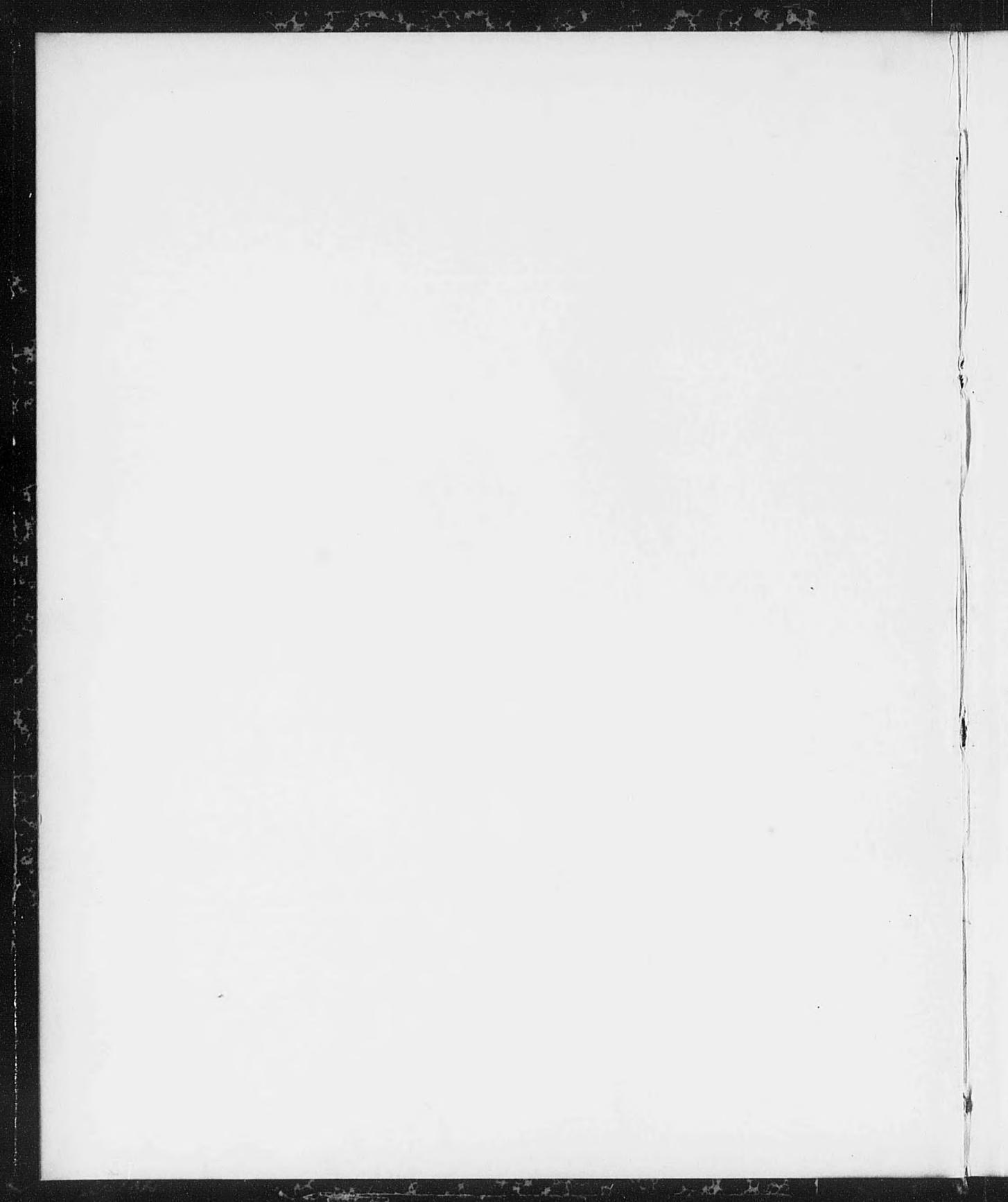
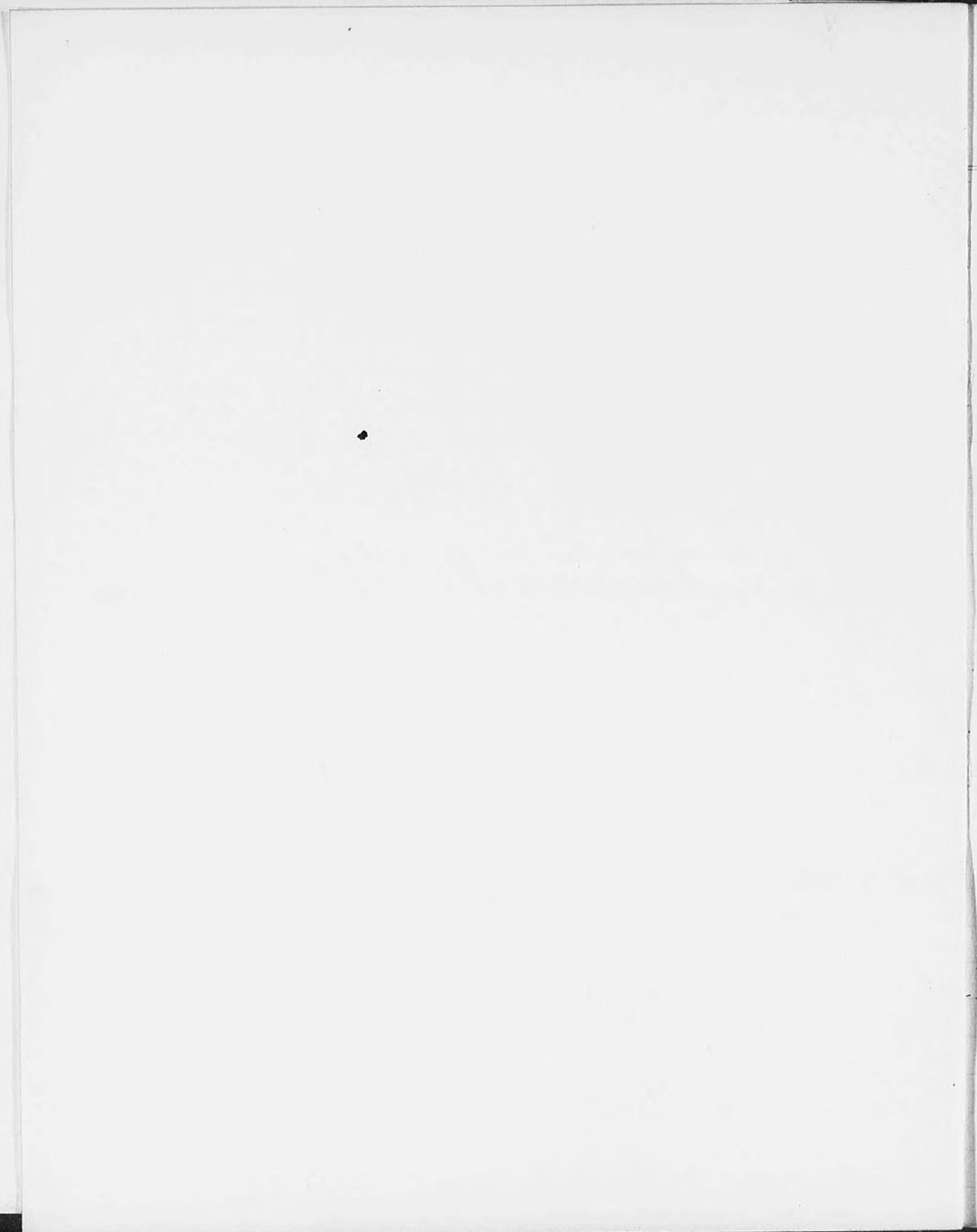


Spearmint  
1958-1960



A  
Journal  
Kept by the  
Deaconesses  
Church Family  
Mount Lebanon  
A.Y.



January 1902

- Wed 1 Thermometer 6 below zero. falling 36 deg. in 24 hours.
- Thu 2 The School had vacation during the Holidays - commences again this morning.
- Sat 4 We have passed a very busy week.
- Sab 5 The families meet with us in worship. It was a meeting of testimony against sin in every form. The singers and Bible class meet at the Second Family Lock p.m.
- Mon 6 Weather pleasant as April
- Tue 7 The brethren begin to cut and store the ice for summer use. Washing and crowing.
- Wed 8 The job is finished. Number of blocks of ice 1920 Average thickness 12 inches. 41 men employed.
- Sat 11 Brother Benjamin has been quite sick the week past - bad cold - and attack of pneumonia. With the skill of a good doctor and nurse - he is improving rapidly. Sister Anna Lane, our new nurse, is caring for him. He remains in his room.

January 1902

- Sab 12 The day is stormy - but the society attend morning service with us. Singing meeting and Bible class held at Second Family Rock p.m.
- Thu 14 Washing and ironing. Weather bright and fair - good sleighing.
- Wed 15 Sister Adeline Cantrell takes the train for Albany this morning. George has done some repairing in the Sisters water closet.
- Thur 16 Our Sister returns on late train. Elder Joseph returns from Shirley. Kate leaves the kitchen a few days and goes to the Infirmary to be doctored - Some throat and lung trouble. Sister Amelia takes her place in the Bake room
- Sab 19 Kate returns to the kitchen feeling some better. Morning meeting with usual attendance. In the afternoon Singing meeting and Bible class at Second Family.
- Thu 21 Washing and ironing. A stormy day.

January 1902

- Sat 25 The week has passed on quietly - no unusual events occurring.
- Sab 26 The day is pleasant. Our meeting is edifying and instructive. Bible class and singing meeting at Second Family p.m.
- Tue 28 Washing and ironing. Zero weather.
- Wed 29 The Ministry leave Lebanon this morning. Elder Joseph goes to Shirley. Eldress Harriet and Eldress Augusta to Waterfleit to remain some over a week. Then the Ministry Sisters start to Gloriola. Eldress Rosetta Hendrickson will go with them. They expect to tarry at the Olive Branch our little Colony in Gloriola, about two weeks.
- Two Sisters - Susie Hale and Cornelia French take early train for New York. They will purchase some Coon Skins which will be manufactured into the noted fur Gloves. They select 200 very nice Skins.
- Fri 31 How quickly we are brought to the last day of the first month in the New Year!
- We have had many pleasant days during the month - rather warm for good sleighing.

February 1909

- Sat. 1. A stormy day - strong east wind. Our Sisters return from New York on the Rock train.
2. A new wash-bowl is put in the Sisters' Sitting Room closet. The former one, by accident, was cracked some time ago, and thus rendered useless. Bro. Daniel offered put the new bowl in. Cost of the new bowl and paying for the work on it, was \$3.00 paid by Sister Amelia.
- Sab. 3. A stormy day. No meeting. Many of the family are not feeling well. Sister Amelia meets with her home Bible class in the afternoon.
- Tue 4. Washing and ironing.
- Thur 6. A lovely winter day! We have some excellent fresh Halibut for dinner cooked by sister Elizabeth Cantrell.
- Sat 8. The Ministry start for Florida this morning. Elder Henry Green of Alfred, Maine, will accompany them having business in Florida. Address Rosetta with them. We hope they will have a safe journey there.

February 1902

con - and back to their home in the North.

Feb 9 We are having another cold stormy Sunday - but the Falh Family come to meeting, and some from the other two families. Our service is made pleasant by some quick songs, and a flow of the spirit.

" A change in the kitchen. Sister Amelia and two girls in the cook room, Cornelie and Hettie in the bake room. Sarah Cutler and girl in the Dining room.

" The singers blow over to the Second Family to hold singing meeting and Bible class.

Yue 11 Washing and ironing. We have eggs for breakfast provided by Henry George.

Cornie and Kate go to Pettsfield. They arose at an early hour to iron the shirts so as to gain the time to go.

Wed 12 The Standard Oil Company come again and fill our Kerosene Oil tanks.

Thu 13 Sister Cornie Bishop takes the train this morning

February 1902

con - for White Plains)

Sat 15 Sister Emma returns from New York she has been in the City on business a few days

We have met with a great loss in our Stock this week. By request of Elder Timothy an inspector from the State Department of Agriculture came, and examined the herd on Thur 13<sup>th</sup>. and ordered 40 head of the cattle to be destroyed as they were suffering from Tuberculosis. This has left us with but 3 milch cows. The North Family kindly supply us with milk for the table at present. Thus dark clouds continue to lower over our home. Yet we toil, and hope.

Sab 16 The families attend meeting with us. Their beautiful gifts and loving spirit comfort and cheer us. It is good in time of trouble to feel the fellowship of gospel believers.

Mon 17 A great snow storm to day. The horse plow turns out to break the roads, and clear the paths.

Tue 18 Washing and ironing. It snowed all night and is snowing yet. 18 inches has fallen. The

February 1902

- con - wind is blowing fiercely from the North-west.  
Henry G. and Ellen went to Chatham yesterday  
to buy two more cows. They have not returned yet.
- Wed 19 Wind blowing, continues to blow in a terrific  
gale - roads almost impassable. The return  
return from Chatham have a hard time to  
get through the journey with horse and Sligh.  
The cattle are left until the roads are better.
- Thur 20 Well, a great change in the elements! The storm  
has spent its fury. All is calm this morning,-  
no wind - we have bright sunshine all day.
- Fri 21 A funeral is held at the Second Family. Mable  
Dean, a young sister 21 years of age passed to  
spirit life on Tue. 18<sup>th</sup> inst. The services commenced  
at 2 o'clock p.m. Ten from our family attend.
- Sat 22 "Washington's Birthday." A Bell is put on  
our front door by Dr. Daniel Offord. Cost of  
bell and work \$1.00 Cornelius paid the bill.
- Sab. 23 We enjoy another lovely day. All the families  
join us in worship. Singing meeting and  
Bible class held at Second Family 2 o'clock p.m.

February 1909

Sun - Emma J. and Adeline go to Hancock in the afternoon. Emma J. went to see Elder Ira.

Tue 25 Washing and ironing. The day is warm.

Thur 27 Gary Wade takes morning train for New York. Will spend a few weeks visiting friends in New Jersey.

Fri 28 The last day of Feb. It has rained 2 inches this month.

March 1909

Sat. 1 We have a delicious dish of Prune Sauce for breakfast. A thunder shower last night.

Sab 2 It rains steadily all day. No morning meeting. Our home bible class meet in the after-noon.

Tue 4 Washing and ironing.

Wed 5 A mild snow storm.

Thur 6 We have 8 inches of snow on the ground. Thermometer 20 above  $\circ$  Good sleighing and

March 1902

- con - bright sunshine to day. A Mason comes and repairs the bake room oven.
- Sat 8 A cloudy day - the clouds tell us a storm is gathering.
- Sab 9 A snow storm with strong east wind greets us this morning. Only the Truth Family meet with us in worship. The meeting is very harmonious and edifying.
- Mon 10 Charles Chatfield a youth of 15 leaves us this morning. He was sent for by his Mother who lives in New York. We regret to have him go - he is a fine boy and bids fair to be a very useful man.
- Tue 11 Margaret Kerrigan sends a telegram that their father is dying. Geneva and Henrietta Kerrigan, her daughters, are sent to New York by early train this morning. It is decided not to have the girls return to Shaker Community.
- Wed 12 Sister Corinne returns from her visit to relatives in White Plains. Has been absent four weeks lacking two days. The air is spring like and the Robins are singing their first pretty song.

March 1902

- Sat. 15 The week closes with a beautiful day. Sadie and Kate with some brethren help have been working some on the Coon skins - picking the tails - which is always dreaded when the business of picking the skins has fairly begun. Henry George, George Duncan, and Charlie B. are the principle brethren employed.
- Sab. 15 The weather is some stormy but a few from all the families attend service with us this morning.
- Mon 17 Bro' Robert Halford returns from Senof where he has been spending a few days visiting friends.
- Tue 18 Elder Arthur Bruce and Irving Greenwood, a young brother, come to make a days visit at Mt. Lebanon. We are pleased to see some one from Canterbury once more.  
Washing and ironing as usual.
- Wed 19 We are having a regular snow storm - north - west wind blowing like a hurricane. Thermometer down to 16°. The visitors will not leave until tomorrow. They will then return to Gleneock where they are spending a few days.

March 1902

- Fri 21 The brethren and hired men are working at the wood this week
- Sat 22 Mrs Cheatfield leaves with her Mother this morning, for New York.  
Davy Hustle returns from her visit to friends in New Jersey. Davy appears some improved in health and we hope she will be wise and take better care of her self that the rest may be a benefit to her.
- Sab 23 We have morning meeting, and singing meeting in the p.m. at the Second Family.
- Sat 29 Henry Cantrell having business in Albany makes a short call - stays over the Sabbath.
- Sab 30 We hold our usual morning service with good attendance.  
The Bible class meet in our meeting room for special Quarterly service, and many cards and tokens of honor were given to the class.  
Some of the brethren and sisters were invited to attend. It being "Easter" Sunday the floral display was grand. And gave brightness to the room.
- Mon. 31 The Time is changed rise at 5 o'clock.  
Henry Cantrell leaves for Chicago.

April 1902

- Mon 1 Washing and ironing.  
 Many of the family are suffering with severe colds. Wintry chilly air hangs on. We need more sunny warm days to give us life and vigor. Anna Maria spends a week at the Infirmary - returns feeling some better.
- Tue 4 The boys go on the mountain to cut bran poles.  
 The day is fine. the birds are singing.
- Sat 5 No sunshine, but mild balmy air which begins to feel like approaching summer.  
 All those afflicted with colds are improving.
- Sab 6 The day is splendid! Elderess Anna White is able to attend our morning service. She has been absent from our meetings a long time. A hearty welcome greets her. The singing meeting and Bible class held at 2<sup>nd</sup> Family in the afternoon. Br. Daniel Offord gives some of the sisters a ride on the Stake road after singing meeting.
- Mon 7 Washing and ironing done to day so as to have the rest of the week to work on the fur. All of the sisters who are able commence business tomorrow.

April 1902

Yue 8 Eldress Dorothy, sister Amelia, Cornelius, Sarah Butter, and Lettie Cohen. Three hired women. Sadie Scale is the manager in chief and Cornelius her assistant. These two sisters have worked weeks on the fur preparing it, before the main company of sisters convened. The brethren are Elder Timothy, Henry George, George Duncan, Charlie B. and three youth boys.  
 Begin with a rainy dark day.

Wed 9 It rains steadily all day.

Thur 10 Still raining - dark clouds make it difficult for the fur pickers to be able to separate the hair from the fur.

Fri 11 Rains until noon - the sun then comes out bright. More rain in the night.

Sat 12 The sky is clear all nature looks lovely. The birds are singing sweetly.  
 Having much trouble learning to do the fur company conclude to postpone further business until Yue. 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is no rest for the head of the business, constant toil early and late is their double portion, and so they work to day.

April 1902

- Sab 13 Much rain in the fore-noon. The North Family walk over to meeting. As other families come.
- Mon 14 Washing, and ironing - cold wind, and rain at intervals all day.
- Tue 15 The fur company commence business again. Elderess Dorothy goes to the Indians. Has a bad cough and a cold added.
- Thur 17 The warmest day we have had. Farmers are begining to snake the ground ready for planting and sowing.
- The fur is finished to day. Which makes six days work for the Company employees. Some over 300 skins. Now the house must be cleaned and some looking over the fur by those who have the burdels of the work. This class have been working at the business three weeks.
- Sab 20 Morning service as usual. No other meeting. Heavy colds are again prevalent in the family. Although not prostrate, it is what some can do to keep up in duty.

April 1902

Tue 22 Washing and ironing is done to day again, as is our usual custom unless something occurs to prevent it.

The School closes a week. Sister Ada Grace Brown, the teacher, attends the Teachers Institute held at Chatham.

Thur 24 Thermometer drops from 80 to 34° A good fire in the furnace feels comfortable.

Elderess Dorothy returns from the Infirmary is yet quite feeble, cough the same, in other respects some better.

Sat 27 Dark clouds hang over and a little sprinkle of rain falls. Some from all the families attend service with us this morning.

Mon 28 Elder Timothy Bro' Daniel Offord and some hired men are mending the road leading to the Office barn - and corrining the drain on the east side of the road from Infirmary to the Office.

Tue 29 Washing and ironing.

Wed 30 Bro' Benjamin takes the 12 o'clock train for New York. Cornelius' Cousin Felda Thompson, and another woman comes to make a short visit.

May 1902

Thur 1 A beautiful day. Allen and Stanley Wells have been appointed to take charge of the Kitchen Garden this year.

Fri 2 The visitors from Albany leave this morning. George has painted the reception room at the Infirmary. The wall is now light green. It looks very pretty. All the draders and wood-work in the room have been thoroughly cleaned by Sister Amy and Anna, and some of it stained, which gives it a bright, new appearance.

Sab 4 We enjoy a lovely Sabbath morning. The families meet with us, and once more we renew our bond of love and union.

A Change in the Kitchen. Sister Amelia is the cook. Oldress Dorothy assists. Little Ida included to help all she can. Cornelia and Lettie in the bake room. Sarah Luther and girl in the dining room.

Sun 6 Washing and ironing. We have a heavy fog this morning.

Wed 7 Sister Fanny Tyson of the North Family spends the afternoon with us.

May 1902

Sat 10 Thermometer falls to 36° high wind. This cold wave has taken us by surprise. The frost blights some of our early fruit - Peaches, Pears and Cherries.

Sun 11 We meet together as usual for worship. Singing meeting and Bible Class in the p.m. at the Second Family. The day is full of beauty and the birds are full of song.

Mon 12 Washing and ironing.

Tue 13 The Ministry Sisters return to Lebanon to tarry with us a few weeks. Elder Joseph yet presiding over the Harvard and Shirley Societies. Elder John Whitley not able to take any burden of the people or the business.

Wed 14 The School closes to day for a long vacation. Sisters all are very busy house cleaning. Sister Amy and Anna preparing the Infirmary a very thorough cleansing from attic to cellar.

" Julia Tim says - put it down in the journal that the two stove pipes in the drying room have been taken down and well cleaned to day by Stonzo and Charlie.

May 1902

Sat 18 We enjoy the presence of our beloved Ministry in our meeting to day. Elder Joseph is remembered in word and song. Singing meeting and Bible class at the Second Family.

Tue 20 Washing, and ironing. Martin has painted the wire fence on both sides of the road. Also the railing in front of the dwelling house. George is painting the large gates that open to the road. The lawn is looking very nice. Martin spares no pains where ever Eliza calls him.  
The carpets are taken up in No 5 and 14.

Sat 24 The brethren and hired men work on the road two days this week.

Sat 25 Our meeting is filled with testimony in defense of the principles of our faith as delivered to us by Mother Ann and our first parents. Many united and gave their strength to support the truth.

Tue 27 Br. Robert Valentine returns home. He has been absent since last November. Was detained in New York on law business.

Mary 1902

Wed 28 Eldress Mary Goss from Ohio comes to see the Ministry.

Fri 30 The room at the Laundry where the brethren's mending is done, is being repaired - the wall scraped and papered. A man is hired to do the job. The room is now occupied by Sister Julia Ann Scott.

Sat 31 Elder Joseph comes home to tarry a few days. It has rained every day this week but one, thus the mouth closes.

June 1902

Sab 1 Elder Joseph attends our morning meeting. We are pleased to have him with us if only for a brief season. Eldress Mary is also present. We enjoy a low feast and send greetings of renewed gospel Union and Love to the Societies East and West. Br Ferdinand takes Julia Ann Elizabeth and Eunice out for a drive this p.m. Singing and Bible class meet at the Second Family.

Sun 2 Elder Joseph returns to Shirley. We have our first meal of Strawberries for supper.

June 1902

June 3 Eldress Mary leaves Lebanon this morning. Eldress Harriet will go with her to Waterford. She will spend a week visiting that Society. Eldress H. remains with us.

Wed 4 Eldress Dorothy takes early train for New York. Will visit her relatives in New Jersey a few weeks. Dr. Robert Hafford accompanies her to the City. Her brother Thomas will meet her at the Central Depot. Dr. Benjamin arrives home in the p.m.

Sat 8 Morning service as usual. We have a heavy shower while in meeting and several more during the day. Eldress Augusta went to Hancock last Friday 6/3 will return to Lebanon with Eldress Harriet the coming week.

Mon 9 Sadie and Kate go to Hancock to get the fur carded and spun. The work is done at the same place that Sister Mary Hazzaard patronized when she was in the business. The factory is run by the same man J. Taylor.

June 10 Two sisters from Enfield N.H. Myra Green

June 1902

con - Marindas Minister come and bring their  
fear to be worked up at the same place.

Wed 11 The sisters visit the Family this a.m. waiting  
for their Yer to be brought from the Depot.  
They go to Hancock and join the other sisters  
in the after noon.

Fri 13 Corinne and Ada go to meet Kate and  
escort her home. By Gerdenand's team.  
This week the lake room oven has had  
iron castings put in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> very in place of  
the old bricks which surrounded the fire -  
and were always needing some repairing.  
Now they will have something permanent  
and lasting.

Sat 14 We have a lovely day after much rain  
the past week.  
The Sisters all return from Hancock to  
night to spend the Sabbath.

Sab 15 The Enfield Sisters are with us in our morning  
Service. In the afternoon they go to Hancock. Ann  
Maria with them. Office Ham.  
Change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Elsie

June 1902

con - Cooks - no girl to help. Kate and Habel bakers. Corinne and girl Dining Room.

Mon 16 The Sisters visit the Scott Family and the other two families. Haskie goes to the Factory to finish her part of the Job.

Tue 17 The Enfield Sisters return to the Factory and expect to finish in a few days. From that place they will start for home. So we bid them a loving farewell.  
Washing and Ironing.

Wed 18 Our Ministry Sisters return from Hancock, and with them the Canterbury Ministry Sisters, Elderess Susan Hall and Elderess Emeline Hart.

The wall is mended in the Ironing Room and the floor painted by George and Martin. Weather cool and pleasant.

Thur 19 The Ministry visit the Church Family today. Elder Andrew Barrett from "Olive Branch Florida comes to see the Ministry and to spend a few days in the home of his child-hood and youth.

June 1902

Sat 24 Hettie B. Cohen goes back to her parents who live near New York City. Ferdinand takes her to the Depot in a heavy shower of rain.

Sab 25 We have Elder Joseph - Elder Andrew and the Canterbury Ministry added to our meeting this morning. The Speaking and Singing was unusually good. The meeting was well filled by appropriate offerings from brethren and Sisters.

In the meeting the Ministry informed us that it was thought best for Elder Andrew to leave the little family in Florida and go to Union Village Ohio. Will fill the place in the Ministry's Order. Eldress Mary Gass and another Sister in the Order with him. This newly appointed Ministry will preside over Union Village and White Water.

Mon 26 Washing and ironing. The brethren have finished digging and covered the drain south of the dwelling house. It was begun three years ago. A good job is completed and it looks nice.

Wed 27 The full Order of Ministry start for the

June 1902

con - west. Elder Andrew with them. We  
feel a prayer that prosperity may attend them  
and a blessing follow their faithful labors.  
They will be absent some over a week.

Sat 28 The Brethren and Sisters Sitting Rooms  
have both been cleaned and piled this week.  
Cornelia has a Cousin come to see her.  
Mrs. Swan from Buffalo.

Sat 29 The families attend meeting with us. No  
singing meeting. A rainy day.

Sun 30 Mrs. E Swan leaves for Albany today. She  
has been a very pleasant visitor.  
We have had 5 inches of rain this month.

July 1902

June 1 Washing and ironing.

Thur 3 The Ministry return from Ohio. All  
take dinner together at Hancock. The  
Sisters return to Lebanon in the p.m.  
Elder Joseph will take the train for Shirley

July 1902

con - tomorrow morning. They found the people in Union Village and White Water feeling ready for the change, and thankful that the Schenone Ministry had come to see them. Elder Andrew had a hearty welcome from all. And thus, the beginning appears satisfactory and is thereby a great release and comfort to the Ministry who have been under a heavy burden for some months past concerning the people in the Western Societies brought on by financial failures. The particulars of which we will omit giving in detail.

" Mrs. Wade (Amelia Beddoe) arrives by p.m. train to spend a little time with us.

Fri 4. "Independence Day" Henry George takes Br. Aliza to Nassau to see friend Brusko. Three of the Wills' boys go in company - Allen, Stanley and Lancelot. Henry and the boys go to Albany to spend the day. All arrive home about 11 o'clock p.m.

Sat 5. The Spacious Lower Hall has been cleaned and Oiled this week by Cornelius alone. Our three remaining girls are in the Kitchen all the time. Lord send more labourers into thy Vineyard!

July 1902

- Sat 6. Morning meeting - good attendance.  
Singing meeting and bible class at 8<sup>o</sup> A.M.
- Tue 8. Washing and ironing.
- Wed 9. Mrs. E. Jones (Mary Payson) spends the day with us. She is visiting at the North Family.
- Thur 10. The pipe running up thro' Ministry's kitchen and girls' shop has been leaking some time. is now mended by Dr. Daniel Gifford. Also a pipe in the dining room sink which lately began to leak.
- Fri 11. The wash house is cleaned by four sisters and one hired woman. George D. the brother who helps about the washing, also assisted.  
In the p.m. our Grace sister Anna Lane borrowed horse and wagon of Henry George and took Julia Ann and Anna Maria out for a drive. Started at 1 o'clock 30 m. returned 5-15. They report a very enjoyable after-noon.
- Sat 12. Martin two sisters and three girls go on the mountain for the first picking of huckle berries.

July 1902

- con - Doretta Horton comes from Chicago to see her child hood home and early friends.
- Sab 13 Cool and pleasant. we have our usual meetings.
- Mon 14 The sisters pick and pack in crates for market 48 qts of currants.
- Tue 15 Washing and ironing. We have our first meal of peas for dinner.
- Thur 17 Annie Hale leaves for home. She has been a very needed help at the Office, and has kept her hands employed while visiting. Sister Amelia Cornelius & Dr. Alonso Martin since and two girls go to the mountain for huckleberries. get 30 qts.
- Mercury falls from 85-80. It is cold enough for April.
- Fri 18 Louisa and Nabel pick out nuts at the Office all day. Cornelius cans huckle berry for winter
- Sab 19 A rainy day. Our dear gospel relation are with us to attend meeting.

July 1902

Mon 21 Rain continues. Elder Timothy goes to New York.

Tue 22 Washing and ironing.

Frances Parker, a young girl of 18 years comes to join our community. Moves into the Room #6 to live with Anna Maria.

Wed. 23 Eldress Harriet leaves Lebanon and starts for Water violet. Eldress Augusta remains a few weeks longer.

The same company go on the Mountain for berries. get 75 qts.

Thur 24 Eldress L. Amelia Cornelius & Martin go to day. Henry G. took them up and remained with them. Soon after dinner they were driven home by the rain. 40 qts.

The large water tank on the cook room Range has been painted this week, also the cellar door, and kitchen door on veranda and the stoop. And the Ministry's outside door opening into their vestibule.

Sat 26 Elder Timothy returns from New York. this day closes one more week of busy life.

July 1902

- Sab 27 We have a large company of spectators present in our meeting this morning. A heavy shower of rain falls at the close.
- The Kitchen Sisters change to day. Sister Amelia is the Cook, and takes with her for help over new girl Frances and little Ida. Cornelia and Habel are the Bakers. Sarah C. and Elsie in the Dining Room.
- Mon 28 Eldress Dorothy returns from her visit to her brother in New Jersey. She is feeling some better in health - has gained four pounds in weight, but the bad cough remains the same.
- Wed 30 Nine go on the mountain to day. Five sisters and four brethren. Pick on the Hastings lot. They bring 1,40 qts.
- Thur 31 Ferdinand starts early with 50 qts. at 10cts a qt. A man in Pittsfield ordered them.
- The same company go again to day. Get 1,50 qts. It is a remarkable year for Huckleberries. In the morning Ferdinand goes to Pittsfield again with 50 qts for the same man. This month has given us  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches of rain.

August 1902

- Sat 2 The few days that are pleasant are well improved by the farmers in making hay.
- Sab 3 We rise in the morning and behold a clear sky and prospects of a fair day. Hold our meeting at the usual hour. Singing, meeting and Bible class at the Second Tabernacle. p.m.
- Sun 4 Doretta Horton takes the train for Chicago this morning. - having spent some over three weeks with us. She has given needed help in the Office Kitchen which has been much appreciated.
- A company of six go for Huckleberries to day. Three sisters and two brethren. get 50 qts. The amount gathered this season is 20 bushels.
- Tue 5 Washing and ironing. Weather fair
- Wed 6 How rapidly time glides away. It is 128 years ago to day since Mother Elm and her little company of eight souls landed in America. What sacrifices they made, and how nobly they fulfilled their divine missions. How does our Mother view her people to

August 1912

con - day? We pause and reflect.

Thur 7 Andrew Dalton with wife and little girl take dinner and make us a short call. They are spending a few weeks at Greeley Lake.

Fri 8 The sisters are faithful to pick Raspberries from the few remaining vines in the garden.

Sat 10 A pleasant day and a pleasant meeting. There are a few spectators present. Singing and Bible class in the p.m. Second Family.

Sun 11 Our beloved Sister Matilda passed on to her beautiful home above this a.m. about 10 o'clock. We rejoice with her that the long night of waiting and watching is o'er. Sister Anna Sane has been her faithful nurse and has spared no pains to make her as comfortable as possible thro' her last sickness. She has been confined at the Infirmary some over a year.

Mon 12 Washing and ironing. Weather fine.

Tues 13 We hold memorial services in our meeting

August 1902

con - room this p.m. commencing at 2 o'clock.  
a good attendance from all the families.

Eldress Augusta being at home is present  
with us. Eldress Dorothy is not able to  
attend any meetings. We had a very profitable  
meeting. Much was said of the consecrated  
life of our beloved Sister. Her faithful service  
as family deaconess twenty five years, and as  
Eldress ten years. She was just in all her  
dealings, and won the love and respect of the  
family under her care. She never murmured  
or creed the burden of the Lord. Truly she has  
left a worthy example for us to follow. On the  
Casket was laid a lovely wreath of flowers artis-  
tically prepared by bro. Hartless. A sheaf of ripe wheat  
with Rest neatly engraved on a plate. The sisters  
did not go to the grave. Thus one more of  
our dear worthies has passed from our view. The  
curtain falls, and we are left to still pursue  
our heaven-ward journey in faith and hope  
that we shall meet them in that better land  
toward which we are nearing.

Aug 14 The farmers are having fine weather to harvest  
the rye oats. We have had a great amount  
of rain this season and crops are suffering.

August 1902

- Fri 15 In the evening a "Night-Blooming" Sociable is held in fourth hall to which all the family are invited. By mere chance - two of the North Family sisters came in - also two from the Second Family. Refreshments are served in cake, ice-cream and lemonade.
- Sat 16 Eldress Augusta and Julia Ann have a niece, Lydia Briggs Brown, and her father, come to see them.
- Sab 17 We hold morning service at the usual hour. A large company of spectators attend. Sarah A. Moody takes dinner with us. She is spending her vacation at the North Family.
- Sun 18 Our visitors leave this p.m. Henry takes them to Pittsfield. Therm. falls to 44° cold!
- Mon 19 Washing, and ironing.
- Tues 20 Corinne and Kate go to Pittsfield. Elder George Wilcox from Enfield Conn. makes a short call. Therm. rises to 70° a bright sunny day. after a week of rainy cold weather. We fear the crops will be slim this year.

August 1902

Thur 21 The sisters work in the fruit room preparing early apples to conserve for winter use. Showers all day.

In the evening we have a dark lantern exhibit of Birds from the Audubon Ornithological Society New York. Introduced by the North Family. All attend from the families in the Village who wish to.

Fri 22 Elder Timothy buys a few crates of Peaches, we have some on the table for supper. Mrs. Parker comes to see her girl Frances. She has been living with us about five weeks.

Sat 23 To our great surprise Frances has decided to leave the community and return with her mother to her former home in Troy N.Y. She has behaved well, and took an active part in kitchen work since she has been here. We regret that she cannot feel contented with us.

Sat - Mrs. Fanny Calver arrives on 5 o'clock train. Sister Justice and Habel go to West Pittsfield Depot to meet her.

Sab 24 A large attendance from out-side come

August 1902

con - to our meeting this morning. Two Jewish Rabbis were present and spoke to which we listened with much interest. Two letters from Bro' Peebles were read by Eldress Tima. He is now returning from his third trip around the World. Is 80 years old. We omit our exercises which disappoint the company - I think.

The Salvation Army are again holding their Annual Camp Meeting in Lebanon Grove. Some of our family attend this p.m.

Mon 25 The sisters are again working on Apples in the fruit room. made 2 & 1/2 gal of sauce to day. Mrs. A. Calver takes train for the west this morning.

Tue 26 Washing and ironing. We see two beautiful Rainbows in the west about 7-30 a.m. Is it a bad omen? Ice-cream for dinner. The new Freezer was used brought with the money that came to the sisters by picking and selling Huckleberries. They think it is very nice. will hold ten quarts - and this makes enough for the family. Weather fair, and this suits us on washing day.

August 1902

Wed 27 The sisters continue to cut and put up in jars early Apples for future use. Water fails at the Cistern about noon. George is looking for the cause. A polopus is removed from the pipe and we have the water again in the after-moon.

Isabell Graves and her Stephen a boy of fourteen, Harry Stewart, makes a short visit thro' the Village. She has been East to settle some family business, and is now on her way home to the South Family Waterloo.

Sat 30 Elderess Augusta accompanies Isabell and her Stephen to Waterloo where she meets the rest of the Ministry. She remained with us a few weeks longer by request of the Elders.  
We have our first meal of new corn for dinner.

Sab 31 Twenty five spectators attend our morning service again. We exercise in the march this time. Good speaking and satisfactory meeting.

In the after-moon three companies go to "Camp meeting" in Lebanon Grove. Also in the evening some attend.

Weather extremely warm and dry.  
Mer. 85° We would like a good shower!

September 1902

Fri 1 A portion of the Salvation Army ride thro' the Village in the a.m. Bro Daniel Offord is with them. Three dine at the Second Family, and the rest at the North Family. Major Atkinson, Captain and Mrs. Christie call and sing to us in the meeting room after dinner. It was splendid! and charmed us. This is their last day, and this evening they hold their last meeting at the Grove for this season.

Sat 2 Washing and ironing. We had a shower last night which has cooled the air some.

Bro' Alonzo makes a short trip to Bennington Vermont the place of his nativity which he left when seven years old, and this will be his first visit back since leaving it at that early age. Is now seventy three. Sisters Clarissa Jacobs and Sarah L. Collins have business in Manchester Vermont they all take the same train this morning. Will return tomorrow.

The Infirmary is having a thorough painting on the outside. The roof is mended and whitened, chimneys mended. Windows painted both sides. Window shutters taken off and painted. The house painted the second time excepting the north end.

September 1902

Wed 3 President Roosevelt will be in Pittsfield to day. Is expected to make a speech. Three of our brethren take an early start for that place. An accident! The carriage containing the President and escort to Lenox after leaving Pittsfield is run into by a Trolley car. One man is instantly killed - the driver seriously injured and nearly all bruised some. One horse was so badly cut that they shot him. The President was only slightly hurt, cut on the face. Carriage broken to pieces.

Thur 4 Three brethren go to Chatham to attend the Fair. Mrs. Josephine Hart Anna Lewis' sister in law comes to spend a week. Her home is in the South Florida. She has been spending a few months in Philadelphia. Is boarding at the South Family.

Fri 5 The temp falls to 52 deg. It is cold, and we fear a frost.

Sat 6 We find Her. down to 45 deg. what changeable weather. The Painters finish the Infirmary to day. It looks very nice and adds to the beauty of our street.

September 1902

Sab 7 The wind changed in the night south east - a heavy rain set in - this morning it pours, clears up about 10 o'clock. The North Family only come to meeting. Mrs. Josephine Hart takes the train at Pittsfield this morn. for Philadelphia Anna rides to Pittsfield with her.

The sisters change in the kitchen. Elizabeth and Lurie C. cooks. Kate and girl in bakers room Corinne and girl in the dining room.

Amon 8 Sisters Emma J. Clarissa and Catherine go to New York to consult with authorities there on matters connected with the "Woman's exhibition" which is to be held at "Madison Square Garden" beginning Oct. 8th and closing on the 18th.

The Sisterhood of Mount Lebanon have been invited to attend and take a part in displaying our handicraft, or homemade articles some - thing original, representing a Community.

The sisters are now actively employed in preparing for this great event, which we hope will be a success.

Sister Amelia has two sisters and a nephew come to see her. Mrs. Jennie Oaks and Mrs. Mary Whiting, was (husband died lately)

We have our first ripe Tomatoes for dinner.

September 1902

- Tue 9 We have twelve hours of steady rain  
Wash and iron as usual.
- Wed 10 Emma J. and company return from New York. The sisters are paring and cutting Pears to day to conserve for winter.
- Thur 11 The Pear cutting "Bee" have another busy day in the fruit rooms.
- Sat 13 We have a meal of young fowls for dinner provided by Henry George.
- Sab 14 A lovely day dawns upon us. Full attendance to our meeting. The Rev. Dr. Glynn a Methodist Episcopal divine formerly of Pittsfield, and Robert Cooper a business man of Pittsfield Mass. were present, and added pleasure and interest to the service by their remarks.  
The singers meet at Second Family in the p.m.
- Mon 15 Sister Amelia's visitors leave for Cataraugeus this morning. They each have a beautiful home in that place.  
By urgent request from the Office - the Ministry Sisters return to Lebanon to

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- con - assist in making ready for the coming great "Woman's Exhibition".  
 Frances Parker feeling that she made a great mistake in leaving her Shaker home solicits another privilege which is granted. She returns to day. Mer. 36 deg. cold.
- con - In the evening a company of brethren and sisters go to Lebanon Springs to see the "Along Hatch Moving picture entertainment." It was held in the Baptist Church, and given for the benefit of the Church. Admission tickets 25cts.
- Yue 16 Washing and ironing. weather growing warmer. The house furnace being out of repair is now suspended, and a load of coal brought. We can now have a fire when needed.
- Whee 17 All the sisters are as busy as bees doing whatever they can to help the Fair along.
- Thur 18 Peach cutting and preserving is going on briskly in the fruit room. 7 bushels of Peaches are brought for the family. cost \$15.00 Robert Halford gave \$1.00 The \$5.00 paid by Elder Timothy and Ferdinand. Previous to this Elder J. got 5 bushels of Peaches at \$1.00 a basket.

September 1902

- Sat 20 One more busy week closes, with a fair day.
- Sab 21 All nature is bright and lovely. Service as usual at 10 o'clock A.M.  
The singers meet at Second Family in the P.M.
- Sun 22 Sister Amy goes to Cheshire to spend a few weeks with her relatives there. Henry George conveys her to Pittsfield, and on to Cheshire to her folks. They arrive there by 12 o'clock, and H. returns on p.m. train. Weather lovely!  
" 4 bushels of butter nuts are picked out.
- Tue 23 Washing and ironing fills out the day.
- Thur 25 The first fire is made in the House Furnace. Sudden changes of weather. 4 bushels of nuts are picked out in the fruit room.
- Sat 27 Weather continues cool, more rain.
- Sab 28 The families meet with us for worship in our morning service.
- Tue 30 Washing and ironing. Weather becoming quite warm again. We have 6 1/2 inches of rain this month.

October 1902

- Wed 1 A rainy day. Q for more sunshine and brightness without and within.
- Thurs 2 Cornelia and Frances are busy in the fruit room chopping and preserving green Tomatoes. 6 bushels of Nuts are picked out this week. They are急于 to go to the Fair which will open on Monday 6th
- Fri 3 Rain. Green Tomatoes and a few onions chopped together cooked and put in jars which finds ready sale in the market. 6 more bushels of nuts are picked out this week.
- Sat 4 Emma J. and Sister Catharissa of Second Family start for New York with their goods for the Fair so as to be ready for the opening. Sister Catharina of the North Family took the train for New York on Fri. 3 inst. She represents the North Family at the Fair.
- Sab 5 We hold morning service as usual. A few spectators are present. Maria Manning being in Pittsfield a few days - begs a ride over the mountain that she may spend the Sabbath with her old friends in her childhood home.

October 1908

- Mon 6. The winter term of School commences to day. Teacher Sister Ada Grace Broder. Maria returns to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy.
- Tue 7. Washing and ironing. We are having an unusual supply of Sweet Potatoes from the market, in place of our common Irish potatoes which are a failure this year on account of not caused by a superabundance of rain and wet weather.
- Wed 8. A stove is put in the Elder Sisters Shop by Elder Timothy and George Turner. The Stove was brought from the Center Family. This will make Elderess Dorothy able to have a little fire on cold mornings when the house furnace is not heated. She still remains in delicate health - we hope she may improve and remain with us many years longer.
- Thur 9. Cornelius and a few sisters have a large days work in the fruit room. Tomatoes and Peaches canned. Dr. Robert Halford takes early train for New York. All the able, and willing find enough business to do.

October 1902

- Fri 10. Elder Timothy, Sarah Cutler and Anna Maria go to Pittsfield to spend the day. We have our first heavy frost. 6 bushels of butternuts picked out this week. These nuts are sugared and sent to the Sisters at the Fair.
- Sat 11 Sadie Hale starts to New York this p.m. Emma's business calls her home. Sadie is expecting to remain until the Fair closes.
- Sun 12 No morning service held today. It rained steadily until after 10 o'clock.
- Mon 13 Emma J. returns from N.Y. on the p.m. train. Sister Amy also returns from her visit to Cheshire. Has been absent three weeks. Henry G. and Adeline go to meet her and escort her home. Robert H. returns on the morning train. Elder Joseph and Elder Ira here for a few hours.
- Tue 14 Washing and ironing. Weather fine.
- Wed 15 More nuts picked out. 2 bushels. Some green tomatoes worked up for market.
- Thur 16 Peaches and Pears fixed and canned.

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October 1902

con - The long chimney on the Yee is repaired  
also the north chimney on the dwelling house.

Sat 19 We enjoy a good meeting. At the close Bro Daniel Offord reads a clipping announcing the peaceful ending of the coal strike which for five months and over has been a serious question to the nation. And it is settled by Arbitration and as the result of the efforts of our noble President, Roosevelt.

The Kitchen Sisters change. Amilia with Frances for help is cook. Cornelius and Habel, a school girl) are the bakers. Sarah Culler and a little girl in the dining room.

During the last six weeks out of the Kitchen there was 30 bushels of Butter-nuts picked out in the fruit room for the "Fair". This done besides much canning of fruit to be stored in the cellar for time of need.

Sun 20 The "Womans' Exhibition, or Fair" in New York, closed on Saturday 12 o'clock p.m. The sisters return home today. Sadie, Clarissa and Catherine. They have had a very busy time, and we hope that some good will be the outcome, if not in financial gain.

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Tue 21 Washing and ironing. Mr. stands at 23<sup>o</sup>  
 The farmers are drawing coal for the house  
 furnace - bought some time ago.

Thur 23 Eldress Harriet and Eldress Augusta  
 leave Lebanon for Enfield Conn. this  
 morning. We shall miss their loving, helpful  
 influence in the family.

Our old friend and neighbor George Bagg  
 moves to Pittsfield this week. He has occupied  
 the little cottage near the Stone Still thirty five  
 years. We have always held George and his wife  
 Huldah in high esteem. Since Huldah's  
 death - Gloria Milloughby, a nurse, and her  
 mother have helped care for him and the  
 house. He owns two houses in Pittsfield and  
 will move into one of them

Sat. 25 Elder George Clark from Enfield Conn. attends  
 our morning meeting. He is a guest of the Sath  
 Family. Singing rehearsal at the Second Family  
 in the afternoon. Henry Baker makes us an  
 unexpected call. Takes P.M. train for New York.

Fri 31 Sister Amelia and Corinne go to Pittsfield.

November 1902

- Sat 1 A lovely Autumn day. Our time glides smoothly on in performing the various duties of the family.  
The farmers began to thrash yesterday.
- Sun 2 The weather is lovely. Our morning service is filled with interesting offerings from brethren and sisters. The singers meet as usual at Second Family. Bible class follows.
- Mon 3 Time changed. rise at half past five, breakfast at half past six.
- Tue 4 Washing and ironing. How beautiful the weather continues.
- Wed 5 Sisters Elizabeth and Emma Cantrell go to Albany to spend a few days with friends in the city. Emma J. having business in Albany takes the same train.  
Elder George Clark makes us a short call in the afternoon. He will return to his home in Enfield Conn. tomorrow.
- Thu 6 The men hired to do the thrashing finish to day and take away their Engine and other apparatus.

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- Sab 9 Weather lovely. Morning service is held as usual. The singers meet for rehearsal at Second Family. Bible class the same.
- Sun 10 Sisters Elizabeth and Unice return from their visit to Albany on the late train. Henry George meets them in Albany and escorts them home. They report a very enjoyable week.
- Tue 11 Washing and ironing. Some colder with bright sun. A girl 16 is brought here by her Father. May Galuska. We take her on trial.
- Sat 15 The "Standard Oil Company" comes and fill our Kerosene oil tank to day.
- Sab 16 Morning meeting as usual.
- Tue 18 Washing and ironing.
- Wed 19 Sister Angelina Brown of Enfield Conn. Spends the day with us. She is a guest of the North Family a week.
- Sat 22 Our precious Sister Elizabeth Sears returns from Florida to her Lebanon Home to day. She is very

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con - frail and needs rest and quiet a few months. At present she remains at the Office. Dr Robert Valentine met her at the train in New York, and after a day's rest in the City, feeling extremely weary after her long ride, he kindly assisted her home-ward.

Sat 23 We are having our first snow storm, which the sun will soon melt.

Mon 24 The sister's dress 14 fowls which Ferdinand provided.

Tue 25 Washing and ironing. Many of the family are suffering with colds.

Thur 27 "Thanksgiving Day. Society service held in our meeting room.

Sat 29 The busy week has swiftly passed away.

Sat 30 Our meeting this morning is full of testimony against a lawless, reckless spirit in community.

A change in the Kitchen. Elizabeth and Encie Cantrell are the cooks. Corinne and girl in the dining room. Kate and our new girl May, are the bakers. Thus closes the month of November, and its many pleasant days.

December 1902

- Yue 3 Washing and ironing as usual.
- Thur 4 Cornelia and Frances give the fruit room a thorough fall cleaning. Stove pipe taken down and Kettle carried out door and scraped.
- Sat 6 A week well improved. Good sleighing for the young people.
- Sab 7 Stormy, snow and blow. A few from the Ath and South Families come to meeting.
- Yue 9 Washing and ironing. 18 deg. below zero!
- Wed 10 14 deg. above zero. And so the sudden and extreme changes come to us in this climate. Glossie Brown - a girl of 14 is taken into the family.
- Thur 11 Mabel Scott is sent to her father in Westfield. Elder Timothy takes her to West Pittsfield where she takes early train.
- Sat 13 We have our greatest snow storm of the season. high wind all day. No teams on the road. Outdoor business suspended.  
(8 inches of snow fall).

December 1903

Sab. 14 Morning meeting with full attendance.

Eldress Dorothy is present for the first time in many months. Elder Ernest of Second Family was also with us. He has been absent about eight weeks. Has been to Germany to settle some business, and to bring his aged Mother to this country. She will make her home at the Second Family. At the close of the meeting Elder Ernest gave us an interesting account of his voyage to Europe and back. The singers and Bible class met as usual.

Mon 15 Joe, the painter, begins to day to wash & calcamine the meeting room wall over head and sides.

Tue 16 Rain and blow, most of the "Beautiful snow" has disappeared - roads impassable - business obstructed. The eaves around dwelling House and sisters shops on the Gee, became clogged with drifting snow and ice causing the water to run down thro' into the rooms and shops spoiling the walls, and causing much extra labor for the sisters.

In life there are many disappointments.

December 1902

Thur 18 Mr. Daniel comes over in the evening and does some long needed repairing in the sisters Water closet. This is the first general fix up in all the closets, since we opened it Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1898. George mends a split cover, and now we are all right again. We hope care will be used to keep it so.

Sat 20 Joe has been hindered so much this week with family trouble, that not much has been accomplished in the meeting room.

Mr. Benjamin returns home today from Pleasant Hill Ky. He has spent several months in that Society under medical treatment. Feels very weary from the long journey on the cars. We hope when rested he may feel better.

Sab 21 We hold morning meeting in the Sitting Room, folding doors open. For our family only.  
No singing meeting. Stormy, rain and sleet.

Mon 22 The sisters dress four Turkeys for Home.  
Joe comes and begins his work on the meeting room.

Tue 23 Washing and ironing. The family are all wide-awake and cheerful in duty.

December 1902

- Wed 24 Sister Amelia and Frances go to Pittsfield.  
Br. Daniel mends a pipe under the floor and connected with the Radiator in Corinna's shop
- Thur 25 "Christmas" The family go to the North to attend morning service. All the families are invited to attend meeting there. The Second and South families take dinner there. A pleasant entertainment is held in the p.m. by the young people which is much enjoyed by those present.
- Sat 27 The meeting room is becoming quite artistic under the skillful eye and hand of friend Joe the artist painter.
- Sab 28 We hold family meeting again in the Sitting Room. Good gifts flowed abundantly from the brethren and sisters. We felt refreshed and strengthened and refreshed for having met together.
- Tue 30 Washing and ironing.
- Wed 31 The year closes with a lovely day. Amelia and Anna S. begin to work on the Meeting Room cushions, repair, and make new ones

# Sale Work by the Sisters 1902

Julie Ann Knit fur gloves 12 pair.

Cornelia knit " " 45 "

Julie and Cornelia made 60 Baskets.

Ann Maria Knit fur gloves 10 pair  
her business, sewing on Sale Cloaks.

Sister and Cornelia worked five weeks  
in the spring preparing 22 5<sup>0</sup> Coon skins  
to be made into fur gloves.

Cornelia gathered and prepared Straw  
Worn chips - 54

Rum wax - 2 1/4 doz

Assisted at Gen. G. in preparing for  
sale Cherries, Pears, Rhubarb, & Asparagus.

Sarah Butter works on the Medicine  
besides house-hold duties.

Kate helps about making fancy articles  
for the store - and has knit some fur gloves.  
Anna Sane made 50 small baskets.

Sister Matilda made 963 Shirts beginning  
in the year 1877 ending 1901. This, besides  
assisting on the Cloaks, and doing a  
great amount of other sewing for the Sisters.

# Family Productions for Home use 1902

Apple	Canned	-	100	Gal
Pear	" "	80	"	
Huckleberry	" "	70	"	
Grape Jam	-	3	"	
Barberry	Canned	7	"	
Blackberry	" "	20	"	
Elderberry	" "	12	"	
Peach	" "	87	"	
Pickled Peach	" "	8	"	
Stewed Tomatoes	" "	14	"	
Pickled	" "	9	"	
Jelly	-	15	"	
Plums	" "	5	"	
Cranberry	" "	10	"	
Sweet Pickle	" "	14	"	
Bacon & ham	" "	4	"	
Pickled Sillie	" "	9	"	
Sillie sauce	-	6	"	
Tomato Ketchup	-	6	"	

Apples in the cellar      700 bushels.

Eggs      -      10,311

Eggs put down for family use - 1,000

Butter made - 4,50 lbs.

Home made honey 135 "

# Bought for the Family 1902

Yeast	-	\$4.00
Crackers	-	" 1.50
Oven repairing	-	" 1.00
Prunes	-	" 1.00
Door Bell	-	" 1.00
Strawberry plants	-	" 1.00
Cheese	-	" 1.50 cts
Cranberries	-	" 1.00
Baking Powders	-	" 1.00
Buckwheat	-	75 cts
Dried currants	-	36 "
Raisins	-	75 "
Coconut	-	75 "
Gold Dust	-	2.0 "
Autumnegs	-	50 "

total \$26.31 cts

Bill paid by Cornelia

# Provisions Bought for the Family 1902

Sugar	-	-	9	barrels
Molasses	-	-	1	" "
Oatmeal	-	-	3	" "
Wheat flour	-	-	38	" "
Graham ..	-	-	4	" "
Tea	-	-	130	ds
Coffee	-	-	100	"
Rice	-	-	100	"
Gasoline	-	-	9	barrels
Kerosene	-	-	2,20	gal.
Cottolene	-	-	2,24	ds
Starch	-	-	1,56	"
Soap	-	-	5	Bates
Postum	-	-	24	ds

## Supplement.

We have but one death to record this year, a sister. Five leave the family, one boy and four girls. Three girls are gathered into the family, ages 18, 16, 14. We hope they may do well. No unusual sickness has provided with us through the year. Common ailments a plenty. Fruits and vegetables a mediem supply. Hay crop splendid. Potatoes a failure, almost. also Tomatoes. With these two exceptions we have enough.

January 1903

- Thur 1 The day dawns upon us with lovely sun-shine, and "Happy New Year," from many sweet voices is heard as we pass around this morning.
- Sab 4 We attend meeting at the North Family. Singing rehearsal and Bible class is held at the Second Family, as usual.
- Mon 5 Joe begins to work on the kitchen wall at the Infirmary which is to be painted. The roof on dwelling house and Joe is also being mended with cement to stop the leaks. Joe is doing it all with one man to assist him when needed.
- Tue 6 Washing and ironing. Weather fair.
- Thur 8 The meeting room is now finished ready for the floor to be cleaned which is done by Amelie, Cornelie, and the help of some brethren to carry water and help in mopping. The wall is calcined in colors beautifully arranged - the wood-work shellac'd, and the window shutters varnished. There has been much labor put on to the room the past three

January 1903

con - weeks. Amelia and Anna Lane with George to help them have taken the burden of it.

Fri 9 The Settees are moved into the meeting room and the cushions are to be tacked on. Twenty Settees have been cushioned - including three old ones that were repaired.

Sat 10 The sisters and George work till 8 o'clock p.m. before all the little pictures are made right. They are surely worthy of our united thanks which we heartily give them.

Sab 11 The Society attend service with us in our beautiful meeting room. We march in as the Organ is playing and the singers singing the first Hymn. The room is much admired and special reference made to it by Elder Levi and Eldress Anna of the North Family.

" A change in the Kitchen. Sister Amelia takes the cooking with Frances. Cornelius the baking with May, Sarah C. in the dining room with Gossie.

We are having some cold storms with much wind.

January 1903

Mon 12 A lovely winter day.

Tue 13 Washing and ironing

Thur 15 The brethren and hired men begin to get the summer supply of ice.

Fri 16 They finish. The amount - 1,485 Cakes of ice -  
Each cake 175 lbs weight - size 2 ft - Square  
10 inches thick. 13 men employed, with brethren.

Sat 17 The week closes with a pleasant day.

Sab 18 The Ministry appoint this day for our yearly sacrifice, self examination, and retirement. No other meeting. The Ministry are yet at Hanover where they expect to spend the winter. Elder Joseph at Shirley. All this is quite out of our usual custom.

The Ministry came to Lebanon on Friday 16th spent the day at the North Family. Released Elder Seir from the Elders Order and appointed Bro' Daniel Cofford to fill his place. At the same opened the present gift to the Elders through the Village. Our highly esteemed brother, Elder Seir, is eighty four, and by his earnest request was released from the Elders - order.

January, 1903

- Mon 19 Thermometer 10 below zero.
- Tue 20 Washing and ironing - the clothes freeze in the drying room while hanging them on the slats. the poor sisters have a cold job.
- Wed 21 A January thaw. it rains hard all day. It is 30 deg. warmer than it was yesterday.
- Thur 22 Sister Elizabeth Sears and Lorinne go to Enfield Conn. to spend a few days.
- Fri 23 A stormy day. No meeting of any kind.
- Sun 25 Joe, the painter, with his assistant begins to calcimine the halls. Starts on Second hall this morning.
- Tue 27 Washing and ironing. The painters are working in lower hall today. Joe moves rapidly!
- Wed 28 They calcimine the kitchen hall - which makes three halls in three days. They have thoroughly washed all the walls before calcimining.
- Thur 29 Sister Elizabeth Sears and Lorinne P. return from Enfield - report a good visit.

February 1903

- Sab 1 We have a pleasant meeting this morning - the Society assembling with us again in our beautiful Sanctuary. Singing rehearsal and Bible class at Second Family. 2 o'clock p.m.
- Mon 2 A rainy day.
- Tue 3 Washing and ironing. Thermometer 40 deg above zero.
- Wed 4 It is growing cold - much wind.
- Sat 7 What a lovely day. (warm and sunny).
- Sab 8 The day begins with a snow storm, it increases with cutting east winds. A few from all the families attend meeting with us. We enjoy a spiritual feast of good gifts in which many take part. No other meeting.
- Mon 9 A small blizzard prevails all day.
- Tue 10 Fair as April. Washing and ironing performed once more.
- Sat 14 No unusual events occur during the past week. The family move on steadily in duty.

February 1903

Sat 15 In our morning service at the close of the meeting sister Grace Ada Brown read from the "Hartford Daily Times" of Feb 9th the report of the meeting of the "Equal Rights Club". The topic for discussion was, "Motherhood of God". It was ably answered by Eldress Anna White in an open letter which she read in the meeting.

Mon 17 Washing and ironing. We are having a great snow storm. 18 inches fell.

Wed 18 Zero weather. The hired men are drawing a car load of coal, 88 tons, which is for the house furnace and kitchen. The hired men thro' the Village combine and help each other when a car of coal is drawn. This is arranged by order of the deacons.

Thur 19 Still colder. 6 deg. below zero this morning.

Sat - 22 Morning service as usual. Weather fair Singing re-hearsal and Bible class at Second Family. A change in the kitchen. Sisters Elizabeth and Eunice are the cooks. Sister Amelia remains in the kitchen and takes the baking. Kate

February 1903

con - assists her. Corinne and girl in dining room.  
Kate has been teaching school the past five weeks with sister Lola, and will continue thro' this term of schooling.

Mon 23 Splendid weather good sleighing.

Tue 24 Washing and ironing. One more perfect day.

Thur 26 Elderess Dorothy takes breakfast with the family this morning. The first time in many weeks. We hope she will continue to gain in strength as Spring weather comes to us.

Fri 27 The Office sisters are having a hard job in scraping and preparing the walls of two halls for painting, or, rather I ought to say four halls, the north panel South on kitchen and second loft.

Sat 28 The last day of the week and month. February has given us many fine days which we will try and not forget! Only one case of serious sickness. Brother Robert V. has been confined to his room several weeks with pleuritis and a combination of other ailments including heart trouble which gave us some alarm. He is now much better.

March 1903

Sat 1 We meet as usual for worship. It rained all night but cleared off this morning. The after-moon meetings as usual.

Mon 3 Martin paints the fruit room wall. George and Cornelia take the carpets and treads off first hall stairs, brethren and sisters.

Tue 3 Washing, and ironing. To day the carpets and treads are taken off the kitchen stairs both brethren and sisters). The stairs are thoroughly cleaned by Cornelia, and all of the old, iron carpets and treads washed and saved.

Thur 5 Joe has begun to paint the walls below the pin boards. Is working in second hall to day.

Sat 7 One coat of paint on the three halls. Curtains are made by Anna Lane - for nine windows in the meeting room - south and west. Two curtains to a window. The object is to save the windows blinds. Keep them drawn through the week.

March 1903

Sat. 8 This is our farewell meeting with sister Elizabeth Sears who has spent some weeks with us. She has gained in health and we hope she may feel the benefit of the rest and change for many years. She will return South this week. In the evening the Covenant members hold an hours conference in the meeting room. Some important matters are discussed. one was about making our property more secure by having it surveyed. All agreed that it should be done. ~~I think~~ only the part adjoining our neighbors. Harmonious feelings prevail through the meeting.

Mon 10 Our sister Elizabeth and Emma J. take train for New York this morning. Elizabeth will take the south bound train for Florida the next day. Emma J. accompanies her to said train, and bids her the last adieu.

Thur 12 The halls are all painted the second time. Now the job of calcimining and painting is finished, and the halls look nice.

Fri 13 Emma J. returns from New York. Has made it a business trip.

March 1903

- Sat. 14 A Telegram from Florida - tells us that our sister has reached her home in safety. We know it is a joyful meeting.
- Sab. 15 A lovely day. In our meeting this morning we have eleven spectators from Pittsfield. They take dinner at the Smith Family Singing, rehearsal and Bible class as usual.
- Thu 17 Washing and ironing. A cloudy day. 30 deg. cooler than it was Sunday.
- Wed 18 The hired men and brethren begin to work at the wood.
- Thu 19 Elder Timothy loses one of his best farm horses. He died last night of inflammation of the bowels. A doctor came from Pittsfield but he could not save him.
- Sat. 21 The week has passed with no unusual events.
- Sab. 22 The sweet tones of the Organ greet us as we enter the meeting room this morning - the singers standing around the organ. Singing, rehearsal and Bible class in the p.m.

March 1903

Wed 30 They say it is 5° deg. colder! The wood is finished to day.

Thur 31 Morning meeting as usual. In the afternoon singing re-hearsal is held in our meeting room at Rock. It was followed by a Quarterly review by the Bible Class. Many of the brethren and sisters were in attendance. The class honored their teachers and received much credit from those present.

Fri 30 The time is changed! Rise at 5 o'clock breakfast at 6:30

Sat 31 Washing and ironing. March has given us many warm lovely days so kindly we say goodbye.

April 1903

Wed 1 Cornelius and George begin to put the new carpets and treads on the stairs.

Thur 2 Some mistake is made about length of treads for the different stairs, and the job is postponed until more can be sent from New York. The two last flight of stairs were begun. We hope they will hurry up and send them on quick!

April 1903

- Sat. 4 Cold. a regular snow storm. Ther. 40 deg. lower.  
a good fire in the furnace feels comfortable.
- Sab 5 Change in the kitchen. Sister Amelia remains  
in taking her place in the cook room. Frances  
helps her. Cornelia and Flossie in the bakes-  
room. Sarah L. and May in the dining room.  
Our five girls work in the kitchen all the time.
- Mon 6 It is growing some warmer.
- Tue 7 Steady rain all day. Washing & ironing as usual.  
Two men have come from Springfield to  
erect a new gas Machine. They are from Gilbert,  
Parker and Company. The one they offer to put  
in is said to be a great improvement on the  
old Machine that we have been using. This  
one will be stored in the boiler room in the  
cellar and come under Br. Martin's charge.
- Sat 11 The said gas Machine is in its place.  
and the gas pipes and burners through the  
house are put in order. We hope it will  
prove to be all that we anticipate  
The men take p.m. train for Springfield Mass.

April 1903

- Sab 12 We view a table spread with beautiful flowers as we enter the meeting room. It is "Easter Sunday". The spiritual meaning of the day is brought before the meeting with much force by the different speakers. We spent a pleasant hour. The singing was sweet and harmonious.
- Mon 13 The furnishing to finish the stairs has come. George and Cornelius complete the job to day. The Yee Hall stairs have come in with the other four to be fixed up. and now look very nice. Eldress Dorothy's brother Thomas and wife arrive on the 4<sup>th</sup> train from New York. They live in New Jersey. will spend a few days here.
- Tue 14 The company leave this day morning. Elsie E. Ashfield a girl of thirteen is sent away. They all take the early train. The girl will meet a friend at the Grand Central (New York City).
- " Elder Timothy has bought a new span of horses for the farm.
- Wat 18 The School has been on vacation a week. This has given Kate time to perform much work in the line of house-cleaning which has been well improved.

April 1903

- Sab 19 Morning meeting as usual. Singing meeting and bible class held at the North Family at Rock p.m.  
In the evening John Pfleider from Hartford Conn. Teacher of the Millennial System gives a lecture. The families all have an invitation to attend.
- Mon 21 Washing and ironing
- Thur 23 George Duncan washes and calcinates the Sisters water closet, and east end of lower Lee loft by the kitchen door.
- Sister Amelia and Kate go to Springfield to see about taking some children. Bring home with them two little girls - Ethel and Violette Palmer, ages five and seven.
- Fri 24 Elizabeth Ermine and Loraine give the brethrens clothes room and copper hall a good cleaning. Julia Finn cleans the sisters clothes room. Also the room where the spare beds are stored, two unoccupied rooms and the chair room are put in order by E. & L. Gantner.
- Sat 25 The Dryg near the washhouse has a new shingle roof put on to day by Andrew Reed -

April 1903

- con - Engineer at the Extract Department.
- Sat 26 We hold morning service. Not so many present as usual. No other meeting.
- Mon 27 So 4. The room Louisa occupies is thoroughly cleaned by Julia Ann, Eunice & Corinne. The carpet is taken up and condemned. Charlie and Martin assist in carrying out the large things. No calcining done. The wall is brushed and it is washed below the peg boards, and the floor is siled.
- Tue 28 Washing and ironing. weather fair. The surveyors have begun their work on the land.
- Thur 30 General house cleaning is progressing nicely. Washington <sup>arrives</sup> arrives in the afternoon. He is spending a few days at Glencoe. And being so near the old home of his childhood and youth felt a desire to see it again. We have had snow cold weather in April than we had in March.

May 1903

- Fri 1 It is 5° deg. colder this morning at 6 o'clock than it was last night at 6 o'clock.
- Sat 2 Dr. Benjamin start for New York. Washington returns to Flaneock to spend the Sabbath and from there home to Sabbath-day Lake Ste.
- Sab 3 Morning meeting. Our lawn is looking very nice. Dr. Martin takes good care of it.
- Sun 4 This morning two of our youth boys leave us, Allen and Stanley Wells. exp 18 & 23.
- Tue 5 Washing and ironing. Sisters busy day.
- Wed 6 The Elder brother's room is cleaned (carpet taken up and dismissed). Two breadths of home-made carpets furnished from the Office; and a piece of new Oil cloth now give the room a very neat appearance.
- Thur 7 No 3 the room occupied by brother Benjamin and Howzo is given a good cleansing. The carpet having been in wear many years

May 1903

con - is rejected for further use in the room.  
 the wall is washed and calcined and  
 the floor is oiled. two breadths of wide  
 Brussels carpeting now cover the middle  
 of the floor. It has had many years of  
 service at the Office and yet the carpet is  
 good and will last a few years longer and  
 looks well. Eldress Dorothy and Corene  
 cleaned the room brethren assisting.  
 George calcined the wall.

Fri 8 The Drying room ironing room and  
 two of the halls at the wash house are  
 given a spring's cleaning. Sisters - Julie ~~and~~  
 Elizabeth Eunice Corene & Eldress Dorothy  
 helps some. All over sixty! Our kind  
 nurse, Anna Sam, lends a helping hand  
 which is much appreciated.

" So 5 brethren's room where James and  
 Joseph live have the wall scraped below  
 the peg boards and two coats of paint put on.

Sat 9 Dr Benjamin returns from New York.  
 brother Robert Halford is quite sick. The  
 doctor is sent for.

May 1923

Sab 10 A lovely day. Morning service and Singing rehearsal and Bible class in the p.m. at Seasonal Family.

Sister Amelia with a little girl for company go to Glancock to get a girl that they think she will like.

Mon 11 The girl referred to is not accepted.

Sadie has begun to work up 400 Cow skins. Two brethren assist George D. and Charlie B. Two hired women are employed. to pick the skins.

A coat of white paint is put on the bake-room Oden. The same color that it was.

Tue 12 Washing and ironing, and a good deal of it. We have delicious ice cream for dinner I made by Sister Amelia and our active bro, Martin.

Thur 14 The cellars are cleaned by Elizabeth and Junice. Also the deaconess's store room.

Fri 15 The winter term of school closes to day. Thirty pupils have been in attendance. A large company attend the closing exercises in the afternoon.

May 1913

- Sab 17 A quiet pleasant service is enjoyed this morning. All were glad to welcome our good friend Joseph Kohlhofer family, and the friends who came with him to our meeting (Joe the painter,) they to dinner at the Office by special invitation.
- W have a change in the kitchen Elizabeth and Unice are the cooks. Kate and May in the Bake room. Corinne, girl in the dining room.
- Mon 18 Elder Timothy puts a new gas burner in the sisters Water closet.
- Tue 19 Washing and ironing. "The New York World" says it has been the hottest day in May known in twenty five years ther. reaching 98°.
- A pair of new steps are made for the Privy at wash house, and repairs on the wall inside; also the door is painted. by George D.
- Wed 20 Frances Parker has again decided to return to her Father, and numerous relatives in Troy, her native place. Elder Timothy conveys her to Lebanon Station where she boards the 8-56 train.

May 1923

Thur 21 No rain, air dry and sultry.  
Cornelius is helping over the fur this week.

Sat 23 The air is much cooler. Our neighbors,  
got the rain. Thur. 42 deg.  
The fur is finished, house cleaned and  
floor oiled. The business has been done  
in the same place as before.

" This week George has cut a door thro'  
the closets of the rooms to 2 & 2 1/2 on their  
loft for the better accommodation of the  
Sister who cares for the youth and children.

Sab 24 Bro James Peebles and his secretary are  
here on a visit. Guests of the North Family. They  
attend service with us this morning. Also  
Elder Clark and bro. Thomas Strode from  
Enfield Conn. Br. James delivers an  
address at the North Family this evening  
at 7 o'clock. All the families are invited to  
attend. Singing, rehearsal and bible class  
omitted.

Mon 25 Bro. James and companion spend the A.M.  
visiting our family. Take dinner at the Office.

Mary 1903

Fri 26 Washing and ironing. Our brother P. Haldor is quite sick at the Infirmary with complicated ills that flesh is heir to. The doctor thinks he can help him if he will keep quiet a few weeks and rest.

Sat 27 Julie Ann and Ann Maria go to Pittsfield to see friend George Bragg. His nurse and her Mother are still with him. The mother is the house keeper. George is a great sufferer with rheumatism. Seldom leaves the house.

Sab 28 We have our morning service as usual. Bible class and singing re-hearsed at Second Family.

We are still begging for rain. Grass vegetation and fruit will be greatly blighted unless the elements change in our favour.

Only a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of rain has fallen this month. The paper states that the Month of May has been the driest known for seventy four years.

We have much to be thankful for yet. We read of terrible floods by over-sluich rain and rising of rivers in our Western States. Especially in Kansas Mo.

June 1903

Sun 1 Weather the same dry and cool.

Tue 2 Washing and ironing. Water growing scarce.

Thur 4 Kate and Lance take the three youngest girls out for a day's ride. Ferdinand May and Glossie go to Pittsfield. So that our young people are all away enjoying life to day and we "old folks" must make out as we can.

Fri 5 George has made screens for the two back-room windows) and put them in to day. Sister Amelie bought the wire.

Sat 6 A forest fire is raging on Stephentown mountain. Our village is almost dense with smoke, we have not seen the sun for a week. It gives us some alarm.

Sun 7 Just a little sprinkle of rain! the first in nearly four weeks. We see the beautiful sun again and rejoice. Fire under control. Sabbath service as usual. Sister Louise Green from Shirley Mass. is present. Guest of the North Family.

June 1903

- Mon 8 Last evening a meeting was held at the Office by The Elders and Trustees from each family, to decide what to do in regard to the little Colony of Shakers in Florida. They do not increase in numbers and strength and are, at present, low in health and financial means. The meeting concluded to send them some money every month for a while, as a present relief.
- It rained last night and is raining this morning - gently falling. O how refreshing!
- Tue 9 Washing and ironing this never fails.
- Wed 10 Sister Louisa Green visits the Church Family.
- Thur 11 We learn this morning that Ruth Barry of the North Family, passed to Spirit life about 12 o'clock last night, age 80.
- Fri 14 We attend the funeral of our Sister in the p.m.  
An other meeting.
- Sat 15 Rain rain! since the 7th we have had 6 inches  
Washing and ironing continues regardless of the weather.

June 1903

Sat 20 One more inch of rain is added to the record.

Sab 21 The North Family come to meeting thro' a drenching shower. The Second and South Families did not venture forth.

Tue 23 Four Sisters are here from the Church Family, Watervliet on a visit. Alice Barthell - Edith Clark, Agnes Schultis & May Romaine. The three last are young sisters. They only remain in Lebanon two days. Visit Flaneock - and return home on Saturday.

Thur 25 The wash house is given a Springs cleaning Sisters. Amelia Julia Ann - Cornelia and Sarah Luther. A hired woman and one brother to help. Finish 4 o'clock p.m.

Sat 27 Two sisters from Enfield N.H. Marinda - Keniston & Rosetta Cummings have been at the factory working up some fur, just finished the job - come to Lebanon to spend the Sabbath. Elder Timothy who goes after them arrive in time to take dinner.  
Weather fine.

June 1903

- Sat 28 Morning service with good attendance.  
We enjoy a pleasant season in worship.  
The Sisters leave for Glencoe at 3 o'clock p.m. will  
take early train for home in the morning.  
A change in the kitchen. Sister Amelia is  
cook with our girl May to assist. Cornelia  
and Glossie are the bakers. Sarah Cutler  
does the dining room work with a girl to  
wait on the table & Sophie to assist about the  
dishes at the sink after meals.

June 30 Washing and ironing without fail. Showers  
in the pm. 10 inches of rain this month!

July 1903

Wed 1 A pleasant day.

Fri 3 We have our first meal of green peas and  
they were good, picked and cooked by our  
dear sister Amelia.

Sat 4 Independence Day. Our beautiful home  
is very quiet. Ice cream for dinner.

Sat 5 A few spectators are present in our  
morning service. The day is perfect.

July 1903

- Mon 6 Rain - clears off pleasant.
- Tue 7 Washing and ironing.
- Thur 9 We have ice cream for supper, sent to us from the North Family - exchange for a bushel of peaches sent to them.
- Sat 11 We have had some very warm weather this week. 93° in the shade.
- Sab 12 Our friend P.L. Bruster attended our service this morning - and spoke quite lengthly of his experience, also expressed great pleasure in meeting with us. He took dinner at the North Family.
- Mon 13 3 new screen doors are bought for the dwelling house. One for the South door, one for the Kitchen Veranda, and one for the Ministry's Vestibule. Paid by the family.
- Tue 14 Washing and ironing as usual.
- Wed 15 The Ministry sisters return to Lebanon by p.m. train. Are expecting to abide with

July 1903

con - us a few weeks. Elder Joseph remains in his adopted home, Shirley.

Fri 17 Three sisters and a girl go to gather Huckle berries. Martin with them. Our boy Lance with one horse lands them safe in the berry lot.

Sat 18 Hamilton De grace is here on a short visit. Also a friend with him G. K. Schofield an ardent Christian Scientist 80 years old.

Sab 19 The South Family were prevented meeting with us this morning because of rain.

Sun 20 Washing and ironing.

Mon 21 Last night it rained an inch yesterday afternoon half an inch. Slipping lays on the account.

Our girl May took it into her head to run away this p.m. She was brought back about 5 o'clock.

Sat 25 Some repairing around the great barn has been done this week. This evening we have

July 1903

con - a short but pleasant visit with Margaret Sangster and a few friends from the Plat. They took supper at the North Family.

Sat 26 We hold morning service as usual. Rain threatens all day - but little falls.

Mon 27 It is ~~40~~ <sup>deg</sup> cooler this morning.

Tues 28 Mary Galesha is taken to Albany by Elder Timothy and placed in the "Home of the Good Shepherd" where her father will meet her - should he desire to. She has only been with us a few months and never wished to stay.

Fri 31 All is well, we bid July good bye.

August 1903

Sat 1 Almost a frost - need a fire.

Sab 2 Fifteen spectators were in our meeting this morning. The time was well filled with remarks from our best speakers. The singing was good. Singing rehearsal in the p.m.

August 1903

Tue 4 Washing and ironing

Wed 5 The sisters cut and can five bushels of early Apples. 1 inch of rain to day.

Thur 6 Continue cutting, and canning Apples. Daisy Wells comes to spend her vacation. She is boarding with Mrs. Hull on Lebanon Flat. She will spend the most of her time with her sister Kate and brother Sidney here in the family which was her former home.

Fri 7 Rainy day. The families attend our usual morning service. The general speaking was in remembrance of the accession of our blessed Mother Ann who landed in America Aug. 6th 17. Eldress Harriet & Eldress Augusta exhorted all to a renewal of the testimony she delivered in her day, which was a separation from the world and a generative life.

" Change in the kitchen. Elizabeth & Eunice are the cooks. Kate and Glossie in the bake room. Corinne and Lola in the dining room. Sister Amelia helps Kate in the morning. Daisy makes her visit combine pleasure and work - assisting in many ways.

August 1903

- Yue 11 A fine day for washing and ironing.
- Yue 13 A company of sisters and girls go on the mountain for an outing and to see about the black-berries, which are scarce.
- Yue 14 Ther. 48° the coldest morning we have had.
- Sat 15 Our friend Mary Duckes from Japan, and her two sons, Gordon & Howard, come to see Ida, and spend a little time visiting us.  
The Salvation Army commenced their Annual meetings in Lebanon Grove this evening, which continue until the 30th.
- Sab 16 A gentle rain falls which does not prevent our morning service. A company of spectators are present. Mary being a missionary, and attending the meeting is invited to speak - and gives us an interesting account of her experience in the missionary work.
- Yue 18 A lovely day. The usual duties performed. Elder Joseph comes home to spend a few days on some business. We are glad to see him, but he cannot see us very well

August 1903

con - having an ugly cataract over each eye.  
He has been under medical treatment  
several months, but with little benefit.

Wed 19 A company go to the Grove this evening  
to attend the meeting.

Two girls are taken into the family Susie  
and Jennie Parsons ages 14 & 13.

Thur 20 Elder Joseph leaves this pm for Hancock.

Sat 22 Sister Amelie's brother Henry and wife  
from Washington, make a short call, they  
hire a carriage at Pittsfield drive over  
the mountain take dinner with us and  
leave at 4 o'clock.

Sab 23 A few spectators are present in our morning  
service. Our visitor Mary Dukes gives us a  
lengthy discourse from the text "By their fruits,  
ye shall know them". The Ministry call a sister  
meeting in the evening. Inform us that Eldress  
Dorothy is released from her burden as  
Eldress in the family. It is not yet decided  
who will take her place.

Mon 24 Mary D. goes to New York on some business.

August 1903

- Tue 25 Washing and ironing. Annie Adele is here on a visit. She gives much needed help at the Office.
- Wed 26 Robert Halford and sister Cornelia spend a day or two at Lenox by especial invitation from his relatives there.
- Sat 29 Henry George goes to Boston on an excursion train which starts from Pittsfield this morning.
- Sab. 30 Another rainy day. The families come to meeting.
- Mon 31 Br. Benjamin takes early train for New York having business with Symon Brown. We have had our whole week of cold rainy - unpleasant weather.
- The Salvation Army, or a portion of it ride through the Village. A few young men, cadets in the Army with their Captain. They sing, with drum and bugle. Br. Charles Edwards of the Weller Family with double team is their escort. They leave the wagon and give each family a special greeting in song and music and marching. Also a prayer by the Captain for the prosperity of the Community.

September 1903

- Fri 1 Washing and ironing is the order of the day.
- Thur 3 Our Missionary Mary Duke again leaves for New York this morning taking her two sons and daughter Isla who has been with us over three years. She does not feel that she can settle down in so quiet a life as she finds in a Shaker Community.
- " We have just received a message by telegram that our beloved Elderess Harriet Goodrich has passed to spirit life. She had a stroke of apoplexy and died not long but a few hours. Sister Amelia wrote a piece to be read at the funeral. She spent the early part of her life in this family, and filled many places of trust and burden. We remember her in gratitude love and respect.
- Fri 4 The Ministry inform us at the breakfast table this morning, that sister Julia Ann Scott will fill the vacancy in the Elders Order, as Elder in the family, and sister Amelia will live with her and continue to care for the young people.

" Three making a company go after Elderberries - get a good supply.

September 1903

Sat 5 We have had four days of lovely weather! Annie Lane takes Elder Timothys little horse and carriage and goes out for a drive with sister Amelia this p.m.

Sab 6 Meetings are held in the fore-moon and after-moon. The weather cool and pleasant.

Tue 8 Daisy Wells finishes her visit to day. She has been a great help in the kitchen, and in other places in the family.  
Br. Benjamin returns from New York.

Wed 9 Sarah Cutler and her Mother go to Hampton Beach to spend a few weeks. They have a relative there who is proprietor of a popular Hotel near the Beach.

" We have our first ripe Tomatoes for dinner.

Thur 11 Eldress Miriam Axford and sister Hannah Wilson (82) are guests of the Smith Family. They visit the Church Family to day.

Sab 13 Thermometer registering high in the 80° again Our usual meetings are attended.

Tue 15 Working and ironing. hot! hot!!

September 1903

- Wed 16 Anna Lane and Sister Myrtle take the little horse and carriage and go to Pittsfield.
- Thur 17 Charlie Bloomgren concludes to return to outside life. Elder Timothy will convey him to Pittsfield where he expects to find employment.
- Sat 19 The Sisters spend a busy week in cutting and canning Peaches.  
Dr. Robert Halford starts to Boston to be absent only a few days.
- Sab 20 We have a pleasant day and a good meeting.  
A change in the Kitchen. Sister Myrtle and Susan, her new girl, are in the Cook room. Cornelie and Jennie in the bake room. Cornelie remains in for Sarah Cutler. Gossie helps her.
- " Anna and sister Dorothy go out for a drive this afternoon, the sun shining brightly.  
Dr. Robert Halford started for Boston Saturday morning to be absent a few days.
- Mon 21 Four barrels of gasoleum are <sup>emptied</sup> into the gas tank. We hope it will be used sparingly.

September 1903

- Fri 25 Br Robert meets the Sisters at Hampton Beach and they all return home to day - having enjoyed a good time & splendid weather.
- Sat 27 We have a wet rainy day. Hold morning service with a good attendance. A few spectators were present.  
To other meeting.
- Sun 29 Washing and ironing. Fine day. Elder Joseph takes dinner with us. Ice cream for dessert.
- Wed 30 The Ministry Sisters leave Lebanon for Enfield Conn. Elder Joseph goes with them. A company go to Graylock. Sadie Hale, Eunice and Adeline Cantrell. Return the next day.

October 1903

- Thur 1 Corinne and Kate go to Barrington to attend a Fair. 20,000 people were on the ground.
- Fri 2 Elder Timothy goes to Pittsfield with our youth girls, Elsie, Susan and Jessie.

October 1903

Mon - for a days outing. Corinne and Kate stay all night at Glanceek, East Family. return home in the a.m.

Elder Timothy and Company about back.  
The Sisters can Tomatoes.

Tue 4 Meetings are held as usual

Wed 5 School commences to day. Twenty seven pupils.

Thu 6 The families are invited to attend the funeral of John Shemway. Elder Timothy Br. Robert Halford, Corinne and Sarah Cutler go from this family. He has been a near friend and neighbor for many years.

Fri 8 It rained 4 inches last night and this morning,

Sat 11 Morning service as usual.

Sun 12 The school is closed for a week. The teacher Grace A. Brown has sprained her ankle.

Mon 13 The Sisters are doing up green Tomatoes this week - saving all they can for future need.

Tue 14 Elder Timothy and Br. Robert H. take

October 1903

con - early train for New York on business -  
and will meet Elder Joseph there.

Sat 17 Br. Robert has a hole cut thro' the wall  
into the chimney for a pipe to pass through  
from his room No. 13. A stove is needed  
in this room when the furnace is not  
heated, as he spends much time at his desk  
writing business letters & keeping accounts.

Sab 18 Elder Timothy being absent Elder Barnard  
took the lead of the meeting. Rain prevented  
the South Family from coming. We enjoyed  
a good free meeting. Danced a ~~some~~  
Elder Timothy arrives home about 12 o'clock

Mon 19 Br. Robert returns.

Tue 20 I company from the South Family  
Waterliet come to visit beautiful Mt. Lebanon.  
Eva Larkin, and three young sisters - Grace  
Dahn, Freda Sipple and Mamie Dahn.  
They stay at the Office, or board and lodge  
there while on the visit. We visit them  
this p.m. tho' there is lots of work on hand  
it being washing and ironing day.

October 1903

Thur 22 Elder William Dumont and two sisters  
 Eldress Elizabeth Haskell and Sarah Fletcher  
 from Gloucester Maine ride over the mountain  
 from Hancock in the after-moon to make  
 Lebanon a flying visit. They came to see  
 the Ministry who are at Eastfield Conn.

Fri 23 Elder William and sisters leave for Hancock  
 about 9 o'clock. We have had a pleasant little  
 visit with them.

The Sisters visiting from Waterleit ride  
 out to day. Elder Timothy and George take  
 them riding the company. Sadie, Corinne,  
 and Kate accompany them. They take their  
 dinner and enjoy a splendid time, tho' it  
 rained in the forenoon. Return about 8 o'clock.

Sat 24 They finish their visit here, and go to Hancock  
 this after-morn.

Sab 25 A pleasant day. We had a heavy frost last  
 night Thermometer down to 28°.  
 Two spectators in our morning meeting.  
 Singing re-hearsal and Bible class in the p.m.

Sat 31 We have come to the close of a busy month.  
 The fall work of harvesting is going on rapidly.

November 1913

- Sat 1 The day is lovely. Our morning service is made interesting with excellent speaking. Also the singing was sweet and soul inspiring. William Hale Dowell, a noted man of the world was present. He holds many positions - is President of the "Cuban American League" of the sons and daughters of the American Revolution. This evening he gave a little account of his experience at the North Family. All the families in the Village were represented in the meeting. He gave the story of the "Peace Flag". Also re-hearsed the story of the "Liberty Bell" which yet remains in debt. Our friend is making efforts by lectures on the platform to secure the necessary funds to lift the debt.
- " It is time for the kitchen sisters to change. Elizabeth & Eunice take their usual place as the cooks. Kate and school girl in the back room. Corinne and girl in the dining room.
- Sun 2 The time changes for rising & breakfast - which is now to get up in the morning at 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> past 5 o'clock and take breakfast at 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> h. b.
- Mon 3 Cornelia has been boiling cider this week & making Apple Butter for market.

November 1903

- Sat 7 Two women come, sisters, arrive about 6 o'clock. They are from North Adams. The youngest -  
Grazing Wheeler a girl of 16 has come to remain with us. if she wishes to.
- Sab 8 We hold morning service at the usual hour. the p.m. gatherings the same.
- Thu 10 We hear our beloved sister Elizabeth Sultan of the Second Family has passed to Spirit life.
- Thu 12 The funeral is attended at Dick this afternoon which continued two hours, and was well filled with beautiful tributes offered in honor and respect to one so worthy, and who has lived a long life in consecrated devotion to her faith in the principles of the Community. Having a superior intellect and spiritual growth, it made her a minister of all that is sweet and lovely in our home circle of brothers and sisters who have pledged themselves to live the higher Spiritual life.
- Sat 14 We hear the sad news that Fletch Webb died this morning at 5-30 o'clock after a week's illness caused by taking a sudden cold & chill which ended in pneumonia and death.

November 1903

Sat 15 We have a quiet meeting. Elder Ernest spoke at some length on consecration. Bible class and singing re-hearsal at the Second Family.

Tue 17 Washing and ironing. rain all day.

Wed 18 We see the ground covered with snow this morn. Br. Benjamin goes to Pittsfield where he will spend a day, and then take train for New York. on Soc. business, he says.

Sat 21 Only ten above zero. Cornelie has given the fruit room a thorough cleaning. The family are keeping quite free from colds.

Sab 22 We have our usual meeting. Elder Daniel reads some letters from our visitor Wm C. McDowell. Also read the answers by Eldress Anna White.

Tue 24 Washing and ironing?

Thur 26 Thanksgiving Day! and a beautiful day it is. The Society meet with us and give thanks in our warm, comfortable meeting room.

November 1913

Sat 28 Elder Timothy returns from Waterliet where he spent a day on some business.

Sab 29 We have a meeting of much speaking. are warned to be careful of fire.

Sun 30 The mouth closes. lovely weather.

December 1913

Tue 1 William Sangbridge makes a short call, stays over one night and away in the morning.

Sister Clarissa and Anna spend the after-noon with us. They bring their Gramophone which entertained some of the brethren and sisters very pleasantly. They take tea in our dining room, and return home about 5 o'clock. Two young sisters go with them to help carry the Gramophone.

Wed 2 Dr Benjamin returns from Fau Gock.

Thur 3 We find six inches of snow on the ground

December 1903

con - much to the delight of our young people.

Sab 6 Meet for service as usual. The families attending. The meetings grow more interesting all the time.

We learn that our esteemed brother J. M. Peebles is quite sick.

Tue 8 Washing and ironing.

Thur 10 The sleighing is splendid! the horses all employed so that the sisters cannot have a sleigh ride. O pity!

Sat 12 Some of the family are suffering with bad colds.

Sab 13 Stormy day. rain all night and it is raining hard to day. No meeting.

" A change in the kitchen. Sister Finch and her new girl, Fanny, in the cook room, Cornelie and a school girl in the bake-room. Sarah C. and girl in dining room.

When some of our dear sisters fail who have borne the burdens of the kitchen for many years we do not know what we shall do.

December 1903

Tue 15' Washing and ironing.

Thur 17 It is 2 below o. A boy is taken in to the family George Edward Healy from New York age 14.

Sat 19 We have had a cold week 6 below o this morning.

Sab 20 A steady pour of rain all day. No meetings.

Mon 22 Washing and ironing snow and blow.

Wed 23 Fourteen fools are dressed at the Wash-house by the sisters. Corinne &

Thur 24 Corinne and Kate go to Pittsfield. Sister Eunice has been quite sick, she is some better to day.

Fri 25 Christmas! Have a pleasant greeting by Elder Timothy at the breakfast table, and Oranges by the side of each plate. The Society meet with us in morning Service.

The Second and South Families are invited to dinner and to spend the day with us. Eight from the Second Family. Elder Ernest

December 1903

con - Eldress Emmaile Sister Clarissa two young Sisters and two bright little girls. One youth boy. Three from the South Family. No more could leave home on account of sickness and caring for the aged. We regretted that the Elders could not come. In the p.m. all are invited to attend a "Christmas" entertainment at the A. F. by the young people. Some of the older members took part in it thus manifesting the harmony of the family. We spent about two hours there. We then return with our invited guests, and after more visiting are summoned to the Dining hall again to partake of refreshments which are served from 4 o'clock to 6. Consisting of Chocolate cake, cookies, Ice cream, potted meat and Penobscot sandwiches, Sugared popcorn, Tea, Cocoa, & Milk. Surely conversation with many "Christmas" greetings makes the time pass gaily on. In the evening music and singing in the Organ Room closes a very pleasant and Happy Christmas which we shall long remember as a bright spot in life.

Our youth and children had a lovely "Christmas" tree with every thing on it that makes the young heart glad.

December 1903

Sat 26 We are pleased to report our sick gaining in health. At present Eldress Julee is confined to her room having injured her left ankle by a fall a few days ago. The Doctor has bled it and given hope by care and keeping off her feet a week she may be around with us again. She is much troubled with varicose veins and this hurt increases the inflammation and swelling.

Elder Timothy goes to Shirley to see Elder Joseph.

Sab 27 Held our usual morning meeting.  
Zero weather.

Thu 29 Washing and ironing done by the few who are able, or notable.

Wed 30 The brethren and hired men get in the Ice which is in excellent condition.

Thur 31 The year closes with a pleasant day. Our blessings have out-numbered our afflictions for this we render thanks to God, and thanks to every member in the family for their services in sustaining the home.

# Sale Work by the Sisters 1903

Eldress Julia Knit fur Gloves	5 pair
Cornelia Knit .. ..	\$5 "
Anna Marie .. ..	9 "
{ Her business by the year handsewing on Sale Books.	
Eldress Julia & Cornelia made Baskets \$0.	
Sister Dorothy bound 50 needle books plaited and	
made silk Tops for the same requiring 100 button holes.	
Made and put on 12 silk bags to cushion baskets.	

Cornine gathers and weaves straw for Bonnets  
also runs many hundred waxes for sale  
assists in preparing fruit and asparagus for market.

Sister Amilia and the girls pick out the buttons  
of which is a great demand for maple sugar  
cakes and the store.

Kate helps Sadie on sale work at the Office  
some weeks during the year when not in the  
Kitchen.

Sister Amilia besides attending to her duties  
as nurse, helps on the Sale Work.

There are now only six sisters in the family to  
change about and do the kitchen work with the  
help of school girls.

# Family Productions for Home use 1903

			Gal
Apple	canned	100	
Currant Jelly		2	"
Raspberry "		1	"
Grape "		3	"
Peach	canned	30	"
Pear	" "	25	"
Raspberry	" "	8	"
Blackberry	" "	25	"
Elder berry	" "	20	"
Plum	" "	25	"
Coral Apple	" "	21	"
Tharrellberry	" "	15	"
Jelly	" "	6	"
Steamed Tomato	" "	20	"
Chow chow	" "	5	"
Catsup	" "	2	"

Apples in the cellar      450 bushels  
 Eggs      11,062  
 " put down for family use 1000

Butter made 16,20 lbs. sold 436 lbs.

Our own bees made Honey      100 lbs.  
 cared for by Sister Anna

# Provisions Bought for the Family 1903

Sugar	-	-	-	9	barrels
Yela	-	-	-	135-	lbs
Coffee	-	-	-	95-	"
Rice	-	-	-	200	"
Oatmeal	-	-	-	3	barrels
Wheat flour	-	-	-	26	" "
Graham ..	-	-	-	3	" "
Pettolene	-	-	-	228	lbs
Kerosene	-	-	-	250	Gal.
Gasolene	-	-	-	9	Barrels
Soap	-	-	-	450	lbs.
Starch	-	-	-	3	Boxes.
Matches	-	-	-	1	"

# Provisions bought by Family Deaconesses.

Cheese	-	-	\$1.00	cts
Corn meal	-	-	75 cts	
Raisins	-	-	75 "	
Gold dust	-	-	40 "	
Crackers	-	-	80 "	
Eggs	-	-	\$1.00	
Star floor oil	-	-	" 1.50	
Salt Soda	-	-	" 1.00	
Graham flour	-	-		45 "
Coconut	-	-		50 "

## Continued Accounts

1903

con -	Cheese	- - -	\$ 2.00	cts
	Wheat	- - -		25cts
	Paint	- - -	" 1.00	
	Raisons	- - -		35cts
	Crackers	- - -	" 2.00	
	Yeast	- - -	" 3.50	
	Screws	- - -	" 1.50	

Bill paid by sister Cornelius

## Supplement

The past year seven leave the family, and five come into the family, youth and children. No deaths to record. Mary Dukes late from Japan, a Missionary, came Aug. 17th with her two sons left Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> for New York taking with her little Ida her daughter who has been with us a few years. The family have enjoyed usual health until late in November where suddenly an epidemic in heavy colds and fever swept thro' the family prostrating a large number, and giving others a slight touch. We are happy to report at the close of the year all are now convalescent.

Fruits and vegetables about the same as last year with the exception of Cherries, which were a failure.

January 1904

- Fri 1 The New Year begins with a pleasant morning. At the breakfast table we find two Oranges by each plate - token of a Happy New Year. The youth and children have a fine, sligh ride.
- Sat 3 To meeting. Much sickness - and few able to attend in our family, is our apology. We hope soon to be able to rise above this physical weakness, and again go on our way rejoicing.
- Sun 4 17 below zero. Wash and iron as usual. There are brave sisters in this family!
- Mon 7 The weather is milder 10 above zero.
- Sat 9 Our aged brother Benjamin goes to Pittsfield will spend a short time there with his friend Bishop. Then on to New York.
- Sat 10 We meet for morning service at the hour, the first time in the New Year. The day is stormy - First and Second Families attend. We have more "New Years" greetings in song and word. Bible class & singing rehearsal in the p.m. at the Second Family.

January 1904

Sun 11 Mercury 26 above Zero, last Monday it was 17 below.

Tue 12 The Ministry Sisters ride over from Hancock and make a short call at each family. Take dinner at the North Family.  
Wash and iron. the weather is mild & cloudy.

Wed 13 Our last new girl Fanny Wheeler returns to her relatives in North Adams.

Thur 14 Dr. Benjamin returns from Pittsfield this p.m. He has been staying at the "House of Mercy" being treated for deafness, and other ailments, by kindness of his friend Bishop who superintends the House.

Fri 15 Elder Arthur Bruce from Canterbury comes to make a short visit and spend the Sabbath with us

Sab. 16 We enjoy a pleasant meeting. Elder Arthur being present it brought Canterbury near once more, increasing the bond of union & fellowship between the two Societies which has existed so many years.

January 1904.

Mon 18 Elder Arthur leaves Alt Lebanon and starts home to day.

In the p.m. a company of sisters have a fine sleigh ride. It so occurred that Elder Joseph was expected on the rock train to meet the rest of the Ministry at Hancock. As it was some time since we had seen Elder Joseph, and in the mean time a successful operation has been performed on removing a cataract from left eye. It was suggested by the sisters that a company meet him there and make him welcome by singing a new song received by Eldress Anna White. This gift was rendered beautifully by the singers and much appreciated by all the Ministry. Elder Daniel and two sisters went from the Rock Family, three sisters from the Church Family, four from the Second Family and one from South family. This makes up the company, representing all the families in the Village.  
All drive safely at home about 5 o'clock.

Tue 19 Mercury at 4 below zero. Wash and <sup>worn</sup> as usual. The weather does not interrupt our regular round of duties.

Thur 21 A welcome change. 8 above zero.

January 1904

- Fri 22 We are having a regular Blizzard with sleet and rain which makes man and beast tarry under shelter.
- Sat 23 There is work for the shovel and able hands, drifts seven feet high to dig thru'. The storm has abated some but is not through with us yet.
- Sab 24 Eldress Julia takes dinner with the family. She has been confined to her room the past three weeks. The injured ankle is slowly healing. Our meeting this morning is quiet but refreshing in spiritual ministration.
- Change in the kitchen. Elizabeth & Lizzie are the cooks, Kate and Susan bakers, Corinne and girl in the dining room. And thus the brave few keep the Old Ship in tact.
- Yue 26 Dr. Shouzo goes to the Infirmary to be doctored some feeling quite unwell.
- Sat 30 This morning it is 4 above 0 with pleasant sun shine.
- Sab 31 The last day and the most perfect one we have had this month. Eldress Julia and Eldress Anna attend meeting with us this morning. They have been absent several weeks. Singing re-hearsal & Bible class at Second Family.

February 1904

- Tue 2 Washing and ironing. The weather is fine for winter.
- Thur 4 The Elder Sisters room is cleaned thoroughly. Carpets taken up. Calceinated and painted, room and both closets. New carpets will be put down.  
Room No 4 is fitted up for Sister Dorothy.
- Fri 5 Both brethren and Sisters Sitting Rooms are also being calceinated & painted. Our good painter Joe is doing the job.
- Sat 6 Weather niled. the business of the past week has progressed nicely.
- Sab 7 No meetings today, on account of painting.
- Mon 8 Harry S. Grays comes to see his sister.  
18 below zero!
- Wed 10 He leaves for Buffalo on early train.  
Weather continues below zero.
- Thur 11 Calceinating and painting finished.  
Sitting room floors oiled. Radiator in the sisters room bronzed by Mrs' Hartman.

February) 1904

Sat 12 Sister Amelia and Cornelie have worked faithfully renovating those two rooms, and now begin to put back the things. The rooms look beautiful now and I hope we shall be careful and not mar them.

Sat 13 A great change in the weather, warm and pleasant.

Sab 14 We meet for worship at thy appointed hour and feel the bonds of Union strengthen.

Br. Benjamin is quite sick with a complication of troubles.

Mon 15 Ther. down below zero again. Our brave deaconess Cornelie has taken to her bed at last with pleurisy and the grip. Anna began immediately to doctor her and we hope she will be able to keep her from a long sickness. She remains in her room.

Tue 16 Washing & ironing pushed thro' by the valiant few. Sister Anna does the knitting in Cornelie's place, and cares for her.

February 1904

con - patience besides.

Wed 17 Dr. Cleland and Dr. Burton of Pittsfield call on Br. Benjamin this evening. The worst feature in his illness and they most difficult to over-come is the hic-cough. For this purpose the doctors have met to night. Sister Anna is taking the burden of nursing in the case. As yet no remedy has been found. Its attacks are spasmodic and the worst at night.

Sat 18 Sister Cornelia is gaining slowly. Our kind and active sister Sarah Cutler is assisting the nurses. And doing many house chores between.

Sat 19 Besides the forenoon meeting the singing re-hearsal and bible class are held here in the p.m.

Yue 23 Washing and ironing. Sister Emma comes from the Office to assist in the washing. Corinne and Kate lend a helping hand in the ironing room between hours of

February 1904

con - kitchen duties. Kind Sisters.

Wed 24 Two car loads of coal are being drawn from the Depot which will give us enough for the year, we hope.

Fri 26 a lovely day. We have a short visit from Mattie Williamson of New York. A friend of former years as well as the present.

Sat 28 In our morning service Elder Daniel O. read a lengthy piece on the life and mission of Jesus. The families had only arrived at their homes, when a hail storm began ending in rain the rest of the day.

Mon 29 This evening we are invited to attend a meeting at the North Family in commemoration of Mother Ann's birth-day. The weather is fine. A sleigh is at our door soon after supper to convey us over there sent by the North Family, which is also sent to the other families. The various discourses of the hour were centered on Mother and her mission. The songs sung were expressive of our love to her and the principles she taught when on earth.

March

1904

Yue 1 High wind and snow which began at midnight and continues with increasing fury. Thus the mouth marches in with a great deal of blister and feels like some of the human race.

Thur 3 Our good brother Howzo has fell and hurt his right arm so badly the doctor is sent for, and he comes under the care of Anna our nurse. No bones broken.  
A woman from Westfield comes and leaves two little girls. Ruth & Edith  
6 & 5.

Fri 4 The woman takes early train back.

Sab 6 The roads are very bad but some from all the families come to our meeting.  
A change in the kitchen. Sister S. and Glossie in the cook room, Cornelia and Jessie in the bake room. Sarah C. and Ethel six years old in dining room.

Yue 8 Washing and ironing. Weather cold and much ice on the path that leads to the laundry.

Sat 12 All the ailing ones are convalescent.

March 1904

con - Br. Stowzo has left the Infirmary and occupies a room on second loft. Takes his meals with the family. Anna and Henry G. continue to bathe the injured arm with hot water. It is healing slowly. A girl 12 years old is taken, Gladene Harris from New Jersey.

Tue 13 Meetings are held as usual.

Tue 15 Washing and ironing continues to go on. Br Robert Halford has a nephew come to see him. He has been four years in the army against the Philippines.

Tue 20 A fine day, and a good meeting. Our Society meetings grow in interest.

Wed 23 Elder Daniel Offord repairs pipes in the Sisters Watercloset.

Thur 27 Many of the singers have bad colds. We enjoy the meeting in the speaking, and reading by Elder Daniel from the "Literary Digest" on the "social problem".

Thur 31 A cold snow storm closes the month.

April 1904

Fri 1 Stay! not an April shower by any means, but a regular north-west snow storm, a Blizzard! And they say we are to have four more to fulfill a prophecy made at the beginning of winter.

Sat 2 The wood cutting is finished for this season.

Sun 3 Easter Sunday. A beautiful display of flowers are seen at the entrance of the Meeting room. Two pieces sung with the organ which gave life to the meeting.

Mon 4 The time is changed! Rise at 5 o'clock breakfast at 6 o'clock. Sister Amelia goes to Pittsfield to have her teeth filled.

Tue 5 Sister Emma and Glossie go to Pittsfield. Glossie has new glasses fitted to her eyes. Wash & iron. weather fine.

Thur 7 We are having a nice warm April rain which is truly refreshing. Two or three good sized snow banks are yet in the door yard which will surely be diminished. The seasons are true to their trust! And our fears and anxiety are useless!

April 1904

- Fri 8 George mends the seat in the Sisters Water closet which has long been in need of repairing.
- Sat 9 Much has been done this week by the Sisters in house-cleaning.
- Sab 10 A small gathering for meeting this morning. There is much sickness in the Village. Our family are being afflicted again with fever and colds.
- Mon 12 Washing and ironing
- Tues 14 The Ministry have been at Hanesock the past winter. Elderess Siegesta comes to spend a few days to help Sister Amelia on some dresses for the girls. She has been quite sick for a week and sister Euine has been in the kitchen for her. She has now returned to the kitchen in a rather feeble condition. Her. down to 26 s
- Sat. 16 We are having one more winter snow and blow 4 inches on the ground. b-30 A.M. drifts - 14 inches.

April 1904

- Sab. 17 Eldress Augusta returns to Hancock in the p.m. Change in the kitchen. Elizabeth & Emilia are the cooks, Kate and Susie the Bakers, Corinne and little girl in the dining room.
- Tue 19 The Ministry, or Eldress Harriet arrives at Lebanon to spend a few weeks. Dr. Seir Shaw has been associated with the Ministry as help, and he comes and takes his meals with the family. Eldress Augusta has had a call to Enfield Conn. to assist there a few weeks. Elder Joseph at Shirley, Elder Ira at Hancock. Thus the central Ministry are scattered in many places.
- Thur 21 This morning sister Amelie takes early train for Albany, and then on west to Ballaraugeus to spend a few weeks with her relatives there.
- Sab 24 Morning meeting - singing rehearsal and Bible class at the Second Family.
- Fri 25 The old carpets in No 5 are taken up and dismissed being unfit for further

April 1904

con - use, the carpets that were taken up  
in the Elder Sisters room are put down  
in the place of them.

Mon 26 Washing and ironing. Summer weather  
has suddenly come to us causing great  
rejoicing. The singers have a re-hearsal  
in the Organ room.

Tues 28 Sidney Wills is taken to Craig Colony a  
home for Epileptics. Dr. Heland goes  
with him.

May 1904

Sat 1 Weather pleasant. We have morning meeting -  
no other to day.

Tue 3 Washing and ironing. Two livers are  
hired to repair the roof on the Infirmary,  
near the south chimney. It has leaked  
badly for some time.

Wed 4 Sisters, Corneliea and Anna Sme, give  
the Elder Sisters Shop a thorough cleaning.  
Sickness has prevented its being done as  
much as needed for several years past.

May 1904

- Sat 7 The Veranda floor is Oiled, which has not been done for many years. Elizabeth and Junice are Cooks this term.
- Sab 8 A short meeting. Closes at 11 o'clock.  
Singing rehearsal and Bible class at Second Tabernacle in the p.m.  
We have our first meal of Asparagus for dinner.
- Sun 9 A youth boy, Lancelot C. Wells, leaves this morning. Takes the train west expecting to join his brothers in St. Louis.  
Elderess Rosetta Hendrickson from Waterloo is here spending a few days.
- Mon 10 Wash and iron as usual. Weather fine.  
We have strawberries for breakfast. Brought by Elder Timothy.
- Wed 11 The Canterbury Ministry Sisters come to commune with our Ministry, and make a short visit. Elder Henry is not able to travel. Has reached the age of 80 years!
- Fri 13 They go to Hancock about 9 o'clock a.m. Take early train for home Saturday morning.

May 1904

- Sab 15<sup>th</sup> Tracing day. We have six spectators in meeting, all of the masculine gender.  
Our English friend John C. Kenworthy was present and addressed the meeting at the close. He is interested in "The Brotherhood of Man" and would like to establish a community on those principles.
- Mon 16 Mr. fell 5° deg. the first three days. A good fire in the furnace again makes us comfortable.
- Wed 17 Eldress Harriet goes to Enfield Conn.
- Sat 21 The lower hall, the dining room and common room is cleaned this week. Eldress Julia Cornelius and the school girls help.
- Sab 22 Meetings all attended. Sarah Butterworth comes to visit. She stays at the North Family with Jane Butter.
- Mon 24 The Ministry Sisters return to Lebanon once more to remain with us a few weeks.  
Sister Amelia also returns from her visit to Galtaraugus. We have missed her so much, are pleased to learn that she is improved some in health.

May 1904

Thur 26 Our friend J. C. Kenworthy and sister Adal Brown (wife) spend the p.m. with us. We are entertained with music and singing in the meeting room. Take supper in our dining room at 6 o'clock.

Fri 27 We are invited to the school house in the afternoon and spend the time pleasantly with Teacher and scholars.

Sat 29 Weather fine, morning service well attended. In the evening the families are invited to the North Parlor to hear a discourse on "Liberty" by J. C. Kenworthy.

" The kitchen sisters change. Sisters Elizabeth & Ennie take the cooking. Cornelie and girl in the back room. Sarah Cutler and girl in the dining room.

Sun 30 A pleasant day - rain at the close,

Tue 31 The day is well improved by the washing and ironing.

This ends the month of May:

June 1904

Wed 1 Alice well. The birds are singing.

Thur 2 Kate Wells takes early train for Woodstock where she meets her sister Daisy, and both go on to Washington. Kate will see a specialist in regard to her eyes.

Fri 3 A company from Canterbury known as the "quartette" come to make a short visit and sing to us. Elder Arthur - Sisters - Jennie Fiske, Josephine Wilson - Helena Searls, & Jessie Evans.  
The time is divided around in the families so that all have an opportunity to see them.

Sab 5<sup>th</sup> Weomit exercise this morning. The visitors are present and add to the spiritual ministration of the meeting.  
The society meet at 2 o'clock p.m. and enjoy the delightful singing of the "quartette". A heavy thunder-shower at the beginning delayed the time some. A few outside friends are invited.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> The Canterbury visitors leave us and go to Watercleft. We shall long remember their visit at Mount Beekman.

June 1904

Tue 7 Washing and ironing as usual.

Wed 8 Sarah Butler starts to New York, for a visit with a friend there. The sisters in the kitchen share the burdens of the dining room with a girl to help.

Sat 11 Two sisters from Enfield N.H. have been working up their fur at the factory in Hancock, come to spend the Sabbath with us. Sister Rosetta Cummings & Myra G. They attend meeting with us and visit some. Take the 3<sup>d</sup> class train for home.

Mon 13 Joseph Guinn moves from No 5 to No 11.

Tue 14 Washing and ironing is going on in the usual style.

Wed 15 Some friends from Albany come to spend a few days with us. Polly Sanford, now (Mrs Langbridge) and her child (Mrs. Sanford).

Thur 16 I company go to see the Show of Hatch "Electro Photo" company and display of moving pictures, also music & singing.

June 1934

Sat 18 The company from Albany finish their visit and take the stock train for home.

con - A great house cleaning has been going on this week in the building formerly used as the Center Family's Stable and Infirmary. It is now being prepared to rent to an old acquaintance of the North Family Sacra H. Langford, she will come and bring other friends from Acco York.

Sab 19 We have a good attendance in our morning service. At the close much was spoken by the Ministry and Elders concerning the renting of the house referred to, and the future prospects of our Community.

Mon 20 The family take supper on the lawn.

Wed. 23 Sarah Luther returns from her trip to New York.

Thur 24 Ernie has washed and put down again the old carpet that belongs in room No 5.

Mon 27 Elderess Julia, Anna Maria & Susan give Susie's shop a good cleaning

Tue. 28 We attend the funeral of sister Adeline Dunn of the second family. She died of consumption.

Thur 30 This ends the month of June.

July 1904

Fri 1 The lower portion of the wash-house is cleaned, Sisters are scarce, all that can go and assist.

Cherries are abundant this season. The brethren and sisters with hired help are now very busy in preparing them for the market and to can for home use.

Sat 2 John P. Medina a friend from Ohio who is a guest of the Stalk Family makes us a visit to day. We find him an interesting talker. He takes dinner at the Office. His mission east is to collect material for the large room dedicated to the permanent exhibit of Shaker industries in the museum of the Ohio Historical and Archaeological Society of which he is trustee.

Sab 3 We hold service at the usual hour. The weather is lovely.

Sun 4 Independence Day! We enjoy a nice dish of ice-cream for supper with delicious cake. The common duties of the day are performed undisturbed.

Mon 5 The farmers begin the haying.

July 1904

- Wed 7 Miss Catherine Edwards, the house keeper and her cook arrive. The house will now be used for summer boarders.
- Thur 8 Kate Wills returns from Washington. Her sister Daisy comes with her, and will spend a few weeks enjoying the bracing mountain air and lovely country scenes.
- Fri 8 Our beloved Sister Minerva returns to her home in the North. She left Gloriola May 3<sup>rd</sup> and has been visiting Harvard, Shirley, and Enfield Conn. She has been absent nine years.
- Sat 10 Meeting is postponed until 6 o'clock p.m., on account of rain. In the evening our friend J. C. McLean makes his last address to us at the North Family, on "The Missionary spirit" of the first Shakers sent to the West.
- "A change in the kitchen. Elizabeth and Junie are the cooks. Kate and Susan in the Baking room. Sarah Cutler remains in the dining room a week for cocaine who is sorting and preparing cherries for market.

July 1904

Tue 12 Wash and iron.

Wed 13 Margaret Bedell of Catskill and her friend Marion Haize come to make a short visit. Also Sister Dorothy's brother Thomas and wife from New Jersey arrive in the p.m.

Thur 14 Our Catskill company leave this a.m.

Fri 15 Sister Dorothy's relatives leave this morning.  
A boy from New York is taken into the family -  
Herbert Gillick, will room in No 19 with G. Duncan

Sat 16 Morning service as usual. Six spectators present.

Sun 17 The Baumer girls have a sister Dora, and friend Mrs. Hausman come to visit them.

Wed 20 Sister Amelia has a cousin, Nellie Calver, from Pittsfield, and a lady from California spend a few hours with us.

Thur 21 The carpenters finish clapboarding the Office.  
Sister Anna Lane has cleaned and painted the Sisters Bath Tubs. We hope the paint will prove its worth with wear. They look nice.

July 1904

- con - A company of girls go on the mountain with  
Carrie and Hartie for huckleberries. Bring  
home over 32 lbs.
- Fri 22 Another company of five, go to the Hastings.  
Dot. Henry G. takes them and helps pick berries.  
Get 34 lbs. We have our first meal of new potatoes  
for dinner.
- Sat 23 Our dear Sister Minerva is taken to the  
Infirmary. She has been quite sick a few  
days past. She is under the doctors care and  
Anna is her nurse. Stomach trouble.
- Sun 24 A large company of spectators are present. Six  
from our little "Mountain Boarding House" just  
opened. Singing, re-hearsal and Bible class  
at the Second Family.
- Mon 25 Mrs. Housman and the Bowen girls  
Sister Dora leave this morning having spent  
a week with us.
- Elder Joseph comes to see the Trustees on  
business. We are glad to see him in Marion  
once more.
- Tue 26 Elder Joseph returns to Shirley. Dr. Longo  
goes with him to spend a little time with the  
people there. He needs the change, being much  
confined in his laboratory at home.

July 1904

- Wed 27 Elderess Harriet comes from Waterleat and spends a day with us. The sisters pick 30 qts of Raspberries.
- Thur 28 A company start for the Hastings Lot to pick huckleberries. Henry takes them up and returns.
- Fri 29 A small company go on the mountain. Both companies get about 64 qts.
- Sat 30 This week the Tinners have been here and put a new pipe <sup>in</sup> the east side of dwelling house. The old one has leaked for some time, or got clogged in a way that forced the water back under the roof damaging the walls in the rooms.
- " " Since pipe has been put under the cook room sink! the old one worn out, leaked all the time causing much trouble to the sisters who work in that department.
- Sab 31 About 30 present in our morning service. Exercises were omitted which disappointed the spectators very much.
- " Carson Winters comes this morning to see his old home and early friends & having business with the Trustees. Takes the 8 o'clock train for Buffalo.

August 1904

Sun 1 So unusual event occurs. all pursuing the even tenor of their way.

Minnie Deale comes to spend a few weeks at the Office with her sisters.

Tue 2 Wash and iron. Joe comes with his two men and begins to paint the Office.

Thur 4 Sister Amelia and her girls pick out butternuts once a week. 2 and 3 bushels at one time.

Fri 5 The week closes with a pleasant day. the Office is painted once over.

Br. Alonso returns from his visit East.

Sat 7 We hold our meeting to day in commemoration of Mother Ann, the 30th anniversary of her landing in America. The meeting held 3½ hours. Four were present from Water-vliet, three from Enfield Conn. Our friend J.P. MacLean gave a very interesting address briefly reviewing Shaker history. Many came from out-side. The day is pleasant, and the meeting satisfactory. The dinner hour was postponed until 1½ p o'clock. No other meal. In the evening attend a lecture by J.P. MacLean on the "Wooden Builders of Ohio. 3780 years ago."

August 1904

Tue 9 The washing and ironing is done as usual.

Sat 13 A good weeks work is finished. Sister Minerva yet quite low.

Sab 14 We have a good, profitable meeting. Our boarders from "Tim See Hall" in constant attendance. Number 30 now & increasing.

Tue 16 The Ministry leave for Shirley. Will spend a week there, and then go to Enfield Conn. to abide awhile in that part of the country.

Wed 17 Glossie Brown age 16 decides to return to her relatives in Vermont. Sister Emma J. goes with her.

Thur 18 Elder Timothy's brother Thomas and wife from Ohio, and sister Mary from Phila' are here on a visit, make their home at the North Family.

Sister Minerva has a short ride in the covered carriage as far as the North Family. many of the Sisters came out to see her. Her nurse Anna was the driver. They were gone 1/2 an hour. She enjoyed it very much.

August 1904

Sat 30 This week George Martin and Andrew Reed move the old house south of the road and east of Ferdinand's horse barn. We think it is in the right place now. Our brother Martin will soon have the old spot made into a beautiful lawn.

Sab 31 Our boarders still take delight in our morning service. They are a superior class of people.

" Change in the kitchen. Sister Lincoln presides over the Cooks Dept. with our 12 year old girl Florence. Cornelius and Jennie in the back room. Sarah Custer and two six year old tots in the dining room.

Mon 22 Daisy Wells leaves this morning.

Tues 24 Frances Dalton with two nieces, and her little boy Frank - take dinner and spend a few hours with us. They are boarding at Duxbury Lake a few weeks.

Weds 25 We are invited to a musical entertainment at the A.G. this evening, given by our boarders. They met there once before this week to express their feelings of satisfaction, and the genuine comfort they had enjoyed to be with us.

August 1904

Sept 28 The day is lovely. We meet at the hour of worship with glad hearts. Many spectators were present including our boarders.

Oct 29 The Salvation Army pass through our village with music and song. We are invited to attend a little meeting with them on the lawn at the North Family Rock a.m. the Cadets and Captain with four women gave us one of their drill meetings. They appeared earnest and sincere. At the close we joined with them in the march which pleased them very much. There were about 30 in number. The S.A. gave them a sumptuous dinner.

Dec 30 Washing and ironing which continues till night.

Dec 31 Mrs. Harrison, Mother of our girl Florence comes to see her. Martin has painted the Ash House, it now looks like a pretty little cottage nestled among the evergreens.

The month has slipped away and we hardly realize that it is gone. The summer has been made unusually pleasant by the superior class of people that have been boarding with us this season.

September 1904

Thur 1 Sister Cornelia takes the p.m. train to Albany and will spend a week with her Cousins.  
Mrs. Garrison leaves for New York.

This evening we have an informal gathering in our meeting room with the boarders. They entertain us by music, singing, and speaking pieces. We sing to them, and at the close we all join in the march. Say good night about 9-30 o'clock.

Sab 4 A full attendance and a good meeting.

Fri 9 Dr. & Mrs. Hyatt with four children leave this morning for Brooklyn, their home.

Susan Patterson arrived this p.m. she left this family about 20 years ago.

Sat 10 Susan leaves this morning. We bid farewell to the last four of our boarders. Now they are all gone but the servants, they are left to clean up the house. There has been 32 at one time in the house. Some staying 3 weeks and others longer. Ten or more children in the number.

Our faithful deaconess Cornelia returns from her visit. She reports a very enjoyable week with visiting, sightseeing, and change.

September 1914

Sat 11 No speaker this morning, in our meeting, a very little speaking. Singing rehearsal and Bible class at Second Family this morn.

Sun 12 Mary Lator (Mrs. Whiting) comes to spend a week with us. She occupies a room in the dwelling house. The men have come to put a new roof on the Meeting House. Six men are employed. Two board at the Office, two at the North Family, and two at the Second Family.

Our friend G. Pease of Pittsfield took the job, and it is in good hands. Good Elder Levi Shaw also takes an active part in helping remove the old tin and rubbish from the door yard. It is said that the old tin had been on eighty years!

Mon 13 The School House is cleaned. Help is supplied from all the families.

Tue 14 Sister Lucia is taken to the Infirmary not being able to care for herself. She is ailing in mind and body. Sister Anna will nurse her up a few days.

Sister Anna is yet quite sick and

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con her case requires much attention and care from her nurse, Anna.

Sat 18 After outside people come to meet with us this morning. The weather is splendid, and health inspiring to soul and body.

Mon 19 The families are invited to attend the funeral of John Stover of the South Family who dropped dead in the street in Pittsfield, on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> inst. He had left the South Family a few weeks previous. In consideration of many years of faithful service in the community, it was thought just, to perform the last duty and give him a burial.

Wed 21 Mary Calver leaves for Buffalo this morning.

Fri 23 Elder Timothy has just brought in from the kitchen garden 200 of the finest Hubbard Squash that has ever grown in that locality. We have had

Sat 24 some very cold weather this week. Mr. 26 a good fire in the furnace makes us comfortable.

Wed 28 Sister Louisa is feeling much better, returns to the dwelling house.

Fri 31 The new roofing is finished on the Melone House, ready for painting.

October 1904

- Sat 1 Showers all day.
- Sab 2 We feel quite a lack in our meeting, some of the leading singers have gone to attend a "Peace Congress" in Boston.  
The kitchen sisters change. Elizabeth Cantrell and Susan are the cooks. Kate and Jenny the bakers. Lorinne & Florence in the dining room.
- Sun 3 The winter term of school begins to day. Sister Grace Ida Brown the teacher. Six girls and one boy attend from this family.
- Mon 4 Sisters Junice Cantrell and Sadie Hale start on a visit to Ohio and Kentucky, to see our western Societies of Believers. Take the train at Pittsfield for Buffalo this p.m.
- Sat 8 The meeting house roof is painted this week and finished all we shall do this year. The inside repairing will be done next year.
- Sab 9 The meeting is made interesting by the reading of some letters from the "Peace Congress".
- Sun 10 We receive letters bearing good tidings from our sisters who are visiting in the West.

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- Thur 13 Seven sisters cut and fit for the kiln 50 bushels of Apples, which net 43 bushels when dried.
- Sept 15 Nancy Calver arrives by p.m. train. Will spend only two days. Stakes her home in the family dwelling house.
- Sept 16 Eldress Julia said as she looked out on the clear blue sky late in the afternoon. "This has been a perfect day." Enjoy a good meeting.
- Thur 18 Nancy C. takes train for the west this morning
- Sept 20 Mrs. Emma Swan Cornelius' Cousin from Buffalo comes to spend a little time in our home on the beautiful hills of Lebanon. She also has board and lodging in the family.
- Sept 23 The Rev. Amancio Deyo was present in our meeting this morning. This evening she entertains us in our meeting room, speaking on various topics
- Thur 24 We meet at the A.G. she speaks on war and peace.
- Thur 27 Eldress Augusta comes home to assist on the Sale Cloaks. Emma is at the Infirmary recruiting.
- Sept 29 <sup>Even</sup> Emma Swan finishes her visit and takes the train for Albany. She has been a lovely visitor.
- Sept 30 We have a comforting spiritual meeting.
- Thur 31 One more delightful day to close the month.

November 1904

- Mon 1 Washing and ironing
- Tues 2 The time is changed - rise at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 o'clock  
Breakfast at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 o'clock  
Washington Jones comes to visit his old Sabbath home once more.
- Thurs 3 Sarah Butler has been doing the handsewing on Sale cloaks the past four weeks. She is an expert with the needle.  
Sisters Eunice and Sadie who have been absent four weeks on their western trip - return in good health and spirits.
- Fri 4 Washington leaves for Hancock where he will spend a few days.
- Sat 5 Florence Harrison is sent to her Mother in Brooklyn.
- Sab 6 We hold our meetings as usual
- Mon 7 Sister Angelina Lof from Waterloot arrives today, will spend a few days, with us.
- Thurs 10 A girl 16 years old is taken into the family. Lawrence Smith from Troy.
- Fri 11 Angelina takes train for Albany.

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- Sab 13 We have our first real snow storm to day. It did not hinder our meeting together to praise God and speak of His goodness.
- I change in the Kitchen. Sister Amelia with a youth girl Susan, are the cooks. Cornelia and Jeanie the bakers. Sarah L. and little girl in the dining room.
- Mon 14 We find 12 inches of snow on the ground this morning. Br Benjamin has been in New York a week returned to day.
- Thur 17 An eventful day! Eldress Harriet returns from Waterloiet. Henry George goes to England, his native place to spend a few weeks. Our girl Glossie returns to her Shaker Home, feeling sure now that it is the dearest spot on earth.
- Sab 20 The meeting is a testimony against worldly fashions in every form, and adopting them in place of our plain Shaker costume.
- Thur 24 Thanksgiving Day. The Society meet with us and we offer our tribute of thanks. Dr J. McLean is again present in our meeting. He had business in New York and could not pass without calling. He spoke at the close.

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Fri 25 Our friend McLean gives a lecture this evening at the A.G. on the "Formation of the Earth".

Sab 27 Attend another pleasant discourse in the evening on his journey thru' Scotland.  
" Sister Minerva passed to Spirit life at 9-30 p.m. age 85.

Sun 28 Elder Arthur Bruce here over one night. Sister Minerva's daughter Myra from Harvard and her three sons from Boston arrive in the p.m. to attend the funeral tomorrow.  
" Adeline goes to Elbany to spend a few days with her friend Mrs. Eastman.

Wed 30 The funeral services commence at 2 o'clock. The Society attend also her relatives. Much was spoken in praise of our dear sister - her many virtues were brought to view by her friends of long years. She had borne heavy burdens in the community and was loyal and true to her trust. Was one of the pioneers that offered to go to Florida when that little colony started - spent ten years there. A tribute of thanks were offered by her daughter and her grandsons, for the kind care she had received in her last sickness. Meeting held about two hours.

December 1904

- Thur 1 The three sons take train for Boston this morning. Myra will remain and visit the families.
- Sab 4 A quiet meeting. Myra speaks of her thankfulness to see old friends. Receives love for herself and our gospel relation at Harvard, her home.
- Mon 5 Sister Myra leaves us this morning. We have enjoyed her little visit with us very much.
- Sat 10 The week passes with no unusual event.
- Sab 11 We find Mr. & wife quo this morning. A good number from the families brave the cold and come to meeting to our great joy.
- " This p.m. our suffering and much afflicted sister Dorothy is carried to the Infirmary. We do not think she will survive this cold winter.
- Wed 14 Minnie Hale comes to spend a few weeks away from the noise of the City.
- Sab 18 A fine day and good meetings in the a.m. and p.m. The young people appear busy and wide awake. We may know more about it soon Xmas is approaching!

December 1904

- Wed 27 The brethren with hired men get in the yearly supply of ice.
- Sat 24 Henry George returns from his journey to England. Arrives at 9:30 p.m. Reports pleasant voyage and enjoyable time.
- Sab 25 "Christmas" We have a cheerful lively meeting. In the evening we attend an Entertainment at the Second Family. Exercises begin at 6 o'clock close at 9 o'clock. A full account of it is given in the "Chattanoos Courier" of the present week.
- Mon 26 Charles Chatfield comes to see his dear friend Robert Halford. He spent many happy hours in his boyhood working with him in the Medicine Department.
- Tue 27 Our faithful brother James Glass 75 years old is released from caring for our flock, as herdsman. He has performed these very arduous duties 30 years. George Maston, a hired man takes his place at the barn.
- Sat 31 A bright sunny day closes the year.

Home December - 1904 Production

				Gal.
Apple	canned	45		
Raspberry	" "	18	"	
Peach	" "	30	"	
Blackberry	" "	15	"	
Elderberry	" "	2	"	
Huckleberry	" "	25	"	
Quince	" "	15	"	
Cherry	" "	36	"	
Pear	" "	48	"	
Plum	" "	22	"	
Crab Apple	" "	5		
Blackberry	" "	7	"	
Stewed Tomatoes	" "	148	"	
for pies	" "	12	"	
Catsup	" "	9	"	
Chili	" "	4	"	
Chow Chow	" "	4	"	
Sweet pickle	" "	5		
Grape Jelly	" "	5		
Variety	" "	5		
Honey	" "	183	lbs.	
Eggs	" "	9,947		
Butter made		1,691	lbs.	
sold		187	"	
Apples stored in cellar		700	bushels	
Cider made		28	barrels	

# Provisions Bought for the Family 1904

*Sister's sale work not recorded this year.*

Sugar	-	-	8	barrels
Oatmeal	-	-	3	" "
Molasses	-	-	1	" "
Graham Flour	-	-	3	" "
Wheat	..	-	2	6
Gasoline	-	-	9	" "
Kerosene	-	-	2	" "
" "	-	-	14	0
Yea	-	-	18	0
Coffee	-	-	100	"
Rice	-	-	150	"
Cottolene	-	-	22	6
Brooms	-	-	1	Doz.
Soap	-	-	5	Boxes.
Soap	for washing	-	100	fls.
Starch	-	-	3	Boxes.
Matches	-	-	2	" "
Paisons	-	-	20	fls.

## Supplement

- 1 The Center Family's vacated Infirmary is opened for summer boarders July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 The Office is clapboarded and painted.
- 3 The Meeting House has a new roof, and roof painted.
- 4 The School House is moved south of the road & painted.
- 5 Adeline Dunn of the Second Family died June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 6 Fruits & vegetables - a usual supply. 1904 ended.

January 1905

- Sab 1 We hear greetings of "Happy New Year" to all at the breakfast table.
- Mon 2 The school begins again this morning the week of Holidays being over.
- Charlie Chatfield takes early train for New York.
- Wed 4 Sister Dorothy calmly took her exit to higher Spheres at 6-30 p.m.
- Sat 7 Our aged sister Hannah Finn Squier passed on to spirit life at 11-30 p.m. We can but rejoice with her that her spirit is free from the pains and sufferings of the mortal part that has long been a burden to her.
- Sab 8 We attend sister Dorothy's funeral this p.m. commencing at 2 o'clock. Her Brother and wife arrived by p.m. train from New Jersey. It was a meeting long to be remembered. Fourteen bore witness to her faithfulness and improvement of the superior talents nature had given her. Also six pieces were written for the occasion. Her Brother left immediately after the funeral.
- Tue 10 We meet again this p.m. to offer our tributes of respect to another dear sister of long service being 84 years old. Three of her poems were read written at different times. Such

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won - was spoken in her praise. She was gifted in song, some were sung in the meeting. This will part with three beloved sisters in less than 45 days.

Wed 11 The Ministry and Elder Gee leave Lebanon for Hancock this p.m. They will not return to Lebanon again in a long time.

Sat 15 In his regular sabbath morning discourse, Dr. Slouzo gave a biographical sketch of the life of our departed sister Hannah Ann. Her parents embraced the gospel when she was three years of age. Her father was one of the founders of the Society at Whitewater Ohio. At the age of sixteen she was selected to come to Mt. Lebanon with three others. One brother and two sisters - Dr. Maria Peeler, and sisters Eliza Sharp and Prudence Morell. It was a return for members sent West from Lebanon some years previous. Sister Hannah filled places of trust in her home at Center Tannery with credit as deaconess, Eldress, and was appointed first in the Order of Ministry at Hancock which place she filled eight years. Our departed sister possessed the Divine Mother spirit in a good degree. She wrote, and read much more, which I have omitted in the Journal.

January 1905

- Sun 16 Sister Louise starts to White Plains to visit her relatives in that place. Will be absent a few weeks.
- Tue 17 Washing and ironing is completed once more.
- A car load of coal is being drawn by the teamsters thro' the village. They cooperate and help each other when there is a car load to be drawn. This time it is for Ch. family.
- Sat 21 The week passes swiftly away - we have had some fine days.
- Sab 22 The meeting this morning is made pleasant by a few words from anuary. In the evening a man gives a lecture in our meeting room on the Anti-Saloon League of New York. He will accept all the money we can spare. His name is Charles Deming.
- Fri 27 The painter Joe, comes and begins a job of Kalemining two rooms and closets A. & 4<sup>o</sup> and B. Also paints below the peg boards. A room at the Infirmary is being done the same. The room sister Hannah Ann occupied since the breaking up of the Center Family in 1897.

February 1905

- Wed 1 We enjoy a pleasant winter day. Yesterday the four youngest girls ages six, seven, and eight, took a fine sleigh ride with Elder Timothy in the p.m. on the Lebanon road to the springs where they halted at the store, and the little ones made some purchases of various kinds of candy. Also each had a pencil and Calendar. The family will long be entertained with the details of that ride which increases in interest.
- Thur 2 Elder Timothy goes to Shirley to see Elder Joseph on place matters concerning some land.
- Sat 4 He returns. A Box of Oranges appears.
- Sab 5 The day is fair. Meeting as usual.
- Thur 8 Joe comes and finishes the painting in the rooms, and at the Infirmary. No 6 has new carpets and three new mats. Those living in this room more in this week. No 4 will not be occupied at present. Anna Maria and Gossie continue to live in No 6.
- Mon 13 Elder Joseph having business with the other portion of the Ministry at Hancock makes a flying visit at Lebanon.

February 1903

- Yue 14 The water fails in washing so that the machinery cannot be used. George and the brave sisters push it thro' some way.
- Yue 17 By order, Bacons sends two plumbers to repair pipes at the Office, Infirmary and the Sisters Water closet.
- Sab 19 The weather is fair, our meeting as usual,  
Mon 20 the school begins again to day. Sister Adas has been quite sick the past three weeks.
- Yue 21 No washing done except the flannels and what is very necessary. This was done on Monday.
- Wed 22 "Washington's Birth-day" Kate and eight girls go out for a sleigh ride in the p.m.
- Thur 23 Sister Corinne returns from her visit. Has been absent about five weeks.
- Yue 28 The washing is done at the North Family to day. This makes it harder for the sisters who wash. The A.G. are very kind and helpful in every way possible.

March 1905-

- Wed 1 A pleasant winter day. The snow banks in the door-yard are yet lofty in their appearance.
- Fri 3 Our friend and missionary Mary Dutcher comes with two women lately from Japan. They also are missionaries, and have come to join our Community. While here at the North Family, Mary makes us a short visit at our Family also brings the youngest with her 18 years old. They have been corresponding with sisters of the North Family, and wrote <sup>stand</sup> over faith and principles well.
- Sat 5 They attend our meeting and Mary was invited to speak which she accepted and interested the assembly relating some of her experiences in the line of her missionary work.
- Sun 7 Washing is done at the North Family again to day.
- Sat 12 We have morning service only to day Singing rehearsal & Bible class omitted.
- Sun 14 Washing at the N. F. we hope it is the last time. Snow and ice - winter holds on.

March 1905

- con - A plumber comes and puts a new hot water faucet in the dining room. Repairs faucet in the brethren's sitting room and in their bath room. Stops the leak in sisters water closet and re-fixes faucet in the sink.
- con - Joe comes and shells the bake room floor. Martin washes the wall in the bake room. Georges washes the wall in the cook room.
- Feb 19 Morning service as usual. A change in the kitchen. The same sisters fill the same places. Rachel, a youth girl, washes the dishes in Cook room.
- Feb 26 We enjoy a pleasant meeting. also hear that Grace Powers has passed to spirit life. She died in Douglassville, State Asylum for the insane being quite out of her right mind, she was taken there about five years ago. The funeral was held at the North family her home from early childhood.
- Mar 31 George Duncan gives the cook some wall two coats of paint. It looks very white and nice now.
- Apr 31 The school closes for a week. Teachers at the Institute held in Chatham. We are beginning to feel the first touch of Spring.

April 1905

- Sat 1 The air is cool and bracing.
- Sab 2 Morning meeting and singing rehearsal and Bible class at D<sup>ad</sup> Family, in the P.m.
- Mon 3 The time is changed! rise at 5 o'clock breakfast at 6 o'clock
- Tue 4 We learn that our long loved brother Elder Henry Plim passed on to the better land April 12<sup>th</sup> aged 80 years and 9 months. How fast our thoughts flew backward on seasons of loving visits from him and more to be enjoyed in this world. as Elder Timothy read the sad news at the dinner table today.
- " Our esteemed friend Annie Neale also passed to spirit on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. She came to see her sister some two months ago not feeling well, but expected to gain in health as the days passed and return to Boston her honydewous illness developed and she continually failed to the end.
- " This p.m. at 3 o'clock a memorial service is held at the Office in which a few from all the families are present. The corpse will be conveyed to South Islams for burial. She is one much loved by all who knew her as words from many in the meeting testified. She spent her childhood and youth till 18 in the Community, first at Lebanon and then at Waterville.

April 1905

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Elder Timothy informed us at the supper-table that our beloved Elder Ira passed to spirit life this morning at 3 o'clock. He took a severe cold about a week ago which soon ended in pneumonia and closed his valuable life. We all feel his loss. Who is there to fill the places of these long trusted faithful leaders as one by one they leave us?

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> The memorial service is held at the Church, Family Hancock, his home. Five societies are represented besides Hancock, Lebanon, Canterbury, Alfred, Sabbath Day Lake, Waterfleet, and Enfield Conn. which make six. Eight Brethren and several sisters go from this family. We take dinner at 11:30 the funeral commences at 3 o'clock. They return at 5 o'clock report that there were more outside people present than there were of believers. The meeting was solemn and impressive. Our dear stricken Ministry feel that a great support is taken from the order of Ministry.

Sab. 9<sup>th</sup> Elder Henry Green of Alfred spends the sabbath with us. Washington Jones makes a brief call, stops over one night.

Elder Ernest spoke in our meeting of the praise from the Pittsfield <sup>people</sup> received in honor of the funeral.

April 1905

- Mon 10 Elder Henry leaves this morning.  
The Thompson girls, Ruth and Edith, are taken to the Smith Family. Elderess Sarah wanted two more girls.
- Mon 11 The brethren and hired men are working at the wood. The engine does a good deal of it.
- Sat 15 The job is finished as far as the engine can help.
- Sab 16 We have our usual morning service. In the evening attend a lecture at the N.Y. given by Henry Nichols on the Community system, in the past and present.
- Mon 17 A woman and son comes to see us - Mrs. Charlotte Gordon and son, from Asbury Park.
- Thu 18 She leaves this morning.
- Margaret Sigall and Stephen makes a short call.
- Sab 23 "Easter Sunday" Flowers decorate the anciling room hall which are much admired.
- Mon 24 To our great surprise Charlotte Gordon with her son return to us. Having divested herself of some law business with which she was involved she asks to stay with us on probation, a few weeks.
- Sab. 30 Thus closes a busy month.

May 1903'

- Mon 1 George washes and Kalemines the Sister's Bath room, which is also given two coats of paint.
- Wed 3 Eldress Augusta and Elder Lee return to Lebanon. Eldress Harriet to Waterlot to officiate in Eldress Rosetta's and Sister Amy's absence on a western journey, a few weeks.
- Mon 8 No 21 the room occupied by Dr. R. Halford is Kalemined and painted. carpets replaced by some that have been used at the Office which are taken to Pittsfield & cleaned.
- Tue 9 Two men have come to plaster the wall in the Meeting House. Elder Lee superintends the job with help from George.
- We have our first meal of Asparagus for dinner.
- Thur 11 Morning meeting as usual. Esther Gill and a young woman ride over from Berlin make a short call, take dinner, and return.
- Sat 13 The business of the week has been finished with credit to the family.
- Sat 13 Morning meeting, and in the evening we listen to an interesting discourse from sister Alexander Lee, who is now a member of the North Family. Delivered in our meeting room. The main subject was on the great amount of good workmen were doing at the present time.

May - 1905

Mon 22 Emma J. and Kate take early train for the West. Kate will visit her brother Sidney who is at the Craig Colony, a home for Epileptics. Emma has been invited, and to accompany her there. Kate will also visit Callaragus and relatives there before she returns.

Tue 23 We have our first taste of Strawberries for supper - more for breakfast.

Thur 25 The Meeting House is cleaned, also the Ministry's apartments up stairs in the Parsonage. Fifteen sisters and four brethren were employed. A few sisters from all the families came. The Office Sisters treated the company with lemonade, hot & cold, with delicious cookies. It is not expected that we will hold public meeting there. Strangers often wish to look inside the Meeting House for this reason it was made presentable.

Wed 34 Elizabeth has the carpet in the deaconess' room taken up, shaken well & turned.

The Veranda roof is painted by hired man.

Wed 31 James Glass goes to Pittsfield with Elder G.

June 1903'

- Thur 1 A lovely day, all nature wears a smile.
- Fri 2 This morning we hear the sad news that Sister Clarissa Jacobs of Second Family passed to spirit life about 12 o'clock last night.
- " The school closes this p.m. with an invitation for all to attend who wish to. a large company of brethren and sisters accept the invitation and are entertained very pleasantly by teacher and scholars. Sister Ada Grace Brown resigns her position as teacher which trust she has fulfilled faithfully ten years.
- Sab 4 The memorial service for our beloved sister is held in our meeting room this p.m. at 3 o'clock. Elder George Clark from Enfield and some <sup>other</sup> sisters from Glencoe were present & about 50 from outside of our community. The corpse was placed in the public hall in view of all as they entered the front door. Flowers in abundance covered the casket brought by friends of our sister who has filled a noble place for many years. Equal to the flowers were the tributes of love & respect that flowed from the hearts of the brethren and sisters in honor of her precious consecrated life. The sisters accompany the brethren to the grave.

June 1905

- Fri 9 Our sister Kate Wells who has been absent about three weeks, returns this evening.
- Sat. 11 A change in the kitchen - the sisters take their places as usual.
- Mon 12 Sister Emma J. returns from Boston.
- Sat 17 The business of the week has progressed nicely.
- Tue 18 Eldress Harriet leaves Waterville and returns to her Lebanon home once more.
- " George Kallen comes Louise's shop and Anna S. cleans it.
- Wed 19 A good old fashioned rainy day.
- Thur 20 Sadie and Cornelia go to Pittsfield to purchase some Linoleum carpet for the lower hall.
- Fri 21 Louise finally is moved into the shop once occupied by Sister Melinda. It being much smaller and sufficient for her use.
- Mon 26 Louise returns from Ocean Grove where she has been spending a few weeks. Is feeling some better and more able to perform offices.
- " Daisy Wells arrives on p.m. train. Will spend a little time with us.
- Thur 29 Anna Maria and Anna Lane spend the day in Pittsfield and Lee.
- Fri 30 We have our first meal of Peas!

July 1905

- Sat 1 The Senoleum "carpet" is put down this afternoon by our handy brother Martin. The Senoleum cost seventy dollars. 42 dollars were paid by the family. Our deaconess-sister Cornelia knows more about the pay than the rest of the family. She has given us our orders about carefulness. It looks very nice and we hope to keep it from being snarled a long time.
- Sat 2 our English friend John Kenworthy attended our morning service. In the P.M. delivers a lecture at the North Family on his favorite theme "Communism" founded on pure Christianity. Also gave us a brief narrative of his experience in Chicago and other Western Cities giving his ideas to the people. On the ~~the~~ whole it was not a success.
- \* Tue 4 "Independence Day." A company of youth boys and girls with three brethren and sister Sadie, numbering eleven, go to West Lebanon to see a parade and listen to a brief speech. They were all home by 4-30 started at 9-30 A.M.
- Thur 3\* The Ministry sisters take early train for New York and from there to "Ocean Grove" where they will spend a week resting and recuperating.

July 1915:

- Thur 6 A company of sisters from the North Family Watervliet arrive by p.m. train - Sister Ella E. Winslow and two young sisters Jimmie M. Wells & Agnes W. Robbins.
- Fri 7 They spend the day at Church Family.
- Sat 8 The visitors ride west. take lunch with them. Sister Amelia from this family & Lillian from Second Family. Henry G. and William Cheek take them.
- " Sister Dukes comes to spend the season with us, a girl of 12 years.
- Sab 9 Meeting in which the visitors take part.
- Sun 10 We hear by Telephone that our much esteemed friend George Pagg is dead.
- Wed 12 The funeral takes place at his home at 2 o'clock. Some of our family are invited. Henry George and Ferdinand as pall bearers. Eldress Julie, Eunice and Adaline Cantrell are the sisters.
- ~~George Pagg's wife~~  
~~Adelene~~  
~~Julie~~
- Thur 13 The Stoop west of the Kitchen Veranda is repaired and given two coats of paint by George Duncan.
- The sisters are busy putting up Cherries - canning them every day & sorting for market.
- Sat 15 The Ministry return from Ocean Grove, improved in health and buoyant in spirit.

July 1905

- Thur 20 The Ministry Sisters and Elder Levi go to Enfield Center, to spend a few weeks.
- The young people on the mountain with Cornelie and Martin for Huckleberries, seven in number, pick 42 qts.
- Sat 22 A great day for washing windows and general house cleaning also picking Raspberries from the garden. Picked 3 lbs.
- Sunny Calver arrives in p.m. train.
- Sab 23 Morning meeting and a few spectators.
- A change in the kitchen the sisters take their places as usual. Our girl Ida Dukes assists Sarah Culler in the dining room.
- " We have our first meal of new potatoes for dinner.
- Wed 26 Sunny Calver leaves this morning.
- Emeline Kaine comes to see the old home and childhood friends.
- I company go to the South Mountain for berries get 50 qts.
- Thur 27 The same company with three soldiers bring home 96 qts.
- Sat 29 The sisters pick 54 qts of Raspberries in the p.m.
- Sab 30 A rainy day. No meeting in the a.m. The young people have a sing in the organ room in the p.m. The mouth closes with more rain.

August 1905

- Yue 1 Emeline leaves for New York.
- Wed 2 A company of brethren and sisters, boys and girls (including all ages from 7 years to 76) go to Pittsfield to see the Fireman's Parade and hear the music. It is a gathering from the villages around Pittsfield. Eighteen Bands will play at different points as they march around the principal streets. The company return 5-30 - had a wonderful time! Weather perfect.
- Elder John Whipple  
died Aug. 1905*
- Sat 5 The roof on the east wood-shed south of the wash-house has been shingled on the west side. Also the wat cap over the door of the wash house.
- Thur 7 The singers go to the S.Y. to attend a singing rehearsal in the evening.
- Sat 12 Our old friend Anna Langford comes with a friend of hers to visit us. (a Mrs Adams)
- Thur 14 Mrs. Adams leaves. Anna will remain a few weeks.
- Yue 15 The Salvation Army are again holding their Annual Camp Meetings at Lebanon Grove.
- Wed 16 We are having two days of constant rain - sorry for the camp folks!

August 1905

- Sat 19 Emeline Racine has returned from New York. thinks of remaining with us.
- Sab 20 We hold our usual morning service. In the p.m. and evening, a company go to the Camp meeting.
- Sun 21 Sarah Smith has a call from her dear -  
shian Mr. E. Stanton and a lady friend. They  
leave in the p.m. come from Troy N.Y.
- Tue 23 We hear the sad news that Elder Louis Pastore  
of the Church Family Hancock is dead. He has  
been in poor health for some time.
- Sun 27 A company of brethren and sisters go to Hancock  
to attend the funeral. Another company  
go to the Camp Meeting.
- Wed 30 Company begin to come to attend a "Peace Convention"  
Elder Alexander Hart from Waterville. Elder George Clark  
& Eldress Miriam from Enfield Conn. Eldress Anna  
Walker from Harvard & Josephine Gillow from Shirley.
- Thur 31 The much advertised "Peace Convention" is held  
to day at the Meeting House. Three sessions -  
one at 10 o'clock a.m. Rock p.m. & 7-10 evening. The  
speakers were at the hour present about fourteen.  
Will not write details as it is in many ways  
at hand. The largest audience was in the p.m.  
about 400. The North Family suggested the meeting  
and invited the speakers. Church Family bore a heavy  
burden in preparing the house seats &c.

September

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- Sat 1 We have had much rain the past week.
- Sat 2 Charlie Chatfield comes, rooms with R. Halford
- Sab 3 We assemble at the Meeting House at Rock and hear more speaking. Two invited speakers. The meeting is filled out by the S. G. Araining <sup>afternoon</sup>
- Mon 5 Charlie leaves for New York.
- Thur 7 Our little Ida Dukes who has been spending her school vacation here returns to Brooklyn N.Y.
- Sat 9 Enveline Kuine changes her mind about making a <sup>or</sup> Community member. takes train for New York to day.
- Sab 10 We hold our regular morning service at 10 o'clock.
- Sun 11 Washing all done to day. Tomatoes tomorrow.
- " Charlotte Gordon concludes that a Community life is too strict for her. takes her son and starts for Canada.
- " Daisy Wells leaves this morning and returns to Washington.
- Tue 12 Joe comes with an assistant to paint windows in the dwelling house.
- " Mary <sup>Mrs. Whiting</sup> and Jennie <sup>Mrs. Clark</sup> Calver from Cattaraugus Darien on morning train to spend a week here.
- Sat 16 A week of much labor by the Sisters preparing Pears, Peaches & Tomatoes for future use.
- Sab 17 A few spectators come to our morning meeting. At Rock we assemble in our

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- con - meeting room and hear some reading about the "Peace Convention" from the Press and many letters received by the North Family - all interesting, read by bro' Henry Nichols.
- Wed 20 The Western Ministry arrive. Elder Andrew Barrett, Eldress Mary Gass & Eldress Clemencia Minor.
- Thur 21 They visit the Church Family in the forenoon ride out in the afternoon.
- " Simelie's sisters Mary and Jennie leave this p.m. Henry Cantrell comes to stay a while.
- Sat 23 We are invited to the A.G. in the evening to hear the famous Will Carlton re-hearse some of his world renowned poems. Are highly entertained.
- Sab 24 He attends morning service with us - and by request - speaks quite lengthy at the close in his own peculiar style which is attractive and pleasing to all ages.
- This evening we are again invited to the A.G. to hear Dr. Burrows speak on the science of health and right living - we receive ideas that will benefit us.
- Sun 25 All the washing is done again to day, so as to work up the Tomatoes to morrow. Milk scarce!
- Sat 30 The last day and a very warm one. The family are all up and stirring lively - business in all departments progressing nicely.

October 1905

- Sab 1 We are having most delightful weather - meet as usual for morning service.
- Sun 2 A little girl - Besie Brentner - 12 years old is taken. comes from Philadelphia. Her Mother has been corresponding with Sister Anna.
- Wed 3 The School commences again this morning - Sister Mary Alice Simpson teacher.
- Fri 5 Two Sisters from Canterbury come to visit a few days - Sister Lucy Ann Shepherd and - Mary Louisa Wilson.
- Wed 14 Henry Cantwell and leaves for Chicago this morning.
- Fri 16 The sisters from Canterbury go to Waterloo - return home the first of next week.
- Sun 17 Dr. Robert Helford has a sister from New York come a few days.
- Mon 18 Willie Hart from New York here for a visit. These are all boarded in the family dwelling house. The plan has been adopted to have labor at the office.

October 1905

Wed 25 Mr. stands at 22. The farmers are hustling to gather the remaining crops.

\* Fri 27 Sister Elizabeth Cantrell starts for Westfield to spend a few weeks with a friend.

Sat 29 We omit exercise this morning. Elder Timothy not able to attend meeting. Some of our best speakers fill out the time to the satisfaction of all.

Mon 30 Willie Hart leaves for New York by early train.

\* Sat 28 Mrs. Emma Swan comes to stay awhile having business in Albany of some property to care for. She is a very pleasant and useful visitor helping all around both in the kitchen and with her needle.

Fri 31 The new girl Bessie Brewster is returned to her Mother not proving suitable material to mould into a Shaker, lacking Obedience.

A pipe has been laid connecting the Daisy with the Reservoir. A separator is being tried, and it is thought that both may be operated by water power. We hope it may prove a success and thereby lessen the labor for those at the dairy.

November 1905

- Wed 1 Weather fine. Br. Martin is collecting the leaves on street and lawn and burning them. Nice brother!
- Thur. 5 We have a few spectators in our meeting. Sisters - Lelia Taylor and Marilla Gallop of the Trull Family are invited to dinner and spend the afternoon with us. We enjoy their company very much. Last Sabbath Sister Alexandra Deyo took dinner and visited.
- Wed 8 The Ministry sisters and Br. Leir return to Lebanon to stay a few weeks, we hope.
- Fri 10 Mrs. Emma Swan leaves this p.m. and takes the train for Albany.
- Yue 14 Pacius and one of his men come to repair pipes in Sisters Water closet. Also do some other plumbing.
- Yue 16 Our good Br. James Glass is afflicted with a bad sore on his right hand. Our dear doctor E. Snow and Anna G. are taking good care of it.
- Yue 21 Sister Elizabeth Cantrell returns from her visit to Westfield which she enjoyed with her friend Mrs. Anna Bell.
- Wed 22 Anna Gane and Kate Wells go to Pittsfield. Kate will remain in the House of Mercy a few

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con - days. She will have a swelling removed from her neck, will meet Dr. Snell, and the surgeons there who will perform the operation.

Sab 26 We have an unexpected call from Elder Arthur Bruce who has business at Lebanon for a few days. Attends our morning meeting.

Tue 28 Elder Arthur leaves today for Hancock and then returns to his home East Canterbury.

Thur 30 Thanksgiving Day. We have a pleasant meeting in the Forewood and render full thanks for every blessing we have enjoyed the past year. We also welcome our dear sister Martha Burger of the Firth Family who has been spending a few months at Union Village Ohio, for her health. She appears much better, and expressed great pleasure to return home again. We heard much beautiful speaking in the meeting and our sister said she was "thankful for the gift of life" a thought worthy of the consideration of all. The Ministry gave us much good testimony in many things that concern our daily life - self conquest was one point mentioned, and how necessary it is for us all to practice till we - gain the victory.

December 1902

- Fri 1 Thermometer dropped 56 deg. in two days.  
cold! sudden changes.
- Sat 2 Our young sister Kate returns from the House  
of Mercy. The operation was a success, and she  
is doing as well as can be expected. Her place  
in the bake room will be filled by Susan and  
Janice thro' this kitchen term.
- Sab 3 A down pour of rain all day. We have our  
little family meeting which is made interesting  
by offerings in song and word by many present.
- Sat 9 A week has passed swiftly away, no unusual  
events occurring.
- Sun 12 Washing and ironing day again.
- Mon 14 Five of our youth girls go to Pittsfield. Sadie  
Seale, Office deaconess goes with them. Seagard  
teamster.
- " " This morning. Elderess Anna White and sister  
Sarah Burger of the North Family start for  
Washington, will meet the President on Saturday  
the 16<sup>th</sup>. The object of their going is to present the  
resolutions passed in our Peace Convention  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Wed 16 The Elder sisters return from Washington.  
Full report in "The Lehalham Courier" Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Sab. 25 "Christmas" We have morning meeting in which the Society unite. In the evening at half past 9 o'clock the young people give us an entertainment in the meeting room. Two "Christmas trees" were loaded with choice gifts for each one in the family, brethren and sisters. Music singing recitation, and two dialogues by the actors which were well executed gave us a pleasant and agreeable evening. Refreshments were served by the same young sisters who moved around the room like fairies in their beautiful white dresses - Ice cream cake - lemonade - coco - confectionary - excellent home made - nuts - raisons &c. The presents were taken from the trees at the close and presented to the owners - all manifested satisfaction - The Ministry and Elders voiced the feelings of those present, and we left the room feeling refreshed by the social good time we had enjoyed.

Sab. 31. The last day of the year. We have a cheerful morning meeting. Elder Ernest spoke quite lengthly on the spirit of love, and forgiveness even to those who many feel unkindly to us - showing that we only have something besides hatred in our hearts. He also wished us a "Happy New Year" in which he had a hearty response.

Family Productions for Home use 1905

Huckleberry	Canned	49	Gal
Raspberry	" "	4	"
Pear	" "	40	"
Plum	" "	8	"
Cherry	" "	70	"
Peach	" "	100	"
Elderberry	" "	12	"
Raspberry Jelly	" "	5	"
Jelly, various	" "	10	"
Tomato stewed	" "	160	"
Ketchup	" "	18	"
Chili sauce	" "	12	"
Pickle Lilly	" "	5	"
Apple	" "	73	"
Hipps for fall and winter		5.00	brushels
* Eggs		11.228	bds
Butter made		2.776	bds
Solet		1.615	"
* Eggs laid down for the family		1000	bds
Honey		180	bds

50 bushels of Peaches have  
been gathered from our  
Peach Trees this year. They  
never have yielded so well  
before. and we are enjoying it.

# Provisions Bought for the Family 1905

Sugar	10	barrels
Oatmeal	3	" "
Wheat flour	26	" "
Graham ..	3	" "
Gasoline	12	" "
Tea	120	bds
Coffee	100	"
Rice	156	"
Kerosene	240	gal.
Gatholine	166	bds
Soap	100	"
Starch	3	Boxes
Postum	4	" "
Matches	2	" "

Cornpone weaver.  
 Sarah Butter not idle.  
 Anna Maria sees on the cloaks.

The Sisters work this year is about as usual - all are busily employed in various duties when not in the kitchen. Oldress Julie mens for the brethren, and makes baskets for sale when she can. Sister Amelie with her girls pick out the nuts besides her many other duties. Susan and Jenny see on the sale cloaks. Kate helps Sadie on her poplar sale Boxes, and other fancy work. Fairina is useful and helpful on the sale work. Cornelie knits many pairs of fur gloves. All these sisters & girls take six weeks turns in the kitchen.

# Cornelia's Bill 1905

Shelley	1 Gal.	\$4.00
Crackers	"	2.00
Cheese	"	3.75
Yeast	"	3.25
Raisins		30 cts
Coconut		25 "
Figs		40 "
Serpentine		80 "
Paint oil		40 "
Star	"	16 "
Soda for Kitchen		50 "

2 Doz 1 Gal. apple sauce buckets \$4.00

The Lenolium carpet in the lower hall which was  
70 dollars, was paid for in part when first down by Cornelius  
now, \$0 more is added by Cornelius who settles the Bill.

## Supplement

Elder Lee Lawson died April 5<sup>th</sup>. Two deaths  
in January - Sister Hannah Ann Spence and  
sister Dorothy Knight. Sister Clarissa Jacobs of the  
Second Family died 2<sup>nd</sup> Gather in 3 a woman and  
her boy (Gordon) 4 in all leave.

Apples for winter scarce this year. Potatoes poor!  
Garden vegetables good. Tomatoes fine. Winter squash  
also. Cultivated Raspberries yield abundantly. Duckle-  
berries moderate. Not much sickness this year.

January 1908

Mon 1.

A mild pleasant day with a light covering of snow on the ground. We first arranged again dry each plate this "Happy New Year's" morning; speaking the thoughtful goodwill of those who provided for the family.

Tue 7

Our meeting is refreshing this morning - many words of encouragement spoken by the Elders. Elder Daniel Offord related a vision he seemed to see in the meeting of the increase of the work of God which would bring more abundant present salvation for soul and body. This was the mission of Jesus and Mother Dunn and the same power would be with us again.

The Kitchen sisters change this morning Sister Amelia with Glossie to help do the cooking. Cornelia and Jennie in the bake room. Sarah Butler does the dining room work with help at meal time.

Wed 13

The time is slipping slipping on fast in the new year. each one earnest and faithful in duty

Thur 14

The hour of worship is well attended. It gives an impetus to our heavenly journey.

January 1906

- Sab. 21 The weather to day is like April. What can it mean? No snow to be seen, windows open all around in the shoppe
- Wed. 24 A company of brethren and sisters go to attend the funeral services of our highly esteemed friend Isaac Height of New Lebanon. The funeral was held at the Congregational Church. He has been Justice of the Peace many years, and filled other important places of trust. A Biographical sketch of his life appeared in the "Chatham Courier" of Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>
- Sab. 28 We attend our last meeting with the Ministry for some time, they leave Lebanon the present week and tarry in Hancock a few months. are expecting to visit some of the Eastern Societies before they return, besides Enfield Conn. and Waterford their special charge.
- Thu. 30 Sister Emma J. Neale starts for Union Village Ohio this morning. Will visit some of the Societies in that distant land.  
We enjoyed some delicious chicken for dinner, provided by Henry George cooked by sister Anna
- Wed. 31 The Ministry Sisters and Bro' Dan got to Hancock.

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con - We shall miss them greatly. Elder Joseph seldom has time to come to Lebanon even for a day. Since Elder Ira passed to spirit life he has been obliged to take the Trusteeship and burden of Hancock.

We have had a remarkable January. Mer. has been 45° deg. above zero through the month, and two days it was 60 above. Brother James Glass says we had such a winter 40 years ago. No snow on mountain or valley. No sleigh bells jingle so far this winter. December was the same.

February 1906

- Thur 1 A fair day, two inches of snow has fallen.
- Sat 3 10 below zero! Now we begin to feel that winter has come to stay.
- Sab 4 Meeting as usual. Singing re-hearsal at the North family in the afternoon.
- Mon 5 Brother Alonzo starts for Florida this afternoon will tarry at Hancock over night. tomorrow morning Elder Fair will accompany him to New York and put him on a south bound train for Florida.

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- con - where he will meet the little company at the "Olive Branch" and spend a few months with them.
- Tue 6 Mr. W before this morning. We shall soon be able to get our yearly supply of ice.
- Sister Elizabeth Eastfield takes a room at the Infirmary and will be under the doctors and nurses care for a while. Has heart trouble and is very much in need of rest and recuperation.
- Thur 8 Most a lovely day. We hear that sister E. is failing that her case is hopeless.
- Fri 9 A severe east storm - 10 inches of snow falls. at 7:30 p.m. sister Elizabeth takes her flight for higher spheres. This is a sudden and unexpected shock to the family. We were not prepared to part with her so soon. She has spent her life from childhood in consecrated labors for the good of the family. We shall miss her in all the active duties of life, and that helped make our home pleasant.
- Sat. 11 We have a quiet spiritual meeting - no other to day. Word has come from Hancock that Elder Joseph is quite sick. We hope to hear a better report soon.

February 1906

Mon 12 The memorial services were held in our home Chapel commencing at 2 o'clock p.m. The society attired. Six pieces were written for the occasion all expressive of the love and esteem in which we hold our sister. It was truly said, that she was a noble soul - a true sister in every sense of the word. Her merits were largely reviewed and commented. She was a wise counselor in time of need, a moderator in conflict and storm, a patient charitable friend to the young & inexperienced. A burden bearer from early life - she has faithfully filled many places of trust. Singing, speaking, and reading filled two hours.

The beautiful casket was well nigh covered with flowers, the last token of affection and love that we can give her. She looked sweet and mortal as she lay at rest with hands folded, no more to take part in the joys and woes of this life in which she has womanly borne her full share.

The brethren tenderly and respectfully conveyed her to the little cemetery on the hill where so many of our loved ones have left the mortal part and arisen in spirit to join the host above, and where we hope to meet again, when we shall bid adieu to this terrestrial sphere.

February 1906

- Fri 13 The sisters as usual get through with the washing and ironing some day.  
Temp 35 above zero.
- Fri 16 It is 4 below zero this morning. Plenty of snow on the ground.
- Sat 17 Sister Emma Jane returns from her journey west in good health and spirits. She found the people there loosing and kind, and delighted to have any one come to see them, especially from the Eastern Societies.
- Sab 18 No meeting. The brethren and hired men began to get the ice yesterday - to day they finish, the North Family joining and get their ice. The weather is so changeable and the winter so far spent they did not care to risk chance. The ice harvested was 10 inches thick and very clear and solid. The family rest and spent the day in various ways.

The kitchen sisters change to day. Lizzie and Kate are the cooks. Susan and Loring the bakers. Louise and Violetta in the dining room.

February 1906

- Mon 19 Ther. 2.8 above zero. 12 inches of snow on the ground.
- Wed 21 A pouring rain all day.
- Thur 22 Ther. 3.5 above zero at noon. Snow melting away fast. Washington's Birth day.  
We hear a letter from Dr. Slovitz - he is enjoying his visit in the sunny south very much. And the small company at the "Olive Branch" are pleased to have him with them a few months.
- Wed 28 The month closes every thing in the family is moving on in the usual manner.

March 1906

Thur 1 Much bluster and some snow.

Mon 5 Our painter Joe with his assistant comes to fix us up again. Begins to calcimine and paint No. 14 room. also <sup>shellac</sup> varnish the blinds. They will have new carpets and rugs.

Tue 6 The deacons room No. 1 now occupied

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con by brother Ferdinand is also thoroughly washed calcined and painted. The old carpets it is decided will wear a few years longer.
- Fri 9 The upper Gee hall is washed calcined and painted below the pine boards. The south west room at Infirmary is calcined and painted
- Sat 10 The brothers and hired men finish the wood.
- Sab 11 A beautiful day and a very good meeting. In the p.m. the singers go to the A.G.T. to learn some new songs. Sister Anna Shattuck has just returned from the Adirondacks and is invited to attend the singing meeting. She is looking real well and we hope she will be able to keep what she has gained in health. She called at the Church family on her way back, visited some of the sisters, took tea - and was escorted home by bro. George about 7 o'clock taking a lantern with him as it was quite dark.

March 1906

Sat 17 "All is well" the painters finish at the rooms in dwelling house and at the Infirmary. We are having a real old fashioned snow storm with much wind. 8 inches on a level, much more in heaps.

Sab 18 We have morning meeting. At 8 o'clock in the afternoon we attend a gathering at the North Family and listen to an address by sister Annaola Deyo in honor of the life work of Susan B. Anthony who passed to spirit life on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. in the City of Rochester. There is a good attendance from all the families in the village. And also quite a number of our towns people were present. Eldress Anna and some of the brethren and sisters also spoke. Some reading by Sister Sarah Burger and sister Delia, also sister Rosette read a beautiful poem. Singing with the organ. The meeting was very interesting.

Bro. Gerlach took the brethren and sisters over in a sleigh the little ride was pleasant.

March 1906

Mon 19 It snows and blows in a hurricane.

Tue 20 The Ice hall is painted the second time.  
This ends the job of painting for this season.

Wed 21 We have an entertainment in the dining room at 8 o'clock. William Sedgwick and his cousin Frank bring their Grammaphone and we listen with much pleasure to its tones which makes us laugh and almost cry at times it sounds so pathetic and real. close about 10 o'clock.

Thur 22 We have the same again, the families are invited and all come who wish to. The dining room is quite filled this evening and the company enjoy it.

Fri. 23 We hear this morning that our beloved aged sister Maria Blou passed on to higher spheres about 8 o'clock this a.m.

Morning service at the usual hour. There is much speaking on the money question, and how it is used by those who carry the pocket book. Elder Earliest spoke quite lengthy on the subject and others united with him.

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con - Our sister Louisa who has been cared for at the Infirmary about nine months, passed on to the better world this p.m. at 9 o'clock.

Tue 27 The Society attend the funeral at the N. Family at 9 o'clock this p.m. It continued two hours. Our Sister has spent a long life in sincere devotion and consecration to the interests of the community and was much honored and respected by all. She entered the Society at the age of 19 and died at the age of 85.

Wed 28 The funeral services of our sister Louisa were held this p.m. commencing at 9 o'clock. The families attended. A brief sketch of her life is written by Elderess Julie and read at the beginning of the meeting by Elder Timothy. Many tributes of love and respect were offered by brethren and sisters. One prominent feature of her life was her great faith in prayer. She looked calm and serene as she lay in the coffin so neatly arrayed for burial. And the beautiful flowers that covered it gave tokens of our parting love.

Fri 30 This week the Elders shop and the girls shop on upper Gee loft are washed cleaned

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con - and painted by George Duncan.

Sat 31 The sisters room No 14 is finished carpet down and ready to move in. While it has been under repair Enrice and Potahine have roomed in No 4

" The deacons room is also finished and looks splendid. Thanks due to our faithful sister Cornelius.

" Our friend J. McLean from Ohio who is guest of the North Family is invited to dinner at the Office, and spends the afternoon visiting the family.

The past six weeks have been well improved by the sisters, and much hard work been done in the line of house cleaning.

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Sat. 31 This finishes the month of March. It has done well by us considering the name it bears of not being very well behaved.

Three months already gone from the "New Year" that we so gaily made welcome. How swiftly the time speeds on!

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- Sab 1 We meet as usual at 10 o'clock day time.  
change in the kitchen. Sister Amelia and  
Glossie in the cook room. Cornelia and Jennie  
Bakers. Sarah Butter in the dining room -  
with help at meal times.
- At 2 o'clock we go to the North Family to listen  
to a discourse by Pro. J. McLean subject -  
"Immortality". Some of our towns people  
were present.
- Sun 2 The time is changed. rise at 5 o'clock breakfast  
at 6 o'clock.
- Wed 4 Bro James Glass says that he has seen  
two Robins and heard them sing. The snow  
is fast melting away - and soon we shall  
see Bro. Martin making his flower beds  
on the lawn.
- Two sisters of the North Family - Amanda  
Deyo & Catharine Allen go to Toledo Ohio to  
attend "The International Council of Women."
- Sat 7 Our bright little School Teacher Mary  
Simpson has spent the week in Chatham  
attending the Teachers Institute. This gives  
the boys and girls a weeks vacation which

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- can they heartily enjoy.

Sister Amanda has moved her things back into her shop again to day. And also the girls have finished their shop and moved in. Both shops look beautiful - and we think they may feel paid for the labor that has been bestowed upon them.

Sab. 8 A fine day and a profitable meeting.  
We remember our absent sisters in song.

Mon. 9 A snow storm with strong east wind comes to us in the p.m. which calls for fur caps and over-coats  
Sisters Amanda and Catherine return to day from Ohio.

Tue 10 The little winter that was so unwelcome yesterday is fast disappearing in the bright rays of the sun.

Wed 11 Kate, Susan and Jennie <sup>bear</sup> the wood-work in the hall and oil it.

Thur 12 George and Kate fill the cracks in the floor which is also oiled some days after

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- con drying. A great job has been done to that hall, and we feel much pleased with its improved appearance.

" Sisters Lurice, Corinne, and Lavine clean the attic, bed storage room and other public rooms on upper loft.

Sab 15 Easter Sunday. The day being rainy we did not have service until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Flowers were beautifully arranged in the meeting room by Corinne and Kate Martin assisting. We enjoyed a good meeting - many appropriate offerings from brethren and sisters with excellent singing by the choir. Our first piece "Hosannah" was sung with the organ.

Wed 18 Bro' Martin is busy on the lawn - he says it is two weeks later than it was last year. The Meeting room is being cleaned by Corinne many windows and windows blinds to wash besides much dusting and scrubbing.

" Sister Alma of the Second family brings

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con - her Grammaphone done in the evening  
and gave us a pleasant entertainment. A few from all the families attend. It is held in our dining room. A spring broke before we had quite finished and so we anticipate another evening.

Thur 20 I Telegraph dispatch from San Francisco tells of an Earthquake and fire which has destroyed a great part of the city with great loss of life. The first shock was felt yesterday morning at 5-15 o'clock. Later news from "New York Times" stated that half the city is destroyed! loss of property \$100,000,000. 500 dead. 300,000 people homeless and destitute! The heart of the nation is stirred to its deepest depths and responds in sympathy and help.

Fri 21 A donation from the Society is called for our sister Societies give what they are able. Six inches of snow fell to day. between 8 o'clock a.m. & 3 o'clock p.m.

Sat 22 A strong north west wind thermometer down to 26 above zero. a good fire in the furnace is highly appreciated by all. ground white.

April 1906

Wed 25 cold but pleasant, the snow <sup>holds</sup> its right to the ground.

Thur 26 The Ministry Sisters come to Lebanon to spend a day. They have been staying at Hancock since leaving here in January. They spent the forenoon in this family, take dinner at the Office and use up the after-noon calling on the Second, South, and North Families.

Precious souls, we hope their lives may be spared many years to aid, counsel, and lead us on in God's ways.

Fri 27 The grass looks green on the south side of the house we hail gladly every appearance of Spring.

Sat 28 Well grateful to Martin for a good warm fire.

Sab 29 After morning, sister Amanda Deyo remains takes dinner in the Ministry's dining room, and visits the sisters and some of the brethren. She gives us some account of her trip west, and much that was interesting. The singers meet for rehearsal at the North Family in the afternoon.

Mon 30 Cold north-west wind with rain.

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- Mon 1 We welcome a sunny, pleasant day. Sister Amelia goes to Pittsfield. The girls help Glossie get the dinner on, and all goes well.
- Tue 4 The school gives a little entertainment in the p. m. Ten sisters from the North Family attend. Two from the Second family, one from the South family. As it is a very busy time with the Church Family sisters, but none went from this family. No brethren were present. The school gave us a pleasant afternoon the recitation was good, and the singing fine. At the close visitors were invited to speak which was promptly responded to by nearly all. The new Teacher Mary A. Simpson is worthy of much credit for her earnest untiring labor to make the school a success.
- Sat 5 Last evening, sister Anna brought her gramophone down again and we gathered into the dining room to listen to it. A few from the families came. The time appeared to be enjoyed by all.
- " This week the ice Box and the Refrigerator change places on the veranda. The change is

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con - made to make it lighter in the Restaurant.  
 The veranda floor is oiled also the Restaurant floor. both places are much improved.  
 Sister Amelie has long wished to bring this change about, and now her last work in the Kitchen will see it accomplished.

Sab 6 We meet for worship as usual. The day is some showery.

Mon 7 Sadie goes to Pittsfield with Jennie and Larine. Jennie will see the dentist about her teeth.  
 Ther. 34° this morning.

Thur 10 The same 34° rain every day. Martin makes a fire for us night and morning which makes it comfortable for the aged and those who occupy the See shops.

Elder Josiah Barker from Waterluit makes a short call stays over one night.

" At considerable sacrifice \$160 goes from Leavenworth Community to the San Francisco Relief Fund. The Societies at Hancock & Canterbury also contribute through different channels.  
 Ther. 31°. Planting in the garden and

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- on the farm this week.

Sab 13 The Kitchen sisters change. Sister Sumner and Kate are the cooks. Susan & Savina the bakers. Sister Corinne and little Violetta in the dining room.

Bananas are given around after breakfast bought by Dr. Robert Halford. We often share such dainties from his liberal hands.

Mon 14 We have our first meal of asparagus for dinner.

The farmers are planting potatoes and Elder Timothy is sowing seed in the kitchen garden.

Tue 15 Washing and ironing, a beautiful day dawns upon us.

Wed 16 The Kerosene oil tanks are replenished by the Standard Oil Company. Glossie gives the Sisters Bath room a spring cleaning.

Thur 17 Ther. 60° in the mornig 80° at noon. The School have a Picnic given by the Mth

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con - Family and held on their grounds. A free invitation is extended to attend. This closes the school term for this season.

Fri 18 The first load of ice is brought to the kitchen. The family have four meals of strawberries bought by Henry George. our first taste.  
Therm. 59°

Sab 19 Bright sunshine but cold. Therm. 47°  
Meeting in the fore-morn, singing rehearsal at the Second Family in the p.m.

Mon 20 Cold! Therm 33° some frost.

Tue 21 The same.

Wed 22 Therm. 68° we welcome the change.  
We are invited to the Booth Family in the evening to attend a lecture by a Spiritualist.  
Dr. Glouco returns from Florida. says he has gained five pounds.

Fri 24 Br Washington Jones with two sisters from Gloucester Mr. Anna and Prudie - Stickney also Eldress Fanny Gassy from Alfred. They return to Hancock to spend

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con the Sabbath.

Sat 26 The visitors leave this after-moon having had a brief call at each family.

Sab 27 A rainy day. Meeting post-poneed until 2 o'clock p.m. The Northland Second Family come and go home in a heavy shower. Our good brother Slonzo is made welcome in song and word. He gives us some of his ideas in regard to Gloriosa and the possibility of the future in relation to the little colony in the wilderness there, called "The Ohio Branch". Is quite hopeful of their success.

Thur 31 We enjoy fresh Halibut for dinner cooked by sister Eunice

" One more very busy week has come to a close or nearly so. Sister Cornelia and our 18 year old girl Glossie is doing a great amount of house cleaning. The Sisters Sitting Room is well cleaned and oiled. Sister Anna is in care here. The store Room is cleaned. bathrooms Sitting room - sisters Bath-room and water closet. Glossie and Anna Maria engineer in these parts.

June 1906

- Fri 1 Most a lovely day.  
The "Am. Bee Inn" is being cleaned and made ready for summer boarders.
- Sat 2 The farmers are drawing two car loads of coal, the coarse for the furnace and the fine for the kitchen.
- Sab 3 Usual morning service - a few spectators present. No singing meeting in the p.m.  
Sister Rosetta Cummings, and Mrs Green from Enfield A.S.B. spend the Sabbath with us. They have been carding and spinning their flax yarn at the factory in Hancock, and having finished were invited to rest a day with us before starting home.
- Sun 4 The sisters take early train for Enfield A.S.B.
- Wed 6 Cornelius and Glossie clean the lower half of the dining room floor and the wood work is cleaned and oiled - new oil cloth on the floor before the counters. Corinne in the dining room.
- Fri 8 Henry Calver makes a short call - stays over some night.

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- Jue 12 Mrs. G. Smith and her two daughters arrive - go directly to "Junilee Cottage" will take general management of the house during the summer term of taking boarders.
- " Sister Amelia puts a new look on the dining room chairs by giving them a coat of Japal-lac.
  - " Cornelia is rubbing over the Siroleum in lower hall with some Preservation bought for that use - which is also good for wood-work.
- Thur 14 The sisters clean the lower part of the wash-house.
- Sat 16 Our aged sister Amy Reed has been spending a few days visiting her relations in Cheshire. She returns to Stay-hale and hearty, age 87. !
- Jue 19 Dr. James Glass is taken to the Infirmary.
- " Dr. Robert Halford goes to some quiet place near Boston to spend a few weeks and regain lost health.
- Wed 20 Dr. Ferdinand, Cornelia and Glossie go to Pittsfield for a day's outing - and to do some shopping.

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con -

Joseph, George, sister Amelia and Sarah Cutler go in double rig Sedgwick takes them. The family were greatly surprised to hear that Dr. James passed on to his home above at 1 o'clock p.m. to day. He had long been a great sufferer with many ills that flesh is heir to. Some over a year since he began to fail. Previous to that time he was counted among the well folks in the family.

Fri 32 At 2 o'clock p.m. we attend the memorial services of our highly respected brother James. He came into the Community when about 21 years of age. was born in the town of New Lebanon. He spent twenty years at the Holth Family. Came to the Church Family June 7th 1871 would have been 74 had he lived till the 6th of July. The meeting was well filled with heart felt tributes of love and affection from brethren and sisters who testified to his consecrated elevated life and loyalty to the faith and principles he espoused in early manhood. We shall long miss his familiar form and influence for good in our home. Flowers covered the casket as the brethren conveyed it to the silent resting

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con - place on the hill where so many precious  
loved ones are laid.

His Uncle Matthew and a Cousin were  
present at the funeral.

Sat 24 We have a large audience of spectators.  
much good speaking in the meeting

" A change in the kitchen. Sister Amelia  
and Jennie are the cooks. Cornelia and Glossie  
the bakers. Sarah Custer in the dining room  
with help at meal times at the sink.

Tue 26 Anna Maria goes to Hancock to spend a  
few days, makes her home at the Church Family  
with Eldress Caroline Heffrich.

Sat 30 She returns home with Bro. Ferdinand  
who was returning from Pittsburgh, reporting  
improved health and a good visit.  
Sister Grace Isola Brown also returns  
from her year's absence to Oklahoma. She  
went there to better a serious pulmonary  
condition. She is a member of the A. G.  
and much beloved by all

The weather is warm with rains.

July 1906

- Sab 1 Our meeting this morning is unusually interesting. Our best speakers fill the hour. Singing good. A full audience of spectators were present.
- Wed 4 "The Great Fourth of July!" Shaker Village very quiet. We have our first meal of mocc Peas for dinner, Ice cream, and other good things that the cooks know how to provide for the table.
- .. Margaret Bedell an old friend has been spending a few days at Annlee Cottag with two other ladies in company. They leave to day.
- We have had heavy showers of rain ever since July began.
- Thur 5 Pro. Robert Hulford <sup>return</sup> from his trip to Boston looking some improved in health.
- Sat \* 7 Kate Wills a young sister of much promise leaves Society to day to begin a career in the world. We shall miss her, she unselfishly took her share in the common work of the home. We deeply regret that so many fine young people leave the Community.

July 1906

- Mon 9 All is well, every member up & stirring.
- Wed 11 A company of five sisters and Martin snake ~~the~~<sup>himself</sup> up the mountain for huckleberries. Get 72 qts.
- Sat 14 Another company of ~~four~~<sup>three</sup> girls and Martin go up the mountain and get 30 qts.
- Sab 15 A fine day. Much good speaking this morning. Elder Timothy read a chapter in Matthew after the hymn was sung. Br. Alonzo gave us an interesting discourse on the fundamental principles of Shakerism. We have a few spectators every Sabbath. Some of the boarders of "Auntie Cottage" were present to day.
- Mon 16 The day is pleasant and well improved by the Raspberry and currant pickers. 75 lbs more qts. of currants were picked for market. Sis. Amelia and Ethel picked white currants for the table.
- Tue 17 The washing and ironing is done faithfully each week by our energetic sisters. The girls who are in the kitchen always help.

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con - New accessions to "Finnel Cottage" each week. Besides many calls for dinners and lunch. She boarders this season only remain a short time \$2.00 per day. Meals \$1.00 a plate, that is extra dinner like chicken dinner or roast. May get 25cts, 50cts & 75cts lunch.

Wed 18 In the p.m. Martin Corinne and three girls go up the Mountain for Huckleberries; get 40 qts. Raspberries also picked 15 qts.

Thur 19 We have our first meal of string beans and squash. Peas are abundant and good. Lettuce and radishes excellent.

Fri 20 Martin Corinne Susan Gaines and Jennie go on the mountain again pick near the same place. They went yesterday and brought home 50 qts. Well done for this week!

Sat 21 The Raspberries are picked right after breakfast because of a threatening shower, which came as soon as they had finished. got 30 qts.

Sab 22 A large audience were present - the meeting was fine. After the Hymn was sung Eliza

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con - Timothy read the 1st Chapter of James. Elder Daniel then gave a lengthy discourse on the principle of Honesty. Also read a letter from a man in Eng. Land who has been reading Tolst. books, and hearing of a Shaker Community in America, he wanted to know more about us. Is drawn to the Community system. Sister Sarah Burger, Amanda Dego, Lelia Galpher and Catherine Allen spoke during the meeting.

Thu 24 Adella Thomas, Cornelius' Cousin from Albany comes to spend a few weeks with us.

Fri 25 Mrs. Abel (formerly Wealthy Manning, from Westfield Mass. arrived this p.m. Will tarry awhile. They are accommodated with bed and board in the family. We now have spare rooms enough to receive visitors.

Thu 28 The sisters pick hours in the hot sun on the Raspberry vines, 115 & 65 have already been picked. O dear, they say only four or five to do it all.

Fri 29 Two girls and Martin go on the mountain

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con - after Huckleberries.

Our dear aged sister Amy, now 87, helps in the fruitroom every day, this season of the year when there is so much to be done in canning and taking care of the fruit and berries. I heard Cornelius say she was worth more than gold to her.

Sat 28 Your sisters pick 39 qts of Raspberries this forenoon.

Sab 29 Morning meeting, hymn sung, Elder Timothy reads 22 chapter of Acts. Elder D. is absent we miss him greatly in the singing. Elder Ernest address the meeting. Many speak to the edification of all. A woman from Toledo Ohio, Mrs Pauline Steinem, presided of a Local Council of women in that place, spoke by invitation of the great work <sup>done</sup> ~~done~~ by women in their gathering.

Sun 30 The Ministry Sisters return to Lebanon. Elder Joseph brought them from Lancaster but did not remain with us.

Mon 31 This closes the month. a very warm day.

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Wed 1 One of our hired men, James Daly, broke his ankle Saturday night by stepping into a woodchuck hole. He laid there all night - was found the next morning by one of the men and helped to a safe place. He has no home, was only hired for a few weeks. The Doctor was sent for, and after some consultation it was thought best under the circumstances to have him brought to our Infirmary. Our Physician and surgeon, Dr. Snow, set the bone, and our good nurse Anna Lane is caring for him.

Brother Glouco is also confined at the Infirmary for a few days.

Henry George takes the two women who are visiting us out for a drive in the cool of the evening - see Gueechy Lake. Sister Eunice accompanies them.

Thur 2 Raspberries picked, 2 lbs. We have blackberries for breakfast from our own vines.

A. Mrs. from Lanesborough brings a little girl nine years old, remains over one night, is well pleased with the home, and takes her girl back to buy, and arrange her wardrobe.

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Sab 5 We hold our meeting in the afternoon. It is in commemoration of, and anniversary of the landing of Mother Ann and her little band in America 132 years ago. The meeting was presided over by Eldress Anna White. There were written addresses by sisters - Sarah Burger - Grace Asla Brown - and Lelia S. Taylor. Eldress Harriet's exhortation to the people was powerful and to the point. Eldress Augusta spoke on consecration. Elder Daniel read a long letter from Peebles, and also spoke lengthy. Elder Ernest Pick addressed the meeting. Sister Amanda Deyo gave an earnest plea for peace and the rights of woman. Sister Emma J. Hale spoke appealing to the thoughtful consideration of all, in which she hoped we should not move on weaker foundations, until we are sure we have one as good as the old.

The meeting held two hours and a half. An audience of fifty or more of friends and neighbors from Pittsfield and Lebanon were present. For full account of the meeting and subjects presented - read Chatham Cocker Aug. 8th.

The day is the warmest we have had this season. Therm 92

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Thur 9 The peas and Raspberries, and another berry - the Blackberry is being picked this week. How well nature does her work in providing for our needs. We often wish for more labourers in the field.

Sab 12 No exercise in meeting this morning. After singing, the Syrian Elder Timothy read a chapter from the Testament. Bro. Glomgo addressed the meeting on Mother Ann's mission - her divine Anointing, &c. Dr. Burrows is spending a few days as guest of the North Family. He spoke by invitation quite lengthly on the "Milk diet" again. Laura C. Langford who was also present spoke in unison with the Doctor's remarks. She has lately purchased the Canaan estate and invited the Shakers to join the new order - frankly scored us for not having lived up to our privileges and become leaders of the world in food, and kindred reforms. That the "new Canaan" would be free from the stains of blood, no cattle or other living thing should be killed there. The bases of the "New Order" is Celibacy and a complete vege diet, which is found according to the Doctor

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con- in milk. We wish them God speed!

Wed 15 Wealtha Manning leaves this morning she has spent three weeks with us. Henry George takes her to Pittsfield, where she takes the train for Westfield her home.

" A school meeting is held this evening, the same officials as previous year. Elder Ernest Pick Trustee, Sister Sarah Hale treasurer and collector - Br. George Duncan Clerk and Sister Amelia Calver librarian. It was voted to renew calcimine walls and ceiling, repair the organ and purchase music chart, and supply drawing materials for the school.

Thur 16 Anne Marie and Glossie go to Pittsfield with Br. Ferdinand. We bring back the girl coming from Gainesville, Grace Williams. Meet her with her mother there.

Fri 17 A few spectators come to our service this morning mostly from Sunday Cottage.

Sun 20 James Daly who broke his ankle three

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con - weeks ago has been able to walk to the Office wood-shed, crack butternuts and cut kindling wood for several days past. This week he is to be employed in sifting ashes. His service is to help pay his doctor bill.

Aug 21 Frank and Willie Sherman, who lived with us in childhood come to spend a day. They board at Sunlee Cottage.

Aug 23 Sherman 90 & 103 in the sun. The dear sisters pick the black-berries in the p.m.

Aug 24 Doretta Horton comes to spend a week and recruit in the home of her childhood.

Sat 25 8 bushels of Tomatoes are skinned and prepared for canning after breakfast. Our active busy deaconess, Cornelie works in the fruit room all day. Dear sister Amy helps her. Just think of her age 87 - and still around and helping in the work whenever she can see an opportunity to do something. She is a great help to the kitchen sisters at the sink and cutting apples for

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con - baking also What a beautiful example of  
unselfish love.

Willie Sherman leaves for New York -  
Frank only remained over one night.

Sat 26 After singing the hymn Elder Timothy  
read the 119 Psalm. At the close of the  
meeting Elder Ernest delivered an old  
fashioned Shaker testimony in great plain-  
ness

Mon 27 The water is low in the listern-water closets  
and bath-rooms are closed. Water is shut  
off from the houses till washing is done.  
This has been done two weeks past.

Wed 29 The Society and some of our neighbors attend  
a discourse by Mrs. May Wright Sewell in  
our home Chapel. She is President of the Woman's  
International Peace Conference

Thur 30 In the evening we are invited to the North Spring  
and listen to another discourse by her. They  
were both very interesting. We were deeply  
impressed by the simplicity and beauty  
of her address.

Fri 31 This closes the eventful month August.

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- Sat 1 A cool pleasant day Water still low  
the paper tells us that water is scarce  
all through this section of the country.
- Sab 2 The Therm. falls to 42° sudden change,  
it gives us a chance to cool off.  
Our little girl Grace Williams has a call  
from her Mother and step father. Her Mother  
married a William Zink. They only stay a  
few hours.
- Thur 6 Doretta Horton our visitor from Chicago  
leaves this morning.
- Fri 7 A plumber has been repairing a bad  
leak in the south east cellar. When it  
rained the cellar was flooded with  
water in that part. The pipe was concealed  
behind a mass of masonry which was  
lorn away. The pipe has been put in,  
and now it is hoped the long standing trouble  
is ended.
- Sat. 8 James Darby, the man who broke his ankle  
got up one morning a few days ago and  
walked away without saying good bye.

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Sab 9 The day is fair - a large audience attend our morning service. Many from "Amelia Cottage". Elder Timothy read 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapt. of James. Eldress Anna read a chapter from "The Meaning and Message of Shakerism" all the speaking was largely on the perpetuity of our Community, and in what way we may succeed as a people. The spectators gave very good attention.

Mon 10 Eldress Julia and sister Amelia prepare two rooms for a woman and her two boys. The upper north-east room for the woman and a middle west room on the loft below for the boys. They were expected this week, but the time is postponed a week.

Wed 12 Poces and one of his men come and repair a pipe extending through the wall in the Ministry's kitchen to the girls shop above. A piece of new pipe is put in. The Standard Oil Company come and fill our big oil tank once more. The sisters are finishing up with the canning of Tomatoes for this year. The rest will be used in the kitchen & for ketchup.

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Sat 15' The week closes and with it the busy scenes of the past six weeks. Those who have not been employed in the fruit room have been busy at Sale Cloaks. Anna Maria - Susie - Jennie - and Anna Lam lends a helping hand when she can.

This week closes the kitchen term of six weeks. The next term will be Sister Amalia and Jennie in the cook room. Cornelia and Glossie will bake. Sarah Cutler and our little Grace will work in the dining room.

Water still low, no bathes again this week - water-closets continue to be closed.

Sab 16 The morning is cold clear and bright. Not many spectators in our meeting this morning.

Fri 21 Louise Smith - a girl of 18 returns to her relatives in Troy. We are sorry to part with our young people - for we need them very much.

Mrs. Watts, the woman referred to and expected last week comes to day with her two boys Wesley, and Chester, twins, 10 years old. They are bright little fellows.

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con - Mary Rayson has been visiting her sister Eliza at the North Family. She now comes to spend a week in Church Family her childhood home.

Mon 24 The sisters are getting Peaches for canning. We have <sup>them on the table</sup> had several meals, they were delicious. We have the use of bath-rooms and water-closets again. A good rain has helped us out this time.

Tue 25 Therm 35° - considerable frost seen - we hope no serious harm done.

Thur 27 We have had six hours of steady rain - clears off fine in the p.m. Henry George Sadie and our two girls Susan & Jerome take sick, traying for Troy. Sadie has some business there.

Elder Timothy Eunice, Eliza and Mary Rayson start off for Seneca.

Dr. and Mrs. Snow are invited guests to spend the day with us. take dinner at Sunlee Cottage. The Dr. has a call soon after dinner and we see no more of him. Mrs. Snow remains and we enjoy a very

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con pleasant visit with her. Anna Lane is her escort and she makes a very agreeable one, showing her all around over places of interest.

" The Sing. Company arrive home about 7 o'clock p.m.

Those from Troy on a late train. the day is perfect, and all the excursionists were satisfied.

Sat 29 Mary Rayson goes to Enfield Conn. to see sister Ann Offord. Elder Timothy takes her to West Pittsfield to the train. She will return to Lebanon next week and soon leave for Philadelphia her home.

Sab 30 More rain last night and this morning - clears off by 10 o'clock our meeting time. The families come as usual. Elder Timothy read from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapt. of Romans. Butcher spectator was present. Elder Ernest addressed the meeting. The tones of the organ are heard and the singing is beautiful. Our nice sister and her little boys unite the first time in the march.

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- Mon 1 The school term begins today. Five pupils from this family, two boys and three girls. The same teacher Mary A. Simpson. Sister Ada also commences her school for the higher studies. Two girls from this family, Susan and Jennie Dugmore. The school begins at half past four p.m. closes at half past 4 o'clock. It is held at the North Family.
- Turn 34 heads frost last night.

Tues 4 Mary Rayson Jones returns from Enfield. Hillee Hart and a woman with two girls from New York arrive on the 3 o'clock train. The girls will remain. Their grandmother brought them. names Hazel and Alfreda Harvey 10 and 8 years old.

Elder Charles Stark from White water Ohio comes to see the Ministry - will spend a few weeks with us.

Br. Robert Halford who has been away on business returns.

We are enjoying some very nice sweet potatoes on the table.

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Sat 5 Ferdinand and Martin go to Chatham to attend the Fair.

" We also have delicious grapes on the table for dessert - thanks to those who provide them.

Elder Charles visits the family to day, or attempted to do so and failed. He is very frail and we do not like to over-tax him with much talk.

Sat 6 Willie Hart and the woman with her leave this morning for New York, the girls remain. Mary Rayson Jones finishes her visit and takes train for Philadelphia. Sedgwick takes them in double team to Lebanon Station.

" Our dear friend Emma Swan from Buffalo arrives on p.m. train - will tarry with us a few weeks.

Sab 7 We attend morning service as usual. Spectators more or less every Sunday.

Thur 11 Ruth Scott (Briggs) Elolress Julia's sister comes to make a visit. She was in San Francisco at the time of the Earthquake

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con and terrible fire that followed. Has been visiting her daughter in Central New York a few weeks.

Fri 12 Joseph Slingerland from White-water Ohio comes to see the Ministry sisters. Elder Joseph Holden brought him from Hancock. This after-noon he visits some of his old friends.

Sat 13 A lovely day. Emma Swan our very agreeable visitor takes the little girls, Fie, and Flossie, on the hills and around by the Springs for an after-noon ramble. They all enjoy it very much. Jimmie and the two little boys, Chester, and Wesley go to gather Chestnuts.

Sat. 14 Joseph Slingerland leaves this morning, is taken to Hancock by Ferdinand. Will converse more with Elder Joseph, and then he is bound south for his health. Poor Joseph! once a devoted brother in this family, a good doctor, and kind in his treatment to the sick and aged. Financial failure has wrecked him, and

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con - blighted his life. How many thousands there are in this world who have met the same fate. Money is a dangerous tool to handle. We regret his failure in the West.

Sab con. Our meeting is largely occupied by Elder Daniel in a review of the Society during the last fifty years - the decline of members &c, the cause a foreign <sup>element</sup> being admitted in the form of hired men. A few spectators were present. At the opening of the meeting after singing the hymn Elder Timothy read the 6th chapt of Galatians.

Mon 15 A delightful autumn day. Some of the sisters are out on the lawns picking the last flowers and making beautiful bouquets.

Tue 16 Washing and ironing which keeps the sisters busy from early morn until late in the afternoon.

We have been having Tomatoes on the table for twelve weeks. We have had Tomato soup, cooked Tomato and raw Tomato in three different ways three times a day. And we do not feel that we have had quite enough yet.

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- Wed 17 The Smith Family, Mrs. Ola Smith her two daughters Cherry and Lola - and her son Fred are invited to dine at the Church Family today. Tomorrow they leave for Lake George their home. Amherst Cottage closes for this season.
- Thur 18 Elder Timothy, Elder Charles Cornelius and Emma Swan go to Pittsfield
- Fri. 21 Elder Charles attends the last meeting with us this p.m. Elder Daniel Offord Emma Jane and Carrie ride over the mountain to Hancock with him where he will spend a few days - then go to Watercleft, and from there he will return to his home in the West.
- Sat 27 We have passed a busy week. The sisters coming out and going into the kitchens give extra touches all around. The present week closes six weeks term in the kitchen. Eunice, and Sarah Luther - who has been dining room sister remains in the kitchen and is second cook. Corinne and Violette in the dining room Susie and little Grace are the bakers. This makes out the outfit

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con - class that go in the kitchen

Mon 29 The time changes - we rise at 5-30 breakfast at 6-30 this morning we see the ground white with snow - a fire is made early for our comfort by kind brother Martin.

Wed 31 The month goes out calm and serene - we are rapidly nearing the close of the year. Elder Timothy and Emma Swan take a little drive around the town of New Lebanon in the after-moon.

" Eldress Miriam of Enfield Conn. is at the South Family on business, gives & lunch family a short call.

" Eldress Anna White is quite sick we hope for her speedy recovery for we cannot spare her yet.

" Our family are in usual health tho' some begin to <sup>cough</sup> and show the change of weather and its effect.

" The days are growing shorter and the nights longer, if we are wise we may yet benefit by improving more hours of sleep.

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Thur 1 Rosalie Smith and Honor Houghton from Williamstown have been spending a week for rest, at Amelie Cottage. They leave in the morning feeling greatly benefited by the change.

Sab 4 Our meeting this morning is devoted to the gift of healing especially in Eldress Anna's case. Sister Leila spoke quite lengthly on the subject, and related instances of healing power and spirit presence, and the soothing recurring influence it left in the room when in attendance on Eldress Anna. She mentioned this late experience because it was in conformation of the many recorded facts of spirit power in healing. Sister Sarah, Eldress Augusta and Emma Jane responded to these remarks.

Fri 5 Sister Amelie and Ethel go to Pittsfield with Elder Timothy. the weather is splendid! How lovely and delightful all nature appears, we feast our eyes on the beauty around us, and have in a thankful spirit for the precious boon of

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Wed 7 Emma Swan leaves this morning for New York to visit relatives there by pressing invitations. She has spent some over four weeks with us. The time has been well improved in securing for the sisters. She is active with her needle, her ready and willing assistance in this line has been very acceptable. And her loving-sweet, purring ways have captivated our hearts. We shall long miss the cheery voice and pleasant little chats when we met her in the hall, or shop. Some of the brethren spent pleasant evenings with her.

Thur 8 Elderess Mary Nelson and a young sister with her, from Waterloo, ride over the Mountain from Hancock to make a few hours visit. Called at the North Family. Elder Timothy took them back to Hancock about 3 o'clock.

" The cry of fire! again startles us - we see the "Broad Farm" barn on the west hills in a blaze. It is burned to the ground - with much hay stored, and other valuables. It is under the management of Dr. Robert - Valentine

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- Sab 11 No meeting to day - a storm of snow and rain prevents the family's coming - which we regret.
- Mon 12 4 inches of snow on the ground - shows some signs of approaching winter.
- Wed 14 Frank Backes and two of his men come to repair <sup>pipes</sup> at Ambler Cottage, the barn on the hill, and other places. Found a pipe in the sisters Water-closet and in the dining room.
- Thur 15 Ruth Scott Briggs leaves at an early hour this morning for Pittsfield. Henry takes her. Will take a train there for Halifax, Vermont where she will meet old friends and relatives - and spend the winter around in those parts visiting - and attending public gatherings on the leading topics of the day. She is much interested in the up-lifting of humanity - particularly among the lowly class. She is also a Spiritualist and noted leader in their meetings. We find her at the age of 89 an active busy woman with

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con anticipation of more years of silence.

- Fri 16 Ten inches of snow - good sleighing - Emma return from Albany - went there yesterday on business
- Sat 17 quite warm - snow melting away like the snow.
- Mon 19 The Thrashers come and commence business - snow all gone Therm. 52°
- Tue 20 A beautiful day the washers are pleased - clothes yard well filled with clothes nicely drying in the sun.
- Sat 24 The garden is being fertilized and plowing done.  
The brethren carry loads of vegetables and Apples to Pittsfield market every year - and are doing the same this fall. Elder Timothy finds ready sale for his nice butter, we see him start with full load twice a week.
- Sab 25 The weather is fine - we meet as usual for worship. Much good speaking. Eldress

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con - Augusta exhorted the brethren and sisters to keep the gift of Union by overlooking little differences that often break the peace in our home. To be willing to make more sacrifices not to mar this spiritual bond that unites <sup>us</sup> together.

In Elder Ernest's speaking he observed that he had been told he was a good business man, but he would rather be told that he was a man who stood for the truth.

Wed 28 George washes the wall of the little shop known as Eldress Matilda's shop. Eldress Augusta cleans it, and will use it as a lodging room this winter. The Ministry sister will move in the family dwelling house and remain with us this winter, occupying No 4 on the first floor.

Thur 29 "Thanks giving Day" The Community give thanks in our basket filled home Chapel. Much good speaking appropriate to the occasion

We feast on delicious honey for breakfast, and on chicken-cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and other good things for dinner. We bow in gratitude for all these blessings.

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Sat 1 A busy day for visiting hands. The sisters always find enough to do on this day as well as every other one.

Sab 2 Elder Timothy read 5-5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.  
Elder Daniel read the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke.  
Br. Slonzo read his notes at the opening  
of the meeting. Sister Anchier spoke in the  
circle. The singing was good. Two spectators  
were present. Therm. 6 above zero.

Tue 3 6 below zero - great suffering among the  
poor - every thing frozen up. Br. Martin  
is trying to get the house warm. Winter  
is here in good earnest.

Wed 4 38 degrees warmer - we feel quite thawed  
out. Brethren go to Pittsfield with products  
in safety.

Sat 8 9 below zero! Sudden changes of the weather  
are bringing on colds and other ailments.

~~Sab~~  
George has put new faucets on the Radiators  
in shop and rooms where the Ministry -  
occupy. This has long been needed.

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Sat 15 Another week has glided swiftly away. We read in the New York papers that twenty five million people in Prussia are starving to death! how sad to contemplate, and contrast their condition with the fullness of our table and home comforts.

Sab 16 Elder Timothy read from Isaiah. Elder Daniel read from Matthew 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter. The songs selected to sing and the speaking is in harmony which brings to the meeting a refreshing spiritual gift. Sister Emma Jane said she hoped we would hold the Shaker Banner high by living to the principles we profess.

Eldress Harriet has been absent from our meetings several Sabbaths on account of having dislocated her right arm in trying to raise a window that was hard to move. Dr. Snow put it in place and has cast for it binding in plasters &c. It has been quite painful, and she had

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con. borne it with great fortitude and patience.

Wed 19 Therm down to zero. Sister Emma -  
Glossie, Susie, Paul, Jessie go to  
Pittsfield. Emma on business, the  
girls to see the dentist about having  
teeth drawn and filled.

Elder Arthur Bruce having been  
on a trip west visiting the Societies in  
that land, of our people, is now returning  
to Canterbury and called at Schenectady  
to see the Ministry. Will leave in  
the morning. The weather is fine at zero.

Sat 22 Our faithful - unfortunate brother  
Thomas fell on the ice this morning  
at the Laboratory and broke his left  
arm in two places above the elbow.  
He is taken to the Infirmary. Dr. Snow  
is called by Telephone - is soon here and  
sets the bone. Anna Gove, our nurse -  
will attend him. Henry George, who -  
rooms at the Infirmary will stay  
with him nights. We have a light  
snow over ice to day which is danger-

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com - ons for any one to walk on.

Sab 23 We enjoy a pleasant meeting. Sister Ambedada Deyo who has been away several months was made welcome. She then spoke quite lengthy on the awakening of some classes outside that she had met in regard to learning more about Shaker principles, and over communistic life.

Yue 25 "Christmas" We attend morning service at the North Family. Elder Daniel sends a sleigh to take the sisters there, and back. The meeting is filled with a variety that is interesting. Eldress Anna who is recovering from a long sickness with La Grippe and numerous debility is mentioned by many of the sisters in kindly love and affection. A piece written by Eldress Anna is read.

Elder Daniel read a long letter by Cyrus Stewart, who lives at the Ollie Bradach Florida, giving a description of the new home of the Korkshian Community of Florida, and the character and methods of Cyrus Seed the founder. The meeting closed at 11-30. at

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con - 12 o'clock the dinner bell sounds clear calling us to Turkey and other good things of which the table is beautifully spread by our faithful Kitchen Sisters. Oranges are by our plates in the morning. The Mail continues to bring many Xmas gifts to individuals.

We take supper at 5:30 p.m. at 7 o'clock the Society meets with us in our home Chapel to attend an entertainment by the youth and children of the church and North Family. "The Coming of His feet" was exquisitely rendered by a class of young sisters dressed in white robes. Four little girls looking like snow birds spoke a Xmas piece with much credit and applause. Dr. C. Jay MacLoughlin sang a tenor solo finely rendered which added pleasure to the evening. Much more filled the time until 9:30. Refreshments were served at the close and time given for social chat and friendly greetings. Some of our neighbors were present including Mrs. Dr. Snow and relatives from New York.

This closes a beautiful "Christmas" which was enjoyed by all, especially the evening entertainment given by our beloved youth

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-ours and children. We press them more closely to our hearts with a prayerful hope that they may remain with us.

Sat 29 The week has passed without any especial event occurring.

Br. Slowe is slowly recovering from the accident of a broken arm. He is under excellent care, Dr. Snow and our nurse Anna are giving it close attention, and toning up his system with tonics and generous living.

Sab 30 The first hymn sung in meeting this morning was a "New Years Greeting." The meeting was filled with offerings from our best speakers. Our beloved Elderess Harriet who has been absent several Sabbaths, and much missed, is present, and received a cordial welcome from all. She addressed the meeting with much power & earnestness of spirit, the burdens of her feelings were that we were true to the fundamental principles of our high calling.

Mon 31 The last day of the month and year. It has poured in torrents all day! weeping as it were over the many sad occurrences of the past year.

# Family Productions for Home use 1906

		Gal.
Elderberry	- - -	15'
Peach	- - -	40
Cherry	- - -	30
Pear	- - -	50
Black-berry	- - -	12
Rasp-berry	- - -	10
Apple	- - -	40
Jelly	- - -	35
Barberry	- - -	8
Tomato	. - -	130
Chillie Sauce	- - -	12
Catchup	- - -	14
Pickle-lilly	- - -	6
Chawcholes	- - -	12
Apples in the cellar		400 bushels
Butter made		3044 lbs
" sold	-	2,172 "
Honey from 6 colonies		340 - lbs.
Eggs	- - -	10,042
" for Family use		1000 preserved.

# Provisions bought for the family 1906

Sugar	barrels	8
Molasses	" "	1
Tea	pounds	80
Coffee	"	60
Rice	"	130
Oat Meal	barrels	2
Wheat flour	" "	22
Graham "	" "	3
Kerosene	gad	220
Gasoline	barrels	12
Cottolene	6 tubs 5-6 pounds each	
Postum	bopes	3
Starch	"	3
Soap	"	2
Brooms	Dozen	1
Barn brushes	" ..	1

## Note.

The sisters in the family make themselves useful in many ways. Susie and Jennifer sew on cloaks. Flossie is Cornelius' help. These young sisters work in the kitchen half the time. The older sisters need no record. Faithful service in duty from son to son speaks their loyalty by good works.

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# Bill of Articles bought and paid for

by our Deaconess sister Cornelius French.

Sugar for Jelly	\$ 2.00
Soda	" 4.00
Cheese	" 1.50cts
Yeast	" 4.00
Raisants	93cts
Soda	40cts
Paint Oil	" 1.00
Crackers	" 1.50cts
Coconut	30cts
Window cord	60cts
Fruit-room Kettle re-tinned	" 9.45cts
For Christmas	" 5.00
The deaconess's Room calcined - - and painted, also the Bake-room	15.00

con - Large possessions, much house room -  
requires much care to keep clean and  
in order. Yet a good amount of Sale work  
is included in various ways.

The Ministry have <sup>been</sup> or, are spending the  
winter with us, and their example in  
hand labor is certainly something that we  
can all take example from.\* The work they  
have performed, with heavy burdens of the  
Ministry's Order - is a model to all.

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We have shared many blessings the past year, for which we feel grateful, while so many in the world at large are suffering untold miseries. The daily papers bring to us sad reports of famine - Earthquakes - Ship wrecks - and accidents of every name and nature, too horrid to contemplate!

In our own quiet Mountain home we are safe from these calamities. Our needs, if not our wants, are well supplied.

We record three deaths for this year, two sisters, one brother. Have gathered in six, four girls, two boys, and their mother - a woman between thirty and forty).

Fruits and vegetables a usual supply.  
Pears abundant, Peaches none - Plums scarce - Grapes delicious and plenty.  
Raspberries and Black-berry's from our garden - all the sisters care to pick.  
Strawberries from the market, and a very good quality.

Apples early and late enough to make the family comfortable and to sell.

Tomato's fine, never a better supply.

A few melons from the garden.

Celery appears on the table of our own raising.

This finishes the year and the Book

# Names of the Sisters in the -

## Church Family:

Eldress Julia A. Scott  
 Sister Melicia Calver  
 Sister Amy Reed  
 Anna Maria Gravas  
 Eunice Cantrell  
 Adahine " "  
 Corinne Bishop  
 Sarah Cutler  
 Fannie Watts

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Under 20  
 Florence Bourn 18  
 Susie Bauwens 18  
 Jennie " " 16

Girls under 12  
 Ethel Palmer  
 Violette " "  
 Grace Williams  
 Hazel C. Honey  
 Alfreda L. "

Anna S. Lane, nurse  
 Cornelie French, deaconess.

Names of the Brethren in the  
Church Family

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Elder Timothy Rayson  
Br. Benjamin Gates  
Alonzo G. Hollister  
Robert Hafford  
Henry George  
Joseph Quinn  
Martin Jones  
George Duncan  
Ferdinand Ganbin Deacon  
Wesley Watts { turns {  
Chester .... age 10 }

Robert Valentine Office Deacon

Office Sisters  
Emma J. Scale  
Sister " "  
Mary Wade

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Elder Joseph Holden  
Eldress Harriet Ballard  
Eldress Augusta Stone.