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Once more I set about keeping a sort of journal;
I must acknowledge that I commenced my book without
reluctance I feel some as tho' I was going to renew
an intercourse with ~~old~~ friend — As it is some time
since I have written any in this way, I have at times
taken satisfaction in looking back to the days that are
past & recalling to mind the events of interest that occas-
ionally transpired in our little sphere; scenes of sorrow
and joy, of tribulation & rejoicing, alternately crossing
our path; but through all the vicissitudes of life I feel
the necessity of preserving a peaceful reconciled sense,
and altho' at times gloomy clouds may seem to prevail
and our spirits almost desponding, yet Faith teaches
where to place dependence — For there is a bright &
shining light in Zion which will banish every mist,
and the Sun of Righteousness appear to the joy and
consolation of those who are striving for an interest
in that kingdom which endureth for ever. —

1st Sept. th Sabbath, attend public meeting, a number of spectators present. - Brother Proctor & James, spoke considerably on the necessity of living free from sin - that those who took upon themselves the name of Christ were none of his, while they lived after the course of the world, pleasing & indulging that nature, which Christ came to crucify. A great profusion, or the highest summit of knowledge, that man could attain to, he would still be unsaved, unless he followed the example & obeyed the teachings of Him who was sent to be the Captain & pattern of our Salvation. - It seems hard for souls to feel the necessity of slaying their corrupt wills and inclinations & become willing to be as little children in simplicity, striving to do the will of the Father. - There are a number of visitors here to day - but perhaps not one that is sincerely anxious for any thing superior to what they are surrounded with in the world. -

The summer months have glided quickly from us we have had but little very warm weather, it now appears quite autumnal. "I love the first young violet of Spring, and the last rose that summer gives. There is a moral in its falling leaves". -

We have some visitors from Bybury here to day
James & Rebecca Thornton & Phoebe Walton, - they
appear anxious to have some information concerning
our principles, manner of living &c tho I presume, no
intention of putting it in practice - yet a liberal
engaging spirit is commendable. - - -

Lucy Gates at present quite sick with a
fever at the 2nd house - it is probable she will
have a lingering time - these mortal bodies are
ever subject to infirmities; certainly the justified
soul must rejoice at the sound of emancipation
from an earthly clog

" 'Tis nothing, then, to die - but to prepare,
To free our earth-bound thoughts from their deep roots;
To fix our faith - not on the passing world,
Those fleeting pageants of terrestrial joy,
That sicken, languish, rot in our embrace -
But on the world to come, that never fades,
Expires, nor changes. "

This afternoon is spent very pleasantly, walk-
ing in the Medical Garden at the Church, accompanied
by Isaac Knight, Lucy Clark, & Angelica Tedder. - - -

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The last duties are to be performed to the body of Candace Lewis - a welcome change to her no doubt as her sufferings for some time past have been exceedingly great - her meek spirit is now at rest - At three o'clock this afternoon her remains will be consigned to the silent grave.

It is a calm lovely day, there appears to be a large collection at the meeting house. I'll spend the day quietly at home, hope it may not be unprofitably - Lucy is slowly gaining, tho' get very weak.

May Clark arrives here to day, for the purpose of gaining information - I wish her prosperity in the research. -

17th - Lucy Wood from York City, is here on a visit to her relatives.

Clarissa Fay receives a short visit from her Father she being only disposed to sojourn with us one night - he is of the new religion, Mormonism. Divers characters certainly come under our notice - we have ample opportunity of becoming acquainted with the many

professions of the day) - but alas! in the real practice
of truth they are all sadly defective - tho' some
of their ideas & systems differ, in their lives there
is not much dissimilarity - in one thing our visitors
generally unite - that is, a feeling of opposition to the
genuine work of God - to the humble self-denying
life of Shakerism. —

10th Sept

Elder Richard, Nelson Betty & Deborah, seem to be
preparing for a ride to it is fine weather, &
wish them a pleasant jaunt. — I shall receive his
testimony of disownment from the Society of Friends -
which is no cause of grief, for among them, was not
that power of protection found, that the young & inexperienced
need, in the midst of temptations. My desire is
that my young Brothers may obtain an understanding
of the privilege they here possess, and ever subject
themselves to the purifying work in Lions.

Tuesday evening we convene at the Spin Shop, as
of yore - to commence upon preparing Apples Pears &
for drying, - the aspect of the weather rather discouraging

Sept. 23rd - Monday - Julia & Jane go to Richmond to gather herbs. - Tuesday, Elder Richard, Elder Betsy, & James Fairham accompany Clara & Mary on a journey to see her relations - our visitor Mary goes with them as far as Hancock. -

26th - The present good weather seems to be fully improved - there is indeed abundance of business on hand - securing the produce of the season - as well as considerable going on in that branch called visiting - well, it is good to have social intercourse with each other - a gospel friend is ever attended with strength & love, - but the motley group of worldlings that flutter round generally bring disagreeable or sorrowful feelings with them. -

Saturday - we have no strangers in our meeting to night - which is rather a rare occurrence - we have a good meeting - Brother Victor, wished us while on our knees to remember our beloved absent Elders - & indeed the people of God every where - nor where those forgotten that needed salvation in the world as those that have gone before have laboured in spirit for us, so we should feel for other souls

I like Sister Sally's gift exceedingly - to have each
one labour to be a peace-maker; Owt at a lovely
calling as we profess to follow the Prince of Peace
let us ever strive for the influence of the Heavenly
Dove, & seek to make each other happy. -
- Little Children love ^{one} another. St John.

Oct 18 - Commence a burn in the kitchen - but do
not feel as vigorous in body as I should wish.
I desire that I may strength to perform at least my
part.

20th Clarissa Bay receives a visit from her Mother
she appears quite friendly, & pleased with her daughter
situation. - Far better off indeed are those who are
gathered into the gospel fold, than those who spend
their lives in a benighted world, Children of the bond
woman instead of the free! - Eliza Underhill takes her
leave of Lebanon, unfortunate girl, why could you
not seek to have a sense of yourself & of the privilege
you have thus obtained. - Otis Chapman, again
turns to the beggarly elements likewise. -
When I see others mistake it behoves me to look
to my own standing, & in humility and fervency of
spirit seek for that power which alone will enable
me to overcome their intred Adversary. - - -

24th Our good little sister Lucy Gates, changed her abode, the gift being for her to live at the first order - it is a crop to part with her but its cause of thankfulness, there is so good a home in reserve for her.

Disappointments have awaited me this week - being compelled to leave the kitchen on account of indisposition - which was very annoying when I was so well suited with my worky companions

I want to feel my spirit free
 From earth's enthalling bands
 Go on my way, in harmony
 To dwell in heavenly lands
 Beyond this narrow sphere
 There is a blest abode
 For all who keep a conscience clear
 And walk the heavenly road.

Near a fortnight has elapsed, and I feel sufficiently restored to take my station in the dining room - for which I feel thankful

Monday, evening - we hear quite sorrowful
news; Caleb has just reached home, having brought
Oliver as far as Lanans in a very sick condition,
they were about a weeks journey from home
when illness still increasing, they wisely con-
-决 to get among their friends as quick as possible.
They no doubt have had quite a trying time but
we are thankful that Oliver was able to get home.
It is concluded for Rufus to accompany Caleb -
they take an early start on Tuesday morning.

There are some changes going on to day, for
the accomodation of the sick aged - Samuel goes
into his former abode on the lower floor - Oliver
is taken into the middle chamber, (a poor sick man).
The Spinning jenny must give place at the North
shop, & find a resting place somewhere else, for its old
stand is to be made habitable for the reception of
Frederick John Power. - I take a view of the
household stuff as it goes to & fro in the door yard,
without the least desire of participating in it myself
feeling well satisfied with my employment & companions
but alas! I know not how soon, I shall have "to give it all up."

John Coleman (who has been with us now some days) sets out in the humiliating work of the kitchen, & as he appears to have been a person of candour and discernment, therefore we should watch as a straggler, that he will pursue the right path when steered & leave behind the mistaken natural reasoning of man & seek the notice & blessing of the heavenly Parents, as a little child.

Nov 23th I must leave the kitchen, after working in a fortnight, & assist in taking care of sick. — Anna Coates, is very lame & has been carried to the east Chamber at the 2^d house — Julia, Maria, & Laura take up their abode at the house, Diana's home is in the west part of the establishment, which part of the arrangement suits me very well.

Dec 1st somewhat of a stormy day, tho' the fair attend public meeting — but I find pretty constant employment in attending upon the invalids. — A sleigh has just stopp'd at the door, with a family from New York, of the name of Gooden who say that they have come with the prospect

of continuing with us

December 5th is regarded throughout the state as
a day of Thanksgiving, and as none can enter into
that feeling with more occasion than Believers,
it is thought best for the family to assemble
in the meeting, ~~was~~ - we have a short but
appropriate meeting, in which the sense of
our thankfulness was earnestly enjoined -
The day was afterwards spent calmly & thankfully.

Dec. 15th Mary Dixon quite indisposed
she comes to the 2nd house to stay, with Anna G.
Charles Bushnell likewise sick occupying the
middle chamber, Oliver still very feeble, so we
have quite a company of invalids with us at present,
& when shall we all get thro' with these scenes of
tribulation & perplexity - O for a little more
health, strength, patience & ability, to render all the
assistance to the afflicted possible -
Strengthen my spirit, O Lord I do pray
And keep my soul steadfast by night & by day.

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Dec^r 14th A stormy day, Diana takes her work
I accompany ^{me} to the shop, were I am engaged
papering herbs - Our sick sisters having gone to the
house, I have a change of employment. — — —

Rufus & Caleb have returned from their long
journey having had a prosperous journey. —

Dec^r 25 The day commemorating the birth of
Jesus, the Prince of Peace - in our meeting
we ~~are~~ are reminded that every thing that does
not partake of gospel union & peace must be
left behind - and now was our privilege, to set
out with new resolution to labour for an increase
of that spirit which is loving & forgiving; since
this may be obtained why need we ever keep
back any remains of a high contrary nature
which ever produced nought but uncomfort-
able sensations, when the Spirit of Peace is
flowing around, & all that will, may come
under its benign influence. — — —

Dec 26th

This day, four of our Brethren one more
leave their homes to endeavor to do some
good for the North house folks in the line
of peddling - Rufus & Charles Seisa to Canada
Caleb & Israel to Virgie - They all appear
to start in good courage & spirits, the prayers
of the faithful surely will ascend in their
behalf while they are on the dear cold journey.
James Taylor at present in the sick room, the
a long sickness is not anticipated. - - -

Jan^y 1st 1834

To new years the 5th I have saped among Believers
I think I must at least see to my own state at this
time seriously - my privilege is certainly of too great
consequence to be neglected, or not fully improved
I know that it is of much moment how my daily
walk is - let me bear it in mind that I am doing my
work for Eternity - Eternity I wish so to live that
the solemn sound may not be accompanied with fear
and dread - I have felt what it was to look forward
to the grave with terror! my interest, my treasure was
on things below, & the pale messenger Death, was regarded

as a tyrant to deprive me of what my affections
 were bound too. — My eyes are now opened to superior
 views, here in the new Creation I feel that I have
 a pure relation that may be forever increasing
 over which the grave hath no victory — far beyond
 the fleeting things of time. — Well may it
 be said "the natural mind knoweth not the
 things of God," nor the peace & love afforded to
 those who seek Him, none can know while binding
 themselves to a selfish proud nature. — — —
 With Zion's happy number, I'll labour to increase
 And my name & Mother, Be found of thee in Peace.

Martha Pearce, a woman of singular appearance
 is here at this time. She says that she has gone thro
 severe sufferings, all of which she considers was to
 shew forth the power & mercy of the Lord. — as human
 skill gave her no relief, but placing her dependence
 on the promises of God, she has been from time to time
 revived & raised. — It is now travelling to seek relief
 the charitable, tho reconciled to whatever trials
 are yet in reserve for her — her case was one the
 Believers could not relieve except in the way of

alms and kind feelings, accordingly she resumed
her journey - much gratified & comforted with
her visit & the kindness shewn her.

— Jan^y 2nd —

John Coleman takes rather unceremonious
leave of us this day - another instance in very
deed has he proved of the loss & depravity of man
choosing to suffer the sensual instead of the
intellectual to predominate!

3rd - The weather quite cold & boisterous - Tho James
takes courage to leave the sick room to day feeling
much relieved from his indisposition.

Our Elders return from Lancaster & inform us
that Aaron Gilbert is removed to James Parham's

5th once more I go into the kitchen to work
leaving Lavinia & Diana, rather unexpectedly.

6th Charles Bushnell & Abel propose going to
Pittsfield to day, D^d H^l & I^l have the offer of a
ride with them, it is a bitter cold morning, but
we take courage & start, and what with the aid of
woolen & flannel, a score of handkerchiefs & a famous
buffalo, we make out to get along, with some degree
of comfort, - rather more mild at noon, so that we
can make some calls at the stores, & make our wants

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 known, pretty much without chattering and
 shivering) - call at Glancock on returning & take
 dinner - Charlotte, accompanies us over the new
 house which is certainly very complete - we
 have a pleasant visit, tho' a short one with a
 number of the sisters - resume our seats in the
 sleigh, & move swiftly, towards home, which we
 found much the same as when we left, a few
 hours before - I now realize the comforts of winter
 stoves, & a long list of good things which are attached
 to the name of North houses - - - - -

So ends another day, So time flies away
 Let it never be mispent, On the prize be intent. - - -

15th
 Elders Betsy, Lavinia & Jane make a beginning at
 the business of making seed bags, - do not feel fully
 complete at the work by night - but mean to try it on
 the morrow & persevere until the it is effected with
 neatness & despatch - - when will that be? - -

16th Caleb & Israel return home to stay to the
 joy of all - stating that they had a prosperous
 journey, "another blessing" - -

18th Zepe, Pally Diana & Arreda start for Savoy this morning, the appearance of the weather rather unfavourable for so long a ride. —

19th Sabbath, attend public meeting - but few spectators - The new coal stoves in full operation securely, methinks, there are some provident spirits that are ever seeking to contribute to the comfort of others - Blessings attend them. —

22nd Wednesday, our friends return from Savoy having had a comfortable visit there, tho' difficult travelling.

28nd Four of the Brethren go to Washington to make a beginning of getting timber for the so long talked of new house - next week they expect an reinforcement of them the forest ^{there} must yield to their resolute nerves, & shortly appear measured, sawed & planed, ready for their respective places in the building. It is an arduous difficult undertaking, & I can heartily unite in the gift to pray for their protection & safety while toiling on the hills, the chilling winds whistling around them.

Sabbath Morning - a snow storm which prevents our going to the meeting house - we have no visitors, so have the privilege of uniting in worship, without having the feelings of strangers to burden or interfere -

Our good Elders have much good to communicate like vigilant watchman, warning & advising, all to know well what Spirit they are writing with - to be given in resisting evil, & flee the tempter - that but some indulgencies to a carnal nature is certainly followed with much remorse & dissatisfaction - while faithful cropbearers that yield obedience to the spirit of the gospel are securing for themselves the reward of a justified happy conscience - such are the glory of heaven and the beauty of Paradise.

When on Earth I've won my race
 O may I have a little place
 With the pure in realms above
 And have share of Mother's love.

We have the pleasure of making Rufus & Charles "welcome home" in our singing meeting this evening they look rather worn & weary, on their hard journey.

A widow of the name of Sanford from Lottsboro arrives here to day - but as she appears scarcely to know her own mind, almost bordering on insanity it is not expected she will stay long.

Elders Betsy, Lavinia & Jane follow the seed ^{tree}
making - not yielding as yet entirely, to the influence
of ^{the} prevailing epidemic, bad colds - altho' a well armed
adversary, trying us by turns on the head & eyes, throat
& lungs, breast & stomach, it has been repelled from time to time
& its violence allayed, by pepper, syrups, tinctures & till we
think it under some degree of subjection - I be thankful. -

Feb 9 10th

A poor insane sort of man arrives here this evening - seems
to make great profession of religion - he wanders
about with his head uncovered, whether as a mark of
humility, I know not - his aspect is certainly pitiful. -

The Brethren return from Washington in health &
spirits, tho' no doubt a day of rest will be salutary.

9th

A young man from Connecticut, visiting us
at present - to gain some knowledge of our way. -

There is at this time considerable sickness in the
village, - Elder Sister Olive not expected to continue
long, which no doubt occasions much tribulation
in the Church - a bright pattern of goodness has
she been, & greatly would her loss be lamented. -
Esther Walker & Diligence C, on the Hill likewise quite
low. - Surely we should sympathize with the
sick & afflicted, while travelling thro' the thorny vale

of life, we are beset with many afflictions -
 yet nothing alleviates our sorrows more, than to
 experience the love & kind feelings of gospel friends.
 The union of the pure is an invaluable treasure,
 'tis that the true believer sacrifices the natural
 life to obtain - Heavenly union is a treasure,
 that ^{never} will decay, & yielding solid joy & pleasure,
 While on Earth we stay: =====

Feb 7th Mr G & J have the privilege of a little visit
 at the 1st order - their good Elder Sister still on the
 decline. Tho' posing thro' much tribulation these
 followers of Christ know where to place their reliance,
 Tho' the chastening rod may be felt their zeal is not
 abated, the Rock of Ages is still their support; it was
 to me a salutary lesson, - Olive Fairbanks seems
 to be fast verging to the grave - the hollow voice,
 the sunken eyes, the hectic flush, all prove that
 consumption has marked her for its own; but her
 spirit will triumph over the power of death; the
 ties of love to long tried friends are strong, the consolation
 is here that the Spirits of the righteous will ever be
 united, & tho' her mortal career may shortly terminate
 she can look forward with rejoicing sensations, to the

Happy meeting & communion of souls in the home of the
just. — What nothing earthly gives or can destroy.

The souls calm sunshine and the heart's joy
To virtue's praise. —

22nd

We have now had a long spell of moderate
damp weather — but little of interest outwardly
occurring. The Brethren are concerned at the loss
of a valuable Steer, which was stationed at Richmond
for winter quarters, but unluckily the poor beast
is beset with a disorder which baffles the skill of
the most knowing ones in such matters, so after many
a bitter portion of Ox-liver given — it must yield to death
doubtless escaping a heavy yoke of years of toil. —

After a day of usual employments we once
more meet together to offer our evening sacrifices
unto the Lord; tho' the time may be short, yet there
may be an addition of strength obtained by uniting
in returning thanks to the Most High, and seeking
for more of his preserving grace, that we may
grow of increase in the truth — and our bodies become
fit temples for the Spirit of good to dwell in. —

I may my spirit become truly low
 The truth for my guide wherever I go
 A life found in Christ I now will obtain
 God over all evil my spirit shall reign.

23^d The Stars shine with much splendour

This evening - Myriads of worlds in their respective
 orbits at so immense a distance that they appear
 mere specks in creation, designed to illumine, and
 dispel the gloom of night on the Earth. - Who can
 contemplate the wonderful mechanism of the
 heavens, or the great works of Nature displayed
 on the planet we inhabit, Mountains & Sea,
 field & forest all recondant with wonder
 & interest, without acknowledging a good & Allwise
 Supreme - and while exalted sensations of the
 omnipotence of the Creator fills the heart, the
 follower of Christ can exclaim, "My Father
 made them all"

March 2nd 1834

Attend public meeting to day, but few of the
 world present - bad roads, & cold weather, being
 poor inducements for folks to leave their fire
 side, if they are so fortunate as to have one.

A good gift was administered to us by Elders &
Brother & much was said to counsel & encourage
souls to be strong & maintain with real the most
precious faith delivered unto them - likewise
to pray for the rulers of the land, that they might
be protected & blest according to the order they are
in - that while preserving a peaceable Spirit ^{land} ^{town}
with all devoid of party feelings - we may worship God
with freedom & preserve our faith ~~un~~ ^{un} ^{der} ^{min} ^{ed}.

While in meeting the query arose in my mind
How many of this land
Will endure & firmly stand
On Mount Zion with the Lamb
Enob'd in glory
Giving praise to the most high
On whose strength they did rely
When they felt proud nature die
And self receding? - - -

March 14th 1834

Chloe Wilson comes here this week to learn the
sisters to brain hats; rather too complicated a concern
in the present state of affairs for such an one as ^{young} ^{girl}
7th - the funeral of Olive Fairbanks takes place
this morning - the wind sounds mournfully, as tho

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 regretting that one so young & lovely was to be
 consigned to the grave - stormy & rain without, but
 calmly the spirit sleepeth, no more to awaken to
 experience the confused elements that surround
 the living; to a Spiritual beatific existence also
 will she aspire when the ministering Angel shall
 summons her spirit to arise & claim the relation,
 the treasure she secured during her short pilgrim
 - age in this land: The redeemed shall shine in the heavens

8th We have two new Brethren to day, Edward
 an Englishman & Horace Dewey, a young man from
 Canada - that they may be strong & fear not.

12th Lavinia & Jane are tempted to walk out this
 afternoon to see what indications as yet appears, of
 a new season - thro' the garden, by the woods, round the
 saw mill we go, seeing now & then a green blade or two
 but nothing as yet edible; however we console ourselves
 with the prospect that the Earth has in store an abundance
 for us, so feeling sufficiently chilled we regain the
 house, having experienced that as yet warm stoves are
 desirable.

13th Charles Bushnell returns from Troy, bringing
 with him a boy & girl with the intention of living with us

March 16th — Time goes rapidly, — O may I not
be unmindful of the importance of it, but be ever
intent on cultivating the good & expelling the evil
from my soul — in this labour doubtless there will
be tribulation ever attending, that I may, really know
and experience the purifying work of regeneration, is
my desire — but alas at times it seems as tho my
able bark could stem the tempest no longer.

Come thou Angel of Mercy & keep a sinking spirit,
O good Angels keep my spirit, come to this holy Land,
that in truth I may inherit, Comforts from a Supreme hand.

17th

Horace Dewey takes his departure today,
Orada Lewis reaches the North house this afternoon
after a fatiguing journey, mostly on foot, being
determined to have her home of interest among believers.

20th

Amos Jewitt, an aged brother at the Church is
buried today, he was one of those valiant ones that
bore the burden in the heat of the day — he has not
ashamed to acknowledge & follow the footsteps of Christ
a shining robe of immortality surely is prepared for such. . . .

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

March 22nd A number of the Brethren & Sisters
 go to Canaan to attend the funeral of Lucinda Allred,
 she came from originally from Nova Scotia - had been
 among Believers about 3 years, ever appearing thankful
 that she had found the way of God & left this world
 a faithful Believer. —

23rd The grave is again opened to receive
 the body of Olive Spence, (late Elder Sister at the
 order) at length released from intense bodily suffer-
 to brighter regions her pure spirit has winged its flight

The happy "soul" well done good and faithful service
 will be the reward of a life devoted to good. —
 our good Sister Truly & Proper likewise quit this
 transitory state of existence this morning - a happy
 exchange from the sorrows found on the road of time
 to an abode with the just in mansions eternal
 in the Heavens: O may I die the death of the righteous. . . —

April 1st 1834

The ground covered with snow & cold weather
 makes me somewhat dread the walk to the meeting
 house - but the Sun shines out pleasantly - & the coal stove
 may be well heated so I must take courage & prepare to go
 much desiring that a good meeting may await me —

April 2nd Diana & May are sent for to
visit their Father who is at present quite ill.

Lydia Reinhart from Pennsylvania stays
with us to night calculating to leave here ^{from} tomorrow.

3rd Betsy Bennett & Daughter arrive here today
from Middlefield, as they expect to tarry
here some time the good seed may be instilled
in their hearts; and if they will give it place &
cultivate it they are assured they will be made
welcome to the cross & to the Crown.

6th Diana comes home for a few hours, but must
return to take care of her sick Father - a season of
tribulation no doubt - yet there is always comfort
in the path of duty.

8th The gift is for Israel to take his residence
at the Church - a great privilege, which I believe
he rightly appreciates - yet it must be acknowledged
it was a cross to give up his society entirely - but when
I reflect how different would be my sensations, had
the world of Sin been his choice, I can but rejoice

that he is a member of so happy a home. —

10th — Prudence Monell & Lucy Gates, visit us to-day. — Betsy Bennett thinks serious of taking up the cross, & uniting with us, — we can only assure her that altho' indeed opposite to our sinful natures, it is that alone that ever brought us true satisfaction. — — —

We have two boys from Canada, neither of them acquainted with any other than the French tongue.

11th Lavinia & Patsy go to Hancock today to visit the afflicted; Mary returns in Lavinia's place bringing word that her Father is better tho' still in a suffering condition. — — —

12 The weather being very fine the Sisters tho' the clove yards must be cleaned to-day, tho' the Brethren are more engaged in moving the old barn & raising a new one yet they are friendly enough to the cause to render some assistance, & before night our yards present quite a new appearance. —

15th Pety, Bennett & Letsey Ann unite with us in
meeting to night for the first time.

15th - An Englishman calling himself James Bellevue
reaches here today, signifying his desires to have
a home with us - such mortals, how many
there are whose spirits are sinking for want
of a true good feeling & confidence with those
they are connected with; these harassed weary
souls indeed want a home, a haven of rest,
from the conflicting, storms of life.

The Sisters are here at work in the tow this
week - Amy & Maria stay at the Garding Machine,
a laborious part of the work - but as I am so situated
that I cannot share it with them, I can only pray that
they may be blessed in their labours - bearing in mind
"no cause of mourning to the just, To be released from earth & dust"

18th

Liana returns home to day, accompanied by a
young woman (Harriet Gorton) who had a desire to
become acquainted with Bellevue.

April 20th

Sabbath day - I spend at home to take some care of Lavinia, who has been rather indisposed for some days past - The weather is somewhat dull & heavy and I feel in somewhat of a sober contemplative mood - I will try if I can define my feelings.

Whenever we look around & take a sense of what is passing before us, we cannot help admiring the bles-
 =ings & favours of a kind providence & feel an inter-
 flow of thankfulness and gratitude to God, although
 at times, unpleasant & trying, circumstances may occu-
 get the knowledge of having the inestimable gift
 of the gospel should reconcile us to bear patiently
 & faithfully whatever may befall. we may ever
 feel the divine influence of the truth upon our
 souls if we make room for it - O my soul commun-
 with thyself; hast thou not heard the words of eternal
 life, & dost thou treasure them up; and thou hast a
 privilege of being taught divine truth & right teaching
 and of walking the strict narrow path of self denial
 which is the road to everlasting happiness, art thou
 really in that purging work in order to obtain

it, for unless that is the case thou wilt fall short
of that happiness which the gospel holds out
to our view. O that I may prove faithful and
honour my calling is the sincere prayer of my
poor & hungry soul. How insufficient, how transient
how fleeting are the things of time, nothing substantial
in them - their principles producing the opposite
of that pure love the gospel teaches - Ye must
be faithful & pursue my pilgrimage with cheer-
fulness that I may gain a real substance & dwell
with those lovely & virtuous souls who have gone
before & laid the way open to my view. -

This is the season we call Spring, we see the leaves
beginning to shoot out & the fields begin to shew
their rich verdure, in fact all the whole creation
appears to have combined with one general effort
to produce a kind of reformation in the elements
even the little warbling songsters are seen & heard
in all directions & add greatly to the interest of
the scene with their sweet melody. - But ah how
variable are the seasons, yet it is pleasing to admire
the works of Nature & draw a moral therefrom -
So now the ways of Heaven's eternal King to man are

open, review them & close".

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Abel goes to Hudson, taking with him
Tower Smith, who like most others, wanted
to be with those who were most congenial
to his sense & state, poor old man I hope
he may not spend the remainder of his days
in suffering.

Our good Brother John Dodgson meets with a
sad accident this forenoon while engaged blast-
ing rocks, the fire communicated to the powder
unperceived. By the explosion his face & head were
severely wounded, & he must now calculate upon
some days & nights of distress - Altho it may be
as almost a miraculous escape of his life.

23th A deep fall of snow to-day, get the folks
attend public meeting, tho' I R is employed in
kitchen affairs. — William Grey from Day
is here to-day, to visit his relatives.

May 12th — A young Scotchman arrives here to-day,

having had some curiosity to see what manner of people the Shakers were - he appears to be a candid intelligent person, but it doubtful whether he is sick enough of the world or had sufficient sense of his lost state to be willing to come to the terms of Shakerism. —

How cold it is! is the general exclamation in these days; 'tis true it is quite discouraging weather for gardeners, the fruit trees are doubtless suffering greatly, but we must bear patiently what our hopes are allowed to reach us - we are in the hands of an all-wise Creator, & if at any time while enjoying the plenitude of his blessings we have become unmindful of the Giver the chastening rod is sent in mercy to recall souls to a sense of their duty, & know that the Lord will have those called by his name fear & reverence Him. —

14th

Another rather unfortunate accident occurred today, Abel loses part of his thumb while at work at the saw, and now with his arm in a sling & an occasional tinge

from the mutilated member he is to be seen,
 keeping company most of the time with his Brother
 in suffering John Dodson, & glad that is no worse

May 15th winter weather seems again to have
 usurped entire dominion, the snow is falling
 fast, & the green grass, and enlivening blossoms
 are hid from the sight, white impenetrable snow
 drifts are in all directions, Jese takes a sleigh to
 go on the mountain in search of the Sheep that
 have been sadly exposed to the storm - Many poor
 mortals too must have suffered greatly, still we
 are comfortably sheltered from the rude gales,
 tho' the countenances of the folks here quite a sad

18th
 Sabbath day - It may be considered pleasant
 this morning but still a fire is desirable.

22nd - It is with regret we see Charles Bushnell
 alighting from a wagon this afternoon with a crushed
 what - more sad accidents is the first enquiry? his horse

Having taken flight, & in his endeavours to hold them
received some injury, tho' not so serious as was imagined.

John Dodgson continues quite sick - The weather is
now very warm, a great contrast from the appearance
of things but a few days since, when it seemed as tho'
steer January, was about to ^{have} the reign once more -
while all trembled anxiously, for the result, but
again we are blest with vivifying rays & gentle southern
gales, & the Earth yet appears to have in store enough
to encourage & recompense the labourer. - - -

27th Garrett Lawrence, Elder Sister Rebecca & the two
little children start for Philadelphia this morning.

26th We commence cleaning house to day - & some change
among the sisters likewise effected, Abigail & Amelia
go the meeting room - Deborah & Ann take their place
at the shop - Julia & Armina come to the 2nd house, and
Betsey & Letty Ann to the Chamber - so for a while, the
family is once more settled. - - -

June 3rd
Our good Brethren Rufus Bishop, & Isaac Youngs start this
day on a journey to Ohio & Kentucky, to visit Believers
in those parts; no doubt they will be gladly welcomed

and their company considered as a blessing.

August 25th

Days weeks & months pass away, & this poor little record neglected, & for why? not for want of matter surely - for there is enough ever passing for any that are willing & disposed to scribe, and events of interest too - we are so situated that many occurrences and circumstances come under our notice that are at once instructive & interesting. - Although a little sorrow & tribulation may be interspersed, yet for those that have resolution to register "the times" we I presume have a satisfaction equivalent to their labor.

But when I would write, why is it that scenes the most unpleasant & afflicting are ever uppermost in my mind - perhaps I dwell too much on the dark gloomy side of the picture - yet my heart would fain be joyous & alive to participate in true happiness; how often do the words I heard my departed Sister address me in a dream occur to my mind "poor child of danger" & it is as often verified, it seems as tho' danger or ill presided wherever I moved

But stop this strain, And strive to gain
By every thing that's passing, And with the wise pursue the
Prize, While time away is hasting. —

Let me see if my memory will enable me to take
much of retrospect of the season past — a spell of
several weeks fine weather has enabled the Brethren
to secure their crops with good success, they have had
a laborious time & the zeal displayed by them for
the common interest is certainly praise-worthy, and
deserving of thanks. —

Father Abel has had much affliction in the form
of rheumatism most of the summer, but I believe
it has been his labour to bear it with patience and
resignation — much sympathetic kindness has been
shown him by his gospel friends, which is great cause
of thankfulness, for indeed to possess the union and
love of good Believers is a rich treasure, so perhaps
this season of suffering may not be without some
comfort & profit. — Lavinia too, for two or three
weeks was seriously indisposed, but she has now regained
her health & goes the usual round of duty. —

Several of the family have been afflicted with complaints incident to the season, tho' generally it may be considered as a healthy summer.

There has been much company here of late, but candid serious enquirers after the truth are rare. Two girls from Hudson have been received into the family, they are old enough to discern between good & evil, and if they number themselves with the virgins that are wise they will be welcome.

24th

Dr Baxter, Alfred Peirce, a son & grandson of John Wood's are visiting here for a few days.

27th

Orpha Brooks & 3 children are brought to this evening by Jacob Johnson - how oft are our habitations an asylum for the widows & fatherless.

The Elders go to Canaan - Eldeeps Betsy gives us an example of unremitting diligence & labour; their desire for the true welfare of those under their care.

ever manifested, and I trust their labours will
be blest. —

Abel is still in a suffering state — Dr Whittlaw
visits him, recommending the steam bath &c.
relief would be most gladly hailed. —

It seems as tho seas of tribulation was our
portion, but that trials may be borne with
patience & wisdom is my constant desire, that
times a wearied spirit would plead for the chasten-
ing rod to be stayed — but away with selfish repin-
ings, to the care of a heavenly parent I subject
myself, that suffereth not a sparrow to fall to
the ground without his notice. —

August 31st —

Another Summer has passed away — rather sadly
by me it must be owned — but for the Anchor of Hope
How should I have been supported — yet many bless-
ings are mine that many poor creatures have not,
and of these I must not be unmindful. —

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Sabbath day - attend public meeting, a great
concourse of spectators present to view with
a Shaker assembly - yet to me this great
display of wealth & fashion excited sorrow &
pity, what are the joys of this gilded & tinseled
multitude that could tempt or entice a rational
mind - so much pains taken to deck & please the
poor mortal body while the soul is ever langu-
ishing for heavenly food which only will satisfy
but self hath such strong hold, that the present
moment must be enjoyed to the utmost, tho' at
the expense of an age of remorse; those butterflies
of fashion have indeed but little idea of the crop
So adieu to ye - superior & intellectual enjoyment
invite me - and when ye have gone the extent
of your career in folly, when every prop has failed,
every gay scene tarnished, turn from your being
states & seek for that light which as a city set upon
a hill cannot be hid. - - - - -

Sept. 2nd 1834

We have a pleasant visit to day with a company of Brethren & Sisters from the South-house at Wateroliet.

4th Charles B. takes several of us on an herbing expedition to-day. The weather is exceedingly sultry but as we are successful in getting a load of those goodly commodities Lobelia & Pennyroyal, we will not mind a few temporary inconveniences.

6th The Elders from Port Bay visit the family to day.

13th Elder Richard leaves home to day for a journey to the West, we shall miss him much, but desire that the parting may to him be both satisfactory and salutary.

14th Sabbath. a fine fall morning, should like much to attend meeting to day, but unfortunately

a bad cold prevents - so I must try & make the best of it at home - come friendly Spirits assist to disperse all despondency & sadness, that I may be alive & awake to a sense of the goodness of the gospel - & the happiness & great comfort given to those who seek to do the will of their heavenly Father - a little time is allowed us to secure a treasure that will endure while endless ages roll - that precious time then must not be mispent in striving to please & gratify the natural mind, but be ever intent in securing the true riches, & an interest in that Kingdom where the soul is truly blest, With an everlasting rest. -

15th

Monday morn - The Sun shines out pleasant this morning, and each one is to be seen at the post of duty, ready for another week of good labours. Yet methinks there is a solemn cast of feeling pervading, but to the little house I betake myself, to the very excellent work of picking over

Herbs &c, an employment well calculated for¹⁵
moralising moods, if taken early in the day,
or, perchance, in the deep contemplations arising
you may be soothed into so very peaceful a
state that you feel much more disposed to
close your eyes on all terrestrial objects, than
may be thought laudable, - but what do I
hear, Lavinia tells me she is going to Canaan
with Elders Betsy, the Ministry are here, the
Canaan Elders are here - what is at hand, some
change no doubt, but keep patient & quiet - at any
rate, drowsiness is removed - to the Apin Shop, we
are all soon summoned & Sister Sally enters and tells
us that Lucy Hammond has given up her place, and
Amy Bennett is going to take it! Oh what solemn
tidings - but doubtless all is for the best. -

Tuesday, Amy goes to her new home accompanied
with the love & blessing of blessing of all, farewell
kind sister, a new & more important is before you -
many bright gems are you adding to your crown
& your unceasing gospel labours; to such souls may

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I ever strengthen myself.

Sarah Ann comes to the 2nd house quite sick.

20th Eldrep Betsy returns from Canaan, & of course more labours & changes are in store for us. Lavinia goes to the East room, Diana takes her place (Betty takes care of company), Elcripe is going to Canaan, & Hannah Bayant coming to the North house. — Ah me, when shall ^{we} get over these commotions and feel like going on regular again, sometimes my heart almost sickens within me — and yet why — for nothing, can harm or hurt us while we are followers of that which is good — These transient affairs will soon be thro' with & too a fair land of Promise, with my cross bearing companions will I travel with cheerfulness. In the cross I place my

22nd Abigail is taken quite sick, leaves washing
and comes under the care of Diana & Jane, who will
do all in their power to restore their good sister to
health. —

23rd This morning, the folks are
generally complaining, many have had quite a
sick night, & present rather a mange appearance

24th Betsy Bennett starts this morning for a
journey to the West to settle her business, Pebe & the
elder sisters accompany her to Troy. — — —

25th Phebe & Maria join Abigail in the Middle
Chamber to day, the prevailing sickness affecting them
rather severely, — sorrowful times, but few have as
yet escaped the epidemic. — — —

26th

Our folks return from Troy, bringing with them
a Boy & Girl from French families. — — —

The sick are fast recovering none confined to the house,
all are anticipating much comfort when the family

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will again be settled having the use of both meeting room & dining room, which for a season we have been deprived of in consequence of repairs & alterations. We have a new Brother named Albert Green from New Jersey; one or two more in prospect. Heaven bless the increase. —

28th Sabbath morning, some indications of rain which would be very acceptable — many parts of the country suffering much in consequence of long dry season. —

Oct. 5th

With much satisfaction we make Elder Richard welcome home this evening, his companions too E. B. Senior & E. B. Junior were heartily received at Lebanon. —

6th Our Brethren Rufus & Nelson start this day on their western journey, many weeks now will they have to plod & toil over the country, oftentimes weary & cold. — for them let the prayers of the friends at home ascend, that they may in safety

return to those for whose interest they are thus
exposed: —————

3^d Th

We have a little visit to day from our
Canaan Sisters Amy & Mary Ann. — It was very
pleasant to meet with our much valued Sister
Amy, indeed that I, a good gospel relation is
above all other, when I meet with a true Believer
then I feel thankful for that chain of love & union
that binds my spirit to such, with increased desires
to live & labour to increase in this blessed communion.
I will increase in zeal, and labour more and more
For treasure that is real, An everlasting store
For this let us strive, With our kindred in love
Then our spirits will live, In the heavens above. —

George Knight, calls & carries until morning with
us, when he continues his journey to the East. —
Joseph & Abel go to Albany, for new distilling
appurtenances. —

- 11th

We have the Elders from the young Believer order at Hawaii to attend meeting & visit with us to day; it was generally a satisfactory time. Gospel relation - that sound so often heard let me examine myself, to know whether I fully know, understand & appreciate the term. It certainly implies a great deal, it is of all consequence - is it not this - to have our union with god alone - to become "children of the free Woman" - & cast out that false pretence that would bind down & exclude the soul from light freedom & happiness. O then may I ever be one with the wise and zealously seek the immortal prize -

Brother Rufus & Isaac Youngs arrive safely at home, bringing with them much love and pleasant tidings from the valiant ones in the "far West".

Thursday — Ransom & Joseph with a company of Sisters go a few miles after winter greens — it is a clear cold morning, but we make out to keep comfortable in the woods & return in good season, fully satisfied with the comforts as well as the labours of the day —

Work at the kettle house seems to be the chief business in these days — but trust it will not be of long duration — as I cannot call it the most agreeable employment, but down, down with the rebellious sivings of this proud heart —

This is a genuine stormy day, rain, hail, snow & wind seem all striving for the supremacy we can make ourselves ^{comfortable} in doors, but alas for the poor mortals whose waxy benements are not fully secured against the attacks of the elements raging without. We have meeting at home — a few French Canadians & a sort of a John Bull looking personage are our Spectators

27th - Anna G. & Caroline Wood commence a course of
Thomsonian doctoring, this week; a tedious
process but such is the nature of the trouble
we have to contend with, while encumbered
with this perishable body - it need not be
cause of mourning, but of rejoicing to hear
the summons of releasement therefrom: -

When the Spirit can soar with the happy few,
Who while on this shore, Bid all evil adieu.

So may it be my choice while passing thro' time
to heed to the admonitions of wisdom, that
firmly directs & supports the soul at all times
and in patience & reconciliation to whatever
may betide, descend thro' the vale of this life
in such a state as to be enabled to ascend to
the regions of Truth & purity. -

29th Daniel Sizer & Frederick Evans leave home¹³
this morning for New York: fine weather for
travelling.

Betsy, Bennett & Amelia Low have made their
choice, preferring a delusive world to the realities
of the gospel. O may I cleave to the entire union.

Nov 3rd This week our ears are frequently saluted
with the noise of canons, guns &c, so we con-
clude the triumphs of the different electing
parties are announcing themselves; but the contest
and the noise may go on unheeded by the true
followers of Christ, who will not suffer the
spirit of this world to encroach upon the serene
peaceful feeling of love that he possesses, but
contemplates with pity the confused & lost state
of poor mortal man:

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Nov^r 11th — This is a season of deplorables,
(if I may coin the word) one sick here & another
there, but as yet none alarming; so;

Diana & her humble coadjutor do all they
can in present sad state of affairs in the
region of the lungs, Stomack &c; Their patients
are very patient & obedient which is quite a
satisfaction. — ever cause for thankfulness
in the greatest of trials: Note — the operation of
steaming at this crisis quite salutary. —

15th

Elizabeth Havens an aged quakeress arrives
here to day with some idea of living with us
a strange affair. — — —

Sabbath, a cold morning, but few able to
attend meeting to day; hope they may receive
the promise & indeed know it, feel the presence of
the heavenly Comforter.

Dec 2nd - Another month of storms & chilling blasts has commenced - This morning is cloudy and misty, but Diana & Jane fix up and ride to the neighbouring stores in search of materials for cloaks, &c - a rainy muddy, rough ride we have, but return home satisfied with our purchases, & the consolation that there is no shopping to do on the morrow. - -

It were business indeed to pretend to record all the transactions daily occurring in our little sphere; although while passing they may appear of consequence, still do not promise to afford much profit or interest upon recurring to them. Yet by most that occurs we may learn; when we see the errors of ourselves or others we can for the future avoid the course that occasioned them; when goodness is manifested it is so lovely, that it should stimulate & renew our zeal in labouing

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to promote the invaluable treasure. —
 Let this be my choice, to flee from error &
 search for truth, with the resolution to heed
 to wisdom's voice, tho it may bind down & enslave
 a nature that but too well loves indulgence.

We have had much of late to solemnise the sense
 and make us thoughtful of our latter end,
 and realize what frail perishable tenements
 these earthly bodies are; for the welfare of
 the immortal part then should we be most
 studious. — Joseph Thwait, Rehannah B. &
 at the 2nd Family, & Polly Thomas at the 2nd or 3rd
 have lately deceased; — several others quite
 Angelic Vedder considered past recovery,
 with us there has been no case of extreme
 = neff, tho many quite sick. — — —

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This day is devoted thro the state for Thanks-
-giving; Brother Rufus, & Sister Asenath were kind
enough to attend meeting, with us, and good words
& counsel & encouragement I have seen them
them, with many causes for gratitude. This visit
must be remembered.

11th

This is a wintry day - but a safe eschelon
from the rude gales do I hope, while doubt-
less many poor beings are suffering severely & perishing
from want & wretchedness.

Dec 15th

"He is the freeman whom the truth makes free
 and all are slaves beside; not all the chains
 that hellish foes confederate for his harm
 can wind around him but he casts them off
 with as much ease as Sampson his green with the
 he is indeed a freeman. — If such were the
 effusions of one who was without the full man-
 ifestation of Gospel light, how much more should
 we possess lively feelings of thankfulness, since to us
 the truth is so clearly made known. The gift
 at this time, is for all to examine themselves
 impartially, & see their souls from whatever may
 proceed from error; where truth is permitted
 to enter & have dominion the opposite is easily
 cast out; tho' manifold may be the besettments
 the adversary, by the weapons of truth they can
 be averted and the soul onward move victoriously

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to that abode where troubles can't reach us
or sorrow invade, where grows the true riches
that never can fade. - Let the overcoming power
be mine, that I may not have to exclaim
The Summer is over & the harvest is ended and
yet am I not saved:

To the kitchen I now betake myself to the very
laudable employment of tea-making (as work
goes quite pleasantly). - - -

25th Christmas, another privilege we have of
commemorating the appearance of the Prince of Peace
on this Earth, much was said in our meeting in a
very impressive manner, and a sincere determination
for the attainment of more solid good was the general
feeling; - But alas! our little community of Sisters
sorrow deeply at the prospect of one of their number
falling back into the abyss of darkness; yet nothing
more can be done to save her, she chooses the fleeting

charms of Nature, we must give her up —
 Saturday — Camilla & Jane are obliged to
 leave their good friends in the Kitchen & fly
 to the 2nd House in hopes Diana & Mary, can
 do something that will make them feel more
 like work for at present ~~it is~~ their choice.

Camilla returns to the Kitchen & J. K. goes to
 Canaan & spends a few days among the good
 folks there quite pleasantly; Brother James
 Trumbull at the North House to try & recruit
 some after his tedious illness.

18th And of what shall I now write? of the
 glorious ^{work} that is going on, it is a solemn one
 to all, but truly to the honest soul it is joy.
 How necessary, indeed is the season of repentance
 deeply need I drink of the purifying stream, for
 far very far do I eschew myself from the full

communion & blessed intercourse of things
divine - an evil nature surely has strongholds;
but time need not be spent in deploring it
alone; Nay, God in his great mercy has shown
the way of deliverance therefrom; be awake
then my soul to have a share in the gift, & let
the candle of the Lord shine, that I may see the
depth of my loss - for strength will be given
and Mother's Spirit will lead, protect, & bless
the humble Seeker.

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A simple statement of daily occurrences may be
easily accomplished; but my interest is not wholly
upon such affairs - it would seem as tho something
that I knew not affected me the most; but what
am I trusting to paper? I cannot define my feelings
so had better leave it. - In pursuing the track of self-
denial & the cross, there is found that comfort & satisfaction
that is worth sacrificing all to obtain - here is a
stronghold, where the soul may flee in safety, when
trials & temptations present and dark may be the scenes

The Brethren & Sisters from the Church have lately been giving us some instructions in singing &c, a zeal to gain more power & strength in the beautiful gift of songs is generally felt, and what a happy time shall we be when serving the Lord in Spirit & Truth

29th

Again is changing going on - Mary Ann Hodgson comes to the North house to live & our little Sister Julia takes her place at Lanaan - a heavy cross truly - but all felt union & acknowledged the hand of wisdom in it - -

Dr. Isaac Youngs makes the Sisters a short but quite entertaining visit this evening; giving some account of his interesting journey to Chi; Pentecost

30th The weather is very moderate for the season Rufus & John return from Canada & were under the necessity of procuring wheels to bring them home. - They have had a prosperous journey. - - -

O where am I? what am I - when shall I fully
know the extent of my loss, these trials, what are
they? - why are my feelings so inclined as to be so
easily affected, surely such a poor worm as I
need to cry to God earnestly for strength &
wisdom to support, for my pride must be
sacrificed, every spark of nature must be extinct -
tis not for that I mourn - Nay, I feel assured
that for every sacrifice of natural feeling I
shall be remembered - but so bitter is the death
that I do ever need to keep close to the centre of
union, & secure all the strength possible. - And Oh
may a good Spirit succour my poor hungry soul
for the bread & the waters of life will alone
sustain my sinking spirits.

It is now the 15th of February - The winter mists
 have nearly passed away. Some heavy scenes
 have attended, I get some comfort; but a
 longing aspiring sense (as mine) would ask for
 more - I know the valley of humiliation is
 the way I must long travel in - It is good,
 it is right, - thankfully will I bend my stubborn
 will, and humbly keep in the cross of Christ. -
 The heavens are opening, the gifts of God are given
 To every soul that walks the road of full obedience.
 Another Sabbath has arrived, I desire to spend in a
 manner acceptable in the sight of God: I feel
 assured that the union and communion of good
 spirits is mine - the Brethren & Sisters by whom I
 am surrounded are as shining lights, they guard
 the way to the tree of life, & zealously face the
 adversary with overcoming power - such are the
 spirits I love. - called from a world of darkness
 by the mercy of God to be partaker of so much,

I should cheerfully yield, & drink the cup of tribulation that I may be worthy of these eternal riches

22nd

The good work is going on, bringing a daily increase of comfort to those who are in it; The destruction of that power that is at enmity with our eternal peace, can be effected, & our privilege it is to be in the warfare; This may perhaps include the state of the spiritual concern without lengthening the matter.

But alas! for the temporal or visible part of affairs, sickness & other ills that flesh & blood are heir to, come to my knowledge, whether prepared to meet them or not; but these are ~~these~~ things that pertain to this life only — in that bright world, for which we are striving, the sound of lamentation is not heard, those who bear a right thro' the turmoils & vicissitudes that mortals are exposed to, will rest in that mansion, wear the robe of glory, the song, that the pure in heart alone are entitled to. — Then shall they be known who are my chosen; and they shall be tried as the gold in the fire

Eden

I think I shall rejoice once more, to see the green
herbage & hear the singing of the birds — I love
the comforts of Winter, but I love & long for the
beauties of Summer: — —

"Now nature's shrouded all in white
Her lakes & streams are icy bridges,
Now earth no more affords delight
The drifting snow is piled in ridges
If winter should but last a year
How our withering hearts would fail us
We trust in God we do not fear
Another smiling Spring will hail us." —

March
1st

Poor mortal Man & Woman too say I — methinks
their very deplorable state is ever presenting
to my view, let my situation in life be as it may
So I should rejoice that there is an avenue open
wherby souls may enter into a better state of things
This evening at 6 o'clock there is a general union meeting
from Alfred to Kentucky's Plains Believers meet
their respective families, & sing the hymns called

The precious way of God & Mother; this is all good, one union, one union the family of Christ must possess - but many an evil nature has to be slain, before that desirable state is fully attained - Yet tho slow & small may the advances appear, we know the way is sure - A decisive stand has been taken against the power of darkness - never, never more subtle devices will thow reign as thow hast - Light & life and love increasing, will dispel the gloom of sin, thow the way of joy unceasing, thow the path we travel in.

15th
This morning the inmates of the 2nd house have their slumbers disturbed an unreasonable hour - a company of Canadian French again present themselves; it would be difficult to know really their object in coming to Believers; they are (in common with the rest of the world tho) in a pitiful plight.

another tour in the kitchen is again began - as for courage or animation in my employment, it cannot, may not be - Nay not yet - But be patient - "poor child of danger"

The weather is quite like spring to-day — the country looks naked, the travelling very bad, the hay rather low, (I suspect) with other indications usually met with in this most tedious month of March — but still the work of rearing vegetation is steadily in operation, and Brother Procter & his brother gardeners may shortly expect business enough. — But planting & sowing are not the only matters of interest in contemplation the coming season — the job of tearing an old house & erecting a new one is near about to commence, at least if the knowing talk aright the venerable pile called the 2^d house will soon be levelled — it is a sample of Architecture rarely to be met with — And whatever a species of interest may be connected with it, in the feelings of some, I presume there will not be much reluctance manifested, by the present occupiers when notified to take their leave.

March 22nd

My prognostications were but too correct -
once more ignobly compelled to seek quarters in
the Middle Chamber - One Oh how sick, sad, &
James soon follows with many ailments, and
now good Sister Diana, You've work enough to do
but the Lord will bear you thro'.

These agitating scenes of life are of short
duration - soon we shall all have travelled through
the Valley of Death, and then each will be glad of every
sacrifice they may ever have made for the promotion
of Christ's Kingdom.

The wind blows very strong today, accompanied
with all it can muster in its progress, rain, hail,
snow &c. - No public meeting - J. K. keeps close
house, don't like it much - but likes are not
often had in this month of Storms.

O I like my home, I like my friends
Where'er I've wronged I'll make amends
I like the way, that leads to days
and well I may.

"The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the
 Earth keep silence before him" was the language
 that seemed to possess my mind while in
 meeting this evening. — O why should souls
 hesitate, or keep ^{from} a full sacrifice of all that
 hinders the good seed from bringing forth fruit.
 Ye let all earthly sensations flee
 And my soul be filled & shod by Thee —

Sabbath — I believe I had better seek repose
 and quietly stay at home to-day
 Without much to write or say
 Need to pray with fervent zeal
 That the sorrow I do feel
 May be useful unto me
 As I my vicious nature see —
 Choosing in the light to go
 That I may see & overthrow
 What doth hinder, on my way
 To an everlasting Day —

April 2nd The weather quite pleasant
a warm sun & a gentle gale is indeed "salutary"
after the long season of nipping frosts we have
endured.

3rd Our milking yard is really undergoing a
change to-day - The Brethren are digging a cellar
in it, calculating to set part of the dollsnd here
here - busy times indeed for North House folks.

Mrs. de la S. & J. H. leave the kitchen this afternoon
and walk over to the 1st order for a change -
have quite a visit with the kitchen Sisters there
feel some the better for the same - although their
conveniences so far exceed ours, &c. &c.

There are three men here for the purpose of
gaining information - we do not feel very
sanguine upon the appearance of new comers
in these days - but perchance some good will come
of the labour bestowed on the present subjects.

It is said that Luke Ely, (one of our visitors) has
 actually made up his mind to be a Shaker
 he will certainly be welcome into the fold
 safety, every good believer rejoices at an increase
 knowing that here is the work of God for
 ones, but few are sensible enough of their
 alienation from the fountain of good, to
 be very anxious to rectify their state - not
 only so, many with full conviction, & possession
 with the knowledge of what their right course
 should be, still choose the temporal things of
 earth - And are there not some of still and
 stamp, tho' not any more excusable such as give
 part of the price only - still holding on to some
 secret treasure - not yet resolute or honest
 enough to give up all & place themselves entirely
 at the will of the Father - O how unwise
 are such souls, how much they lose - for they
 do not possess innocence & integrity of heart and
 cannot ask with confidence for the blessings of heaven
 Happiness is only found, In virtue's simple way -
 Cultivate this lowly ground, and gather while you may

The mighty work of moving & tearing away, pre-
paratory to building has really commenced & moving
be seen all sorts of things going to & fro in the
door yard - even good aged Samuel is seen
seated in a barrow, with his two friends, Daniel
and Elisha in attendance, moving to the room
just evacuated by Jesse & John Lodgson - for a
little while I step into the old apartments, and
there the demolishing work is swiftly going on -
not having any hand in the matter I do not
choose to stay long with these breakers, so return
to kitchen affairs - The weather is very cold & dis-
agreeable - the folks have rather a hard time, but
I think they go very perseveringly & expeditiously to work

Sabbath day - I now begin to take some sense
of leaving a change of residence - our habitation
is well stowed at all events - I suppose, tho' it is
comparatively comfortable - after looking round
and discussing the business over we conclude
"well it will but for a short time" in truth

it is a matter of little import to me, at this time where or how I am situated. I don't think the most complete house, or accommodation in this world, would be in the least regarded to such a subdued state have I attained!

23^d Our Sisters Anna C, Anna G & Armeda, are at work at the carding machine this week.

25th The weather continues very unfavourable for all Spring work - A Snow storm to day.

About these days the Sisters very generally in learning the rules of Music - even I the Las was induced to unite with this Mexican Company, but will expect to make many rests by the way. It may be an interesting & profitable acquirement.

May 2nd

The Brethren succeed in fixing our old house, the destined place to day - without any material harm occurring - it was a labourious undertaking and there is still much to be done to make it stationary & comfortable - but a persevering & assiduous sense prevails, which will in time effect

May 3rd

We have a new Sister called Matilda Richardson lately from Michigan - a poor orphan that needs friends. — The work of Miss Spinning is rapidly going on, with many other labours — it is a hurrying time in truth — and I think very subject for the pen — for some how it does not seem influenced by a fluent sense — but the writers mine too is occupied with the present throng of business, tho' possessing but little ability to lighten the burden — for, still weak and listless and growing — The tide of life I feel is flowing, to that land called Eternity. —

9th Preses & Jesse start for Albany this morning, accompanied by the unwise C. & M. Richards. George & Family, are expected to return with them

Without are happy, sights & sounds - The pleasure
 groves, ~~flowing~~ ^{flowing} ~~vales~~ ^{vales}, gales, waters & songsters are sweet
 and agreeable subjects, ^{for the sense to be} ^{fixed} ^{on} ^{the} ^{objects}
 engaged upon - yet it would not avail much
 to go over the old manner of expatiating or sentiment
 = alizing upon these terrestrial objects; in them we perform
 the hand of an All-wise Being - but the enjoyment
 of these beauties lead us to look at the state of
 our own hearts - is the work of proper cultivation
 and beautifying, attended to - it is there a place for the
 rejoicing spirit to abide - if what the natural
 sight may behold is so much noticed how infinitely
 more should the culture & proper training of the
 immortal part occupy the attention. ---
 We may look thro Nature up to Nature's God. ---

May 14th

This afternoon our aged Brother Samuel closes his long & useful life - he has passed from works to rewards - for it seems not like death he has only made an happy exchange - faithfully done his work on earth, and his Spirit can now rest in the beautiful land of the just. Tho' to the grave he is consign'd - And Seal'd ^{in sight} from an His spirit happy & refined - Partakes of glory bright Angels now will greet his spirit - Shining souls receive them A feast of love he doth inherit - Which is for the just alone.

16th

Sydney Andrews arrives here to day, with the prospect of uniting.

No public meeting to day in consequence of the meeting house undergoing some repairs - it is not expected for us to assemble there for some weeks, which will in consequence of strangers occasion our family some inconvenience.

Sabbath day - (May) 25th - Just released from a shop
 seen in the kitchen, and must now fix my sense
 for - I know not what - only to be good, & keep the peace
 which is not so inherent in my nature, but what
 there may be pretty steady employ for all the capacity
 I can muster, certainly, the knowledge of myself
 is as much of the world as I want, to overcome
 the evil there need take my sole attention, and for
 the future - it is time now to prepare for
 at 9 o'clock - may the good Spirit influence each

29th
 A company of Brethren & Sisters visit us to-day from
 the 2^d family at Waterlot.

30th The funeral of Theophilus Wilson takes place to day
 he has lingered in a suffering state for a long time
 to a better world no doubt he has gone.
 It is the solemn & certain destiny of us all, to leave this
 state of being for one that is endless - How zealous then
 should we be to secure an interest in the kingdom of
 good - that we may be clothed with the garments of reg-
 =eration - let earthly bands, & selfish ties be broken, & him

O live to God alone - that I may, say welcome
death, I yield my breath, since I was born to die,

Harriet Sellick lies very ill - but little hopes of
our recovery - Diana visiting at Lancaster

31st The country looks flourishing - Hoopons
in abundance - animating to the sight, but not to my pen
what shall I do to procure a little more zeal in everything
mend your pen - and manners.

Come Diana, do come home - I should not like to live alone
Without good friends in gospel ties, My life I could not rightly prize
O I must more deserving be - of all the good that's granted me
Self must not rise, to spoil the sense - With all its train it may go ^{have}
And in its room pure love may reign - And I shall not have lived in vain

Joseph Dodgson's family from Darby are here of present
- Many transient visitors lately, but few gospel
seekers - few choose to deny themselves the temporary
pleasures of this life - Approve the right, & yet the wrong
"burau" -

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 This afternoon the Brethren & Sisters from the West
 arrive at the Office, they have had a long journey
 but at Lebanon they will feel at home. —

Anna Crossman quite sick — several of the family
 indisposed of late — it is season of burden and
 hard labour — all need pray for health & strength
 but we must not repine, whate'er we may be call'd
 to bear. — Elisha returns from visiting the sick at
 Canaan, Harriet much better, — others convalescent. —

14 - 15th are eventful days with the North House folks

The neighbours are invited to assist in raising the
 new building — they turn out very generously —
 good success attends — and now behold the spacious
 fabric reared as it were by magic, manifesting the faculty
 of man. — Is it not possible for each one to be forming
 a mansion for the reception of the immortal part, when
 done with these immutable tenements? —

A young man of rather singular & sorrowful aspect
 appears on the ground to day said to be seeking —

happiness, I suppose, we can tell him the price of
the true pearl, and if he has rationality enough left
to comply with the terms, he will be received &
numbered with those who hold not their lives
too precious, but freely lay it down, and finally
receive a never fading crown. —

We have two new sisters Abia Cary, & Amittindley
Albina, a daughter of Eliza Blakeman's, & a sister of
Luke Elgs are visiting at present —

20th A very destructive storm last night, we have escaped
with but comparatively little damage — the much
property is said to be lost in the neighbouring towns

21st Sabbath morning — cool weather, Hannah, Mary,
Ann Maria & Jane take their post in the kitchen for the day —
William Gilderlee unites with us to day. —

26th We are visited to day by Harvey Edes, a brother
from South Union, who accompanied Elder Benjamin &
company — a good representative of that little band —

Sept. 20th 1835

Can it be worth while after so long a time to again
 resume the book & pen; what may follow I know not
 but it seems as if there was still a sort of predilection
 or indefinable feeling that yet urges me to continue
 the old fashion of scribbling - strange - what gratification
 can there be in recording, or looking back upon the
 many mournful scenes that are ever occurring -
 But to have in sight only the animating or tranquil
 part of life, would not be a faithful picture of the
 road we travel in - to the observant mind, that is
 disposed to profit by all things, these contrasts may
 be useful - Surely that thinks wise enough should seek
 to avoid the quicksands & dangerous pits that present
 however alluring the flowers of nature may be that
 are springing up round about: - O why will ye
 saith my soul, when I see the young & inexperienced
 heeding not wisdoms voice, but rashly persisting in
 venturing onward in the path of ruin till it is too
 late! their day is past - a dreary, dark, confused element
 they are enshrouded in, and I see them no longer.
 Well let the past season with all its troubles go (the
 with it has gone one loved one) who sickness in a fearful
 form has been with us - and our good protectress & friend

Elders Betoy has left us to labour in Western Land,
yet we will take courage & prepon knowing well
that our Redeemer liveth - The Standard of the
righteous is erected, to which all may flee when
temptations & trials sorely beset - And tho here & there
the withered branches are falling, let it not depress
or discourage but may it serve as a further incentive
to watchfulness & to feel the necessity of being fully
given up & live simply & freely, as becomes heirs of
immortality. —

In the North East part Obigail & I spent the day - the
weather very unpleasant, which perhaps has some effect on our
feelings, for somehow heaviness prevails - In these times
of trial may the spiritual eyes & ears be opened to receive
what may strengthen & refresh the understanding, being ever
awake to check all that the ~~many~~ ^{number} of souls would fair
afflict us with, and have in store a treasure that will
comfort in times of greatest need. — We heard
accounts from Lanaan, Lucretia Stephens, & Abijah Russell
leave what once they highly prized, their gospel home -
and choose the world of sin & death! —

Examine thyself & my soul, know well thy state -
and cleave cleave to the centre of Union - live strictly
in the light - seek not to go alone, be subject, be
simple - and keep the fear of God - that thou may
be enabled to meet the trials of thy faith & be made

22nd Elishah, Samuel Sweet, Mary Dixon & Joney go
to Richmond spend the day profitably as we can
having a pleasant ramble in the woods -

23rd

This day is ushered in with heavy news - Israel might
turns his back upon Believers, & pursues the bauble of
happiness with the lost world! His sorrow -
Once loved Brothers - anguish indeed have you caused
to the heart of your Sister - ye are gone gone -

Arise Aaron Gilbert & ~~David~~ ~~James~~ after many years prospering
among us take this leave! The decayed branches are falling
around us quite rapidly of late, but souls must know
that unless diligent to feed from the sap of the living
vine they will wither, and be in that state that when
the trial of their strength comes they will find it not
sufficient; and the misery & remorse may attend it to the

They have lost their day - they fall! and Oh that I
and every one may take warning by these sad scenes
and act the part of the wiser

Oct 3rd - Abigail & Jane go up on the Hill & stay all night
the kind & sympathetic feelings there shewn, was gratefully
received by them - the love of good Believers is cordial to the soul
return home safely, & find the two Sisters recently from
the West, there visiting. - - -

The Brethren have just finished another laborious
work, painting the dwelling houses, it was a tedious under-
taking, but now looks so much better, they no doubt feel
repaid. - The new building too is still preserved in, &
we may reasonably hope it will be occupied the coming
winter, good success has attended the securing of the
fall produce - Apple drying is going on - So there are
still some faithful workers, who have devoted their lives
to the service of God & his people; and all that will may
come & partake freely of the home of this crop bearing

Rufus & Daniel have home to day for their long
journey to Philadelphia &c - for their safe return no doubt
the Prayers of their friends at Lebanon will be offered. -

This day is spent at Quire Hazard's in company with Diane & Mary - the weather quite warm - take a walk thro' the factory - do a little shopping in the village - have a pleasant ride home & thankful that we can say in truth, our home is among Believers.

"The world has no charms for me"

Luther Copley returns from the West - not accompanied by his Lebanon friends, but by Elder Solomon, Elders Rachel & Eliza Sharp from Union village. Sister Sally received a pleasant letter from our good Elders Bets, which was indeed a treat to us all.

11th Nov^r - The Brethren & Sisters from the house take possession of their new habitation - the old apartments they leave, undergoes considerable alteration for the accommodation of the Deacons &c.

16th Stephen Wells & Daniel Hawkins start for this morning, no doubt a heavy crop to them - but they will be gladly hailed by their Western friends -

Nov^r 26th 1835

Solemn tidings reach us to day - poor misguided
Israel is no more! O what a sad change has a few
weeks effected - so lately a lively zealous youth in gospel
bands, now laid low low in the narrow confines of the
grave. - Oh my Brother when the ministering Angel
shall arouse thy spirit from its slumber, wilt thou
not turn once more to the truth - let the streams
of repentance flow around & cleanse thy darkened soul
and seek a little place in union with the source of
grace. May thy hapless career prove a warning, to the wavering
mind. - Ad long fare well to thee now, once lovely Brother

Dec^r 6th - take my abode at the new house for the first
time to day - thinking it will prove a comfortable
habitation when finished - Sabbath noon - we are
much gratified with the sight of our good Brethren
Rufus & Daniel they have had a long wearisome journey
and now they should realize they have a home & friends. -

Dec 6th is observed thro the State as a day
of Thanksgiving — we spend the time quite pleasantly
and busily — we hear that Elder Brother David &
Elder Matthew Houston arrived at Lebanon last night
from Ohio so of course there is additional cause for
thankfulness — the good are ever beloved — there is a little
few that are determined to maintain the gospel true
— we through all the opposition & trials the Adversary
may cause, and they indeed have that pure genuine
love by which the followers of the Lamb should be bound
while on the tempestuous billows of Antichrist it has
no place. — To the pure and lions land, God will extend
a helping hand — The sorrow deep may oftimes be,
This voice will calm the raging sea — In his promise
they confide — While in his gift they do abide. —

This is a week of exceedingly cold weather — Friday —
Elder Richard Sister Lavinia Jeps & Armeda start for
Savoy this morning — we hope they will not suffer, as it
must be rather uncomfortable travelling. —

Dec^r 19th Mary & Gene begin to be in earnest
about moving - with some assistance they make out
to get most of their movables into the destined rooms
much yet to be done towards regulating &c.

Sabbath 20th meeting at 10 o'clock at home, Brother
Proctor had a good gift for us - many testified to
the loveliness of the gospel - expressing their desire to
live low & humble enough, to deserve the notice and
blessing of God - Yea, little, simple must we be
possessing true humility - For God owns not the lofty mind
But claims the soul that is refined.

29th We hear that 3 Brethren leave our family to-day
Ransom Smith goes to the 2nd family

John Wood finds a new home at Brother Abrahams
James Godwin at Brother James Parham's.

30th
Reuben & Frederick leave home today for the Canada
route - May they be safely conducted back to Lebanon.

Some what low state of affairs at present, Diana is in the sick room, much distressed with Comenest's, and as for J^r K^e what shall I say - strength failing heart sinking, head aching, lean, lank, looking object, are - but still there is a spark of vitality, sensitive enough which must I suppose be goaded on & kept sufficiently alive to prepare for immortality - O that my proud hateful nature may be subdued, that my spirit may be clothed with love & peace, pure & holy, away away from all earthly influence - give me what I need O minister Angels to enable me to obtain a little place with the redeemed.

Caleb & Charles Leiser start on their western journey

Pamela Bradley with her two little girls arrive here to day, with the prospect of continuing with us - with pleasure we receive all willing souls from a world of sorrow, - Patty takes care of company while Diana is absent.

John Gildersleeve unites with Believers,

January 20th This is the first month of a new year! — a subject for solemn reflection in truth — An eventful year has the past been — many sore afflictions have we waded thro' — but the hand of the Lord is abundantly proved to be the help of the steadfast soul, this we know — we also know the degeneracy of mankind and while in this world we expect not emancipation from suffering — the wicked will do wickedly — false pretenders to the gospel causes much sadness & spirit — but for this there is an antidote — yea the beautiful beams of truth are seen & felt & loved by the honest soul — so adieu to the year of 1835 with all its mistakes & mishaps, and set soberly about preparing for a New Year. —

31st Our new sister Pamela calculates to leave us to-day for her late home, to arrange her business so that she can come & enjoy the freedom of the children of the New Creation. —
Here is the freedom of truth —
For aged and youth —

January 30th — Charles Seiver reaches home to-day — but poor Calch where are you? How could you be so sadly unwise as to choose to wander in the world of sin & woe — we must now give you up, and for ourselves strive still more for that enduring good we may have which will ensure to the soul entire felicity & peace. —

Diana still in a suffering state — poor pilgrim how many calamities are we subject too — let us be deserving of wisdom & strength from on high that we may unwearingly press on to that land where all is love.

Lucy Hazard is here calculating to stay a few days.

We are much gratified to see Rufus & Frederick home this morning & they appear to be equally pleased to be once more among their North House friends.

Oh how much longer shall we look out upon hills & valleys of snow — far & near it has been very plentiful, such a season has not been for some years — travelling tedious and difficult — Jesse takes Phoebe, Antoinette & Mary Dixon to Lee to-day, but they have rather an unfortunate time, one of the horses taken sick, & they

obliged to get another to bring them home. —

Feb. 17th — The Church Elders from Waterville
make us a little visit to-day — we understand
Brother Freegift Wells is to go to Ohio to help
our good Elders Betsey bear the burden in those
parts. —

20th — The blessed gift of repentance is for us
this time; for myself I know it is necessary — and
yet — How perverse is the nature of fallen creatures
— feel any need, & the vast consequence it is to me
to fully improve every gift for an increase — but,
behold the unwillingness, the fear of humiliation —
of mortification — hard still to give up — to turn the
enemy resolutely out, & make the temple a fit receptacle
for the good Spirit to dwell in. — Surely I should
humble myself, & be covered with confusion & shame
by mightily & unceasingly to God to give me strength
to break the fetters, & feel my proud hardened heart
broken and contrite. — Let my life prove the way of God is my
choice. — Come sweet repentance. —

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This day commences a turn in the kitchen, much to my satisfaction — and now that I may be enabled to accomplish the work of 4 weeks cooking, I desire strength & ability, for it is pleasant to work for & with the healthy labourers. — But the poor soul that too must be nourished — the first ~~stepping~~ ^{stepping} from all impurity — & what so purifying as the streams of repentance — when prepared for the reception of Holy Spirits, then we can rejoice, while partaking of the heavenly bread & drinking of the living water — feeling our justification & thankful that we are fitted for the sight & favour of God. —

March 6th We are visited to day by Elder Matthew Houston — have a very lively & interesting meeting, so good a representative of the Western volunteers was very welcome a true gospel veteran indeed. Listened unto Wisdoms call and boldly, freely gave up all, That he might be one of the With them enjoy the jubilee: — lovely souls, my soul doth love shake off then all that binds, & rise in the resurrection of life. —

March 13th Still tedious cold weather, many
no doubt suffer, while I am in the possession of
every comfort I need, I pray that I make a right use
of what is committed to me & not prove an ungrateful
soul. — It is expected Elder Matthew will leave
Lebanon for Waterbury on the 15th from where
he ^{will} pursue his journey home, when the travelling will
allow of it. — For his prosperity & safe journey many
prayers shall ascend

Calmly does the resolute Believer view the passing scenes
of life & tho they may be sorrowful in the extreme, and
much cause of regret to the feeling soul, yet they harm
not — steadily their bark moves down the sea of time,
making unerring steerage towards the land of Peace —
May it be my labour to attain that state of mind
for alas! I still feel the unpleasant & trying occurrences
so frequent in these days, have perhaps too much of a
desponding influence. — There is a true good I know
to this I will cleave, to this I will subject, and strive
to imitate those fearless Mariners who assure me, tis
simply to place full faith in the promises of the
King of Glory & all danger may be braved. — So now once
more for the trial. —

March 16th 1896
 The Brethren are busily employed in their heavy Spring
 work - cutting, sawing & piling wood, they appear to
 be getting along well.

It is now the 3rd of April, the snow goes gradually off -
 Tho still considerable to be seen. - Very bad roads -
 not troubled with many visitors in consequence -
 William Blakeman here on a visit at this time -

The Brethren will be glad to see the green herbage
 once more, for the poor cattle, the universal complaint
 is scarcity of hay, tho the stock of our provident brother
 Edge has not been reduced so low as some of our
 neighbours. - Much suffering has been experienced this
 season past by man & beast. The prospect of reviving
 vegetation of course very desirable - but let the sentimental or fashionable admirer of Nature exhort
 on the verdant lawn, to the half-famished living
 creatures, the possession of the fruits of the Earth is in
 truth a goodly & welcome enjoyment. - Here we may
 again be reminded of the necessity of securing treasure

That is lasting, while our day & time is allowed to
work in - may we be wise enough to ever have this
in mind, that we may not have to deplore the loss
of the hand of the liberal Shepherd, and in a long
winter of darkness our troubled souls cry out, that
I had been wise - that I had attended to the voice
of the teacher & gathered against the day of trial, the
fruits of gospel - Come now ye strength giving spirits
assist me in giving up the natural & obtaining the
spiritual elements.

Take me O Lord, let me be thine, let thy rattle in medicine
showing me each idol here, that I may travel on with care
come my soul & prove thy faith come freely now the spirit with
give up all which bindeth thee - Rise to life and liberty.

Rain & strong winds prevent our going to the meeting
house, so we assemble at 10 o'clock at home.

15th one more is ground covered with snow, rather
tedious & trying to bear 'tis true but we must
try & be reconciled & still look forward to a
Smiling Season.

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17th A union meeting in remembrance of our dear
 friends at the West - A little song is sung for
 Eldseph Betsy, that so lately was present with us
 labouring zealously for our increase in good
 now that she is called upon to labor in a far
 and strange land - She deeply feeling the loss of so
 valuable a friend, yet we ardently unite in prayer
 desiring the blessing of Heaven to attend her, that she
 may view with joy the increase of the gospel, and
 further establishment of wholesome Order -
 Ye we do love & bless thee & thy companions in the
 work; seek ye securing a crown incorruptible.

21st Ann Godwin goes to Canaan to live - Margaret
 Wilson takes her place at the North house.

The Brethren having secured a good quantity of fuel
 against another long cold season, are now to be seen
 busily employed in other labours - going to & from the
 neighbourhood, actively engaged for the general welfare
 some are to be seen wending their way to Richmond
 farm - some turn towards the flat - to assist in clearing

The new property of Stumps &c - a new machine
for the purpose, exciting their attention that way.
Fredrick takes the lead of a little company in making
improvements among the fruit trees, trimming grafting &c
So I think many yet to come, will have cause to be
grateful for the labors of the possessors of the premises
in eighteen hundred thirty six -

26th The Elders go to Canaan & return in the evening
bringing with them Julia Brooks, who is provided
with a new home on the hill - So it is, all of us
subject to change in this terrestrial abode - may the
work of changing, renovating or making anew, in my
soul go swiftly on - Altho the pleadings of nature or any
sometimes arise.

35th - Our streets & door yards take a faithful raking
scrapping &c today - Not much of Brethren's help, they
of course busy in the gardens, on the farm &c - taken together
I conclude a growing season is in prospect - and one
more the meadows & groves, will be inviting to such
a Rambler as I or myself.

May 1st

In what comparative quiet does our little community dwell contrasted with the great commotions that agitate the world around us — not only the ever attending disquietude & uneasiness universally experienced — but here & there are Nations whose kindling passions towards each other is satisfied only by shedding of blood; much sympathy is called for by the Mexicans struggling against the haughty powers of Mexico; while the inhabitants of the Western frontiers, in constant jeopardy from the wild Indian, call loudly for their warlike Brethren to assist in subduing their wily foe; while the poor Sons of the Forest, undoubtedly consider the White Man the aggressor, the unlawful possessor of the lands of their fathers, by their retaliation & revenge are considered as virtues — all plead the justice of their works, & yet all suffer: — but let these things to impart a lesson, shewing the gain of impeding a pacific peaceable feeling among the few I am connected with, instead of indulging the growth of that high contented selfish nature so inherent in man

We hear that Elder Samuel Turner & Rufus Bryant
from Pleasant Hill have just arrived at Lebanon.

JH goes to the 2nd order with Rachel Boyce
a satisfactory ^{visit} of course - The Western Brethren here also
which enhanced the privilege They visit the north
house - the sight of true hearted persons is "salutary"
those that resolutely meet every trial - willing that
the life of Nature should be brought low, & seek only
to honour & glorify God with such it is happying to meet -
let my communion be with none but the faithful & sober

Julia Doolittle returns to the North House to live
and Sarah Ann Standish takes her place at Canaan.

James Gilderslove, with his wife & Sister Lee, visiting
their relations - but not much satisfaction can there
be with such opposing minds ...

And must it be said of Julia Dolettle that she no longer
 has an inheritance among the people of God, tis even so —
 and to me, Oh how sorrowful — but here let a veil be drawn
 she has made her choice — unwilling to bear the mortifying
 cross — parted with her precious birthright — her name has
 now gone from among the number that are marching heavenward
 It surely is a time for each one to be awake, looking to them-
 selves, know what they they are labouring for, and whether
 they are encircling that nature that cannot go to God or
 endeavouring to indulge it let it grow until perhaps it will
 have the ascendancy — and the soul find itself left behind in the
 work of redemption, dark & miserable. —

Abraham Ward leaves here for port Bay — as good a privilege as could
 be granted him after his recent unwise step. —

We are visited by the good Ministry from Toadst, today

of the Clawson Middleton, Daniel Sizer, Phoebe Wood, Mr. Bar-
 naby Dixon & Armeda Sherman, start for Waterliet. —

The Canterbury Ministry visit the North family. —

9th Elder Richard accompanies Sister Amy & Margaretta
Lanue to New York - we wish his safe & quick return.

1th Therseth Nicholson from New York is here at present, ^{expressing}
a desire to gain good - tho it may be accompanied by some
"hard sayings". a - - Cool weather for the season.

16th Henry Bushnell unites with Believers to day. - - -
A happy sight it is to see youth leaving to wisdom's ways,
and sacrificing present gratification for lasting good.

20th - Another Sabbath Man appears - and come now my
sorrowing soul arouse thyself & lay hold on the many
around to comfort & animate thy charafied feelings -
still there are many true, honest - cropbearers who will
endure all things for his name's sake whose followers they are
and with these let me still more & more cement my union

John Willett the teacher of a public school in the Friends
society here with his family visiting.

Thomas Graham a brother of St. Dodson's here with his
wife - to visit their relatives.

We occasionally have visitors on such errands,
 but a still time it is with seekers after right-
 =eousness - so we have ample time and opportunity
 to do our own work - and perhaps we may not be
 as well acquainted with ourselves upon investigation
 as we supposed. - The work we have undertaken
 is one of self-denial - a daily cross - whenever we
 feel called upon to sacrifice or take an onward
 step, however reluctant a sluggish nature may be
 yet it is as incumbent upon us to move as at the
 first onset - The Manna gathered in time past will
 not suffice - neither should while we are needy,
 still so far from perfection - As we are called to be
 the children of light it is our duty & privilege, to keep
 the bright treasure in view, & unceasingly aim for it
 - to be regenerated and possess that fulness of knowledge
 that will satisfy the immortal mind. —

Come now my soul leave the grovelling things of Earth - come
 drink of the life spring of love joy & peace
 And thou shalt be living - where
 they never cease.

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Diana & Mary are summoned to Hancock, to attend
the funeral of their Sister Eunice Gorton - The
silent grave has now received that body that so
lately was well & active, surrounded by friends
who would gladly have kept her with them -
but at the call of death all must yield, another
warning it is to remind mortals of their transitory
existence, and arouse them to the necessity of living
so, that when the time arrives to leave this state
it may not be attended with dread, but with a
knowledge that they have a love & interest superior
to all the gratifications found in worldly things -
that they have preferred seeking for lasting good
rather than the enjoyment of present allurements.

My soul is for an increase bound, Of everlasting good
To where the treasure can be found, And here is living food
With my friends in wisdom's ways, I'll surely persevere
The God of truth with them I praise, In love & joy sincere.

What seems to be the drift of the folks at this time what affairs of interest are employing the good members of the North Family this summer of 36 to begin with the Sisters (They feel as if their number was small) only 25, they are going on with the usual work of the season quite busily - colouring, bleaching, spinning &c - No time has been taken to supply our table quite plentifully with strawberries - by Phebe's labours we have a supply of butter, cheese milk &c - Note - not much veal eaten -

Only 5 kitchen hands at present, so of course there is much work for them to turn off. - Some considerable quantity of bonnets, fans &c have been made by our handy bodies, Anna, Abigail the Maids, Antoinette Maria, all all ready to exert every faculty for the general good. How laudable - And no less engaged I presume to lay hold of every call, & gift there is for us to advance in spiritual things - With such vigilant Elder Sisters to lead, this little company appear ready to meet every trial - to halt not, but to cheerfully on, in the work of subduing self, & learning how to live & how to die. -

What can be said of our enterprising Brethren? They

of course attending zealously to the farm, gardens
&c - some engaged in putting up a building for a
drying house - and as much to have our roads &
wards door yards, & such like matters as can be expected
Daniel S. appears to be foremost in endeavouring to ^{estab}
the culture of Silk, - tho he has begun quite moderately
and does not have encouragement enough to bivefy
anguine of success - The Braulberg trees appear flourishing
now, but our Lebanon wintres may prove too severe
for them - if so we must still be indebted to distant
climes for the useful commodity. - In truth we have
some thorough workers among them, not in theory alone
but practice, that desire a proper use of things of Creation
instead of continuing the fevered state that Mankind
have sunk into, and from which but too few have
courage to rise; 'tis strange but true ~~that~~ a proper use
of Creation is far from the understanding generally -
Brother Procter told us some time ago that mankind
was altogether wrong & out of order - of this we become
more & more sensible in our travel towards truth
and if we are willing & desirous to rise from the sensual
to the intellectual - having & walking in the light, wise we will

July 'tis indeed summer weather & the
Brethren talk of making a beginning at the
long & hard business of hay making —

August 4th a number of the Brethren at Richmond
to work - Anna Crossman & Antoinette go to provide
for them in the cooking line. — uncomfortably cold

8th Hannah Bryant & J K walk to Concord this afternoon
spend the night at James Farnham's, next day make
a visit at Brother Abraham's - and return home in
the evening, glad that the North house is our home

12th
Sabbath morning repair to the kitchen at the usual time
with my ~~companions~~ to perform the duties of the day there
but very soon obliged to leave them, for very different labour
a carriage on its way to the meeting house loses a wheel
by which two of the travellers are injured - They are
into the East room - the Doctor is sent for, & it is
ascertained that one of the women has her shoulder
bone broken, and another slightly injured & is incapable
of travelling - so now there seems no other way, than for

us to go work, & befriend them, and cheerfully do
all that is needful for them as sufferers.

They prove to be from Philadelphia, Joseph &
Hannah Howell & Sarah Allibone. — They are
taken to the 2nd house — and with the assistance
of good sister Anne C. I hope I shall be strengthened
and competent to the charge of attending to them.

Friday evening, Thomas Allibone with his wife &
sister arrive to see their mother who they find
much more comfortably situated than they expected.

29th — The invalids leave us to day — being so far
recovered as to be able to travel slowly with safety.
They express much feeling of gratitude &c.

October 11th Rufus & Frederick leave Lome to
day for the Southern route. —

12th we have quite a snow storm the day
sleighting quite tolerable for a day or two. —
Charles Bushnell, Abel, & John Shaw busily engaged
in securing their boom town on the Mohawk.
Sabbath morning - cold & rainy J. H. spends the
day at home - not much health or zeal as this
writing may manifest but look forward to better times.

Nov. 6th

A letter is received from Rufus & Frederick, from
which it appears they are prospering. —
The Bee thren have completed their tedious work
among the boom crowd & were thankfully received
home. —

David & Mary Hicks, here visiting their relatives the
Gildersleves. —

Joseph Cornish, a youth from Schenectady, has concluded to learn to live as do the Shakers. —

Nov - 14th — This day completes my 30th year a pretty good string of years in truth — well what is now to be done, — once more set out anew to strive for that substance, which never fails — my prayer is for strength to ~~resist~~ ^{resist} all temptations and besellments from the power of evil — free from that nature that loves indulgence I must I may be freed with cheerfulness I choose a life of self denial. —

With what sorrow do I so often see & hear of those that turn aside from wisdom's ways, & plunge still deeper in the abyss of Nature's love — the cup of disappointment & woe is their portion! —

Another job of that unpleasant work called distilling has been completed this week, which affords some cause of rejoicing. —

22nd Diana is in a suffering state of lameness again poor girl, we sympathize with & would be glad to

span her bearing so much pain and distress. -
 Nov^r 19th Mary Ann Hodgson comes to the sick room
 in quite an ailing state - Lucy Bishop visits her
 and prescribes medicine, which we hope will have
 a favourable effect - Mary D takes charge of
 the invalids - J^r takes Diana's chow &c. -
 Most of the folks engaged pairing apples for sauce
 this week - plenty of work & good workers somewhat
 scarce we think - but still we try to accomplish
 all that is necessary. -

A good gift of humiliation & repentance is for us
 at this time - O may my soul drink deeply of the
 stream that I may feel my spirit moving onward
 and increasing that joining to purity & holiness
 is for the honest & zealous Seeker. -
 It is indeed a time to gather food for the soul

Dec 5th 1836

Monday afternoon we are gratified with the sight of our Brethren Reufus & Theodrick coming as briskly towards home as their new black horses, would bring them — They should feel that there is indeed a home for them after their wearisome journey. With thankfulness for their safe return we join in giving them a heart-felt welcome.

5th John Hoag & Mary his wife come to visit Pamela B — not however with any view for good from this quarter but rather to manifest their disappreciation of the life of crop-bearing — poor fallen nature — how little it loves mortification, and how preferable is a little present indulgence, instead of a continual sacrifice for the attainment of future & lasting good. — A further gift of purification is for us — the yearly sacrifice is called for — each one now can free their souls & set out with renewed life & liberty.

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 every faithful believer rejoices at every means
 God in his mercy affords them to escape from
 the bondage of corruption, — O may my soul
 be subject now, Unto this blessed gift —
 And may my stubborn ^{spirit} bow Before the God of truth.

Dec^r 25th 1836 Another Christmas day has arrived

— we have meeting at home at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock —
 Elder Richard Boonwell to attend — Brother Partridge
 had a good gift for us — each one now should put away
 hard feelings, and be possessing that happy peace-making
 spirit, which is ever loving & beloved. — — —

May Ann H. goes to the house to day thro still quite
 feeble. — Sarah Denny is considered dangerous slight

It is indeed a time of tribulation — And O may it be
 rightly improved — O my soul be zealous and vigilant
 suffer not the dark clouds that hover near, overwhelm
 thee — lose not sight of that saving light, that cheering

Beacon shewn for thy deliverance. —

How strange & changeable is my life — sorrows
chequer my path — but despondency must flee —
be quiet restless heart — bear what may be for thy
good if rightly applied — Tribulation, mortification
to the death of a proud unsubdued nature — suffer it to be
Come drink the cup of Salvation, and call upon the name
of the Lord. —

Jan'y 1st 1837 A new year commences its course, a solemn
reason it is — our promising young Brother Sociat closed
this life about 1/2 past one this morning — We sorrow that
he has left us thus in the morning of his day — but we feel
an assurance that it will be well with him in his choice
was to seek the Lord while enjoying the health & vigor
of youth — and I believe he will find the many promises
of God to such verified. — "They that seek me early shall find me" —

We know not which among us may be next
to leave all that now, so much engages our attention —
let every moment be rightly improved — let me be
more given up — more diligent — more reconciled —

that to me the pale messenger may be disrobed
of his terrors. — 4th Abel is at the 2nd House quite
distressed with the rheumatism, it falls to my lot to
attend to him — all that can be done for this afflicted
Parent will be done cheerfully — Although my
anticipated comfort in my new home (the chamber)
is thus for ^{the} present frustrated — trials roll on —
— perhaps for good — watchfulness & prayer, & love
needful, —

Some changes in operation in the family at this
time — Betty goes to the 2nd House to be nurse —
Antoinette takes her place in the East room —

Our Brethren start on their journey to day —
Rufus & John to Canada — Frederick & Charles to the
as it is needful for them thus to go abroad at this
inclement season we earnestly desire their prosperity
and safe return. —

Jan^{ry} 13th 1837. — We are visited by Elder Jeremiah, and
Joseph Pelham from Port Bay — and are informed of the disposal
of the property there & the purchase of a tract of country to the
the south west called Groveland — and accordingly the
heavy undertaking of moving the Society will commence
the following Spring — may they be blessed with strength —

We are notified of Elisha Blackman's intention of
accompanying the Sodus Bishops on their return, and
again to have a home with the people there.

25th Garrett Lawrence, a true Soldier of the cross
breathes his last to day — much beloved & lamented
Brother fare thee well — by many will thy kind acts,
thy true philanthropy, be long remembered — and may
the rising youth emulate thy virtues & possess the simplicity
of character which we admire & usefulness —
thy noble spirit will be joyfully hailed in that world
where the just rejoice — when the soul doth rest —
no more oppressed with sickness, sorrow, grief or pain

Jan^{ry} 29th — It is a time of deep affliction in the village — a time indeed when each one should cry mightily to God, for his arm of strength to be extended to the little band — that they may bear a right thro' this season of trial & proving — Humiliation dwell with me

Feb^{ry} 1st — Electa Blanchard after a short illness deceased this day — lovely Sister, can it be thou hast fled from mortal sight? Shining Angels hold her now — Salomi Chauncey an aged & worthy Sister likewise leaves the body after a lingering illness — and on the 2^d they are both interred.

But here the spoiler stops not — Lucy Clark & Rachel Sampson are quite ill — many others complain among the number is Susanna Ellis, that good main stay at the office whose sickness appears to increase alarmingly.

10th — Rufus & John Shaw reach home to day — with gladness they are welcomed — Having had a successful journey they are somewhat worn & weary, but now all must be exceedingly thankful.

11th Another solemn event is to be recorded —
The remains of Susanna Ellis is laid in the silent
earth to day from the active scenes of life she is
released — Her lab is severe — a heavy stroke it is
but she is free & freed from the joyful sound, may she be
one more to the Lord — Praise my earnest cry
May I be subject to thy word — And on thy strength rely
Thou art a needy soul — Seeking for that power
Wherein I can rejoice — In every trying hour.

With an important change takes place among us —
Brother Abraham is called to live at the Church
Brother Peveter takes his place at Concord
and Daniel Diser goes to live with Elder Richards.

Abel returns to the East room after many weeks
of sickness, for which we are thankful.

27th Feb. —
Monday Evening — Our Sister Mary Ann has passed away
from us to another & happier state of existence —
1st of March her funeral takes place at 2 o'clock
in the Afternoon. — 2nd Antemas Markham good

Church Brother likewise yields this life —
 O how powerfully we are reminded of our
 latter end — O how needful to give to God each
 moment as it flies — My soul seek no longer
 ought but union with God — here alone is safety —
 here alone is peace. — — — — —

It is the gift for Hannah Bryant to go to
 Canaan to take Sister Amy's place —
 Amy returns to ^{the} East room at the North Louisiana Hotel
 which pleases us all well. — — — — —

Poor Jane How art sick — Look to God —
 — — — — —

Patience Cogswell, a worthy Church member
 deceased this day — a trying time of sickness
 it now is — O what a blessing is health, both
 of soul & body — to be fully enabled to enjoy
 any thing, we should feel it incumbent upon
 us to be in our duty as regards the preservation of
 the body — yielding all to God — acting from
 his dictates alone — And we are safe — — — — —

March 17th — That good old gospel veteran
Issachar Bates, quit this life after a short illness
of the prevailing fever — much may be said
in praise & wonder at the active life he spent in
his terrestrial state — he honoured his Maker while
here — and now the reward is his — he is rich in the
gospel of love — in a holy habitation — where death is

With chosen souls I will unite
And keep the gospel treasure bright —
Subject myself to what is right
And join in pure devotion

For my Heaven is here
The pure way of life
Eternal life —

He accompanies the Elder Sisters to Canaan — Their journey
returns with them to the north house.

26th This day is wet & dreary, but much to my surprise
Elders Lavinia, Phebe Jones & Mary Dixon appear at
Brother James — well what is now going on —
Phebe & Mary have changed homes — so this occasions
some sorrowing but doubtless w/ blessing will attend
them, tho they much regret leaving their old companions

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April 8th Have another sleigh ride home and
 home - feeling thankful for all gospel friends

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Make an attempt at working in the dining room
 but make no great calculations - all I want is
 to feel the influence of the good Spirit to ^{assist} ~~assist~~
 and direct.

April 10th

Warm weather comes slowly on - chilling blasts of
 wind are very frequent - many of the family afflicted
 with heavy colds &c. - But some winds blow that try
 the souls as well as the bodies in this day - now is the
 time to know whether creatures love their own power
 wills better than obeying the law of Christ. several
 such weak objects have recently proved themselves by
 leaving their home in Zion, (where self denial is required)
 and turned to the delusive elements of the world! -
 But let them go - we know what their position must
 meantime our own work must be seen to - this
 indeed demands the whole attention.

10th We see signs of returning animation in the veget-
 =the kingdom - why may we not look forward to new
 and reviving scenes in spiritual things - May I for ever
 be prepared to receive the refreshing dews & enlivening

gales from that bright region of good things for the
pure in heart. —

I show pure spirit of another descend
To my needy soul & my actions befriend
That I the pure life of the just may enjoy
Receive from all storms that here doth annoy.

33 The sisters around preparing for meeting - How gladly
would I unite with them - once more I exclaim in my
heart, how precious is health - to enable one to go the usual
round with all - but better days for me may be in store
How much there is for me to gain - I must not, will not live in vain. my
Now is the time when souls may gain the satisfying food
The bread of heaven - the only good - the only good
And all I ever wish to feast upon.
Gospel freedom, freest love
Flowing from bright worlds above
Earthly things how vain they are
Of real good I now will share. —
Nathaniel Lewis is buried to day. —

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29th A woman named Mary Vallean, from Hudson
 here expressing a wish to become acquainted with
 Shakerism. What the result will be is doubtful.

A man named David Turnbull arrives at the North
 house for the purpose of gaining information. —
 John Jackson a youth from Stockbridge like-
 wise expresses a feeling to become one of us. —
 We are thankful to see any desirous to transfer
 the error of their ways & cleave to truth, if in
 simplicity they can receive the word, lasting
 gain is theirs. —

Our friend Mary goes to Hudson & returns
 with her daughter Mary Symmes. —

May 25th
 The Scotchman David sets out for a Shaker
 to day so now all our visitors have become
 members of the family. — Be strong & fear not

23th May Attend public meeting to day
The wind blows quite cold - a good lively
meeting however is very satisfactory.

The word of Salvation is indeed with us - and
to it all may cleave & live for ever -
Can we be thankful enough for the great mercy of God to the lost
Sons & Daughters of Adam - a beautiful new Creation
a heavenly path laid open, plain for us to walk in, no
more to be under bondage to corrupt fallen nature -
but arise in Christ, and rejoice in the regeneration.

The annual job of a general house cleaning goes
on this week - the weather daily grows warmer
the country now looks truly beautiful -
no lack of work in every direction

The new sisters Polly & Mary go to Canaan
today.

June 3rd - Brother Procter comes to take David
Turnbull home to become a member of his family.

June 5th — Sabbath — Our Brethren & Sisters
 of the North house commence taking their turn
 in singing at the Meeting house to day —
 I K works in the kitchen for Abigail —
 the folks return — giving an animated account
 of the meeting — a general feeling to prep
 for the life of the gospel was manifested —
 the Singers had a good gift & the blessing
 of Heaven attended these true worshippers —
 My union, my union with this lovely home must ever
 increase — must ever increase —

This day our well beloved Sister Mary Hagan
 leaves us — the gift being, for her to take her
 abode at the church — may blessings attend
 My course, my lovely young friend —

A company of visitors from Watoulist here to-day

Eliza Clark comes to the North house to-day
expressing her intention of continuing with us.

We have a good visit from Elders Ruth &
Sister Asenath - They are preparing for a
journey to the East - may every blessing attend
their steps - and for their safe return, the
prayers of the faithful will ascend.

June 15th - Elder Richard, Elders Lovins, Jeff. &
and Diana Hazard leave home to-day for the
sea side - we are much in hopes the excursion
will benefit them.

A heavy hail storm descends in these parts this
day - much damage is done to the gardens &c -
but we must not be of sad countenances - the gospel
is ours - & with it rich are we.

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Perry Cole visits us once more expressing
much faith & love for Believers —

Monday afternoon - Hannah Blake
and Eliza Avery from the 2nd order - here
this day to take Eliza Cole home with them
worthy sisters indeed to be willing to take a
poor lost Child, & strive to form her over anew.

We have some visitors here for the purpose
of enquiry concerning the faith &c - John Jacob
who has a family to bring, John McGowan an
honest appearing son of Erin - James Herring a
youngster of quite specious exterior from the West
they may have a chance to prove themselves
and only so fast do we judge them -
we know the whole world hath in wickedness
and much need hath every poor soul of
this saving gospel. — There are two more
applicants for membership - Englishmen

29th June — Rufus arrives from Troy
this evening with the Jacobs Family, consisting
of Man, Woman, & three Children.

31st — A number of visitors here to-day —
John Bennett & Sarah among the number

July 4th — Considerable going to & fro
on the highway — now & then the report
of a "big gun" is heard, much pains evident-
ly taken to let the neighbours know their
Almanac tells 'tis Independence day.

July 5th — A number of the Brethren
go to Canaan to assist in new Shingling
the dwelling of the South Family.

Mary Ely arrives here to see her Brother.

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 This evening our good Elders & friends
 reach home in a comfortable state,
 for which we are thankful.

July 7th Eliza Clark goes to her Father
 — but alas poor girl, our folks return
 without her — her Mother insisting
 upon her continuing with them, at least
 for some weeks, we pray that she may be
 suffered to return to us as her feelings app-
 to be bent this way

10th Mary Ely goes on her journey to the
 west — She manifests some interest & feeling
 — may it increase.

14th July — Brother James comes with a wagon
 this morning & returns with it loaded with the
 of the new comers, chattels &c —

That artful pretender to Shakerism J^W
is notified to depart from this place to night -
this is no place for the hypocrite, the deceiver
must go to his own. —

15th - very quiet times - no visitors. —
a very good meeting to day - the windows
of Heaven seemed opened & refreshing dew
revived the spirits of the true worshippers.

How good it is to be good. —

21st Christen John has a visit from her
mother to day - taries over night & then
goes on. —

J^W accompanies Betty to West farm to day - to
take the Brethren their dinner - gather a few herbs
'tis a real hay making day - it is very desirable
to have it continue a spell - but we must be
reconciled to the variability of our climate. —

Time passes, O how swiftly - Am I really
 directing my course to eternal life, or do I choose
 to hold fast some selfish indulgencies, which
 finally bring death to the soul - In the valley
 of humiliation there is safety - yea I know it -
 - put off that exalting sense - examine the heart
 let truth have the sway, cast out the offender
 and cleanse the temple that the good Spirit here
 may rest - for surely tis here the Lord delights
 to dwell - O how beautiful is simplicity -
 In contemplating the treasures of the gospel, my
 soul is filled with admiration - Now let all
 the Earth keep silence - let nothing that can
 harm or hurt be suffered on this holy ground
 Amen, Alleluia even so let it be. -

My Spirit shall no more remain,
 Bound to Earth by Nature's chain -
 Unshackled now I'll ever be
 Since freedom's way is given me. -

This morning shines out clear & lovely -
 all nature looks inviting - The Brothers with
 animated looks with their scythes are wending their
 way to the hayfield - calculating upon a goodly
 quantity - sweet well-made hay ere sun set -
 Elders Lovina gives me the offer of taking a ride
 to the Springs, & on the Mountain with Elder Richd
 Amy & herself - no hesitation of course - find it very
 pleasant riding - gather a few berries, eat luncheon
 in the woods - & return home.

A letter is received from Philad^a, containing the
 account of my Sister Tacy's death! poor young creature
 thy days on Earth are numbered - but I mourn not
 that the life thou had so lately engaged in, is at
 an end - it was only a course of increasing anxiety &
 dissatisfaction - may some good Spirit receive thy
 sorrowing soul, and shew thee were the righteous
 dwell, & what thou must do to be a purified & happy
 associate of the Children of Light - once loved sister
 fare thee well, go thy way - tis for the living on earth my soul might
 mourn.

Two poor girls from Troy, present themselves
 at our door this evening after meeting. They
 call their names, Eleanor & Phebe McDaniel -
 orphans whose wants are expressed in few words
 home, food, & raiment they feel the need of -
 the Sisters make them comfortable for the present
 but we cannot tell whether it will be the best
 to have them continue here. Poverty seems to
 have shewn her face in the land - we may expect
 many poor mortals will look this way for relief
 perhaps now & then one who feels the want of spiritual
 food, may come to us with a broken & contrite
 spirit, receive with gladness the bread of life -
 Come all ye heavy laden come, who seek for rest, here is at
 This mansion is prepared for you, who be all carnal joys advised.

Monday - Some of the Church singers come
 this afternoon, to learn our folks new songs
 brought by the good Ministry from Canterbury

A poor Irish woman with two small children
applied to us for a home - a pitiful story she
tells - but there are constantly scenes of distress
presenting to work upon the sympathetic feelings
judgment must be used with charity & mercy
may heaven grant strength & wisdom to the Watchman
on Zion's walls -

The two vagrant girls take an abrupt departure
this evening not worthy the humanity shown them

13th attend public meeting to day quite to satisfaction
a strong spirit of good was there - Elder Benjamin
spoke to the spectators in a very interesting energetic
manner.

15th Augth Sister Sally & Anna to start this
morning with Charles B. for Troy. - The weather
cloudy & quite dull times for hay-makers -

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Aug^t 18th Our folks return from Troy accompanied by a young woman from Schenady and a girl, (Maria Ferris) from the same parts.

19th Gholm Mead (a baptist preacher) & his wife arrive here this evening. He says over the Sabbath expressing much desire to become acquainted with this work - An Englishman named Edward [unclear] also in the list of visitants at this time, so there must be some time & labour spent in answering if not satisfying these querrists - O for a shaking among these dry bones -

21st - A South Carolinian & his wife apply to us to keep them as boarders a few days - Jane Brainerd brings her Sister Eliza Sutton, to get acquainted, if possible to gather her into the fold.

25th Our Irish woman Ann goes in pursuit of her old child, & 10 day she returns with him expressing great

joy at meeting with the sisters again - she is
resolved to set out & make a trial of the way

September 1st - Busy times enough in the kitchen
& out - the Brethren are striving hard to secure
the hay &c there has not been much of the time
favourable for their work - but perhaps with
due frugality there will be enough to suffice
thro the long winter - And at this time too,
Believers seem engaged in gathering substance for
the soul, which is the work we have professed
to come together for - How much cause for
thankfulness - by our exertions there is attained
a fulness of good for soul & body - As the Spirit-
ual exceeds the temporal or natural so our first
and greatest object should be to rightly nourish
& strengthen the soul - where that care is,
it will be manifest by the works done in the
body - I wish to be in the light - to walk &
act in the light - to be seen & known as I am
to purge out the deceiver, & seek honour of God alone

Armeda & Jane have a privilege of riding
in the Day Waggon to Richmond with the
Brethren's dinner - quite a pleasant time
& a good ride home.

12th We have visitors from Enfield to day.

14th We are called upon to assemble
in the meeting room to visit some good folks
from Shirley - ^{Mr.} Visiting goes on his belly
two brethren & four Sisters from Waterhit
spend the day at the North house

Sept 17th

Another meeting we have had and many precious things were said
And divers gifts did freely flow - To recompense the meek & low
The young Believers there did sing - Causing the noble Arch to ring
They felt the worth of gospel love - and shewed the spirit of the dove
Breathing forth sweet notes of joy - The world behind cannot annoy
Yet they are not forgotten here - They're called upon in Godly fear
To leave their old pernicious ways - And join in giving God the praise
For shewing souls the way to go - To be released from sin & woe
O precious call, O heavenly light - Why will not souls pursue it right
They see the work, they hear the voice - But still retain their selfish choice
O may my soul each meeting praise, and in the new creation rise: Jane

Sept^r 24th Our friend the Babbist Preacher
arrives here this evening, with his wife, Father
Mother & Brother-in-law - They appear to
view this strange work with interest & surprise.
26th they go on their journey homewards -
The Helim & Charlotte have some idea of
knowing yet more of Shakerism.

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Eliza Clark returns to us one more
still evincing a strong desire for a privilege
with Believers, & appears free from her Parents.

Oct 9th

Margaret Hawkins with her two boys, from
Troy arrive at the North House this afternoon -
she desires a privilege for herself & Children -
10th she returns for her girl - calculating to
get back & unite with the people in a short time.

14th Perry Cole & his daughter Amelia have been visiting for a few days - he appears quite zealous - tho' it is evident he has much to learn - he too has it in prospect to be gathered in - and then he can have the privilege with the rest of us, to hear mortification and learn the order of God? - - - - -

15th Emily Smith is brought here to day - having a desire to become acquainted & write with us - it is pleasant to see the youth choose wisdom's ways - & flee the evils of the world - - - - -

16th Joseph Wilson, a widower, with one child, presents himself to-day professing a desire for something better than he has hitherto had - tho' he is under the necessity of returning for his child - & we know not whether he has faith and love sufficient to leave the world & seek for the true riches - - - - -

19th Moses Fay appears to one more
showing the same eccentricity of character.
He is manifesting some faith & has intimated
a feeling to move in these parts, with his
woman this winter. — well, even so let it be.

After an absence of two years or more
Jesse Street returns, requesting a privilege
to confess his sins & give himself up soul & body
to the service of God he appears sincerely
penitent & is received.

25th

A singular looking man comes to-day ~~holding~~
in the first place clean shoes & stockings — his
own being not a little the worse for wear
besides the mud which coated them appearing
rather unseemly — yet forsooth it appears
the late Governor Clinton was his Uncle — he
calls his name Charles Clinton Stewart & now
that he is comfortably housed solicits information.

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Oct 26th George Lovejoy a man from Connecticut is here at this time soliciting understanding - those who ask sincerely will not be denied, but from our little store we will extend that love & charity of which all souls are needy - we can direct the thirsty soul to that fount we are partakers of with confidence

But now appears one of a different cast, a young man declaring himself a preacher of Mormonism - very anxious to open his doctrine to us, & enlighten our understanding concerning that heterogenous medley received as they say from the golden leaves shewn to Smith their prophet - but let their views or light be as it may, while living after the manner of the world, we comprehend them as one of the number that should appear in the latter day, of which the true Believer may judge - turn from - & cleave to the crop in safety

23th Margaret Hawkins returns from
Troy with her daughter.

Nov 2nd Eliza Chase spends the night here
calculating to visit her children on the morrow.

3rd I go accompanies Mr Hawkins to the
2nd family to leave her two children there.

9th an aged sister Martha Denning leaves
this mortal state - after much bodily suffering.

Reuben & John Dodgson have left home for
the journey to Philad^a, they regretted leaving
home, but since it is necessary they go with
the blessing & prayers of the family. - Abel & Charles
likewise leave us for Schuettecy to work at the
broom corn - they too express regret on being out among
the world so long - but duty requires the sacrifice
and with cheerfulness as good believes all press forward.

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Thursday eve - We have a great privilege -
 a number of the Church Brethren & Sisters
 come to learn us the new manner of labour -
 Mother's gift it is in beauty & union -
 and a happy meeting we have our good
 friends. It is indeed a refreshing
 time & much striving for the life of the gospel
 for strength to slay & put away all that binds

O joyful is the sound of freedom - no more be
 bound by Nature's chain, captivating enthalling
 Spirit of the world, against "Ther, I will" never cease
 the strife untill I die the death of life": -

23rd Dec^r - We are gladdened to day with the
 sight of Rufus & John after near seven weeks
 absence, they feel it indeed a happy home
 a rich treasure to gather too ...

25th Another Christmas has appeared -
 the day with us is spent peaceably & profitably:

Jan 17th 1830 — The entrance of another year
is accompanied with solemn reflections —
the swift unerring course of time again
is impressed on the mind, with the import
of the right improvement of each precious
moment — O may I increase in zeal to
seek for understanding & arouse & escape forever
from the reach of spiritual death but accept
of the great mercy of God in giving me a true
and strong guide to the mansions of purity
And may this be my aim may I this coming
year be more earnest & faithful to cleave
to the Spirit of wisdom — O blessed Mother
there is safety in the order establish'd by thee
and in this way will I subject myself —

Jan 27th We have had another good privilege
at the meeting house — It is declared to be
a day of decision — Every one that is awake feels
it in their own souls — Now is the acceptable time
now is the day of salvation —

Jan¹⁹ 25th The time has arrived for Rufus to take the long journey - to Canada once more - surely he deserves a blessing for his arduous labours abroad for the good of the little company at home - James Taylor accompanies him, so hoping that they will be prospered we bid them farewell.

Charles Seiser & George Wickersham are taken on the road to Virgil. - The weather is very cold & hard for the poor travellers.

Pamela Bradley is taken suddenly ill in a very distressing manner.

Fanny Hawkins & two children from Troy are here at present - the calamitous state of poor mortals, is forcibly brought to our minds at present - what a merciful & long suffering God we have for the possession of the gospel, how thankful should we be, for the woes of the wicked we escape.

The work of purging out evil & evil doers
seems to be more the work at the present time
than gathering (tho much good is for those who are
diligent in the gospel) there has been a number
of sojourners here of late, but they are soon seen
with their pack in hand & their faces towards
the world - not yet prepared for gospel purity

Feb 24th

Our poor Sister Pamela has left this state of
existence - peace be to thy spirit - & may good
Angels shew thee thy course.

There has a number of rebellious spirits left
us lately - William G. Henry & Seth - & even poor
Margaretta Hewkins who was granted a good privilege
but she knew not the virtue of crop bearing & with
her boy & girl she goes to that land of misery
she appeared so weary of - poor mortals why will
ye not accept the offer, use the means shewn for
salvation, & my soul be thine; - - -

a poor journalist in truth and I - days &
 weeks pass on unnoticed - numbers come & go -
 the work of God among the people increases
 wonderfully, and of course the animosity of the
 world the more excited, a time of interest in
 truth it is among us - a work has here to be effected
 a cleansing, purifying, reviving to go thro before we
 are to expect much increase in number - yet that
 too will come - yea, the way east up by the ransom
 of the Lord will be shewn with cleanness - A shining
 beacon will appear to the darkened world, and
 many captiv souls then burst their bands and
 cleave to Mother's banner - to the despised way
 of the Cross shall the high & lofty of this world
 yet bow - for there is no other name whereby
 man shall be saved -

The promises of God are certain - the seeds
 after righteousness shall be filled, but souls
 that strive only for their own ease in natural
 things shall be hands empty - yea they will feel
 bitterness, the need of that treasure which is found by the
 cross.

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We have two men here at present, who appear to be some engaged in enquiry concerning the cross, one calling himself George Elliott from Virginia, where he has a family & property slaves &c, so w^ho he has determination at heart for eternal life, it is doubtful how much of a privilege he obtains in this world. — The one calling himself Daniel Derby from Brownville, makes quite a profession of religion, but appears best suited with that which exalteth, rather than that which debaseth. —

O what a work there is for souls to do — How unwilling, old nature is to be stripped of its covering & exposed as it is — and that must be, yea truly — there must be a place for god and a shaking & breaking will there be when the work of god reaches the poor miserable rubbish in the possession of each one. —

There is something more for immortal soul than the deceptions allgements of nature — people have much to say about the joys of religion — but it is not in sound, but in doing the works, that we can realize the truth of the word of our saviour

well our visitant Daniel takes an abrupt departure from Shaker premises this day while the family are at meeting, so there is an end to that subject. —

John Heidrick has got his boy & girl here from Troy with the prospect of their gathering to Believers — likewise a girl here from Albany — so there is generally occasion for some strength of labour in the Visitors department. —

26th The Virginian leaves Lebanon today appearing greatly discomfited — tho' if he has faith he need not mourn because the strong man must give up his goods — Nay there is nothing in the gospel, to hurt but what is for the final good, the lasting riches of those who choose it — Yea my soul feels it. —

April 2^{9th} a new kitchen turn commences to day
I he tries the dining room once more. —

Sat. May 19th 1838

Loon Hollister & family from Buntington, and
Esher Wood arrive here this evening - They were
of those called Perfectionists - They perhaps for
a season had the presence of the Lord, & the stirrings
of his Spirit to lead them from the dark Kingdom
of Antichrist no doubt was powerful, but they
were in the lost element of the world - and many
began to be aware that they were not in possession
of that which enabled them in truth to bear the name
of Perfectionist - There may be a few who still
look for the coming of the Comforter, with honest
and true desires for the knowledge of the way of
redemption of this number we hope our present
visitors may prove & now that the way of God's
appointment is manifested to them we desire their
sure hold therein.

The work of God at this time is very wonderful
 great condescension is indeed extended to poor
 blind, earth-bound souls below, to shew them the
 treasures of the kingdom, & the rich treasures they
 inherit who are faithful cop bearers - & the
 consequent woe of those who are disobedient -
 Yea it truly is "a day of Mercy now" -

© Another thy love is so free - My heart does most truly rejoice -
 That it hath extended to me - And now thy pure way is my choice -

© That my soul may drink deep - Of the pure & the life giving stream
 © grant me still more of thy love - To fit me for each trying scene
 my life in obedience to thee - Shall henceforth be truly resigned
 And with thy good Children so free - Sweet peace in the spirit I find -

Caroline Webber with her two nieces, Maria
 and Harriet Bullard - from Bennington are with us
 at this time calculating to unite in the work of Belm...

A French family consisting of man, wife & two
 children arrive here this evening from Albany
 expressing much desire to have a home with...

Oct 21st Betsy B. Clister comes to see the
work here in objection & appears desirous
to unite with the sin-destroying testimony —
but she as well as all others will find that the
work humbles — and nature loath it not —
we desire her prosperity in the new living order.

25th — Many & marvellous are the operations of
the Spirit — a work of shifting & shaking truly
it is — and how necessary — for how prone is
nature to seek ease & repose from that conflict
in which all must be who set out to face
& overcome the adversary of good — there is ever
need of watchfulness — evil will quickly
take possession & darkness bewilder the soul
when not fully diligent in the work of salvation
and how can a soul rest short of that fullness
which is promised to the faithful, not to those
that halt by the way, that know the Master's
will but doth it not — truly God is merciful
& long suffering yet the Spirit will always
strive with man — & we shall surely reap what
we sow. — Hearken to conviction O my soul be wise be wise. —

We are called upon to give up our well =
 = beloved Sister Sally B. to go to Canaan, in
 Harriet Sellick's place (who takes up her residence
 at the North Family. — Sister Antoinette goes
 to live with Elders Lavinia. — changing is
 weeping, yet still love & bles.

The Elders go to Canaan & return without
 Brother Daniel! we are soon informed that
 he is then to remain, & that Thomas Estes comes
 to the North house to live, — Frederick C. goes
 to live with Elder Richard, we bles the off.

Sept 29th

I'm taking a fortnight's tour in the
 kitchen — a little release from the
 presence of strangers at the 2nd house —
 and 'tis good to work with the Sisters — to feel
 with them & for them. — O I do desire the work
 of the good, how else can I find God — I may
 come down in reconciliation & obedience to the
 way, & the order of God.

Oct 15th A young woman named Emily
Briggs from the West is here at this time
with some idea of uniting with us —
whether she is one of the number for whom
the gospel is intended is to be proved

16th Rufus C. & Daniel Fraser have home
to day for a journey to Philadelphia & —
may prosper in their while abroad in an
unbelieving world: —

30th A wanderer has returned to the fold; we
hope sincerely penitent — Sally Chamberlin
who when a child lived on The hill has again
sought the Father's house, with weeping and
supplication — here the soul that is sick of
husks, can have food & live — we can make
her welcome if she now will be a crop ear
to that abode where Christ has placed his name

Nov 3rd Brother Procter brings a boy here sick
from Hudson — I J K must go to work and
take needful care of him — striving to do as she would be done by

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Nov^r 4th Jane Brainerd brings a young girl
named Catherine Brown from New York
to the North house to day desiring that her
feelings may be gathered to the way & work of God

— It is a lovely sight to see. To see the blooming youth
Forsaking every thing impure. And serving God in truth. —

9th Sally & Catherine both confess their sins, & own
of God leaves them with Anna Gates. I go to the dining
room to work once more. —

24th Eli Hitchcock comes to visit. Believers
he no doubt has faith. but perhaps like many
others, struggle & turn every way rather than the
way of the cross, altho really adding to their burden
of dissatisfaction & remorse. The way of God attendance

It is not a time for much gathering from the world
but it is a close day for those gathered in; the
Lord will have those called by his name pure
& upright the separating work must take place
in every one — if they will suffer it to go on they will
surely gain the desire of their souls, to dwell in Christ &

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be in them. — How precious & how pure & how
pure is the way of God — I will be courageous & I
will be strong & do my work while it is day
for truly it is the day of Gods mercy now. —
O may that pure & quickening power
Be present in my soul
That every thing I may endure
Till evil I control
The blessed ~~in~~ truth I will receive
Tho as a sharp keen sword
Against my nature it will be
I will obey the word. —

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Brother Jefe comes up from Canada & has
two boys & our new sister Sally Chamberlin
to take home with him as members of the family

29th is observed in the state as a day of thanksgiving
giving — we labour to spend the time profitably
& happily —

Dec 30th A family from Hudson named
Flewers are here visiting — having considerably feeling
for more acquaintance & union with the Shakers.

Dec^r 4th Moving is once more going on among the Sisters - Phoebe Reed takes her girl Catherine B. & goes to the Sisters Chamber - Harriet & Elizabeth go to the 2^d house - Phoebe V. & Emily & J. K. to the Meeting Room. -

Lucy & Sarah Hollister have the privilege of being gathered in at the 2^d house. -

5th We have a descendant of Africa's Sons here at this time seemingly quite engaged to unite with those who receive the honest hearted likewise George Russell an old Man who has proved to his sorrow the ways of the world now appears anxious for a little place among those who have been wise enough to separate from the world of confusion & seek for true peace and happiness - by the way this blessing is found 6th - The old Man is taken to Brother Procter's, where he will comfort, if he is of the truly poor in heart.

25th Dec^r a fine cold Christmas morn^g
— The family are notified to prepare for
going to Canaan to meeting — It is desired
of the privilege, having to attend to a woman
& Child here from New York. — May the
peaceful spirit of the Dove descend in a
measure on the remnant at home. —

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April 6th — Olive Holden a young woman from
Walling, is here appearing to be a serious enquirer
after truth — Many desire the coming of the
Lord — but when the time has come & the
requirement made known, to "give up all" —
How hard the saying — but few can receive it
but few that obey thankfully — that our visitor
Olive may receive the truth really in the love of it
is what we desire & hope for. —

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May 1st — The season opens pleasantly to Believers — to be sure there is much work to be done both within & without — but we know where our strength lies — in the steady perseverance of duty a blessing is ever found that hand that hitherto has helped is not shortened so we will bide our age & go on — for there are mountains to be brought down & valleys raised.

But few visitors of late so we have ample opportunity of doing the work within — putting away evil, gathering good so that when lost souls come they may have evidence that here is the way and the people of God.

May 10th — J. H. at present working in the kitchen, Betsy Eliabee taken the chores in the visitors department — the change is pleasant.

13th Mary took from Virgil is here at present to visit Believers — perchance to write.

Aug. 11th — No material change among us
outwardly, yet we know of a certainty the
work of God is swiftly going on, and that
all who will unite with it, & purge evil from
their souls can truly unite together, praising the
Lord, for so great a salvation. — May I feel one
seek the path of humility, & in obedience travel
in it. — pressing forward for the prize, even eternal
life, counting all as drop that does not pertain thereto

Aug. 14th Rachel Hollenback with her hit the girl
comes from the door having some intention of
uniting with us. —

21st The Elders take Mary Cook a few miles
towards her way to Wiggins — she professed to unite
and if she returns she will surely prove the depth
of sincerity & faith she professes. — As an honest soul
she will be welcome. — This is no obiding place
for double minded, or wavering souls. —

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Aug^t 25th The little Julia Hollonback is taken by the Church folks, to be numbered with the happy inmates of their family - Rachel pursues a different course and tues the world once more: - - -

Oct. 6th 19th Maria Blow is brought here to-day, by Fanny Taylor, with the intention of setting out in the work of Believers. - -

22nd Margaret Warrick is here visiting at this time - tho she seems to think of returning from whence she came - not yet ready for the cross.

Oct 25th Our friend Olive Holden comes with her son Joseph, calculating to make a home with us: a certain home for honest souls. -

How happyizing a sight to have souls seek for shelter in the fold of Christ - forsaking the course of the world, thereby gaining true rest.

Why are poets acting so opposite to their besting
interest - why pursue with such avidity

Since in the new Creation thro' the Mercy of God
I am called to walk, let me arise in my spirit
and be able to understand & rightly appreciate my
privilege. — It was evident to me that the true
and living God was but little known or served
by the inhabitants of the Earth at this day —
Far away have they wandered from the source
of truth — altho' their knowledge & discoveries in
natural things, has been great, has it served to
excite their attention to the fountain, even to
feel their dependance on the Father of light — or
has it not generally ~~been~~ raised their ideas on
their own wisdom — with a desire to acquire
and indulge in natural things has been the reign-
ing influence. — Again I repeat thro' the Mercy of
God it is, that my feet have been turned to His
People — no more to wander in the miry paths &
unclean borders of a lost world — but to travel
Zion's highway where the Lord has placed his name
for ever more to stand. — Here is will is made known
power & strength given to enable the honest soul

to put away evil & form that character which
a holy Being, can own & bless - truly a perfect pattern of
purity & holiness was afforded was afforded by our
blessed, when thro' the mercy of God he was first man-
ifested on Earth - Light & strength was given to enable
lost man to travel to that kingdom originally intended
for him - but soon did the adversary of good arise to im-
plant the saving work - and much ground was gained by
Satan's host - But the word from the Eternal had gone
forth, & altho' the Lord Jesus & very many of his followers on
Earth suffered to the laying down of their lives, the testimony
could not be overthrown or left without a witness -
Many gloomy years filled with darkness & unbelief suc-
ceeded - Many false doctrines prevailed & the way of
Salvation by the cross was but little taught, still there
was found a little few who were prepared & waiting for
the 2nd appearing of that work, which was promised
should be without sin unto salvation -

Although the true Church that existed in in the days
of the Apostles was supplanted & trodden under feet
for the order in the foundation of the Building

was not completed untill Christ made his second
appearing - but now is the work of redemption
according to the purpose of God in fulness of
time completed - The two Trumpets have sounded
- the alarm sounds in His Holy Mountain - and the
gathering has begun - The work of the gospel so
plainly marked by the prophecies, types, and
shadows, is now made manifest - And thou
O Tower of the Stock the stronghold of the
Daughter of Zion unto thee the first dominion of
the kingdom hath come - and unto thee shall the
gathering of the people be - "and many nations shall
come & say - come and let us go up to the mountain
of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob
and he will teach us of his ways - and we will
walk in his paths - The law shall now go forth
of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem
and now is the pure language that was promised
given to the people that they may serve the living
God with one consent: - The Lord is in his holy

Temple let all the Earth keep silence before ^{them}
And now Oh my soul, bow low, walk softly, in humiliation
and thankfulness, strive to enter into the Kingdom
of poverty, the road to which is made so clear in
this bright gospel day - The way of redemption is truly
opened by our ever blessed Mother - in sufferings
tribulation has she travelled for poor lost souls -
then let me run the gospel race - let me fight the
good fight that there may be laid up for me
eternal life -

Duty to God. Seven Moral Principles
The first commandment to us known
Is to serve the Lord alone
All thy strength thy heart and soul
None other shall thy sense controul

If a man love me said he
He must prove his words to be
From a heart that truth does seek
And my words do daily keep
This requirement is just
In his power we may trust

It is duty plain & clear
That his name we love and fear -

2nd — Duty to Man. —

Next unto Him the fellow Man
 Render all the good we can
 The golden rule keep well in sight
 In this the Angels do delight
 Strictly to your Neighbour do
 That you would have done to you
 Another's welfare we may prize
 In others' sorrows sympathize
 And while we occupy this clay
 No evil of each other do
 To every soul God will impart
 Means to gain the better part
 Each soul in mercy he will view
 This spirit let each one pursue

3rd Separation from the World

Next most important we are told
 Is separation from the world
 This flows from light & holiness
 And kept by faith and continence;
 All that would reach a better state
 Must come out and be separate —
 The friendship of the world we see,
 Does not with the truth agree —

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Altho' the New Jerusalem
Upon ~~the~~ earth has truly come
Still her courts will be kept pure
By all who will the fire endure
Leaving behind all worldly pride
And strictly in her walls abide
This kingdom we may all possess
With a robe of righteousness

2^d The Practical Peace

Sweet peace her banner now has spread
Widely is her influence spread
No more violence shall be
War and carnage now must flee
Love and union here must grow
That the Nations round may know
That like a river Peace does glide
Free for all both far and wide
And all her Officers impart
Comfort to the sin sick heart -
Judgment does to the Lord belong
Bitter suffer than do wrong
The wisdom that is from above
Is pure and gentle as the Dove
Fruits of righteousness are sown
For those who do make peace their own. -

The seventh principle we see
Is a life of purity
How great the privilege we hold
Devote the body & the soul —
The Jewish Prophets oft did say
That begins of the latter day
In living worship should advance
Both old & young join in the dance —
And the best Leaders of this band
On these holy waters stand —
The Apostle Paul did often strive
To keep this principle alive
Thus many in his day did live
Unto the Lord their strength did give —
Strictly lived as he did teach —
And much Salvation thus did reach
But the day was not yet come —
When it should be more fully known
That continence and pure devotion
Should be the full Believers portion

In this work we pour above
 Earthly joys, & carnal love -
 In ~~union~~ ~~of~~ ~~lips~~ ~~and~~ ~~feet~~
 And all else as drops we'll count
 The Dove celest'ial here doth rest -
 Such alone are truly blest -

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5th Simplicity of Language

The principle we next must see
 Is beautiful using simplicity
 Israel's Children were of old
 By their language bold
 Zion's inmates in this day
 Must simply speak the year & day
 Integrity they will acquire
 To tittled names they'll not aspire
 Keep thy tongue from evil speech
 Let no guile thy spirit reach
 So shall thy name a way mark be
 To all that seek Simplicity
 Solomon of old did write
 The wise do use their knowledge right
 And the first Elders oft did teach
 Let words and thoughts agree with speech.

Right use of Property.

The next important view we see
 Is the right use of property
 And Christians should observe as we know
 The oneness that the Lord did show
 When of his kingdom he did preach

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And did a blessed union teach
How far from this has man departed
Few that are simple and true hearted -
To keep the word thus manifested
And be by truth & love directed -
How many heave up a stone
While others destitute and poor
The comforts of this life scarce know
While riches to their neighbours flow
But those who've called in this day
To see the new & living way
Consecrate their substance free
Dwelling in love and unity

The common good together share
And as one family they fare
An equal interest they own
And righteousness they thus have shown
Thus to the world they do declare
That they the Saviour's followers are —
As God to us hath plainly shown
The character that he doth own
The pure in heart can him behold
The spirit more refined than gold
From every vain sensation free
Bending the soul to purity
And he again we plainly see

Fulfillment of the prophecy
The virgins in this work rejoice
Praising the Lord with heart & voice. —

O may I walk in true obedience
 To the light reveal'd here
 'Tis a calling great & precious
 That to us is made so clear
 'Tis it is the final work
 Unto which, all souls must bow,
 And every one that now is called
 May keep in the valley low:
 For now is help & sure protection
 Granted to the needy soul
 That ^{with} seek for true repentance
 Here in truth can be made whole
 Then let me sense this glorious day
 And walk in self denial
 Watching every word and way
 And well endure each trial.

A way of truth is shewn to me
 By which I may from evil flee
 Ever more I may prevail
 Loose my soul from Satan's wail
 Kind Parent friend it was thro' thee
 Noticed by the Deity
 In this work thou didst subject
 Gave up what the Saints respect
 Hastened from old Babel's plain
 That with the Lamb thy soul might reign
 Joyful I'll ever be
 And glory in the jubilee
 No more subject unto sin
 Enslaved like is now my theme
 Keeping watch in every way
 Never from the fold to stray
 In patience good my spirit keep
 Grateful that the work so deep
 Has driven out that nature vile
 That with the good I truly smile

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Jane Knight

