggy day. We practiced our pieces at noon.

Feb. 20.-- Went to school house early and graded papers. Read in the evening.

Feb. 21.-- It has snowed today. Had a giggling visitor in school.

Feb. 22.-- This is Washington's birthday. Taught school until after noon. Fixed and went to Boone. Took supper with Cook Bros. Went to an entertainment at night. Saw a large number of old friends. Saw the "Old Maids' Convention" performed. It was very comical. Spent the night with Cook Bros.

Feb. 23.-- Ate a good breakfast. Had my hair cut. Went to town and did some shopping. Spent awhile at R. M. Greene's. Visited Democrat office. Met Mr. James Taylor, an aged gentleman. Started for Blowing Rock and arrived there about 3 P.M. Spent the remainder of the day in getting wood and writing.

Feb. 24.-- This has been a sleety day. Wrote a piece for the "Teachers' Record".

Feb. 25.-- This has been a bad day. The number in school was small.

Feb. 26.-- The weather has been inclement. The children have been noisy to say the least.

Feb. 27.-- Practiced some of the children. Punished a boy.

Feb. 28.-- The last day of this month has been very bad. Have not felt very well today. Heard from Cousin Ella Greene Williams of Ohio. The children had a good time at noon and recess playing in the hall. Reflected some about the importance of English grammar.

MARCH

Mar. 1.-- The day has been very foggy. Had a very pleasant day in school. In the evening went home with Miss Coffey and spent the night. They treated me with great kindness. Genius does not dwell in palaces and mansions, but in hovils [sic] and huts. Bright intellects adorn not the rich, but the rude peasant.

Mar. 2.-- This is my birthday. Am twenty-four years old. It has been a pretty day. Came from Mr. Coffey's to my boarding place. Read in the papers. Had a very pleasant evening in town. Met a Miss Gragg. Attended church at night and heard Rev. Mr. Davis preach from the theme "Conduct". A very able discourse.

Mar. 3.-- Had a late breakfast. Attended Sunday School and returned for dinner. Went to church at night. Rev. Mr. Davis preached from the subject "His Name's Sake".

Mar. 4.-- This has been a blustry day. Went to the school house, made a fire and practiced some of the boys. Wrote my cousin in Ohio.

Mar. 5.-- A very pleasant day. Received some important mail. Love to think about the wonderful things in nature.

Mar. 6.-- This has been a nice day. Have had a good school. We practiced some at noon. Read a sketch of David Crockett. In some respects he is a most wonderful man. His motto: "Be sure you are right and then go ahead," is a worthy one.

Mar. 7.-- This day has been sleety and foggy. Have not felt very well. Read an article in a paper upon "Religion and Women". How grand are the influence of women!

Mar. 8.-- Practiced the children on their pieces. Am well pleased with their progress. Worked some on a speech for a friend.

Mar. 9.-- Worked some more on my friend's speech. After noon went to town. Saw Prof. Dougherty. Spent some time in the bank. Saw friend Roby Greer.

Mar. 10.-- This morning was bad. Read in different books until noon. Had dinner and then went up to Cone's Mansion and spent a hour with Bro. Icenhour. Returned and read until bed time.

Mar. 11.-- Went to the school house and made a fire. An agreeable day. There have been several in school.

Mar. 12.-- The day has been foggy. Practiced the children at noon.

Mar. 13.-- A spring-like day. Read and rested in the evening.

Mar. 14.-- Fog brooded over the mountains. A pleasant day in the school room.

Mar. 15.-- Taught school. An agreeable day. Went to town at night.

Mar. 16.-- Went to the school house and got register. Made out statement on tuition. Read the paper. Helped Mr. Brown on pay-roll. Went to town. Visited the different stores and post office. Met friend Hill Bolick.

Mar. 17.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Returned and had a good dinner. Went to May View and viewed China. Returned by the Pinkney House which is upon a steep mountain. Took a nap.

Mar. 18.-- Made a fire at the school house and taught until noon very pleasantly. Practiced some after noon. Walked down the Linville Turnpike after school. Visited Raven Rock. It is very difficult to get to its summit. From it a broad country may be viewed. It reminds one of the "Tater Hill". Came back and carried (?) over some books.

Mar. 19.-- Went to school house and worked some. The children practiced some during the day.

Mar. 20.-- Found that my watch had broken down. Heard the lessons for the last time. We put in a large portion of the day drilling. Like the exercises of the children very well.

Mar. 21.-- Went to school house and worked some. Put in the entire day drilling. Treated the school to some candy.

Mar. 22.-- Went to school house and made a fire. Practiced the children while the girls decorated. After noon drilled the pupils and was very well pleased with the programme. Also

bathed, dressed, packed my trunk and sent it to town. Visited a sick boy at night. Went to bed and was restless.

Mar. 23.-- Helped some on making out checks. Went to town, visited store, bank and then returned. Worked in school house some. Tried to sleep some, but failed. Several of my friends came from Boone in the evening. Went to the school house. By some of the music being late, the entertainment was delayed. Owing to circumstances our program was not very good. It was late at night before we slept.

Mar. 24.-- Arose and had breakfast. After sitting about for some time bade my friends adieu. Came about three miles and stopped at Mr. Cannon's for a moment. From there to Happy Valley to visit an old friend. Arrived there about noon. Although feeling very dull, the occasion was enjoyed to the fullest. Had a good time all evening and at night. Slept well.

Mar. 25.-- Came from Happy Valley to Boone. Spent the morning in town. Saw many old friends. Went to Training School at noon. Had a talk with some friends. Shook hands with a large number of people. Had a good time in town. Sent some friends postal cards. Spent the night at R. M. Greene's.

Mar. 26.-- Had Dr. Jennings to do some dental work for me. Saw several people in town. Left Boone and came out the mountain home. Took dinner at Larkin Pennell's. Stopped some time at S. M. Greene's and had my watch fixed. Spent awhile at McGuire's store. Arrived home late and had a good supper.

Mar. 27.-- Unpacked my trunk. Read some and went to office. Took a nap.

Mar. 28.-- Did some work. Went to store and office. Read in magazines.

Mar. 29.-- Fed and started for Silverstone . In Mabel met James Laurance from the west. Silverstone is a dull place. Took dinner at Mr. Dougherty's. Returned home and worked on a scrap book.

Mar. 30.-- Fed and went on an errand. Dressed and went to Mabel. Met a number of my old friends. Saw a game of ball between A. T. S. and Mabel. There were several big fools on the ball ground. Came home and read.

Mar. 31.-- Went to Sunday school. There were not very many present. There was some organization. It snowed during the day.

APRIL

Apr. 1.-- Fed, read and wrote. Sent one of my school girls a book. Went to office and different stores.

Apr. 2.-- In the morning read, shelled corn and bought a mink hide. After dinner went to mill and fixed up my desk.

Apr. 3.-- Read and went to office and store.

Apr. 4.-- Worked before noon, then went to Mast's Store and did some trading. Went from there to Silverstone where my people were met. Spent the night at S. M. Greene's.

Apr. 5.-- Spent a part of the morning at McGuire's store. Came to Mabel. Heard a man and his wife quarreling on my way. How sad to see those with gray hair and wrinkled brow in the fury (?) of domestic tranquility.

Apr. 6.-- As usual read and went to the office.

Apr. 7.-- Attended Sunday school and taught a class. From thence to the burial of Mr. Hugh Isaac. Came home for dinner.

Apr. 8.-- It has rained and snowed today.

Apr. 9.-- Today has been very snowy. Spent a pleasant hour with Dr. Greer and the night at Andrew Greer's.

Apr. 10.-- Read the greater part of the day in Poe's works.

Apr. 11.-- This morning went to Zionville, did some trading and returned by the way of Mabel.

Apr. 12.-- This has been a very snowy day. Have read some. Visited J. C. Davis'. A severe snow-storm came while there.

Apr. 13.-- Another snowy day. Received a letter from my lover. Spent the night at Alden Isaac's. Had a good supper.

Apr. 14.-- After a very pleasant morning went to Sunday school. We had a good school. This has been a severe day.

Apr. 15.-- Went to H. Swift's on an errand. Returned and helped saw some timber. Went to store and ate some bananas. Helped Martishia and Inez Greene drive some calves up the road.

Apr. 16.-- Studied and went to the store. Received an invitation to attend Commencement of Appalachian Training School.

Apr. 17.-- Went to Zionville. Did some trading. Ordered me a Dictionary. Returned by Mabel. Straightened up papers and letters after noon.

Apr. 18.-- Have worked some today. Carried water, knocked stalks and ate dinner. Then assisted in planting potatoes and went to mill.

Apr. 19.-- A fortune teller was in Mabel. T. M. Moretz and Ida Younce were married.

Apr. 20.-- Read, went to office and ball ground.

Apr. 21.-- Left home early and went to Henson's Chapel. Attended Sunday school and taught a class of bright little boys. Went to Cove Creek Baptist Church for preaching. Took dinner with Bro. Sherwood. From there to Brushy Fork where the night was spent with Bro. Holsclaw.

Apr. 22.-- Came from Brushy Fork to Boone. The day has been awfully muddy. Attended A. T. S. Commencement. Saw many old friends and had a good time. Spent the night with Bro. Lee.

Apr. 23.-- Came to town and wrote Dr. Poteat. Went to school building and heard Hon. W. C. Newland deliver an address. Subject, "High Ideals". After noon heard a debate between the boys upon the "Forest Reserve Bill" and two orations. Attended pay concert at night. Spent the night with R. M. Greene.

Apr. 24.-- Came from Boone to Mast Seminary. Heard Rev. J. F. Davis preach. Listened to some good music. Took dinner at Mr. Combs'. Talked with many friends in the evening. Concert was good. Spent the night with Mr. Yarber's.

Apr. 25.-- Came home. Had some visitors.

Apr. 26.-- Helped fix some fence and plant some potatoes. Studied Psychology. Took a nap.

Apr. 27.-- Went to Trade early. Met the Odd Fellows there. We organized and proceeded to the home of Bro. Will Greer. We buried him with the honors of the order. Returned to Trade and had dinner. From there to Mabel. Saw a game of ball. Arrived home tired.

Apr. 28.-- Dressed, attended Sunday school and taught a class. Went to Methodists Church and heard Rev. Mr. Aden preach upon "The Life and Character of Jonah." Had J. E. & J. B. Laurance with me for dinner. Attended singing.

Apr. 29.-- Worked and read. Had some trouble with my back. Went to the store. J. B. Laurance and myself feasted.

Apr. 30.-- Read, wrote letters and received one.

MAY

May 1.-- Helped plant corn and read.

May 2.-- Wrote letters and read.

May 3.-- Read a magazine article upon Patrick Henry. He was a great American.

May 4.-- Read some. Went to ball ground. Saw several nice games. Went home with Henly Greer and spent the night.

May 5.-- Came home and dressed for Sunday school. Revs. Swift and Wilson made Sunday school addresses and preached. Had M. J. Williams with me for dinner. Attended singing. Sang some at Andrew Greer's after supper.

May 6.-- Made a trip to the top of the mountain for the _____. Brought a good load of wood and fixed it. Then went to J. C. Davis' and heard him express himself minutely about certain places and persons. Man thinks himself a model of perfection but his neighbor a bundle of errors.

May 7.-- Read, took a nap and fixed wood.

May 8.-- Carried water, help cut some logs and read before noon. Went to Mabel, killed five snakes, met Aunt Polly McBride and got my mail. Did some errands after noon.

May 9.-- Before noon cut some timber and had to stop on the account of rain. Read and went to office after noon.

May 10.-- Went to W. F. Reese's to see his boy about going to the Exposition. Had a very pleasant chat with him. Met with J. J. T. Reese. Recrossed the ridge and took dinner with Henry Norris. Returned home and wrote a sweet little girl.

May 11.-- Wrote, read and went to Mabel. Went hunting after noon but killed no game. Spent remainder of day in minor duties.

May 12.-- Arose and dressed. Went to Beaver Dams. Attended Sunday school. Met a number of old friends. Took dinner with Jethro Wilson. Had a fine time with him. Went from

there across the Stone Mountains to Neva, Tenn. Spent the night at Joseph Greene's. Roy Reece went across with me.

May 13.-- Took train at Neva and came to Bristol. Was greatly impressed with the place. Took dinner at the Painter House. Went down State Street. Met Munroe Greer. Caught street car and went to lumber plant.

May 14.-- Helped a lady to the cars. Bought a ticket for the Exposition. Took train at 8:15 A.M. Was on the cars for 14 hrs. Arrived in Norfolk after 10 P.M. Had a restless night at 415 Church St.

May 15.-- Took breakfast and then a car for the Exposition. Spent day in grounds. Saw many interesting things. Took a boat ride to Newport News. Had a good night's rest at Mrs. Atkins.

May 16.-- This morning we went through Hampton to Old Soldiers Home. Met with a rude old fellow. Visited Fortress Munroe. Met Webster Smith. Went to the wharves at Newport News. Came to our boarding place. A rainy evening.

May 17.-- Left Newport News and went to the exposition grounds. Visited Fish Building, States Exhibits, N. C. Building and Auditorium. Left Exposition grounds and caught a car for Norfolk. Went through Main Street to N & W depot. Had supper and waited for the 8 P.M. train. Rode all night.

May 18.-- At daybreak we were on top of the Blue Ridge. Had to lay over at East Radford. Was very sick all day. Arrived in Bristol about 12 o'clock. Had dinner and did some shopping. Saw a large crowd of people. Left Bristol and arrived at Neva about 6 P.M. Spent the night at Joseph Greene's.

May 19.-- Spent the day with my Uncle and Aunt. Had a pleasant time with J. B. Hite. Felt very bad during the day. Slept well at night.

May 20.-- Left Neva early and met friend M. J. Williams and rode across the mountain with him. Arrived at home about noon. Went to the office.

May 21.-- This has been a cool day. Packed some shingles, went to office. Took a nap and spent the night with my sister.

May 22.-- Hoed corn today. It has been dry and dusty.

May 23.-- Hoed corn today and went to the office.

May 24.-- Dressed and started for Brushy Fork. Arrived there about 10 o'clock and saw many old friends. Heard some good singing. Ate a hearty dinner. Spent the night with Bro. Bingham.

May 25.-- Left Bro. Bingham's and went to Silverstone. Attended Church. Took dinner with J. H. Mast. Arrived home late.

May 26.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Went to Alden Isaac's for dinner. Went to singing.

May 27.-- Hoed some corn, wrote letters, went to mill, store and office and spent the night with my sister.

May 28.-- Packed some shingles, hoed some corn and took a nap.

May 29.-- Hoed corn, packed shingles, went to Silverstone. Traded some and stayed over night with S. M. Greene.

May 30.-- Spent awhile at Silverstone. Came home and hoed some corn. Spent the night with my sister.

May 31.-- We had a good rain today. Read and wrote in the morning. Then went to store and office.

JUNE

June 1.-- Dressed and went to Mabel, had my picture taken and received my mail.

June 2.-- Attended Sunday school and taught a class. Heard Rev. C. S. Farthing preach. Visited Alden Isaac and John Isaac. Spent an hour pleasantly with Dr. Greer.

June 3.-- Packed some shingles, worked in algebra and read about the career of Carl Schurz.

June 4.-- Run some logs off of the hill and wrote some.

June 5.-- Run some logs off of the hill. Helped Mr. Combs hoe corn.

June 6.-- Read, fixed wood and picked strawberries. Read a pathetic story about the hanging of Samuel Davis as a spy. He was certainly a brave man. It makes one feel like shedding tears to think of his execution. Also read about a Rebel capturing a Federal horse. This was amusing as well as exciting.

June 7.-- Went to mill, read, assisted with the logs. Went for my mail and two friends remembered me with letters. It makes my heart feel happy to know that my friends remember me.

June 8.-- Wrote some letters, went to Mabel and had a good time.

June 9.-- Read in the Bible. Visited J. C. Davis'. Attended Sunday school. Came home for dinner. Heard Rev. C. R. Norris preach from the text, "And he led him to Jesus".

June 10.-- Wrote some and hoed corn.

June 11.-- Listed my taxes. Have been unwell today.

June 12.-- Read, fixed wood, picked strawberries.

June 13.-- Went to Mabel and spent the greater part of the day. Bought a suit of clothes.

June 14.-- Wrote, read and visited my sister.

June 15.-- Hoed corn, picked some berries, bathed and had a good night's rest.

June 16.-- Read some and walked down the road. Taught a class in Sunday school. Took dinner with Grover Norris and wife. Went to singing.

June 17.-- Arose not very well. Hoed corn all day. Suffered much.

June 18.-- Worked in the store part of the day. Mr. Elijah Farthing spent the night with us.

June 19.-- Went to office and on my return stopped at J. C. Davis from the rain. Came home and assisted in milking.

June 20.-- Have suffered some with my back. We have torn down our old kitchen and moved it. We had a tough day.

June 21.-- Help milk and work in the house. Went to the store.

June 22.-- Worked in the store. Had a pleasant chat with a lady. Visited the ball ground.

June 23.-- Arose and started for Silverstone. Had a talk with P. C. Younce on my way. Arrived there in time for Sunday School. Had a pleasant time. Took dinner at R. N. Mast's. Came home through the rain.

June 24.-- Worked some on the house. Drove the cows off of the mountain. Went to bed early.

June 25.-- Wrote, read and went to the store.

June 26.-- Picked and capped strawberries. Took a nap.

June 27.-- Worked in the store. It is a good place to learn people. There are many strange things in human life and character.

June 28.-- Have not felt well today. Went to the great city of Mabel. A large crowd had assembled. Geometry has been studied some. It is a great subject to discipline the mental powers.

June 29.-- Went to Zionville. Saw a large crowd of people. There were many who had an opinion of their own. Man loves curiosity. Came home and attempted to repose some, but succeeded not. Drove the cows and assisted with milking.

June 30.-- Have had the “blues” today. Dressed and went to church, but left and spent the day with J. C. Davis. Walked down the road and then returned home.

JULY

July 1.-- Worked in the store. There are many things to amuse a man. In will come a lady and she will have to see all the dry goods and hats, but will not purchase anything. Every one is looking for a bargain. People are anxious to get something for nothing. They want to assert their superiority and authority.

July 2.-- Slept rather late. Hoed corn for some time. Took a long nap. Read about the curious customs of women in Africa.

July 3.-- Have read and wrote.

July 4.-- Went to Walnut early. Then to the Odd Fellows Hall. Marched to the Institute. Speeches were made by Hon. F. A. Linney and atty. A. A. Holsclaw. After dinner was served atty. W. R. Lovill made a speech. After this speech we had a march of some duration. The band rendered some appropriate music for the occasion. Spent the night with J. H. Bingham. Saw many old friends. Got awfully tired.

July 5.-- Came to W. F. Sherwood’s store. Did some trading. Hear Hon. R. Z. Linney talk about the Park. Came to Amantha and took dinner with Dr. Bingham and spent a few hours

pleasantly with him. Came to Mast's store and had a talk with him. Had to stop at J. C. Davis' from a storm.

July 6.-- Heard several men at the store talking to a boy. Worked in the store after noon.

July 7.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Heard Rev. L. A. Wilson preach a very able sermon. Spent the night in Mabel.

July 8.-- Came early to the store. Read some good pieces in magazines. Had a good experience with people in general.

July 9.-- Came to the store early. Had a very pleasant day. There are many curious people. There is much to be learned in the store.

July 10.-- The day has been extremely hot. Had a very pleasant day in the store.

July 11.-- Remained at home during the entire day. Took a bath and a nap. It rained in the evening.

July 12.-- This has been a rainy day. Visited the great city of Mabel.

July 13.-- Read in Poe's works, took a bath, worked in the store, had my hair cut, visited ball ground. This has been a rainy day.

July 14.-- Studied my lesson and then went to Sunday school. Taught a class. Took dinner with John Isaac. Went to singing and had a good time.

July 15.-- Worked in the store. Morning was damp and foggy. Saw how pernicious some people are.

July 16.-- Went to Mabel and heard that Conly Younce was dead. Went to Calvin Moretz for a pair of pants. Stopped at John Isaac's and had my shoes mended.

July 17.-- Spent the greater part of the day reading in Poe. Took a nap.

July 18.-- Worked in the store. Had a very pleasant day. Some ladies came to trade. They thought themselves pretty.

July 19.-- Mowed grass. Went to Mabel and helped A. J. Campbell with his hay.

July 20.-- Worked in the store. Met Elder Cordell in the evening.

July 21.-- Went to Sunday school and taught a class. Attended services at the Methodist Church. Heard Elder Cordell preach from the theme, "Services". Met Prof. Goldring from Texas, a very pleasant gentleman. Took dinner with Alden Isaac and wife. Attended singing. Had a good time.

July 22.-- Went early to the field to mow. Help put up hay. A hot day.

July 23.-- In the morning put up hay. Took dinner and a bath. Went to Silverstone. Talked awhile with Mrs. Adams. Spent the night with S. M. Greene.

July 24.-- Left Silverstone for Boone. It was very hot on the way. Arrived in Boone about 1 P.M. Went to the A. T. S. and met many old friends. Met Miss Finley, one of the teachers, and, also, my former teacher Prof. Cheek. Walked about and had a good time. It was hot at night.

July 25.-- Went to the Democrat office then to the Training School Building. Heard the morning exercises. Spent the morning in the different class rooms. Took dinner at Mr. Cottrell's. Had a pleasant time on the ball ground.

July 26.-- This morning went to the A. T. S. Building and had a good time chatting with old friends until speaking began. Dr. Vardell delivered the graduating address. A very able discussion of the elements of character. Then dinner was served. After spending awhile socially we reassembled for the graduating exercise. The program was unique. After this went with a friend to the ball ground. Had a good time. Spent remainder of the day with a dear friend.

July 27.-- Heard A. M. Dougherty quote and discuss poetry. Then started for home. Came to Amantha and stopped at Sherwood's store. Took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Johnson. Arrived home late in the evening. This has been a pleasant trip indeed.

July 28.-- Studied my lesson and went to Sunday school. Taught a class. Visited some. Took a nap.

July 29.-- Arose and prepared scythes for use. Mowed until almost noon. Got wet coming from the field. Had dinner. Went to the store. It has been a rainy evening.

July 30.-- Worked in the store. Saw friends Jacob Dillinger, M. J. Williams and Myra Jones. Met a Mr. Moore from Bristol.

July 31.-- Arose and ate breakfast. Went to the meadow and help cut a hay stack. Had a good dinner. After noon put up grass. Came to the house tired and hungry.

AUGUST

Aug. 1.-- Stacked some hay, wrote letters, went to the office, and did some writing for Alden Isaac. People seem to take a great deal of authority.

Aug. 2.-- Read in magazines and wrote. Went to the store. Returned home and read. Bathed and went to bed.

Aug. 3.-- Fixed and went down to the Creek. Saw several old friends. Took two degrees in Masonry.² Am favorably impressed with its teachings. Came home in the night.

Aug. 4.-- Studied Sunday school lesson. A very impressive exposition upon the Tabernacle. Went to Sunday school and taught a class. Afterwards heard W. Swift preach from the subject, "Come". He made some apt points. Had four gentleman from Beaver Dams with me for dinner. Went to Mabel and got my mail. Had a very pleasant day.

Aug. 5.-- Helped milk and then went to the meadow and assisted in cutting a stack of hay. Had dinner. Had the hay almost shocked when it rained. Came to the house and wrote letters. Worked on my diary.

Aug. 6.-- Went to P. C. Younce's and had him to instruct me in Masonry. Discovered that it is a most complete thing in the way of an organization. Returned home in the evening and read.

Aug. 7.-- Helped stack some hay this morning. After noon bound oats for Andrew Greer. Spent some time at J. E. Laurance's. Read about the great man Tom. L. Johnson.

Aug. 8.-- Worked in the store at Mabel. The proprietor is very cross. A man is in a bad condition when he has no one to confide his troubles in. Went to Mr. Fletcher's and heard the fife and drum. Very good music, indeed. Spent the night with Dr. Greer.

Aug. 9.-- Came from Mabel home. Spent the morning reading. Went for my mail after dinner. Met with a crowd at the mill. We discussed the Philosophy of life. Am often astonished at the frivolity and ignorance of man. Man is so prone to think that all of life is to make money. There are better things in life. Let us search them out. There are jewels.

Aug. 10.-- Read before noon. Went to Mabel. Had a talk with J. H. Mast. Attended the ball game. Returned home late in the evening.

Aug. 11.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Taught a class. Went to singing and had a good time.

Aug. 12.-- Went to Zionville on business this morning. Stopped and saw Mr. Will Greer, a sick man. Arrived at home for dinner and spent the evening reading.

²That is, Freemasonry.

Aug. 13.-- Worked in the store today. Trade has not been plentifully. There seems to be a great excitement over the prospects for oil. Have not been very well. Returned home late in the evening.

Aug. 14.-- Have been unwell today. Visited the Public School at noon. A large crowd of nice children. Read in the afternoon.

Aug. 15.-- Read and wrote until noon. Went to Mabel and traded some. Visited ball ground.

Aug. 16.-- Fixed for visiting. Read and wrote. Started for Sugar Grove. Spent awhile at N. L. Mast's store, also, at Sherwood's. Spent the night with Mr. Sherwoods. Attended Church at Henson's Chapel. Rev. Mr. Garner preached an able sermon.

Aug. 17.-- Spent the morning at Sherwood's store. Went and took dinner with John H. Bingham. Went to the Masonic Hall and was made a Master Mason. The lesson was grand. Took supper with Bro. Bingham. Took in the ice-cream supper. Spent the night with T. H. Williams.

Aug. 18.-- Attended Sunday school at Henson's Chapel. Taught a class in Sunday school. Heard Rev. O. P. Aden preach from the theme, "Holy Spirit". Took dinner with Daily Combs. Returned home late in the evening.

Aug. 19.-- Churned and wrote. Was visited by J. S. Flannery and J. P. Wilkerson. Went to store and office.

Aug. 20.-- Worked in the store at Mabel. Took dinner at Mr. Burketts. There were several about the store during the day.

Aug. 21.-- Went to Silverstone early in the morning. Took dinner at S. J. Price's. Spent awhile at S. M. Greene's. Arrived home late in the evening. Was restless during the night.

Aug. 22.-- Worked on diary until noon. Went to Mabel and Chas. Greer's afternoon.

Aug. 23.-- Worked the road until noon, and the store after noon.

Aug. 24.-- Worked in the store all day. Went to Robt. Mast's in the evening. Returned to P. C. Younce's and took some side-degrees in Masonry. Had a jolly time.

Aug. 25.-- Attended Sunday school. Took dinner with J. L. Thomas. Went to a singing in Beaver Dams. Saw many old friends. Had a good time. Returned home across the mountain.

Aug. 26.-- Worked in the store at Mabel. Had a good dinner at Mr. Burkett's. Poor old grumbler returned in the evening. How sad it is to be a grumbler!

Aug. 27.-- Packed my things, worked on my diary and went to the store and office.

Aug. 28.-- Left home for Wake Forest. Took the mail hack at Mabel for Blowing Rock. Saw several friends in Boone. Arrived at Blowing Rock late in the afternoon. Spent the night with friend James Brown.

Aug. 29.-- Rode in a hack from Blowing Rock to Lenoir with Rev. Height C. Moore, a very pleasant gentleman. Remained a few hours in Lenoir. Met F. P. Moore and several other gentlemen. Took the train for Hickory. Saw H. W. Price and Prof. Winkler at Hudson. Met Dr. Gnawtney and wife while in Hickory. Left Hickory for Salisbury. Met a Mr. Brown, of Asheville, and a Mr. Brown, of Jackson County on the train. Spent the night in Salisbury.

Aug. 30.-- Came from my lodging place to the depot at Salisbury. Spent a restless morning there. Took the cars about 12 o'clock for Raleigh. Passed through Greensboro, Durham and other places. Lay over in Raleigh until after midnight for the Wake Forest train.

Aug. 31.-- Left Raleigh about two o'clock. Arrived at Wake Forest about three A. M. Spent the remainder of the night at the hotel. Had a good breakfast. Went to Mrs. Hodnett's. Met Hendrix and Medford. Engaged a room. Met Dr. Poteat, Mr. Earnshaw, Prof. Mills, Miss Mill and Miss Crudup. Took a bath at the falls. Am very well impressed with the place. The Campus is beautiful. Met a few students. Had a good night's rest.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1.-- Attended Sunday school at college. Heard Dr. Poteat lecture upon the Sunday school lesson. Dr. Lynch preached from the subject, "Fortunes". An able address. Met many new men. Took T. L. Johnson, of Asheville, for a roommate.

Sept. 2.-- Have read some today. Met many new men. Had a very pleasant day with the boys.

Sept. 3.-- Arose early. Went to the Chapel for the opening exercises. Dr. Lynch delivered a thoughtful address. Dr. Poteat made a very plain and fine address. Matriculated in the Bursar's office. Read and engaged in various affairs.

Sept. 4.-- Had breakfast. Went to the Chapel exercises. Visited Prof. Lammeau's room. Very few were admitted into Math. I. Was assigned work in Latin. Bought books at the Drug Store. Visited reading room. Had a talk with Prof. Highsmith. Suffered much from headache. Had a visit from the Sophomores. Rested well at night.

Sept. 5.-- Attended Chapel exercises. Recited Latin. Visited Dr. Sikes's and Dr. Sledd's lecture rooms. Dr. Sikes is a pleasant fellow. Dr. Sledd is a corker. Prepared my lessons in the evening.

Sept. 6.-- Attended Chapel exercises. Recited Latin. Took a bath. Worked some in my books. Had a pleasant day.

Sept. 7.-- Prof. Royal conducted the Chapel exercises. Straightened out my entrance paper. Did some work in my books. Had a pleasant day.

Sept. 8.-- Attended Sunday school. Heard Prof. Gulley lecture upon the lesson. Dr. Lynch preached from the text, "Deep, calleth unto deep". Was at Vesper services. Walked some with friend Billings, of Alleghany County.

Sept. 9.-- Dr. Taylor led chapel exercises. Attended different lectures. Suffered desperately with the heat during the day.

Sept. 10.-- Dr. Cullom led chapel exercises. Had a good day. Took a bath.

Sept. 11.-- Dr. Sikes conducted devotional exercises. Had some trouble with my course. Studied some during the day.

Sept. 12.-- Recited my first lesson in German to Dr. Gorrell. He is a moving teacher. Took a bath in the evening and engaged in hard study.

Sept. 13.-- Prof. Gulley conducted chapel exercises. A brief but rich thing. Had good success on class. Spent the evening in study.

Sept. 14.-- Attended chapel. Walked up Faculty Avenue. Went over town. Saw Arthur Sherwood at the depot. Studies, wrote letters and took a bath. Was not very well today.

Sept. 15.-- Went to Sunday school and church. Dr. Lynch preached from the text, "Work". Had dinner, walked, slept and wrote.

Sept. 16.-- Have been sick today. Did some shopping. Got along fairly well with my work.

Sept. 17.-- Have had a very pleasant day. Heard the sad news that Romy Story was dead. Visited lodge at night.

Sept. 18.-- Prof. Lammeau conducted the chapel exercises. Had a pleasant day.

Sept. 19.-- This has been a stirring day. Came very near having trouble at the Newish meeting. Was sick in the evening. At night the newish had a time.

Sept. 20.-- Have had a tough day. Did not do much work. At night joined the Literary Society. Was impressed favorably with it.

Sept. 21.-- Attended society this morning. Heard some good speaking. Studied during the day.

Sept. 22.-- Attended church and Sunday school. Dr. Lynch preached from the theme, "The endowment of the mind". Slept and wrote letters in the afternoon. Had a very bad cold.

Sept. 23.-- Have been tolerable successful on recitation. Read some in library. Have studied some tonight.

Sept. 24.-- Have been very successful on class today. Did not do much work in the afternoon. Visited ball ground.

Sept. 25.-- Have been very "blue" today. Walked some in the afternoon. Studied hard at night.

Sept. 26.-- Had a very nice day. Stood fair in my classes. Walked some.

Sept. 27.-- Had a very good day. Many discouragements were met. Worked on a speech at night.

Sept. 28.-- Have been discouraged today. Attended society this morning. Worked in the evening. Attended Society and made my first speech. Think it took well with the boys.

Sept. 29.-- Went to Sunday school and heard Prof. Carlyle lecture on the lesson. Dr. Lynch preached from the theme, "Contentment". Miss Powers sang a solo. Took a walk up the railroad. Attended church near the Cotton Mill.

Sept. 30.-- Dr. Poteat gave a good explanation on Revelations. Had a very good day in school.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1.-- Had a very pleasant day. Did some work in the Gymnasium. It was difficult for me to do. Studied some in the evening.

Oct. 2.-- Did some work in the Gymnasium. Studied some in the afternoon. Had a great experience at night. Was initiated into the Society.

Oct. 3.-- Had a very drowsy day. Did fairly well on class. Worked and studied some in the evening. Received some painful news.

Oct. 4.-- Had a very pleasant day. Prof. Highsmith gave a good thought on Psalms. Took exercise and a bath.

Oct. 5.-- Attended the morning and night sessions of society. Worked some in my books.

Oct. 6.-- Attended Bible Band Sunday school and church. Studied and wrote letters in the evening.

Oct. 7.-- Went to office and chapel. Had good success on class. Read awhile in the library.

Oct. 8.-- Had good success today. Read, took a bath and worked on my lessons.

Oct. 9.-- It has been cool today. Did a hard day's work.

Oct. 10.-- Did usual class work and prepared my lessons.

Oct. 11.-- The day has been nice. It is delightful to study and think.

Oct. 12.-- Dr. Gorell made a very impressive talk at Chapel. Delivered a declamation in society. Did some business. Went to society at night.

Oct. 13.-- Went to Bible Band class. Was very much impressed with the study. Heard Prof. Carlyle lecture on the Sunday school lesson. His theme was "Faith". Heard Dr. Lynch preach from the subject, "Beautiful in Religion". Had a good dinner. Heard George, of Texas, lecture on his prison life. Was very much impressed with it. Attended missionary meeting at night. Dr. Poteat gave a grand lecture. His subject was "Relation of Missions to Civilization".

Oct. 14.-- Had a very tiresome day. Worked far into the night.

Oct. 15.-- Had a very pleasant day. Was tired at night.

Oct. 16.-- Went to Chapel and was excused from the college. Bought a ticket and went to Raleigh. Went to the Hall and saw a lodge of Masons in session. Marched around capital square and then to the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple. Heard the ceremonies which were very impressive. Had dinner. Went through State Capital [sic] Museum and Library. Heard some music at night.

Oct. 17.-- Arose and had some trouble getting breakfast. Ate some tough beef. Started for State Fair grounds. Met friend W. F. Eller, a student, of A&M College. Had a talk with him.

Entered Fair grounds. Met many old friends. Heard Hon. W. J. Bryan make a speech. Left Raleigh late in the evening and arrived at Wake Forest after dark.

Oct. 18.-- Did not do much on class. The day has been dull.

Oct. 19.-- Attended chapel and society. Studied some during the day. Took a bath. Worked at night.

Oct. 20.-- Fixed and attended Bible Class, Sunday School and Church. Studied the greater part of the evening.

Oct. 21.-- Have had a tough day. Have not been very well. Did not succeed in my studies. Saw some foot-ball played in the afternoon.

Oct. 22.-- Had a very tough day. Was sick and did not have lessons. Played Foot Ball in the evening.

Oct. 23.-- Have not succeeded well today. Took a bath. Studied hard at night.

Oct. 24.-- This is a day long to be remembered. We had some confusion with the Sophomores when we had our pictures made.

Oct. 25.-- Had success today. Read and worked in my lessons. Studied German at night.

Oct. 26.-- Had a good time in society this morning. Studied my books after noon. Went to society at night and spoke.

Oct. 27.-- Dressed and attended Bible class, Sunday School and Church. Had a fine dinner. Read and wrote in the afternoon.

Oct. 28.-- Have had a tough day. Have been sick. Did not attend class.

Oct. 29.-- Heard a fine lecture on Andrew Jackson by Dr. Sikes. Heard him also lecture on "Francis Bacon" at night, a fine and scholarly address.

Oct. 30.-- Have not been well today. Attended classes. Took a long walk after noon. Studied hard at night.

Oct. 31.-- Have had very good success on class. Took a walk to Forestville. Did some work in my books.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1.-- Had very good success on class. Attended Senior speaking at night. It was a happy occasion. Orations were delivered by McMillian, King, Justice and Little.

Nov. 2.-- Memmoral [memorial] exercises were held in the Chapel in honor of John Charles McNeil. Dr. Sledd made an impressive address. He related his personal relation with him. Mr. Page read a poem. Attend Society.

Nov. 3.-- Went to Bible Band class, but it was a failure. Heard Prof. Carlyle lecture on the Sunday school lesson. Heard Dr. Hatcher preach. He appears to be a grand old man. Had a good dinner. Walked in the country several miles with J. R. Jones.

Nov. 4.-- Studied in the morning and evening. Attended church.

Nov. 5.-- Attended class and gymnasium before noon. Saw a game of foot ball between Juniors and Freshmen.

Nov. 6.-- Rose early and studied. Went to church. Listened to a powerful sermon. Had a wrestle with my roommate.

Nov. 7.-- Had a successful day. Attended church.

Nov. 8.-- Had a good day. Attended church. Worked in the afternoon and at night.

Nov. 9.-- Dr. Hatcher made a nice talk at chapel. Went to Society. Took a walk.

Nov. 10.-- Attended Bible Band Class, Sunday school and church. Had a good dinner. Visited Gettys and Fletcher. Have been talking.

Nov. 11.-- Was successful on class. Studied hard at night.

Nov. 12.-- Recited well on German. Have studied hard.

Nov. 13.-- Had a pleasant day. Worked at wood in the afternoon.

Nov. 14.-- Had a good day on class. Worked in the afternoon and at night. A newish feast was in session.

Nov. 15.-- This has been a fine day. Have had some good work. Took a bath.

Nov. 16.-- Attended society and read until noon. Saw a game of foot ball between Juniors & Sophomores. Went to society.

Nov. 17.-- Wrote my friends and attended church. Took a walk after dinner.

Nov. 18.-- Had very good success on class. The day has been rainy.

Nov. 19.-- Attended class in the morning. Studied, read and attended lodge at night.

Nov. 20.-- Studied English before noon. Studied hard at night.

Nov. 21.-- Went on class. Saw a game of basket ball at night.

Nov. 22.-- Attended class. Took a bath. Studied German.

Nov. 23.-- This has been a rough day. Was at chapel and society. Took a nap. Went to society and spoke. We had an interesting time. Returned and read in a magazine of protest.

Nov. 24.-- Attended church. Heard Rev. Livingston Johnson lecture on "Home Missions".

Nov. 25.-- Worked very hard today. Had very good success. Had my hair cut and shampooed. Worked hard at night.

Nov. 26.-- Stood two quizzes [sic]. Took a bath.

Nov. 27.-- Had a very pleasant day. Did well on class. Took a bath.

Nov. 28.-- Arose early and went to the office. Took a walk to Forestville. Slept some.

Nov. 29.-- Had very good success on class. Had some trouble during the day.

Nov. 30.-- Went to Chapel and Society this morning. Read Shakespeare almost all day. Studied German with Couch at night.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1.-- Dressed and attended Sunday school and church. Met Prof. Carlyle. Dr. Lynch preached from the subject, "Symmetrical Benevolence". Took a long walk in the afternoon. Studied at night.

Dec. 2.-- Went on class. Was very successful. Heard Prof. Carlyle make a speech at chapel. Worked in the evening. Saw a game of Basket Ball between Trinity and Wake Forest.

Dec. 3.-- Had a very good day on class. Read in the afternoon. At night heard Dr. Charles Lee Raper lecture from the subject, "Economics as the Schoolmaster Would Teach Them".

Dec. 4.-- Went to the Public School building and taught school. Enjoyed the work very well. Returned and had dinner. Went on Gymnasium. Studied at night.

Dec. 5.-- Attended class. Was fairly successful. Visited Mr. Carroll's room and Prof. Highsmith's. Studied at night.

Dec. 6.-- Went on German. Taught school. Had a very pleasant time. Went on Gymnasium. Studied at night.

Dec. 7.-- Attended society. Studied the greater part of the day and far into the night. Took a walk in the afternoon.

Dec. 8.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Attended Dr. Paschal's class. Dr. Sikes lectured at church. Took a walk in the afternoon. Had some visitors.

Dec. 9.-- Have done a hard day's work. Succeeded very well on class. Read a paper on Education. Worked at night.

Dec. 10.-- Went on class. Worked at afternoon and at night.

Dec. 11.-- Went on German. Read in Education. Heard Mr. Settle read a paper on class. Worked in the afternoon and at night.

Dec. 12.-- Worked a great part of the morning in Latin. Took the examination in Latin in the afternoon. Worked in English at night.

Dec. 13.-- Worked in English the greater part of the day. Rested a few minutes in the afternoon. Studied until late at night.

Dec. 14.-- Did a hard day's study. Worked in English, German and Education. Did not rest well at night.

Dec. 15.-- Felt badly before noon. Took a walk. Had dinner. Studied some. Worked into the night on German.

Dec. 16.-- Took an examination in Education before noon and one in German in the afternoon. Studied at night.

Dec. 17.-- Stood an examination in History. Studied English in the afternoon and at night.

Dec. 18.-- Stood examination in English. Wrote some letters. Read at night.

Dec. 19.-- Read some before noon. Went to the train twice during the day.

Dec. 20.-- Wrote a letter this morning. Went to the train. Had dinner. Went to the train and office. Heard Dr. Dixon present Bibles to the Public Schools of Wake Forest and a Mr. Smith present Flags. Prof. Highsmith accepted them for the schools. Read at night.

Dec. 21.-- Spent the day in walking about, reading and talking with my friends.

Dec. 22.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Heard Prof. Gulley lecture and the children sing. Ate dinner. Attended Sunday School at Forestville. Returned, talked and wrote letters.

Dec. 23.-- Read awhile and then went to Raleigh. Went over town. Bought some books. Took dinner. Went to State Library. Visited Capitol. Met with friend W. F. Eller. Saw Profs. Brown and Taylor and Dr. Farthing. Met Miss Hassie Pander, a fine lady. Arrived at Wake Forest late and had supper. Was very tired.

Dec. 24.-- Had breakfast. Went to the office. Read Shepherd M. Dugger's Book. Was very much amused. Read and spent the night in Paradise.

Dec. 25.-- This has been a quiet Christmas. Had a fine dinner and supper. Attended a reception at Dr. Poteat's. Met several young ladies of the town. Had a glorious time.

Dec. 26.-- Had a very pleasant day. Attended an entertainment at night.

Dec. 27.-- Spent some time with Mr. Gettys. Had dinner. Walked some in the afternoon. Was sick at night.

Dec. 28.-- Read some before noon. Attended a trial afternoon. Heard some sweet music at night.

Dec. 29.-- Attended Church. Dr. Lynch preached from the theme, "His Star". Wrote some letters. Visited Mr. Gettys. Read at night.

Dec. 30.-- Read before noon. Played flinch in the evening. Read and played some more at night.

Dec. 31.-- Read this morning. Went to the train and met many old friends. Read at night. This year has brought many new experiences to me. Have done many foolish and some wise things. This has been an eventful year for me. Have had great experiences. Many useful and helpful things have come my way. Have had some sorrow and much pleasure.

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JANUARY

J*an. 1.--* Met several old friends. Matriculated in college. Read a great portion of the day. Studied at night.

Jan. 2.-- Had a very pleasant day. Went on class. Read and had a feast at night.

Jan. 3.-- Went on class. Heard some good lectures. Took a friend and went to walk. Worked at night.

Jan. 4.-- Attended society. Worked in my books. It rained all night.

Jan. 5.-- Went to Sunday school and heard Prof. Carlyle lecture. Heard Dr. Lynch preach from the theme, "Sacramental Services". Spent the evening talking and studying.

Jan. 6.-- Went on class. Did a very good day's work. Waited on a sick man.

Jan. 7.-- This has been an awful day. Have been on class. Took Gymnasium. Wrote and worked at night.

Jan. 8.-- Had a pleasant day on class. Took Gymnasium. Studied hard at night.

Jan. 9.-- A very nice day. Had very good success on class.

Jan. 10.-- Had good success on class. Wrote letters and studied at night.

Jan. 11.-- Attended chapel and society. Worked all day in English. Spoke in society at night. Wrote a theme.

Jan. 12.-- Heard Prof. Carlyle lecture in Sunday School. Dr. Lynch preached from the theme, "Sentinals [sic] of Speech". It was indeed a fine thing. Read and studied the remainder of the day.

Jan. 13.-- Went on class. Dr. Sledd sent me to the board. Had my hair cut. Studied late at night.

Jan. 14.-- Heard a German song. Had good success on class.

Jan. 15.-- Studied and recited. Worked at night.

Jan. 16.-- Had a very pleasant day. Felt bad in the afternoon.

Jan. 17.-- Had very good success on class. Took a bath. Studied at night.

Jan. 18.-- Attended Chapel and society. Read and rested. Took a walk with J. R. Jones. Went to society at night.

Jan. 19.-- Dressed and heard Prof. Carlyle lecture. Dr. Lynch preached an able sermon from the theme, "Effects of Religion on the Mind". Took a walk with Jones.

Jan. 20.-- Had good success on class. Played some basket ball. Worked late at night and then did not get all done.

Jan. 21.-- Did very well on class. Attended Lodge at night and enjoyed it to the fullest extent. Saw two candidates [sic] initiated into the first degree of Masonry.

Jan. 22.-- Studied for awhile. Fixed and went to Raleigh to see the legislature in session. Saw Capt. Lovill. Heard Gov. Glenn speak. Returned to Wake Forest and studied late at night.

Jan. 23.-- Had poor recitations. Dr. Sikes lectured on Stonewall Jackson. Worked in the afternoon and at night.

Jan. 24.-- Had good success on class. Dr. Sikes continued his lecture on Stonewall Jackson. Prof. Highsmith lectured on the subject, "How to Study". Wrote a composition at night.

Jan. 25.-- Attended Chapel and society. Was commended for a composition. Was a judge in society at night. Read about John Charles McNeil after Society.

Jan. 26.-- Spent the greater part of the day in writing my friends. Spent awhile with friend J. R. Jones.

Jan. 27.-- Had a very nice day. Was impressed with Dr. Sledd's greatness.

Jan. 28.-- Have been very sick today. Did not attend class.

Jan. 29.-- Remained in my room all day. Was some better. Worked some in the evening and at night.

Jan. 30.-- Went on class, but did not do much. Felt very bad during the entire day. Worked some at night.

Jan. 31.-- A nice day on class. Heard Prof. Highsmith lecture on "Relative Values".

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1.-- Attended Chapel and society. Read and worked during the day. Went to society at night. Heard some good discussions.

Feb. 2.-- Attended church. Dr. Lynch peached [sic] from the theme, "Marriage Feast". Read, studied and rested the remainder of the day.

Feb. 3.-- Went on class. Was not very successful. Read and studied late at night.

Feb. 4.-- Had a very tough day. Stood two quizzes. Did not do much.

Feb. 5.-- Today has been snowy. Have not been well.

Feb. 6.-- Had a very good day on class. Was made sad in the afternoon.

Feb. 7.-- Have been in a bad state today. Have not done very much.

Feb. 8.-- Bade my friends at Wake Forest goodbye. Went to Raleigh and spent about four hours. Visited the State Museum and various other places. Bought a ticket for Bristol, Tenn. Spent the evening and night on the train.

Feb. 9.-- Spent half the day in Morristown, Tenn. Went from there to Bristol. Stopped at the Painter House. Had a good night's rest.

Feb. 10.-- Spent the greater part of the day in Bristol. Took the train and came to Neva, Tenn. Talked with a man from Ohio. Spent the night with Uncle Joe Greene.

Feb. 11.-- Left Neva and came across the mountain to Beaver Dams. From there across the Fork Ridge to my sister's and spent the night.

Feb. 12.-- Spent the most of the day at home. Was in distress and cast down in spirit.

Feb. 13.-- Spent the greater part of the morning reading. Visited Mabel in the afternoon.

Feb. 14.-- Fed and read until noon. Went to Mabel and sent for something that may give me trouble.

Feb. 15.-- Fed and did some errands before noon. Went to Mabel and whiled away the evening. Spent the night with my sister.

Feb. 16.-- Spent the morning at home and visited some in the afternoon.

Feb. 17.-- Read and cut some wood. Was in much trouble in the evening.

Feb. 18.-- Went to the store. Spent the greater part of the day there. Visited the school. Received some papers that may plunge me into trouble.

Feb. 19.-- Was at home before noon. Visited some afternoon. Asked a vital question.³

Feb. 20.-- Remained at home and read the greater part of the day. Cut some wood. Read at night.

Feb. 21.-- Went to Mill. Had some fun at the store. Did some work in the afternoon.

Feb. 22.-- Worked some in the morning. Went to Mabel. Received a good and impressive letter.

Feb. 23.-- Dressed in the morning and attended Sunday School. Taught a class. Came home and had Alden Isaac and wife for dinner. Spent an anxious evening. Was married to Polly Warren by Rev. N. C. Combs. Had a nice supper. Newish Castle was Chief Marshal of the occasion. Played games and had a good time until far into the night. Am well pleased.

Feb. 24.-- Arose early. Had breakfast. The day was clear. Brought my wife home. Had James Warren, Lizzie Warren, Ollie Eggers, John Castle, Wilburn Castle and Louise Younce for dinner. Enjoyed myself right much during the evening. Was sernaded [sic] by a pack of fools at night.

Feb. 25.-- The day has been bad. Fixed some wood. Spent the day at home. Read some. Received some mail from friends. Am somewhat troubled.

Feb. 26.-- Did some work in the morning. After dinner went to Mabel on business. Returned and assisted Mrs. Greene in getting home some things. We had several snow storms during the day.

Feb. 27.-- Spent the greater part of the day at home. It has snowed all day. Spent the night at Mr. Warren's.

Feb. 28.-- Came home from Mr. Warren's. Got some wood. Read some. Spent the night with my sister. Attended singing at John Isaac's. Was not very well satisfied with my trip.

Feb. 29.-- Came home and fed. Was visited by William Castle and Floyd Warren. Went to Mabel and mailed some letters. The day has been rainy and foggy.

³Probably a proposal of marriage.

MARCH

Mar. 1.-- Dressed and went with my wife to church. Taught a class in Sunday School. Heard Rev. L. A. Wilson preach. Came home for dinner. Visited Mr. Warren's.

Mar. 2.-- This is my twenty-fifth birthday. Have read some, got some wood and have attended to various other duties.

Mar. 3.-- Fed and took a saw to Solomons Egger's. Visited Walter Fletcher's. Fixed wood and read in the afternoon.

Mar. 4.-- Worked before noon. Went to mill and store. Invoiced goods. Was amused at the ill-tempered Moretz. Came home late. Unpacked my trunk at night.

Mar. 5.-- Spent the morning in arranging [sic] my papers and books. Was visited by Messrs. Warren and Reese. Bro. Reese talked scripture a long time.

Mar. 6.-- Fenced this morning. Cut wood and took a nap. Spent the night at Mr. Warren's. Had a pleasant time.

Mar. 7.-- Came home. Read awhile. Watched them saw at the mill. Visited the city of Mabel.

Mar. 8.-- This has been a warm day. Went to Silverstone. Saw Webster Smith. Spent awhile at E. J. Smith's and also Bennett Smith's. Took dinner at J. S. Dougherty's. On my return stopped at P. C. Younce's. Arrived home late.

Mar. 9.-- Fenced, fixed wood and did various other things.

Mar. 10.-- Cut stalks, fixed wood and went for the cows.

Mar. 11.-- Worked and went to Mabel. Men love to display their sense of vulgarity. The trend of their thoughts is clanish and uncouth.

Mar. 12.-- This has been a gloomy day. My soul seems to be in sympathy with the elements. Why is it that sadness grasps our very nature? Oh! The thought of anticipated pleasures drives me into despair! We would give much to recall one mistep in life. Our sins are on us and we must pay the just debt that we owe to nature and nature's God.

Mar. 13.-- Today has been gloomy to my soul. With a strong determination it may be possible to outlive the defects in my nature. Let us pray that a benevolent Being may assauge [sic] our grief.

Mar. 14.-- Was very much disappointed. Worked at fencing. Visited Mr. Warren's in the evening. Had a right pleasant time.

Mar. 15.-- Attended Sunday School at Union Baptist Church. Taught a class. Came home from Mr. Warren's afternoon.

Mar. 16.-- Grubbed some during the day. Made a delightful trade.

Mar. 17.-- Worked the greater part of the day. Was very despondent. How much it would be worth if contentment would lodge in my soul! Gloominess and shadows come to one and all. Oh, may they be dispelled!

Mar. 18.-- Worked and read. Was struck by the force which Emerson displays in "English Traits". The vileness of man is portrayed in his dealings with other persons. Ingratitude and selfishness seems to possess many.

Mar. 19.-- The weather has been so bad that much work has not been done. The greatest fault of man is that he is too hasty in his judgments. He does not go th[r]ough a process of reasoning, but he arrives immediately to a false and immature conclusion.

Mar. 20.-- The day has been very snowy. Read a very touching piece written by Irving. It described a broken heart. A sadness came over my soul. It caused a pathetic thought.

Mar. 21.-- Went to Mabel and saw a rush in the store. Some were trying to show their richness by buying much. Was very much troubled in soul.

Mar. 22.-- Went to J. E. Laurance's with Lizzie Warren and Ollie Eggers. Had a very good trip. Came home on the ill-tempered list. My temper was not the calmest.

Mar. 23.-- Did some work. The day was rainy.

Mar. 24.-- The day has been fair. Was ill and dishearted in the morning, but revived during the day.

Mar. 25.-- Was impressed with the beauty of farming. The gentle sunshine makes one's heart glow and throb with a gleeful response. This scene can be eliminated by the manners and whims of others. Sometimes we think that life is glorious and coated with many of the sweets, at others the deepest gloom and despondency creeps into ourminds,

Mar. 26.-- Spent the greater part of the day at work. We often think that it is a good thing, and again we are cast down in remorse. Oh, how much we would give to recall some acts and deeds of life!

Mar. 27.-- Had the pleasure of attending the first commencement of Cove Creek State High School. A nice program was rendered. Hon. J. H. Bingham made an able address. A good dinner was served on the ground. Prof. I. G. Greer delivered the address. Was judge in a contest and presented medals to a number of students. Took supper at Mr. Wilson's. The program at night was funny. Was very tired. Spent the night at Mr. Johnson's.

Mar. 28.-- Came from Cove Creek home. Took a nap. Visited some.

Mar. 29.-- The day has been pleasant. Had a very excitable time chasing a weasel. Turk Davis displayed his hunting propensities. Was disgusted at the frivolous [sic] acts of ill-bred people.

Mar. 30.-- Had the pleasure of planting potatoes. It is pleasant to plant when you realize that you are to reap a reward. It prompts [sic] the heart and instills energy into the soul.

Mar. 31.-- Went to the store and the office. Was disappointed in my mail. The day has been unpleasant.

APRIL

Apr. 1.-- Some people are very desirous that their opinions shall hold on all occasions. If what they think to be true is false their feelings are stirred. A man is too apt to draw hasty conclusions. He often thinks that he is guardian of all property and chattels in the universe. The feeling that we have been outraged by promised go deep into the soul and cause us to become remorse.

Apr. 2.-- Eating is a good thing. There isn't anything that delights a man's heart more than palatable food. A wife who can cook well is apt to have the esteem of her husband. Good food makes his heart grow fonder and fonder. His delight stirs up energy and love in her bosom and makes her cheeks red and her eyes sparkling. Well-cooked food is conducive to longevity. A man is under many obligations to his wife. By her diligence his health is preserved and his daily life made replete with joy.

Apr. 3.-- It is amusing to be in Mabel and hear the rustics make their predictions. If these predictions should fail there will be intense madness. At the least suspicious people make a declaration and nothing can change them. Their judgments are as infallible as the Judge of the Universe.

Apr. 4.-- The day has been cool and clear. It makes our hearts sad--very sad--to believe that we have been deprived of some reward. Man is curious to make his belief known. He thinks

that a set stand must be taken in all matters, and further his opinion must be weighed in each thing that comes up.

Apr. 5.-- Had a visit on Sunday morning from Rev. L. A. Wilson, Martin Thomas & Ada Warren. Was at Church and Sunday School at Union Baptist Church. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached a sermon from the theme, "Paul's Journey". Was tired at home and visited in the afternoon.

Apr. 6.-- Fixed wood and then went to an auction sale at Mabel. There was a crowd present and some bigotness was displayed. The Crier must be weary in the region of the throat. He showed his ability to handle his text and ceremonies with regularity and effect.

Apr. 7.-- Worked in the store today. The owner began the day snorting and muttering. He is awfully particular about little affairs. His soul would be grieved should a penny make its departure. Was made very glad by the happy remembrance of my friends. When one thinks that all have deserted him, it gives untold pleasure, renews energy and peerless ambition for a friend to treat you nicely.

Apr. 8.-- Have had that ill, hateful feeling today. Engaged in labor the greater part of the morning. Went to see the sheriff about my taxes, but did not find him at home. Spent some time at the store. A man can hear a great deal that is useless at such a place. Arrived home weary and sick. Went to bed early.

Apr. 9.-- Arose feeling unwell. After doing some work, was very much improved. Worked in the afternoon. Rested well at night.

Apr. 10.-- Had a very pleasant time fenceing. Went to Mill and store. Returned home and spent the evening pleasantly.

Apr. 11.-- Remained at home the entire day. Enjoyed myself reading German. Took a good nap. Was anxious over domestic relations. At night it was necessary to call a physician and a nurse to see my wife.

Apr. 12.-- At 2:30 A.M. a boy was born into our home. In the morning a good nap was taken. This has been one of the most pleasant days that we have experienced in a long time. This little fellow changes the whole world to us. There is more inspiration to life and enjoy life. There were some visitors during the day.

Apr. 13.-- Have done some work today. Went to the store and office. Have had a very pleasant time.

Apr. 14.-- Spent a part of the day at work. Am somewhat amused and also angered at the littleness of some persons. It has truly been said, "Some will cut their nose off to spite their

faces". This is what some peevisish ones are trying to do. If a person wants to "show off," just let them but[t] their brains out. Self-destruction is a good remedy for haughtiness and stubbornness. Inasmuch as the devil must be beaten around the stump we are content to let them wear their raw hide out. Some think that it is real shrewdness to flout and pout at those who are their superiors and helpers. The time will come when there will be a retribution.

Apr. 15.-- This has been a misty day. Not much has been accomplished in the way of work. Some German was read with pleasure. A story of the pill factories at Detroit attracted my attention as fanciful. Many millions are made annually. The great public are crazed with their seemingly good effect. It may be that much distress is caused by an excessive use of these pills.

Apr. 16.-- The day has been spent in reading German and educational papers. A sketch of Dr. Franklin impressed me very much. His greatness will increase with time. The part that impressed me most particularly is his inventive talent. He was a great believer in experimenting and proving things. There are not many phases of life that he did not make some investigations. He was not very dogmatic in his belief and opinions. He was conservative to say the least.

Apr. 17.-- The day has afforded some pleasure and reflection. The store is an ideal place to learn. You are associated with many classes of people. Their likes and dislikes are ascertained. Many are curious in their ideas and general make up. Along many lines there are prejudices and cankerism. In fact, there are those who have a decided opinion of themselves. Discipline and drill will erase their roughness and coarseness.

Apr. 18.-- The day has been misty. There have been several about the store during the day. You have a variety in human nature. Some are very exquisite and others are vulgar. A showing of ideas is sometimes showered upon us-- a severe attestation of inward workings.

Apr. 19.-- The day has been fine. It is Easter Sunday and the first one in my life but what we have had some eggs. Of course it may not shorten my days but my feelings would have been lighter should we have had some eggs. It is my intention to arrange for a better time on the next event of this kind. Sunday school was attended and the lesson was "Jesus Anointed at Bethany". We talked over the lesson for some time. At singing in the afternoon there was much hesitancy and delay. Finally it ended in a failure. We took a good nap of some duration in the evening. We feel somewhat refreshed.

Apr. 20.-- Went to Mabel in the morning and returned home and fenced the greater part of the day. It has been unusually warm today.

Apr. 21.-- Have suffered some from an attack of cold. Worked some on the farm and then had some dental work done. Saw several people in the town of Mabel. Received a postal th[r]ough the mail.

Apr. 22.-- A severe attack of cold has caused me some trouble today. While digging in the field a cool wind blew. My physical condition has been bad generally speaking. Took some medicine at night.

Apr. 23.-- Worked in the store. Have been unwell during the entire day. The weather has been fine. Was made happy to get home to spend the night with my wife and baby.

Apr. 24.-- Have not been very well today. Had the pleasure of making some fence. It gives me delight to see the place in general fixed up. A man ought to take pride in buildings and home. It is a delight to read the life and works of Dr. Franklin, for his is a worthy career. He was the foremost thinker of his time. He did not take anything for sure but he endeavored to prove it. His ideas of education have held good until today. He even ventured to advance thoughts against the learned and scholastic world. He said that Greek and Latin would decline [sic] in popularity in the schools. Such is the case now. They have been set aside for more practical things of life.

Apr. 25.-- A severe storm raged this morning, but the afternoon was pretty. Was very much amused at Mabel at the storming crowd. There seemed to be a deal of noise about certain incidents and happenings. Why is this? It is the curiosity [sic] and inordinate to gossip.

Apr. 26.-- Attended Sunday School and singing. Was somewhat depressed in spirit. There comes a feeling of regret and the tears can hardly be retained. By courage we may be able to regain our former self. Why this regret? It seems to be bred within my nature.

Apr. 27.-- The day has not brought much to my notice. In fact my mind has not been in a retentive mood. A man's mental condition is measured by his physical. A healthy organism is apt to give the mind sufficient force to produce good clear thinking. Without good health our thoughts are confused and without depth. A strong body is necessary to produce first class mental work.

Apr. 28.-- Notwithstanding some illness the day has afforded me some pleasure. How happy we are to reflect about old friends! It gives our mind delight. The trueness of a friend causes a pleasant sensation. Indeed it overshadows many regrets in the mind. These regrets haunt us day by day. It seems awful that we are often p[r]ostrate when so many friends are near to encourage and cheer us.

Apr. 29.-- This day has been spent in manual labor. In the evening we were impressed with the need of constant bathing. How can a man work in the dust day after day and not wash? Is not cleanliness next to godliness? Surely it must be. It is not only decent, but it is also comfortable. A clean person is agreeable and suited to company.

Apr. 30.-- The day has been cool and rainy. Attended church at Mabel. Had the pleasure of hearing Elder Bagby preach. He is an able man. The simplicity of his style strikes me with force. He is easy and direct. In fact he made an old text new. His temperance talk was clear and

forceful. There was a storm of wind in the evening. The temperature fell low and it snowed some. To see the snow on the green grass and leaves made me very gloomy.

MAY

May 1.-- The day has been cool. The morning was spent in writing and reading. Afternoon went to mill and office. There was some flirtation in Mabel. Returned home and read some in the papers. Charles Hagaman of Beaver Dams visited me. We had a pleasant time discussing and conversing upon various topics.

May 2.-- Have remained at home during the greater part of the day. My time has been spent in reading and writing. We do not know how valuable a diary may be. It is a record for those who come after you. Much valuable history is lost by not being recorded. It is our duty to keep a record of local events for those who come after us. It will be a source of interest and pride.

May 3.-- Fixed early this morning and went to a "Temperance Rally" on Beaver Dams. We arrived there about 9 o'clock. By the opening hour there was a large crowd of people present. Several speeches were made, then a good dinner was spread. At 3 o'clock Rev. E. F. Jones preached an able sermon. We scarcely ever hear so able a man. He is simple in style, forceful in logic, easy in delivery. In fact he is a complete man in many respects. We returned home across the Ridge. The sun shone hot and we became warm. We arrived home late. The day has been well-spent. Our friends have given us much encouragement and we feel more like doing work.

May 4.-- Began the day with labor. Did some hard work. Received my mail and read some. It is pleasant to lie down after a day's work. It gives rest to the weary limbs.

May 5.-- The morning was spent in planting corn and beans. The afternoon was spent in reading and study. Geometry is a science that appeals not very strong to me. Of course it has inestimable value to those who love its construction. Language impresses me more than any other branch of knowledge. Education comes in as a strong second.

May 6.-- Today a strange and pathetic feeling has overridden my spirit. Why is this? We know not. It does come to us occasionally and tries our souls as if it were by fire. It must be an ordeal by which our imperfections are driven from us. In fact it seems that nothing can inhibit this distressing mood when it properly gets an absolute hold on us.

May 7.-- The day has been damp and cool. Went to Mabel and worked in the store. There was some gossip indulged in. You can hear almost any foolish thing that you desire.

May 8.-- Spent the morning at home. That lonesome feeling hovered over me and caused me to be despondent. Had the pleasure of visiting Mabel and seeing the loafers gather around the fireside. The day has been unusually cool and damp.

May 9.-- The day has been misty and cool. This morning some wood was cut. Had the pleasure of reading a good story. Afternoon went to J. H. Mast's and spent awhile most enjoyable discussing Masonry. The time was profitable to me.

May 10.-- Fixed and attended Sunday school Had a very good time. Went to singing and did not enjoy it very well. Visited John Oliver's. Spent the night at Mr. Warren's.

May 11.-- Came home and worked some. Afternoon hoed my potatoes. Went to the office for my mail. Returned home and read some in the papers.

May 12.-- The day has been exceedingly fine. This morning helped haul lumber and rock. Afternoon assisted in making a rock wall. Took a good bath and read.

May 13.-- The day has been warm. Worked in the store. There was not much business to do. In the evening was very sick. Did not rest until late.

May 14.-- Have been unwell today. Worked at the springhouse. There was much confusion. Am very tired.

May 15.-- Spent the day in building. It has been awfully warm.

May 16.-- Spent the morning at labor. Fixed and went to Mabel. Had a very pleasant time. There were several stirring in the city.

May 17.-- Dressed and went to Zionville this morning. Had a very pleasant time on the way. There was a good temperance program rendered. The children recited well. Rev. E. F. Jones preached an able sermon. We had a good dinner. Talked with Walter E. Icenhour about his poems. Had a very good time the remainder of the evening. Returned from the Rally and spent a while with Dr. Greer. Was delighted to hear him read Shakespeare.

May 18.-- Spent the morning at work. Planted some sweet potatoes afternoon. Was delighted in reading Shakespeare. There isn't anything that betters a man more than reading good books. They are a solace and an inspiration.

May 19.-- Did some work during the day. Spent the greater part in reading. "The Rape of Lucrece" is a most thrilling story. In the evening was very much impressed with religious thought. This is a question that is difficult to solve. Just what relations a man should have with his Maker is hard to determine. There is a relation that makes one feel immortal, one that gives a quickening conscience, one that prompt[s] a generous act, surely there is hope for us.

May 20.-- Spent the morning in reading. Visited Mabel on business. Was made ashamed of a terrible gabber. It is sad that some can't hold their tongues. Returned home and read until supper.

May 21.-- Went on the road this morning. We had some very interesting chat. At noon came home and hoed corn the remainder of the day.

May 22.-- Today has been spent in hoeing corn. On my return to the house was made glad by some mail. "The Howler" (?) delighted me. It caused a renewal of old pleasures.

May 23.-- Have been alone today in the cornfield. Returned to the house at the close of the day and took a good bath. It sure makes a man feel good.

May 24.-- Took my wife to visit her father. Went to Sunday School and also Church at the Methodist. Took dinner with T. M. Moretz. Returned home and drove the cows off of the mountain. Went to Mr. Warren's and spent the night.

May 25.-- Came home and hoed corn all day. Was very tired at night.

May 26.-- Hoed corn in the morning. Ate dinner and started for the election. Was detained on my way by rain. Went on and voted "dry". Returned home very tired and worn out. Saw the oil plant.

May 27.-- Hoed corn today. It was a good day for work. Had to stop in the evening on the account of rain.

May 28.-- Hoed corn until noon. Went to the store. One can hear all the clash that he wants. Am surprised that people are so selfish. Each desires to rise at the expense of the other.

May 29.-- Carried a pig home from Mrs. Thomas' and hoed corn until noon. Read and went to the store and had a talk with the preacher.

May 30.-- Went to Silverstone. Had a pleasant chat with Dock Adams. Came to Mabel and spent awhile. Returned home and read. Was visited by Hardin Price and Walter Icenhour. Had a very pleasant time talking.

May 31.-- Attended Sunday school. Had a pleasant time. Went with A. B. Smith and took dinner at Mr. Burkett's. Had a good time in the afternoon. Returned home late. Inez and Martitia Greene spent the night with us.

JUNE

June 1.-- Hoed potatoes and worked in the garden until noon; then fixed wood, picked berries and read the remainder of the day.

June 2.-- Went to Mast and saw the oil machinery in operation. Returned and took a nap. Read and wrote some.

June 3.-- Went to mill this morning. It has rained. Hoed some corn. Went to Mabel and saw several people. Returned home with the "blues".

June 4.-- Remained at home the greater part of the day. Uncle Jack Greene was with us. Read some in "Pilgrim's Progress". It is an interesting book. Many experiences of the heart are recorded within its pages. They are universal experiences of man. The author must have had a higher power to guide him. A pilgrimage may be a rough road, but in the end all will be pleasantness and happiness.

June 5.-- Worked in the store. Had a pleasant day. Met Miss Mary Brown, a teacher. Heard T. P. Adams talk some. He has a good philosophy of life. A cheerful nature does make us happy. Mr. Walters spent the night with us.

June 6.-- Stayed at home for awhile. Went to Mr. Warren's and caught Mr. Walters' horse for him. Went to church and united with it. Went to Mabel. Spent the night at Mr. Warren's.

June 7.-- Came home and dressed. Went to Sunday School. Had a very pleasant time. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached an able sermon. Came home for dinner. Attended singing. Spent awhile with my sister. Read some in the Bible.

June 8.-- Hoed corn. The day has been pleasant. Man loves to work when he expects to reap a reward.

June 9.-- Hoed corn today. Why is it that we have such vain and unpleasant thoughts? Received a letter from a friend in college.

June 10.-- Hoed corn until noon. Went to mill. Took a nap.

June 11.-- Stayed in the store. Am sometimes surprised at the brutality manifested in little boys. Returned home late in the evening.

June 12.-- Hoed corn during the day. Had a very good time. Took a bale(?) of cherries in the evening.

June 13.-- Hoed corn before noon. Fixed and went to Mabel. Went to a Masonic meeting at "Bob" Mast's. Had a profitable time. Spent the night at John F. Eggers'.

June 14.-- Came from Mr. Eggers' to Sunday School. Came home and had dinner. Swept the church. Heard Rev. L. A. Wilson preach. His subject was "labor". We had a good rain in the evening.

June 15.-- Spent the morning at various tasks. Had a pleasant hour reading the Bible. Went to Mabel. Returned and picked cherries.

June 16.-- Had a very tiresome time picking cherries. Am somewhat disappointed and depressed at friends. Would that we could get rid of this melancholy state. It is against our best interest to be in such a state.

June 17.-- Hoed corn in the morning. Did some minor work after noon. Had a good time reading.

June 18.-- Went to Silverstone early this morning to get my watch fixed. Had a pleasant time talking with T. P. Adams. He has many valuable ideas. Took dinner with S. M. Greene. Returned and had a good chat with P. C. Younce. Came home very much in dejection. It is awful to lose faith in the world and humanity.

June 19.-- Worked in the store. The day has desperately warm. Have moments of happiness and remorse.

June 20.-- Went early to Trade, Tenn. Visited Henry Walsh, George Walsh and Frank Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a good conversationist [sic]. Spent awhile at Trade, also an hour or two at J. E. Laurance's. Owing to threatening rain a hard rush was made up the mountain. Arrived home late.

June 21.-- Attended Sunday School. Taught a class. Returned home and had A. Isaac and wife for dinner. Took a nap. Had a pleasant visit from Newton Mast. Went to the road and talked with Dan Lundy. He is somewhat flattery. Spent the night at Mr. Warren's. It was awfully warm time.

June 22.-- Went to Zionville on business. Visited Messrs. Potter, Grogan and Greer on business. Had a good rain in the evening.

June 23.-- Remained at home. Picked some cherries and read. Took J. C. Davis some cherries. He ate them heartily.

June 24.-- Went to Mabel this morning. There was a large number listing taxes. It is amusing to hear some of them list. Returned home for dinner. Read in Theology. Am surprised

to find what curious ideas we have concerning God and His relations to man. How much we would give to have a clear conception of Deity! Our reason and judgment are clouded and dimmed by the deceit and sinfulness of man.

June 25.-- Have been dreary today. Was unwell this morning. Hoed some corn after dinner and went to Mabel. Had a long talk with P. C. Younce. Returned home and read.

June 26.-- Worked in the store today. Had some experience in the affairs of men. Miss Brown gave me an idea about the irregularity of attendance in our schools. Saw J. H. Bingham, of Sugar Grove. He was emitting some of his frolicsome nature.

June 27.-- Hoed corn and cabbage until almost noon. Dressed and went to a Masonic meeting. Had a very pleasant time. In the evening was very much cast down in spirit. Why are we so injured in spirit? A deep and sorrowful regret takes hold of us.

June 28.-- Studied until Sunday School time. Attended Sunday school and made an address. Went to the Methodist Church and made another address. Took dinner with A. Isaac and wife. We had a splendid dinner. Visited J. C. Davis's. Came home happy over the day's result.

June 29.-- Hoed corn today. Was delighted to have it plowed.

June 30.-- Hoed corn again. Stopped just before we finished owing to threatening rain.

JULY

July 1.-- Spent the morning at home reading and doing various duties. Went to Mabel and received a letter from a former friend. Returned home and read the remainder of the day.

July 2.-- Worked in the store today. One always has some experiences in human nature. There are some who want to show their high and egotistic [sic] knowledge of affairs. They show their ignorance and prejudices upon many important objects. People are seeking the unreal and mystic in all of their religious and secular duties.

July 3.-- Did some minor duties this morning. Wrote some letters to friends. Went to mill and office afternoon. There were several hard rains.

July 4.-- Did some calculating this morning. Went to church. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached an able sermon on the duties of the church. Had Rev. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sidney Thomas with me for dinner.

July 5.-- Fixed and went to J. C. Davis's. Heard him converse for awhile. Attended Sunday School. After that Rev. L. A. Wilson baptized me. Mr. J. L. Thomas kindly accompanied me to dress. Went to church. Rev. John Norris preached a good sermon. Rev. L. A. Wilson talked some. We had John Castle and Ella Warren with us for dinner. Visited Mr. Warren's in the afternoon. Read some interesting thing in the evening.

July 6.-- Worked in the store today. Had notice of many things. What seems most curious to me is the desires of people. They seem suspicious of each other. Confidence has been lost, faith in one's word has decreased and understanding in general has almost ceased to exist. How selfish we are! It is not what we have a right to, but what we can get our hands on. There ought to be a conscious revival in ethical truth. We need to be taught in a severe school of morals and virtue whereby we may have our pernicious inclinations tamed in the beauty of benevolence and love.

July 7.-- Spent the greater part of the morning at labor. The afternoon was spent in thinking upon different themes. The question arises why people are given children. The reason is two-fold. (1). To represent their parents when they shall have passed away. (2). To have something immortal to train. Another intricate point is duty of parents to children, and duty of children to parents. Just how to train and instruct a child is a vital point. A wise judgment is necessary to carry out the mandates of parental obligation. Again home training is a vital point in a person's career. What ought and ought not to be taught.

July 8.-- Went to the office this morning. There were several people stirring. We had Ida Moretz with us for dinner. Was somewhat puzzled at domestic affairs. At night was made sad by the rehearsal [sic] of passed events. Oh, this is a world of sadness.

July 9.-- Hoed corn for Mr. Warren's before noon. Am caused to become indignant at pure selfishness. At noon heard Mr. Warren and James Laurance relate their experiences in war. Surely it is a horrible thing. Upon my return home my thoughts were diverted to our land affairs.

July 10.-- Made wood and hoed in the garden until noon. Then went to Mabel to attend the close of Miss Brown's School. There was a nice program rendered. It certainly was pleasing for me to hear the children. Met Rev. Mr. Weaver. He gave me a practical thought about the eye. Returned home and read some. This property affair is certainly tormenting me.

July 11.-- Went to Zionville on business. Signed a contract to teach the public school at that place. Attended church and heard Rev. C. R. Norris preach from the text, "Sir, we would see Jesus". Took dinner with Chas. Greer. Returned home.

July 12.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Afternoon started for Boone. T. M. Moretz was with me. We had a very hot day. We had to rest several times. Arrived in Boone about sundown. Talked awhile with R. C. Rivers. Spent the night at R. M. Greene's.

July 13.-- Arose early and went to the Training School building. Met several old friends. Met Miss Couch, a sister to a former college friend. Attended the different classes. Stood an examination on spelling. Had a pleasant evening.

July 14.-- Attended some classes. Stood examination on Civil Government. Afternoon heard Miss Carter, of Morganton, lecture on primary work. She advanced some valuable ideas. Studied in the evening. Read a good book at night on affliction. Derived much spiritual benefit from it.

July 15.-- Attended class this morning and stood an examination on Physiology. Afternoon heard Miss Carter lecture again on Primary work. She suggested many practical things.

July 16.-- Dr. Brendall lectured on Physical Culture. Heard Miss Howard on grammar. Took an examination on Geography. Had a good time during the evening.

July 17.-- Had a profitable time on class. Stood an examination on United States History. Afternoon attended lectures on agriculture and North Carolina History. Had the pleasure of attending the Watauga Literary Society. Had a talk with E. S. Coffey on college life. Did some trading at night.

July 18.-- Bade my friends goodbye and started for home. On Brushy Fork had a long talk with Mr. Will Hayes. Came on to S. J. Price's and took dinner. On my way home stopped at Newton Mast's and John Hodge's. From there came to Mabel and on home. In fact the best part of a journey is getting home.

July 19.-- Dressed and went to Sunday School. Enjoyed teaching the primary folks. Came home for dinner. Sang, read and walked in the afternoon.

July 20.-- Have worked in the meadow today. A part of the time work went well, the other it did not.

July 21.-- Worked in the meadow a part of the day. Owing to rain we had to stop. Went to Mabel and heard dissertations upon various topics of the day.

July 22.-- Went to Mill and Mabel. Worked in the store awhile. Came home and worked in the grass.

July 23.-- Spent the greater part of the morning in reading and meditating. Afternoon worked the road for awhile. Went in bathing twice. Came home and cut grass until late.

July 24.-- Have worked in the meadow today. Have had a good time.

July 25.-- Cut and put up hay almost all day. In the evening went to the store and in bathing. Returned home very much refreshed.

July 26.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had an interesting class. Rev. W. Swift preached an able sermon. Came home for dinner. Went to singing. Took a nap after my return. Spent some time most pleasantly reading in the Acts of the Apostles.

July 27.-- Fixed and cut grass for awhile. Read and wrote a poem. Afternoon we had a hard rain. Went to store and office in the rain. The candidates [sic] were moving about. There seems to be some anxiety in the radical ranks. Came home and read in Romans.

July 28.-- Read and wrote a poem, before noon. Poetry is a delightful art. There is some pleasure and much profit in it. Afternoon went to Mabel and helped work some on a swimming hole. There came a rain and washed it away and our labors were in vain. Came home late.

July 29.-- This has been a wet day. Helped some at a swimming hole before noon. There are some people that can't be convinced on any subject. It matters not how reasonable a thing may seem. Today has been a dark day for my soul. These shadows that have come over my path haunt me always. Let me tell you that a burning conscience is torment sure enough. Life often appears dark to us. Sometimes our soul is light and we enjoy a few happy moments.

July 30.-- Arose this morning very sick. Laid in the bed until just before dinner. Wrote a poem and visited Mabel. Saw a large number of "Radicals". There were several moving in the city.

July 31.-- Worked in the store today. Have had a very good trade. There has been several people stirring. Saw Revs. John Norris and John Crisp. There is a variety of experiments for one in the store. You learn so much about the ways and curiosities [sic] of the people. There likes and dislikes are revealed to you. There were several interested in politics lipping concerning different candidates [sic]. Displeasures are heaped upon those who are disliked.

AUGUST

Aug. 1.-- Cut grass for awhile. Fixed and went to church. Rev. John Crisp preached a short sermon. Rev. Dean Crisp made a short talk. Was elected church clerk. Had Rev. John Norris with me for dinner. Put up some hay, then went in bathing.

Aug. 2.-- Fixed for Sunday School. Taught my class. Heard Rev. John Norris and Rev. C. S. Farthing preach. Had Chas. Hagaman with me for dinner. Visited Mr. Warren's in the afternoon.

Aug. 3.-- Worked in the meadow for Mr. Warren's. Had a very tiresome day.

Aug. 4.-- Went to Mabel and worked in the store. Met with some new experiences. Read a good piece titled, "To God th[r]ough Psychology". Had some pleasant talks with several gentlemen.

Aug. 5.-- Went to Zionville. Swept out the schoolhouse and prepared to open school. Had a talk with Miss Roten concerning school work. Took dinner with George Johnson. Talked awhile with John F. Eggers. Went in bathing. Came home and took a nap.

Aug. 6.-- Went to Silverstone on business. Returned to Mabel and had dinner. Went in bathing. Came home and rested awhile. Went to Mr. Warren's on business.

Aug. 7.-- Went to Mast's Store on business. Returned to Mabel and traded some. Came home and went to work on a dry house. Took dinner at Mr. Warren's. Read and spent the evening at home.

Aug. 8.-- Worked on a dry house until afternoon. Fixed and went to F. A. Warren's. Saw Ella Warren and John Castle married. Took supper and went to Mabel. Came home and wrote a piece for the paper.

Aug. 9.-- Studied lesson and then went to Sunday school. Taught a class and made a talk upon the lesson. Came home. Had Ed. Thomas with me for dinner. Read and took a nap in the afternoon.

Aug. 10.-- Fixed this morning and went to Zionville. Opened school with several in attendance. Organized the classes and went to work. Had a pleasant day. On my way home went in swimming. Read and wrote some at night.

Aug. 11.-- Had a successful day in school. There are times that we have much joy in our work. Of course there are some vexations, but as a whole there is much pleasure in school work. We arrived home tired. The evening was spent in reading.

Aug. 12.-- Went to school. The day has been warm. Came home across the hill. Was very tired. Read some during the evening. Was impressed with what Socrates says about envy. He says that it is the daughter of Pride and author of murder and hatred.

Aug. 13.-- Arose feeling bad. Went to school. Had a very pleasant day. The weather was very warm. Returned by the office and received a French book. Went in bathing. Read at night.

Aug. 14.-- Went to school. The day was very warm. In the evening returned home by the way of Mabel. Went in swimming. Had a good time. Wrote some history at night and studies some in French.

Aug. 15.-- Went to Mr. Warren's and had my hair cut. Came home and fixed some wood. Read and got some peaches. Had John Castle and wife with us for dinner. Went in swimming. There was a severe thunder storm. Returned from the store and studied French.

Aug. 16.-- Read in the Bible and then attended Sunday school. Afternoon took a nap and read. Dr. Adam Clarke is a forceable writer. He gives one new ideas. His style is clear and convinceing. He goes to the core of things. We were visited by Mr. & Mrs. John F. Eggers. Their stay was short but pleasant.

Aug. 17.-- Went to my school at Zionville. Have had a large crowd in attendance. The day has been desperately warm. Came across the mountain home. Had the pleasure of reading some good papers.

Aug. 18.-- Arose feeling bad. Went to school. Had a hot day. Came home by the way of Mabel. Went in bathing. Arrived home late. Read and studied until bed time. There are many things to occupy the mind. There isn't anything better to study than character sketches. The Bible and the best books are filled with such.

Aug. 19.-- Slept late. Arose and went to school. The greatest problem in school is whispering. Just how this is to be eradicated is the question. It will take an iron hand to subdue it. On my return home it rained. After getting home, read for awhile. There seems to be an idea that literature is on the wane. Would it not be well for us to go back to the established authors and get what is good from them?

Aug. 20.-- Many unpleasant things have occurred in school today. Some boys have an idea that they are master of the situation. Returned home, read and wrote.

Aug. 21.-- How unhappy it is for a man to lose his temper sometimes! Had a spelling match in school. Came home and read some. Regret very much some things. Why so sad a feeling as we have?

Aug. 22.-- Went on the road this morning. We did lots of work. Much improvement was made on the road. Took dinner with R. A. Thomas. Went in bathing at noon. Came home th[r]ough the rain.

Aug. 23.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good school. Came home for dinner. Wrote for awhile on a history. Went to singing. It was a success. Took a nap and read in the evening.

Aug. 24.-- The day has served me well. The school has been prosperous. Returned home by the way of Mabel. Read late at night.

Aug. 25.-- The day has been a steady rain. The school was small. Spent the night at Philips Greer's. Had a very pleasant night.

Aug. 26.-- Went from Mr. Greer's to school. Graded papers and worked on register. Had a successful day. Returned home by the way of Mabel. There is much clash engaged in about certain flying rumors on ministers. The people array themselves on either side, and then it is a battle.

Aug. 27.-- Went to school and store. We have had a good day's work. Met up with P. C. Younce at Mabel. We discussed several phrases [or phases] of the school business.

Aug. 28.-- The day has been fine. Had a large crowd in school. Had a severe time with the students in regard to whispering. Returned home and read in Shakespeare. The pleadings of Queen Katharine are pitiful.

Aug. 29.-- Worked the road today. Had a hard time. There was some freshness displayed. How pitiful it is for a person to do a foolish thing and thing [think] that he has done something real smart! Had a severe headache in the evening. Read some poems written by Walter E. Icenhour.

Aug. 30.-- Dressed and went to Sunday school. Had an interesting class. Attended the Methodist Church. Took dinner at Mr. Burkett's. Spent a pleasant afternoon. Attended services at the Methodists Church again. Have been a little sick all day.

Aug. 31.-- Started for school early. Had a successful day. Some new students were in school. Went home by the way of Mabel. Had some mail. Read at night.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1.-- Came to school. Had a severe day. There seems to be a lack of study on the part of some students. Studied French at night.

Sept. 2.-- Had a pleasant day in school. Returned home by the way of Mabel. Read and studied some French at night.

Sept. 3.-- The day has been warm. Had a pleasant day in some respects. Stopped at J. F. Egger's and had a melon feast. We are made to feel sad to think that some persons are so selfish. This feast made us rejoice in hospitality, but upon our departure others caused the above impression.

Sept. 4.-- Had a pleasant day in school. Came home across the hill. Went to meeting at the Methodist Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Blankinship preach from the theme, "Will a man rob God?". There was some interest in the meeting. Came home late at night.

Sept. 5.-- Remained at home in the morning and did some duties. Attended church. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached an able sermon upon "Christian duties". Went to Mabel and solicited funds to help paint the church house. The day has been rainy.

Sept. 6.-- Fixed and went to church. Had a pleasant Sunday school. Saw Etta Thomas and Junie Robison baptized. Heard Rev. David Greene preach from the theme, "The foundation of the Church". Returned home and had a pleasant evening.

Sept. 7.-- Have not been well today. School was good. There was a heavy rain in the evening. Read and wrote at night..

Sept. 8.-- Have had a good day in the schoolroom. Was made glad upon the receipt of a letter from a friend. Studied at night.

Sept. 9.-- Had a tough day in school. There seems to be much stubbornness in some pupils. Read and wrote some at night.

Sept. 10.-- Have had a pleasant day in school. Why is it that people go wild over some things? There seems to be an inordinate desire to follow novelty.

Sept. 11.-- Went to school this morning. Had a small attendance owing to a Reunion at Walnut Grove. Came home and read some.

Sept. 12.-- Spent the morning in reading and doing various other duties. Had a pleasant time in Mabel. Visited F. A. Warren's and spent the night.

Sept. 13.-- Went to Sunday School and had a pleasant time. Took dinner with J. C. Davis. Visited R. A. Thomas' and Mr. Warren's.

Sept. 14.-- Went to school. Had a pleasant day. Was made glad upon receipt of some money. Paid some debts.

Sept. 15.-- Had a successful day in school. On my return home stopped at the office. Arrived home late. At night read and wrote some French.

In teaching the teacher is often at fault. To interest a class a teacher must present the lesson in attractive manner. Geography is dry unless you deviate from the book. It appears to me that a map on the blackboard, supplemented by questions and explanations is the best method in that subject.

Sept. 16.-- Had an agreeable day in school. The morning was rather cool. There was a manifestation of disorder in the town. At night wrote friends and studied French.

Sept. 17.-- The day was nice in school. Came home by Mabel. Saw them working the road.

Sept. 18.-- The day was a success in school. Had a good spelling match. Spent a long time in Mabel. Came home and worked in my books.

Sept. 19.-- Made a chicken house and picked apples. Went to Mabel on business. Returned home and had a pleasant evening. Ollie Eggers spent the night with us.

Sept. 20.-- Attended Sunday school and conducted it. Returned home. Wrote a letter for Alden Isaac. Read some in Harmony of the Gospels.

Sept. 21.-- Had a tough day in school. There were several who wanted to show their power to annoy. At night visited my sister's. Am made sad to know how some want to get property into their hands.

Sept. 22.-- Had a good day in school. Am often vexed at the frivolity played by some. Read and studied at night.

Sept. 23.-- Had a pleasant day in school. Am delighted with the progress of the work. Received some interesting books at the office. Spent the evening in reading.

Sept. 24.-- Arose feeling unwell. Had a tough day. It seems that several students desire their own way.

Sept. 25.-- Had a good day in school. There was some interest in the work. We had an interesting spelling match. Was entertained by John F. Eggers for awhile. Read and took a bath at night.

Sept. 26.-- Started early for Walnut Grove. Had a successful trip. Arrived there about 9:30. Talked with some before the Institute. Had a successful Institute. One gentleman tried to show his superior learning. Spent awhile at Sherwoods store. Spent the night with J. M. Hodge.

Sept. 27.-- Saw the show pass. There were about forty wagons, some ponies, one camel and four elephants. Came on to Sunday School. Had a good one. Made a talk on the lesson. Had Ollie Eggers, Sallie Warren and John Castle and wife for dinner. Spent the evening in reading and talking.

Sept. 28.-- Went to Zionville. The day has been stormy. Had a good day in school.

Sept. 29.-- Had a good day. Did some errands at noon. Came home and read.

Sept. 30.-- The schoolroom has been pleasant. Returned home across the hill. Found some good mail waiting me. A lecture on Sunday School work was worth reading. It gave me an ambition to learn more about the Scriptures.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1.-- Had a good school. The day was rather cool. Spent the night with J. L. Norris. Had a pleasant time. Was well entertained.

Oct. 2.-- Came to the school house and graded papers. Had some stubbornness in school. How we regret to have such conduct! Had an interesting spelling match. Returned home by the way of Mabel. Read and studied at night.

Oct. 3.-- Worked all the morning and then went to church. Had some sad experiences. Bro. Wilson preached on "Confession". He came home with me for dinner. We had a long talk. Visited Mr. Warren's.

Oct. 4.-- Fixed ready for Sunday School. Studied my lesson. We had an interesting school. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached on "Divine Atonement". Visited Mr. Warren's. Read some good books at night.

Oct. 5.-- Have been unwell today on the account of cold. Had a nice day in school. Came home across the hill. Had a tough experience with a calf. Read at night. Was very much interested in "Doctrines of Our Faith".

Oct. 6.-- Was pleased with my language class. Went home by the way of Mabel. Cold has bothered me some today.

Oct. 7.-- Had a troublesome day in school. There seems always to be something to bother a man. Looked some at a microscope. There are many interesting things to be seen with it.

Oct. 8.-- Had an unpleasant day. There seems to be an unusual noise. It seems that some people can't learn to move quietly. There seems to be some amusement concerning some candidates [sic].

Oct. 9.-- Today has been rainy. We have had some poor lessons. Spent the night with Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Eggers. Was treated with much hospatality [sic].

Oct. 10.-- Talked awhile at the store. Came home and worked. Studied French. Fixed and went to Mr. Warren's and spent the night. Was sick.

Oct. 11.-- Came home and went to Sunday School. Had an interesting class. Came home for dinner. Went in the evening to visit F. W. Laurance. Came home and read.

Oct. 12.-- Have had a good day in the school room. Have read today about the Power and Sovereignty of God.

Oct. 13.-- Have had a good school today. Saw several candidates in the afternoon and Prof. Dougherty. Read some at night.

Oct. 14.-- The day has been fine. The school was good. Came home by the way of Mabel. It often disgusts me to see the carelessness and indifference of some.

Oct. 15.-- Had a good school. Spent awhile at the store. Spent the night with Mr. Davenport's. Was royally entertained.

Oct. 16.-- The day has been fine. There was some restlessness in school.

Oct. 17.-- Went early to the store and worked in the store. Had many experiences. A boy thinks that he is real smart when he gets a dram.

Oct. 18.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a small number in my class. Visited Mr. Warren's. Read some in the evening.

Oct. 19.-- Went to school early. Had a large attendance. There seems to be a good interest in the entertainment.

Oct. 20.-- The day has been smoky. Went to school early this morning. Had a tough day. Some of the scholars seem to think that they have exclusive rights and dominion. Returned home by the way of Mabel.

Oct. 21.-- Have had a tough day. The school has been large. Supt. B. B. Dougherty visited the school. Came home feeling bad.

Oct. 22.-- The day has been rainy. There were several in school. Spent the night with John F. Eggers. Was treated with much kindness.

Oct. 23.-- Had a tough time on my way to school. The day has been awfully rainy. Got wet on my return home.

Oct. 24.-- Had a disagreeable morning. Went to Silverstone. Saw several people at the store. Attended church at Pleasant Grove. Heard Rev. E. F. Jones preach. He preached a simple and able sermon. Took dinner with S. M. Greene. Stopped at J. M. Hodge's on my return and selected some songs. Came home late.

Oct. 25.-- Dressed and went to Sunday School. Had a good school. Visited Mr. Warren's. Came home and read.

Oct. 26.-- Went to school. There were several in school. Had some trouble with the lessons.

Oct. 27.-- Went to school. Had a good day. Came home by the way of Mabel. Wrote some letters at night.

Oct. 28.-- The day has been bad. Had a good day. Went to Mr. Potter's and spent the night. Was treated well. He is an interesting man.

Oct. 29.-- Came to the school house early. The day has been snowy. Had a tough time coming home.

Oct. 30.-- Had a pleasant day. Practiced some on speeches in school. Came home and read.

Oct. 31.-- Did some business in the morning. Went to church. Heard Rev. L. A. Wilson preach. Went to the office. Came home and went to Mr. Warren's and spent the night.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1.-- Came home and went to Sunday School. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached from the theme, "Abiding in Christ". Had J. M. Hodge with me for dinner. Went to Mr. Warren's and spent a part of the evening.

Nov. 2.-- Went to school early. Did some business. Had a pleasant day. Came home by the way of Mabel. Wrote tickets at night.

Nov. 3.-- Arose early and went to the voting place. Several of my friends voted for me for Justice of the Peace. Returned home tired and wearied.

Nov. 4.-- Went to the school house early. Had a wearisome day. The children showed much disrespect. Why is it that some have so little respect? It must be an inordinate desire to rule and superrule. The heart is made sad by the vileness of others.

Nov. 5.-- Had a cold day. Had a good crowd in school. There was fairly good order. Went home by the way of Mabel. Read some at night and had a good night's rest.

Nov. 6.-- Had a good day in school. There are some who want to do as they please. Spent a pleasant night at Mr. Greer's.

Nov. 7.-- Was very sick in the morning. Did not teach much. Treated the school to some candy. Closed the term of school. Went to the ball ground, saw a game and heard the fife and drum. Returned home and had a good night.

Nov. 8.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a pleasant time. Went to Mabel and took dinner with John F. Eggers. Spent awhile at singing. Came home and visited Mr. Warren's and saw Aunt Rissa Warren.

Nov. 9.-- Arose early and shucked corn until noon. Went to store and post office. Painted on the church house. Read some at night.

Nov. 10.-- Arose early and shucked corn for awhile. Went and painted until noon. Returned for dinner and worked some in the corn. Did some more painting on the church and some more work in the corn.

Nov. 11.-- Shucked corn until noon. Went to Mabel for my mail. Had a pleasant time at the store.

Nov. 12.-- Went early to work in the store. Had a pleasant day. There were several about. Returned home and had supper.

Nov. 13.-- Fixed wood before noon. Afternoon went to mill and visited the school on the north Fork. The school was visited by the school at Mabel. There was a splendid spelling match. We had the pleasure of making a short talk. After returning home was very sick.

Nov. 14.-- Read and fixed wood until noon. Then went to Mabel. Had a pleasant evening. Have used no tobacco today.

Nov. 15.-- Went to Sunday school and taught a class. Took dinner with Alden Isaac. Came home and visited Mr. Warren's.

Nov. 16.-- Went to Zionville on business. Spent awhile at Chas. Greer's and at the store. Returned home by the office for my mail.

Nov. 17.-- Arose early and prepared to kill hogs. After our butchering was done mended shoes and fixed wood. Read some at night.

Nov. 18.-- Went to Will Hodge's and John Oliver's on business. Returned home and went to mill. Spent the greater part of the day there.

Nov. 19.-- Have painted on the church today. Have not had much work. Why is it that we are prone to evil thoughts? It seems that the devil is apt in catching us in our weakness. We

should ever be on our guard. At night read and wrote some. There is much pleasure in reflection.

Nov. 20.-- Painted on the church until noon. Came home, took a nap and went to Mabel. Received a kind invitation to deliver an address at Forest Grove.

Nov. 21.-- Went to store and office this morning. Had a talk with Dr. Greer. Took dinner at home. Went to Mabel on business. Visited ballground. Worked on speech at night.

Nov. 22.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good school. Came home for dinner. Went to Mabel and spent the evening with John F. Egger's. We had a pleasant time talking. Went to church at Zionville and heard Rev. Mr. Payne preach. Spent the night at Mr. Egger's.

Nov. 23.-- Came home. Bought a handsaw. Helped haul wood until noon. Went to Wilborne Egger's and bought a hog. Came home tired. Studied at night.

Nov. 24.-- Help load some cabbage and put away some apples. Afternoon went to store and office. Carried a saw from John Oliver's. Read papers and magazines at night.

Nov. 25.-- Sawed wood until dinner. Then worked on the house. Read and studied at night. The day has been perplexing. Regrets and misery seem to seize me and torment me to the extreme. How sad and gloomy is life!

Nov. 26.-- Worked on the house until noon. Went to Mabel and worked in the store. Was astonished in the evening at the frivolous doings of some. How easy some people are to take exceptions to little things that ought to be unnoticed! Read some at night.

Nov. 27.-- Sawed wood until noon. Took a nap in the afternoon. Read some good articles in a paper. Worked on a speech at night. How glad we are sometimes to read and think!

Nov. 28.-- Did some work in the morning. Then went to the school house and pronounced for a spelling match. Had dinner. Went to the church house and made an address to the children, Subject, "Characteristics of Children". Went to store and office. Came home and tried to read some.

Nov. 29.-- Read some this morning and then went to Sunday school. In the absence of the Supertendent [sic] opened school. Made a short address on the lesson. Came home for dinner. On being sad and weary walked about in the neighborhood. Read some good chapters in "The Doctrines of Our Faith".

Nov. 30.-- Went early to Mabel and worked in the store. Had a successful day. There seems to be a streak of dishonesty in some people. Some want to be a bully. Read at night. My attention was attracted by the letter of an invalid in the newspaper.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1.-- Read some before noon and split some wood. After dinner cut some timber and run it off of the hill. Read and worked on a speech at night.

Dec. 2.-- Split board timber until noon. A funny talking man visited us. Went to store and office in the afternoon. At night read a piece about the "Night Riders". It is sad to think how lawless some men can get. Reason ought to restrain them.

Dec. 3.-- The day has been cool. Worked the road. There was a little display of ill-temper. An old man made several funny remarks. Had a good dinner and supper.

Dec. 4.-- Worked the road. It weathered some in the afternoon. Read the magazines at night.

Dec. 5.-- Went to the store and office. Received much mail. Attended church. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached. Read the papers and magazines.

Dec. 6.-- Went to Silverstone and attended Sunday School. Opened school and made a talk. Took dinner with S. M. Greene. Started for Boone. Owing to rain had to stop on the way. Visited W. M. Sherwood's, Joseph Johnson's and W. F. Sherwood's. Saw Miss Sallie Ray and several old friends. Spent the night with W. F. Sherwood. Had a pleasant time talking.

Dec. 7.-- Went to Boone. The weather was disagreeable. Saw several officials sworn into office. Took the oath of Justice of the Peace. Saw several old friends. Spent the evening and night with R. M. Greene. Heard some good music. Little May entertained me nicely.

Dec. 8.-- Saw several persons of distinction. Spent awhile at the Bank. Started for home. Made several stops on the way. Received some Law books from Mr. Glenn. Arrived home late. Read some at night.

Dec. 9.-- Went to church and heard two good sermons. Took supper at Mrs. Mattie Thomas'. Heard Mr. Waters talk some on various topics. He gave some good ideas about caring for stock. Spent the night with G. H. Thomas, a sick man.

Dec. 10.-- Came home in the morning. Was visited by Revs. Wilson and Swift. Went to church. In the afternoon went to store and postoffice. Came home, read and wrote some.

Dec. 11.-- Went to Zionville on business. Saw several friends. Returned for church. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached from the text, "What shall I do to be saved?". Had dinner at church. Rev. Mr. Swift preached. Came home and studied.

Dec. 12.-- Went to the store and office. Returned to the church. We had several visiting folks. Was visited by James Thomas and Mr. Warren.

Dec. 13.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Taught a class. Bro. Swift preached a good sermon on "The Kingdom". In the afternoon Bro. Wilson preached. Why it is that we sometimes get rebellious we are unable to tell, unless it be the influence of the Evil One.

Dec. 14.-- The analogy between the spiritual and the natural laws impressed me much. More or less we are parasites in society. And further we are impressed by religious scenes. They are conducive to goodness and also to error. There was brought to our notice the littleness and selfishness of man. There are persons whose sole delight is annoyance. Another principle may be laid down: Sentiment runs from one extreme to another. After a storm there is always a calm. Our home was visited by Misses Dora Greer and Sofie (?) Eller.

Dec. 15.-- Studied for awhile and then went to church. Had the preachers with me for dinner. Had a good time talking with them. Attended church at night. Studied some after my return.

Dec. 16.-- Went to the church house and swept it. Rev. W. Swift preached a good sermon. Saw Mollie Burkett and Maud Robison baptized by Rev. L. A. Wilson. Took dinner with Alden Isaac. Visited store and office.

Dec. 17.-- Hauled some wood today. There has been some demand on my law resources. Have studied a speech some. The day has been fine.

Dec. 18.-- Worked in a barn today. The weather has been damp. Have been unwell. Was very sick at night.

Dec. 19.-- Went across the Fork Ridge. It was damp and foggy. Attended the close of the school at Forest Grove and made a talk. Owing to the confusion we did not talk much. The closing exercises were good. Spent the night with Smith Hagaman. He impressed me as an extraordinary man. He has a nice family.

Dec. 20.-- Attended church and Sunday school at Forest Grove. Heard Rev. W. Swift preach. Took dinner with E. R. Eggers. Came across the mountain home.

Dec. 21.-- Went to Mabel and had some severe experiences. The sheriff came with some prisoners. After some trouble the trial was postponed until a future date. Worked in the store. Spent the night with A. W. Smith.

Dec. 22.-- The day has been sleety. Came home and studied law. Went to mill in the afternoon.

Dec. 23.-- Brought some feed off of the mountain. Studied law. Went to Mabel to try my first case. S. M. Greene, J. P., set with me. As there was no offense committed the warrant was quashed and the defendants, Miller and Thomas, were released.

Dec. 24.-- Went early to Mabel and worked in the store. Did a hard day's work. There was much noise and confusion. Returned home late at night.

Dec. 25.-- Today is Christmas. One year ago tonight we were at a reception at Dr. Poteat's in Wake Forest. The morning was spent in revising the church book. Bros. W. F. Greer and H. C. Johnson assisted me. There was a thunder storm today. We had a good dinner. James Warren and Ollie Eggers visited us. A part of the evening was spent in writing. Was sick at night.

Dec. 26.-- The day has been snowy. Went to the store early and made a fire. Had a pleasant day. There were several about. Attended a spelling match. Came home and read.

Dec. 27.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. There was a good crowd. Was elected Supertendent [sic]. Am well-pleased with the teachers. Attended services at the Methodist Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Weaver preach an able sermon. Took dinner with F. A. Warren. Visited J. C. Davis'.

Dec. 28.-- Carried some feed from the mountain. Attended singing school. It appears that music is a great science. My facination [sic] is not very great. My desire is to acquire some knowledge of the theory. The tones are pleasing to me. The day has been damp and gloomy. At night read some interesting pieces in the papers.

Dec. 29.-- Had a pleasant day at singing. There is a beauty in the theory. A boy thinks that he is about the smartest thing on legs. A slimy grin bestuds his face and a _____ look adorns his countenances. Power and wisdom are displayed in his ambulations. In his imagination plumes of knights bedeck his brow. His eyes are as jewels in a pumpkin, his legs are as sticks in a squash, his meandering body adjusts itself as a rainbow and his smarty laugh is like the wind blowing a splinter on the fence.

Dec. 30.-- Went early to J. F. Egger's. From there we went to A. J. Campbell's and had some pictures made. Attended singing awhile. Some girls think that they are imbued with beauty and style. With them a giggle is a synonym for attractiveness. Alas! It is vanity and pettishness. There [sic] life never rises so high as their laughter. In the afternoon it rained. We had a pleasant time talking and discussing various topics with friend Eggers.

Dec. 31.-- Had a pleasant morning. Came home and did some work. In the afternoon attended singing. A man can cultivate the habit of grumbling until he is easily confused at the least thing.

This is the close of another year. This has been the saddest year of my life. Many regrets and misfortunes have come my way, but God has been good to me in his bountiful mercies. He has cared and protected me in misery and misfortune. Let praise be sung unto Him for his goodness. Father, we ask thy guidance th[r]oughout the coming year. Give us work for thee and faith in the cross.

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JANUARY

J*an. 1.--* Did some work this morning. Attended singing at Mabel. The day has been fine. How sad it is to see a little boy acting hateful and disrespectful! It shows a gross act of neglect on the part of some one. Read some interesting pieces at night. The story of a Russian prisoner attracted my attention. The thought came to me what progress the world has made in settling disputes and quarrels. The Prince of Peace will conquer.

Jan. 2.-- Went to Mabel and worked in the store. There was some stirring in the city. Attended church. Rev. L. A. Wilson preached. He gave me an idea about what "The word killeth" means. The condition of the soul must be broken up so that the Spirit may work upon it. Took a good dinner at Mr. Combs'. There was some trade during the evening. Fixed church papers at night.

Jan. 3.-- Took a bath and went to Sunday School. Had a good school. There were several visitors. Had Ed. Williams and George Reese with me for dinner. Went across the mountain to Beaver Dams. Had a pleasant night with friend Jacob Williams.

Jan. 4.-- Came to Forest Grove school house. Had a good opening. We had several visitors. The boys and girls were very pleasant. The day has been gloomy. Spent the night with T. M. Warren.

Jan. 5.-- Went early to the school house. Had a pleasant day. The day was fine. Spent the night with Hiram Dougherty. We stayed up late at night.

Jan. 6.-- Arose and had a good breakfast. Went to the school house and had a large school. The crowd was noisy. Spent the night with James Laurance.

Jan. 7.-- The day has been a little cold. Had a good attendance in school. Had a pleasant night with E. R. Eggers. We talked a good deal.

Jan. 8.-- Went to the school house early. Made a fire and read some. There was a good interest

in school. Did not feel well. Left school early and came across the mountain home. Had some reading matter and books to look into. Read about a horrible earthquake.

Jan. 9.-- Went to Amantha and attended a trial. Was amused at the littleness of some. A man is ambitious to carry out his own designs. Was at a spelling match in Mabel. Came home, read and some work in Sunday school books. Have not been well today.

Jan. 10.-- Prepared and went to Sunday school. Had a successful session. P. C. Younce made a good talk. Went home for dinner. Started for Forest Grove. Went across the Fork Ridge. Lonesome thoughts came over me as the country was mi___ed. Had a pleasant night with Uncle Empy Gragg and wife. Met Mr. Honeycutt and wife.

Jan. 11.-- Went to the school house. Have had a pleasant day. Am delighted with my work. Spent the night with Mr. Gill Hagaman. Was treated with great kindness and hospatality [sic]. Read North Carolina history.

Jan. 12.-- The day has been cloudy and gloomy. The school has been full. There has been some display of shrewdness. Read some in the evening in North Carolina history stories.

Jan. 13.-- The day has been rough. There has been much noise in the school. Had a good talk with M. J. Williams. Spent the night with Emmitt Roark.

Jan. 14.-- The day has been nice. Have had a good school. Had a good night with Preston Dishman. Attended debate at the school house. There were several. Had some fine music.

Jan. 15.-- The day has been damp. Had a tough day in school. Came across the mountain home. It was very foggy.

Jan. 16.-- Had a pleasant time reading. Have had building on my mind. Went to the store and office. The day has been disagreeable.

Jan. 17.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a pleasant day. The day has been foggy. Went across the mountain to Joseph Culver's and spent the night. We had a pleasant time talking.

Jan 18.-- Left early and went to School. Had a good day. The school is lovable and courteous. Spent the night with Mr. Alex Hagaman. We talked far into the night.

Jan. 19.-- Had a late breakfast. Went to the school house. Had a large school. Spent the night with the family of Mr. Williams. Had a good time.

Jan. 20.-- Have had a good school. M. J. Williams made a nice address before the school. Had some trouble. Spent the night with Mr. Smith.

Jan. 21.-- Came to the school house and had a tough day. Have not been very well. Had a pleasant night with Millard Hagaman. Attended debate at night. Had a good session.

Jan. 22.-- Went the school house early and read for some time. Had a successful day in the school room. Came across the mountain and took supper with G. H. Thomas. Attended a show given by A. J. Campbell at the schoolhouse. It was instructive an[d] entertaining. Arrived home tired.

Jan. 23.-- Went to the store and from there to Silverstone. The Justices of the Peace met and elected Road Supervisor. Came back home and read at night.

Jan. 24.-- Fixed and went to Dr. Greer's and had a talk with him. Had a large and successful Sunday School. Went home for dinner. Went across the Fork Ridge to Mr. Culver's and spent the night. Was treated with much kindness. How pleasant and what a glorious gift it is to be able to entertain! It is a rare gift and one worthy to be cultivated.

Jan. 25.-- Went from Mr. Culver's to the school house. Had a pleasant day. Had a pleasant night with Allen Storie. He treated me kindly. He understood many of the difficulties of a teacher.

Jan. 26.-- Came to the school house and had a good day. The day has been clear. Spent the night with Mr. Arrant. Was treated with much kindness.

Jan. 27.-- Went early to the school house. Read and graded some papers. Have been unwell today. There have been some things that have not given me pleasure. Spent the night with Mr. Mathison. Had a good night's rest.

Jan. 28.-- Had a good day in the school room. At night we had a good debate. Was well entertained at the home of Mr. Hugh Hagaman's.

Jan. 29.-- The weather has varied today. Had an interesting school. Came across the mountain home. Arrived home and read a good letter from Edward B. Jenkins. Read some and had a good night's rest.

Jan. 30.-- Arose early. The day has been cold. Read and made a roll of the church members. Went to the store and office. Had a cold trip.

Jan. 31.-- The day has been blustry. Fixed and went to Sunday school. There were only nine present. Took dinner with R. A. Thomas. Rested awhile at Henley Greer's. Went across the Ridge to E. R. Eggers. Had a pleasant night with him.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1.-- The day has been cool, but clear. Made a fire early at the school house. There were not very many in school. Had a very good school. Spent the night at Thos. M. Warren's.

Feb. 2.-- The school was larger than yesterday. Had a pleasant day. Spent the night with H. P. Dougherty. He is a curious man, but kind and entertaining.

Feb. 3.-- Came to the school house early. Had a splendid school. Spent the night with George Henson. Had a good time.

Feb. 4.-- Came to the school house early. Had a pleasant day. Spent a pleasant night with Mr. Gill Hagaman. The society gave a moot court at night. It was largely attended. There was some egotism displayed by the lawyers. A man loves to display his shrewdness to the fullest.

Feb. 5.-- Came to the school house and made a fire. Have been a little discouraged about some of my work. Was somewhat wearied in the evening. Had the company of Andrew Greer across the Fork Ridge. Arrived home late.

Feb. 6.-- Read some and then went to the store and office. Heard a man making some silly remarks. Attended Church. Heard Rev. Mr. Wilson preach a good sermon from the theme, "Submit yourselves unto the Power of God". Attended a spelling match. Had a pleasant time. Came home and studied. Maud Robison spent the night with us.

Feb. 7.-- The day has been snowy. Had a very good Sunday School. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached a good sermon from the theme "Tongue". Took dinner at home. Started for Beaver Dams. Was in a severe snow storm on the way. The wind blew awfully on top of the Ridge. Went to Preston Dishman's and spent the night.

Feb. 8.-- Arose feeling dull. Went to the school house. Have had a tough day. There have been many things to vex me. Had a pleasant night with Emmett Roark. Have been unwell today.

Feb. 9.-- Have had an unpleasant day. A man's health has much to do with his disposition. The day has been rainy. Had a pleasant night with Mr. Will. Smith.

Feb. 10.-- Have had a very good day. Mr. Gragg visited the school. The day has been cool. Spent the night with Uncle James Laurance. The wind is blowing furiously. Have been unwell today.

Feb. 11.-- Awoke this morning with a case of the mumps. Came to the school house in a cold wind. Have had a good day, although spells of sickness flashed over me. Went to Mr.

Mathison and spent the night. Attended the debate. It was not a great source of intellectual inspiration. The boys seem to be backward. It takes will power and determination to overcome the weakness of nature.

Feb. 12.-- Arose with a bad case of the mumps. Went to the school house. Went to Mr. Hugh Hagaman's and took up my abode. The day has been long and tiresome. Read a good deal th[r]ough the day. At night Mrs. Hagaman made me some tea. Have been treated with the greatest kindness.

Feb. 13.-- Have had another long day. The greater part of the time has been spent in reading. Was delighted with Moody's book on "Secret Work". Received my mail from home in the afternoon. Read and talked at night.

Feb. 14.-- Have spent the entire day in the house. Did not attend Sunday School. Read some about Abraham Lincoln. Was interested in Mr. Moody's discussion on "Secret Power". Was pleased with several visits from the school girls. Had a good night's rest.

Feb. 15.-- Have spent the greater part of the day in the house. Read several stories in Uncle Remus. It is an interesting book. Saw Mr. Emmet Hagaman from Bristol.

Feb. 16.-- Arose and had a good breakfast this morning. Went to the school house and taught. Have felt unwell today. Made a deed this morning. Read at night.

Feb. 17.-- Went to school early. Had a tough day. Was very unwell. Suffered a good deal at night.

Feb. 18.-- Arose early and was very sick. Laid in bed the greater part of the day. Had several visitors to see me. Closed out the school owing to sickness on my part.

Feb. 19.-- Arose this morning feeling some better. My father visited me. There was some rain during the day.

Feb. 20.-- Have not been so well as usual. Read Canwell's Life of Spurgeon. Fixed some deeds. Went to bed and remained the rest of the day. Had a tough night.

Feb. 21.-- This has been a tough day for me. Have remained in bed all day. The mumps is bad when it sets in on a fellow. Was very sick all day.

Feb. 22.-- Have been in bed all day. Was somewhat amused at some gentlemen talking on music. Was very sick in the evening. Today is the anniversary of Washington's birthday. The nation pauses each year to recall his greatness and to pay homage [sic] to his memory.

Feb. 23.-- Have been in bed the greater portion of the day. Have had several visitors to see me. Have been married one year today. Have had a very successful year. Have had many discouragements and disappointments, but the goodness of an overruling Providence has been with me, cared for me, and brought me safely through.

Feb. 24.-- Today has been blustry. Several visitors have been to see me. Have been up some today. This is the fourth day that we have spent in the bed. A man gets awfully tired.

Feb. 25.-- Arose this morning feeling better. Read a great speech by J. W. Baily. He seems to understand the mission of the democratic party. His speech is logical and eloquent. Took dinner at the table. The first time in several days.

Feb. 26.-- Arose this morning feeling much better. Went to the breakfast table. Walked some today.-- the first in almost a week. Had several visitors today. Had a letter from home. Fixed a deed and slept a nap. Went to bed early and had a good night's rest.

Feb. 27.-- Arose much better than usual. Visited store three times. Mr. J. B. Williams visited me. Had a good night's rest.

Feb. 28.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Taught a class. Took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Roy Dotson. Had a pleasant time at their home. Visited Mr. J. G. Hagaman. Returned to Mr. Hugh Hagaman's and had a good supper.

MARCH

Mar. 1.-- Had a good breakfast. Visited store and Mr. J. G. Hagaman's. Purchased some books. Started for home at noon. Had a very good trip. Arrived home. Looked over my papers. Had a pleasant evening.

Mar. 2.-- This is my twenty-sixth birthday. Have not been very well. Have read a good deal. Read Rev. H. C. Moore's book on "The Bible". Have gained some important information about the bible.

Mar. 3.-- We have had several kinds of weather today. Have read some. Went to the store in the afternoon. Came home late in the evening. Was very tired. Read some at night.

Mar. 4.-- Read and studied before noon. In the afternoon went to J. H. Isaac's and married Andrew Greer and Berty Thomas.

Mar. 5.-- The day has been cool. Went to the store. Took dinner with J. F. Eggers. Spent awhile at the store. Received much mail at the office. Returned home and read a good while at night.

Mar. 6.-- The morning has been rainy. Wrote some in my Coursig (?) Bible study. Went to church. Returned home and read the greater part of the evening.

Mar. 7.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good crowd. We had an interesting lesson. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached a good sermon. Came home for dinner. Visited Andrew Greer's. Read in the Life of Paul at night. Was impressed with his greatness.

Mar. 8.-- Read this morning and studied until almost noon. Afternoon went to the store. Heard some good music on the Graphophone. Returned home and studied.

Mar. 9.-- Studied before noon. Am well-pleased with my studies. Afternoon went to P. C. Younce's to have some dental work done. Had a pleasant hour with him. Studied at night. Had a poem of interest from Walter E. Icenhour.

Mar. 10.-- Have spent the greater part of the day at study. The Apostle Paul is the greatest character in history, excepting Christ. His travels and hardships portray a remarkable man.

Mar. 11.-- Went to the store and worked during the day. Had a good dinner at Mr. Comb's. Had a long talk with I. G. Greer about his Washington trip. Returned home late in the evening.

Mar. 12.-- Read and studied until noon. My course in the Bible is interesting. Afternoon went to store and office. Had an experience with melancholy on my return. Studied at night.

Mar. 13.-- Read and studied before noon. The morning has been rainy. Afternoon went to mill and store. Came home and took a bath at night.

Mar. 14.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Had a good session. Had Misses Sallie Warren, Allie Eggers, Pearl and Mollie Burkett with us for dinner. Visited G. H. Thomas in the afternoon. Had some hearty laughs. Came home and read in the Bible.

Mar. 15.-- Stayed at home for awhile and then went to Zionville on business. Came to Mabel and worked in the store. Had a pleasant evening. Returned home and read some. Had some unpleasant news related to me. How sad we feel sometimes about our domestic affairs!

Mar. 16.-- Went to the store early. There was not much business being done. The day has been cool. Was a little sick in the evening. Had a sad experience about land affairs.

Mar. 17.-- Slept late this morning. Studied until afternoon. Went to the office. Saw several about the store. Returned home and studied.

Mar. 18.-- Knocked some stalks this morning. Studied a good deal during the day. Sawed some timber. At night was unwell.

Mar. 19.-- Finished my course in the Bible today. It is rich in thought and value. Wrote some and went to the store and office. Had letters from two of my old friends. Read an interesting piece about the night-riders. Uncle Remus' Magazine is a good one.

Mar. 20.-- Shelled some corn and went to mill. Visited the stores. Returned and had dinner. Visited Mr. Warren's and my sister's. Went to Mabel to make some deeds, but the parties failed to show up. Came home late.

Mar. 21.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. There were but few present owing to rain. Had Hom. Thomas and wife with us for dinner. Had a pleasant evening. Read some in Magazines.

Mar. 22.-- Stayed at home until noon. Went to the store and office. Received some mail. Heard some unbecoming talk. Men rather hear smut[t]y tales than some real bit of knowledge. Was in a sad mood.

Mar. 23.-- Did some work at home before noon. Went to Zionville on business. Heard a little boy indulging in slang. A strong arm ought to rule him. Returned home and fed. Read law at night.

Mar. 24.-- Fed this morning and then studied until noon. Went to Mabel and worked in the store. Had several visitors. There were some smart ones. Fixed some papers. Returned home late.

Mar. 25.-- The day has blustry and snowy. Worked in the store. Had a good crowd all day. You can hear much gossip.

Mar. 26.-- Arose late and did some work. Had a pleasant time reading. Went to Mabel and worked in the store. Had a good trade. Came home late.

Mar. 27.-- Went to the store. Had a pleasant time. There were several about. In the afternoon there was some disturbance. How sad it is to see the evil effects of liquor! It makes a brute of a man and causes him to degrade himself. It leads from one state to another. Came home in the rain.

Mar. 28.-- Arose and fixed for Sunday School. The morning has been rainy. There were several at school. There seems to be an inclination on the part of people to be indifferent to their own interest. It would be a great relief to themselves and others for men to lay out a line of duty. Had Mr. J. L. Thomas with me for dinner. Attended singing. Visited Mr. Warren's. Studied at night.

Mar. 29.-- Did some little duties before noon. Went to Mabel. Visited J. F. Egger's. Spent awhile in the village. Have had the "blues" very badly. Did some chores and went to Mr. Warren's on business.

Mar. 30.-- Remained at home during the entire day. Finished my course in Mr. Moore's book. Studied the remainder of the day. Had an experience on road matters.

Mar. 31.-- Cut some stalks this morning. Wrote some letters. Went to the office afternoon. Did some trading at the store. Came home and read.

APRIL

Apr. 1.-- Knocked stalks this morning and did some other work. Had dinner. Cut some locustes [sic] and read in the afternoon.

Apr. 2.-- Worked and read in the New Testament this morning. Went to John Davis' on business. Visited store and office. Brought a bedstead home.

Apr. 3.-- Went to mill and fixed up furniture. Went to Church. Took dinner with Alden Isaac. Went to store and office. Studied Sunday School lesson at night.

Apr. 4.-- Studied Sunday school lesson. Went to Sunday School. Had a good session. Heard Rev. Mr. Wilson preach. His theme was "Danger of Riches". Took dinner at home. Attended singing. Went to Silverstone and spent the night with S. M. Greene. Uncle Jack Greene was there.

Apr. 5.-- Had a road meeting. There were interesting things. Came home and had a good night's rest.

Apr. 6.-- Arose early and went to the field and worked. Had a tough experience with locustes [sic]. Uncle Jack Greene has been with us. The day has been warm.

Apr. 7.-- There was a little rain this morning. Went to the field and worked until noon. Had dinner. Worked again in the afternoon.

Apr. 8.-- Went to the field and cut briers. Came to the house and helped make some garden. The evening was rainy. Read and fixed wood.

Apr. 9.-- Spent the morning in studying and reading. Went to the store and office. Returned home and read.

Apr. 10.-- There was snow on the ground this morning. Went to mill. Fixed wood. Went to Mr. Warren's and then to a show in Mabel. Spent the night at J. F. Egger's.

Apr. 11.-- Had a good breakfast. Came to Sunday school. Had a good session. Took dinner at Mr. Warren's. Looked over the J. E. Laurance farm. Came home and read. Visited my sister.

Apr. 12.-- Our boy is one year old today. It has been rainy. Went to the store and office in the afternoon. Bought a suit of clothes. Came home and read.

Apr. 13.-- Have been at home all day. Have been bothered over domestic affairs. Have shelled corn and read. The day has been stormy.

Apr. 14.-- Arose despondent. Was visited by J. F. Eggers. Made a land trade. Wrote some deeds. Went to Mabel on business. Came home and counted some land.

Apr. 15.-- Worked before noon. Read, went to mill and planted potatoes in the afternoon.

Apr. 16.-- Have been unwell today. Did not do much work. Shelled corn, fixed fence and took a nap.

Apr. 17.-- The day has been pretty. Went to mill and office this morning. Helped haul manure on the garden. Took a good bath at night.

Apr. 18.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good session. Came home for dinner. In the afternoon visited A. W. Smith's, Grover Norris' and Mr. Burkett's. Arrived home late.

Apr. 19.-- Worked a little during the day. Sometimes we grow despondent over domestic affairs. Often the world seems hard, but victory comes to the true soldier.

Apr. 20.-- Witnessed a land deal this morning. Made some land deeds. Went to the store and office. Shelled corn, dug and read a good story.

Apr. 21.-- Went early and grubbed all day. The day has been clear, but windy. Was tired at night but rested well.

Apr. 22.-- Worked until noon. Fixed fence, had a good supper and visited Mr. Warren's on business.

Apr. 23.-- The day has been rainy. Shelled corn, and went to the store and office.

Apr. 24.-- Sawed wood this morning. The day has been pretty. Split wood. Went to J. C. Davis'. Swept the church house. Read in the evening.

Apr. 25.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good session. P. C. Younce took dinner with us. Attended singing at the Baptist Church and also at the Methodist. Returned home late in the evening.

Apr. 26.-- Have done a hard day's work, burned brush, cleaned off ground, went to the store, worked in the garden, and went for the doctor. Was very tired.

Apr. 27.-- Fixed wood, helped with plowing and hay-hauling. Read at night. Am sleepy.

Apr. 28.-- Arose and worked in the garden. Had a good breakfast. Planted corn.

Apr. 29.-- Planted corn, shelled corn, removed some hay. Went to mill and read at night. Was attracted by a piece on "Visions". Had a good night's rest.

Apr. 30.-- There has been several showers of rain today. Went to Dr. Greer's. Met some boys with slimy grins on their faces. Shelled corn. Read at night.

MAY

May 1.-- The morning was rainy. Went to church. Bro. Wilson preached an able sermon from the theme "Consideration". Came home for dinner. Went to store and office. Visited Mr. Warren's. Read Shakespeare at night.

May 2.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good session. Returned home for dinner. Spent the evening in reading. Visited Mr. Warren's.

May 3.-- Worked this morning. Planted corn in the afternoon.

May 4.-- Planted corn, melons, beans and burned corn stalks.

May 5.-- Went to Dr. Greer's and helped him plant corn. Returned home and worked. Had the Doctor with us at night.

May 6.-- Dug some ground and briers this morning. Shelled corn and went to mill. Had a good night's rest.

May 7.-- Planted potatoes this morning. The Doctor was summoned and a baby girl was born. It weighed four pounds. Worked some, went to the store and F. A. Warren's. Am sleepy tonight.

May 8.-- Planted corn and dug ground. Cut corn stalks. We get gloomy over the affairs sometimes. Our country seems to be opposed to many valuable reforms. Men become narrow and crabbed. They had rather have their pettish notions enthroned and go to ruin than to permit the right to succeed.

May 9.-- Read the book of Daniel this morning. Went to Sunday School. We had a good session. Came home for dinner. Went to singing and heard good music. Mrs. Burkett visited us.

May 10.-- Shelled corn and saw a few logs hauled. Went to the store and saw Mr. Hartley from Blowing Rock. Worked in the store. Read at night.

May 11.-- Shelled corn and went to mill. Split wood. Slept with Ralph at night. The day has been cool.

May 12.-- Arose feeling bad. Was out of humor. Helped make shingles, cut corn stalks, shelled corn and fixed pictures in a book. The day has been clear.

May 13.-- Spent the day in digging and preparing corn ground. Was the happy recipient of a preasant [sic] from an old college friend.

May 14.-- Planted corn this morning. Had some visitors, saw a piece of land surveyed. There was much boisterous talk concerning frivolous [sic] matters. Made a deed.

May 15.-- Worked in the store in Mabel. There were several present. There seems to be a disposition on the part of the people to oppose many things that are to their advantage. Selfishness and spiteword are two factors in an non-progressive community. Had a walk to John Davis' to see a press. Arrived home late tired and weary.

May 16.-- Studied Sunday School lesson and then went to Sunday school. We had a good session. Came home for dinner. Visited R. A. Thomas'. We had a good singing at the church. Came home and milked.

May 17.-- Arose and milked, cut stalks, planted corn and rested. Was sick at night.

May 18.-- Killed a ground squirrel this morning. Hoed potatoes. Was not well during the day. Uncle Elijah Farthing spent the night with us.

May 19.-- Have not been well today. The day has been dry. Went to the store, took a nap, fixed wood.

May 20.-- The day has been rainy. Went to store and office. Heard much foolish gab. Came home for dinner. Shelled corn, read, and minded the baby. Old Uncle Elijah Farthing is with us. This rain is worth much to the crops. Showers of blessings are showered upon us daily by a beneficent Providence.

May 21.-- Remained at home during the morning. The day has been rainy. Went to the store for a sack of flour.

May 22.-- Carried wood, shelled corn, went to mill. The day has been a little cool. Took a bath at night.

May 23.-- Milked this morning. Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good session. Had A. W. Smith and Maud Eggers with me for dinner. Went to singing. Returned and read in the Bible. Bertha Campbell and Fay Greer visited us. People seem to be surprised at our baby.

May 24.-- Arose early, went to the field and hoed corn. Have had good success. Late in the evening had a "catch" in my back and had to stop work.

May 25.-- Went to the field. Had to come to the house on the account of rain. Shelled corn, carried wood and hoed corn. Had to stop a second time for rain. Rested awhile late in the evening.

May 26.-- Hoed corn until noon. It rained and stopped us. Went to the store and office.

May 27.-- Have hoed corn all day. Had strawberry pie for dinner.

May 28.-- Hoed corn until about three o'clock. It then rained and we had to stop. Read and carried wood.

May 29.-- Arose late this morning. Worked in the garden and hoed corn until noon. Had dinner, went to mill and store, saw some hateful acting. People are so selfish. Had a tough time with a calf. Took a bath.

May 30.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good school and a large attendance. Rev. J. F. Eller preached a sermon from the theme, "Christ the great undertaker". Took dinner with J. F. Eggers. Visited Geo. Greer's and Walter Fletcher's. Came home late.

May 31.-- Have hoed corn, potatoes and cane today. Often we feel discouraged and down cast in heart. There comes a feeling of despondency and gloom. Oh, how dreary life is sometimes!

JUNE

June 1.-- Hoed corn in the new ground this morning. Rested in the afternoon and hoed in the garden.

June 2.-- Hoed corn and potatoes until noon. Then hoed corn for Andrew Greer. Set some tomatoes.

June 3.-- The day has been rainy. Went to the store and office.

June 4.-- Shelled corn and went to mill. Was visited by the music man. Went to the store and worked. Returned home late. Did not sleep well.

June 5.-- Went to Mabel and swore in the judges of an election. Saw some pitiful sights. For gain and man-pleasing men choose ignorance rather than light. Went to church. Took dinner with Alden Isaac. Saw some more blighting of the community. Came home late at night.

June 6.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. Had a good session. Went home for dinner. Attended singing. Visited Mr. Warren's. Read in Josephus.

June 7.-- Went to Mabel and worked in the store. Have had a pleasant day. Heard a talkative woman express herself in a disagreeable way. The day has been warm and dry.

June 8.-- Worked in my garden the greater part of the day. Read in Josephus. The day has been fine.

June 9.-- It was rainy this morning. Went to the store and office. The old woman had a fine pudding for dinner. The road to a man's affections is through his stomach. Have done various things during the evening.

June 10.-- Hoed corn before noon. The ground was wet. At noon went to Mabel and listed my tax. Saw and heard an old man by the name of Icenhour portray his craftiness in regard to various things. Came home and read a good article on Thomas Dixon, Senior. He was a remarkable man. Hoed corn.

June 11.-- Hoed corn almost all the day. Had to stop awhile on the account of rain. Read in Hebrews. It is a rich epistle. Am blue about past things.

June 12.-- Have hoed corn today. The rocks and grass have wearied me. Have been alone. Took a good bath late in the evening.

June 13.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. We had a good school. Came home for dinner. Alden Isaac and wife were with us. Attended singing in the afternoon. Had a long talk with P. C. Younce.

June 14.-- Have hoed corn today. Had to stop awhile on the account of rain. Wm. Oliver plowed our corn.

June 15.-- Have hoed corn today. Henley Greer helped us. There was rain during the day.

June 16.-- Hoed corn and cane until noon. Went for my mail. Read in the Wake Forest Student at night.

June 17.-- Went to mill this morning. Hoed corn nearly all day. Read in the evening.

June 18.-- Went to Zionville on business this morning. Returned to Mabel and talked awhile with J. F. Eggers. Mrs. Eggers gave me a nice dish of strawberries. Worked in the store awhile. Went home and hoed in the garden.

June 19.-- My foot hurt me this morning. Worked in the store today. Had a fine dinner. Met Elder Bagby. Returned home late in the evening.

June 20.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Attended preaching at the Methodist Church. Elder Bagby preached from the theme, "The good Samaritan [sic]". He brought out the following facts: 1st. Overcomes race prejudice, 2nd. Was in danger of his life, 3rd. Gave his time, 4th, Gave his means. Returned home for dinner. Visited Mr. Warren's. Went strawberry hunting.

June 21.-- Hoed in the garden this morning. Then helped Andrew Greer hoe corn. A man learns much neighborhood gossip from those with whom he come[s] in contact.

June 22.-- Helped J. U. Robison hoe corn. Was not well during the day. Had a night of unrest.

June 23.-- Arose very sick. Went to P. C. Younce's, W. M. Reece's, A. J. Campbell's and J. M. Greer's on an deed fixing tour. Came home at noon. Lay in the bed the greater part of the evening.

June 24.-- It has rained today. Spent a good portion of the day at the store. Came home and set up a press. Read a funny story of "How Jessie James took up a collection".

June 25.-- Did some work this morning. At noon went to Mabel and worked in the store. There many queries, "Where is Marion?" People are awfully inquisitive. Slept in Reece's den at night.

June 26.-- Arose early and swept the store house. Had a good breakfast. Had a good trade all day. Went home late. Harrison Church played the violin for us at night.

June 27.-- Fixed and went to Sunday School. We had a good school. Had John Castle and Archie Warren for dinner. Heard Miss Pearl Younce play the orogan [organ] at Mr. Warren's. Attended singing. Visited F. A. Warren's.

June 28.-- Arose early and went to the store. Had a good trade. The day has been warm. There was a good rain. Went home late.

June 29.-- Worked in the store. There were several people. There was much [rain?] and the creeks were flooded.

June 30.-- Went to Dr. Greer's and store. Tried to pick cherries. Took a nap, fixed wood and read.

JULY

July 1.-- Fixed stove wood, hoed corn, went to store and in swimming. We had a rain.

July 2.-- Went to G. C. Greer's and mailed a money order. Returned home and took a nap and hoed my garden and a patch of corn.

July 3.-- Hoed corn and cane this morning. Attend church. There were but few present. Bro. Wilson preached an able sermon. Bro. Geo. Sherrill from Beaver Dams was with us. There was a hard rain in the afternoon.

July 4.-- Read and went to Sunday School. We had a good school. R. A. Thomas took dinner with us. Attended singing. Visited J. F. Eggers.

July 5.-- Hoed corn today. The weather has been pleasant. Will. Oliver plowed for us.

July 6.-- Had a tough time driving a yearling. Hoed corn until it rained. Then went to Silverstone to a trial. There seems to be much difficulty in getting satisfactory proceedings. It has rained much today. Returned to Mabel and fixed papers.

July 7.-- Worked in the store today. It has been rainy. A woman is hard to suit. She will look at many things in the store and then not buy. It seems that it is difficult for them to make up their minds.

July 8.-- Hoed corn until noon. It rained and we rested. Stopped the pigs out of the potatoes. Read in the evening.

July 9.-- Went to the store and worked until afternoon. Came home and hoed corn. The day has been cool and cloudy.

July 10.-- Picked cherries, went to mill and hoed corn until noon. Hoed corn, sowed grass seed in the afternoon. Why is it that we are so discouraged sometimes? The way looks dark and gloomy.

July 11.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Came home for dinner. Read in the Bible. Attended church. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached an able sermon upon the theme, "The duty of Christians [sic]". Visited J. C. Davis.

July 12.-- Hoed corn today. The weather has been warm. Sowed grass seed. Read in the Bible.

July 13.-- Went to the store and office this morning. Hoed corn and sowed grass seed. Fixed tomatoes on sticks.

July 14.-- Hoed corn for Mr. Warren's and picked cherries. Read in Magazines.

July 15.-- Cut grass this morning. Went to Mabel and issued a warrant for a man. Had a good dinner at Mr. Burkett's. Returned home, read and ground scythes.

July 16.-- Worked in the morning and then went to P. C. Younce's and had him to fix a tombstone. We drilled I. G. Greer in Masonry. Got my mail.

July 17.-- Fixed wood, dressed and went to Silverstone and helped try a road case. Visited C. C. Adams. Spent the night with S. M. Greene, J. P.

July 18.-- Attended Sunday school at Pleasant Grove. Made a short talk. Took dinner with A. N. Mast. Visited J. H. Mast's. Talked with several on the way home.

July 19.-- Cut grass this morning. Had trouble with yellow jackets. The weather has been fine. Put up a haystack in the afternoon.

July 20.-- Cut and put up a haystack today. The weather has been warm.

July 21.-- The weather has been fine. Cut and put up a haystack. Went in swimming in the afternoon.

July 22.-- Mowed grass awhile and ground a scythe. Went to the store. Received my mail. Read after returning.

July 23.-- Did a little work. Received a large bunch of mail. Visited J. C. Davis who had cut his foot severely. Had the doctor to see our boy.

July 24.-- Went to mill this morning. Fixed wood, racked hay and dressed. Started to see J. C. Davis. Met Joseph Barlow and had a good talk. Spent the night with J. C. Davis.

July 25.-- Had a good breakfast. Visited R. A. Thomas'. Had a good Sunday school. Had several visitors for dinner. Had a pleasant afternoon talking with J. F. Eggers and Joseph Barlow.

July 26.-- Cut grass this morning. Went at noon to A. W. Smith's on business. Helped put up a haystack.

July 27.-- The day has been rainy and muddy. Went on a road inspecting tour. Found some in good condition and others poor. Took dinner with J. R. Isaac. Arrived home late.

July 28.-- Cut grass this morning. Had a visit from M. J. Williams. Cut grass in the evening. J. A. Warren visited us.

July 29.-- Cut grass this morning. Have been unwell today. Put up a haystack in the afternoon. Took a nap.

July 30.-- Looked over some roads this morning. Had a long talk with G. H. Thomas. Went to Mabel. Returned home sick. There was a shower of rain today.

July 31.-- Took a bath. Visited J. C. Davis. Attended church. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached an able sermon from the theme, "The Gospel". Took dinner with Mr. Comb's. Worked in the store. There was a hard rain. Bro. Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty stayed all night with me.

AUGUST

Aug. 1.-- Attended Sunday School and church. Bro. Wilson preached from the theme, "How Christians [sic] Should live". Visited Mr. Warren's. Mrs. Nelia Wilson and Lizzie Warren visited us.

Aug. 2.-- Arose early and went to Silverstone. Had a road meeting. There is plenty of weary in it. Stopped at J. C. Davis' on my return. Arrived home late.

Aug. 3.-- Worked on my diary, read and wrote letters this morning. Went to the store and office on business. Have been a little bit unwell.

Aug. 4.-- Cut grass this morning. Worked on my diary and scrapbook. Bought blackberries. Helped put up a haystack. Was very sick in the evening and at night.

Aug. 5.-- Went to mill this morning. Worked on a scrapbook. David Younce, wife and two children visited us. Went to the store. Stacked some hay. Have been sick today.

Aug. 6.-- Worked in the store today. There were several about. There seems to be a disposition on the part of people to put anything on a merchant. It rained in the afternoon.

Aug. 7.-- Dressed and went to Mabel. A. W. Smith and myself drove to Sugar Grove. Had a good dinner at J. H. Bingham's. Attended Snow Lodge. Had a good time. Saw J. M. & I. G. Greer take the second degree in Masonry. Started for home alone late. It was after dark when home was reached.

Aug. 8.-- Read and went to Sunday School. Our crowd was rather small. Had dinner at home. Fixed and started for Silverstone. Stopped at singing. Was at P. C. Younce's and was very sick. Spent the night at J. H. Mast's.

Aug. 9.-- Went to Silverstone. Bro. L. S. Pennell opened school for us. Misses Lottie Greer and Lola Wilson are assistants. There was a large number in school. Am pleased with the work. Have been very unwell today.

Aug. 10.-- Have been unwell today. When a man is ailing physically, he is unable to do good mental work. If it will only continue the school has a good beginning. Had a good night's rest.

Aug. 11.-- Arose feeling some better this morning. Have had a full school today. There are many things to vex us. After school read and rested. Am feeling unwell.

Aug. 12.-- The day has been warm. There was a large number in school. At night we organized a debating society.

Aug. 13.-- Have had a good school today. Have been unwell. Came home and read at night. A man who is suffering is unable to do first class work, he must be in good condition physically.

Aug. 14.-- Fixed this morning and went to singing. Although feeling bad the songs were enjoyed. The weather was warm. Left at recess in the afternoon. Read and rested. Visited Mr. Warren's.

Aug. 15.-- Studied the lesson and went to Sunday school. Had a good session. There were several present. Went home for dinner. Miss Lilly Sullivan took dinner with us. Attended singing in the afternoon. Returned home and read. There was a thunderstorm in the evening.

Aug. 16.-- Arose early and had a good breakfast. Started for school. Had a muddy and rainy time. Have had a pleasant day. There was a large crowd in school. After school read and wrote some. Visited J. M. Hodge's.

Aug. 17.-- Arose this morning and studied. Have had an interesting school. The boys worked on the ground. Webster Smith visited the school. After school visited C. C. Adams' and Glenn's store. Came across the hill to my boarding place. Read awhile after my return.

Aug. 18.-- Today has been pretty. Have had a good school. The story by Irving "The Widow's Son" is one that is pathetic. Irving gives a good description and conveys the feeling as well. After school some time was spent in study. Read at night.

Aug. 19.-- Have had a good school today. At night we had a debate. There were not many present. The discussion was light.

Aug. 20.-- This morning was foggy. The day has been warm. We had a spelling match in school. Came home late. Had a good night's rest.

Aug. 21.-- Arose feeling bad. Went to mill and store. Returned to singing. Went home for dinner. Returned to singing. Went to Mabel and visited J. F. Egger's. Came home late.

Aug. 22.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. There was a large crowd. We had good singing. Went home for dinner. Our singing closed. We have had a good singing. Went home and then started for Silverstone. Stopped awhile at A. N. Mast's. Spent the night with F. P. Wilson's.

Aug. 23.-- This morning was cool and frosty. Went to the schoolhouse. The school was a little small. After school went across the mountain to Frank Brown's and spent the night. Was treated with much kindness.

Aug. 24.-- Went to Howard's Creek Baptist Church where the Three Forks Association was in session. Rev. D. A. Greene preached the sermon. Afternoon the Association organized by electing W. S. Farthing, Mod., and Smith Hagaman clerk. There was some interesting discussions. Spent the night with Mrs. Rogan's. Was treated with much kindness. Slept on the biggest bed in the county.

Aug. 25.-- Went from Mrs. Rogans to Howard's Creek Church. Was on the ground early. The devotional exercises held before the Association was good and inspiring. The Association adjourned to the grove. Rev. Mr. Hesler made a great speech on the orphanage. He preached a sermon from the theme, "The Mental Suffering of Christ". It was one of the best that we ever heard. Was on the Finance Committee. Had a hard task. Left the Association for Silverstone. Had a hot and tiresome journey. Came to H. A. Greer's and spent the night.

Aug. 26.-- Went early to school. Wrote a letter. The school from some cause was small. We often get discourage. People are so prone to be careless about educational matters. We had a lively debate at night.

Aug. 27.-- Had my hair cut this morning. The children came early to school. The day has been warm. Have had a good school. After school started for home. Stayed for awhile in Mabel. Arrived home late.

Aug. 28.-- Dug potatoes before noon. Had a good melon to eat. Afternoon went to the store and office. Heard some foolish gab indulged in. Came home and took a bath. Went to Mr. Warren's and spent the night. The day has been warm.

Aug. 29.-- Attended Sunday school. There were several present. We had a pleasant session. Went home for dinner. Bob Thomas took dinner with me. Remained at home during the evening. Ate melons and read. There was a good shower of rain.

Aug. 30.-- Arose early and started for Silverstone. Have had a nice day in school. Sometimes boys think that they are real smart when they don't know anything. They need a rod used on their backs. A smart Alex is useless to the country. No one heeds his advice. After school visited ... A. J. Wilson's and spent the night. Was treated with much kindness.

Aug. 31.-- The day has been pretty. Have been unwell today. The school has been full. Visited where J. S. Dougherty was building a house. Did not rest well at night.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1.-- The day has been cool and pleasant. Have enjoyed my work in the schoolroom. After school visited Walter Icenhour in his printing shop. Went to the store and C. C. Adams'. Read and studied at night.

Sept. 2.-- The day has been pleasant. Have enjoyed the schoolroom right well. At night we had a debate. There was a fairly good discussion, but only a few were present.

Sept. 3.-- Have been unwell today. It seems that a school is smaller on Friday than any other day of the week. There was some visitors in school. We had a lively spelling match. Started for home. Made several stops on the way. Arrived home late. Rested well at night.

Sept. 4.-- There was a shower of rain this morning. Read for awhile. Went to church. Bro. Wilson preached a good sermon from the theme, "Do not th[r]ow holy things away". Came home for dinner. Had Mr. J. L. Thomas for dinner. Went to the store and stayed a good while. Returned home late.

Sept. 5.-- Dressed, read and went to Sunday School. Bro. Wilson preached an interesting sermon. Went home for dinner. Read in Matthew. It takes a little more than two hours to read it. Went to Silverstone. Had a good night's rest.

Sept. 6.-- Arose this morning and had a good mess of beef. Have had a pleasant school. Have enjoyed the work today. Worked on the census in the evening.

Sept. 7.-- There has been a good crowd in school. Had some beef for breakfast. In the evening worked on census and reports. Read some at night.

Sept. 8.-- Have not felt very well today. There has been a large number in school. Had to punish some boys for fighting. Spent the night at L. S. Pennell's. Had a pleasant time.

Sept. 9.-- Came from Mr. Pennell's to the school house. The school was a little small today. At night we had an interesting debate. There was much wit and humor, but little argument displayed.

Sept. 10.-- The attendance in school was small owing to a Reunion. Have had a pleasant day. Came home and read.

Sept. 11.-- Arose this morning and went to mill. Had to stay a long time. Returned and bladed cane.⁴ Took a bath and went to the store. Spent the greater part of the evening there.

Sept. 12.-- Fixed this morning and went to Sunday School. We had a pleasant session. Returned home for dinner. Henley Greer, John Isaacs and J. F. Eggers visited us. Had some good melons.

Sept. 13.-- Arose early and went to Silverstone. There was a large crowd in school. It is a great encouragement to see so many in school. It gives a man energy to work. Studied in the evening.

Sept. 14.-- There has been a large crowd in school. Went in the evening to S. J. Price's and spent the night. Was treated kindly.

Sept. 15.-- Came to the schoolhouse and did some work. Heard the sad news that Uncle David Greene was dead. Had a very good school. Worked in the arithmetic and read about the Artic [sic] Explorers.

Sept. 16.-- Today has been rainy. Have not felt very well. Had a debate at night. There were many foolish expressions.

Sept. 17.-- Have had a very good school today. There has been much interest. Had a spelling match in the afternoon. Many things vex a man in the schoolroom. Came home late in the evening.

Sept. 18.-- Read and cut tops until noon. Went to the store and office. Took a little game of ball. Returned home and read some.

Sept. 19.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. We had an interesting session. Had a good dinner. Read th[r]ough Romans in forty minutes. Attended singing. Roy Dotson spent the night with us.

Sept. 20.-- Arose early this morning and went to my school. Have had a good day. Suffered with my feet. Attended a show at night. It was amusing and instructive. The music was good.

Sept. 21.-- Today has been rainy. An East storm has been raging. There were several in school. Worked problems and read at night.

Sept. 22.-- It has rained some today. Sawed wood at noon. There are many pleasant and many disagreeable things in school. Studied and visited J. S. Dougherty in the evening.

⁴Sorghum, used for molasses.

Sept. 23.-- Arose early this morning and shaved. Have had a good school. There was some interest on the part of the students. Visited Mr. E. J. Smith's. Returned to my room and studied Rhetoric. There is much to be learned in English. Composition is one of the finest arts. Close and accurate thinking is necessary to good writing.

Sept. 24.-- Arose late this morning. The day has been pleasant. We had a spelling match in school. Started for home. Heard many things on the way. It seems that some people desire confusion more than peace. Read my mail at night.

Sept. 25.-- Today has been cool. Have worked in the fodder today. Am very tired. A man ought to do some manual labor in order to keep in touch with thousands of humanity.

Sept. 26.-- Read a very touching scene in a story this morning. Often things come within our experience. Memory unfolds many things. Our hearts are sad. Had a good Sunday School. Some discussion was invoked. Took dinner with J. F. Eggers. Visited Mr. Burkett's. Returned home and was disturbed over some flying gossip. Did not rest well at night.

Sept. 27.-- Arose early and started for my school. It was cool. The attendance was small. Went to Uncle John Dougherty's to board. Had a pleasant night reading.

Sept. 28.-- This morning was cool. Went to the school house and made a fire. The school has been small. How sad we feel sometimes at the carelessness of parents! Little children with bright minds growing up in ignorance. Have had a pleasant evening reading. Read of the death of Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minn. His life shows what a boy with zeal and integrity can achieve. From obscurity to prominence he came. From the son of a washer-woman to the chief officer of a great state was his position in life.

Sept. 29.-- The day has been cool. Smoke has been in the house. The school has been fairly good. In the evening studied Webster's Spelling book. Was interested in the sounds of the letters. Wrote a lesson in Bible Doctrine.

Sept. 30.-- Made a fire at the schoolhouse. The school has been fairly good. Have fixed wood today. At night read and spelled.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1.-- The weather has been fine. Have had a small school. We had a spelling match in old "Blue Back". Arrived home late. Went to Mr. Warren's and spent the night. He was a very sick man.

Oct. 2.-- Came home this morning and dug some sweet potatoes. Went to church. Bro. Wilson preached a sermon from the subject "Love". There was considerable business in the church. Took dinner with Alden Isaacs. Had a pleasant season in Mabel.

Oct. 3.-- Dressed this morning and visited Willard Norris. Stopped awhile at R. A. Thomas. We had a good Sunday school. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached a good sermon from the theme, "The good shepherd". Took dinner at home. Visited J. C. Davis. Came to my boarding place at Silverstone. Read and thought some at night.

Oct. 4.-- Have had a good school today. There was a large crowd. In the evening worked on the Register and made reports. Read a heated discussion between Dr. John E. White and Hon. Thos. E. Watson on ____ problems in the South.

Oct. 5.-- School has been good. In the evening read about King Arthur and his Court. At night it rained a hard shower. It appeared to be perfectly clear in the meanwhile.

Oct. 6.-- Have had a pleasant day. Mr. T. P. Adams was with us awhile. He made a talk. At night read in the history of the Baptist.

Oct. 7.-- The day has been pretty. Have had an interesting school. Read at night in the history of the Baptist.

Oct. 8.-- The school has been good today. There was some interest in the classes. Spent the night with Uncle David Laurance. Had a very pleasant time.

Oct. 9.-- Came from Uncle David Laurance's to Mr. Dougherty's. Fixed and went to the school house. Met Prof. Stanton. Supt. B. B. Dougherty conducted an Institute. He had many words of wisdom. There were not many present. We are sadly disappointed. Went home. Arrived home about sunset.

Oct. 10.-- Dressed and went to Sunday School. We had a pleasant session. Took dinner at home. Went to singing. Spent the night with J. H. Mast. Was treated with much kindness.

Oct. 11.-- Came to the schoolhouse. It rained hard this morning. We have had a very good school. Read and studied in the evening.

Oct. 12.-- Came to the schoolhouse and made a fire. Have been discouraged today. People seem to take so little interest in school. Of course we are not the first to experience such, but to see conditions as they are makes the heart sad. Wrote on the life of Uncle David Greene. How glorious is such an end! How triumphant his life!

Oct. 13.-- Today has been cool. Have had a very good school. There are many disappointments, but such is the common lot of all men. At noon we fixed wood. Some lessons

are enjoyable, others are wearisome. There is a dark side to teaching as well as a bright one. He who is faithful shall have the victory.

Oct. 14.-- The day has been pleasant in the schoolroom. Many good lessons have been recited. At night read and studied. How simple and clear is the language of the Bible! It is so plain that all can comprehend.

Oct. 15.-- Today has been discouraging in the schoolroom. How disappointed we are often! We had a spelling match in the afternoon. On my way home met Rev. E. F. Jones from the west. Arrived home late.

Oct. 16.-- Shucked some corn and went to mill. Had a long talk with Dr. Greer and wife. Returned home for dinner. Read and thought a good deal during the day.

Oct. 17.-- Dressed this morning and went to Sunday School. We had a good school. Returned home for dinner. Looked over the farm with Henley Greer. Fixed and started for Silverstone. Arrived late. Had supper and read some.

Oct. 18.-- Went to the schoolhouse and fixed some stovepipes. Have a pleasant day in the school. Was reading in the evening and heard cries of distress. Learned that Luther Rayfield was dead. Visited Mrs. Rayfield. Studied some when we returned.

Oct. 19.-- Have felt badly today. There was no school. Took a nap. How sad it is for a young man to be suddenly called away. Stayed by myself awhile at night. Was very lonesome. How lonely and sad!

Oct. 20.-- There was no school today. Attended the burial service of Luther Rayfield. Rev. Mr. Weaver made a nice talk. Wrote a piece for publication for the stricken family. Read some in the History of the Baptist.

Oct. 21.-- The school has been small today. The day has been pretty. Was pleased by a token of gratitude from the sheriff. Spent the night with Ira Ellison. Had a pleasant time. He talked much about his service in the P.I.

Oct. 22.-- The school has been encouraging today. The weather has been ideal. Came home late in the evening.

Oct. 23.-- Shucked some corn this morning and went to the store. There was some rain in the afternoon. Read and studied. Took a bath at night.

Oct. 24.-- There was a snow on the ground this morning. Fixed and went to Sunday school. There were not many present. There seems to be a great indifference on the part of many. Boys

think that there is a sickly grin is a mark of smartness and wisdom. Went home and had dinner. Went to Silverstone. Stopped a few minutes at singing. Spent the night at my boarding place.

Oct. 25.-- Went to the schoolhouse and made a fire. Have had a good school. How sad to see a boy so indifferent and smart that he heeds no advice! There are many things to vex a man. Oh, that we had wisdom to do all things just right! We are human and not infallible judgment.

Oct. 26.-- The day has been fine. The school has been good. We are somewhat encouraged. Poe's "Gold Bug" is an interesting piece of fiction. Read in Plutarch's Lives at night.

Oct. 27.-- Have had a full school today. A man is vexed about many things. In the evening took a stroll through the field and visited Walter Icenhour. Visited S. M. Greene's. There were several in the store. Read and wrote friends at night.

Oct. 28.-- Have had a large crowd in school today. There are many little troublesome things that came up. The poem "Sohrab and Rustum" is touching indeed.

Oct. 29.-- Today has been pleasant. What makes a boy so careless? Is it an act of shrewdness or indifference? We had a spelling match. Came home late and shucked some corn.

Oct. 30.-- Packed lumber and shucked corn today. Am well pleased with my lumber. Am very tired.

Oct. 31.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school. Had a good session. Went home for dinner. Took a nap. Did not rest well at night.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1.-- Arose early and went to my school. Had a very good school. Read and talked at night.

Nov. 2.-- Today has been pretty. Have had an interesting school. Visited Thomas and Robt. Smith in their shack. Men of intelligence, but without energy. Read in a magazine about the Lincoln and Douglas debate.

Nov. 3.-- Have had a good school today. The weather has been fine. At night heard Rev. Mr. Bradshaw lecture on the subject of missions. It was strong and logical.

Nov. 4.-- The day has been pretty. Have enjoyed myself right well. Had some trouble with a stubborn and impulsive boy. How sad to see a boy so smart that he will not heed good advice! At night read about animals and an article on Emerson. He was a great thinker and a man who adored truth.

Nov. 5.-- Have had a good school today. Had much interest in the classes. Heard from my old friend Johnson. Studied some at night.

Nov. 6.-- Today has been a busy time. Went to Mabel and shipped some chestnuts. Attended church. Bro. Wilson preached from the theme, "Return!" There was much business in the church. Went to Mabel and tried Sam. Hodge for an assault with a deadly weapon. Bound him to court. Was very tired at night.

Nov. 7.-- Today has been pretty. Attended church and Sunday school. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached from the theme, "Effects and nature of sin". Took dinner at home. Mr. Warren and Clyde Thomas were with me. Started for Silverstone. Arrived there at the close of church. Went to my boarding place.

Nov. 8.-- Did not sleep well in the later part of the night owing to an insane woman. Have had a good school. Heard Bro. Wilson preach twice. Spent the night with Mr. E. H. Perry. Had a pleasant time.

Nov. 9.-- Have had a very good school today. The weather has been rainy. Heard two sermons by Rev. Mr. Wilson. His theme at night was "All things are yours". He presented many rich ideas. Spent the night at Mr. Enzer Beach's.

Nov. 10.-- Have been rather dull today. Attended church. Bro. Wilson's theme was "Life under the image of a River". Have been melancholy. Went home and spent the night.

Nov. 11.-- Arose early and went to Silverstone. Have been a little dull today. Attended church twice. Have seen an insane woman. How sad to note her condition! Spent the night at S. M. Greene's.

Nov. 12.-- The school has been small today. Have been discouraged. Heard Rev. L. W. Farthing preach a thoughtful sermon from the theme, "Being weaned from sin". At night Bro. Wilson preached from the theme, "Your conversation is in heaven". Spent the night with M. M. Hodge.

Nov. 13.-- Went home this morning. Stopped awhile in Mabel. Worked at some shingles. Was sick in the evening and at night.

Nov. 14.-- Fixed and went to Sunday school this morning. There was fairly a good crowd out. We had an interesting session. We had a good dinner of "Rooster". J. F. Eggers was with us. Talked a deal in the afternoon. Attended church at Silverstone. Had supper and spent the night with "Gold-rimmed spectacle" Dougherty.

Nov. 15.-- Today has been fine. Attended church. We had a good meeting. Had a pleasant evening in school. Received a nice poem from the lips of T. P. Adams. Attended church at night. Had a talk with Bro. Geo. Roten. Had some good coffee for supper. Friend Dougherty is enthused over the spectacle business. Sometimes we think that he will preach a spectacle gospel.

Nov. 16.-- Have had a pleasant day in school. Heard Rev. Mr. Fox preach from the theme, "Incline your ear unto the Lord and He will save your soul". At night his theme was "Responsibilities of this generation". Friend T. P. Adams spent the night with us. He is a good talker, a deep thinker and a lovable character.

Nov. 17.-- It was late when we arrived at the schoolhouse. Have had an interesting school. The interest in study is hardly so intense as usual. Rev. Mr. Fox preached from the theme, "Faith". Swept the house. At night Rev. Mr. Wilson preached an able sermon from the theme, "Doctrine of the Christian Religion". It was able, logic on fire, eloquence aflame and devotional intenseness.

Nov. 18.-- Have been rather dull today. There were but a few in school. Heard Bro. Fox preach from the theme, "Judgments". Went home.

Nov. 19.-- Arose this morning. Had breakfast. Went to Silverstone. Saw thirteen baptized. There is a solemnity in the act. Bro. Wilson preached a good sermon on "Duties of young converts". Took dinner with J. H. Mast. Met Manly McBride. Arrived home late.

Nov. 20.-- Went to the store this morning. Have had a good day. Came home for dinner. Went to the store again. A man with a vulgar mind loves a smut[t]y joke. Studied some at night.

Nov. 21.-- Visited my sister this morning. Attended Sunday School. There were not many present. Took dinner at home. Went to Silverstone. Visited Walter Icenhour. Had a long talk with him on the subject of religion. Had a pleasant time. There is a pleasure in a sympathetic exchange of ideas. Spent the night with J. S. Dougherty.

Nov. 22.-- Dismissed school for the day. Saw ten baptized. Heard a good sermon by Bro. Fox. Took dinner with L. S. Pennell. Had a pleasant evening. Spent the night with Theron Isaacs.

Nov. 23.-- Came to the school house. Have had a good school. Went and spent the night with Will Greer. Had a pleasant [time?]. Had a good bed to sleep on.

Nov. 24.-- Came early to school. Have worked hard today. The day was cool. Spent the night with E. H. Perry. Had a pleasant time.

Nov. 25.-- Have felt a little bad today. There were some sorry lessons. Had some experience with the boys. Am at my regular boarding place. Have had some fun. Read Wesley's sermons. He is a man of power.

Nov. 26.-- Today has been pretty. Have had a very good school. Am somewhat discouraged. Had a spelling match. Started for home and arrived late.

Nov. 27.-- Have done some work today. Fixed wood, read, packed shingles and went to the store. Heard a silly man talking and expressing his views. Was sick at night.

Nov. 28.-- Read some and went to Sunday school. Had an interesting school. Returned home and read some. Started for Silverstone. Stopped awhile at P. C. Younce's. Heard Rev. Mr. Wood preach at the Methodist Church at Silverstone. His theme was "Iniquity in the Heart". An instructive sermon. Came to my boarding place. W. E. Icenhour visited me at night.

Nov. 29.-- Went to the schoolhouse early. Have had a pleasant day. The school has been large. Have been encourage[d]. Studied and fixed reports at night.

Nov. 30.-- The weather has been fine today. The school has been good. How sad a feeling some books put on me! Poor Silas Marnier had a lot that many of the human family are acquainted with: Over-confidence in a friend--leads often to ruin. How wicked and contemptible are many villians [sic]! They stain and smear the character with a heart full of selfishness. This is often done under a cloak of religion. Many would destroy the innocent to carry out a wolfish design-- a hoggish appetite-- a ravenous desire. The uncounted numbers that have suffered by the ambition of a wicked heart. The covetousness of an overwrought zeal for self and the cruel hand of a friend. Depravity! Depravity!! Thou seem to hold the scepter of envy and debauchery. Who can withstand thee. None; but He who calms the seas and rides on the waves.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1.-- When there is an interest a man never tires in school work. He becomes lost as to time and great themes absorb his time. Amid flowers there are some thorns. A boy loves to do little smart things-- things that annoy and unnerve the most conservative. Had a pleasant night with S. J. Price. We laughed at the many jokes that were told about stock. Deep and serious thoughts penetrated my mind. Enthusiasm and regret, sorrow and remorse roamed through my weary and broken soul-- a soul with a chasm. Can this ever be bridged? The block that filled the chasm is gone-- forever gone-- never to return in time. An object of beauty, a being of devotion, a bundle of affections has gone into a realm of darkness, as it were, to me. How dark my life, how gloomy my existence! The weary one must plod on and on-- longing and longing-- but never to be satisfied. These are sad revels, but real and intense.

Dec. 2.-- Came early to school. The day has been interesting. Interest in school is good. Flights of delights and pangs of remorse dart into my soul. There seems to be no rest, except in toil. Existence is a heavy drag sometimes, but often sweet thoughts come my way. Thoughts appear and sweeten life's rugged way.

Dec. 3.-- The day has been pretty. The school has been encouraging. We had a spelling match. Arrived home late. We had several visitors.

Dec. 4.-- Went to milk this morning. Read some. Afternoon went to the store and attended church. Bro. Wilson preached a good sermon. There was much business. Visited Henley Greer's at night.

Dec. 5.-- Have not felt well today. We had a full Sunday school. There was some interest in the lesson. Took a nap of sleep. Went to Silverstone. Talked some and read.

Dec. 6.-- Arose this morning and went to the schoolhouse. Taught awhile and transacted some road business. Some men think if they can curse loud that all knowledge lays within their brains. Poor ignorant beings, they know not their condition. They are objects of pity, so wretched that the tears of angels would melt at the sight. Such raises a righteous indignation in a man. The evening was pleasant in the schoolroom. Issued a warrant for a man. Studied at night.

Dec. 7.-- There was an awfully bad storm this morning. On the account of it the school was small. At night read and prepared a manuscript for the printer.

Dec. 8.-- The day has been cold. The schoolroom has not been pleasant. At night read in "Silas Marner". A little child fills a chasm in his dark life. We are often despondent. How cruel the world seems! This often seems true, because it is a thought of our own minds.

Dec. 9.-- Today has been awfully cold. The school room has not been pleasant. Had a visit from Walter Icenhour. The story of "Silas Marner" is a good one. The life of the man is made sweet by the presence of a sweet woman that calls him, "Father". This story teaches that a secret will out in some way.

Dec. 10.-- Today has been cold. Had a spelling match in school. Started home. Fixed some legal papers. Attended church at Union.

Dec. 11.-- Arose feeling bad. Went to the store. Returned to church and we had a good meeting. Bro. Fox preached from the theme, "The eternal building of God". Had Wm. Isaacs and Wm. Fletcher for dinner. Took a nap. Attended church at night. Bro. Fox preached on "The Prodigal Son". Took a bath at night.

Dec. 12.-- Today has been gloomy. There was a large crowd at Sunday school and church. Bro. Fox preached from the theme, "The word". He presented many good points. Bros. Fox and Geo. Roten took dinner with me. We had a good long conversation. Left home and went to Silverstone. The weather has been inclement tonight.

Dec. 13.-- The morning was awfully stormy. The school has been small. Read "With Lee in Virginia".

Dec. 14.-- Today has been pretty. The school has been discouraging. How sad it makes me to think of the indolence and meanness of some people! Read at night.

Dec. 15.-- Have been discouraged today. There are so many sorry things that vex us. Had a visit from Supt. B. B. Dougherty. He made a good, pointed talk. Studied at night.

Dec. 16.-- Have had a small school today. There is some interest among those who attend. Read at night.

Dec. 17.-- Had a very good session of school this morning. Afternoon we had a spelling match in which a number of people took a part. We had an address by Hon. J. H. Bingham. His subject was "Power". It was logical and forcible. Arrived home late.

Dec. 18.-- Went to the store. Returned home and dressed. Went to Mr. Warren's and had a good time. There were several little songs sung.

Dec. 19.-- Went home and read about the "King Philip War" and "Witchcraft". Had a small Sunday school. Took dinner at Andrew Greer's. Visited H. C. Johnson's, J. C. Davis' and W. H. Greer's. Returned home and read.

Dec. 20.-- Went to the store early this morning. Took dinner at P. C. Younce's. Had some dental work done. Returned home and read.

Dec. 21.-- Started early for Mast. The first session of school closed there. The school gave a short but beautiful program. The music was excellent. Was reminded of days long ago. Came to Mabel and stopped. Arrived home late. Attended a singing at Henley Greer's. There were several people present. One old lady came along behind with a shrieking tune.

Dec. 22.-- Remained home before noon. The day has been awfully cold. Afternoon went to the store. Some westerners made their appearance. All knowledge and dignity and manhood are not bestowed upon a person just because he has crossed the Rocky Mountain. Arrived home late. Was not well at night.

Dec. 23.-- Remained at home the greater part of the day. Visited Mr. Warren's. Have not been well.

Dec. 24.-- Started early for Silverstone. Had trouble with a blister on my heel. Heard "Squealing" Andy Wilson turn loose his mighty knowledge of things in general-- and especially on his neighbors and farming. Stopped at Solomon Eggers. Heard a good deal of clash in Mabel. There was some shrewdness displayed at a sale. A crowd of silly girls were displaying their hatefulness at the store. How contemptible are their laughters and screams! Arrived home late.

Dec. 25.-- This [is] a blustry Christmas. Have been at home the entire day. Read in Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans". It is an enthusiastic story. The sagacity of an Indian is marvelous. He is schooled in nature's great book. As usual Christmas is dull and not exciting to me. Why do people want to rave like a heathen and jabber like a Dago? It is or should be a period of peace and not of unusual demonstration. The spirit of Christmas in the true sense ought to reign and not a "hurly-burly". Peace and good will is its mission to man.

Dec. 26.-- Today has been snowy and blustry. Did not go to Sunday School. Started but got in the branch and returned. Visited Mr. Warren's and Henley Greer's.

Dec. 27.-- Went to Mabel this morning. Sat on a case with Esq. A. W. Smith. The sun has shined. Snow has covered the ground.

Dec. 28.-- Started for singing at Silverstone. Had a nice trip. There was some smart Alexism displayed. That is found everywhere we go. Arrived home late. Was tired and wearied.

Dec. 29.-- Fed and made fires. The day has been blustry and cold.

Dec. 30.-- It has been cold today. Have read some. The sun shined a little while in the afternoon.

Dec. 31.-- Went to Mabel this morning. Payed off a note in the evening. The sun has shined today. It is much warmer. The old year is almost gone. It has been a tough year with me. There has been much trouble and weary. Besides this there has been much happiness. There are many regrets of things undone. Our errors in the past are easily seen. Oh! That we had the for-seeing eye that we could see into the future! In all God has been merciful to me. He has given me health, strength and a vigorous mind, for all we are thankful.