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January 1898

Gladly we welcome the bright-new Year,
And take with patience its hopes and its fears,
Its joys and its tears,
Knowing that life with its good and its ill,
Some lesson of worth will be to us still.

Sat 1 The New Year dawns upon us with deep snow and Thermometer 10 below Zero. The brethren are out with horse plow and shovels trying to make paths. A strong wind fills in as fast as shovels out.

Sun 2 A clear, beautiful day. The North Family meet with us. Singing meeting in the p.m.

Mon 3 Our brother James Little concludes to leave Shaker Community and return to his relatives in out-side life. We feel sorry to part with him, he has been a very useful member in the family. The sisters dress six fowls for home use.

Tue 4 Washing and ironing. Elder Timothy and Bro Robert Halford assist in the washing. Weather changes. Ther. 12 above Zero.

Wed 5 Sarah Lucker and Esther Gill go to Pittsfield about their teeth.

Wind gets north-west very cold again

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Thur 6 "A Literary Circle" has begun to hold meetings this week at the Office. Nola Brown President. Twelve members already have their names enrolled. The circle is composed of sisters from Church Family and North Family. no brethren.

Fri 7 We are having a great deal of trouble about our Gas not burning. Washington goes after James Burke. Some fresh fish for dinner.

Sun 9 We go to the North Family to meeting. The Ministry attend meeting with the Second Family. After taking the Ministry south, bro Ferdinand takes the Sisters to the North Family. and comes for them after meeting.

Mon 10 Elder Joseph, Elder Timothy and bro Eli, go to Albany to sign some Legal papers in regard to disposing of some property in land. Henry George takes Esther Gill and Sarah Cutler to Berlin. Esther goes to see her Mother. They return about 8 o'clock in the evening. Washington gives some of the youth girls a Sleigh ride.

Tue 11 Washing and ironing. a lovely day. 3 Barrels of Gasolene brought. James Burke is here again to assist, and see that it is all right.

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Wed 12 Daisy is now working at the Office helping on sale work. Eunice in the kitchen for Eldress Dorothy a week, she is quite sick.

Fri 14 We are having some very pleasant weather, some rain - snow disappearing

Sab. 16 We attend meeting by our selves. The Ministry go to the South Family to meeting.

Mon 17 Eldress Dorothy feeling better takes her place in the kitchen again. Eunice goes to washing.

Tue 18 Washing and ironing as usual. Bro' Robert Valentine, Sarah Neale and Cornelia French start for New York. the sisters to purchase coon skins. Daisy takes Cornelia's place in the bake room while she is absent

Thur 20 We are having a rain storm from the East. it blows and storms all day.

Fri 21 Bro' Robert and sisters return from New York. bought 900 coon skins. We shall now have some work to do in a short time

Sat. 22 The regular Saturdays cleaning is being done.

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Sat. 23 A violent storm prevails during the forepart of the day. The paths are very icy and slippery. Our usual morning service is postponed until afternoon it being impossible for those out of the house to attend. The weather changed at noon and at 2 o'clock p.m. the family met and enjoy a very good meeting. The import of the speaking was thankfulness for our spiritual calling, and resolutions to maintain it in the spirit of brotherly and sisterly love and forbearance one with an other. And to banish all foolish bickerings which only lead to disunion. At the close of the day the sun shone out in splendor, and the sky looked beautiful and clear.

Mon. 24 Our gas is burning nicely again. Sister Elizabeth has dipped and made 4 doz. candles.

Tue 25 Washing and ironing is done once more.

Thu 27 4 sisters are beginning to work at the medicine shop to put up an Order of White's "Curative syrup".

Fri 28 Brother Mongo starts for Enfield Conn. this morning, by special invitation from the Elders there, to finish a visit that was abruptly ended a year ago. Was called home unexpectedly on account of an Order from London for Extract.

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Sat 30 A change in the kitchen. Sister Amelia works in the dining room with a girl. Eunice and Esther are the cooks. Daisy and Nellie in the bake room. Daisy spent 10 days on fancy work last six weeks. Mercury said 14 below zero this morning - and we believed it when we began to crawl out of our cozy little beds. The North Family being very blue came over and attended meeting with us. It being the last meeting we shall have with the Ministry again in some time. We had a profitable season - much testimony in defence of Shaker life and principles. A singing meeting in the p.m.

Mon 31 A stormy cold - disagreeable day - by far the worst storm we have had this winter. I see brethren helping the sisters in the house from the shops, the wind blows a terrific gale and the snow is piled in heaps on the paths and everywhere. Our pretty mountain home looks dreary enough to day.

The papers are full of terrible accounts of the ravages of the storm in Boston, on the sea coast - and in fact through all the New England States it was very severe destroying property by fire and wreck amounting to seven millions.

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Tue	1	Washing and ironing finished once more. The brethren continues to shovel paths.
Wed	2	The Ministry start to Watervliet. Washington takes them to West Pittsfield where they take the train for Albany. Roads badly drifted. Beautiful and bright over-head. 4 sisters go to the medicine.
Thur	3	10 below Zero. sisters to the medicine.
Fri	4	The brethren begin to get the ice. It has snowed 12 inches. sisters on medicine.
Sat.	5	"The Memorials" of our sisters Eldress Ann and sister Martha Jane Anderson arrived to day. Have been delayed long on the way, for what cause we have not ascertained.
Sab.	6	Mercury stands 2 6 above Zero. The North Family attend service with us. The young people have a very good singing meeting in the P.m.
Mon	7	The morning is unusally clear and bright. no wind stirring to pile in heaps the snow. Sleighing first rate. Ferdinand gives some girls a little sleigh ride in the fore-noon.

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Tue	8	Washing and ironing. We have our first meal of Eggs for breakfast that we have had this year. The brethren and hired men begin again to get in the Ice. Last week it was a failure for some cause. Brother Alonzo returns from his visit at Enfield
Wed	9	The sisters go to the Center Family to put up an Order of Brown Medicine. (H.) The snow is very deep and walking hard, but the brave sisters struggle through it some how - when duty calls they never give back.
Thu	10	The Ice is harvested and stored well in the Ice house for the coming warm season. We have had a very mild week. Mercury to day 8 above Zero. Sisters continue to work on the Medicine
Sab.	13	We walk to the North Family to meeting - and enjoy a refreshing season. No singing meeting this afternoon. The day is beautiful.
Mon.	14	This morning sister Emma Jane starts early for New York there to meet Elder Joseph and Eldress Harriet who also left Watervliet about the same time. To morrow about 12. o'clock, noon, the ompany take the Train for Florida.

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14. Con — Eldress Augusta returns to her Lebanon home. here to remain until the Ministry return. And we are much pleased to have her with us. She will room in No. 14. which will be very convenient and pleasant for her.

Tue. 15 Washing and ironing. Some of the sisters with sister Mary in her shop, have begun to prepare the silk to mix with the fur for Gloves. It is a laborious job as it is in skeins and very much matted and tangled together, must be straightened and cut in lengths of about two inches.
Bro'. Robert Valentine starts to New York with some cattle for sale.

Wed. 16 Another great south East blow and snow storm. roads impassable. Henry takes the sisters up to Center Family, medicine shop. also to the wash-house. Sisters at the Infirmary and Office remain in-doors. about noon the wind changed to north-west and blowing like a tornado!

Thur 17 The wind has spent its fury and gone to rest. roads and paths badly drifted. sisters remain at Wash-house and Dairy. No sisters out of the house meet with us at the breakfast table. Brethren begin to open the paths as much as they can. At noon we have a cloudless sky.

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Con — sun shining brightly, snow and ice melting rapidly. What sudden changes of weather we do have. Sister Mary, Cornelia, Louisa, Tabitha and three girls finish picking out the silk. 16 pounds.

Fri 18 Mary and Cornelia finish the second quality of the silk for the coarse fur.

Sat. 19 Elder Timothy returns from Pittsfield bringing Clara Holmes and little daughter to spend the Sabbath. She is a niece of the Seales.

Sab. 20 One more stormy day. It blows, rains, and snows alternately. Paths very slippery. Eldress Augusta meets in morning service with us and we enjoy a profitable season. Elder Calvin's text at the opening of the meeting was "Do unto others as we would that others should do unto us." It called a response from many of the brethren and sisters. Singing meeting 3 P.M.

Mon 21 The storm continues. Hicks said it would be so, and we will never dispute him on the weather again. This is the fourth day and the last we hope. To day's Mail brings us the first letters from our absent friends since arriving in Florida. they reached Kissimmee Wed 16. evening

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18 con - were met by Bro Benjamin who took them to a Hotel and tarried with them over night. The next morning early - Anna Lane came with Carriage and Pony and soon landed them safe at the "Olive Branch" where they were met and greeted by long loved friends, and all together sit down to an excellent breakfast.

Tue 22 Washing and ironing. Eggs for breakfast. more letters from Florida. All report well but poor sister Nancy who is slowly but surely drawing near the end of her earthly sufferings.

Wed 23 sisters work on the medicine. The snow is falling fast, but it has ceased to charm us.

Thur 24 Eldress Dorothy and Amy go to Pittsfield

Sat 26 We hear a letter from Elder Joseph stating that they left Florida on the 24th for Georgia where there is a little Colony of Shakers started on a tract of land under the superviision of the Union Village Ministry.

Sab 27 The North Family meet with us also a visitor at their family - James Morse from New York. He spoke some at the close of the meeting.

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Sun. 27 Eldress Anna remains after meeting to see Eldress Augusta, and they take dinner together in the Restaurant. Catherine Allen comes over about 2 o'clock to see Eldress A. visits some of the sisters around in the rooms - stays to tea as the evening is pleasant she is escorted home by two sisters.

Mon. 28 Fifteen take a sleigh ride to Pittsfield today in four different companies. Washington, sister Amelia, Daisy and Kate. Ferdinand, Sarah Hinkey, Emma S. and Fanny H. Allen took a ride, and the boys Sidney, Stanley and Lancelott. This comprises the young people. Henry G. takes Adaline and Sarah Cutler. The day is lovely, sleighing splendid!

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Tue. 1 Washing and ironing as usual. Eunice - Esther - and Nellie go to Pittsfield in the p.m.

Wed. 2 Corinne starts this morning early for White Plains to visit her relatives. Henry G. takes her to West Pittsfield to take the train. Three sisters work on medicine.
Eldress Augusta, Florinda, and Julia Ann ride around the flat in the p.m.

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Sat. 6 The North Family attend meeting with us. In the p.m. Eldress A. wishing to see the Elders of Second and South Families, Ferdinand takes her and Emm Maria over, and while waiting for their return gives three little girls a sleighride to Hancock and back.

Mon. 7 We have enjoyed a week of delightful weather and to day is most lovely. A Telegram from Elder Joseph informs us that they return tomorrow. Eldress A. takes the noon train for Albany there to meet the Ministry and go to Watervliet. Emma Jane returns on the 4 o'clock train is met at West Pittsfield. The family enjoy a nice dish of ice cream for supper. Ellick Halford rides over the mountain with Ferdinand, stays over night.

Tue 8 Eldress A. leaves for Watervliet. Emm Maria and Carrie go to West Pittsfield to meet Emma Jane. Alice goes with them and takes the train for Pittsfield.

Wed. 9 Henry G. goes to Hancock to bring over a woman and two children. They came in on the late train from Philadelphia, and the Hancock people were requested to keep them over night.

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Con - 9 They have been corresponding with sister Amelia. The boys name is Fred Seward. 15 years old. and the girl is Nettie 12 years old. The woman is a very fine appearing person, and the children are the same. We hope they may do well.

Thur 10 The Mother leaves for Philadelphia this morning. The boy goes to live in No 13 with Br. Robert Halford. Br. James Glass moves from that room to make place for him, and goes to live in No 5. lower loft.

Fri 11 A man from New York comes to join. has been corresponding for some time.
name - John Forsyth Berrage. age 36.

Sat 12 He goes to live with Br. Alonzo in No 3. takes dinner with the family.
Sarah H. has been employed at the Office on fancy work for two weeks past.

Sab 13 A change in the Kitchen. Sister Amelia remains in and takes the cooking in Eldress Dorothy's place a few weeks. The Sixth Family meeting is in our morning service.

Tue. 15 Washing and ironing. Another member is taken into the family. Charles Blomgren -

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from Brooklyn. age 2 6.

Wed 16 Sisters work on medicine. four. I think.
The brethren are again digging to make more room in the cellar to put the coal used for the furnace. They think now it will hold two carloads. and this much room is needed for winter supply.

Thur 17 Henry and Ferdinand are carrying away the dirt load after load and using it to mend the road by the blacksmith's shop. Sisters on Med. No 14 is being cleaned - The carpet is taken up - and the room Calcimined. Sisters - Eunice and Adaline Cantrell move in from No 18. That room will be now vacated.

Fri 18 Corinne returns from her visit to White Plains.

Sat 19 Hired men have been drawing coal from West Pittsfield Depot for the furnace the past week.

Sab 20 The North Family attend meeting with us. Singing meeting in the afternoon.

Mon 21 The brethren and hired men begin to work on the wood. More coal drawn for the furnace.

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Tue 22 Washing and ironing. A little more snow falls.

Wed 23 We have delicious new maple syrup on the table for dinner. The sap was gathered by our little boys, and boiled into syrup by sister Amelia who is Cook.

Fri. 25 Beautiful weather. The job of sawing, splitting, and piling the wood is going on briskly! For dinner to day we have Nicely baked Custard pie.

Sat. 27 Eldress Dorothy takes her place in the cook room - Sister Amelia is released from kitchen duty now. The North Family attend our meeting - also a man who has come as an inquirer, and stopping at the Ministry.

Mon 28 Wood cutting finished on Saturday. A small affair in comparison to what it was in former years before we began to use coal. Our "Literary Circle" continues to meet at the Office on Monday Evening.

Tue 29 Washing and ironing. Washington gets a man to come and mend the Dairy Cans

Thur 31 Robert Halford goes to Sec and Lemon.

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Fri 1 Sisters Mary Tabitha Louisa and some girls go to the Office to pick out butter nut meats. Yesterday. Elizabeth Amelia and two girls clean brethrens, and girls clothes rooms. Springs cleaning has commenced. The boys room cleaned to day.

Sat 2 Our family go to the North Family to attend meeting this morning.

Mon 4 Change time. Rise at 1/2 past 4 o'clock take breakfast at 6. Sabbath morning at 7. the same as we have been doing. Robert H. returns home.

Tue 5 Washing and ironing. We have some excellent fresh fish for dinner provided by bro. Robert H. It has snowed six inches and is yet snowing.

Wed 6 The carpets are taken up in the deaconess's room. It is washed, Calcimined, and thoroughly cleaned. Elizabeth has a girl help her.

Sat 9 Esther Gill goes to Pittsfield to spend a few days. Weather fine. The farmers are beginning to fertilize the land. and prepare to sow crops in the near future. Gardeners are pruning the vines that they may yield more abundantly.

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Sat 10 The North Family attend meeting with us. They came in a heavy shower of rain — we were pleased to have them come.

Mon 11 This evening we go to the North Family to see our friend J. M. Peebles, and hear him relate some incidents of his experience and travels. He is Elder Frederick's proselyte, and has kept his love for the Shakers and faith in our principles, tho' his mission and work has been outside with the world at large. We are always pleased to meet with him. It has been nearly twenty years since he visited Mt. Lebanon. His home is Indianapolis — Indiana.
Emeline Kaime comes to make a visit. is very much attracted to her old home and early friends.

Tue 12 We take supper at half past 5 o'ck. and at 7 o'ck the Society meet in our meeting room, where we are again delightfully entertained by our Brother J. M. Peebles over two hours, listening while he tells us of his journey around the world. It was very interesting and instructive
Esther returns home from Pittsfield.
Washing and ironing as usual.

Wed 13 Brother James visits the Church Family —

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Con — and takes dinner at the Office. We again take supper at half past 5 o'clk. and at 7 o'clk the Society are invited to come and attend a Shaker meeting. We have quite a large attendance. This meeting is called by Bro' James request. He wanted to attend one of our meetings for exercising in the march, and singing our inspirational songs, and speaking in defence of our testimony. We enjoy a free, loving, old fashioned meeting, much zeal and spirit was manifested, and our visitor Bro' James spoke several times during the meeting of his thankfulness to be with us, enjoying the ministrations that he felt descending upon us from the spirit world. It was truly a very spiritual meeting, and we could respond to his sentiments heartily. At the close we gave him our kindest love and thanks for the good he had imparted to us in this short visit. Meeting closed at 9 o'clk.

Thur 14 The carpet is taken up in No 6. wall washed and Calcimined. Sister Eunice gives the room a very thorough cleaning. Also the wall is washed in No 4. where sister Mary and sister Matilda live, but the carpet is not taken up. Amelia and two girls clean it.

No. 23. is also Calcimined and cleaned by Elizabeth assisted by girls.

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Fri 15 Elizabeth and Eunice clean the room where the spare Beds are stored, and the chair room. Sister Amelia and two girls clean the Organ room. George Platt formerly of Center Family makes a short visit to see his old friends. Emeline Keene returns to New York to attend a patient there.

Sat 17 The North Family attend our meeting. Weather is balmy and Spring like.

Mon 18 The drying room and Ironing room is cleaned to day. John and Charles, the last new comers help us. Amelia and some of her girls clean the Sisters Sitting Room. It is oiled the following day.

Tue 19 Washing and ironing. A little more snow falls ending in rain. Elder Joseph comes to see the Elders and Trustees on business. Stays over one night, and returns to Enfield where the Ministry are at present.

Wed 20 The 3rd Hall wall is washed and Calcimined, and floor oiled. Sister Amelia with the help of her girls performed the job. George D. washed and Calcimined it.

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Fri. 22 Elder Calvin has made a new frame cup-board in the place of the old one, which sits out doors at the west side of the House, for the use of the Kitchen sisters.

Sat. 23 A change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth C. goes in the cook-room, Esther stays out. We have a rainy day. Attend our morning service by ourselves.

Mon. 25 Elder Timothy has taken the Kitchen garden. Elder Calvin will continue to care for the Black-berry, Raspberry and Straw-berry vines in the garden. The School has had a weeks vacation. Commences again this morning.

Tue 26 Washing and ironing as usual. George has washed and Calcimined 3 rooms at the Infirmary also mended a good deal of broken plastering on the Kitchen loft.

Wed 27 Sisters Mary, Cornelia, and Sadie go to Pittsfield to make arrangements about carding and spinning the Fur.

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Thur 28 Three older sisters are picking out butternuts. 3 sisters working on medicine at Center Family. Mary, Sadie, and Charles begin to overhaul the "Coon Skins" and to make preparation for the business of getting off the fur.

Sat 30 an old experienced Tanner comes from Pittsfield this morning to show our brethren the art of skinning the skins and getting them ready for tanning, which is the first process in the work. He finishes to day and returns to Pittsfield.

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Sab 1 The North Family met with us to day.

Mon 2 The Sisters begin the job of picking the fur, and separating it from the skins. Go to the Medicine Shop to work. Begin with 9 sisters and one brother, John. Mary, Cornelia, Sadie, George, and Charles are at the Wash house skirring, washing, tanning and getting them ready for us to finish.

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Tue 3 Washing and ironing. All join at the last again when it is done. One more brother a few hours. Henry G.

Wed 4 We have 3 brethren help us to day - Elder Timothy and Joseph comes. We number 14 hands now. All are in lively, good spirits, and go to work with a will!

Thur 5 We have had ten days of raining, dark disagreeable weather. Business progressing fairly well. We are working on the tails first. A little sunshine at mid-day we hail with delight. This evening we have a sister meeting in the deaconess's room to decide about having a Water-closet, and where it shall be located. Decision post poned.

Fri 6 The School celebrate "Arbor Day" have a large attendance. Some from each family in the Village meet at the School House by invitation, and enjoy the time very much. The scholars honored their Teachers by each acting their part well. Recitation,

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con-	6	Dialogues, and singing were the exercises of the day. Two hours were given for the performance and well filled. Visitors expressed perfect satisfaction
Sat.	7	The hands working on the fur at both places, do not quit until 5 o'clk. p.m. One third of the job finished. Good!!
Sab.	8	The North Family attend our morning service. Singing meeting in the p.m.
Mon	9	We begin with zeal to work on the fur this morning. Only one brother to day. J.D. The skins are difficult to work being rather greasy. We anticipate better ones to morrow. Enjoy a dish of Rhubarb sauce for supper.
Tue	10	Washing and ironing. Emma J. lends a helping hand which we appreciate very much. A large number of skins are washed the second time which improves them very much, and we know add to the labor of those at the Wash-house who take so much pains to make them as easy as possible for us, and we thank them over and over.

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Wed 11 It being rainy six brethren come to our assistance in the p.m. giving us a very acceptable lift. Br. Robert Halford starts to New York on Medicine business. Carl Hydren a man from Pittsfield comes with a powder to exterminate the "Roaches" in our Dwelling House, which have infested it for years. To day it is applied on the Kitchen, cellar, and Tea floors, around the edges and corners in sinks Bath room. It is a trial, and must remain three weeks undisturbed by broom or mop. We hope it will be a success.

Thur 12 Joseph and John help us all day. Henry came an hour and pulled Fur. A thunder shower in the p.m. hindered us some.

Fri 13 The same brethren to day. Business moving on splendidly. Fred. a school boy also helps us this week.

Sat 14 We continue our days work until about 5 o'clock. Henry G. is very kind, and drops in an hour when he can and pulls fur which is a very hard job.
"Asparagus" cut to day, the first time.

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Sat 15 The North Family met with us. It rains steady all after-noon. The farmers and gardeners begin to feel the "Blues" it rains so much it is impossible to put the crops in the ground.

Mon 16 We are pushing the business on with speed. Two brethren all day, and our very helpful brother Henry comes and pulls fur for us. It rains!

Tue 17 Washing is put off until to-morrow to forward the fur business.

Wed 18 Washing and Ironing done to day. The sisters come after-wards and we finish the job of Coon skin picking, and clean the room. 200 Skins, 36 lbs of good fur. 16 steady hands, (including both companies), have been busily employed 15 days. We think the job has been well done. All are pleased and satisfied.

Thur 19 The Shop that was Eldress Anna's is being thoroughly cleaned. wall washed. Eldress Dorothy with the help of a girl is doing it. It is being made ready for sister Mary Hazzard to move in to, as it has been concluded to take her Shop in the north-west corner of Lower Tee loft, for

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Sun 19 a Sisters Water-closet. The men have already been hired, and are digging the drain to lay the pipes, which extend through a portion of the garden to the main drain south of the Tan House, and from there is emptied into the pond.

Fri 20 Sister Mary is located in her new shop and looks very cosy and happy. It has stopped raining and the brethren have begun to plant the potatoes. We have had some very good fresh fish provided by the sisters. 2 5 lbs. of Cod. and 3 5 lbs. of Halibut.
Brother Robert H. returned on the 16th.

Sat. 21 Asparagus is growing nicely, and yielding abundantly

Sab. 22 The North Family meet with us. Sister Amelia goes into the dining room to finish the kitchen term. Esther goes into the Cook-room and Elizabeth comes out having worked four weeks in the kitchen.
This afternoon the singers walk up to the Center Family and hold their singing meeting in the door yard which is full of young Cherry Trees all in full bloom. A heavy shower of rain drives them in the House.

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Mon 23 Cornelia has given the lower stone room at the wash-house where they worked on the fur, a very thorough Spring cleaning. all herself! raining day.

Tue 24 Washing and ironing. It rained all night, and until 9 o'clk this forenoon, we enjoy a few rays of sunshine and then more dark clouds and showers in the p.m.

Wed 25 Cornelia gives the Deacons room a good cleaning. Wall washed and Calcimined, carpets took up, and the entire room and closets well cleansed. rains.

Thur 26 Eldress Dorothy cleans sister Matilda's shop to day. The School closes for this term, and will now have a long vacation. It still continues to rain with a few hours of rest between.

Fri 27 The lower part of the Wash house is cleaned. We have four brethren to help. It still rains so hard they cannot work out, and so the sisters have so much advantage of this perpetual rain. Emeline Raine came in the afternoon train from Philidelphia. this time her intention is to remain and become a member of Community.

Sat 28 The morning dawned pleasant and sunny, in the afternoon we have a few light showers.

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Sun 29 We go to the North Family to attend meeting. Inez Platt who left the Center Family about six years ago, makes a short call and visit with some of her former friends. takes dinner. She is stopping at the 2nd Family, her early childhood home.

Mon 30 All signs of fair weather. The air is cool and bracing. Our faithful brother Martin has charge of the Lawn again this season. The flower beds are nicely arranged, and are looking very pretty. A seat, is put around one of the trees on the Lawn, any one wishing to sit a few moments to admire the beautiful scenery around, may feel free to do so.

Tue 31 Washing and Ironing goes on harmoniously. Emma J. has given the job of putting in a sisters water closet in the charge of our friend Frank Brehues of Pittsfield. He is here to day with two men, Plumbers, to lay the pipes, and make arrangements to proceed with the business. Gives some orders to his men, and in the p.m. returns, in his Carriage to Pittsfield

We have enjoyed a lovely sunshiny day. Such days are a rare treat, and we know how to feel thankful for them this season.

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Wed 1 A company of our young people ride to Pittsfield! Boys and girls, twelve in all. Washington and Ferdinand go with their teams, which gaily start off about 8 o'ck A.M. The "Worlds greatest shock" is in Pittsfield to day. they will enjoy the music, and seeing the street parade.
The Ministry rides over from Hancock, spend a few hours and return.

Thu 2 Cornelia with the help of two youth girls gives the Spacious Lower Hall a Springs cleaning.
Our friend E. Backus comes again to day and gives further directions to his men. It is all progressing nicely. weather fine.

Fri 3 Elizabeth and Adaline go to Pittsfield.
The family are startled with the cry, the cows are lost! Brethren go in search of them, they are found in the East Family woods. About 8 o'ck the milkers and cows meet at the barn, and with the aid of Lanterns to see by, the milking is done. Adaline, our patient Dairy Sister does not finish her part till nearly 10 o'ck.

Sat 4 We have had five days and no rain. It gives cheer and gladness to the farmers & gardeners.

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Sab	5	The North Family attend meeting with us. A change in the Kitchen. The regular hands all take their usual places.
Tue	7	Washing and ironing. We had a lovely shower last night. This morning the sun shines beautifully.
Thur	9	The Ministry from Maine arrive in time to take dinner. Elder William Dumont, Eldress Harriet Goodwin, and Elder Henry Green from Alfred. In the after-noon the Mt. Lebanon Ministry return, we hope to remain a long time They have been absent since the 3rd of February. A company of four, one gentleman and three ladies, come to stay over night. Predona from New York was in the company. A very dear friend of Emma Jane's.
Fri	10	Julia Ann cleans the brethrens room No 11 takes up the carpet, and puts down another carpet in its place. The wall is not washed nor calcimined.
Sat	11	The Plumbers are now ready to have some carpentering done in the water-closet. Samuel Shumway is here to day and the business is going on in good style. We have a thunder shower in the fore-noon and another at night.

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Sat 12 We enjoy a very good meeting. Our Ministry are present, also the visitors, and the South Family. In the afternoon the visitors spend a little time in the different rooms with both brethren and sisters. We all enjoy the social hour very much. In the evening the young people entertain them in the Organ Room with music, singing, and some recitation of school pieces.

Mon 13 The brethren leave at 9 o'ck this a.m. and start for Waterliet where they will make a short visit. Eldress Harriet remaining in Lebanon to finish her visit with old friends. And we are pleased to have her.

Tue 14 Washing and ironing. The wash-house is a perfect "Bee Hive" on such days. It is astonishing how much work the sisters will perform in one day. We have some very nice ice cream for dinner.

Wed 15 The Ministry are painting their windows, and varnishing their blinds or shutters. One hired man to help.

There is a new Portable Swing erected on the Lawn East side of the Wash house. The girls are enjoying it, and sisters also.

A gift of a crate of strawberries is given to Elder Joseph for the family by Bro Ira.

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Thur 16 Elder Joseph buys a crate of strawberries for the family.

This morning Eldress Harriet takes leave of her many friends and dear companions of former years. Bro Robert V. conveys her to West Pittsfield where she meets the brethren who have been visiting at Waterlict. They take the train for Enfield Conn. will visit that little Society and then return home. Sisters picked 13 qts of strawberries off Henry's bed. first picking. Elder Timothy gets some fresh fish. a treat.

Fri 17 18 qts of strawberries from Henry's bed. The Plumbers who have been engaged on the Sisters Water-closet finish to day. Also mend a leak in Ministrys Kitchen. one in pipe at the Dairy and one at the "Reservoir".

Sat. 18 Edward Langford with two relatives come and spend the Sabbath. They are on a visit with an Aunt living in Albany. are from England and are soon expecting to leave America and return.

Sab. 19 A raing day. It blacks just long enough for the North Family to attend meeting with us.

Mon 20 The company from Albany left this morning. The rain disappointed their plans of ascending the mountain and enjoying the scenery.

June 1898

Tue 21 Washing and Ironing. This after-noon at 2 o'ck we attend the funeral of sister Hannah Gates at 2nd Family. age 87. four brethren and six sisters with youth girls go from this family. A large company from the North Family, and the South Family. The meeting was well filled with speaking and singing. Three pieces were read, written for the occasion. Four brethren and ten sisters gave expression to their souls best thoughts there by adding interest to the meeting. The virtues of our sister were highly commended. Her prominent traits of character thro' life were patience, gentleness, and endurance.

Wed 22 Sister Amelia's Mother, Susan Calver, died on the 17th the corpse is brought by their sons James and Henry to New Lebanon for burial. Their father James Calver (sen) died in 1868 and was buried near the old burying ground. The body is taken up and removed to the "new Cemetery" where they both are now resting side by side. Sister Amelia with five other sisters are conveyed to the Cemetery in two covered Carriages to attend the burial services).

The Ministry finish their window painting. Bro' Robert goes away on business).

June 1898

Con 22 Esther Gill decides to leave Shaker Commun and try to find more contentment in the ways of the world. Is taken to the Depot by Robert Volinton.

" Henry George takes Anna Maria and Sarah Luther to Pittsfield. Sisters pick Strawberries. and the older sisters pick out nuts.

Thur 23 James and Henry Calver make us a call, stay one night - visit around some - and take the train for New York this p.m.

Sisters continue to pick out nuts. Elizabeth and two girls clean the cellar where the Canned Goods is Kept. Mary and two young sisters go down Cherry Lane to gather straw for Bonnets. Henry G. takes them. Daisy is sewing on Cloaks this six weeks. Florinda and Anna Maria are steady hands at the business).

" The Strawberries in our garden are picked. first time.

Fri 24 The Deaconess' have whitened 150 Yards of cloth this year.

To day Samuel Shenway finishes the job he began in the sisters Water-Closet. It is now ready for staining and cleaning. He has

" been shingling the hen house roof, besides doing some other jobs in carpentering.

Bro Robert Halford returns.

June 1898.

Sat 25 Elder Calvin and George with some help from John have built an addition on a tenant house in Cherry Lane, 15 ft. long - 5 ft. wide and 8 ft high. Put in 2 shelves 1 window 1 door. and painted it inside and outside. It is to be used as a pantry. and will be very convenient.

" The sisters are in the garden again this p.m. trying to pick the strawberries a heavy shower drives them in.

Sab 26 The Ministry go to Hancock. The North Family attend meeting with us. Two sisters are here visiting from Enfield Conn. Sister Hannah Wilson and Sister Eliza Brown. Also some outsiders were present Two men and one woman. The sisters stay after meeting take dinner at the Office and visit the brethren.

Mon 27 The sisters come and have a general family visit stay all day. Return to the North Family after supper.

Tue 28 Washing and Ironing. The brethren begin to pick the early cherries.

Wed 29 A portion of the sisters are preparing the cherries to Canne for home use. another company are working on straw. Strawberry shot cake for dinner.

" The North Family singers and our singers meet this evening in our meeting room for a singing meeting.

July 1898

Fri 1 The Meeting House is cleaned to day. The North Family sisters come and help.
The sisters are very busy this week sorting Cherries for market as well as for home use.
Strawberry beds are gleaned, but do not find many.
We shall have very few strawberries this season.

Sat 2 Mary Rayson from Philadelphia comes to spend a little time visiting.

Sab 3 We attend our first public meeting at the Meeting House this season. About fifty spectators were present. Mercury 76 in the shade.
The brethren pick Cherries in the after noon to fill orders and cheat the birds.

Mon 4 Ann Maria and two girls clean the Water-closet. The floor will be painted and then it will be ready for use. Ice cream for dinner.

Tue 5 Washing and ironing. Three brethren and six boys go to Queechy Lake for a days excursion.
Sister Ann Case and Mattie Bothwick, a woman from Albany who wished to see Mt. Lebanon arrive by the noon train.
We have our first meal of green peas for dinner.
" Sister Hannah Ann goes to Hancock to spend a few weeks.

July 1898

Wed 6 9 bushels of Cherries were picked by the brethren this morning to fill Orders received. The sisters are sorting Cherries for market and preparing them to can for home use. Mary and Louisa pick out nuts.

Thur 7 Elder Timothy has bought 75 lbs. of Blue fish. We had some baked for dinner, it was most excellent. Sisters work on cherries in the fruit room nearly every day.

" Marrion Scott comes to see her friends. She left the Center Family a few years ago, and wishing to return among Believers a home was given her at the North Family, Watervliet.

Fri 8 Sister Ann and her friend leave this morning. Marrion Scott also leaves in the p.m.

Sat 9 This has been a very busy week for both brethren and sisters. Yesterday the sisters and girls picked the Currants and to day Elizabeth has made some nice Currant Jelly.

" Last evening a company arrive from Reading Penn. Mrs Seibert with two more of her family, a daughter Emma Hellen 21 years old, and a son Charles Adam 18. The younger children that she brought in March, Fred. and Nettie, are very happy and contented. More Cherries put up.

July 1898

Sat 10 We have public meeting. Cherries picked and made ready for market in the afternoon. We must care for our fruit in season or lose it.

Mon 11 The Mother with son and daughter conclude to become members of the Community, and move into the family to day. Mary Matilda, the Mother, and Helen, will occupy int No. 18. Charles with Ferdinand in the deacons room. We hope they may be satisfied with their choice and do well.

Tue 12. Washing and ironing. Cherries continues to be picked for market and to can.

Wed 13 The same to day, and picking out nuts by Mary Tabitha and Louisa.

Thur 14 We are having many orders for Cloaks now, all the help that can be spared, are sewing on them. Mary Rayson finishes her visit, and returns to Philadelphia this morning. 4 sisters are working at the Office on Cherries. Currants are picked for sale.

Sat 16 Elder Joseph, Emma J. and Ann Maria go to Xenia in the Ministrys covered Carriage. The object is to increase the Cloak business.

Raspberries picked.

July 1898

Sat 17 Public meeting. A very few spectators. Change in the kitchen. Elizabeth and Eunice are the cooks. Sister Amelia with a girl in the dining room. Daisy and Nellie in the bake room. Daisy has sewed on sale cloaks the past six weeks.

Mon 18 Henry George takes sisters Mary and Florinda to Pittsfield for a days pleasure and releasement from perpetual hand labor. They enjoy a nice sail on the lake. The sisters sort Cherries for market and pick the Raspberries.

Tue 19 Washing and ironing. A shower in the afternoon is very refreshing.

Wed 20 Cherries pitted for sauce. Raspberries picked. Mercury 92 in the shade. Corinne has sorted the Cherries picked for market at the Center Family for Elder Timothy to sell. 130 bushels.

Thur 21 The Ministry leave this morning for Watervliet. Sister Hannah Ann returns from her visit to Hancock. Emma Shaffer's Aunt Ida Downs comes to visit her.

Fri 22 Raspberries picked. They are abundant again this season.

Sat 23 The brethren finish picking the early Cherries which have yielded an enormous supply.

July 1898

Sat	24	Public Meeting. no other special event occurs.
Mon	25	This morning Sister Amelia finished her Kitchen work and with two Kitchen girls and Joseph, she ascended the mountain, and they pick a nice meal of whortle berries which we enjoy for dinner. A remarkable will is made by a man in Norway, Alfred Noble. He bequeaths 2 000 000 to the man living who has done the most to promote Peace! The decision is universily in favor of Alfred H. Love of Philadelphia. Eldress A.W. circulates a paper thro' the Village which we sign as witness's to the truth of this statement.
Tue	26	Washing and ironing. Emma's Aunt leaves for Albany, her home. We have a lovely shower.
Wed	27	Raspberries and peas picked. String beans are picked for Canning, and to pickle.
Thur	28	Five Sisters are picking out butternut meats to sugar for the store. Raspberries are made into sauce and jelly. Mercury 95° in the shade.
Fri	29	Some sisters go to the wash house early and dress 14 spring Chickens for market. (Office fowls.)
Sat	31	Public Meeting. Weather extremely sultry.

August 1898

Mon 1 Richmond is here to day cleaning the waste pipe in the dining room sink which is stopped up. He gives useful directions how it may be cleaned in future.

Tue 2 Washing and ironing. We have our first meal of new potatoes for dinner. A good thunder shower last night has made the atmosphere much more endurable.

Wed 3 Sisters pick out nuts. Raspberries Black berries and Pears are picked. Cornelia cans the berries.

Thur 4 Sister Mary has a Niece and another woman come to see her. The Niece is from Utica. She is visiting relatives in Stephentown. They return in their Carriage in the p.m. Sisters Anne Offord and Sophia Wayne spend the afternoon with us. Take supper at the Office.

Fri 5 Annie Neale comes to visit her sisters. Cornelia is Canning and pickling more string beans. The deaconesses have a very busy time in caring for the fruit this season of the year. Most of the sisters are employed constantly on sale Cloaks.

Sat 6 Six young sisters, the little boys, Bro Alonzo and Martin go to "Berry Peak" to spend the day. They return 6 o'clock P.M. Had a splendid time!

August 1898

Sat	7	Public meeting. The day is very pleasant.
Sun	9	Eldress Dorothy is assisting the Cloak business along this week. She puts a great deal of go ! in it. Washing and ironing done. Berries Picked.
Wed	10	The sisters dress 13 of Sadies fowls for market. Buttermilk picked out. Our sister Mary (86) is wearing chips for bonnets. She also sugars all the fruits that are sold in the Store.
Thur	11	Huldah comes and makes a days visit. We always enjoy having her come. Our deaconess Cornelia is making some lie Soap to be ready against time of need.
Sat	13	Berries and pears are picked. We are having some very nice "Water-cress" on the table prepared in some way, by our ever active Bro' Martin. Elder Calvin has put up a swing for the boys on the lawn, west side of the "Ell" and Dwelling House.
Sat	14	Public Meeting. Our new Sister Hellen Sievard has begun to work in the Kitchen as third hand in the Cook room. Is in a week only. Sister Amelia comes out of the Kitchen and Kate with a girl goes into the dining room.

August 1898

Mon 15 Annie Neale leaves this morning. Sarah C. Hinkie becomes dissatisfied with her Shaker Home and returns to her relatives in Philadelphia.

Tue 16 Washing and Ironing. Berries picked.

Wed. 17 Elder Henry Blinn being very much out of health has been spending a few weeks at Hancock for recuperation. He comes this afternoon to visit his many Lebanon friends and spend a week with us.

Thur 18 Sisters Amy, Cornelia, and Sarah Cutler go to Pittsfield with Ferdinand.

Fri 19 Our very active Sister Mary H. has sugared 40 lbs of Butternut meats to day. The Elder Sisters have picked them out this week. She has had a Nephew with wife and daughter from Texas, who are visiting their relatives in Hancock Village also come with another relative, to see her this week. They take dinner at the Office and return in the afternoon.

Sab. 21 Public meeting. Quite a large attendance. Elder Henry is not able to meet with us which we regret very much.

August 1898

Mon 22 Our Office Sisters Emma J. and Sadie start for Lake Champlain to make sales for our fancy articles and "Shaker Cloaks" which we make to Order. Elder Henry finishes his visit at Lebanon and returns to Hancock. Bro' Ferdinand takes him in the Ministrys covered Carriage. Sister Amelia and Corinne accompany him. We are pleased to hear him say this morning that he felt better. We earnestly pray that his precious life may be spared to us a few years longer.

Tue 23 Washing and ironing. We have our first meal of green corn for Dinner. About 4 o'ck P.M. we have the most terrific thunder storm of the season. It thundered and lightened incessantly for 12 hours. Some did not close their eyes to sleep all night.

Wed 24 Corinne and Sarah Cutler go to Pittsfield they return about 4 o'clock. just in time to escape another heavy thunder shower.

Thur 25 The storm yesterday was more destructive than any we have had for years. The brethren have spent the day in mending the roads and drains. Cornelia and another sister have been working the past week on an Order of "Browns Medicine".

August 1898

Fri 26 Tomatoes and Black berries picked. The Office sisters return by late Train this evening. Report success.

Sat. 27 The sisters prepare the Tomatoes for Canning. Cornelia spends a very busy day in the fruit room.

" Peace between the United States and Spain was proclaimed August 12th. Although it lasted only 114 days, It is estimated that it cost the Government 150,000,000. Just think of it!

Sab 28 Public meeting. After meeting some of sister Mary's friends call, Take dinner in our Restaurant, and are entertained with music and singing. A change in the Kitchen. Sister Amelia with a youth girl, Emma Shaffer, take the Cooking. Eldress Dorothy stays out to work on Cloaks. We are having a great many Orders to fill this season.

Tue 30 Washing and Ironing. Tomatoes are picked.

Wed 31 The Tomatoes are skinned and Canned. Ida Hefford of Pittsfield, rides over the mountain with Henry G. to see the friends of early childhood She left about four years ago. Wesley Platt also comes. Was once a member of Center Family. Our singers and the North Family singers. Met in our meeting Room.

September 1898

Thur 1 Ida Halford returns to Pittsfield this morning with Ferdinand. Wesley Platt leaves in the p.m. We had some excellent green cabbage for dinner, first of the season. The Blackberry vines are looked over and Tomatoes picked.

Fri 2 The sisters prepare the Tomatoes for Canning. Mercy up in the p.m. Henry G. brought home some Peaches. 14 Baskets cost $1.15. paid for by the family.

Sat 3 The sisters work in the fruit room on Pears in the a.m. for Elizabeth to put up for Winter. The small Wringer at the Wash-house has failed. Bro Robert Valentine has bought a new Wringer to day, to put in its place.

Sat 4 Public Meeting. We have a delicious dish of Peaches for breakfast.
Time changed, rise at 5 o'ck. breakfast at the same hour. 6 o'ck.

Mon 5 Peaches, Tomatoes, and a few Plums put up.

Tue 6 Washing and ironing as usual. Amelia not feeling very well comes out the Kitchen. & lets Dorothy goes in a week.

Wed 7 The sisters skinned and Canned 14 bushels

September 1898

Sun — of Tomatoes, making 42 Gallons.
We had a terrible thunder storm at noon, with high wind. A large limb was broken off one of those giant "Horse-Chesnut-Trees" north of the Fair. Elder Calkin has made a new walk across the public road, with help from the brethren. The old stones are taken away and re-placed with larger, and more substantial ones. It is raised, and will be much dryer and better to walk on. It is the path from Dwelling House to the Infirmary.

Thur 8 We learn by Mail to day that our long suffering sister Nancy Dow passed to spirit life on Thur 1st inst. We rejoice for her sake, and also for the dear sisters who have so faithfully cared for her so long. She was a member of the "Olive Branch" Ch.
" Sisters Eunice & Adaline go to Pittsfield.

Fri 9 Tomatoes Canned, and put up for pies.

Sat 10 George Bagg brings his first Celery for the table.

Sab 11 Mercury drops from 90° to 40°. Public meeting. a fire is made at the Meeting House.
Also a good fire is made in the Sisters Sitting Room. Sister Amelia returns to the Kitchen, Eldress Dorothy to the Cloaks again.

September 1895

Mon	12	A new Creamer is bought for the Dairy and put up to day. "Cooley" Sys. More Tomatoes Canned. they were picked on Saturday for fear of a frost which we happily escaped.
Tue	13	Washing and ironing. This day is always a very busy one for the dear Sisters.
Wed	14	The Berkshire County Fair is opened this week in Pittsfield. 10 brethren and 8 boys, and 5 sisters, mostly of the younger class go to see it. Elizabeth and Eunice with one girl work in the fruit room all day putting up Plums and Elder-berries. 1 bushel bought. The olders sisters Mary, Tabitha and Louisa pick out Butternuts.
"		Mary M. Seward, mother of the last family that came starts this morning for "Reading Penn. to settle some business matters.
Thur	15	2 brethren and 4 sisters pick the first Cranberries of the season. Brought home 8 bushels. Corinna goes to Pittsfield with the 3 youngest girls to attend the Fair.
Fri	16	A large quantity of Tomatoes canned.
Sat	17	One brother and 4 boys, Eunice and 4 girls go to gather Cranberries. Get 15 bushels.

September 1896

Sab 18 Public meeting. No singing this afternoon.

Mon 19 Washing and ironing is all done to day.

Tue 20 15 bushels of Tomatoes are worked up.

Wed 21 Harlen and sister Eunice with a company of boys and girls go on the mountain and glean the Cranberry bed. get 3 bushels.
Henry Cantrell arrives about 5-30 p.m. to see his relatives and early friends.

Thur 22 A lovely day! The Cloak business is pushing with great speed. 2 barrels of Sweet Potatoes bought by the family. also a Car load of coal which is being drawn from the Depot.

Fri 23 The older sisters are picking out Butternut meats. 30 bushels of Tomatoes picked. 10 bushels are taken to Pittsfield and sold.

Sat 24 The sisters prepare the other 10 bushels for Canning. Sister Elizabeth and Eunice take the first burden of caring for the fruit that is put up. this six weeks.

Sab. 25 Public meeting. Cold and cloudy. The first fire is made in the Furnace.

September 1898

Mon 26 Washing and ironing again done to day.

Tue 27 The School House is cleaned. 5 girls from our family help. Mrs Chatfield comes to see her children. The singers are invited to the North Family to hold the monthly singing meeting.

Wed 28 The sweet corn is being harvested and dried. Also the Winter Squash is brought in from the garden and protected from the frost. The Potatoes are being dug but are a great failure this year in consequence of so much rain on the early part of the season. The fall Apples not abundant, are picked and stored in the cellar

" Henry Cantrell leaves Lebanon for Chicago this p.m. Has enjoyed a pleasant visit with relatives and old friends.

Fri 30 The business for the sisters in the fruit-Room for two days has been to prepare Onions and green Tomatoes for pickling.

This finishes the record of a very busy month. Elder Calvin had the ill luck to sprain his right shoulder a few days since which hinders him from business. He is feeling some better to day.

October 1898

Sat 1 Hattie Webb comes to stay over the Sabbath. Also J. L. Hopkins a Druggest from New York who has been acquainted with our business men many years.

Sab 2 Sister Amelia comes out the Kitchen and Eldress Dorothy goes in to finish out the term.
Public Meeting. Our friend Hopkins leaves in the afternoon.

Mon 3 Hattie returns to Pittsfield this morning with Elder Timothy.

Tue 4 Washing and ironing. The school commences again to day. Sister Rosetta not feeling able to teach resigns, and a youth girl Emma Shaffer is appointed assistant teacher with Sister Ada Brown.
Mrs. Chatfield takes the p.m. Train for New York.
" Esther Gill comes - returns the next day to Pittsfield

Wed 5 It has rained 3 inches to day. Two sisters are working at the Medicine Shop a few days.

Thur 6 We learn by letter from Bro Benjamin of the death of A.J. White! Very unexpectedly.

Fri 7 Amanda Tiffany and Abigail Brooks from Enfield Conn. Spend a half a day visiting the Sisters - Hannah - Mary - Sabitha & Louisa are picking out Butternut meats.

October 1895

Sat.	9	Public meeting. A change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Eunice take the Cooking. Sister Amelia and Nellie the baking. Kate and a little girl the Dining Room.
Mon	11	Sister Amelia and Daisy ride to Pittsfield in the afternoon. Cornelia Louisa and Tabitha at the Medicine Dpt. in the forenoon.
Wed	12	The sisters work in the fruit room on Peaches canned, Tomatoes sliced for pies, and Pears for pickling. Cornelia is manager in chief this six weeks. Martin Jones starts for a little trip to New York.
Fri	14	Cornelia makes some very nice Grape Jelly.
Sat.	16	Public meetings are closed for this season. The North Family meet with us in our home meeting room.
Mon	17	Our brother Martin returns from his trip to New York.
Tue	18	Washing and ironing done as usual. The weather is beautiful.

October 1898

Fri 21 The brethren with some hired help have finished harvesting the winter apples. And they have also sorted them to store away in the cellar. This has always been done by the sisters in past years!
" "
3 sisters are working at Center Family Medicine Dep't. this week. Fresh fish for dinner.

Sat 22 Cornelia makes Quince Jelly.

Sab 23 The North Family meet with us in worship.

Tue 25 Elder Joseph comes to see the Elders & Trustees. Washing and ironing as usual.

Wed. 26 our girl Emma Shaffer concludes to leave. is taken to Albany to her Aunt.
Kate Curry comes to visit Mary.

Wed con- The sisters have a busy day in the fruit room.
. Quince and Apple prepared and made into sauce, 9 bushels of Cranberries sorted, and Barbaries picked from the stem.

Thur 27 The thrashing is done this week by hired help. Roofs are being repaired to Dwelling House and other buildings.

October 1898

Fri 28 Our brother Washington Jones goes to New-York. will remain a few months in "The Christian-Home" to recuperate. being very much reduced in health, and nervously prostrated.

Sat 29 Kate Carry finishes her visit and returns to Pittsfield. Henry George takes her.

Sab 30 A rainy day. But the brave North Family met with us. We enjoy hearing them come. A barn was burned at the Hill Family, (once was) now-Church property, containing 100 tons of hay, all consumed. Insured for 2,000 dollars.

Mon 31 Time changed! Rise at half past 5 ock., take breakfast at half past 6 ock. The water failed entirely this morning. All that we had to use in the Kitchen and elsewhere, was brought from the Spring in the cellar. After breakfast a hose was attached to the Cistern at Center Family, and then by water was conveyed to our Cistern West of the School House, and in a few hours we were all right again. A break in the pipe leading the water from the "Artesian Well" caused the trouble. It will be repaired with-out delay.

This ends the beautiful Month of October. We have enjoyed splendid weather!

November 1898

Tue 1 Sister Amelia starts to New York this morning to meet her brother Henry, who is there from Washington on business. Washing and ironing done. Nice fresh fish for dinner. Sadie and Mary go to Pittsfield to card and spin the fur prepared and made ready last Spring. They go to the same factory they have been to the last two years, and like the place very much.

Thur 3 Sisters Sadie and Mary return, report usual success. Two brethren from Enfield Conn. make a short call. Ricardo Belden, and Paul Van Wagner.

Sat 5 Daisy Wells makes up her mind to try the world again. starts for New York this morning where she expects to meet friends who will aid her. Sisters Caroline Wetcher and Myra Green from Enfield N. H. who have also been on the fur business in Pittsfield with our sisters, come to make a short visit.

Sat 6 The North Family attend our meeting, also the sisters from Endfield. After meeting they go to the North Family and spend the afternoon.

We had a heavy rain last night continuing till 8 o'ck this morning. The rest of the day is warm and pleasant.

November 1898

Mon	7	The Enfield visitors leave Lebanon this p.m. Sister Amelia returns home.
Tue	8	Washing and ironing. Lovica J. Sears comes to visit her sister and other old friends.
Wed	9	Eldress Dorothy and Cornelia go to Pittsfield.
Thur	10	We receive a Telegram from Henry Clough that his Mother died this morning at 8 o'ck.
Sat	12	The sisters have worked (6) a day and a half splitting and cleaning "Lovage Roots" for Robert V. Eldress Emeline Hart, and Eldress Rosetta C. come to spend the Sabbath and visit a little.
Sal	13	The North Family meet with us. The visitors also attend. We enjoy a satisfactory meeting.
Mon	14	Lovica J. Sears finishes her visit and returns to London her home. Emma J. and Carrie start for New York. The Sisters from the East also leave.
Tue	15	Washing and ironing. Minnie Forshay, a girl 15 years old moves into the family from the North Family.
Fri.	18	Four sisters have worked on Medicine this week.

November 1898

Sat 20 A change in the kitchen. Eldress Dorothy and Fanny and Minnie in the Cook Room. Cornelia and Sarah C. in the Bake Room. Corinne and a girl in the Dining Room

" The sisters who worked in the kitchen last term had fresh fish, 100 lbs of Blue - and 50 of Cod. It was bought by Robert Halford in exchange for some old long

" stored articles that were worthless to us.

Morning service at the North Family.

Mon 21 a few Sisters dress 12 fowls for home use. a barrel of Cranberries sorted for Enfield Shakers N.H. They take them at market price. George Duncan moves from the Infirmary back to the Dwelling House into No 19. He took a room at the Infirmary Sep. 13/97.

Tue 22 Washing and ironing. weather continues remarkably fair and mild for this season of the year.

Wed 23 Nellie Kettle's Mother and little sister comes to see her.

Thur 24 Thanks-giving Day. We enjoy a quiet home meeting. Chicken and other goodies for dinner.

The Ministry return to Lebanon. We have our first snow storm.

Sat 26 Mercury falls 6° deg. Only 18 above°.

November 1898

Sat 27 The weather is so cold and stormy that the North Family do not come over to meeting.

Mon 28 Nellie Kettle being dissatisfied to remain with us leaves this morning with her Mother.

Tue 29 Washing and ironing as usual.

Wed 30 We had some very good fresh fish for dinner.

December 1898

Thur 1 The last month of the year begins with a beautiful day.

Fri 2 The brethren mend the roof of the Center Family's Dwelling House which was leaking badly.

Sat 4 The day is cold and blustering, but the North Family attend meeting with us.

Tue 6 Washing and ironing. Two barrels of Gasolene is brought from the Depot to day.

Sat 10 This week a car load of coal is drawn from the Depot for the use of the Dwelling House furnace.

Sat 11 North Family meet with us in worship.

Tue 13 Washing and ironing. Very cold and stormy.

December 1898

Thur 15 Elder Joseph informs the family at the dinner table that it is decided for Brother Washington Jones to make his future home at Sabbath day Lake Maine. The climate and conditions being more adapted to his physical needs. His health being much improved by his treatment at the "Cure" in New York - He will soon be able to make the journey.

Sat 17 This evening at half past 7 o'ck a meeting is held in the Dining Room. The Ministry are present and announce to all that the gift of yearly sacrifice and prayer will take place on the following Sabbath - to morrow. Invited all to enter into the spirit of the day which is self examination and humiliation.

Sat 18 No meeting. all is quiet and still in the House.

Mon 19 Elder Joseph takes the early Train for New York expecting to meet brother Washington and accompany Him to his new home at Sabbath day Lake. The Society there will be benefited by his help as he is talented as a singer and mechanic. Ferdinand gives Corinne, Minnie & Fannie a little sleigh ride in the after-noon.

Weather fine.

December 1898

Tue 20 Washing and ironing. Wind sleet and rain.

Wed 21 Adaline goes to Albany to visit her friend Mrs. Eastman.

Fri 23 2 barrels of Gasolene brought to day. The brethren have some trouble in filling the gasolene Tank the gas will not burn. Kerosene Lamps are used in the evening. About 6 ock the pipes connecting the great water Tank to the Range in the Kitchen sprang a leak. Bro Daniel Offord was sent for, being the only one who understood such business near by. The brethren worked until 11 ock before the pipes were mended and safe to use.

Sat 24 A fire is made in the Range at an early hour and all is right with the pipes.
Bro Daniel is again called upon to help us out of trouble. He and Elder Timothy work faithful at the gas trying to make it burn, and finally succeed. In the evening we have our Gas lights.
" We have a meeting in the Sitting Room beginning at 1/2 p. 7 ock. The large folding doors are opened and it gives sufficient room for all the brethren and sisters. We enjoy an hour very pleasantly.
" Adaline returns from Albany. Eunice and Kate ride to the Depot to meet her.

December 1898

Sab 25 Christmas! We have service in the morning. In the afternoon our family are invited to attend an entertainment given at the Auth Family beginning at 2 oclk. It was very edifying and instructive. The Ladies were singing special pieces composed for the occasion, and accompanied by the organ which were rendered beautifully, also recitation, and reading by the teachers, Sisters Ada Grace, and Rosetta. Our family enjoyed it very much. The Ministry being at Lebanon attended with us. At 4 oclk, refreshments were served in the dining room. The bond of Union has increased greatly between the families since we have met so often in our religious meetings. Our family made no outward demonstration of the day. The usual Xmas greetings were exchanged as we met that was all.

Mon 26 We have excellent Turkey for dinner provided by Bro' Robert Halford. The washing and ironing is all done to day.

Tue 27 Elder Timothy and Bro' Robert Halford start for New York on business. Elder Joseph returns from his journey East with brother Washington.

Thur 29 A barrel of Kerosene is brought from the Depot. Ferdinand puts it in the Oil Tank in the cellar.

December 1898

Sat 31 Elder Joseph informs the family at the breakfast table of a change in the Elders Order at the North-Family. Elder Charles Greave resigns his place, & brother Levi Shaw is appointed to be first Elder - and bro- Frederick Kechnie to live with him in the Order. A very good appointment, may heaven bless it.

" In the evening we have a meeting in the Sitting Room. We hear some letters sent to the Ministry, from Canterbury, bringing the sad news that dear Eldress Joanna passed to Spirit life on the 28th inst of paralysis. She had been failing for some time - but all were hopeful that medical aid would restore her sufficiently so that she might remain with her beloved people a few years longer. Death came suddenly and blasted their brightest hopes. Parting with two such valuable leaders as Eldress Joanna and Eldress Dorothy in so short a time - is indeed a heavy blow to the Societies, Canterbury & Enfield.

" Elder Timothy and bro Robert H. return from New York.

" Our young sister Kate Wells has been teaching school the past six weeks

" To night ends the present Kitchen term. Eldress Dorothy has had the wall in the Cook room washed. Also the veranda wall during this six weeks in the Kitchen.

The family have been busily employed the past year in various ways - as the following yearly report of the sisters work will tell.

Sale work by the Sisters 1898

1st sister Mary Hazards. sale work

Doll Bonnets		140.
Pincushions		182
Pincushions with braid		12
Baskets for cushions		182
Baskets for silk tops		12
Baskets for furnishing		20
" " little ones with bells		12
openwork baskets		10
Palm leaf work for mats chips		15
" " " for Bonnets "		25
Straw on thread	yds	10
" Braid for Bonnets	"	28
Knit fur Gloves	pairs	26
" " Caps		3
Maple Sugar cakes		638
Sugared buttermilk		203 lbs
" " Sovage and flag		13 "
Worked at preparing fur for the Factory Pitts		8 weeks.

Work done for home use by sister Mary.
Seated 6 chairs with rattan. Carded and spun by hand silk enough for 5 pairs of Gloves. Knit 2 pairs of silk Gloves. Knit 3 fur caps and 2 pair fur Gloves. Made 5 Bonnets for the sisters. Helped on fruit when called for. Raised in the garden 100 Mellons.
Just entered my 88th year Mary Hazard.

Sale work by the Sisters con 1898

Sister Matilda's sale work.

Overcast Cloaks	— — — — —	250
" " Pockets	— — — — —	107
Knit fur Wristlets	— — — — —	16 pair
" " Mittens	— — — — —	4 "
Shirts for the brethren	— — — — —	34

Sister Matilda is 83.

Sister Hannah A. Agnew writes her Bill of sale work thus — I have picked 40 Skins of fur yarn knit 44 pairs of Gloves — and 5 pairs of Leggings. Went to all the butternut-parties had lot of music but no dancing! Performed sundry other good deed but they do not sail! so they must be kept off the list. Hannah will be eighty years old if she lives long enough about as old as the Queen of England. (6 mi)

Baskets for sale	— — —	40
Yarns " "	— — —	12
Fur Gloves " "	— — —	8 pair

Julia Ann.

Sister Florinda spends all her time on sale work.

Louisa runs Wax[illegible] to trim sale work 819. works on fancy sale work about all the time.

Corinne wove 40 chips for sale.
Bronzed and trimmed 80 Cones for sale.

Sisters Sale work con— 1898

	Days work on Medicine	130
Cornelia	Knit fur Gloves	35 pairs
Emma Maria	Work on sale Cloaks	182 days
	Trimming fancy work	13 "
	Knit fur Gloves	5 pairs

Provisions Bought for the Family 1898

Sugar 8 bbls.
Molasses 1 "
Tea — 4 chests 21 lbs each.
Coffee — 130 lbs.
Rice — 1 — bbl. and 100 lbs besides
Cottolene 5 — 7ubs. — 56 " each
Oat Meal 5 bbls.
Wheat Flour 40 bbls.
Graham " 4 bbls.
Beans — 1 " "
Kyrocene Oil 6 " "
Gasolene — 7 " "
Salt Fish — 300 pounds
Brooms 1 Doz.
Matches — 2 Boxes.

We have had a bountiful supply of fresh fish during the year, also of meat for the table for all these blessings we feel thankful.

Family Productions home use 1898

Cherry	120	Gal.
Quince	10	"
Raspberry	19	"
Plum	14	"
Peach	16	"
Jelly	15	"
Canned Beans	40	"
Pickles	10	"
Stewed Tomato	230	"
Sweetened for Pies	22	"
Elderberry	10	"
Pear	10	"
Catchup	6	"
Sweet Pickle	6	"
Onion	6	"
Honey from our Bees	240	lbs.
Eggs	16.693	
Butter made	4.310	lbs.
Butter sold	2.197	lbs.
Good Winter Apples	300	bushels.

Supplement

No deaths to record this year. 8 gathered into the family 4 males and 4 females. 7 leave the family 2 males. 6 females. Bro Washington Jones removed to Sabbath-day Lake Maine. Thus the dear old year has slipped away.

January 1899

Sat 1 The North Family do not come to our meeting this morning on account of a heavy fall of snow last night causing the roads to be impassable. We have family service in the Sitting Room. A very good gift was manifested thro the meeting administered by our beloved Ministry. A gift to see our own faults and forgive the faults of others. Many spoke in union with the testimony of the meeting. Change in the kitchen. Elizabeth & Eunice take the Cooking. Helen Sherrd third hand. Sister Amelia takes the baking with a little school girls help, excepting in the morning Anna Maria helps about the pies. Kate Wells and a girl in the Dining Room.
This evening a singing meeting in the Organ room.

Mon 2 Mercury 15 below Zero.

Tue 3 Washing and ironing. Mercury 13 above 0

Thur 5 Minnie goes to the Office to help about Janey work. We hear that Dr. Bates is dead! He was our family physician for many years.

Fri 6 The Ministry start for Waterliet.

Sat 7 We have meeting in the Sitting room this evening.

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Sat 8 Morning service in the meeting room. The South Family attend, we are glad to see them.

Mon 9 Weather mild. Henry G. Florendes S. and Julia Ann S. go to Pittsfield. A company of eight take dinner at the Office.

Tue 10 Washing and ironing. Many are coming down with serious colds, "Grip" & Pneumonia.

Thur 12 Seven brethren and five Sisters are prostrated with this ugly distemper. And many that wait on them can only just go. Thermometer changed 60 degrees in 24 hours! No wonder sickness prevails. such sudden changes are not conducive to health. Sister Mary got up in the night and fell to the floor unconscious for some time. She took a chill and is now under constant care by order of the doctor.

Sat. 15. No meeting. We hear that our dear Sister Polly Sears - of the South Family passed to Spirit life last evening about 5 o'ck. This a.m. at 11 o'ck our brother Sackett Root died at the Infirmary. age 90.

Mon 16 We attend the funeral this evening in the Sitting Room at 7 o'ck. He has lived with us 15 -

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Mon con- years. Moved here with the Center Family when they broke up. He did not profess faith in our religion but was an industrious kindly man, a peace maker - and won the esteem of all who knew him. Elder Calvin spoke well of him as a moral natural man - and that he never was known to speak ill of any one. In this he was an example to the family.

Tue 17 The funeral of our sister Polly Lewis is held in our meeting room this p. m. at 2 o'clk. A good attendance from each family are present - also some outside friends from Pittsfield and our town neighbours are in attendance. Elder Calvin gave a brief sketch of the life and ancestry of our sister. She came with her parents when three years old. Has lived in the community eighty years. And for many years has been a public representative in business life occupying a responsible position as first Office Deaconess in the family where she has spent her life. The meeting was unusally good - five pieces were read written for the occasion - Much was truthfully spoken in her praise. Her virtues were many - and her life character was marked with charity. She was kinder and considerate of all - especially to the poor who never were sent away empty from her door.

Working and Listening as usual.

Meeting 2 hours.

January 1899

Wed 18 Cornelia and Sarah Cutler cleaned Sackett room at the Infirmary to day.

Sab. 22 No meeting. The family continues to be sick- new cases are coming down. Elder Calvin is sick at the Infirmary - Elder Timothy is confined to his room and bed with a tumor on left leg near the hip bone which has troubled him for many years and now requires aid from the doctor. Sister Matilda is quite sick in her room with a very bad ulcerated throat. Eldress Dorothy is acting as nurse for Elder Timothy and Sister Matilda. Joseph Quinn is also sick in his room with the distemper.

Mon 23. Sister Mary is growing worse - has a serious attack of heart trouble - Her bed is moved into her shop - she has watchers at night and constant care and attention during the day. Our faithful sister Cornelia has taken this burden upon her with all her other duties and cares. Marie is sick too, and dear Amy cannot take care of all the family when they are all down at one time.

Tue 24 Washing and ironing must go on with few to do it.

January 1899

Wed 25 The hired men are drawing another car load of coal for the House furnace.

Sat 29 No meeting again to day. The sick are some better. We hope soon to recover our usual standard of health in the family. Such a sick time we have not experienced for many years.

Mon 30 Emma J. Veale and sister Clarissa Jacobs of Second Family start for New York this morning to purchase goods for sale (Cooks).

Tue 31 Our dear Sister Mary Hazard passed to spirit life this morning at Dock 9 fifteen minutes after about three weeks of sickness her life ended by heart failure which has been her physical weakness thro life. Up to this date she has been bright in mind and active in duty. We shall long miss her from the family circle. Her loving smile and cheerful spirit has been to us a daily benediction.

Washing and ironing is again performed by the ever faithful Sister-hood.

" Late this evening Eldress Dorothy had the misfortune to sprain her ankle badly. Having watched with sister Mary the night before and feeling much exhausted she sank into a chair to rest. On rising she fell - and thus the accident occured.

February 1879

Thur 2 The brethren have been getting in ice. To day they finish. 2,026 cakes put in the Ice-House, 15 inches thick weighing 200 lbs each.

Fri 3 Emma Jane and sister Clarissa return from New York this A.M.

" We attend the funeral of our beloved Mother this P.M. services commencing at 2 o'ck. The snow is falling fast - many of our friends from Pittsfield and the town of New Lebanon are present to honor the memory of a good woman, and long loved friend. A good attendance from the Village considering it is such a time of sickness in every family. The meeting was well filled. The speaking brief and to the point. Ten pieces were written for the occasion and read - each embracing the life character and many virtues of our departed parent. The singing was better than we anticipated - so many of our best singers were absent. The remains were placed in the public hall where all could behold the familiar face for the last time. She looked sweet and lovely just as she did in life. Flowers covered the coffin - mostly brought from Pittsfield. Thus in tears of love and affection we take our dear Mother adieu till we meet her again on that "Beautiful Shore".

Meeting held 3 hours.

February 1899

Sat 4 The sick are improving in health. No one confined at present but our brother Alonzo who needs many weeks of rest to recuperate in.

Sab 5 We have meeting in the afternoon 2 o'ck. The North family meet with us.

Mon 7 Washing and ironing is performed some how.

Wed 8 Louisa moves from No 16 down to No 4 to live with sister Matilda filling the vacancy left by our dear sister Mary. Cornelia helps about the moving and takes care of sister Mary's things.

Thur 9 Sadie and Cornelia go to Albany

Fri 10 We have the first meal of eggs for breakfast that we have had this year.
The sisters return from Albany.

Sat 11 The Kitchen term of six weeks ends to night. Through much sickness and death our brave "craft" has pulled on to the end. Sister Elizabeth Cantrell was obliged to leave the Kitchen a few days having fallen a prey to this dreadful distemper. And Helen Secord was out ten days first as nurse for the sick, and finally fell very sick herself. The other sisters were just able to keep going. All are worthy of praise.

February 1899

Sab 12 A change in the kitchen. Sarah Cutler takes Eldress Dorothys place as Cook. Fanny and Minnie assist her. Cornelia and a school girl in the Bake room. Corinne and a girl in the dining room.
The weather is so cold we do not heat the meeting room - and the family are so worn down our morning service is omitted altogether.
Singing meeting in the after-noon.

Sun 14 Washing and ironing - some trouble with the pipes freezing near the pond. The brethren work hard and finally the water begins to flow and washing is accomplished.

Wed 15 Our brother Alonzo is better and back again to the Extract business.

Thur 16 Minnie Forshay moves from No 24 to No 16. to live with Sarah Cutler

Sab 19 Service is held in our Meeting Room. The North Family come - those who are able.
Our frail sister Florinda goes to the Infirmary to spend a few days and recruit some. Our veteran nurse - Sister Lucy, is 80 this week. What shall we do when she is gone, is often spoken in our home. We have had a great deal of snow and blow this week.

February 1899

Tue 21 Washing and ironing. Charles Sevrice assists this six weeks in place of Bro' Robert Halford.

Wed 22 Anna Maria moves from her shop on Lower Tee Loft South middle room to the Upper Tee Loft South middle room. The lower room will be occupied by the Kitchen Sisters at present.

Sat 25 The North Family attend service with us. We enjoy a quiet peaceful meeting.

Tue 28 Washing and ironing. The weather is like a beautiful day in April. And thus February goes out.

March 1899

Wed 1 We have our second meal of eggs for this year, in custards for dinner.

Thur 2 Julia Ann and Helen go to clean Alonzo's room at the Extract building. It has been under some repair by the carpenters. They have put a new Boiler in below and much of the old is torn away — replaced by new wood-work in floors and ceiling in different parts.

" The North Family have sent us eggs enough for one a piece, in exchange. We have them for breakfast.

March 1899

Fri 3 In the p.m. Ferdinand, Emma Maria, Eunice and Corinne enjoy a little sleighride over the mountain.

Sat 5 The night was stormy with strong North-East wind blowing incessantly and continuing until 9-30 this forenoon. The Elders feeling quite unwell it was concluded to omit morning service when Lo! to our surprise, a company of the Smith Family appeared with team at the door - expecting meeting. A messenger had been sent too late to inform them that we should have no meeting. The Sisters only came in - and we visited them until their team arrived to take them home. We had a pleasant little chat with them and it all passed off in good fellowship & union.

Mon 6 Brother Alonzo starts East for a little visit to Canterbury and Enfield N. H. Will stop over night at Harvard on the way.

Tue 7 Washing and ironing with out fail.

Thur 9 Minnie Forshay leaves this morning is taken to West Pittsfield by Elder Timothy will there take the Train for New York expecting to meet her Aunt who will care for her.

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con-F Ferdinand Sister Amelia. Carrie and Fanny Hinkey go to Pittsfield.

Sat 12 We have morning service in our Meeting Room. The North Family attend. We had a very satisfactory meeting. hear much good speaking which inspired us with hope and courage to continue in well doing.

Mon 13 We had a severe thunder storm last evening which came near ending in flooding us out. The rain fell in torrents washing the door yard badly and running down into the cellar making work for both brethren and sisters. A girls is taken into the family, from New York. Adella Cuppers. Age 15. She has two younger sisters here.

Tue 14 Washing and ironing. The brethren and four hired men have begun to work at the wood.

Wed 15 Eldress Dorothy walks down stairs to her shop to day, with the help of a staff. It is the first time since the accident occurred six weeks ago. She has done a great amount of sewing on Sale Cloaks since she has been confined to her room.

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Sat 19 A very stormy day. The North Family do not come. We little hand-ful assemble in the Meeting room and praise God an hour in word and song.

Mon 20 Elder Calvin has been quite ill at the Infirmary a few days past caused by heart trouble. The doctor thinks he can help him. He is some better to day. We hope he will soon be with us again in the family cheering all with his genial, lively spirit.

Tue 21 There is a State road being built between Pittsfield and Albany. It runs thro' some of our best meadow land - and is a free gift to the State. We may realize some benefit from it in the future. E. Mathews the Contractor - has been boarding at our Office. since last fall, when the road was commenced. His wife and little girl are spending a week with us. Washing and ironing done as usual.

Thur 23 A car load of coal is being drawn this week for the Kitchen.

Sat 25 E. Mathews with wife and child start to Pittsfield this morning. The mean

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con — will return. his wife and child take the train for Binghamton their home. Brother Alonzo returns by p.m. train. Has visited Canterbury and Enfield N.H. also, by special invitation, spent a few days at Hoosard on his return. Has been absent three weeks lacking one day.

Sab 26 The Foth Family attend our morning service.
I change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Eunice with a little girl in the Cook Room sister Amelia and her new girl Adella in the bake room Kate and a little girl in the dining room.

Mon 27 We have had the best sleighing for a few days past that we have seen this winter. The brethren are using the little steam Engine for the first time to saw the wood for splitting. It belongs to Robert V. he uses it to cut for the Silo, and for dry[ing] corn at the Kiln.

Tue 28 Washing and ironing. The day is fair.

Wed 29 The water pipes are leaking again connected with the Kitchen Range. Bro Daniel Offord and George Duncan worked all night beginning

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Con - 29 at 7 o'ck in the evening. Not having a pipe they wanted, the job is finished the next day. A new faucet is put in the pipe at the lower part of the water tank, at south end of the Range, so that the water can be turned off there, when repairs are needed in the Kitchen - and not disturb other faucets, and water pipes thro' the house. Also a pipe is run over head from tank to Kitchen sink. Now they can draw a full flow of water at all times. Heretofore when water was being drawn in the bath-room and in other places only a half stream would run in the Kitchen.

One more convenience - a pipe is piped in the cellar for cutting off the water entirely in the house, when it is necessary - Before this arrangement, we were obliged to go out-doors for this purpose winter and summer. Brother Daniel Offord has made great improvements in our piping - since he has been employed as our plumber.

Fri 31 Corinne - Sarah Cutler - and Helen Seward go to Pittsfield. They report good sleighing.

The Robins are singing their first pretty song to us. Welcome harbingers of Spring!

We gladly bid stormy - blustering March - a long farewell!

April 1899

Sat 1 We enjoy a very pleasant day. Sister Hannah Ann Pigmee has been quite sick the past week - to day is some better.

Sat 2 The North Family attend our morning service. Elder Calvin is present and able once more to unite with us in the march for which we render thanks. As it is "Easter Sunday" we have a beautiful floral display in the hall facing the Meeting Room. This awakens many pleasant thoughts of a risen Saviour which we fully appreciate in our day.

Mon 3 The time is changed this morning. We now rise at 5 Ock breakfast at 6 Ock. We take breakfast at 7 Ock Sabbath mornings the year round. Helen Sewrel begins to sew on the Cloaks. Cornelia is working on Splint Baskets - besides attending to the various duties belonging to the order of deaconesses. Sarah Cutler assists at the mending room this six weeks - Julia Ann makes Baskets. Bro' Robert Halford helps about the washing this six weeks.

Tue 4th Washing and ironing.

Wed 5 Four sisters work half a day picking out butter nut meats at the Office.

Corinne is wearing Poplar at present.

April 1899

Thur 6 Bro Daniel is here again repairing leaky pipes and faucets. One very bad leak in the girls shop sink - one in the brethrens sitting room as bad. which are now in good order. Another trouble occurs in the Kitchen Range - the water-back has sprung a leak which has to be taken to the blacksmiths shop at the North Family to be repaired. It is all right now. Also new bricks are put in thoroughly with cement. The Range was bought for the Kitchen in 1884. this is the third time it has been mended, and new bricks put in. We trust it will now last a long time. The inch pipe that was put in a week ago, in place of half inch pipe, has made a great change in having hot water in the Dining Room as well as the Cook Room.

" The Brethren finish the wood to day.

Sat 7 Morning service as usual. The North Family meet with us. There is yet much snow on the ground. We hope the sun will shine warm enough to melt it all away soon.

Sun 14 Washing and ironing. The weather is lovely. The flow of water now in our Spring House in the cellar is 7 Gal. per minute. It usually runs 3 Gal. only in that time. The springs are all full and running over - what a great blessing pure fresh spring water is.

April 1899

Thur 13 Charlie Sievrd goes to the Infirmary to be doctored is threatened with a fever.

Sat 15 Our active brother Martin has been repairing the road in the door yard this week. It is badly washed by the heavy flood of water that has passed over it for the last two weeks, in consequence of a stoppage in the main drain. It will be made right as soon as the brethren can attend to it.

Sab 16 The North Family meet with us in morning service. In the P.m. Anna and Eldress Dorothy ride down to see Dr. Clelland who is suffering with blood poison caused by a prick of a pin on his hand. We hope he may soon be restored for we, and the town need him very much.

Mon 17 The sisters clean horse-reddish in the fruit room in the a.m.

Tue 18 Washing and ironing

Wed 19 Helen Sievrd goes to Springfield on business for her Mother who is yet in Reading Penn.

Fri 21 Helen returns by after-noon train.

The Office is under some repairing. Two clothes closets are made of the middle cross Hall on second loft which will be a much needed convenience to those who live there. The south

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con - wall in upper Dining Room is sealed, which is also a necessity, to protect it from mould & damp.

Sat 22 Elder Timothy buys 100 lbs of fresh cod fish - 20 lbs goes to the Office.

Sab. 23 Meeting as usual - North Family attend.

Mon 24 The Teachers Institute holds a week in Chatham. Our teachers attend. Grace Ada Broom, and Kate Wells our young teacher.

Charlie Sievert leaves the Infirmary feeling much better.

Tue 25 Washing and ironing).

Wed 26 The first load of ice brought to the Kitchen this morning. Thermometer 76 ◦

Fri 28 The drying room, and ironing room are cleaned to day in first boat style!

Sat. 29 The Kitchen garden is plowed. Elder Calvin's Strawberry bed is looking nice). He has set out many new kinds of Blackberry and Raspberry vines this year).

Sab 30 The North Family are with us in morning service. This ends beautiful April.

May 1899

Mon 1 All are busy as usual. Day is cool & Spring like.
Tue 2 Washing and ironing goes on in order.
Wed 3 We have our first meal of Asparagus for dinner.

Thur 4 The Ministry return to Lebanon, have been absent four months lacking one day.
The deacons room No 1. have the old carpets taken up, and another one put down in its place that had been used some at Center Family.
We had a frost last night. hope it did no harm to bud or blossom.

Sat 6 The brethren begin to plant potatoes which we trust will be better than last years.

Sab 7 The Ministry attend meeting with us, also the North Family. Weather lovely.
" A change in the Kitchen. Sarah Cutler and Helen Sword Cooks - Cornelia and Fanny Bakers - Corinne and a little girl the dining room.

Mon 8 Charlie Sword assists about the washing this
" week. Adella Cuppers leaves this morning and returns to her mother in New York.
Ferdinand takes Sarah C. Helen S. and Fanny H. out for a ride in the after-noon.

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Tue 9 Washing and ironing.

Wed 10 The sisters are very much engaged all around the House and shops doing Springs cleaning. Elizabeth and Eunice have washed twelve Counterpanes belonging to Center Family also pillow cases.

Thur 11 . Ferdinand having business at Canaan Depot. and sister Amelia to see Boulster about the Bees, they start this morning and take Annie and Nettie with them for a ride. Return for dinner.

Fri 12 The School children with Teachers have a holiday on the mountain. Weather rather cool and windy.

" Our friend Carson Winters came about 5 o'clock p.m. made a flying visit around - and left for Boston at 7 o'clock next morning.

Sat 14 The North Family meet with us.

Mon 15 The thermometer rose to 92 ° a few days ago - now it is 82 ° Martin makes a fire which is very acceptable. Ferdinand gives Florinda and Julia Ann a ride in the afternoon.

Tue 16 Washing and ironing. The elder sisters pick out buttermilk meals a day and a half. Hannah Ann - Tabitha and Louisa.

May 1899

Thur 18 Annie Neale arrives by p.m. Train.

Fri 19 Elder Timothy buys 100 lbs of fresh Cod. send about 9 lbs to the Office.

Sat 20 Bro Robert Halford and his boy Fred go to Send to spend the Sabbath. Sister Matilda - the oldest member in the family is 82 to day.

Sab 21 We have our usual morning service. The North Family do not come. At 2 ½ p.m. the society meet (covenant members) in our meeting room. The meeting is held for the purpose of giving all an opportunity to express their feelings in regard to the present condition of our Community - and how, and in what manner it may be improved. Our 30,000 dollar debt! was the greatest trial spoken of in the meeting.

Mon 22 Fred returns from Send.

Tue 23 Washing and ironing. Showers in the afternoon.

Wed 24 The Ministry and Elders of the society hold a meeting in our Meeting Room this evening. Bro Robert H. relates, has a letter calling him to New York on Medicine business.

" Sister Emma Jane has been preparing the

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Con-24 North part of Center Family Infirmary for our friend E. Mathews and family to occupy thro' the summer. As I have already stated in the Journal - he is Contractor of the new State Road that is being built and desired to have his family with him. They arrive this p.m. and take supper in their cosy little new Home.

Thur 25 Eldress Dorothy and sister Amy go to Pittsfield. Elizabeth and Eunice clean the attic room where the spare beds and blankets are kept - also the chair Room.

Fri 26 Annie Neale leaves for home this afternoon. The carpets in No. 1 & and No 3. were taken up the last six weeks out of the Kitchen.

Sat 27 Elizabeth and Anna Maria go to West Pittsfield Depot to meet Eldress Harriet. Elder Isaac A. is in company from Waterviet. Our Carriage & team not being adapted to carry so many - We leave them at Hancock where they take dinner and arrive in Lebanon in about an hour in covered Carriage. Bro' Robert H. returns from New York.

11 A new "Weather Vane" has been made by our

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27 con. brethren to take the place of the Old one, which has survived the storms of thirty years, and worn out honorably in good service. The new one is erected to day and looks very nice.

Sat 28 We have our usual morning service. Elder Joseph and Elder Isaac go to Hancock this morning. Elder Joseph will take train in the morning for Enfield Conn. expecting to spend a few weeks there to oversee the North Family farm in place of Elder George Clark who will be absent a few weeks on an Eastern journey among Believers. Eldress Harriet announces to the Assembly at the close of the meeting that Brother Ira Lawson Trustee of the Hancock Society is appointed to the Ministry's Order to stand with Elder Joseph. He will not leave his home, but will be considered a portion of the Central Ministry to give counsel to the people when called upon.

Mon 29 Eldress Dorothy takes an early train for New York expecting to meet her brother and spend a few days with him. Our four little boys have a days excursion in riding and sight seeing. Elder Timothy and Ferdinand take them.

Tue 30 Washing and ironing. Louisa, Tabitha & Hannah-Ann pick out butternut meats.

June 1899

Thur 1 Sister Amelia and two little girls go to Pittsfield. Sister Matilda rides as far as Hancock, and visits at the East Family until they return. The day opens warm and pleasant.

Sat 3 The Bake room is oiled by sister Cornelia.

Sab 4 The North Family meet with us as usual. In the p.m. at 2 O'ck we attend an other special meeting similar to the one held two weeks ago. Our Covenant is being strongly tested and criticized also our financial basis. One point is admitted by all, that it was a mistake at the beginning not to have had the sisters represented in the Order of Trustees.

Mon 5 Our school term for this season closed June 2nd. Kate Wells has been assistant teacher when not in the kitchen which is six weeks out of twelve.
Mercury stands at 92 deg

Tue 6 Washing and ironing.

Wed 7 Eunice and Corinne go to Pittsfield. Sister Amelia's Bees swarm. the first time this season. There is a good deal of hard work in caring for bees. Our dear sister has had a great many busy hours added to her life by this enterprise!

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Thur 8 A serious accident occurred to day. Elder Timothy started to the black smiths shop on the flat to have a horse shod. The horse not being accustomed to driving alone became quite unmanageable and dashing against a Telegraph pole threw him out breaking his collar bone and bruising him considerably otherwise. Doctor Burton from Pittsfield and a young Dr. who is helping Dr. Clelland set the bone. We feel thankful that it is no worse.

" Elder William Briggs is here to spend a day visiting Lebanon. He came to escort Elder Henry to Hancock where he expects to remain a few weeks to rest and recuperate some

Fri 9 Eight sisters with the help of one brother clean the Wash House. Elizabeth says there never was so few hands to do it before. There are but few sisters now that feel able to go into the yearly public house cleaning.

Sat 10 Elder William returns to Hancock. The Ministry sisters ride with him to see Elder Henry.

Our unfortunate brother Elder Timothy is suffering much pain - but is kindly cared for by both brethren and sisters.

Mercury down to 62 ° sudden change!

June 1899

Sab 11 We have our morning service. The North Family attend. Elder Timothy is taken to the Infirmary He has been staying in his room since the accident - but it did not appear to be as convenient for those who cared for him. Sister Lamy our good nurse takes charge of him now. The brethren stay with him nights. a boy this the day.

Tue 13 Washing and ironing.

Wed 14 Elder Calvins new Strawberry bed is picked for the first time - 22 qts. The Elder Sisters pick out butternut meats this after-noon.

Fri 16 Strawberries picked again - 138 qts. Mercury which stood at 94° two days ago is now down to 50°. Elizabeth. Eunice. and Kate clean the Deaconesses cellar where the nice sauce and honey is kept.

Sab 18 Morning service - the North Family are present. A change in the Kitchen - Elizabeth and Eunice with a little girl in the cook room. Amelia and a girl in the bake room - Kate and girl in the Dining Room.

Mon 19 The brethren with one hired man begin to

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con- pick early Cherries. The sisters with help of two brethren pick 7 bushels of strawberries.

Jne 20 Washing and ironing. Florinda goes to Pittsfield with Emma Jane.

Wed 21 The sisters and three brethren pick 6 1/2 bushels of Strawberries.

Thur 22 Fanny Hinkey a girl of 16 concludes to leave, will go to her Aunt in Philidelphia. Sarah C. and Helen Secord go to Pittsfield.

Fri 23 5 bushels of Strawberries are picked. Elder Timothy Orders 50 lbs of fresh Halibut.

Sat 25 It rains, but the North Family meet with us. We are having some lovely showers, for which we feel very grateful. Our fruit and vegetation was suffering for the need of rain.

Mon 26 Two barels of Gasolene are bought. 5 bushels of Strawberries picked.

Jne 27 Washing and Ironing.

Fri 30 Bro Robert Halford has some relatives from Lenox come to see him. They arrive about 1 ock and bring their lunch. Leave at 4 ock.

July 1899

Sat 1 The sisters clean the strawberry bed. Get 34 lbs. In all 3½ bushels have been picked from Elder Cairns' new bed.
Elder Joseph returns from Enfield Conn. - has been absent nearly four weeks.

Sab 2 Morning service as usual. The North Family are present also a few spectators.

Mon 4 Twelve of our boys and brethren go to "Queechy Lake" to spend the day. Henry G. and Corinna - Sarah R. and Helen Sacred go out for a ride in the evening. Washing & ironing.

Wed 5 The Ministry leave Lebanon for Waterviet by the 8 O'clk train - take an early breakfast. They have been with us 9 weeks and have been a great help in the family - taking an active part in sale work for the store, also picking strawberries) and up early in the morning assisting in preparing them for the table. Thus our beloved Ministry toil unceasingly with their hands for our benefit. We shall miss their pure consecrated lives which have been a daily blessing in our midst.

Thur 6 The sisters are very busy this week sorting

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con Cherries for market - also preparing them to make up into sauce.

Sab 9 The North Family meet with us. Three of the world present. We enjoy a pleasant meeting. Showers fall abundantly.

Mon 10 A new cook stove has been bought for the Infirmary and put up Friday 7th. The water Tank which supplied all the pipes in the House with hot water - and has been in use forty years has failed. A boiler used at Center Family has been brought down and put up in its place. A new heater is bought to go with it. Also on " the 7th We picked our first meal of peas. Sister Cornelia went on the mountain with a girl and three brethren - and picked 5 0 qts of whortleberries.

Tue 11 Sister Matilda rides to Pittsfield with sister Amelia to meet her sister Mary.

Washing and ironing.

Wed 12 Sarah Cutler goes to Waterviet to make a little visit.

A company go on the South Mountain whortle-berrying - Cornelia & Sadie Neale the sisters - Martin and some boys and -

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con - girls make up the load. They got caught in a terrific thunder storm - took shelter under the waggon in an open lot, which was a wise thing to do - Picked 100 Qts.

Thur 13 Eldress Dorothy returns from her visit with relatives in New Jersey. Has been absent some over six weeks. Being much worn down and in need of the rest she has had from constant duty - and feeling some recuperated - we hope she will continue to gain, and not lose.

Fri 14 Two Kerrigan girls return who were taken away by their Mother four years ago. Genevieve 16 and her younger sister Henrietta 18.

Sat 15 Pears and Raspberries picked from the garden. Bro' Martin picks the fruit.

Sat 16 A very rainy day. We have our quiet little Home Meeting by ourselves - and it was not lacking in good gifts from brethren and sisters.

We are having much rain so far this month - it will increase the hay crop and vegetation, and fruit also berries.

July 1899

Tue 18 Washing and ironing. 56 lbs of fresh Halibut bought.

Wed 19 We have our first meal of new potatoes for dinner.

Fri 21 Eldress Miriam Afford from Enfield Conn, who is visiting at the North Family - comes to spend the day at the Church Family.

" Corinna goes to Pittsfield with her friend Helen Bostic and daughter.

Yesterday our faithful deaconess Cornelia with Martin and a girl go on our mountain and pick 30 qts of Whortle-berries.

Sat 22 The farmers have been obliged to stop this week - right in haying time two days - and draw coal for the Labratory. That important business Dpt. having been suspended work on account of failure in coal.

Raspberries are picked in the p.m. and Peas shelled. The sewers are very busy on Sale Cloaks.

Sat 23 The North Family attend our meeting.

Mon 24 Elder Timothy took breakfast with the family this morning. He has been at the Infirmary since the accident happened which was some over six weeks ago. He is gaining the use of his arms again.

July 1899

Tue 25 Washing and ironing.

Wed 26 Sarah Cutler returns from her visit to Watervliet.

Sat 29 This week has been well filled with berry gathering and Canning for winter use. Raspberries and Black Berries a good supply from our own garden.

Sab 30 We hold service as usual - both families meet. A change in the Kitchen - Sarah Cutler, Helen Sweet Cooks. Cornelia and a young girl in the bakeroom. Eldress D. assists about making the pies in the morning. Corinne and girl in the Dining Room.

Mon 31 Mrs Whiting - Cornelia's sister Mary finishes her visit and takes the train at Pittsfield for Buffalo this morning. Cornelia rides with her to Pittsfield.

We have our first meal of new corn for dinner.

Thus ends the month of July. Haying and harvesting going on together.

" I would state - that the boys are released from milking and a hired man in their place with James Glass do it all.

August 1899

Tue 1 Washing and ironing

Wed 2 Early Apples are prepared for Canning.
Thur 3 The Same - the sisters have worked faithfully two days saving these Apples and putting them up for winter. We hope they will keep for it is a great labor to do it.
Butter nuts picked out by Hannah Ann Sabitha Louisa and two Girls, a great amount.

Sat 5 Henry Calver and Fanny his wife arrive about noon.
Cloak business driving, three hands in place constantly to keep up with the Orders.

" Carry Wade our young Office sister starts on Monday July 31st to some quiet resort to spend a few days, being in need of rest.

Sat 6 The North Family meet with us.

Mon 7 Henry and his wife leave about noon.
The poor sisters pick the blackberries, the place where they grow is horrid for the sisters to wallow through.

Tue 8 Washing and ironing. Berries picked.
weather cool and pleasant.

August 1899

Wed 9 The nut firm are busy picking out butternuts.

Thur 10 Our youth boys caught some fine fish, we have them for dinner. Thermometer at 42 °

Fri 11 Neva Martin comes to see her old home.

Sat 12 The "New York State" Company have finished their part of the new State Road to day, and the other portion of two miles belong to the State of "Massachusetts". We hope they will go on with it and so complete the Road, that we may all have the benefit of it.

Sat 13 We hold our usual morning service. The South Family attend.

Mon 14 Blackberries picked.

Tue 15 Washing and ironing. Neva Martin leaves this morning for New York. Carrie returns feeling renewed strength by her needed rest!

Wed 16 Sister Amy and Kate and Nettie go to Pittsfield. Martin and six youth boys go after Blackberries for Amy to make into Wine. Get 100 lbs. They spent one day last week for Emma Jane to make into wine for sale. Get 85 lbs.
Weather Changeable Ther. from 92 ° to 42 °

August 1899

Sat 20 Morning service. the North Family are present. Also friend Mathews and family attend our meeting for the first time. Two other young men and a young woman come to see our worship. Some of our most gifted speakers address the meeting.

Mon 21 Our Washing and is done at the North Family in consequence of the pond above the Machine Shop not being dug out. It has not been done in 17 years.
" John H. Beveridge has concluded that Community life does not agree with him so returns to outside friends and home. He has acted like a gentleman to all in his behavior, and also has been industrious and willing to work at whatever and wherever he was requested to.

Tue 22 Ironing done as usual. Alice Webb Thompson comes to make a little visit.

Wed 23 Thomas Wells, father to the Wells children, leaves our Society and family today. He has been tried the second time, and proves not to be a suitable member for our Community.
Blackberries picked.

Thur 24 Some of the older sisters enjoy their first ride

August 1899

Con - in the "new Covered Carriage". Ride on the new State road which is very nice indeed.

Fri 25 Alice takes early train for Pittsfield this morning. Elizabeth and Eunice Cantrell ride over the mountain to Hancock Depot in company with her. weather splendid.

Sat. 26 The North Family attend our morning service. A few spectators present. Some of the brethren and sisters of the North Family attended a "Peace Convention that was held in Mystic Conn. last week. This p.m. at 2 o'ck all who wish to come from all the families in the Village, are invited to attend a meeting in our Meeting Room to hear the company who went, report some of the subjects touched upon at the Convention. It was very interesting to all.

Mon 28 Wash at the North Family again. Iron also at home.

Tue 29 Our friend Mathews and family, who have been living in the Center Family Infirmary thro' the Summer, leave to day.
The first Tomatoes canned 7½ bushels.

Wed 30 Ferdinand, Charlie S. Sidney W. Eunice -

August 1899

Con – Corinne and Kate go after Elderberries. They get a splendid lot of berries around the road side on Lebanon flat. Adaline goes to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy and Stanley W. The sale butter is carried.

Thur 31 The sisters have a busy time in the fruit room looking over and canning the Elder berries

September 1899

Fri 1 Emma having business in Albany takes early train at West Pittsfield Depot. Two sisters ride over with her in the "new Carriage" Maria L. and Anna Maria. At 3 oclock P. M. Sisters – Matilda and Florinda, ride over the mountain to meet her. This gives the sisters a very pleasant little change and ride. Tomatoes, and Early Pears are in great abundance being canned. This gives the sisters many busy hours in the fruit Room.

Sat 2 Another large amount of Pears canned.

Sab 3 Our usual two family meeting.

Mon 4 Washing done at home to day. The ironing is done also

September 1899

Tue 5 Sister Hannah Ann goes to Hancock East Family to spend a few weeks.

Thur 7 Wednesday and Thursday the sisters have all the work they can do pickling and canning Pears and Tomatoes. Ferdinand. Martin. George and Fred go to Chatham to the Fair. Our dear Sister Sadie is very sick from a severe attack of hemorrhage at the stomach. The Doctor comes thinks he can help her. Our faithful nurse Sister Amy does not feel able to care for the sick as she has done, and the case is critical. It is concluded to send to the "House of Mercy" Pittsfield for an experienced nurse until the danger is passed.

Sat 9 Sadie appears some better thro' the day very bad all night has four hemorrhages. Julia Ann goes to assist. Doctor sent for.

Sat 10 Church and S. S. met again in morning service. A change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Eunice Cantell are the Cooks. Sister Amelia and girls in the bake room. Kate and girl in the dining room.

Dr. Nellis of Albany is sent for. He has doctored Sadie for stomach trouble and

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con — understands her case. Corinne and Anna Maria in Covered Carriage to Pittsfield to meet him at 5 o'ck train. He stays about two hours. Administers help to the patient and returns to Albany by 9 o'ck train
Dr. Cleland attends her daily.

Mon 11 Washing and ironing done so as to work on Tomatoes to morrow. Annie Neale comes.

Wed 13 A company go on the mountain to gather Cranberries. Cornelia Corinne Nate and little girls. Martin Sidney and Fred. Jean all day - get 3 bushels by hard work.
" Nora Martin returns to her old home and friends to be a member of the family again.

Fri 15 Sisters work in the fruit room on Tomatoes. Louisa Tabitha and Corinne getting out silk-grass three days this week.
Helen and six little girls go to Hulda's to celebrate her 67 anniversary

Sat 16 Emma J. and Sarah Cutler go to Pittsfield in Covered Carriage. Our sick sister, the doctor says - is doing well. She has had nothing but Ice the past week. It is to control the blood and stop hemorrhage.

September 1899

Sat 17 We have a profitable meeting, families together. In the p.m. Dr. Daniel Offord kindly offers to take a company of sisters to see, and ride on the new State Road. He had been taking some of the North Family sisters.

Mon 18 Washing and ironing. weather very pleasant.
Tue. 19 Work on Tomatoes for canning.

Wed 20 Louisa and Tabitha are working yet on the six bushels of silk grass.
A company of five take dinner in our dining-room at 2 o'clock. Allen Sackett, the artist, living in the town of New Lebanon, his brother, sister, and some lady friends from New York. They spend the afternoon — looking around and visiting.

Sat 23 The sisters have had a busy week in the fruit room. This afternoon Eldress Anna White comes to visit with three women who are interested in the "Peace Conference" that they attended with them a few weeks since. They expect to meet with us again tomorrow

Sat 24 The North Family and our friends. Rev. Amanda Deyo and another young lady, also Annie Moody. meet with us in morning service. They seemed

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con – very much pleased with our exercise in marching, &c. and the freedom for each one to give expression to their highest thoughts and aspirations. We enjoyed a sweet, refreshing meeting.
At 8 o'ck, the families are invited, and another meeting is held in our meeting room for our visitors to impart any message they feel to the people here. The Rev Amanda Deyo addressed the meeting. The subject was on the "Peace" principle, and settling national troubles by "arbitration", and not War! She was a very interesting speaker and interspersed anecdotes of personal experience which were quite pleasing and amusing.

Mon 25 Washing and Ironing. The brethren with some hired help are harvesting the winter Apples which are not abundant. They also sort them, thus relieving the sisters.

Tue 26 Tomatoes canned. It has rained in lovely showers all day.

Sat 30 The sisters have had a busy week in the fruit room. 5 bushels of Grapes from Center Family to pulp for sauce, besides stewing Tomatoes – and making Catchup. Also Jelly.

October 1899

Sat 1 In place of our usual morning meeting we hear a lecture from Daniel Bachelor, a professor of some note, in the method of instructing children by nature, and not from books. He also is an advocate of the Peace Conference and will instil into the minds of his pupils the beautiful Christlike principle of peace.

Mon 2 Washing and ironing. Elder Timothy and bro. Robert H. go to Pittsfield and return with a barrel of sweet potatoes, which will add a great luxury to our table.

Wed 4 Julia Ann and Adaline take an early ride to West Pittsfield Depot in Covered Carriage to meet Emma Jane who has been to New York on business.

Thur 5 Elder Calvin, sister Amy and Eunice start to Cheshire this morning for a visit.

Sat 7 Annie Veale leaves for home to day. Sadie is gaining strength all the time, the nurse yet attending her.
The sisters continue to have busy days in the fruit room - Tomatoes and Grapes to be cared for.

October 1899

Sat 8 Morning service as usual. both families present.

Mon 9 The winter term of School commences to day. Sister Ada J. Brown and a young sister from the North Family, May R. The teachers.
" The Center Family's Cistern has been thoroughly cleaned and much of it repaired, and stone work built over.

Wed 11 Sister Amelia, Nura, Martin, and six girls go out for a days excursion. Our hired man Sedgwick is the teamster. They have a very enjoyable time - and lovely weather. Charlie Sewell takes Helen, Corinne, and Kate to Pittsfield.

Thur 12 Elder Calvin and Company return from Chichire feeling satisfied with their visit.

Fri 13 Two barrels of Gasoline is bought. The nurse, Ida Thompson, who has been taking care of Sadie, leaves to day and returns to "The House of Mercy" Pittsfield. She has attended her five weeks. Sadie is beginning to take solid food, and is gaining fast.

Sat 14 Sister Hannah Ann returns from her

October 1899

con – visit to Hancock, has been absent some
over five weeks. Sisters - Matilda and
Julia Ann go to escort her home in
the Covered Carriage.
" The work in fruit room this week has
been Quinces, Grapes, and Pears.

Sat 15 We enjoy a very satisfactory meeting.
Mon 16 No washing done to day. The brother who helps
is taking a little bicycle trip with Henry George.
Tue 17 Washing and ironing done in regular Order.

Wed 18 Fanny Tyson spends the day with us. She is
visiting at the North Family.

Thur 19 Helen Sisrrd concludes to return to her former
home in Reading Pa.
Cornelia is making some delicious Apple-
butter flavored with Quinces.

Fri 20 The week is drawing to a close. Quinces
and Barbaries to day ends the canning of
fruit for this season
Sat 21 Two Barrels of sweet potatoes come to the Kitchen.
We ought not to complain of our table fare.

Sat 22 Meeting with both families. A change in

October 1899

con — the kitchen. Sister Amelia remains in to cook with Sarah Cutler, Cornelia and school girl in the Bake room. Corinne and girl in Dining room.

Mon 23 The time is changed! Rise at half past five. take breakfast at half past six o'ck. Sabbath morning we rise at 6 o'ck and breakfast at 7 o'ck the year round.

Tue 24 Washing and ironing

Thur 26 Carrie - Florinda - and Julia Ann go to Pittsfield in Covered Carriage.

Fri 27 The sisters are working in the fruit room preparing small onions for pickeling.

Sat 28 The Father of the Seward family with an Aunt came yesterday to see them. Leave to day by the p. m. Train.

Sab 29 Meeting as usual. Our friend Arthur Dove appears at the door just as the bell rings to go to meeting, is invited to attend service with us - which he gladly accepts. He remains in Lebanon a few days.

Tue 31 Washing and ironing. We have enjoyed many beautiful days during this month.

November 1899

Thur 2 Arthur Dowe finishes his visit and starts for East Canterbury this morning.

Fri 3 The Ministry ride over the mountain from Hancock in the early part of the day to see the Elders, Trustees and Covenant members on important business which is in regard to devising some means to lift our great debt of $31,000! It is concluded to borrow the money from our sister Societies which, through their generosity will reduce the debt to $10,000 We shall feel indebted to them until we are able to return it.
Sisters Elizabeth and Eunice cleaned the fruit room to day.

Sat 5 Our meeting is quiet and comforting.
After dinner bro Daniel comes and fixes a water-pipe in the sisters bath room.

Sun 7 Washing and ironing

Wed 8 Eldress Dorothy and Cornelia go to Pittsfield.

Fri 10 Three sisters from Enfield Conn. make a short visit. Eldress Harriet Patrick and two young sisters. They visit Church

November 1899

con — family this forenoon and in the after-noon go to the North Family and stay over night. To-morrow visit second and South family. in the after noon go to Hancock stay over Sabbath then return home.

Sab 12 We arise this morning and see the ground white with snow — the first snow storm of the season. Our autumn has been lovely and we have enjoyed it very much.
The North Family meet with us in worship.

Mon 13 Busy working hours are well filled with various occupations, and needful duties to be performed.

Tue 14 Washing and ironing

Wed 15 Roots are cleaned at the wash-house. Five sisters work two days. Have the help of three Brethren one day. It is a very hard job for the sisters — and very few to work at it.
Nora Martin takes an early train for the west. She has a sister living in Ohio with whom she is intending to spend a few months, her health being very poor.
" The school give an entertainment in the p.m. which is very interesting. Forty scholars and fifty visitors are present.

November 1899

Sat 19 The North Family meet with us - and together we praise God in word and song.

Mon 20 A change! The large Bell on the House has been rung for many years, twice for meal time known as the half hour Bell. Now it is decided to have it rung but once, fifteen minutes to the hour for dinner - morning, noon, and night. This will save the kitchen Sisters strength.

Tue 21 washing and ironing, the day is splendid. George Crane makes a short call. Stays over one night.

Sat 26 We meet in morning service. Enjoy a comforting meeting both families together.

Mon 27 The sisters dress sixteen fowls. We hear that sister Elizabeth Sidle passed to spirit life this afternoon at 7.30 Oclk.

Thur 30 "Thanksgiving Day". Some of the family attend the funeral at South Family. The rest go to the North Family to meeting.

To day we lose three from our circle. The remaining portion of the Siegrist Family - Charles, Fred, and Nettie. Take the p.m. train for Albany.

December 1899

Sat 2 Ferdinand Kate and Genevieve go to Pittsfield. in the after-noon Elder Timothy Eunice and two girls ride to the Springs. Weather fine!

Sat 3 The two families meet as usual. Singing very good. The Church family go to the North family to a singing meeting on Wednesday evening every week.

Mon 4 We are having our first real winter day. It snows and blows - and is very cold. 1 above Zero.

Tue 5 Washing and ironing.

Fri 8 Elder Joseph came home to see that all was right for making a fire in the furnace, and found it unfit for use. The pipe connecting the boiler with the furnace rusted out beyond repair.

Sat 9 It is decided by the Ministry to put up stoves for present necessity. Elder Joseph with stoves, pipes - and hired men from Hancock sent by Elder Ira - appear on the ground at an early hour and the job is completed before noon. Two large loads of wood is also sent from Hancock and stored in the house for ready use.

We expect the Ministry next week.

December 1899

Sab 10 Our morning service as usual.

Mon 12 A very stormy day - rained 1 1/2 inch. The wind blew in a strong gale all day.

Wed 13 The Ministry return to Lebanon - have been absent four months!
Elder Earnest Pick of second Family sailed for Europe on the 9th inst. His Mother, living in Germany - sent for him to claim his portion in setting a Will, and he is one of the first heirs to the estate being an only son living.
Elder Joseph looks after his family affairs while he is absent.

Sab 17 The Ministry attend meeting with us both families - a very good gift prevails thro' the meeting

Mon 19 Washing and ironing. We have more rain - which is just what we need.

Fri 22 The sad news comes to us that Thomas Wells has committed suicide by hanging! He left our community Aug 23rd. 1881 and has been living in Pittsfield since that time. "The way of the transgressor is hard".

Sab 24 This day is spent in retirement and

December 1899

con self examination. No meeting.

Mon 25 "Christmas" The North Family attend services with us in the morning. There is no outward manifestation of merriment or mirth in the family thro' the day. The Ministry go to the second Family.

Sat 30 It is six below Zero. Winter is upon us.

Sab 31 We hold meeting as usual - feeling thankful for the love and union that holds us together. Thus the good old year has slipped away. We bid it a joyful adieu, realizing with grateful hearts the many blessings that have been ours to share together in our Community Home.

The work for sale performed this year by the sisters we will find on the following page. Those whose names are not recorded in this book, are as faithfully engaged in family duties in other ways. All building for one object, which is the community spirit and deserving of much credit by those who carry it out.

Sale Work by the Sisters 1899

Sister Hannah Ann's Bill –
" I have knit 25 pair of Fur Gloves.
" Knit 60 Sacques, 60 Hoods, and several
" pair of Booties for Dolly.
" Cut thousands of labels for Sorwoods Tincture.
" picked out butternut meats when there was a
" call, which was quite often.

Sister Matilda's Bill –
" I have overcast 285 sale Cloaks. Knit 5
" pair of wristlets. 5 pair of little Mittens. and
" 7 pair of wrists for fur Gloves. For home –
" have made 37 shirts and 3 pair of Flannel Drawers.

Eldress Dorothy worked on sale Cloaks 25 weeks.
" Florinda Knit 9 pair of Fur Gloves. All her
" time is devoted to making Cloak Hoods.
" Julia Ann Knit 12 pair of Fur Gloves.
" Cornelia Knit 30 pair of Fur Gloves. These –
" two sisters also made, together, 60 Splint Baskets.
" Ann Maria worked on sale Cloaks 239 days.
" 11 days finishing sale work for the store. 5 pr. Gloves.
" Corinne gathered straw 2 days. Split and wove
" 24 straw chips. Gathered silk grass and worked
" 4 days on it. Assisted at Center Family – prepare
" for market 580 bunches of Asparagus. 150 of
" Rhubarb. Cherries 71 bu. in Quart Boxes. –

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Sale Work by the Sisters 1899

Weave 20 yrds of Poplar. Bonnet Braids 18 yds.

Our consecrated sister Louisa is working all the time on some nice little fancy work for the store.

All the Butternut meats for the store are picked out by the sisters in the family which are many bushels in the course of the year.

Sisters work on medicine 30 days.

Yeast for the Family $3.35 cts paid by our deaconess Cornelia

Provisions Bought for the Family 1899

Sugar	ten	barrels	
Molasses	1	" "	
Tea		6 chests.	
Coffee	100	pounds	
Rice	1	barrel	
Cottolene	5	Tubs	56 pounds each.
Oat Meal	4	barrels	
Wheat Flour	48	" "	
Graham Flour	3	" "	
Beans	2	" "	
Gasolene	9	" "	
Kerosene	6	" "	
Salt Cod fish	300		pounds.
Matches	1		Box
Soap	9		Boxes
Starch	5		" "

Family Productions. home use 1899

Cherry	47	Gal
Strawberry	23	"
Whortleberry	25	"
Quinces	11	"
Pear	71	"
Stewed Apple	60	"
Jam Grape	6	"
Sauce " "	8	"
Sifted " "	7	"
Jelly	20	"
Barberry	3	"
Black-berry	4	"
Elder-berry	40	"
Stewed Tomatoe	116	"
For Pies	16	"
Tomatoe Sauce	16	"
Green tomatoe for pies	7	"
String Beans	13	"
Pickled " "	5	"
" " Tomatoe	10	"
Butter Made	4,388	lbs
" sold	2,280	" "
Good Winter Apples	500	Bushels.
Eggs	13,810	

Note - The Print Room Sauce Kettle is sent to Backus, Pittsfield, and re-washed. Block tin and paper bought to put under it. Cost $6.20 cts. Bill paid by deaconess Cornelia French.

Supplement 1899

This year we have taken 72 bushels of Asparagus from the bed. 33½ bushels of Strawberries have been picked from ten rows. Grass a light crop for want of a suitable amount of rain. Potatoes unusually promising a good crop.
Eight have left the family. Four males and four females. Two deaths. Two girls taken into the family. Much sickness prevailed last winter in the form of La grippe and fever.

January 1900

Mon 1 Wind and snow. The school are having holiday vacation.

Tue 2 Eldress Dorothy and Florinda go to Pittsfield to see the Dentist about teeth.
Washing and ironing done as usual. We have a rare dish for dinner. mice doenuts with excellent cheese.

Wed 3 The School begins again.

Fri 5 Eldress Dorothy and Florinda go to Pittsfield again and are fitted with a beautiful plate of under teeth. Also do some shopping.

" Sister Olive Holden of the North Family passes to spirit life this P.M. about 2 o'ck.

January 1900

Sat 7 We meet in morning service and realize the gifts of the spirit in some measure which uplifts and sustains the weary pilgrim in these trying days for both soul and body.

Sun 9 We attend the funeral of our sainted sister this p.m. at Lock. It was a very profitable meeting much good speaking and singing. She was eighty seven years old last Nov. Came into the community when she was twenty eight and has been a burden bearer many years. Was greatly beloved and respected by the family who testified to her many virtues equally to all. Kindly love and care for all moderation of speech even tone of voice, strict loyalty to her faith. Peace crowned her life.
" Wash and iron in the forenoon.

Fri 12 27 tons of coal has been drawn from the Depot this week finish to day. It was nearly all deposited in the Kitchen vault. What work followed for the sisters with broom mop and scrubbrag!

Sat 13 Our brother Robert Volentine returns by afternoon train has been absent three weeks three weeks on a seed rout down in Pennsylvania

Sab 14 The two families meet as usual. At the close

January 1900

con — of the service Elder Joseph spoke of a change that would be made in the Order of our meetings. It is this - the brethren having always had in our religious meetings, the time now has come for the sisters to come forward and take their equal burden with the brethren. Leading the meetings half the time. The new gift met the general approval of those present in the meeting.

" The Kitchen term ended last night. Eldress Dorothy and Sarah C. go in to the cook room this morning. Cornelia and girl in Bake room. Kate stays in the dining room one week for Lorinne who is finishing a piece of Poplar.

Mon 15 Sister Amelia and Corinne go to Pittsfield.
Tue 16 Washing and ironing

Thur 18 Sudden death! This morning at an early hour our sister Tabitha quietly took her exit to the other sphere which was a great surprise to us all. She went to the Infirmary only the day before late in the afternoon to be doctored some, the next morning was a corpse. She had complained only a few hours before of severe pain in the stomach and side. Medicine was administered which relieved her some. The doctor

January 1900

con – being summoned pronounced her case acute – gastritis.

Sat 20 It is decided to bury the corpse this p.m. decomposing rapidly. Weather warm and rainy.

Sab 21 We attend the funeral this fore-noon at 1-30 The North Family and some from the South F. meet with us. The meeting is made interesting by appropriate reading and remarks from the Elders and many of the brethren and sisters. Much was said of the life work of our sister and the places of trust and burden she had faithfully occupied. Points of merit observed in her late years, since leaving the Office about seven years ago, – Would bear physical pain with marvelous endurance – regular at meals with the family – satisfied with what was provided – did not want any one to wait upon her – had a pleasant word and smile for all she met. Are not these virtues worthy of admiration? Sister Tabitha was 81 the 6th of this month.

Mon 22 A heavy snow storm yesterday makes good sleighing. Beautiful day.

Tue 23 Washing and ironing.

Wed 24 Carrie and Kate go to Pittsfield.

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Thur 25 Elizabeth takes care of sister Tabitha's things

Fri 26 Florinda moves from No 12 down to No 6. The room that Tabitha occupied. Julia Ann will now be left alone.

Sat 28 Elder Ira Lawson attends meeting with us this morning. We enjoy a very Glorious free meeting. The Sisters took the lead and every thing moved splendidly. The North Family are strong to help. Elder Ira took dinner at the Office. In the after-noon visited the sisters. Then returned to Hancock.

Mon 29 Six inches of snow fell last night.

Tue 30 Washing and ironing sleighing splendid!

Wed 31 Emma Jane and Eunice go to Pittsfield. The brethren and hired men begin to get the ice.

" This closes the first month of 1900

No serious sickness thus far in the family. Elder Cairn has a bad time with heart trouble occasionally which we are always glad when he recovers from it alive.

February 1900

Thu 1 Eldress Dorothy has been obliged to leave the kitchen. Is quite sick with severe pain in the side and stomach. The brethren finish harvesting the summers supply of ice. It is 12 below zero.

Sat 3 Elder Earnest Pick returns to day from his trip to Europe.

Sab 4 The two families meet together in worship. Zero weather continues.

Mon 5 We have been deprived of the gas the past week on account of a leak in the pipe connecting the Gasolene Tank with the house.

Tue 6 Washing and ironing. 21 above ○.

Wed 7 The Ministry leave Lebanon for Waterviliet on the 11 o'ck train this A.M.

Thur 8 a man comes from Springfield to repair the gas pipes.

Fri 9 We now have good gas lights again. Eldress Dorothy is around again in the family.

Weather growing warmer 28 above ○

February 1900

Sun 11 The North Family meet with us. Eldress D. takes her place in the kitchen again this morning.

Tue 13 Washing and ironing. It has rained 2 inches in 24 hours.

Wed 14 Sarah Cutler comes out of the kitchen to work on the Medicine. Sister Amelia goes in to finish out the term

Sat 17 Eggs for breakfast! The first this year.

Sat 19 The North Family come to meeting thro' a blustering snow storm.

Mon 19 Sister Amelia and Kate go to Pittsfield.

Tue 20 Washing and ironing

Wed 21 Robert H. goes to New York on business).

Sat 25 The North Family meet with us as usual. A change in the Kitchen – Elizabeth & Eunice are the cooks, - sister Amelia remains in and takes the baking with a school girl. Kate and girl in the dining room.

Tue 27 Washing and ironing 17 below zero this morning. Corinne goes to Troy with her friend Helen Bostic.

Wed 28 Zero weather continues.
2,50 Coon Skins lay in the lower stone room at the wash-house ready to be washed - limed, and fur got off. O, how cold it is!

March 1900

Thur 1 Robert H. returns from New York. Three sisters go to the Medicine Shop to put up a batch of "Whites Curative Syrup".

Fri 2 Lorenne returns. We have just learned by letter that Eldress Eliza Babbit passed to spirit life Feb 22nd after a short illness. If she had lived till May she would have reached the advanced age of 93. She has been a very remarkable woman - and has filled a place of public trust from early life. The last fifty years has occupied a place in the Ministry Order of Harvard & Shirley. She was much beloved and respected by her people.

Sat 4 We enjoy a beautiful spring day. The South Family are with us in morning service.

Tue 6 We are having one of the greatest storms of the season - but the dear sisters do not fail to blow to the wash-house and perform their duty in the family washing and ironing.

Wed 7 The Brethren are having their water-closet re-built and made larger. Bro' Daniel Offord has taken the job. It will be more convenient and a great improvement every way.
The Conskins are reduced to Kay. Sadie and Cornelia with Henry George George Duncan and

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con – Charles B. to assist them.

Thur 8 The lining and removing the fur from the skins will be done at the "Old Seed Shop" In later years has been used as Medicine Shops.

Sat 11 We are pleased to be able to meet both families together as usual

Mon 12 The washing and ironing is done to day. The fur business begins. Lining was begun last week – also preparations for the work to be done. Three hired girls appear soon after breakfast. Two sisters from Hancock, Fanny Easterbrook and Alice Smith. One from South Family, Lottie Morrow. Ann Maria, Cornelia, Corinne, and Sarah Cutler are all the sisters that are able to go from our family.

Tue 13 Susan McLaughlin from the 2nd family comes. Emma J. lends a hand. We now number eleven working on skins. Begin with the tails. Joseph helps when the Dairy chores are done. Martin in the after-noon.

Wed 14 Begin on the skins – tails finished.

Thur 15 Elder Timothy gives us a days help. The skins are not worked just right, and the fur and hair will come off together which grace gives us an

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con — opportunity to develop patience. The nest are better. The Brethrens Water-closet finished to day. All are pleased and satisfied.

Fri 16 It snowed 12 inches last night. This morning a sleigh is got out to take us to our work. Brethren are breaking the roads with the horse plough. Ferdinand takes a company of girls out for a sleigh ride in the p.m.

Sat 17 We finish 60 skins this week, and 125 are limed. Four brethren, and four boys have worked well all the week-down stairs - the boys helping between school hours.
" Have fresh fish for dinner - cooked very good.

Sab 18 Thermometer 9 below Zero. The North Family join us in worship. In the after-noon our hired man Sedgwick - takes a company of sisters out for a sleighride.
" There is some trouble with the water, it runs very low at the wash-house - we hope it is not any thing serious - the brethren are searching for the cause.

Mon 19 Washing and ironing done. 6 hands work on the fur to day 4 of the hired help did

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con - not come With the help of our brethren and brave little boys we finish 18 Skins.
Florinda Julia A. and Louisa have begun to pick over fur in their shop.
Ferdinand gives sister Matilda and Eunice a little Sleigh ride in the afternoon. The snow is melting fast and every body is making the most of it while its short day lasts.

Tue 20 Thermometer 1 below freezing. Fur business progresses nicely. The Hancock sisters come for an other week.

Wed 21 The walking is horrid - and the wind blows a strong gale from the north east. But the dear Sisters plod along to their work picking their way through snow slush and mud.

Sat 24 The Hancock sisters leave to day not to return. Allen took them home at 4 o'ck P.M. We finish a good weeks work. The skins work well. The boys put in double strength. Stanley picked 5 skins beginning before breakfast this morning There is 50 more for next week. Joseph and Martin not here to day.

Sab 25 A beautiful day. The North Family join us in morning service.

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Mon 26 Washing and ironing done again to day to accomodate the fur enterprises. Our pond water is frozen so solid that none runs at the wash-house. Milking of the clothes done at the North Family.
" School closed for a week on account of Scarlet-fever being among the scholars from out-side.

Tue 27 We finish the 250 Coon Skins and begin to look over loose fur.

Thur 29 The end cometh much to our joy. Cornelia with help of a hired woman cleans the lower room which is a hard job.

Fri 30 The fur has its final touch by Sadie and Sarah C. to help. Is weighed and put in Bags ready to go to the factory. Weight 40 lbs good!

Sat 31 The last day of a busy month. The farmers have drawed a Car Load of coal for the House Furnace - finish to day.

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Sat 1 Pleasant over-head. The two families enjoy a good meeting together.

Mon 2 Time Changed! Rise at 5 o'ck - take breakfast at 6 o'ck. Sabbath day remains the same - the year round.

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Tue 3 Washing done at the North Family again. our machinery for washing out of order. The brethren have been working on the wood, for two weeks past.

Thur 5 Emma Jane and Ann Maria go to Albany return same day. Yesterday Mary B. Dukes from Japan, arrived here in the afternoon with her little girl 7 years old. She has been corresponding with Bro' Manzo for several years. She and her husband both went out there as Missionaries of the gospel of Christ. Her experience is very interesting.

Sat 7 Bro' Daniel Offord and George D. have been to work all day repairing our washing Machinery. Elder Calvin is so low that the brethren now take turns watching with him. Henry George has done it alone as long as he could. He sleeps at the Infirmary and is very kind to Amy and Maria helping them in many ways.

Sat 8 Both Families meet in morning service. Change in the Kitchen. Sarah Cutler takes the cooking with a school girl. Cornelia the Baking with a girl. Corrine Dining room with a girl. Eldress Dorothy begins to assist Amy at the Infirmary for a few weeks. We are having many bright sunny days.

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Mon 9 The yearly house cleansing is progressing rapidly with the sisters.

Tue 10 Washing done at the North Family. Brother Daniel and George hard at work in the wheel pit. Old rotten wood hauled out which clogged the wheel - it is being thoroughly renovated this time and will be built up with brick and mortar. The pond below the Machine Shop also needs several tons of mud taken out which will be done as soon as convenient.
Our visitor from Japan takes an early train for New York to begin a mission work in that City for a short time. She leaves her little girl Ida with us to be brought up with our children.

Thur 12 A large portion of the Bake Room floor is being taken up and new boards put in. The new wood is "Yellow Pine" and said to be the best wood for floors. Rufus Shenway with the help of a boy he brought with him - is hired to do the work. They begin and complete the job in one day, and it is well done. Cost of boards and putting down $17. Bill paid by Sister Cornelia French.

Sat 14 The floor is oiled this afternoon by Cornelia who is in the kitchen.

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Sat 15 The North Family join us in worship. It is "Easter morn". We think of it but have no outward display of flowers as they do in the Churches outside.

Mon 16 The washing is done at the North Family.

Fri 20 The Garrets, upper hall, and clothes rooms are cleaned.
The carpet in No 27 is taken up, and put down in No 25 where sister Amelia lives. The carpet in No 24 is taken up, and one put down in place of it, that that came from the Center Family.

Sat 22 The air is soft and balmy, the birds are singing sweetly. We met in worship as usual - both families together.

Mon 23 Washing done at the North Family.
The Ironing is always done the same day.

Wed 25 This morning we see on the breakfast-table a dish of New Maple Syrup. Gift from the Office.

Fri 27 The "Bed Room", and Square Clothes Room is cleaned by Elizabeth and Eunice.

Mon 30 Our Washing done at the North Family again.

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Tue 1 The carpets and treads on Tee Hall stairs are taken off and disposed of, being thoroughly worn out.

" A piano belonging to Neva Martin is packed and sent to her. Two men from Pittsfield come and get it and take it to Pittsfield with them to pack, and send by freight to Indiana, where she now lives with her relatives.

Wed. 2 The Sisters Sitting Room is cleaned and oiled by Sister Amelia and her girls.

Thur 3. General house cleaning this week in the different brethrens and sisters rooms, and halls.

Fri 4 Elizabeth and Eunice clean the store room.

Sat 6 We have our morning service as usual.

Mon 7 Our washing is done at home. The trouble at the Wheel is mended, the old wooden box upon which the iron work rested is demolished, and rubbish cleared away to prepare a foundation of masonry, upon which the wheel is now firmly bolted and clamped. The water now comes directly to the wheel, while formerly it passed thro' the wooden box, thus losing a great amount of its driving power. The Aqueduct is next attended to-

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con — and cleared of mud, stones, and rubbish, which was done by a large hose passing through it. 40 feet of iron pipe is laid thro' the old wooden Aqueduct, which passed thro' a brick wall sixteen inches thick. They have also made a close screen over the end in the pond, which effectually stops all rubbish from entering, and protects the wheel from any obstruction. This has been a long hard job, requiring much patience, the work has been so much of it under ground, and the weather cold and damp. The work has been performed by brother Daniel Afford, and George Duncan.

Wed 9 The Meeting Room is going thro' a Springs cleaning.

Fri 11 The Drying Room, Ironing room, and Wash-house halls are cleaned.

Sat 12 Sister Cornelia has put down One thousand Eggs this Spring. She preserves them in slacked lime, which has proved to be a perfect success.

Mon 14 Emma Jane takes the train for Boston this morning with the expectation of hiring a Cottage at Salem Willows, a beautiful Summer resort situated in Salem Mass. She takes it for six weeks. This will give some of the most needy sisters

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con - an opportunity to Rest and recuperate. Also to some others, a pleasant little trip, and a week at the "Sea Shore".

Wed 16 Elizabeth Cantrell, and Ann Maria start on the 8.45 train for Boston. Will be the first to occupy the Cottage. It is arranged for us to do our own housekeeping. Emma's sister Annie, has agreed to give her time and stay with us a few weeks as business woman, and housekeeper. A large trunk is packed containing goods for that purpose. " I will further state - That "Salem Willows" derives its name from the many famous Willows of 100 years growth that surround it.

Fri 18 Our term of School for this season closes to day.

Wed 23 No 19 the room now occupied by George Duncan, is Calcemined and the carpets taken up.

Thur 24 The Ministry return to Lebanon to spend a few weeks with us. Also Ann Maria returns from the "Sea Shore", having spent a week there. Elizabeth remains). Eldress D. and Florinda meet A.M. in Pittsfield with covered Carriage. A heavy thunder shower overtakes them on the way home. Julia Ann takes 8.45 train for Boston. Will spend a week at "Salem Willows".

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Sat 26 Our much beloved brother, Elder Cahrin Reed, passed to spirit life this afternoon about 1 o'ck. His last stroke, and one that took his life, was - Dropsy of the blood. He has been a great sufferer for some time, needing watchers, and constant care night and day. We feel thankful that his bright spirit is now released from that poor suffering house of clay. An Undertaker comes from Pittsfield to embalm the body, and prepare it for burial. Two men came and performed the job. full three gallons of water was drawn from an incision cut near the heart. When the work was finished the body was placed in a beautiful Casket and looked very natural and life like.

Sab 27 The Ministry attend meeting with us, also the North Family. At the close Elder Timothy gave notice that the funeral would be on Wed 30th - 2 o'ck p.m.

Mon 28 We have a total eclipse of the Sun. Only partially visible in New England. Total in Virginia and the south - eastern part of the United States. The day being cloudy we did not see any of it.

Tue 29 Brother Benjamin comes in from New York on the noon train. Is met at West - Pittsfield with Covered Carriage and two sisters

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con - to escort him home. Sadie and sister Matilder. He has been absent some time, and we are pleased to meet him once more. We would like to have him spend the remainder of his days in his old home. He has just entered his 84 "year.

Wed 30 We attend the memorial service of our beloved Elder Calvin. The Ministry being at home they met with us. Five of his friends and relatives came from Cheshire. A large attendance from outside were in the meeting and among them some of his special friends Squire Haight and a select Commissioner of long acquaintance with our brother. Elder Timothy opened the meeting by reading a biographical sketch of his life which appeared in the "Chatham Courier" some weeks since. Five brethren and six sisters spoke, each refering to some special virtue in the life character of Elder Calvin. Three pieces were written for the occasion. One by sister Amelia an expression of our gratitude and thanks for the service he has rendered to the Society for many years as a Teacher of youth and Children. At the close four of those who had come to the funeral, spoke of the pleasure it had given them to be present in the meeting and listen to the heartfelt tributes from brethren and sisters in honor and respect to one so worthy.

June 1900

Fri 1 Our Brother Alonzo Hollister started for Enfield Conn. this morning. Will spend a few days there.

Sat. 2 Sister Julia Ann who has been spending a week at "Salem Willows" returns this after-noon.

Bro George Duncan has painted the cook-room wall this week. Also plastered a place over the Range which needed mending.

Sab 3 Meeting as usual. Beautiful day.

Tue 6 Washing and ironing.

Sadie Neale takes the Express for Boston. Will meet her sister Annie at the Union Depot who will conduct her to "Salem Willows" where she will remain a few weeks.

Elder Timothy has bought a new pan to hold the drippings of the ice in the cooks large Refrigerator.

Wed 6 The room Elder Calvin occupied at the Infirmary has been thoroughly cleaned. The wall washed and Calcemined. Also a large place mended where the plastering had fallen down. The East room where Henry George sleeps has also been washed and Calcemined. Eldress Dorothy assisting at the Infirmary superintended the business. G.D. Calcemined.

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Thur 7 Eldress Dorothy and Amy go to Pittsfield.
Fri 8 Elder Joseph informed the family at the table this morning that Elder Timothy would take Elder Calvins place as Elder in the family.

Sat 10 We enjoy a very pleasant meeting - both families together

Mon 11 Bro' Alonzo returns home from his visit to Enfield Conn. Also sister Elizabeth Cantrell returns from her trip to the "Sea Shore" She is feeling much better for the rest and change).

Tue 12 Washing and ironing. We have a nice dish of Strawberries for dinner. Elder Timothy bought a crate 8 cts a quart.

Thur 14 Cornelia has cleaned and oiled the Great Lower Hall this week.

Sat 17 The Second Family meet with the Church and North Family in our home Chapel for service this morning.
" In the afternoon we visit Bro' Andrew Wise, sisters Alice Brackett and Edith Shufelt. They are spending a few days at the North Family.
Elizabeth Cantrell takes her place

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con — in the Cook Room this morning to finish out the term of six weeks, which lacks two weeks. One of the girls has come out to rest.

Mon 18 Emma J. and Corinne go with the North Family Sisters to gather straw. It is very nice.

Tue 19 Washing and ironing. In the evening a man came to exhibit a new method of extinguishing fire by a preperation of powder.

Wed 20 Eldress Emeline Hart of East Canterbury makes a short call to see the Ministry. Stays over one night.

Thur 21 Eldress Dorothy and Emma J. go to Albany return same day. We have our few strawberries for breakfast. the first picked from home bed. These came from Henry's.
Benjamin returns from New York.

Fri 22 The lower portion of the Wash-house is going thro a spring cleansing to day.
Elder Timothy buys another Crate of Strawberries.

Sat 23 Ezra Stuart here from Shirley to see the Ministry, remains over Sabbath. The sisters

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con - pick a few scattering Strawberries off the bed Elder Kalirn set out. It yielded bountifully last year we will not get many this year.

Sabbe 24 We hold service as usual, both families.

Mon 25 Corinne goes to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy

Tue 26 Washing and ironing. 18 qts of strawberries picked. Elder Timothy buys a crate of strawberries.

Wed 27 The sisters work in the fruit room canning strawberis. We have strawbrry short cake for dinner.
Margaret Kerrigan Mother of the Kerrigan girls arrived by afternoon train. Jennnie and Henriette go to Hancock Depot to meet her

Thu 28 Sister Sadie returns from Salem Willows. Carrie and Maria Lapsley go to Pittsfield in a Covered Carriage to meet her. This ends going to the "Sea shore" for this season.
{Ice cream for dinner} 0 92.

Fri 29 Three brethren and four youth boys go to Pitts. to see a show of some kind.

Sat 30 We take a new girl, Hettie Barret Cohen, age 15. She goes to room No 12. with Julia Ann.

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Sat 1 Meeting is attended by North and Second Families. a few spectators were present.

" A change in the kitchen. Eldress D. and girl in the dining room. Cornelia and girl in Bake room Sarah C. and girl in the cook room.

Mon 2 The two Kerrigan girls go to Pittsfield with their Mother,

Tue 3 Washing and ironing. Henry G. and two Youth boys, clean out the vault under the Cow barn. It has not been cleaned in fourteen years. they put it on to the asparagus bed to fertilize it.

" Cherries are being picked.

Wed 4 Alice Halford comes to see her Uncle Robert. takes dinner and returns.

Thur 5 Eldress Dorothy goes to Albany returns next day. Margaret Kerrigan goes to New York on early train.

Sister Hannah A. is invited to spend a few weeks at the East Family Hancock. starts for that place this morning.

" Sister Amelia Eunice and Kate go on the Mountain the first time to see if the

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con - if the whortle-berries are ripe. get enough for a meal.

Sab 8 Meeting as usual - weather fine.

Tue 10 The peas are picked first time. The A. G. gave us 2 bushels.

Wed 11 The Ministry leave Lebanon for Waterviliet this morning by early train.
a company go on the Mountains for whortle-berries get 60 qts.

Thur 12 Bro Benjamin leaves for New York on business.

Fri 13 The same company go on South Mountain for berries. get 56 qts.

Sat 14 sisters Caroline Whitcher and Myra Green from Enfield N.H. come and spend the Sabbath with us. They have been to Pittsfield the past week carding and spinning some fur. Our sisters Sadie and Cornelia have also spent two days there at the factory on the same business.

Sab 15 All the Families in the Village meet with us in our morning service. a few

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con - Spectators are present. The visitors enjoyed the meeting very much.
" In the after-noon Henry Clough and Mintie his wife, call and see us. They are spending a few weeks at Queechee Lake.

Mon 16 The Enfield sisters leave for home. Sister Amelia rides with them in covered Carriage where to West Pittsfield where they take the train. Amelia has business in Pittsfield. returns with Elder Timothy.

Tue 17 Washing and ironing. Raspberries picked. Thermometer 98.

Wed 18 A company of 11 go to the Hastings Lot again for berries. Get 3 bushels.

Thur 19 The same company go again Emma J. added to the number. Get 3 bushels 98 Fh.
Henry and Mintie Spend come and spend a few days with us which they enjoy very much.
Mary Rayson is here on a visit.

Sat 21 Henry and Mintie return to Queechee Lake where they are staying at a private boarding-house.
Br' Robert Halford goes to some quiet -

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— on summer resort to spend a few weeks

Sab 22 Br. Benjamin returns from New York.

— Weather pleasant. All the families join with us again in worship this morning. a few spectators present.

Tue 24 Mary Rayson leaves this morning for Pittsfield where she will spend a few days before returning to Philadelphia. ☐ 90 Washing and ironing.

Wed 25 She same company go to the Hastings Lot for berries - find them abundant. Rain drives them home. pick 5 0 Qts.

Thur 26 Benjamin returns to New York. David Mitchel, his Lawyer, is quite sick. We hope he will live till some of these distressing financial troubles are settled.

Fri 27 Sister Hannah Ann returns from her visit to Hancock feeling some improved in health. Sisters - Matilda and Florinda take a morning ride in Covered Carriage to meet her and escort her home.

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Sat 28 We have Tomatoes for breakfast from our garden, raised by Bro' Martin from plants which were carefully cared for in pots from early spring. This is indeed a great surprise at this season of the year.

Sat 29 All the Families join with us in service this bright Sabbath morning.

Mon 30 Br Robert Halford returns from his short vacation feeling some rested.

Tue 31 Washing and ironing.

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Wed 1 The new State road is finished and opened to the public. All danger points well fortified, and travel considered safe.

" Sister Amelia and Kate go to Pittsfield Kate to have her teeth filled. Elder Timothy to Boston on business.

Thur 2 A company of eleven go to Berry Peak to get Whortle-berries. The day is lovely.

" Elder Ira and Henry Hathaway, a young brother from Canterbury, make a short call, just time enough to speak to all at home.

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Fri 3 Elder Timothy returns on the p.m. train. A man from Springfield comes and puts on a new Cable to raise the Gas weight.

Sun 5 We have our first meal of new potatoes for breakfast.

" Our morning service as usual.

Mon 6 Black-berries and Rasp-berries picked. Louisa and the girls pick out nuts.

Tue 7 Washing and ironing done. We have watermelon on the table for dinner.

Wed 8 Corinne and little Ida go to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy.

Thur 9 Br. Benjamin returns from New York. Mitchel, his Lawyer, is better.

Fri 10 Thomas Dalton comes to see the home and friends of his childhood. Mer. 94!

Sat 12 The day is cloudy. All the families are represented in our meeting. A large company of spectators are present.

The Kitchen term changes. Elizabeth and Eunice take the cooking with a girl. Sister

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con - Amelia and Kate in the Bake room
Corinne and girl in the Dining room.

Mon 13 A great change in the weather, much wind and rain. Mer. falls from 94 to 63.

Tue 14 We have just received a note from Canterbury stating - that Elder Abraham Perkins passed to spirit life on the morning of the 12th. "Well done" "good and faithful father" we rejoice that thy beautiful spirit is free from earth and its troubles. He had entered his 84 year.
" Washing and ironing as usual.

Thur 16 We have our first meal of green corn for dinner.

Fri 17 The sisters work in the fruit room - preparing 14 bushels of early Apples for Canning.

Sat 19 Morning meeting a full attendance from the Village. also many spectators. Br. Benjamin receives a Telegram that his Lawyer, D. Mitchel died yesterday a.m. at 8 o'ck. He takes the night train for New York. In the afternoon

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con – a company of fifteen, brethren and sisters, boys and girls. go to Lebanon Grove to attend a Campmeeting held by the "Salvation Army" Their meetings will continue until the 27th They hold three meetings a day.

Tue 21 Washing and ironing. Blackberries picked. Every week nuts are picked out for the Store by Louisa & the girls.

Wed 22 Elder Timothy brings 4 bushels of Peaches. We have two meals on the table, the rest is canned for winter.

Thur 23 The Office is being painted on the outside. Martha E. Shipman of Troy who is residing at the North Family, comes to spend the afternoon and take tea with us.

Sat 25 A company go every evening from this family to the Camp meeting – also it is well attended by the Families in the Village. Their meetings are made very interesting and cannot fail of doing much good. The North and Church Families, have made donations to them of vegetables. potatoes corn, eggs, fruit.

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con - bread &c. Some of them have called to see us and walk around our premises. This afternoon and evening the brethren and sisters, and young people will attend their meeting, which will be the last full meeting.

" Morning service of Society gathering in our home Chapel, as usual.

Mon 27 Nine of the Salvation Army take tea at our Office and walk around. Six of the company take the 8 o'ck train for home, Major Blanch B. Cox - adjutant Edith Yoder, the singer - and a young woman with a baby remain. The Arth Family join with us in the evening in our meeting room 1/2 8 o'ck to hear the Major repeat a portion of her missionary experience in India, again. Adj. Edith sang some of their songs to us playing an accompaniment on the Guitar. We also sang some of our songs to them which they seemed much pleased with. We passed two hours very pleasantly.

Tue 28 Our friends take breakfast and leave for Troy their Headquarters on the 11 o'ck train. They are earnest sincere workers and

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con - give their life without reserve to the great work they are engaged in.
" Washing and ironing as usual. Br. R. Halford buys 7½ more bushels of Peaches.

Wed 29 the men who are painting the Office Shelve the Bake room floor.
Sarah Cutler goes to Enfield Conn. to spend a few days. Br. Benjamin returns from New York. Sisters prepare peaches for canning

Thur 30 Some very nice Sweet potatoes appear on the dinner table. Sisters work on Tomatoes. Home blackberries are picked for the table and for pies.

September 1900

Sat 1 We have some delicious Melon for dessert this noon - bought by Elder Timothy.

Sab 2 We attend our usual morning Service, the families meeting with us. Sister Louisa Rice, 88 years old, walked from the South Family, a mile, to meet with us. She had dinner and was taken home by our Br. Ferdinand.

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Mon 3 Wash and iron to day - so as to work on Tomatoes to morrow. Our water is so low the washing is carried to the North Family. What patient deaconesses we have to bear this inconvenience so often! and so bravely! Louisa and the girls pick out nuts.

Tue 4 The sisters work on Tomatoes for canning.

Wed 5 " sisters finish the 30 bushels bought in yesterday. The Ministry make a flying visit thro the Village. Leave Waterliet this morning - call at the North Family - take dinner. stop at each family - go to Hancock and remain over night. In the morning take the Train for Enfield Conn. their place of abode for the next four weeks.

Thur 6 The sisters have a busy day working on Pears for canning. They are abundant this year. The girls, two of them, go to help clean the School House. George white washes the school room.

Fri 7 Sarah Cutler returns from her visit at Enfield

Sat 8 More Pears fired for canning.

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Sab 9 We enjoyed a good meeting this morning. A few spectators were present. Annie Moody is visiting at the North Family. She remains after service takes dinner and spends the after-noon in our family. Another woman who is boarding near Queechy Lake came last evening to spend the Sabbath with us. Her name is Maria Gray. She leaves in the morning.

Mon 10 Washing done at home to day. The Sisters Water Closet has been closed a week on account of scarcity of water. No baths taken. The Bake room floor is Shellaced the second time to day It is now finished and looks nice.

Tue 11 14 bushels of Tomatoes are prepared for canning by the Sisters.
The farmers are husking corn. The sweet corn for drying looks unusually good.
Fall and Winter Apples are being picked.
" Two men are hired by Henry and Ferdinand to help harvest them. They take their meals in the Restaurant.

Thur 13 Br. Benjamin again starts for New York this morning. The Endicott Hotel remains in an unsettled condition.

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Sat 15 The sisters work in the fore-noon on Tomatoes for canning. Cornelia has made Tomatoe Catchup this week.

Sab 16 We are all rejoicing to see gentle showers of rain falling this morning and last night. Only the South Family met with us in service to day. We give thanks for the rain.

Mon 17 Washing and ironing. More "Beautiful" rain fall.

Tue 18 Cornelia and some girls make "Mangoes" - filling green peppers with chopped Tomatoes.

Wed 19 Elder Timothy takes 5 bushels of Tomatoes as a gift to the South Family. Thermometer fell from 63° to 33° in the night. A good fire made in the Sisters Sitting Room which is very acceptable.

Thurs 20 It rains all day. The springs need it all for water is very low yet.

Sat 22 We come to the close of a very busy week. Much hand labor performed by the sisters. The work in the fruit room has been to take care of green Tomatoes for pies and pickles. Also Grape Jelly made. Cornelia has been the hired woman in this business the past six weeks.

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Sat 23 The families are all present. We enjoy a good meeting. Elder Timothy invited all to take a part in the meeting, and not to speak more than five or ten minutes as a general rule - that each one may have an opportunity to speak a few words.

" A change in the Kitchen this morning. Eldress D. and Jennie in the dining Room Cornelia and a girl in the Bake Room Sarah C. and Annie Cuppers in the Cook R.

Mon 24 Wash and iron. Louisa and the girls pick out nuts.
Tue 25 B. G. returns from New York.

Thur 27 Jennie and Henrietta Kerrigan start for New York - their father is very sick and wishes to see them - his life is uncertain.
Henry G. and three Wells boys, Allen, Stanley, and Lancelot go to Great Barrington to attend a Fair they go on their bicycles

Fri 28 We have Celery on the table - the first of the season.
Sat 29 The business of the week in the fruit room is to make Chow-Chow. Two days employed.

Sat 30 We enjoy a delicious dish of Peaches for breakfast. bought by Br. Robert H. We hold our usual morning service. the families present.

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Mon 1 The winter term of school commences to day - Twenty six pupils. Fifty new Desks and chairs have been bought for the school room this season. Sister Ada Brown and Mary R. continue as teachers. The school will occupy the upper room only in future. The lower, basement room, is closed - not suitable for teachers or scholars to stay in, damp and unhealthy.

" Sarah C. comes out of the kitchen to assist on the Medicine a few days. Sister Amelia takes her place in the cook room.

" Sister Matilda's Niece Emma R. Reed comes to make her a short visit. She is on a wedding trip, and her new husband is Edwin J. Nelson. So she is now Mrs. Edwin J. Nelson.

Tue 2 Washing and ironing. Sister Matilda's relatives leave for Pittsfield this p.m. They are spending a little time among the Berkshire Hills.

Thur 4 Br. Benjamin goes to New York to meet friend Marble who has just returned from Europe.

" Our girl Kate Wells begins to sew on Cloaks. Takes her first lesson in hand stitching to day.

Sat 6 The great hurry is over - and the Order for

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Con - Browns Medicine done and packed! Sarah returns to the kitchen - Sister Amelia comes out.

Sat 7 The leading gift of the meeting this morning is to pray for rain. All the families are present.

Mon 8 We have four hours of refreshing rain for which we give thanks.
Our bro' Ferdinand has hired two girls to sort the Apples before storing them in the cellar for winter. The brethren with hired help are very busy picking and saving the good Apples. Cider Apples are beginning to be carried to the Mill.

Tue 9 Washing and ironing.
Wed 10 The first fire is made in the furnace.
Thur 11 We have eggs for breakfast. From Henry George.
" Maria Manning comes to see her old home and friends - Elizabth and Eunice go to Pittsfield to meet her.

Sat 13 Maria leaves for home this morning. We take a girl - Mable Florence Scott - 11 years old. From North Adams.

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Sab 14 It rained quite fast in the morning. The North Family did not fail to worship with us.

Tue 16 Washing and ironing. More rain in the p.m.
Wed 17 Adaline Cantrell goes to Albany to spend a few days with her friend Mrs. Eastman. Elizabeth C. fills her place at the Dairy.

Thur 18 Mrs Josiphene Thompson from New York comes for a short visit. Contemplates becoming a member of our Community. She has been corresponding with Emma J. for some time.

Sat 20 4 barrels of Gasolene is bought. It is put in the tank to day.
" Br. Daniel Offord has put new bricks around the fire grate in the Bake Room oven. Cost $2.00 for material and work. Bill paid by Cornelia.
Nanny Calver comes in the p.m. She is on a business trip West. Sister Amelia and Kate go to West Pittsfield to meet her.

Sab 21 Morning meeting with a full attendance from the families

Mon 22 Our friend Nanny (Mrs. J. Calver) took an

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con - eary train this morning Westward.

Fri 23 Washing and ironing. The weather fair.

Wed 24 Adaline returns from her visit to Albany. Cornelia and Eliza Payson go to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy.

Thur 25 Washington Jones comes to spend a few days (visiting his old home and early friends).

" The sisters are working on Quinces for canning and to make Jelly.

Sat 27 90 bushels of Apples have been picked up and sent to the poor in New York City. All the families in the Village and Town of New Lebanon contributed to help fill a car, which had a free passport by R. R. to the City.

Sab 28 Morning service as usual

Mon 29 Adelaide Willoughby, a woman from New York comes to see us, has been corresponding with sister Amelia.

" Washing and ironing done to day.

Tue 30 six sisters and three brethren begin to split Sarsaparilla Root in the fruit room. Our brother Washington leaves Lebanon this morning.

Wed 31 Sarsaparilla Root finished about noon.

November 1900

Thur 1 Our visitor Adelaide Willoughby concludes to unite with us - is admitted into the family to day. Will room with Julia Anna in No 12. Hettie moves out and goes to live in No 22 with two other girls.

Fri 2 Corinne and Kate go to Chatham with Henry George for a days ride.

Sat 3 There has been some mending of slate roofs on dwelling House - barns and shops done this week.

Sab 4 We have a good meeting and some outside visitors are present.

" A change in the Kitchen this morning. Sister Amelia and Kate in the bake room, Elizabeth and Eunice take the cooking, Corinne and Jirl the dining room work.

" Some relatives of Corinne's from White Plains came yesterday p. m. to make a short visit.

Mon 5 The time is changed! Rise at half past five o'clk, take breakfast at half past six. Corinne's visitors leave for home this p. m.

Tue 6 Washing and ironing done once more. Our sister Anna Lane comes home from Florida. Elder Timothy Sister Amelia and

November 1900

con — Julia Ann go to Hancock to escort her home. She arrived at Hancock yesterday and tarried over night to see the Ministry who are now at that place.

Wed 7 Cornelia and a few sisters work in the fruit room making "Apple Butter."

Thur 8 Cornelia boils cider in the fruit room.

Fri 9 We are having our first snow storm this morning after a thunder storm last night. It snows and blows all day. Six inches fell.

Sat 10 Brother Robert F. returns from New York. The suit brought against him by the "Graves elevator Company" is now settled in our favor by the Court of Appeals. It had gone through the lower Courts.

Sat 11 The snow is on the ground, and bad walking yet our brothers and sisters of the Second, and South Families, meet with us in worship. The North Family we expect, rain, or shine.

Tue 13 Washing and ironing

November 1900

Fri 16 Br. Benjamin comes home again to see the Trustees on business.

Sat 17 The painters have put a coat of paint on the Meeting House porch this week. Cornelia makes cider Apple Sauce and boils cider. Gives the fruit room a good cleaning. This afternoon we have a short visit with Margaret Sangster, a writer of some note

Sab 18 Our morning service was very edifying. Eldress Anna W. and sister Catherine A. attended the "New York State" Federation of womens Clubs" the past week - which was held in Albany. They gave us a brief account of the meetings - and the various subjects introduced which was interesting to all.

Mon 19 Emma and Carrie go to New York.

Tue 20 Washing and ironing. Br. Benjamin returns to New York. He is now undecided where he will spend the winter, in Florida - Pleasant Hill - or Lebanon.

Thur 22 Emma J. and Carrie return from New York.

Sat 25 The day is so stormy that meeting is postponed until this p. m. at 2. o'clock. we hope some of the families will be able to come.

November 1900

con — The storm abates a little — the North Family meet with us at the hour appointed — and we enjoy a pleasant meeting together.

Mon 26 We have had a stormy night and this morning the same with high wind and pouring rain. In the afternoon Sarah's are dressed for home.

Tue 27 Washing and ironing.

Wed 28 Josephine Thompson, our young believer, returns to New York to see her relatives and inform them of her decision to join our Community. Br. Benjamin returns home. He is feeling the many ills that come with old age.

Thur 29 Thanksgiving Day. We have morning service. The South and second families attend. The meeting was filled with thank offerings, and some contributions written and read. In the afternoon we are invited to go to the North Family to see and hear a "Gramophone" sing and talk. All were very much interested and amused with it.

Our beloved Ministry return in the p.m. to their Lebanon Home. We are pleased to have them with us again.

Mary Chatfield also comes to visit her children.

December 1900

Sat 2 Some from all the families attend our meeting this morning. The Ministry are present and we feel their blessing and strength.
At 2 o'ck p.m. the funeral of Edgar Morton is held at the South Family. Some of our family attend the meeting.

Mon 3 Mary Chatfield goes to Pittsfield with her children, Charles and Airs.

Tue 4 Washing and ironing. A rainy day.

Wed 5 Six inches of snow fell last night.
This after-noon we have a surprise - Our girl Jenevieve Kerrigan returns to her old home from New York. She wrote, but the letter failed to reach us. She remained in Hancock over night - and seeing Br. Robert Valentine pass caught a ride over the mountain with him.

Thur 6 The farmers are drawing a car load of coal for the house furnace.
Eldress D. Corinne, Adelaide, and Jenevieve give the dining room a thorough falls cleaning. Benjamin has a message that Marble the proprietor of the Endicott -

December 1905

Con – Hotel is dangerously ill. He starts for New York by the 11 o'clock train.

Fri 7 Mrs. Chatfield finishes her visit and starts for New York this morning. Charlie and Iris ride to Lebanon Station with her.
The North Family kindly loan us their "Grammaphone". We enjoy the first entertainment this evening in our dining-room. The family are nearly all present.

Sat 8 Josephine Thompson returns by 7 p.m. train.
" 4 barrels of Gasolene are brought from the Depot this week. It takes a great deal of Gasolene and Kerosene to keep the family supplied with lights during these short days and long nights.

Sat 9 The North, and a few from the South Family meet with us this morning.

Tue 10 Washing and ironing. We are having Zero weather. This evening we enjoy another Entertainment from the "Grammaphone". The instrument belongs to Wallace Yates, a young man who has lately become a member of the North-

December 1900

con — Family. It is attracting much attention and is really a wonderful invention.

Wed 12 Sarah Cutler goes to Pittsfield. Esther Gill of the South Family in company.

Sat 15 Robert Halford starts for New York this morning. Thermometer 3 below Zero.

Sab 16 This day the Ministry have appointed for self Examination and prayer. No meeting. 6 below 0.

Tue 18 Washing and ironing. Roberts returns, some warmer. Br. Benjamin also returns from New York.

Wed 19 Elder Timothy, sister Amelia, and Corinna go to Pittsfield.

Sat 22 The week has passed pleasantly each one seeming interested in their various duties and occupations.

Sab 23 South wind - weather 50 deg. warmer. The families continue to attend our meeting.

Mon 24 Wash and iron to day. Adelaide W. goes

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con - to Pittsfield to have her teeth filled and to make other purchases.

Tue 25 "Christmas Day" The last of the Century. The Society are invited to an entertainment at the Church Family which is held Christmas evening commencing at half past five o'ck. As our meeting room is being prepared for the occasion - we are invited to attend morning service at the North Family. The programme for the day runs thus - Meeting at half past 9 - dinner at half past 11 o'ck. The people from the families begin to gather at half past 3 o'ck. Refreshments are served in our large dining hall at 4 o'ck. 70 are seated at one time. 125 comprise the number present. All seemed to enjoy this "Union Gift" and hearty greetings of "Merry Christmas" resounded through the room from cheery hearts.

At the hour appointed we all assemble in the Meeting Room which is beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. "Christmas" bells chimed sweetly as we entered the room. Elder Timothy opened the meeting by a welcome to all - and reading an article on Christmas from the "Chatham Courier" which was very good. First sing "With words of Peace" by the Organ. Then followed Recitations in great variety -

December 1900

con — Reading - Dialogues - and much singing with music filled the time so completely that no one seemed to weary. Sister Amelia conducted the meeting and programme for the evening. It was beautifully harmonious. The actors were selected from all ages and performed their parts with credit.

At the close "Santa Claus" came in the form of our good Office sisters - Emma J. Sadie - and Carrie - leaving a large paper bag of goodies in the hands of each one. After more social chats in little companies - we said the last loving word and parted for the night having spent three and a half hours profitably and pleasantly together

Note

The families all contributed to the entertainment.

Wed 26 Br. Benjamin leaves for New York.
We have Turkey for dinner and every body said it was "first best".
An Order for 38 pairs of Fur Gloves comes. All the Knitters on fur - are "hurrying" up doing their best to fill it by "New Years".

Sab 30 The families all meet with us again this morning. At the close of the meeting Eldress Harriet spoke of an appointment of three -

December 1900

con — Sisters for Trustees. Sister Emma J. Neale of Church Family. Sister Clarissa Jacobs of Second Family, and Sister Sarah J. Burger of North Family. This is the first time the sisters have been represented in the Order of Trustees at Mt. Lebanon.

Mon 31 Corinne goes to Pittsfield with Allen, who takes the Butter instead of Elder Timothy to day.

This closes the year.

Sale Work done by the Sisters 1900

Sister Matilda says She has made 13 shirts for the brethren. 2 pair of flannel drawers, for Robert V. Cut all the pockets for sale Cloaks. Louisa over-casts them ready for sewing on the machine. Made 37 Holders for the Store. Overcast 236 Cloaks. Knit wrists for 33 pair of Gloves, and knit 2 pair of mittens. Sister Matilda is in her 85th year.

Florinda has knit for Gloves 32 pair. works all the time making hoods for Cloaks.

Julia Ann knit for Gloves 9 pair. besides doing the brethrens mending alone, and other duties too numerous to mention.

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Anna Maria knit fur Gloves 5 pair
Days work on Aloaks 160
Trimming sale poplar work 12 days

Cornelia knit fur Gloves - 40 pair

Louisa run 203 Wapes. makes little cushions - bird holders - and many other fancy articles for the store. Takes a burden in picking out nuts.

Corinne wove poplar - 19 Yds
Gathered Straw - - 2 days
Split and wove chips - 5 1/4
Assisted R.V. in sorting for market -
Cherries 32 bushel. Asparagus 490 bunches
Rhubarb 90 " " worked at roots 1 1/2 days.
Picked 9 skins of fur yarn.

The sisters not mentioned as working for sale, are just as industrious and concerated in the family as these sisters are. We all work together and help each other.

Family Productions for Home use 1900

Peach Sauce	55	Gal.
Plum " "	10	"
Pear " "	50	"
Apple " "	45	"
Strawberry " "	5	"
Cherry " "	5	"
Blackberry " "	20	"
Jellie " "	26	"
Whortleberry " "	29	"
Currant " "	4	"
Raspberry " "	8	"
Tomatoe " "	10	"
" " stewed	190	"
" " pickled sweet	7	"
String beans	18	"
" pickled	3	"
Chow Chow	10	"
Chilli Sauce	8	"
Catchup "	18	"
Butter made	4,785	pounds
" sold	2,907	" "
Eggs	12,633	
Apples	700	bushels

Cucumber sweet pickle 14 gals.

Provisions Bought for the Family. 1900

Sugar		10	barrels
Tea		20	pounds
Coffee		150	" "
Rice		1	barrel
Oat Meal		4	" "
Wheat flour		36	" "
Graham "		5	" "
Gasolene		10	" "
Kerosene		6	" "
Salt fish		200	pounds.
Brooms		1	Doz.
Matches		1	Box
Soap		6	"
Starch		4	"
Cottolene	4 tubs	56	pounds each.
" "	1 Keg	100	" "

Supplement

We have to record two deaths this year. One brother and one sister. Gathered in five females, two women - and three girls. One left the family, a girl. Not so much sickness in the family this year as there was last year. We have a good supply of fruit and vegetables. Sister Amelia's Bees have given us some nice meals of Honey. For all our temporal blessings we give thanks.

The end!

January 1901

Tue 1 We begin a New Year, and a New Century! Elder Timothy greets all with a "Happy New Year" at the breakfast table which received a pleasant response.

The Washing and ironing is done as usual.

Wed 2 The school has had a week of vacation. Begins today. Brethren and hired men begin to harvest the annual supply of ice.

Thur 3 A man comes to weave mats for sale. It uses up the small pieces left of the cloth bought for sale Cloaks.

Fri 4 The job of getting in the ice is finished. And very nice. 3300 cakes Size 2 Ft Square. average weight of each - 1500 lbs. Average thickness 11 in Total weight 247½ tons. This work was performed in 3½ days.

Sab 5 Some from all the families meet with us again this morning. All take a part and the meetings are made more interesting because of our meeting to gather.

Tue 8 Washing and ironing.

Fri 11 Catherine Hurt who once lived at the Second Family, and Charles Weed's daughter make a short call - take dinner at the Office.

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Sat 12 We have rain and freeze just enough to make it very slippery

Sab 13 A good fall of snow gives us some fine sleighing. We have a Society meeting as usual in our large meeting room. Elder George Clark is here from Enfield Conn. and attends with us. The time is well filled with some heart felt testimonies against sin and all wrong.

Mon 14 The Ministry Sisters take early dinner and start for Hancock, return in the afternoon. Al Dick Sadie, Anna Maria and Carrie take a Sleigh ride to Hancock Village eight miles. get back at 3-15. 16 miles. Office team. Henry George takes a company of five, sisters and girls. The day, and sleighing is splendid!

Tue 15 Washing and ironing. Elder G. Clark is visiting Church Family to day.

Wed 16 Agents for the "Standard Oil Company" [illegible] come again and fill our Kerosene Oil Tank which holds two barrels.
Kate is working at the Office on Sale bopes.
Josephine is cutting rags for carpets. Mats.
Adelaide helps Julia Ann with the brethrens

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con - suending. They both assist in the kitchen - in the dining room and cook room. Josephine has been quite sick for two weeks past.

Thur 17 Adaline and Genevieve go to Pittsfield George has mended the cover to one of the sisters water-closets.

Fri 18 The Mat weaving is finished, and mats carried to the Office.

Sat 20 10 degrees below zero. We have a few from each family in our meeting this morning. The prominent gift of the meeting was consecration.

Mon 21 It is 20 degrees warmer and we are glad of it.

Tue 22 Washing and ironing. 40 degrees warmer to day. What changeable weather. We have two evenings entertainment from the Grammaphone this week, by kindness of brother Wallace.

Wed 23 We hear that Queen Victoria passed to spirit life yesterday p. m. at 6-30 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, is now King Edward 7th

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con — of England. And his wife is Queen Alexandra. Queen Victoria reigned 62 years.

Sat 26 The week has passed much as usual. Some colds, but no one sick at the Infirmary.

Sat 27 Morning meeting, good attendance. Thur. falls 20 degrees. A change in the Kitchen — Elizabeth and Eunice are the cooks, sister Amelia and Kate the bakers — Corinne and girl in dining room.

Mon 28 Emma J. And Sadie start for New York to purchase Cloak and fancy trimmings.

Tue 29 Washing and ironing.

Wed 30 The Ministry leave Lebanon for Waterlick. have been with us nine weeks.
Kate and Frederica go to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy to have some teeth filled.

Thur 31 Emma and Sadie return from New York by late train.
One month of the "New Year" has now past away. How rapidly time flies!

February 1901

Fri 1st The day is splendid, a good fall of snow gives us excellent sleighing.

Sat 3 A perfect day. Meeting in the morning. We are pleased to see a full attendance. Ferdinand took Josephine and two girls for a sleigh ride in the after noon.

Mon 4 Our washing is done at the North Family to day. Water frozen in lower pond which is nearly full of mud so that there is not much room for water.

Tue 5 We have had two very stormy days - northwest wind blowing in a strong gale all the time. Ther. at zero.

Wed 6 The storm increases, roads are almost impassable.

Thur 7 Sister Florinda being quite unwell, is cared for in her room by Anna Maria who lives with her.

Fri 8 To our great surprise our sister Florinda took a sudden exit to the spirit world about 7-30 p.m. We knew she was quite out of health - but did not think death was so near. It is another very sudden death and has given the family a great shock! The doctor pronounced her case an attack of the Grip in the stomach with acute Gastritis which closed her life. We realize that we have met with a great loss - yet we know our loss is her gain.

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Sat. 9 The Undertakers come with a coffin from Pittsfield. It is black lined with white satin. She looks beautiful, calm, and serene. In her hands she holds a bouquet of white flowers. An Artist comes to take her picture. He lives at the Second Family.

Sat 10 The funeral is held in our Meeting Room this p.m. at Sick. Elder Timothy conducted the meeting. It was well filled with testimonies commemorating the many virtues in the life character of our worthy sister. Her forgiving loving spirit her humility, and tenderness toward the erring, her strict adherence to principle and entire consecration to the interests of her home. Five pieces were written and read in the meeting giving expression more fully to the love we felt for our sister, and sorrow in parting with one so true and loyal in all the duties of life. All the families were represented in the meeting which continued two hours. The corpse was buried on Monday 11th.

Mon 11 Our washing is done at the North Family. A very pleasant sunshine all day. No. 6. is begun to be renovated - carpets Taken up and room thoroughly cleaned, and wood-work oiled which needed it badly. Ann Maria and Genevieve K. cleaned it.

Tue 12 The carpets are put down by Joseph and Emma O. Cornelia takes the main burden in picking up and disposing of our dear sisters earthly goods.

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Sat 17 The day is fair and our morning service is attended as usual

Mon 18 Washing done at the North Family. We had quite a scare at noon - the rubber ball which acts as regulator in the safty valve - in the Furnace below - burst and blew out of its place making a great commotion in the pipes and Radiators. No harm done however. Br Daniel puts a new ball in its place.

Wed 20 Sadie and Kate go to Pittsfield. Kate to have teeth filled.

Thur 22 Br. Robert H. goes to — in Conn.

Sat 24 Meeting in the fore-noon which all appear to enjoy. The youth and children have a singing meeting in the evening. We hope to have the benefit of their voices in our meeting for worship, one of these days.

Mon 25 Washing done at the North Family. The water in our pond is still frozen solid!

Tue 26 Br. Robert returns home.

Thur 28 The month closes with a bright, sunny day.

March 1901

Fri 1 Sarah Cutler and Kate go to Pittsfield. Thermometer 7 above Zero.

Sat 3 We enjoy a good spiritual meeting this morning. Much reference made to the founders of our community - their loyalty & consecration.

Mon 4 Our washing is again carried to the A.H.

Tue 5 W. Whyland an Organ tuner from Berlin is putting our instruments.

Fri 8 Julia Ann, Ann Maria, and Adelaide go to see Huldah who is quite low in health. We hope she may come up again when warm weather comes. Sarah Cutler goes to Pittsfield to have some teeth filled.

Sat 10 We have a meeting full of much speaking on various subjects - the import of which was how far we had drifted from our high calling and profession in Spiritual, and temporal things as well. We should be obliged to bear the Truth.

A change in the Kitchen - Address Dorothy and Genevieve in the dining room. Cornelia Jr girl in Bake room - Sarah Cutler and Annie C. in the Cook room.

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Tue 11 The washing is done at home to day. We had a great blow and rain last night and the storm continues to day with great fury.

Fri 15 Elder William Wilson from Enfield N.H. comes to make a short call and stay over the Sabbath.

Sat 17 We have a pleasant meeting - and our visitor is present with us

Mon 18 Elder William leaves for home.

Tue 19 Washing and ironing done to day as we have been accustomed to doing before going to the North Family to do our washing.

Sat 23 The weather is warm and pleasant. The Robins have sung their first pretty song to us.

Sat 24 Pleasant over head though very bad walking. This did not hinder our meeting for worship from the several families. Elder Timothy and Eldress Dorothy both being absent from meeting having bad colds, Sister Amelia lead the services which were conducted very agreeably and satisfactory to all.

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Tue 26 Washing and ironing - weather fine.

Wed 27 For a week past many of the family have ben more than half sick with Spring colds and a touch of the Grip. Adelaide is quite sick. Josephine has ben confined to her room for more than three weeks with general debility

" The brethren and hired men have begun to work at the wood, which is mostly used at the Office, Wash-house and Infirmary.

Thur 28 We are having a winter snow storm - a - blizard! Hicks said it would be so, and it is upon us.

Sat 30 The sun is trying to warm us, but the wind is piercing cold.

Sat 31 No meeting to day. Half the family are yet on the sick list. Each one is giving thanks to the Lord in their own quiet way. Brother Alonzo is staying at the Infirmary a few days. His lungs are very much effected, and a bad cold has made his condition much worse. We hope he will gain strength by this rest, and live a few years longer.

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Mon 1 The time is changed. Rise at 5 ock take breakfast at 6 ock
Corinne goes to Hancock on a little business
Thermometer at 33 deg. Much wind!

Tue 2 Washing and ironing. The sick are beginning to get better.

Wed 3 House cleaning commenced to day. The Attics, upper Hall, and clothes rooms cleand.

Thur 4 We hear the sad news this morning that our dear friend Huldah Bag died last night at 1/2 past 1 ock. We knew she had been failing in health for some time, but we have hoped to the last that she might be helped and live some years longer. George and Huldah Bag have been our kind and highly esteemed neighbors for more than thirty eight years!
" By Mail to day Sister Amelia receives a letter stating that her brother James is dead.

Sat 6 Seven of our family, Elder Timothy and Sisters, Dattend a little gathering at the house of George Bag this a.m. at 10 ock A Baptist Minister from the Springs is present—

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Con	–	he reads a passage from the Bible and offers a solemn and soul stirring prayer. We view the remains which is lovely in death – as she was beautiful in life. The funeral procession then moved on to Pittsfield where the services will be held this p.m. in the Chapel at the Cemetery. The roads are extremely bad, and dangerous in some places. We hope no accident will occur.
Sat	7	A rainy day. We have our own little home meeting which is made very pleasant and comforting by offerings from brethren & sisters.
Mon	8	No School this week, Sister Ada Brocon, one of the teachers is sick. May goes to the Teachers Institute, in Chatham, to spend the week.
Tue	9	Washing and ironing. The day is cloudy, a little snow, and a little rain keeps the weather dreary and the folks gloomy.
Wed	10	We hear that Elder Oliver Hampton of Union Village Ohio – has joined the immortals on the other side. He filled a position in the Ministry's Order many years. He also was a literary man wrote a great deal

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con — and contributed largely to the support of the "Manifesto" during the thirty years that it was published among our people.

We also hear that Elder John Whitely Minister over the Societies of Harvard and Shirley, has had the second stroke of Paralysis. Elder J. has gone to see him. Our Ministry are officiating in Enfield Conn. at prident time.

" Bro' Benjamin returns home. He has been spending the winter at Pleasant Hill Ky.

The sun smiled upon us ten minutes this p. m. the first time in four days.

Thurs 11 The sisters are doing a great deal of house
" cleaning. No 20 & No 18 are thoroughly
" cleaned, carpets taken up and Calcemined.
" The carpet is taken up in the Organ Room shaken and put down again.

One of the boys rooms No. 11 the carpet is taken up and a carpet that has been washed is put down in its place.

Fri 12 The Deaconess's Room have a new carpet which Elizabeth has had put down this week. It was bought in New York and is a very handsome carpet.

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Sab 14 Again the families meet with us for worship. The sick are getting around again, some of them. Br. Alonzo who has been absent from our meetings a few weeks is present this morning. Clarissa Dorothy is some better.

on the 12th — — Rudolph Hoffman from New York is admitted as a member of the family. age 5'8.

Mon 15 A miserable looking shanty attached to the north part of the Gan House - and which has been a disgrace to the Village for many years, was taken down last week and the place slicked up and now looks nice. We are very glad that this has finally come to pass, after much talk about doing it.

Tue 16 Washing and ironing. Weather fair.

Wed 17 Br. Benjamin takes early train for New York. The wood is finished for this season. School begins again to day.

Fri 19 Adelaide Willoughby (a young believer) leaves this morning for Lowell Mass. Her return is uncertain

Sab 21 A raing day. The North Family send a

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con - few from the Second Family meet with us. A change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Eunice with a girl are the Cooks. Sister Amelia and Kate the Bakers. Corinne and girl in the Dining Room.

Mon 22 The busy work has begun as usual with its ceaseless hurry and bustle. Anna Lane returns - she has been absent a few days on business.

Tue 23 Washing and ironing. It rains.

Wed 24 Br. Benjamin returns from New York. Jennie and Sirs clean sister Matilda's shop.

Thur 25 We have 24 hours of steady rain which satisfies us for this time. We have a bright sun set at the last.

John Beverage appears at our door again. He was in Florida the last we heard from him living with our little family at the "Olive Branch." He wishes to return to his home in Lebanon. Is advised to return to Florida, so takes the train for that port.

Fri 26 There is some change made in the sisters shops. Sarah Cutler moves from her shop at the Wash House - and takes all

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con – her things to her shop in the lower "Ye Loft". She has been occupying two shops. The deaconesses vacate their large shop at the Wash House – which the Office Sisters will occupy as a place for storing large rolls of Cloak cloth, or any other purpose they wish to use it for. Cornelia will move into the shop that Sarah has occupied. Elizabeth has a shop in the south East corner off the ironing room. In the winter season they will work in some of the shops in the Dwelling House.

Sat 27 Brother Robert Halford returns from New York by afternoon train.

Br. Benjamin has a bed prepared for him in the "Doctors Room" Brick Shop – so that he can make it as warm as he wants it cold nights. He keeps his room in the dwelling-house the same as he has done.

Sab 28 Morning meeting. The subject "Consecration" was discoursed at length by Elder Earnest and Br. David Offord.

Tue 30 Washing and ironing More rain to hurry along the blossoms and flowers.

The month of April has been unusually cold.

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Wed 1 An accident occurs! Elder Timothy, Sister Amelia, Hettie and little Ida go to Dillsfield. On the way home Gillotsons Mills the horse had the blind staggers and tipped over the waggon - throwing them all to the ground - cutting and bruising their faces badly. Elder Timothy had a sprained wrist and hand hurt. Amelia's right eye injured and right arm wrist bone cracked. Hettie a sprained ankle. Ida, eight years old, was not hurt. The people around were very kind to them, took them into the house and washed the blood and dirt from their faces, and bound up the cuts and wounds the best they could. A Telephone message was sent to Hancock - soon Elder Ira appeared on the ground with double team and brought them home safely.

Thur 2 Dr. Flanigan is sent for to pass examination. He pronounces them all curable.

Fri 3 All doing well. House cleaning progressing rapidly.

Some of the brethren are doing quite a large business hatching chickens by "Incubators". They are placed down cellar. The "Brooders" are under the ever-green trees south-west of the Dwelling House and so we see lots of little chicks of all ages and

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con sizes learning to "scratch" for their living without any Mother Hen to show them. They have a little space of ground boarded in for their special benefit. But preferring a larger range they crawl out and go where they please.

Sat 5 Elder Earnest of second Family leads the meeting, Our Elders all being absent. Eldress Dorothy on the sick list yet. Elder Timothy and sister Amelia not yet able to attend meeting. The Ministry sisters ride over from Hancock after dinner feeling anxious to see the unfortunate company who met with the accident, and find them all improving and feeling encouraged that they will soon be restored to their normal condition.

Tue 7 Our young believer Josephine Thompson starts for New York. Dr Flanigan accompanies her. Emma J. goes to Pittsfield with her in covered Carriage where she will take the train. She will go to a Hospital in the City. For six weeks past she has been confined to her room having a Dr. and nurse in constant attendance. Sister Amy, our venerable nurse, has faithfully performed this arduous duty. She is too much of an invalid for our Community.

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Wed 8 The Ministrys Kitchen and sisters bath-room are Calcemined. Also No 12 the room occupied by sister Julia Ann.

Thur 9 The Deacons Room is going through a thorough cleansing-carpets taken up and Calcemined. Br. Benjamin goes to New York.
A man Br. Alonzo has been corresponding with-comes to see how near we live to our profession.

Fri 10 The fence between the meeting House and Dwelling House is taken away, thus extending the Lawn north, as far as the Ministrys path. Br. Martin Jones has the charge of the Lawn, and he keeps it looking very nice.

Sat 11 Henry Schmid the man refered to, is a German, now from Scranton Pa. 43 years old. He is admitted into the family to day, will live with Br. Alonzo in No. 3.

" " The room Josephine Thompson has occupied, No 24, is cleansed thoroughly, carpet taken up and room Calcemined. Genevieve Kerrigan moves in, is expecting some girls to come and live with her.

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Sat 12 Eldress Dorothy is able to attend meeting with us this morning for which we are very thankful. Sister Amelia is getting better. Kate has been quite sick with an attack of "Grip" which took her in the throat. The doctor has treated her - she does not give up, but bravely continues to fill her place in the Bake room making the pies - and now that Amelia cannot use her right arm and hand but very little, she makes the bread, Amelia giving directions. They will long remember this term in the kitchen.

Tue 14 Washing and ironing

Wed 15 Kate, Genevieve and Hettie go to Pittsfield. Hettie has some teeth filled.

Fri 17 The Winter term of School closes to day for a long vacation. Now for lots of fun! Henry Cantell comes to make a little visit.

Sat 18 A rainy day.

Sol 19 It continues to rain. Some of the North Family - Elder Earnest and brethren of the Second Family attend our meeting.

May 1901

Tue 21 The Ministry come home to day to make some improvements in the Sisters shop. The carpet is taken up which is quite worn and a nice oil cloth is put down covering the entire floor. They take dinner in the Ministry's dining room. Finish the job and return to Hancock about 4 o'ck p.m.

" Washing and Ironing as usual. The long rain has made the trees and grass look beautiful.

Wed 22 The morning is bright and fair - and the birds are singing sweetly. Rudolph Hoffman concludes to return to Germany. Has lived in the family about six weeks. Takes the noon train bound for New York.

Thur 23 Cornelia and her girl Anna oil the Lower Hall which they have given a good Spring cleaning.

Bro' Benjamin returns from New York on the afternoon train.

Fri 24 The Drying room and Ironing room are cleaned to day. Emma J. hires a woman to come and help the few Sisters who are able to go.

Weather cool and pleasant.

May 1901

Sat 25 This week a law suit has been held by the Supreme Court against bro' Robert Valentine for the sum of $2,000 that he borrowed of August Lindeman a man living in New York to pay for some leasing of buildings in the City which begun in 1896. Bro' Robert was one of a company of men engaged in the enterprise which has proved a failure. He loses the case, the verdict is against him.

Sab 26 We enjoy a pleasant morning meeting.

Tue 28 Washing and ironing. rain rain - it has rained every day the past week.

Wed 29. The Ministry return to their Lebanon Home to remain a few weeks. Elder Joseph returns to Hancock with Elder Ira who came with them. Elder Joseph is called to Shirley again to see Elder John Whitely. He had a stroke of paralysis about eight weeks ago which renders him unable to attend to business. This brings another burden on our Ministry.

" Henry Cantrell finishes his visit and takes the train for Buffalo. this morning.

We have had six inches of rain this month.

June 1901

Sat 1 A great amount of house cleaning has been done this spring. It is time now to quit that kind of business and enjoy the summer.

Sab 2 Our morning meeting is made pleasant by the presence of the Ministry Sisters.

A change in the kitchen - Eldress Dorothy and her girl Genevieve in the dining room - Cornelia and girl in the bake room - Sarah Cutler and Anna Cuppers are the Cooks.

Mon 3 Margaret Bedell comes to see us once more. Julia Ann and a girl go to Lebanon Depot to meet her. Benjamin starts to New York this morning.

Tue 4 Margaret takes the noon train for Poyville where she will spend a day and then return to Athens her home. Julia Ann and Ann Maria accompany her to the Depot and then take a fine drive on the Albany road. return about 3 o'ck.

Wed 5 Cornelia takes early train to Albany this morning to see her Uncle David who is quite sick and desired to see her. Kate goes in the bake room for her. Sister Amelia

June 1901

Mon – and Elizabeth go to Pittsfield.

Thur 6 Cornelia returns on late train. Henry G. and two girls go to meet her. Her uncle is no better, may slip away any time with heart trouble.

Sat 8 George has put 26 drawers in the dining room tables for the brethren and sisters to put their napkins in.

Sab 9 Meeting as usual, some from all the families attending.

Tue 11 Washing and ironing weather beautiful!

Wed 12 Sister Amelia starts for Cattaraugus to spend a few weeks with her relatives there. Elder Joseph comes home.

Thur 13 Sister Matilda is quite sick, about two days ago she had a stroke of paralysis which effected her brain and left side. The sisters watch with her nights – Louisa cares for her through the day in her room. The doctor and Jane administer the medicine – which we hope will help her to feel better.

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Fri 14 The lower rooms in the Laundry are given a good cleaning. A woman is hired to help the sisters perform the laborious job.

Sat 15 It is decided to have sister Matilda taken to the Infirmary. Her bed, two chairs, and things for present use in clothing &c are also carried there. She remains about the same.

Sab 16 Elder Joseph attended meeting with us this morning, we were much pleased to see him and feel his blessing and love so freely extended to all.

Tue 18 Washing and ironing. we have another splendid June day.

Br. Benjamin returns from New York - he has been to Jacksonville Florida also. A great traveler, truly, is our 84 years old brother.

Wed 19 The Sisters Sitting Room is going through a good cleansing - Calcemined - and floor oiled. Kate and Hettie are performing the job. The old oil-cloth that has been under the stove is re-placed by another from the Office that has been used some. Cornelia receives word that her Uncle David is dead. He died on the 16th.

June 1901

Sat 23 Last night we had a terrific electric shower continuing full three hours. Our service this morning is made interesting by good speaking from the brethren and sisters.

Sun 24 Washing and ironing. Weather hot. 90° in the shade.

Mon 25 Eldress Harriet takes early train having some business in Poughkeepsie. Eldress A. and Anna Maria ride over the mountain to Hancock with her.
The sisters are engaged in the fruit room hulling strawberries. 7 crates are bought by Elder Timothy.

Thurs 27 Ferdinand, Cornelia, Annie & Fredrica Kuppers go to Pittsfield.
Eldress Harriet returns and Lucy Bowers with her to make a short call.

Sat 29 The early cherries are beginning to be picked. sisters busy in the fruit room putting them for sauce. The Deaconesses stow room and sauce cellar ~~are~~ cleaned this week.

Sat 30 We enjoy a quiet meeting together the families as usual. Young present.

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Mon 1 Cherries a picked rapidly now to cheat the birds. Sisters sort for sale and prepare them for canning. Joe the painter comes to paint the dining room wall the first coat. It has needed it a long time.

Tue 2 Washing and ironing Mercury 92 this p.m. we have a thunder shower the first rain in three weeks, 1/2 an inch falls for which we give thanks.

Wed 3 The roof on kitchen veranda is mended and painted.

Thur 4 Independence Day! The young people give an entertainment in the evening which showed the spirit of the day. The programme was arranged and carried out by the company which showed some talent in that direction. We listen to music by the Organ, and singing. One of the boys played an accompaniment on a "Lobo Cornet" which was quite amusing. Rehearsals in great variety and dialogues followed. We also enjoy refreshments - ice cream - lemonade - & cake.

Sat 6 The week slipped on with its usual daily rounds of duty. We have a little more rain.

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Sat 7 We have a few spectators in our meeting this morning. Annie Moody is a visitor at the Harth Family she remains after service, takes dinner at the Office and spends the after noon with us.

Mon 8 Henry Schmid, the German, leaves to day & returns to his former home in Penn. While with us he has been an orderly - quiet - industrious man - and very neat and clean in his personal habits.

Wed 10 The Ministry leave Lebanon for Watervliet. The day is pleasant. The sisters are picking Currants to put up for sale. And also to make Jelly.

Our water fails - leaks in pipes in one or more places the cause. The dry weather has caused the Cistern to be low. We depend on our Spring House in the cellar for all our supplies in the house. The Kitchen sisters feel the lack of water the most, it doubles their labor - but they bear it patiently.

Fri 12 Sister Annie Kate and two girls, and Martine and two boys take the first trip up the mountain for huckle-berries get 30 Qts. start in the afternoon.

Weather lovely!

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Sat 13 Water comes - pipes mended once more - but we must be saving Cistern not half full. Water closets closed for a week.
Marion and four boys go on the mountain in the afternoon and get 26 lbs of huckleberries

Sab 14 Morning service is held as usual. Our friend Emily Tilden attends with some other company.
A change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Eunice are the cooks with a youth girl. Corinne and girl in the dining room. Kate and a girl in the Bake room until Amelia returns which will be this week.

Mon 15 Br. Benjamin takes early train for New York. Daisy Wells comes to see her brothers and sister.

Tue 16 Sister Amelia returns from her visit - has enjoyed it very much and health improved by the change and rest.
Washing and ironing. In the after-noon the sisters pick a bushel of raspberries from the vines Elder Calvin set out. 92 ° in the shade.

Wed 17 Daisy has a boarding place at the Springs - and comes to the Village to visit her relatives as often as she wishes.

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Thur 18 Ten mostly boys and girls go on the Mountain and get 80 lbs of Huckle-berries

Sat 20 Frank Bachus comes with a man to repair the Sisters Water-closet which has needed fixing some time.
Sister Amelia Marten, two boys and three girls go on the Mountain in the p.m. get 39 lbs. that makes 150 lbs that have been picked this week.
Sisters at home pick 28 lbs of Rasp-berries.

" Br. Benjamin returns from New York.
Eldress Dorothy is working in the dining room a week longer so that Corinne can finish with the Cherries. She takes the burden of preparing the Cherries for market picked from Center Family trees which belong to Br. Robert Valentine

Sat 21 The day opens most lovely. Some people from Mooka, a Judge, and others of note who are stopping awhile at Lebanon Springs attend our morning services.

Mon 22 Annie Neale, (Mrs Wade) arrives by afternoon train to spend a week with us.

Tue 23 The Mother of our Supper girls. Annie 15

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con - and Frederica 13 comes and takes them home with her. It is their choice to go with their Mother. They leave this p.m. take the night boat down to New York.

Wealtha Manning (Mrs B. W. Hall) comes this p.m. to visit her old home and friends). She spent her childhood and youth in this family.

Wed 24 A company of ten go on the South mountain to pick huckleberries. Martin & Cornelia - the rest are youth boys and girls. Get 80 lbs. Weather lovely!

" Sarah Cutler has some friends from New York Mrs. Jennie Stevenson and her Daughter Carrie. They are expecting to board at the Springs a few weeks. Only stay a few days here.

Fri 26 Wealtha leaves this morning. Elbridge D. and Adaline ride to Pittsfield with her.

Sat 27 George Duncan has finished a shed this week behind the sisters Dairy near the Dairy. It had been dilapidated condition some years. Now the old rotten part is removed, a new roof is put in place of the old one, and general appearances much improved.

Sat 28 We have a beautiful rain from 6 o'ck till 9-30. At that time the sun came out and shone brightly

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— inviting the North Family to come and joen with us in worship, and they did so. Mrs. Stevenson her daughter and daughters husband attended the meeting. They will board at the Springs a few weeks to gain renewed health by breathing the pure air of Mount Lebanon.

Mon 29 Our ever busy little brother Martin re-washes the Dining Room Radiators with a nice silver coating which improves their appearance very much. He also does the Radiator in the Ministry's Kitchen. Sisters pick Raspberries.

Tue 30 We wash and iron as usual. Weather splendid. Daisy Wells comes and takes her final leave of relation and friends this fore-noon, and starts on her return trip to Washington.

Wed 31 In the evening five brethren and eight sisters go to attend a musical entertainment in the Congregational Church New Lebanon. Given by Miss Alice Rosetta Bell and Andrew Higgins. The result was disappointing.

" Martin, Cornelia and a few boys and girls went on the mountain and picked 2 3/4 qts of huckle-berries. Raspberries picked at home.

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Thur 1 To day sister Amelia joins the company and ascends the mountain for huckleberries, they bring home 84 qts.

Fri 2 Henry Clough, Andrew Dalton, his sister Frances and her two children call and take dinner at the Office. They spend the afternoon with us. All but Henry and Andrew are boarding near Queechy Lake a few weeks. The men return to New York on Sunday.
" Sisters work in the fruit room all day.

Sat 3 A busy week closes. Sister Amy is taken quite sick, is suffering great pain in her left side the doctor is sent for immediately. We hope she may soon be relieved.

Sab 4 The theme of our morning meeting is the Advent of Mother Ann and her little band of eight followers landing in America 127 years ago on Aug 6th. A few spectators were present, mostly from Columbia Hall Lebanon Springs. A woman who has lately come to the North Family as an enquirer spake quite lengthy of her experience. Appears honest and seeking for truth.
" The "Salvation Army" are again holding camp meetings in the Grove near Lebanon Springs. Five

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con — brethren and two boys - eleven sisters and three girls go this p.m. to attend their meeting. Sister Matilda has a short ride in the Covered Carriage.
" A company go again in the evening.

Mon 5. A large company of the Army called at the Office this p.m. Eight Sisters and girls 6 brethren and boys go to night. A band of music will add to the interest of the meeting.

Tue 6. Br. Benjamin starts for New York.
Washing and ironing. Our deaconesses made an exchange with the North Church - they gave us a bushel of blackberries which are home production and splendid berries. In return we gave them a bushel of nice pickle berries.

Wed 7 Cornelia with her "staff" of help cann six bushels of early Apples which we shall enjoy on the table next winter.
" Augustus Stone his wife and son arrive on the afternoon train. Joseph Quinn is absent a few days from home for a change.

Fri 9 The brethren and sisters continue to attend the meetings at the Grove through the week.
Twelve of the "Salvation Army" take supper at the

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con – office. This adds to the work there. The A. F. also gave supper to twelve.

Sat 10 Sister Anny is some better. The doctor pronounces her case to be congestion of the liver. Our Sister Anna Lane is her nurse, as she needed constant attention and Eldress Dorothy is attending to the general duties of the Infirmary.

Sat 11 The North Family lost a barn by fire last night and one hundred tons of new hay well stored. Some horses were fortunately saved from the flames.

We have our usual morning service – a large number of spectators were present. In the afternoon nearly all the family go to the meeting in the Grove. The evening meeting is attended also by a few.

Mon 12 Augustus Stone and company leave this morning. Julia Ann, and Anna Maria go to Pittsfield with them and spend the day with other relatives who are stopping a short time at the Berkshire Health Institute Pittsfield. Which is under the direction of Dr. C. W. Amerige

" The last meeting is held this evening by the Salvation Army for this season. It has a large attendance

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con	–	from our family, and from all the other families in the Village.
Tue	13	Washing and ironing. Br. Benjamin returns from New York.
Wed	14	Accompany go to the South Mountain to pick Huckle-berries. get 6 0 qts.
Thur	15	The sisters are cutting and canning many of the early Apples. Butternut meats are picked out by the chore sisters between times. Bro Benjamin kindly assists.
Sat	17	No special events this week out of the usual routine of duty. Orders for Sale Cloaks are keeping the sisters engaged in that business very busy.
Sab	18	The families meet with us for worship. With various gifts from brethren and sisters we pass a pleasant hour. A few spectators were present.
Mon	19	Our office sisters, Emma J. and Carrie take early train expecting to be absent a few days making sales for Cloaks, and a variety of fancy articles. They go North as far as Lake Champlain. Anna Lane returns to the Office. Sister Amy

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con - is steadily improving growing a little stronger each day. The father of Charles and Eva Chatfield called yesterday to see his children - leaves early this morning. We are enjoying some fine peaches on the table picked from our own trees.

Tue 20 Washing and ironing. This evening an electric storm began and extended far into the night. 1/2 inch of rain fell.

Thur 22 Emma and Carrie return. A new girl is taken into the family - brought here by a Mrs. Carpenter from New Jersey who adopted her when three years old. Her name is Elsie E. Ashfield 12 years old.

Sat 24 Mrs Carpenter leaves this morning. About noon Elder Ira drove over from Hancock with the Ministry Sisters. They take dinner at the Office - have business with the sisters there. Also make a brief call on the other families. Elder Ira returns for them at 6 o'ck. They will return to Waterviet on Monday.

We have had 3 1/4 inches of rain this week.

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Sab 25 Morning service as usual.
" A change in the Kitchen. Eldress Dorothy remains at the Infirmary. Jennie and a girl in the dining room Sister Amelia remains in the kitchen and takes the cooking - Sarah C. with her. Cornelia and girl in the bake room.
" Eldress Dorothy has a Nephew come to visit her. Her brother John's son, from Troy.

Mon 26 Henry Baker and Sarah Brown rode over the mountain from Pittsfield - arrive here at 11-30.
Julia Ann has a Niece and three children come to visit her.
Br. Robert Halford and his boy Charlie Chatfield have been absent a few days - return by afternoon train.

Tue 27 Sister Amelia and two Wells boys go to Pittsfield.
Br. Benjamin leaves for New York.
Washing and Ironing. Weather fine.

Wed 28 Canning of Tomatoes begin to day. The sisters prepare ten bushels.
Corinne and Iris go to Pittsfield.
Julia Ann's Niece, Mrs. Peters, and family leave this morning for New York. They are from Montana, and are visiting their friends and relatives in the East.

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Thur 29 Sarah Cutler and Kate Wells go to Pittsfield. Eldress Dorothy's Nephew leaves for Troy.

Fri 30 The sisters work all day in the fruit room canning pears. Louisa and the girls pick out buttoned meats.

Sat 31 This week closes the beautiful month of August. Eldress Dorothy still remains at the Infirmary.

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Sat 1 The day is rainy. Our constant friends, the North Family, do not forsake us in bad weather, and meet with us in service this morning.

Mon 2 The washing and ironing is done to day. Sister Matilda is feeling so much better, it is her choice to move back to the dwelling house. Her bed and things are moved to day.

Tue 3 The sister sort and cut pears for canning.

Wed 4 Margaret Kerrigan comes and brings her daughter Henrietta, who left a year ago, back to remain with us. The sisters have a large days work canning Tomatoes. Fifteen

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con	–	bushels are worked up. Elder Timothy buys five bushels of Peaches.
Thur	5	Sister Amy goes to Cheshire to spend a few days for a change and rest. Henry George and Eunice go with her. They return same day with a load of Peaches. Elder Timothy and brother Robert Halford go to New York.
Sat	7	To care for the fruit has been the work of the main portion of the Sisters the past week. Pears, peaches, and plums, all ripe and ready for harvesting. Elder Timothy and brother Robert return home to day.
Sab	8	Morning meeting. We have a bright day. A public singing meeting is held in our meeting room beginning at 1/2 p. 2 o'clk. All the singers in the Village are invited to attend.
Mon	9	Washing and ironing done.
Tue	10	Margaret Kerrigan takes the train for New York this p.m. 15 bushels of Tomatoes

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Mon – prepared for winter use. Elizabeth makes Catchup.

Wed 11 Plums and Pears are prepared for canning Sisters are very busy in the fruit room.

Thur 12 George Turner cuts a hole thro' the wall in room No 6. also one thro' the closet wall and chimney with the expectation of putting a Stove in the room, when needed, for the comfort of aged people, and any one who does not feel able to bear the change of weather during Autumn and Spring when the house furnace is not heated.

Sat 14 Manny Calver calls and spends the Sabbath with us. Is on a business trip to Pittsfield. Mrs. Charles Sears and son from Chillicothe Ohio come on late train.

Sab 15 We have many heavy showers during the day. North, and Second Families attend our meeting. Singing school in the afternoon all the singers in the Society are invited to come.

Mon 16 Waller, Mrs. Sears son, leaves for Buffalo this morning. Manny Calver takes the

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— — train for Boston.
Washing and ironing done again to day.

Tue 17 Sisters work on Tomatoes all day for Canning.

Wed 18 Sister Amy Reed returns home from Cheshire feeling much improved by the little visit and rest that she has had. Henry George and Sadie Hale go to Pittsfield to meet her.

Thur 19 Prisident Mc Kinley was shot on the 6th inst. by an assassin while attending the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo and died in that City on the 14th inst. This day is appointed by Our new President Theodore Roosevelt to be observed by all the Churches in the United States, as a day of mourning and prayer. And also that on this day his remains will be consigned to its last resting place, Canton Ohio. We held a Society meeting in our home Chapel at the usual hour 10 o'clk. which was well filled by those present in speaking, reading and singing, all appropriate to the occasion. At the close we sang "Nearer My God to Thee" President Mc Kinley's favorite Hymn. Three verses. We kneel in prayer for the Leaders of the Nation.

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Fri 20 The family buy ten baskets of Peaches from the Church Family at Enfield Conn.

Sat 21 Friend Hopkins and wife from New York come to spend the sabbath with us.
Bro' Robert Halford has been confined to his room with a bad cold, is now convalescent.

Sab 22 Morning meeting. a large number of spectators are present. A singing meeting in the p.m.

Mon 23 Wash and iron again to day.

Tue 24 We attend the funeral of brother Seir David of Second Family at 2 o'ck p.m. The services are held in our meeting room by request of Elder Earnest. A good number from all the families come to pay the last tribute of respect to a worthy brother. He has spent more than fifty years in consecrated service in the Community. Was a Jew before joining the Shaker Order.

Thur 26 The School House is cleaned to day. Four from our family help.

Fri 27 Mary Ann Sears leaves this morning. She has spent five days in Pittsfield in these two weeks.

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Sat 28 Mrs. Cohen, Hettie's Step Mother comes to see her.

Sat 29 We have our usual morning meeting. The Father of Charlie and Sirs Chatfield having business in town attends meeting, takes dinner and visits his Children. Leaves in the after noon.

Mon 30 Mrs. Cohen returns to her home in New Jersey. Brother Benjamin takes morning train for New York. Washing and ironing.
A door is made in the kitchen Coal Pit, which should have been done a long time ago. It will keep the kitchen department and hall much cleaner from coal dust. Also some shutters have been made for the meal room windows.
Cost of job $6.75 cts paid by Cornelia.

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Tue 1 Joe, the painter, and his assistant have begun to paint the Dwelling House windows. Paint south and East side first.
The South Family have given us Pumpkins in exchange for Tomatoes.
Five barrels of Gasoline is brought from Depot to day, and put in the large Tank.
Weather cool and bracing.

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Sat 5 Elder Timothy does not feel able finally to have all the windows painted this year. The South, East, and nearly all the west windows have been painted once over. They very much need two coats of paint. The job may be finished another year. Painters leave to day.

Sab 6 Morning meeting and a long Singing meeting in the after-noon.

Mon 7 Washing and Ironing. The winter term of School commences to day.

Tue 8 Hettie Cohen moves from No 22 down to No 6 to live with Ann Maria.

Wed 9 Eight brethren and boys start for a days excursion to Lenox and other places of note.
Bro' Benjamin returns from New York. Some law business called him there.

Sat 13 A raing day. All the families are represented in our morning meeting.

Mon 14 The water in the pond below the Machine Shop is drawn off for the purpose of digging it out, which will be hired done. Washing is done at the South family.

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Wed 16 Sister Sadie Neale, Kate Wells and Allen Wells - take early train for Buffalo expecting to spend a few days at the "Pan American" Exposition

Sat 19 The sisters return from Buffalo on late train. Allen remains a few days longer.
We close another busy week.

Sab. 20 Morning meeting as usual. Society singing meeting in the afternoon.

Mon 21 Three brethren start for Buffalo to see the "Pan American". Fircken and G. Martin Jones and George Duncan. They will take the night train.
Washing done again at the South Family.

Tue 22 The sisters begin to cut Forage Root in the fruit room. Six sisters and four brethren.
Our dear sister Maria Sapsley had a stroke of apoplexy two days ago. Is now suffering with severe pain in her right side. The doctor and dear Amy and Eldress D. are doing all they can to ease her pain.
The Standard Oil Company come again and fill our Kerosene Oil Tanks.
Elder Timothy goes to Philadelphia on business.
the weather is splendid this week.

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Fri 25 Two sisters and hired help cut Sovereign Root at the drying Kiln to day.

Sat 26 Sister Maria passes to Spirit life at 1 o'ck-30- this morning. She has been a great sufferer and we are thankful that her releasement came so soon. Sisters watched only three nights. The brethren return from Buffalo, Allen with them. Report a very pleasant time.
Elder Timothy returns from Phila'.

Sab 27 No morning service. The funeral of our sister is attended this p.m. commencing at 2 o'ck. All the families are present. Elder Timothy opened the meeting by reading a portion of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Christs sermon on the Mount. When he had read the verse "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" he closed the book, saying - Our sister was in truth a peace maker - she was loving and kind to all - And these virtues were hers in a pre-eminent degree. She was meek, merciful, pure and peaceable. These remarks were followed by many tributes of respect and appreciation of our sisters consecrated life by the brethren and sisters.
" The burial of the corpse took place on Monday. Sister Maria was 80 last June.

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Fri 1 The farmers begin to thrash, or, I should say the machinery for thrashing has arrived and business commenced. It is a hired job.
For a week past the brethren have been digging out and repairing the drain from Infirmary to the Office. Also the drain South of the Dwelling House - and new piping put in
Sarah Cutler and Lyman go to Pittsfield
The weather is lovely.

Sat 3. Morning service at the usual hour. Singing meeting and Bible class held at the Second Family in the p.m. Ferdinand gives the sisters a ride after taking the singers to Second Family. Julia Ann Anna Maria and Eunice

Mon 4 The time is changed! We now rise at half past 5 o'ck. and take breakfast at half past 6 o'ck.
Washing done at the North Family.
The man who has taken the job of digging out the pond comes to stay with help and begins business.
Bro' Benjamin and bro' Robert V. start to New York for the purpose of making sale for Sorage Root and Sweet corn.
The Ministry sisters ride over the Mountain this beautiful morning from Hancock. They

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con	-	held a brief conference with the Eldresses and Office sisters on the subject of appointing a new nurse to fill the vacancy at the Infirmary. It is decided for sister Anna Lane to go to the Infirmary and be assistant nurse with sister Amy. The Ministry did not take dinner. Immediately returned to Hancock. Elder Joseph is in Maine helping the poor family at Alfred, who met with such a loss by fire a few months ago.
Wed	6	The brethren take down the large pipe vrs stend of "the Loft" on curling house. It was used for ventilation, and is not needed any more.
Thur	7	Sisters Amy and Cornelia go to Pittsfield.
Sat	9	The family are in usual health, and business moving on in every department.
Sab	10	We begin to feel the near approach of winter. Morning service with good attendance. Singing meeting and Bible class at the second Family.
Mon	11	Washing done at the N.Y. Br. Benjamin and Robert return from New York. cold and rainy.

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Tue 12 A steady pour of rain all day.

Wed 13 We have our first snow storm with a strong wind blowing from the North west.
Sister Anna Lane moves from the Office to the Infirmary.
Cornelia and Hettie give the Fruit Room a thorough cleansing. Jennie assists.

Thur 14 Eldress Dorothy has been at the Infirmary some over fifteen weeks. She now returns to the family

Sat 16 The two goblet Chesnut Trees standing north of the Dairy are cut down. They were planted there seventy five years ago. And have seen many generations pass away - but like the good aged people that they grew up with they have stood firm. Now the woodman's axe cuts them down and we see them no more.
Tenderly we say, good by, dear old friends.

Sab 17 Morning service unusually interesting. The singers meet at second family in the p.m.
Change in the Kitchen. Eldress D.A Jennie in dining room, Sister Emilie and Sarah C. in the Cook room, Cornelia and Hettie in the bake room.

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Mon 18 Wash at the North Family again. Weather fine - snow melting away.

Tue 19 Our aged sister Matilda is suffering a second stroke of paralysis. She remains in her room. The sisters are giving her the best of attention night and day. The doctor and nurses spare no pains to make her feel as comfortable as she can in her condition.

Thur 21 She is carried to the Infirmary - the house is so cold for the watchers at night, and it is easier for the nurses to care for her.

Sat 23 The largest portion of the pipe taken from the Tee of dwelling house is put up on the west side of the dairy. It serves as a Chimney for a stove pipe in the north room on which a stove has been put the house is so cold.

Sab 24 A stormy day. The North and second Family attend meeting with us.
The singing meeting was held at the N. F. on Wednesday evening. omitted to day.

Mon 25 The washing is done at the North Family again. Thermometer 13 above Zero.

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Tue 26 Five sisters with the help of a boy dressed 16 fowls for home use.

Thur 28 "Thanksgiving Day". All the families assemble in our large Meeting Room to sing speak and give thanks. We have a profitable meeting. Weather very cold.

" The men who have been engaged digging out the pond finish to day. Two men only have been at the work.

Cost of the job - Two hundred & fifty dollars.

Sat 30 The month closes to day, which reminds us there is but one more, and the year of 1901 is gone forever!

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Sab. 1 Our morning meeting is very interesting, much said on the subject of consecration. Also a testimony against reading improper and light trashy literature which debases the one who indulges in such reading morally and spiritually. Two spectators were present. Society singing meeting and Bible class at 2nd Family Lock p. m.

Tue 3 The washing is now done at home. Ironing is also done to day.
4 inches of snow fell in 24 hours.

Wed 4 Br Benjamin returns from New York.

Thur 5 Sister Lorissa Rice, of the South Family passed to Spirit life to day at the ripe age of 90 Y.

Fri 6 Mercury 10 below Zero.

Sat 8 Eldress Miriam Offord from Enfield Conn. is present in our morning meeting. She is spending a few days at the N. Y.
In the afternoon the society attend the funeral of our venerable sister, commencing at 2 o'ck. She had been family nurse fifty years, and

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Con — had never taken drugs or medicine of any kind during her long and active life. Her great benevolence, kindness and love for all with faithfulness in duty, has won for her the glad welcome — "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

Good sleighing. 9 inches of snow on the ground.

Mon 9 Sister Matilda grows weaker, and fails perceptible as the weeks go by. The sisters continue to watch with her nights. Our devoted brother Alonzo had a fall on the ice one slippery morning when coming from his shop to breakfast. In the fall he seriously hurt his spine. He remains in his room at the Laboratory and guides the business. The brethren take good care of him with help from the sisters.

Tue 10 Washing and ironing. Weather mild as April rain and sun is melting the snow fast.

Eldress Miriam and her sister Ann make us a short visit in the afternoon. Ann will move from the North Family and return with Eldress Miriam to Enfield. She will make her home in the Church Family. Fanny Upton by an urgent request, returns to her former home at the North Family. Thus the change is made.

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Thur 12 Bro' Benjamin starts this morning for Pleasant Hill Kentucky.

Fri 13 We see our good brother Alonzo around again in the family and at the table. He is feeling much better.
Our esteemed friend J. C. Winters makes a short business call. Stays with us only over one night and then away to New York.

Fri 15 Our morning service is postponed until 2 o'clock p.m.

Tue 17 Wash and iron weather fair.
Our dear Ministry return to Lebanon. Have been absent since July 10th

Sat 21 No unusual events to record this week. Of the weather we will say Mercury has registered 10 below Zero. 36 above in the last two weeks.

Sab 22 At the breakfast table Elder Timothy reads a short writing informing the family, that the day will be observed as a day of self examination and prayer. Each one rendering an account of how the time has been spent in the past year, and how near we have come to living the Christ life that we profess to live. No Meetings

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Mon 23 The weather continues to be fair

Tue 24 Washing and ironing. A few inches of snow covers the ground and more is falling.

Wed 25 Christmas! The families attend meeting with us. Also our dear Ministry are present. The gift of the meeting was, forgiveness, love, and more forbearance one with an other, and the need of gaining a greater degree of Union and blessing for all.

We had a nice dish of honey for breakfast made by our own little busy Bees.

In the evening the family enjoy an entertainment by the young people. It was very pleasant and gave general satisfaction. Brother Daniel Offord attended by special invitation.

Mrs. Chatfield arives by afternoon train to visit her children, Charlie and Ira.

Thur 26 Elder Joseph H. goes to Shirley for a few days on business. Elder Timothy and bro Robert S. take early train for New York.

Brother Benjamen returns from Pleasant Hill.

Sat 28 Elder Joseph returns - also the two brethren

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con – from New York.

Sat 29 It rains hard – bad going. We have our meeting by our selves this morning. The Ministry exhort all to more faithfulness and courage in pursuing the high-way of holiness. Many spoke of their determination to renew their covenant of consecration for the New Year.

In the evening sister Amelia holds her bible class in the Sisters Sitting Room.

Mon 30 It is raining yet – rained all night. Our "Beautiful Snow" has nearly all disappeared again. What changeable weather we do have.

Elder Joseph off on business again.

Tue 31 Washing and ironing. Weather mild. A beautiful sun-set closes the month and the year.

Good bye kind year, we walk no more together,
But there in quiet happiness we part,
And from the faded fern and heather
I take some sprays and wear them near my heart.

the end of 1901

Sale Work by the Sisters 1901

Julia Ann knit 13 pair of Fur Gloves.
also assisted in making 40 Splint Baskets for the store.

Cornelia knit 50 pair of Fur Gloves, and quilted the foundations for the Baskets Julia finished.

Louisa fills the most of her time in making little needle books. Bird holders and various sale articles for the store.

Anna Maria knit 16 pair of Fur Gloves.
Days work for sale - 170.

Corinne Assists for market
Cherries — — 110 bushels.
Rhubarb — — 120 bunches.
Asparagus — — 325 " "
Gathered Straw bleached and woven
Chips — — 38
Braid — — 23 Yds.

Sarah Cutler is employed on the Medicine and takes her regular turn in the kitchen.

The young sisters pick some fur yarn - braides attend School - doing house work - and a great amount of Kitchen work.

Family Productions for Home use 1901

Apple	Canned	95	Gal
Huckleberry	" "	47	"
Raspberry	" "	20	"
Quince	" "	8	"
Pear	" "	6	"
Tomatoe	" "	6	"
" " sliced	" "	9	"
Quince Jelly	— —	8	"
Raspberry " "	— —	4	"
Strawberry	Canned	29	Gal
Pear	" "	70	"
Plum	" "	50	"
Cherry	" "	70	"
Peach	" "	55	"
Siberian Apple	" "	8	"
Sliced Tomatoe	" "	100	"
Yellow " "	" "	10	"
Catchup	" "	14	"
Chow chow	" "	18	"
Sweet pickle cucumber	" "	18	"
Onion " "		4	"
Jelly	— — —	14	"
Butter made		4,524	lbs
" " sold		2,332	"
Home made Honey		135	"

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Continued - Apples - - 200 bushels
- - - - Eggs - - 9,944

Bought — For Family use
Yeast - - - $4.00
Crackers - - - $1.25 cts
Salsoda - - - $1.00
Clock - - - $1.00
Rubber for Jars - - - $2.00
Cheese - - - $1.00
Cranberry - - - $1.50
Dryed Currents for the Kitchen 36 cts
Raisons " " " " 30 "
Gold dust - - - 25 "
Door and shutters for Coal Pit and meal Room.
New springs for Dining Room door - $8.00
Bill paid by Cornelia French.
Deaconess

Family Journal 50 cts

Provisions Bought for the Family 1901

Sugar	– –	9	barrels
Molasses	– –	1	" "
Tea	6 chests	25	Lbs. each
"	1 "	50	"
Coffee	– –	100	Lbs.
Rice	– –	100	"
Oat meal	– –	5	barrels
Wheat flour	– –	34	" "
Graham	– –	2	" "
Kerosene Oil	– –	450	Gal.
Gasolene	– –	9	barrels
Salt Fish	– –	76	Lbs.
Cottolene	– –	2,12	"
Brooms	– –	2	Doz.
Soap	– –	6	Boxes
Starch	– –	2	" "
Matches	– –	1	" "

Supplement

During the past year four have left our family, and two girls have been taken into the family. Two deaths to record, sisters. Some other serious cases of sickness, but all are now restored to their usual state of health. Garden products fair. Early fruit, Pears, Plums and Cherries - also Huckleberries abundant. Apples early and late very scarce. Potatoes - almost a failure. We live, and have enough.

Bought for the Family 1902

Yeast	$4.00
Crackers	" 1.50
Oven repairing	" 11.00
Prunes	" 1.00
Door Bell	" 1.00
Strawberry plants	" 1.00
Cheese	" 1.50
Cranberries	" 1.00
Baking Powders	" 1.25
Buckwheat	75 cts
Dried Currants	36 "
Raisons	75 "
Coconut	75 "
Gold Dust	20 "
Nutmegs	50 "

total $26.31 cts

Bill paid by Cornelia

Provisions Bought for the Family 1902

Sugar		9	barrels
Molasses		1	"
Tea	6 chests	28	lbs each
"	1 "	50	"
Coffee		100	"
Rice		100	"
Oat meal		5	barrels
Wheat flour		34	" "
Graham "		2	" "
Kerosene Oil		4,50	Gal.
Gasolene		9	barrels
Salt Fish		96	lbs
Cottolene		2 12	"
Brooms		2	Doz.
Soap		6	Boxes
Starch		2	" "
Matches		1	" "