George N. Smith Diary Volume 4

Sal. June 6, 1842

This Vol., fell into my hands by being the
last Clerk of the Association whose existence
was such was terminated by a vote of dissolution
as recorded on another page, being this in pos-
session of the book I know of no waggon
likely to preserve the record it contains nor
of any litter use to make of it than to convert
it into a diary since I have no other vol.
on which account my diary has been for
time neglected except as I have kept it in
my annual name and sundry of our mission
ary operations. As I now commence the
use of this book for such purposes (by the advice
of some with whom I have conversed) may
the Lord grant his helping upon me his
unworthy servant & upon this book & upon
the memory of that Body whose origin
progress & dissolution are herein recorded
in which I was deeply interested as also
were others whose names are written in
all of whom win remainsious for its dis-
solution when in the Providence of God
other bodies were formed which promised
in a higher degree to promote the prosperity
of the Church
Day before yesterday Mrs. Eb. Powers & her sister Adeline's husband Francis Mills came yesterday they returned to Richmond (I'm not with them) & brought in Adeline & Miss Mills & sister A. M. 2 Oct. I preached from Matt. 23:5-6 on the importance of duty of the marriage relation. After sermon I administered the marriage of Mr. E. Powers aged 27 years & Eliza M. Mills aged 25 years both of Richmond. It was a pleasant interesting scene in some respects particularly in this that an old & deep rooted prejudice between the Mills families was removed especially so far as these young people are concerned.

There was one thing which serves to move our comfort. There is a Catholic priest at the landing with the Indians, they have their Catholic worship. Consequently we have notion of them here. Mackay sent a grand rapids for the priest who is said to be an intemperate man, yet the poor Indians will suffer themselves to be imposed upon by so miserable a substitute for a Gospel minister when will their eyes be opened to the light of divine truth & their Roman chains fall off. Will the Lord turn the council of the wicked to publishing? May deluded people standing in fear of eternal hell if they do not worship the least rightly doing it they prefer to hear the priest come yesterday to hear tomorrow.
Tuesday 7. Our friends A.M. for home.

O.M. had quite a serious difficulty with Louis. He perhaps the fruit of the priests advice, perhaps of Mr. Cowles, or both. He left May 26 in a very bad state of mind. Before we arose the day previous he went to tell Louis that it was my duty to assist in charging their land driving team. He told Louis says, it was because I refused to take the car. (Chief forbids the cart going) to draw his corn to the lake. That he became so mad Mr. Cowles conduct & influence has been bad. He must be privileged with the office of dictator with talking to everyone as badly as he please or he will show his nature by leaving in anger. The cause of difficulty this time was he accused Mr. J. myself of habitual lying. I asked him if he did not think it was wrong for him to talk so? He said no. Told him he must conform it wrong or I could no more fellowship him as a Christian brother. (This was yesterday morning) he said he never would trouble us after today so he left this morning without speaking to one of us, he is an unhealthy man & gone more by passion than principle as he gives much occasion to believe. His conduct may give us serious trouble but God will order all things right.
Last Saturday Chief & family visited us today they with other families have left for the North. Minneopa says Chief goes because his wife will give him no peace if he stays if they had a just sense of the evils of the wandering I think they would remain at home, but the deluded people may not see that it is too late.

Feb. 19. We spend a part of the day since our meetings closed in studying the Westminster Catechism, my manner is to ask a few questions, enlarge & explain them, sing an appropriate hymn & pray free find it time profitably spent if the time nothing comes to the soul of public worship yet in the necessity of this families may spend their time very profitably in studying the Bible & its doctrines.

20 Our Sam. Geo. Nelson is ten years old today. He has this summer been through with Black Philosophy & I think was able to comprehend every answer.

24 Went to Allegany (Geo in company) to settle with County Treasurer Sam Insanier of this Town. 25 returned home.

25 Mr. Gamblin came & took his things away to turn no more.
July 4. It is 12 years today since we were married. We spent the anniversary of our marriage in visiting at Mr. Martin's. Returned the 5th.

Sat. 10. No Indians came to our school as usual.

12. As I was going a swarm of bees came through the field. I went into a tree near the house about 12 rods distant. I cut it down and took out the part containing the bees. Set it up near the house they may be a great help to us. 16. Bees work well.

Bought a swarm of Osawamisco agreed to give him 4 pigs at 2 months old.

15. Went to the landing all of us to visit the Indians 3 families. Went the other side of the lake after my bees he had some open on one side. Took out the honey same month. But they were working well. I cut the hive out put on new arches, tops and bottom. 16. Osawamisco brought across the lake early. I brought them up to my landing in canoes. 18. Went with cutter to bring home my bees. Qty of honey they gave me.
20 Charles Peter Duvenay + White. Stengum after Mrs. Willard. 21. The Company left Stock the house + came to the landing then they have a sail boat. They left immediately.

23 Went to Richmond. Mary Jane rode behind me left her there to stay a short time. Mrs. Mann gave me $5. the brother. Evening very heavy showers of rain.

Sal. 24. We are alone today but we find our family Sabbath school pleasant + profitable.

25 Last night my dear wife who was two or three months advanced in pregnancy suffered the pain of abortion. The child has been dead perhaps 2 weeks. Probably it was too much for her to rise to the lake the day we visited the Indians.

Sal. 26. My wife is still quite ill scarcely able to sit up. Today took no breakfast. I hope to pray she may recover soon. I do most of the house work. How cold life is. I find stubborn heart how ill prepared to bear afflictions. Profit by them even the loss of a child in early age. I hardly know how to submit to how must these feel who remain in such a thing to even use the means to effect it. Yet the case is quite common.
Such many people must be awfully guilty
for I am guilty before thee but leave me
never to be guilty of so great a sin. O God
soften my hands and my heart give to enjoy
thy presence and the indwelling of thy Spirit
so shall I be enabled to glorify thee in my
body and spirit which are thine.

August 4 Went & brought home our daughter
Mary Jane. She seemed to be more contented
without us than we are without her.

I Mr. Fairbanks a young man from
Gull Prairie came Mr. Martin within this
Mr. Fish brought Mr. Mr.'s land 24 miles
West. From here he expects to move him
his fall. He is a member of the Baptist
Church. His wife of this Pres. Ch. They
have one child. If the neighbors
we now expect come in I hope we
may have little meetings on the Sab.
when the Indians are absent. I do not
find our home safe so hardly away
though now we have many things we
do not discover but we long for Christ,
communion May the Lord grant us
do great a blessing.
28 Major Tony Nichols came.
26 Their object in coming was to fix on a location for several families who they say will be here this fall.

Sept 14. While milking this morning the calf which I had unstrapped a few days before struck one of the nails in the inside of the joint of my left knee. It was extremely painful through the day. A man I know ainds a was injured, my nerves generally were somewhat affected.

Mr. I sent Geo. after John the French man who came with his midwife evening Mr. Peck from Van Buren County came on business so that God in his gracious providence did not leave us alone at this time when it looked so dark around me. I was able to walk and scarcely to move in any way through the night was more free from pain.

15 Mr. Peck returned—my knee quite comfortable John will continue with us till I am better.
Sat. 18. John and his wife are still with us. They are very attentive—my knee is much better. I have great cause of gratitude to God. I fear the consequence of my wound might be very serious to them. It may yet be that I have now a favorable prospect of recovering soon. We had our Sabbath school as usual and conversed with John faithfully on the subject of religion. I pressed upon him repentance. He seems very open to conviction. He appears serious. He has no confidence in the Catholics though brought up among them, his wife who was once a Catholic has long since left them. She is much older than himself. They are married only in the Indian manner. I talked with him sometime ago on the subject.

28. A considerable proportion of the Jews have returned. Miss Willard came to-day with Thirnoff and Miss.

Sat. Oct. 2. Had our Sabbath school as usual. John and his wife attend every Sabbath. He seems to hear with considerable seriousness.

Sat. 29. Had meeting at school house, about 90 with our family were present. I preached from Luke 18:3. Expecting repentance.
Chief's family came but he is gone to Grand Rapids.

Evening Louis said he wanted to talk with me. He said that the Chief when they were at Macinaw without the knowledge of one of the rest of the Band told the Agent that they wanted their annuities paid at Macinaw as they had had no trouble with the Government. He also requested that the Government would pay the traders demands against the Indians out of the common fund.

He also said that I was a lazy teacher, that I taught school only 5 weeks last winter. He wisht they would take me away and another teacher— all this without saying any thing to the other Indians thinking they were present. The agent answered that he would tell the Government what he said about the payment. That as to the teacher he knew, he said a great many such teachers knew how they felt for the Indians that the Indians were the ones that were lazy.

Louis said the Indians had been talking on the subject & had concluded if I thought best to petition the Gov. again immediately to allow the payment made at Grand Flume. I told the
thought I must write a petition for them.

13. Evening Indi's in a school house I drew a petition (as they dictated) that the payment be made at Grand Flaven in future, that the Gov. would send them a Farmer, Carpenter, Blacksmith, Physician, there were 60 men with mine attached to it, they wish me to go to the Rapids to carry it as they expect Mr. Stritch will be there to pay the Grand River Indians, but I cannot consistently have been.

14. A.M. Louis Joseph Michigan with 2 or 3 others started for the Rapids with the petition. I wrote a line to Mr. Stritch 16. to Joannia.

16. But few came to meeting. I preached from Rom 14:10. We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. Chief's mother came A.M. Paskahher are you well? She said yes I am well but I am old. I feel weak I am almost blind. I said yes you are very old. I do not expect to live more so long as you have lived, you must die soon. what a happy thing it would be if you were prepared to meet God in peace. She said I am trying to prepare, I never stead nor yet drunk. I told her this would do no good if she had not the love of God in her heart. She said her children took religion first sometime ago they wanted me.
She should take religion but she took it only a short time ago. She was trying to learn the prayers but she had got a great way left on her. Still she was trying when they met together to say prayers she would go with them. It would say a little she knew but little. She sometimes found the book. At heaven, she knew so little could say so little of the prayers. How hard to say all the prayers? Sometimes almost cry (she said) to think of it. Perhaps it is because I am so old. I wonder it was hard to say these prayers. God never told his people to say them. He says we are all sinners and he has given his son to die for us. To redeem us, and if we repent of our sins, I believe in Christ our Saviour. I give ourselves to him. I love Jesus. He is ready to receive us, will forgive our sins and fill our hearts with joy and as we say pray you can pray whether you know these things or not. God will thank you to pray. He will give you his Spirit. Save you from your sins and when you die he will take you to himself to be happy with him forever. She replied (while the tears ran down her witten cheeks) Oh how different is this from what they have always told me. I am glad to hear it. I will think of it.

I think her case rather a helpless one.

How quietly must the Catholic priest be to lead these Indians and their ungodly Natives, so to teach deeper in the world of vice.
Jab. 23. But 2 men e wrong coming to me, I preached to them on the nature & importance of faith. The truth is, he shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned. Even my Chief called over & distant said he might come again tomorrow.

24 Chief came & spent most of the day in conversation with him. He is a self-righteous man. I fear a hypocrite. Justifies himself in all he does & condemns the rest. Resolves I do not know what will become of him or of the Band if he does not change his course.

25 My birthday. I have lived half my time in years than perhaps I shall not live half that number more. O that God would enable me to live more for himself, to His glory & wrote a letter to parents.

Jab. 30. No meeting today. The floods have left during the past week & no melting snow, to get flags for mats.

Walasanguma came & had almost all my conversation with him that I had with the Chief's matter as recorded above respecting the passage only he added he trusted in God this year. I told him saying prayer & trusting in Mary would do him no good. Trusting in Christ him only...
Oct. 25. Born 85 years old today. I have lived half my time now over 40 years and ten. Whether I shall live the other half God only knows may be enable me to spend what years or days I may have before me on this earth than any of the past may I watch and pray I have my lamp continually trimmed and burning.

Sat. 30. During the week past most of the time have gone to Kalamazoo or other rooms to gather flags for courts.

Sat. Nov. 6. Only 5 persons came to meeting. I preached on the new birth (John 3:3) had considerable liberty in explaining its nature and enforcing its necessity.

I went to Richmond to attend election. It is very rainy, just at night went to Newark, evening attended prayer meeting with a few Methodist brethren at their request I conducted it, this appeared considerable engaging.

6 A.M. returned to Richmond I came home.

Snow fell last night 2 inches this is the first it has fallen before night.

Sat. 13. Only 3 persons came to meeting.
18 Snow gathered. 25 bushels turnips have grown in the ground. We are now having a great snowstorm.

19 Snow has fallen 1 foot in about 36 hours. Attended with a powerful gale of wind it is the most furious storm I have known in Michigan.

20 Six persons came to meeting. Prached from the text of all things hold fast that which is good and around to show them that it was every person's duty to examine the scripture for himself if he could not read them were other ways to determine what was good of this they might turn around the religion of the Bible makes people wiser & better & happier.

21 Snow has fallen 3 inches since yesterday night.

26 Snow has fallen since the above date 21 inches, every day has been stormy. Yesterday started for Richmond with horse & cart after flour went about 3 miles I was obliged to turn for depth of snow we have no flour.

27 Margaret (John's woman) & son were all that came to meeting, it is almost impossible to get along snow about hip deep. I cannot think such a time any when not even in the northern part of Vermont, whether I shall do I cannot tell. God knows what is best for us. Perhaps he is trying our faith in the way we not be left to fight against him that trust his constant care.

28 Snowstorm packed the roads, & snow was 5 feet deep; yet we had a large meeting. John & Margaret were all that came.
Snow fell night before last & last night. Much snow; a few feet of the larder to give us an occasional taste as also for the little children. Snow wind last night with from 6 to 8 inches more snow, it has not moved since the storm began. Killed a hog Monday.

Dec. 1. Snow fell 1 inch last night. Started again for Richmond with much corn. It is impossible for a horse to travel made up my mind to be content till the snow settles. We live in Boston corn we have made corn a substitute for bread considerable of the time this fall.

2. My young pony (a year old last June) lost a colt this morning. I never know a man to be with folk before. Perhaps the horse himself following yesterday. Today is the first pleasant one we have had for about 3 weeks, it rains a little.

Sent a letter from the town in answer to mine sometime since also relative to the Indian petition. It is quite an encouraging letter. He has no confidence in the Chief.

Ole & Old Margaret at Mahone came I read the account given by our Savious of the rich man's clay. I cannot explain the subject & made a plain specification of the substances they offer of Indian & serious
Snow fell last night & this morning 6 inches, but it is warm & shows some the snow has settled considerable within 3 or 4 days—sent my report to Mr. Mastin dated Nov 1— the trader took it to Richmond.

5. Have rain 12. Snow has fallen about 4 inches since the rain. 25. Snow fell 8 inches yesterday last.

28. Went to Richmond day before yesterday got Mr. Scoons & 2 gone arm with mine today took all what articles I had there & came home so that we have now a tract but far from a good road the snow is very deep found at Mr. Harris a box of clothing for Providence R.T. Hugh the church it is a good box but designed for summer use contains a much good look, brought it home. I now wear a jean since it started.

At Jan. 1 1848 Pray to renew in the fear of God my life for the past year how little fruit has it brought forth how little reason have I to hope for the blessing of God on my labours there is so much sin mix with all I do. O God forgive my sins wash away all their stains this poor polluted heart of mine how slow to walk in the way of holiness how prone to unbelief & sin. gracious God help me hence forward to live in thy fear to follow my blessed Saviour’s holy example above 20 ch. came to meeting some one wife never came before preach and transaction of Christ from Mark 16:6 was enabled to exhibit the truth with considerable circum & force.
Very rainy day. 10 snow has fallen since the rain 3 1/2 inches. 10th. Maj. Kellogg, Bailly, Littlejohn, Marsch. 14th. Mr. Newberry came from Atcham according to a request by latter sometime since to attend on council with the Indians not having read their letter (it being humbled with letters on the evening of the 2 when Mr. Mann's house was burnt) I was not able to notify the Indians, consequently had little fear of them together. 11th. Evening met in the school house I introduced the object of calling the council viz whether the Indians will remain in the Colony winter & summer work on their farms, have their children attend the school receive their payment at Grand Haven & Atlin read Mr. Stuart's letter on the subject, which decidedly favors the movement an Atlin joined with Mrs. Mr. Newberry in prayer after which we commenced the discussion of the question I continued it till a late hour without coming to a conclusion. They declared plainly that they wished us to continue in with them.
We advised them to think on the subject inform the rest of the hand & come to a conclusion among themselves and let me know the result as soon as they could a part of them seemed determined to remain here at all hazards but thought they should build & spend the summer at the landing on account of the liability to sickness in the woods said many were afraid they would die in the woods in the hot weather we told them they must live in the country & or 9 months in a year

12 Our company left early for home some of them rather discouraged at the prospects.

Snow fell to day 4 1/2 inches

14 snow fell last night about 2 inches Went to Richmond yesterday returned today

March 26 I have a list of medicines from Mr. Kellogg as I suppose

Sat. March 26 diary has been long night it has grown out of several causes viz, the progress of my school which consisted of about 30 scholars though I had only 20 at any one time also the care of my cattle & horses for which I have been out herself on whole times have just kept them alive but to
I have also spent much of my evening in writing letters but above all, I have had to watch over and take care of my dear wife since the school closed on the 24th. The first of that month, having felt as she was firmly persuaded, the motion of the child in her womb since the middle of September, which increased in her the belief that that was not an abortion which she experienced last July but was perhaps a quantity of coagulated blood. I was not able to examine it. I concluded not death came in for a light. When I returned, the dog had eaten it up. I thought it weighed about 4 pounds.

On the 5 of Feb, she was taken with pains which she considered were the preliminary symptoms of labour. They returned occasionally but not so as to be very troublesome till the 26th, when she was violently attacked in the night. She thought at the expense that her womb and all its contents would escape her. The first pain, she was not good. She was in labor. Her pangs continued for some time severe. She supposed her full term had come, therefore was encouraged rather than try to alleviate them. She was afflicted in this way till the 2 of this month. On the 3rd, Dr. Gaddis wrote that the same time an
account of her condition as I then understand it in answering my letter with directions what to do sending me also Teresa Mishwifysome Ergot &c. It is her twice the labour hard through the night but without any good effet in the morning she was discouraged said another morning has come then I am the farm she should live but a short time she was getting exhausted somewhat it was very much discouraged and disheartened I went again for Dr. Goodrick during sabbath night at 2 different pains the child was advanced even with the os uterinum but something was wrong which I did not understand.

I about broke of day Dr. Goodrick came I related to him the history of her case since her sickness last summer in conversing with him I got a clue to the condition she has been in for above 2 weeks past so as to understand what I did not understand before viz that the child with a fold of the uterinum before it had been advancing between the os pubis & vagina so as to project the vagina an inch or more beyond the os uterinum.

Mrs Smith supposing that the projection must be the membranous vagina several times to exit it, but it did not yield to the finger but I perseveringly declined. I have given my gratitude to God who kept me from it at the right time I feared what in the event proved to be the facts.
By Dr. J's direction, I laid her hips high—her shoulders low when she felt the uterus its contents rise high in her body & the motion of the child above the umbilicus. He examined her briskly per vaginam with the finger & declared his opinion that her full time had not come—that she aborted last summer as we then supposed & had again a disposition to the same evil. She then advised anodyne medicine, remained till the morning of the 8th & left for home makes no charge for his visit.

Mrs. Smith is still confined to her bed. At times she is comfortable again. She experiences severe pain when she will see the end of her trouble. We now cannot even guess but commit ourselves to the keeping of our gracious heavenly Father. I hope & pray that this affliction will do us both good. May the Lord sanctify it to our growth in grace to win us from the world & bring us near to God.

Much of the time my dear wife has indicated the peace she felt within by a delightful, placid countenance.

There another thing I notice with gratitude—the effect produced on the minds & conduct of the Indians. They have appeared...
from the first very anxious about Mrs. Smith; they have been very kind & attentive ready to perform any kind of service our circumstances require. I am much disappointed in them. I think we could have been more kind & manifest more affection. They have often taken the trouble to inquire how Mrs. Smith did. To assist us, also have brought medicine for her. One day Chief said we are all afraid she will not live, we love her as our own sister who will take her place if she should never get up from that bed. He also said (to Miss Willard) what will Mr. Smith do if she does not live? Will he leave us? He has been very kind to us; we will not get another such one — the case touches their feelings very closely. This is the fourth time we have her visitings. We hope to have visiting once a week. If Mrs. Smith should be better — quite a number have come to-day to see her. I am obliged to be at home the whole time. As much of the time as possible to be in her room with her in this. I have great satisfaction if I can do anything to make her more comfortable. It makes me happy to do it for 2 or 3 days past she has been able to read a little in the Testament yesterday & today a little in the Author's Life of Wesley.
My wife is getting rather more comfortable as a general thing but at times she is in much pain. I hope she will regain a measure of health and strength before the time comes for our child to be born. My mind has been much exercised as to goodness was here on the corruptions of civilization society if you call a physician when your wife expects to be confin'd in child but he must examine her before he will recommend any medicine for her relief if birth is at hand he will handle her the whole time till the work is complete whereas among the Natives it is considered wrong to interfere with nature operations any farther than to give such medicines as their experience prove to be useful according to their information they never anticipate the birth with the introduction of the hand on the finer into the woman either to examine or hasten the birth yet probably not one in a hundred of women or children die at such times among them in comparison with our people. To what cause is this difference to be attributed? They regard it out of character for a woman even to interfere while our medical men do it with as much freedom as they would.
administer a cathartic or emetic when
then is this difference? is it because civili-
gation & Christianity lower down the stand
of personal modesty & purity so that
no barriers of this kind intermune or is
it because our civilization has affected a
degeneration of our physical powers as
we make it necessary for the security
of life & health? This practice has come
more unhappiness in my family
than every thing else combined if it be
wrong in me I do most sincerely pray
pray God to deliver me from my vices &
feelings which cause me so much trouble
the practice lasts to me very forbidding
it appears to be an outrage on nature's laws
still I can easily imagine cases where life
might be saved by manual interference
yet I believe when one is rare & un
destroyed one's finest son was perhaps
found it... our second was destroyed by it
or the doctor himself confound me may the
Lord guide me in the course of duty &
give me peace of mind & fill my heart with
faith than... Our daughter Annastasia
is five years old today she is engaged good
but the most of her life may the Lord keep
her safe & happy without at part...not.
April 18th 1824. Very cold night last night. In part of Oct. 28th Mercury 15° below freezing point. Perhaps this is unprecedented in this region. Snow more than 3 feet deep on an average. Judging this morning George cut his knee joins badly it will probably confirm him fororam time. This makes my tooth harder but if God will restore him soon enough.

In addition my cow is down in the barn I am unable to get her up. Perhaps I shall lose her. I pray God I may profit by all his dealings.

Sal. 9. Mrs. Smith's health continues to improve. Yesterday she stepped out at the door to try the fresh air. For several days she has not been a part of the time and walked about the house. A little also read to strengthen. They think some while lying in bed. She experienced little pain in comparison with what she has suffered above all she enjoys a peaceful, happy state of mind most of the time. This is a great comfort to me how unworthy am I of such a comfort yet the Lord gives to enjoy the society of my dear wife better than ever. I pray that she may profit by his blessing.
We have no waiting today. The Turks are all at their sugar camp some distance off. Perhaps their longing occupies their attention even on the Sabbath though they have been many times warned not to do such things. But I suppose the influence of the Roman priests' religion does not restrain them. May the Lord put this fear in their hearts.

Last Wednesday morning I went to the Mission for the priest to come to Mieres who has apparently been at the point of death for some time. I am truly very much that I cannot visit & converse with the sick & dying but though I can go to look at them, yet it will not answer to take Miss Williams with me (from the suspicions of the Indians) so that when I go I have to sit in silence except at the little I can speak of the language.

I went this morning to see Mieres. Mieres is dead a part of Pelck just before I arrived at this house I just in laying him out.
he was very thankful this was the last word we had from him, he has appeared the same ever since my talk with him last fall. On the 4th young men came here & made a coffin for Wabassoena.

13 My cow died last night. Mrs. Smith feels very bad about it—it is a great loss to us off our hope of milk just at the time when we expected her to calve our children to be supplied with milk before last. Charles Dunning stood with us. He brought a little rice & loaf sugar from Mrs. Terry to Mrs. Smith. How great is the goodness of God to pay that in time of sickness he should give us friends to administer to our necessities. Then our comfort wrote a letter to Mrs. Terry.

Sat. Morning 16. At family worship we read in course the 3rd chapter of the 2 Epistle of Peter. What a sublime & awful description (yet the humble believer how full of comfort does begin of the day of judgement!) in now thinking about it. I had this view of the government of God in mind upon my mind—explain to my family big that God in the first intentions which began of his plan of redemption to man after the fall he adapted the revelation to the infant condition.
of the world showing sufficiently clearly that by faith in the promised seed a life, sublime
man might attain the blessings of heaven
leaving him to fear and dread the consequences
of the did not comply with the terms as
mankind multiplied sin increased the
promises of a Saviour were more distinct
and clear the threatenings of punishment to
the wicked were more decided & liable to
mistatation but sin still gained an alarming
ascendency when God visited the world with
the awful judgment of the deluge & cut off
the work of mankind except one righteous
family as it were began again with them
to carry out this plan of redemption. Still sin
triumphed, when God manifested his mercy
more distinctly than before in the fam-
ily of Abraham when he entered into coven-
ant with his seed gave him the seals & established
his kingdom with him & his seed forever
afterward through Moses to the children of
Israel when he gave the law, instituted the
rites & ceremonies of the Mosaic dispensa-
tion which shadowed forth to typify the
coming Messiah in a way that now and
miserstand while his justice appeared
conspicuous in the thunderings of Sinai
& as denounced by the prophets which follow
When Christ came & offered himself as a sacrifice for sin, then the justice & mercy of God shone most gloriously in the institution of the Christian church & ministry. God's plan of redemption was complete; the sinner had glorious hope set before him while the ungodly were left without excuse. There was nothing but a fearful looking for of judgment, fury, indignation which shall devour the adversaries. Thus the plan which God's love & grace devised was put into full & perfect operation for the benefit of the church. The coming of the wicked, a prospective view was given through the Apostles of the succession, pravousness of the gospel against all opposition of men & devils till the millennium is past. When through the influence of scoffers & seducers, the world will again be overwhelmed with wickedness & the vise for destruction so that it will be palpably manifest to all angels, men, & devils that God is righteous, who taketh vengeance after he has so fully exhibited His long-suffering. Shown that He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance if the day of the Lord does come as a thief in the night in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise. The elements shall melt with fervent heat. The earth & the works that are therein shall be burned up.
ably to the warnings that had been often given, that
the heavens and the earth are kept in store, to
serve unto fire against the day of judgment
and the wrath of ungodly men. One thing seems
to be characteristic of all God's dealings with
the wicked in this world from the creation
until now viz. He does not visit them with
judgments till many, has long, foreseen;
till many warnings have been given, witness
the old world, Pharaoh and his people, the
Canaanites, the history of the Jews. So we have
reason to believe it will be in the end of the
world—perhaps infidelity will be general if
not almost universal. The question
where is the promise of his coming? may be
come. The watchword. Then God will prove
that He is not slack concerning his promise
but is long suffering not willing that any should
perish but that they should repent. His counsel truly
his reproach. His sudden destruction cometh

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been quite comfortable
for some days, but this afternoon was attacked
with violent labour pains as though she
was to be confirmed immediately.

Monday, 24th. Held Council with the Indians
at schoolhouse to decide the question so long
discussed among us whether they would remain
permanently here, or leave and close into our
Colony affairs.
There was a great unanimity both of feeling & action through all our deliberations. I first stated the object of calling them together & gave them my opinion plainly. Then led in prayer, afterward read Mr. Stuart's letter. After that Chief appeared on the floor in the name of the Band of formerly I answered that they were determined to remain & receive the payment at Grand Haven, work on their farm, send their children to school & meet a part of the time to 60 every thing worked well except they requested that Robert Chaneller, a young trapper from a Roman Catholic 60 might be appointed their foreman. Said all I thought would do any good to induce them to prefer Dr. Goodrich but to no purpose. 251 am pleased to remain. P.M. & evening wrote to Mr. Stuart on the subject. 2 P.M. Makaha & Minimakofia went to Allegany carried the letter for Mr. Stuart to the Post Office.
Monday May 12th - noon. Have just yielded up an infant daughter to the hands of Him who gave it. Yesterday noon my dear wife was taken with labor pains which continued without much intermission till 1 o'clock this morning when our little daughter was born. 1 foot (the right one) was in advance of the head so that when it passed the leg was pressed into the left side of the head from the forehead to the crown which disfigured both the head and the leg considerably. The leg was very simple, soon swollen, the hands were also with the head but not so as to be complicated. 1 foot was as it should be. The birth was wholly effected by a single pain but of great length and severity. Precipice attended with violent shiverings & shivers which almost made me seem to convulsions the umbilicus mere entire till the birth was complete the placenta attended with first the child's prospects were dubious, but it soon breathed and cried strong, countenance looked healthy had nearly restored to its proper form & it instilled decided desire for food. We entertained considerable hopes of raising it. We washed & bathed it and laid it on its mother's arm & rejoiced greatly in the possession of it. For it has been the child of much pain & anxious cares almost ever since it was conceived but God had
mother came for us to pay through soon after sunrise our children came down to sec their new sister & were raised almost to an ecstasy there as it were when our happiness was raised to its highest pitch at this moment the blow was struck. God knew that we could not keep it its content were turned purple, its breath became short & ungrateful to it struggling for its life till 10 o'clock & expired this was the morning flower cut down an it was noon it survived 9 short hours then to its flight it was a beautiful child but small weighing only 3 3/4 pounds with its clothes.

Though God's hand in this affliction has been laid heavily upon us I feel that it is all just I would fail to say The Lord gave the Lord both taken away His this name of the Lord at one time I felt that if my dear wife could be spared I could surrender the child without a tear, then her health became so much better & the prospect so good to all appearance (I mean sometime before it was born) that I calculated to keep them both but the affliction would have been too light I should have forgotten it too easy but now O God thou hast touched my heart in a tender part may I be still to know that man and God to profit by the chastisements of their hand! my dear companion
is left is comfortate, never more so after the birth of a child. I feel as though I have come, as it were, given the second time. O that by the grace of God I may be more tender of her than ever before, it value to improve her society better than I have ever done; in the loss of the child she is cut to the quick, but apart from this she enjoys a peaceful state of mind.

2. Made a coffin myself, the Indians went to the landing last week & gone various ways to attend to business, so that we are alone. Wife quite comfortate.

Mr. Chief's mother came with medicine for Mrs. Smith, had her 2 little girls (yet granddaughters) with her, slept the night with us. 3-9 o'clock A.M. committed the remains of our beautiful little infant daughter, to the ground in the whole myself attended by our 4 remaining children, Miss Williams, Chief's mother & her little girls, buried our child under the shade of 2 peach trees in the garden about 4 rods south of the house. I have recording gratitude to God for the kind & faithful attention of Miss Williams during the whole of our affliction, also for the Chief's mother who has done much by furnishing useful medicine, from the first she has exhibited an affection which cannot be expected from any but a mother.
Mrs. Smith has much pain today but perhaps no more than should be expected. It was like
making her heart to take the body of our child
to the grave where she could see it no

Feb. 7. My dear wife's health is improving as
fast as can be expected; yesterday she sat up
a little; today also some. Her prospect of
recovery is very good for which I am
thankful to the Lord.

A.M. 2 young Indians (Chippewa and John)
came, talked with them on the subject
of religion. John is a M. Catholic; professed
upon him this necessity of incorporating
faith and love. That without these he
never could enter heaven. Chippewa
is a Methodist from Manitoba. When in Canada, he talks like a Christian. It
was pleasant to converse with him. Strengthened his faith encouraged his progress
sung 2 Indian hymns. This acquaintance
seemed clearly to show that he had a
Christian spirit within.

Feb. 8. To-day, for 2 Sabbaths past, the Indian
have come to praying though he has told
the Chief that I wish them to come thence
from their Sugar camps to the landing.
I've been working on their farms through the week & their excuse is that when the job comes they are too tired. So they pray at the landing, the true reason I think is some of the leaders (Makahau in particular) are afraid their Roman faith will be given to the fire if they do not shut their eyes against the light of scriptures but by what the Chief & others have said within a few days past it appears they are beginning to reflect seriously on the subject. May the Lord bring them to see the importance of attending to their soul's salvation while it is an accepted time.

My dear wife's health is not as good as we had hoped a few weeks ago & she is in the time she has a prospect of as good health as she has ever enjoyed since our marriage—we enjoy one another society much more profitably than formerly. My prayer is that by God's grace we may improve all his dealings with us to his own glory.

Sdb June 11. Stashagneau his 2 wives & 8 children came to meeting. They had heard a gospel sermon. I laid before them as much gospel truth as I could in our discourse the last two weeks with serious attention. I promise them to come again when they can hear the Lord's word in truth.
12 While I was gone to Richmond after a cow which I had bought from Mr. Smith, I
sent my only boy a good one which leaves us without a mouthful of meat or any more
to make any he shipped it to Mr. Smith to whom the sent it back.

13 Chief Kendall came to talk about the hog. Said they felt many had about it
Louisiana to them they sent it. They sent it back with word that the must eat it himself alone.
I talked to them about coming to meeting. They were of said the others would. The angry
with them if they come, but said if you spared their lives they would come.
They said their children could not come to school.

14 Said that I was not to be blamed because their children did not come. The Indians
only come to blame.

15 Louis came said he was angry when he killed the hog, that the was sorry. Promised that
he would never do such a thing again. I agreed that Mr. Halling and Judge Ely should
decide what the damage shall be.

16 My dear wife has been very ill during the past week. She is a little better today.
She has had cough with pain in her side and head with symptoms of a tendency
inflammation in both head and lungs.
All Oshiviri was here during family worship explained to him the way of salvation by Jesus Christ...he is not a Catholic...he is with good attention...in an unbiased mind...P. Mr Chief common on errand...I told him...it was wrong to do such things on the soil...then took my Bible...explained to him...the law of the Lord...at considerable length...urged it upon him...he said he would never come again on business...I saw the day...A few days ago read a letter from Dr. Goodrich stating that he had seen his appointment...would be here next Monday...Chief Mthethwa were here...Chief Japhet-Dinis...were but rather inclined to submit. Mthethwa was like a wild bull in a net...his language was contumacious...his language...he was so polluted a tongue...even though...I pray God they may see themselves in the light of divine truth...but they have the mark of the beast...I fear will carry it down...to the pit...at least many of the old people...perhaps the young may be illumined...God alone can open their eyes...
July 24. Having concluded to go with family to visit our friends I went today & took our 3 oldest children & cattle to Richmond & returned.

25. Took Mrs. Smith, Miss Willard & youngest child to Richmond all on horse back.

26. Dr. Goodrich came & wished me to go to Old Wing with him to see the Indians. We went the night at our house.

27. Visited the Siouxs, they were in pleasant company & cordially accepted. Mr. Kibbe was at first a little sour. P.M. returned to Richmond.

28. Evening took my family to Mr. Harris' 8 miles.

29. Went to Allegan.

30. Self & family attended meeting in Allegan. Rev. Dr. Comstock (Baptist) superintendent of Public instruction, preached A.M.

P.M. Rev. Mr. Frazier (Methodist) preached.

31. Went to brother McMartin's. Plainfield found them well with a daughter nearly 2 years & a son 5 months old. Both very promising children had a pleasant visit.

August 1. Went to Bull Prairie.

31. Attended meeting on the Prairie. Rev. Mr. Hammond preached A.M. 10 A.M. 5 O'clock P.M. I preached. When I came down from the pulpit Rev. Mr. Kibben said don't you know you preached that same sermon here 2 or 3 years ago? I answered no, well you did what did you preach? I going for it. Suppose he was right, but I was not aware of it. I hope however I shall.
born a lifson from it though I could not say I was sorry inasmuch as when I preached the last five men present at this time the house was full of the subject was important. If I had not come & spoken unto them they had not been in but now they have me clack for their sin.

I went with wife Brothers Powers & Mills to Helena 700 village called on Rev. Mr. Hoyt Mr. Pastor also called on Rev. Mr. Kimball going to returning of Attended Association at Mr. Kimball's. Rev. Mr. Yates Kimball, Mr. Clearen, Hoyt Bushnell & Flannery were present. It was rather an intellectual treat than a time of special devotion. One Mr. Flannery preached on the Prairie one of the most powerful & convincing sermons I ever heard. He is a promising young man. His subject nothing special, the inner draw of Abel's answer to Micaiah. The conclusion was the sinner must be regenerated.

10. Having visited all our friends on the Prairie & had a pleasant time with them we left & visited Elder Mower Missionary at Ottawa Colony. He has an interesting time with his people, several Indians have been converted this summer.

11. Came to Brother Mc Martin's.

12. Left our Jan. with Mr. Mc Martin to attend school a few weeks it was inclining tiring but we did it for his good committing to the care & gracious protection of our heavenly Father.
Wednesday arrived at Mogan. Received a circular from Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington also a letter from Mr. Stewart of S. W. near Detroit. I propose that I shall not obtain a Government appointment for my support while I shall continue to labor among the Indians, if I should hope it may be the means of good to them.


20th. Took my family in a skiff (E. H. Wilder and young man in company) came to Newark arrived 10 P.M. evening very dark with wind and snow. Sent thunder and lightning so that we supposed ourselves in great danger but the Lord helped us through his lightning was our lams of指导.

Feb. 20th. Preached at Newark A.M. & P.M. about fifty people were present. Some from every family in the region, all very attentive. A few appeared much interested, in the whole it was about as interesting a congregation as I ever preached to.

Feb. 23rd. Came in concert with my family to Richmond. Spent the night at Mr. Mann's.
Oct. 25, 1843. I am now in the long spring
mercy of God 36 years old, but how unworthy
of such a continuance of mercy! how have
I improved this mercy? sometimes when I
reflect I think I make some advances in
the wisdom & holiness again it seems as
though my movements were retrograde.
May the Lord enable me henceforth to grow
in grace & in the knowledge of my Lord &
Saviour Jesus Christ daily, in the strength of
God's grace, to now resolve renewedly to consecrate
myself to him, may his grace be sufficient for
my folly!
24. Started early to Grand Haven to attend payment. Dr. Goodrich went with me to Superior. Evening arrived at Grand Haven.

25. Payment was expected today but payment did not arrive. He is detained by the drunkards of Indians at the Rapids. Council Chief & others about conduct during payment. They promised they would not drink or do anything else they could to prevent the rest from drinking.

26. preacher twice. It was a cold, snowy, wintry day. Had but a small congregation. They listened with attention.

Evening steamboat arrived arrived with paymaster & a great number of traders.

30th. Mr. & Mrs. Lee at the request of Mr. S. Lee paymaster I assembled the Indians at Mr. Saunby's house. Payment was finished in a few hours, the whole scene was indeed flattering. Mr. Lee's address was good, particularly in telling them they must follow the instructions of the teacher & farmer. They pledged obedience.

172 Indians received in all $1564.50. Specie, 13 3/4 bbls flour & 6 1/2 bushels. 5 1/2 salt 300 lbs.

tobacco. Mr. Lee also gave our strong assurances of Government support also some things for Mrs. Williams.
31. Arrived home while at Grand Haven took my meals at Mr. W. M. Ferry's mostly some at Mr. Dumouy's Lady I at the Seneca tonna (Penncierie's) at Mr. Ferry's expense. He is a man to be loved. I love him & his family; though the world and him despise him. Only, I believe, because he is upright & faithful.

6. Indians have returned from payment they have kept from drinking except perhaps one of them. Red Letter from Providence K. S. respecting Box clothing sent from that place to us. I suppose it to be in Chicago as I hear there is one there for me.

11. Mrs. Smith was violently attacked with inflammation of the lungs. I was at Richmond & Dr. Goodrich brought me word early on the 7. I came home & found her very sick.

12. Mrs. Smith's health is so much improved that she sits up a part of the time. Dr. G. came from Allegany brought word that I was wanted at the time meeting Association at Otsego.

13. I set out for Otsego arrived at Mr. Bailey's & the evening spent the night there.

14. Morning in company with Mrs. S. Newburg went to Otsego then to Dr. Thompson's Plainfield where Association met. P. W. Esq. adj. to Otsego 15th...
15. J. C. M. A.M. R. 8.30 a.m. met at Mr. Brown's Opego. Noon adjourned to Paw Paw 2 Tuesday Nov. There were 10 ministers present viz. M. W. Hoyt, Mr. Clay, Mr. McClain, Clark, Newbury, Broady, T. South, Bushnell, Gaston, Jefferson, and myself.

It was an interesting occasion, it is a great blessing to enjoy such a privilege after having been so long deprived of it as I have been for what I thank God. I was received member of the Association with special privilege of excuse for absence when necessary on account of distance from its bounds being 30 miles from its nearest point.

P. M. There was a quantity of clothing (6 Barrels) distributed among the ministers. The clothing was collected by Mr. Dana in May. Nearly one Bar was sent home especially by the donors most of which I need also some other articles making in all about the same amount designed for me to come to Megaw Lodge at Mr. Newbury's 16. Came home found many dear friends con. considerably worse.

17. Mr. Brown's health has improved very much since yesterday.

30. Received a box of clothing collected last year by Rev. Mr. Wilder in Boston & vicinity as is supposed its contents are good but designed for summer use.
Dec. 5. Deeded Dr. D. Goodrich 4 acres of land for a building spot to come to have a clock worth 14 dollars in pay for the land.

Our lovely little daughter, Eunice Eliza, is in a very doubtful state of health. We begin to fear she will never recover. She has had no use of her right leg for a long time, it is distressingly painful most of the time. Though quite comfortable most of the time, it is extremely difficult to handle her. If I go to take her she will scream, don't touch her, you will hurt her but she has a heavenly skin. The lump since last winter yet no swelling is to be seen. At first the pain was inside the thigh until lately now it is outside below the knee. She appears to be sinking. Her constitution is evidently suffering. The only way we can give any degree of ease from pain is by the use of tonics and stimulants. Dr. Goodrich thinks she has a tumor always forming it cannot yet be determined with certainty. Though he is quite confident he is right, he advises her medicines.
12. Little Esther Eliza's health is failing fast every day we fear she cannot survive long. She endures her sufferings with great patience she loves to sing, pray, recite scripture and talk about God. Especially when her body is not racked with pain. Several times in the dead of the night when the house was hushed in silence, she supposed all men asleep her dear mother's ever watchful ear has heard her lift her voice to him whom never slumbers nor sleeps with great devotion. O Lord bless little Etty. Bless Pa. and ma. The love of prayer as she does her life and spirit seems fitted for the abode of a better world than this. But my God how can I endure to part with this lovely child if it be thy will to take her O give me grace to say thy will be done. For several weeks Dr. C. has said she cannot recover though she may be comfortable for a short time.

21. Our little daughter is so much more comfortable than she has been, if my gracious God would spare her life even though she be a cripple how would rejoicing in his mercy exceed to his glory.
O. M. Had council with the Indians at the school house to discuss the question viz. whether it is not absolutely necessary for the success of the mission for them to live permanently on their farms in order to mutual benefit & to send their children to school. I laid the subject before them in all its importance. Chief seemed to feel at first but in the end he as well as the rest manifested a secret determination to spend at least the summer at their landing on Black Lake. The council closed pleasantly. Still I can but hope that a good impression will be made on their minds. It is too plain that Catholic priests are mischievous enemies of the truth. At the bottom of all their movements & I fear they will succeed in the ruin of the poor Indians. I told them to send their children to school next Monday. They promised to do it. I also requested them to come to meeting.

26 Comm. school had but 7 scholars
27 had 15 scholars. 28 had 20 scholars
Nov. 31 28 & 20 Indians came to meeting.
I preached from the passage of the 15th of Philem. in particular to the Indians as a very good text & passage that the Lord would make his truth a favour of life unto life.
Jan. 1 1844 The Lord in his greatness has spared me another year What shall I render unto God for all his kindness Little Esther E. is tolerably comfortable though she is nearly helpless she can sit in the rocking chair through the day & night most of the time I have had from 15 to 20 scholars this week

Vol. 7 Though the weather was extremely inclement about 18 or 20 came to meeting preached on the broad narrow way & gate hope they were led to see that Roman Catholics are very likely at least to be in the broad way that leads to destruction if so they may think it time to look about them May the Spirit attend the word

10 For some time we have not known what we should do for provisions being almost destitute of having no funds to buy but it still holds true The Lord will provide to day I received a letter from Ann E. Green Providence R.I. containing a check on the Bank of Commerce in New York for ten dollars

Feb. 14 Had no writing something. So I know not what has kept them away
Flour had from 16 to 25 scholars this week.

Sal. 21. Only 8 persons coming to meeting to-day. Chief's mother came she has been in an interesting state for some time. I preached from the Text Who can forgive sins but God only? Cannot anyone forgive sins after merit. the old woman seriously said she believed all I said and would not again go to the priest to confess my sins but would have resolution to give her grave to persevere.

Sal. 28. Notwithstanding snow fell 10 inches last night. There were about 20 attending meeting among them were the Chief, his mother, and sister, the rest were young people. I preached from Nov. 19th. Endeavored to set before them plainly the guilt of worshipping saints unruly & the importance of worshipping only God. Pray that the blessing of God may attend his truth & that it may be the means of opening their hearts eyes to see of softening their hard hearts to feel its power & yield obedience.
Feb. 2. Have had this week from 12 to 20 scholars. They are learning very fast. The school was never so promising. Besides teaching them their regular lessons I have them repeat the Lord's prayer with me at the close of school, teach them to sing English & Indian Hymns. Then close by prayer and a word give them plain & pointed instructions (through Mrs. Willard) on relative & other social duties & their obligations to God & to which seasons they appear serious to attention. The Chief’s mother visited us to day. She seems determined to seek the truth & be obedient to it. She ‘sum to see some other women to get them to come to meeting, they say they don’t like coming. They are afraid of the Priest, she tells them she was not that as long as she had eyes to see she would come & assist. She believes we had the true religion.

4. Though it has been very snowy & rainy to day about 20 Indians came to meeting. But Mrs. Willard has the sick headache so that she cannot interpret. I saw her mind with them they seemed disappointed & troubled. I think they are good indications.
Sat. 18. Between 40 & 50 came to meeting. 
Text the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, also the fear of man living a man attempted to show the nature of the fear of God & its effect on the life & eternal destiny of man contrasted with it the nature & results of the fear of man (meaning the priest) applying to them as Catholics as most of them listened with interest & attention — after it closed Chief appearing angry said he would talk with me another day on the subject he did not like to break the Sabbath — I told him I should be glad to talk with him — I can but hope good will be done. O that the Lord would make his truth the sword of the Spirit to them to you sharper than any two edged sword.

Sat. 18. only 5 Indians came to meeting (March) from March 1 - 15 last clause have reason to hope I was heard with attention & interest.

18 Only 3 children came to school it was very all are moving to their sugar camps this month being so small I did not teach so that last Friday was the last day of this winter's school
22. Mrs Smith & myself went to Mr. Morrison's Newark to see if we could get shoes for our daughters Mary Jane & Ann. We took them to Mr. Hammers left George & Esther Eliza at home with Miss Miller.

23. Returned as far as Richmond. Mrs. D's health being delicate, the daylight waning we came no farther.

24. Came home, found little Esther Eliza furnish & dispersed. She was unwell last night, when we left she was cheerful & happy. She had appeared furnish two or 3 times previous to our leaving.

We were to have returned last night. Mrs. T. says she sat at the window a long time waiting & looking for us, when she was wearing with looking she said, if that is my Mr. away again, I shall give him a scolding (musical). But we fear she will never mean.

Feb. 3rd. Little Estry Eliza continues to grow worse & our fears increase everyday. She is very remarkable for her maturity in her intellectual faculties, her moral & religious views & feelings. She has the maturity of age. She appears ripe for heaven at family worship. She has been sickly, read and after me very devoutly joins.
with us all in praying the Lord's Prayer. (This I have been in the habit of doing for sometime.)

it is a great satisfaction to her & I think beneficial to all the children) if at any time she is ailing when she wakes the gruines are finely till she needs her nurse & joins with me in her chere mother in prayer.

No meeting today Dr G. T. Present at this morn's carps to visit the sick found most of the women at work at their Anglo, as with them on the subject as for us sharp old seem to feel that my not doing wrong Dr blod Mosseime's widow who was quit ill.

Feb 10 Little Esther Eliza is apparently best going to the ground she has 2 paroxysms of fever every 24 hours, one in the day time one in the night her breath is short or quirk with a laborious breathing of the chest her pulse quick & small Dr Goodrich thinks she may not live 8 days.

She has inducements heavenly spirit — her choice & delight in music. There never seen equal — she will sing her part (the air) with perfect conformity. While I sing & play on — Bob viol —
Near night she requested to sing, I did, she named the Hymn. sung with beauty & a heavenly melody, but perhaps for the last time. This sick woman may be necessary for her to go for the good of the other children. Parental affection is almost all, we sometimes turn to her. Since her sickness in Dec. I have scarcely desired to have one of our other children sing with me. I would have her, she was always ready & always delighted in it. She enter into it with that singleness of soul which exactly harmonize with my feelings while engaged in what furnished me so much delight. The Hymns she chose on this occasion (in fact they were generally her choice though she sang a great variety of others) were:

Comes let us arm our journey-mus to she would sing the whole Hymn (or at least the first & last verses). Another Hymn was: When overwhelmed with grief, My heart within me dies. To the whole Hymn Dean Dunbar.

Also, Though troubles assail us & dangers affright, as also Blackburn Behold thy waiting went for us devoted to the fear & another which the
like much was its an some lonely building top. The Sparrow tells her moon to June Sparrow’s moon another June Laren—Awake my soul and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run
Shake off dull sleep early rise To pay thy morning sacrifice— All those she sung this afternoon with some others O could this child be continue with us I would almost as though my earthly hopes was complete but God will be done I may then go to submit

14. Little Esther continues to feel every day her fever (febric) remain unaltered though we have made strong efforts to subdue it her vital energies are fast failing before her insatiable disease she suffers much pain yet she complains not her spirit is fast maturing for a better world through she says she had rather stay with mother than to go to be with God a part of today she seemed to be at the point of death but near might she recover but up awhile in her rocking chair—

15. Our little daughter appears so much more comfortable that I found near night when her fever return I had been plan ting myself with hope of her recovering only
At experience the greater anguish on seeing her longer the reach of help near night she asked her mother to sing with her. She sung several times when bringing Blackburn, Esther sung it 3 times prettily with her.

Little Esther's symptoms too plainly show that her sufferings are nearly at an end and that her mental life is drawing to a close. Near night she sat up a short time in her rocking chair.

Evening Dr. Goodrich came to watch with her. I lay down by her side and my dear wife went up chamber to ask a little milk both of us being nearly worn out with watching. About 10 O'Clock her distress had so increased that she was in an agony. She sat up in bed called her mother and when she came she asked Where's Papa? though I was lying by her side. She just then helping her begin to fail. She would begin to ask for drink or food I would forget what she wanted before she could say it. She sat up writing in agony till her strength failed so that she could scarcely hold up her head. I took her and laid her on her pillow and she continued so through the night.
She lost her sight before morning July 17. It dawned but the sun did not dawn with it. Last evening at family worship, she read her verse as usual (Chron. 29:13).

Now therefore, our God, we thank thee to praise thy glorious name when we knelt down to worship. The Lord from upon us but did not join as usual in prayer.

She continued suffering through the day and night about the same time, she called Ma twice but we doubted if she were conscious though she may have been at times - every breath was a groan, often she would weep and shrink in agony.

Monday 18. 5 O'clock (break of day) she died her breath drawn calmly to a close. She gasped but once. Her spirit took its flight to the arms of a covenant keeping God none of my family were up all were silent in sleep. In God was my trust. I felt relieved when her soul departed her mortal sufferings ended. I commended her with confidence and comfort to the arms of my beloved Saviour in the words of the Psalm I said: Happy soul thy day an ended

All thy mourning days below
Go by angel guards attended
To the light of Jesus go.
Between 6 & 7 I called up my wife & my children. My dear wife is exceedingly afflicted by the sickness & death of Esther Eliza. We both feel as though an almost entire spirit was taken from us & an almost insurmountable but we feel also that God is just & has afflicted us for our good & His own glory.

Esther Eliza was three years, 7 months & 8 days old. She was born on Monday morning at break of day (4 O'clock) August 10, 1840. died Monday morning at break of day (5 O'clock) March 18, 1844.

The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord but at times I feel almost unspeakably to God’s dealings Why dost thou thus contend with me? Why are my children cut down in the morning? LORD thou art more than just & merciful I that I may be still to know that thou art God. Lord teach me so to remember my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

19th & 7 O’clock P.M. We deposited the remains of our beloved little daughter in the grave by the side of the infant daughter we buried last spring. Naval of the Indians visited us yesterday & today. The Chief, his mother (the sister with us last night) brother, sister & their relations attended funeral. They sympathetically with us as was manifested by the tears they shed.
In a few minutes to them—Dr. Goodrich made a few remarks—prayed.

O how heartrending to bury such a child! Her countenances bore a heavenly smile till it was laid in the grave—hope smiles on the tomb.

God bless one. Thy Saviour's gone before thee. But he again will come and raise thee up to glory.

Shall there be peaceful rest Till the last horn sounding calls thee to his breast, With angels guard surrounding Thy pains are o'er; Thy parents the behind thee Will meet thee on that sham When sorrow we'll find thee There we'll unite again will join our voices With infinite delight While roll eternal ages.

Our anthem shall be 'Thy God of our Salvation praise to eternity.' Joining every nation.

There now another anchor cast in the peaceful haven of eternal rest. I hope that in due times my frail bark will benefit to that peaceful shore when kindred souls will part no more.

My dear wife being advanced in pregnancy suffers excessively & I fear I have greater afflictions still before me. I have little hope of my child living & greatly fear for my wife. With my gracious Lord I pray to Him to be with her in her necessities. With submission pray for me to be strengthened with submission for the past year but perhaps I have scarcely begun the margin of this stream.
The weather for 2 or 3 days has been extremely cold, snowy & blustering which has increased the gloominess of the scene & added to our affliction.

The ligaments of Esther's right hip joint appeared after death to be wholly consumed so that on moving it the bone would clatter together; the thigh also appeared to be filled with matter dark under the large muscle from her body near her knee. The Dr says it was a gun

Dr. Goodrich started for Connecticut to get his wife. I think that he shouldn't have gone so long as so little has been effected for the Indians since he has been here but he seems no way concerned about it. I fear his appointment is going to work prejudicially; he has done almost nothing & appears to feel little interest. I am much disappointed in him.

P.M. Brother John E. Powers came employed by Dr. G. to supply the place of former in his absence.

April 5. Took up both our children but both cough in one long box for their better preservation.

April 8. Ochumusqua died this morning, cury of Emeples has been sick but a few days he was one of our last Indians.

A priest came to land, the Indians appear kindly enough to us.
Had a daughter born little before 8 o'clock this morning. She weighed 3 pounds, clothed. She appeared strong at first but became distressed about 3 hours in 4 hours more. Passed her short life on earth though I did all I could for her. She lived little above 7 hours, the circumstances of her birth were all favorable. She resembled Esther. Her mother said her name is Esther Eliza. This is the third daughter we have lost within 2 weeks less than a year. Her dying groans were attended with a deep heavy sigh the same as Esther. Everyone was as a knife in my heart. God has given us seven children & taken four of them back to Himself but why O God! Why hast thou dealt thus with us? I discern thy suốtng not. Though not just, I am condemned but God is it not enough?

Sal. morning 14th at the close of family worship we departed the remains of our infant daughter by the side of her 2 sisters (Mrs Martin & sister) Mrs Smith is quite comfortable but like myself feels sadly afflicted by the dealings of God with us.
Tab 21. Since the death of Esther Eliza, our infant child, and particularly since little E. E.'s death, my mind has been much exercised on the subject of the resurrection of the body. When I think of her glorified spirit rejoicing in the presence of God, I reflect that her sufferings of her mortal life are ended. My soul is quite comforted. Nay rather almost rejoices in the thought, but when I follow her lovely form with which is associated so much that was endearing, so much of my past happiness, so much of my prospect of future comfort to the cold, silent grave, how cheerless, how comfortless the scene if I had assumed to joy with fluency respecting one of his children. There is a beautiful garment laid up in the wardrobe of the grave to be worn again on the resurrection day, my soul would not with complacent satisfaction on the thought if I consult friends, they do not believe this same body will be united again. If commentators the conclusion is that we have now when in the Bible appears that the same unembalmed body will be raised in the last day, if these things be so why do is God speak of a resurrection? does he mean the soul? then why speak of a resurrection at all. If he mean...
the soul’s union with some other body better adapted to its future state of existence.

Still I ask why does he then speak of resurrection.

The soul is not laid in the grave therefore cannot be raised its union with another body has nothing in it of the nature of a resurrection. Therefore the Bible cannot when it speaks of a resurrection mean such a union. What then does it mean? I believe it means the dead shall be raised the identical body which is buried shall be raised! so as to constitute the new one, the spiritual one, the immortal one, the glorious one; in a manner similar to that in which the seed sown produces the wheat which grows from it so completely a resemblance of the original or constituted from it in such a manner as to be identical as the same that the same consciousness of continuous identity which characterises us here will continue consistent with eternity. Though it is difficult for our dull faith to see how God can raise up these mortal bodies when turned to dust & perhaps scattered to the four quarters of the globe yet I believe that he who created man out of the dust of the earth at the first can raise us again at the last. That he who raised up Jesus from the dead will also quicken our mortal bodies. With this view I can read with comfort & consolation Job 19. cap. 25—27. 1 Cor. 15: Yattan criticisms on the subject.
Friday 26 My dear wife has been so far removed as to be about the house (and work some) a part of the time for several days. Today she was taken with a violent chill & fever which brought into great distress (27th mom) her fever followed her nearly through the night. I fear the severity of our affliction may prevent her recovery will the Lord graciously spare us a little & lift upon us the light of his merciful countenance. She is better today.

30 Mrs Smith was again attacked with violent fever with symptoms of inflammation of the head.

May

4 Wife is quite comfortable again but thinks she will never recover health.

6th Chief, Otopetakespick & 2 boys came to visiting. Chief said he had been talking to the Indians in the morning about coming to visiting but our old man; he has them back perhaps they will come next Sabbath. Mrs Willard had the head ache. She couldnt sit but little yet we had an interesting season. I have
scarcely seen the Chief manifest so much feeling. They all manifested great seriousness while I explained the necessity of repentant faith, love and obedience to God. I also explained the resurrection, judgment the Chief replied with good deal of interest. He then asked if we had great priests? When was my great priest? I answered we have no great priests—we know of no great priest in the Bible but Jesus Christ. He is our High priest, his ministers all equal. He said he believed what I said was the truth that the greatest man in the sight of God was no more than a little child. This was an extraordinary confession for him or any other professing Catholic.

P.M. Mrs. Smith this forenoon was up and comfortable, went out door for the first time, but about 2 O’clock she was taken with a chill, which lasted till evening. (By this time violent attended with severe pain) when a fever as violent succeeded, attended with chiefe symptoms of inflammatory action first at the kidney, afterward in the head. My wife had a distressing night but from this all—more comfortable.
Sal 12 Mrs. Smith's health is so far removed by the great mercy of God that she is able to be up considerable part of the time. This is more than I dared to expect however strong my hope, when Esther E. was taken from us and when our little infant in whom our comfort in a measure resided was also torn away from our embrace. God's ways are past finding out of this I am assured that He is rich in mercy and does all things well, but why has taken from us all the children he has given us since we came to this Mission I know not. Though I deserve to be stripped naked as Job was yet I am led to enquire why does God deal with me in this particular manner? What does his thus chastening mean? I have now just what I brought with me only I am as though a part of our original selves were torn away does my gracious Lord mean that I ought to have this Mission or that I ought to be more faithful in it? O my God make plain my path of duty give me grace to walk in it with cheerful feet. If God design to send me away why does now give me some evidence that he is blessing my labors among these poor people? I will praise my heavenly Father that he still spares with me my dear wife and young rising children.
only Augustus came & meeting Chief went with his company last week to Mahoning on business. The high wind has prevented his return. I explained to A the nature & necessity of repentance & faith. He appeared ignorant of repentance theoretically but when he gave his experience I could but feel he understood practically. To my question he answered I find myself a great sinner before God I fail sorry in my heart. I think I won't sin anymore but first I know I sin again then I am sorry & try again. I go to pray then every evil thing comes into my mind. I find it hard to keep these evil things out of my heart. I invited him to pray to God for his Spirit & he would give him Spirit to help him.

15. The Box of clothing recently sent by the Cong Church Providence R. I. to us last season arrived today by the unfaithfulness of the forwarding merchant (probably) it has been detained in Chicago since last Sept. The real is that a considerable proportion of its contents is so mildewed as to be of little or no use. It was valued by the shippers (see Bill) at one hundred & 5 dollars & shows, with the accompanying letters by Ann G. Green that truly Christian benevolence. May the Lordrowning in our sorrowful. I thank God that he has raised us up such in this time of our affliction.
2 P.M. Dr. Goodrich returned. He has been sick in Allegan since he returned from the East & he has no special reason to give for not coming before. He seems to be totally unconcerned about the great responsibilities resting upon him as a farmer. He brought a few articles toansom from New Hartford, N.Y. also 4 dollars money.

25th. Indians came to council on the Dr.'s invitation. He made a long speech. told them what Mr. Forrest said & that he (the Dr.) meant was only to do them good. To doubt if one of them believed it, as they want tangible proof but this they have not found. Mahasen answering that he had better go back to Allegan said all right so he had done nothing him & they did not want him any longer. After that Minnichofin & Radun were made speeches in which they made strong efforts to induce them to go to the landing & live with them. They promised to give me a piece of land, build me a house & school house. They did not wish me to answer them, but think upon it. They would think upon it & then have an other council. He said the only reason why they had not got along better was their unfaithful life.
had another council at Muskall his was not present. The Indians had played a game on him so
that he could not make distinctions.
Chief spoke a few words expression of good feeling
them said his brother was appointed Chief. He
would speak for the whole.
Penduamun spoke with a good deal of interest
said they had been thinking on the subject proposed
last Saturday helped I had that they had all con-
cluded if I would move to the landing they
would give me an acre of land build me a house
and cultivate my farm for me. They would
always plant on my land first; they did not wish
me to work much but I should have the chil-
dren always under my instruction, not the old
people wanted I should decide at once then write the
street for consent. This told me I should keep them to continue forever.
I concluded that it was not in my power to
decide the question. That I did not think
it just for them. Action than to
show my reasons. They admitted my reasons
and good but wished me to write to their chief by
friends for I wrote as they dictated. I never
saw them more or least. They manifested
offence. A confidence. I esteem they say they
cannot live in the woods. The question of
their written is becoming a serious one.
May the Lord direct me in the right way.
June 1. Dr. left 9 O'clock P.M. for home. Alleged his conduct is going to be the source of severe trial to us. I talked with him to-day about his duty to the Indians, but he seems to have no sense of his responsibilities or cares nothing about them, he says, he will never bring his family here, that he will not be here long. She had letters for I do not think he has been here over one third of the time (if that) since his appointment. When he is sick shut up in his house most of the time—so that at most he is little more than an apology for a farmer—but it is good enough for us as a reward for reckoning so much on his assistance at this mission we trusted too much in the help of man, not enough in the help of God. To human view the mission must suffer greatly from his unfaithfulness but God will oversee all to His glory.

Sal. L. Makahie came P.M. Talked with him mainly on depravity, the necessity of true repentance, faith & love to God—He listened with attention & apparent interest. He is such a haughty, angry man, that I have studied long how to make a clear personal application of Christ's truth so as to have him hear it. I was disappointed in hearing presented. They say he may do him good—
Our brother Mr. E. Powers & Francis H. Mill came &c. to make us a visit & indeed it was pleasant for us to see them. I pray that we may profit by it & praise him for the blessing.

Mr. Andrew Wood came sent by the Dr. to supply his place a few days. Mr. H.'s father has agreed with the Dr. to be the farmer for 250 dollars. The Dr. live in Allegan & draw 400 dollar salary. This looks like something besides benevolent for the Indians when he first came he professed it was only from love to them, so he told them this spring in Council, but it looks more like loving the salary than the Inds.

10 Brothers left for home. George with them. Mr. William Powers proposed to board him & send him to school this summer. We think it best committed him to the keeping of God & let him go.

11. Evening the Dr. & old Mr. Wood came. Mr. Wood was in the bargain to have the Dr.'s planter for 35 dollars. (long shrew &c) but this Eve the bargain was broken up by the cupboard which the Dr. says shall not go in the bargain as Mr. K. says he agreed in Allegan to do. Mr. K. claims it the Dr. says he can't have it to ends that matter.
12. The Dr. & Major Rods returned to Allegan. We took Mrs. Willard's things down to Shiminigamis's field (the Indians are to carry them to the landing tonight). The expected to leave in a few days. Dr. said this morning he should return immediately.

13. P.M. Chief of Louis M. came to enquire why the Dr. had left. I think some of going to the Detroit. Chief wants to go with me. Thinks it is important to have somebody go to see if they can get another furnace also if I can have Government support.

15. P.M. Chief, Pendunwewan, Shiminekopica & Matsake, Musquash came. Said they had a council yesterday about going to Detroit. All thought it very important to go. I had appointed Chief, Pendunwewan to Shiminekopica to go with me & the great impediment was the way (want of money) they have to get out by raising among themselves $72.00 to bear our expenses. I think present circumstances make it duty to go. May the Lord direct my steps.

Isa. 28. How dull is my poor, sinful heart in the service of God? How loth to trust his word! I want to see with my bodily eyes the happy spirits of my dear little departed children rejoicing.
in the presence of my blessed Saviour (on some other evidence equal to it) that I shall in due time join the happy number with all the redeemed—all this I believe—but O my God, for assurance! O give me a feeling of assurance
the witness of the Spirit—my heart is strangely prone to walk by sight not by faith. O give me grace to walk by faith, not by sight. To trust thy word and do thy will. I have seasons of some comfort than my sinful heart and Satan (my heart so sinful enough to sink a work without his help) inclines me to anxious considerations about immortality. O my God give me the faith which looketh in to that which is within the veil! Then will I rejoice using praise to thee.

Today have preached the gospel to two poor pagan women, the wives of one man, 12 or 3 of their little children. Spoke to the word open their blind eyes to see the light—they have had their children except one—by the Priest.
June 24—Start for Detroit. Chief Penduwa and Shewin-kopisie in Company took my family on horseback as far as Otsego, they were to visit among our friends while I was absent.

Arrived in Detroit by the cars 3 Ocl. P.M. of the 24th called on Mr. Hastman laid our business before him, he heard with attention I favor but was astonished at the Dressing faithfulness he said if we had not gone we should not have got another farm but now we should have one.

I recommended Mr. in law Francis E. Mills he told me to take him to the Colony when I returned.

He said he had just returned from Washington had obtained for me $400 per annum as Missionary & Teacher & for Mrs. Willow $100 as Interpreter & assistant teacher she is to live with us as she has done.

He has mailed my papers 2 or 3 previously to draw pay from the first of last Jan.

The ladies asked if they might have the school house a mile west of the old one, he told them they might, if they would build it themselves. He told them they must build their houses on the farm & live there they promised to do so.
Mr. Stuart gave me a check of $50 to bear our expenses home.

July 1. Mr. Stuart left early this morning for Pontiac. I have had but little time with him, but it appears he is filling his office with energy and usefulness at intermission on Sab. He teaches as a class of young negroes. He is doing them much good? it looks right.

I took my vouchers for the last 1/2 year at the Michigan Insurance Bank & took $200. Today the Chief was summoned without me for some reason in the case of schoolcraft so that he will not return within us.

2. Took the cars with P. D. & arrived on Gull Prairie at noon the 3rd. Found my family at Mr. Barnes usually well.

4. Spent at Gull Creek visiting old friends.

Sab. 7. attended meeting on Praying. 5 P.M. I gave account of our Mission.

8. Took up the body of our infant son buried about 10 years ago on Dea. Gray's land. burial sit in the burying ground at the village in Br. Barnes lot South side of his wife. Wealthy Ann child.
P M Br. Hill - I started on my journey for Old Ming
10 P M arrived home continued to bring
all the 16 hogs my corn potatoes etc
2 men are clearing land N C from here
above a mile on tomorrow in the fall
they spent the Sat. with us - Mr.通讯员
is a Christian

16 P M We started here our families arrived
at Br. Mc Martin's 17. found my family there
all well visited them until the
20 came to Dr. Upjohn's
Sall. 21. Attended meeting Mr. Fuller preached

Sall. 23. Our daughter Arvilla Amelia was violently
attacked with congestion of the lungs
Employed Drs Upjohn & Lambourne
Sall. 28. Arvillas is improving very fast she
has been very sick but God has been merciful
to us near by the house
the post gave the condition of our Mission
at the request of Mr. Fuller to write an account.

28 during Arvilla's sickness we have kindly
entertained by Duncan & Mc Martins we
are very grateful for their kindness
Dr. Upjohn makes no charge for his services; he has been very attentive & kind for which we feel thankful.

P.M. Went to Mr. Mills on Prairie left my family at Mr. Ruggles.

9 P.M. Put my family into Mr. Mills buggy to carry our wives & children & his father took his lumber wagon to carry his house whole stuff. Evening came to the Plains.

August 1st arrived home near night all alive & as well as we could expect considering the hanging of the journey. We have good reason to thank for Mr. suffering us in our absence from home prospering us so far & bringing again to our home in peace.

Evening Mr. G. came but did not come near us in Allegan. Thought of him the land & house he bought him last fall. Pays him $27.50. Mr. Mills has the house over considerable talk with the Dr., but got no satisfaction. He hasn't been a total failure to Mrs. Williams.
Mr. Mills hasten home took some of the Dr.'s things. We have Bo Mills, his wife and child. This cousin Goldison Mills (16 yrs old who is going to assist him) whom with us they are soon to move into the house. Thought of the Dr.

Drove my cattle all home yesterday my young cow is dry, my other cow which I found at with a calf gives but little milk. [worn out?]

[use had above 60 hens & chickens we left now we have only I]

Sal 11 Pendraman & a number of women come to see us how much I need an interpreter to explain to them the word of life.

George has the fever & ague the little daughter is very much unwell.

24 Priest has been at the landing 3 or 4 days past left this morning. Louis & Joseph M. say he has converted Mashgerast's wife they have part in what confusion & ruin are they not capable of. PM Went to Richmond was invited some time since to preach there.

Sal 25 Preached at the Mill A. M. & P. M. there was a considerable number present some from 7 miles with at least May the gospel prove to them a savor of life.
26 came home a few days since I received a letter from Providence (R. I.) containing a check of fifteen dollars. Also the news that a box of clothing was forwarded to us & that church seems to persevere in trying to help us. May the Lord reward them & enable us to make right use of their donations but we hardly expect to get the box.

P. M.  Otatapatchik died. He has been some time sick—perhaps with Black Tongue. A good many of the Indians are sick generally from ague.

31 Br. Mills & I being mainly invited by the Indians to go with them to Grand Haven. Started early with them. 6 a.m. We arrived in Grand Haven 7.30 a.m. Mr. M. M. M. his & young Shin Mokofia & one son of Chingua in company put up at Penoyer's Temperance house. Ere. Indians appeared before Penoyer Esqr. & stated their desire to promote the cause of temperance. Also to put their names to a pledge to honour, obey & enforce the laws as much as lies in their power. Mr. P. drew such a pledge & most of them put their names to it. He also gave them at temperance pledge they are to form a society after they return home.
Sept 1 Sal Mr Waring from the Rapids preached at M. & P. Mr Indians attend. Work at no preaching with good deal of earnestness. This preaching is also instructive still very few attend many in the place are given to Sabbath breaking and other wickedness. Took part of our meals by request at Mr Terry's 2 mail my report to Mr Hart.

2 Came home reached Home 11 o'clock in the evening. I think the result of our visit will be decidedly good with the Indians. Mr Benner appears to be their warm friend.

4 Went to the landing to see the sick, found Pendramunn's wife at the point of death they thought her dying yesterday. She is the same as Oldetaushisk was the last time I spoke to her in her usual manner. Poor woman was cold as if dead. Nearly yet calm in the prospect. No doubt suppressing her hope for eternity not on a good foundation. Dealt medicine to several to come home almost every family is sick.

To see Mr Isaac Fairbanks from Bull Prairie came with cart & oxen brought sixt provisions for us have concluded to build a frame house (our old one is become very bad) he is to help me now the Lord prosper me if it
I will, that I build. I intend to build a 24 by 30
1/2 stories high.

Sep. 22 I being thoughtlest I preach to my own
family. Mr. Mills family & Mr. Fairbairn. Hope
it may be profitable to us all. We had sal. school.

Sep. 29 preached again to our little company.
but how dark & gloomy is my own heart much
of the time insubmissive to the providence of God.
Oh that the Lord would manifest himself to me &
dispel all clouds & darkness from my mind.

Oct. 30 Went to Richmond sent by Mr. Mann $8.88
to Chicago to purchase stone, nails, glass, codfish,
sugar &c.

Sep. Oct 2 Chief's mother sent for clothes for
thrown for Mary Ann she was thought dying. She has been sick several days.
Dr. Myself & wife Geo. & Mary I went to see
Mary Ann she was not yet dead. I think
she has congestion of the brain has been
in an unconscious state for 3 days. we
sang a hymn & prayed with the old lady
the folks much afflicted. May the Lord
sanctify her afflictions to her salvation.
Evening. Mr. Tanny came with his brother-in-law Bowker from Salem Mass. 8 Majors Tanny & Bowker left for Grand Sault.

9 Mr. E. Mills came with provisions. He brought Mr. Mills appointment dated the 24th of July. A boy came to help him. His name, Elias Campfield, 14 yrs old.

10 Mr. Mills left for home.

11 Chief came yesterday today he & Pendumwan & Shunnockia with Chip boway (from Mr. Selkirk's Mission) came to visit me. They went to for interpreter but he is Roman Catholic. I showed its character in dishonesty while interpreting brief conversation. I did not encourage them.

17 An Indian came from Mr. Slater's Mission with letter stating that Mr. Harlow is to be the 22nd.

19 Preacher to our families as before subject prayer. Hope it may be profitable to myself & all. We are few but we hope the Saviour's promise is fulfilled to us. We have a Sabbath school in the fall in which all unite.
Monday 21. Mr. Mills & I went in canoe with Chief's family to Grand Haven—arrived there little before sunset—had beautiful day. The Ho-Chunk Manitowalk was on the beach at the mouth of Black river driven there Saturday night loaded with lumber from Muskegon.

22 Mr. Lee arrived from Rapids in their boat at sunset & by 7 o'clock we the Indians were all paid. The most perfect harmony & order prevailed—no drinking except in the breath smelled as a temperance man should not. The Indians came in all about 81900, [5 1/4] lbs flour, 5 1/4 bales, 6 1/2 bales tobacco—this cannot be correct as to be subject of frequent remark.

23 P.M. Having made arrangement for Mr. Will and Mr. To come with Chief, Mr. N. & Stansell on foot for home. Staid at Port Sullivan having milk the key from the young men who keep the house with a welcome to occupy the cottage. Aigouan lake on a float which we made cross Black lake in the same manner up home after dark. Found our families will return as soon as the wind will permit.
28. Chief visited us but has not brought us news. His case was too full others opposed her coming so she was left.

29. Went to Richmond with Mr. Fairbanks on the train, got my strong glass, nails, &c., which I sent to Chicago for.

30. Just as I was about to start Mr. Fairbanks came with wife & child moving to our place. Took his family in cart with my things & part of his. Started broke to cart left my things & came with family.

Sent letter to parents.

George had his fever again last for several days. He is now better.

Sat. Nov. 3. Preached to our company as usual.

4. Friends come to council. Robert interprets. They agree to go for Mr. Miller the first good day. Chief & Pendleton are to go. They promise to move immediately into the Colony.

I wish Miller I came she arrived at the landing yesterday, her health is quite good though she had the fever a year most of the time while absent.

16. Mr. Mills came with provisions. Mr. Ruby & Company came with him to attend school.
July 17. Had a considerable number at meeting<br>preached from Matt 5:16. Let your light so<br>the subject was profitable to us all.<br><br>Mr. Mills left for home.<br><br>Mahala's wife died this morning. The<br>Indians say she has long been ill with the<br>disease attending her travails in consequence<br>of her husband's conduct. Her last sickness indicated symptoms of consumption.<br><br>23 PM Raising my house (24 by 30 ft 15 ft posts)<br>with the help of 16 Indians besides ourselves.<br>Though my timber is heavy and the weather<br>showed much rain we have to thank God no one<br>was hurt. Rushes fell from the beam<br>but got no material injury. We hope to have<br>a more comfortable and convenient house<br>but we feel that except God builds we labour<br>in vain to build it. We had more than ordinary<br>good comfort and reflections on the divine government.<br><br>Sab 24. A considerable number of Indians came<br>to meeting. Chief, his mother, brothers, sister,<br>to preach from Rev 8:1. The old lady<br>seemed to rejoice to hear the truth.<br><br>25. Command school.<br><br>27. Wife 36 years old today has renewed Journal sick<br>presal which I apparently brought her near the grave,<br>but since has now as good a prospect through the mercy of God to<br>continue me as at any period since our marriage.
Thanksgiving day Nov. 28 kept school at M. O. M. School. Mr. Mills and Mr. Fairbank with their families also. The Chief, his wife & mother to supper & 
plained to Chief the design of the day & we had a pleasant & profitable season.

Sal., Dec. 1. Had meeting in school house with over 3 families. The Indians had a good number—having seriously reflected on the subject have concluded to begin with the root of the evil in the sinner—the depravity of the heart & preach a series of sermons exhibiting the condition of man & the great plan of salvation. Sept. today, Jan. 17. The heart is deceitful above all things. He must listen with interest while enabling the subject with some cleaves & fame.

Sal. 8. Had quite a full meeting in pursuance of my plan preached from Ps 9:17. The wicked shall be turned into hell & exhibited the nature & certainty of the punishment while the people listened with great interest after sermon Chief escorted them to come to meeting.
God was here. I preached his word they must mind it, it was truth, it was good. I spoke earnestly with good spirit.

Sal. 15. Nearly 60 people attending.
Text: Rom. 3:20. Then I ran by the duties of the law, &c. I set forth the doctrine with plainness, subduing the whole Catholic system. A sermon as last Sat. Spoke at some length the urging his people to hear, believe, and obey what God's word required as I had preached his heart seemed touched may the Lord pour down his Spirit on this poor people.
Chief brought up the subject of doing something for a suffering Indian family on South N. K. river. I ordered two canvas huts lately torn last three out of 13 persons a man, his wife, & 3 children were sound asleep. Of everything they appeared quite a forswearing to do something. I recorded the movements.

16. Employed Mr. Fairbanks to kill & dress my cow that died up last summer. She is fat, this is the first beef I ever killed.
24 Indians assembled at school house. formed a Temperance society of about 50 members. They entered into it with considerable spiritual interest. Some however pledged for only one year. They petitioned the Legislature that their lands be voted for the rights of citizenship.

Jan 1, 1845 another year is gone. New one arrives within the past year two of my children have been called away by death. But my unworthy life. My wife and 3 children are still spared. How have I profited by my afflictions? Clumps of darkness denoting fears. Temptation sin Oh how they nailed my heart to destroy my peace! But the blessing Some method of promising victory to all who love him. I hope he God why give thee the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

One thing I believe I know that the Lord shall do all his pleasure and that all his work shall be performed. But my rebellious heart sometimes rises against his taking away my children. Lord. Give a submissive heart.

I have been quite ill for several days was taken on the 24th with pain. Have not taught since nor was able to preach on Sabbath.
The Indians today are full of life, as has been the greatest friendship of feeling exhibited itself in every annexation of friends and passing from every land.

8 Priest came to Panchamoac's, Paint 5 3 young men went after him.

12. Though the Priest continues at the landing, there is great waiting there. May today still about a dozen come to waiting, who with our families make quite a waiting. Preached from John 4:24. Had a prayer meeting in the evening at my house.

13. Mr. Trainbanks left with his family for Gull Prairie, his wife expects to be confirmed before long, wants to be with her mother.

14. Priest left for home but first forbidden the Indians to come into meeting to tell them they were his Indians. Took their names and said I had no business to preach to them, I was only sent to teach school etc.
14. Mr. Tainhanks came with load of provisions mylash $35 bought his cat Plesh $2500.
15. Mrs. Hamburgh's family visited us Dr. C. B. Goodrich came to vaccinate the children.
16. Mr. Mills returned with his family last home on a visit for 2 or 3 weeks all well.
Closing my school on the 17th have had 35 Indian scholars they have learnt well.
17. Went with the Indians to help Mr. Grammar raise his house. She moved him with his family the 19th lives in Mr. Fis house, he is a Christian, I think a good man.

March 14. Mr. Grammar moved to his place 14 miles N.E. of us.
17. Miss Willard is sick. Antwine interpreted me in the 14th gate of John & explained it. Chiefs say they understand my meaning well.
18. A year today our little daughter Esther Eliza closed her mortal life since that time I have felt an interest in the doctrine of the resurrection & immortality which I never felt before will my gracious Lord grant me the unspeakable privilege of meeting him in peace in heaven to enjoy his presence & the society of my dear little children forever & how often is my sinful heart filled with fearful apprehensions for deliverance from thine increase my faith give me an answer.
One year today we laid the body of our dear daughter in the cold grave there to remain till the resurrection morn. Then it was a cold stormy time last night & to-day snow has fallen 8 or 10 inches & it is the most laziestous day we have had this winter (though it has been warm & pleasant for a long time) as if more distinctly to remind us of our past afflictions, my dear wife seems to have the arrow struck anew last night. The sufferer. Oh that the Lord would give us grace to bow with submission to his will & to apply the consolation of his word to support us under his afflictions. And we expect with God's helping to have another child before long. Oh that it may live before then we will dedicate it to...

April 14. Affliction upon affliction goit upon goit! the Lord has laid his hand heavily upon us again. This morning at 10 o'clock we had a son born, he survived a little over an hour. When he who gave it took it again to himself it was born 2 months before the time it was a breech presentation yet born safely without injury. My dear wife suffered much during labour though long ago in former occasions also. Two hours before labour commenced perhaps caused by her chair slipping from under her as she started to rise and steadily out of it letting her fall back on the floor but I gave medicine. Monday but there have been symptoms of its return ever since till last evening it came on in earnestness medicine would not help it. Mrs. Smith is this morning feverish and in great pain and is almost without consolation for the loss of the child. I have sent for Dr. C. B. Godwin of Newark again. Ask why does the Lord thus contend with us? Why does he cut down our children in the very point of life? of the eight we have had four have died soon after birth

Evening Dr. Carnw. wife very sick through the day is still in great distress. Dr gave colonia
My dear wife still very sick gone back this morning. New wife now comfortable but physic has not yet operated. More injections several times. Dr. Physic operated. 4 P.M. Tis left for home. At 5 o'clock was hearing our little son it was so sad a scene to Mrs. Smith that I will might took her away her grief was followed with great bodily pain. Blondie continued her again to health but the money yet appear not to my means they servants. She says she shall not mean but that constrained. Mr. Cranmer prayed assistance in burying our child. Mrs. Mills wife was also with us.

16 Wife has been much disturbed through the night but is quite comfortable today.

Shiningshoe died about noon. He has been sick about 10 days was taken in the cranberry marsh perhaps in consequence of the water being too cold. He was our most efficient, steady, business man. Strongly in right generally perhaps always a friend to a promoter of temperance. He was a Roman Catholic but appeared sincere in his religion. attended our meeting a part of the time during supper this spring quite steady considerable many of the Indians are sick it will perhaps discourage them much
May 2. Chief Pendunomac came with Brickett & wished me to employ him again as interpreter. He says he will leave off his former ways & try to do better in future. State that I would think upon it. Chief says there is a new Indian agent appointed a man at Grand Rapids.

Jul 4. Not an Indian came to meeting - they are all at the Landing.

OM Mr. Fairbanks & Examiner return with their families. They were from N. getting here yesterday by the boat road.

My dear wife still continues very much out of health.

13 Had a Council at Landing. I interpreted. Indians voted for Chief object to determine how many were in favor of Makulah. He has made great disturbance in trying to get the place & eat the part of Chief. But the votes today cast him into the shade & may shut his mouth for a time. 2 of his sons, Louis & Francois, one other young man voted for him (Joseph did not vote) all the rest voted for Chief Ogenda Whine.

O. M. Had a temperance meeting it was interesting. I spoke about an hour.
Evening read the last chapter of Revelation.
A family worship thus closing the reading of the whole scriptures in course with the
Comm. Commentary, since we commenced
we have the Psalms twice at evening
reading as also other portions occasionally but
we have stuck closely to the reading in course
which I think is the most profitable for
our family reading. Oh that with the bless
ning of God they may make us all wise
unto salvation.

14. A M. Command the Bible again
in course. May we grow in grace in
the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ daily.

26. Went to Mount Kalamagoo found Bay of
clothing at Mr. Nichols sent to me from<br>
residence R. S. it appears not to be damage.
the condition of my wife's being no better.
her recovery doubtful. I got her aunt
Mrs. McDonald to come home with me to
assist her.

29. June 5. Had meeting at schoolhouse.
all our white neighbors came except one
man. Preached from Rom. 7. When I would
do good evil is present with me. Our meeting
was interesting. Hope profitable. Not our fault.
14. We have councilled every day this week. Since yesterday today it has returned the resignation of Mr. Hills and the Indians petitioning for Mr. Fairbank's farm. Mr. Frickett interpreter.

I told the Indians on the 12th that we had been a long time that we had suffered severe affliction and trials that Mrs. Smith's health was such that we must go East to visit our friends. Chief answer with much kindness of feeling to your Spirit that he could nothing against it and that he hoped we would be better happier when we returned. This to me is a great undertaking yet I feel called upon to go may the God directing my steps and guide me in the right way to bless me and my family to preserve our lives and health.
October 2. 1812. Past 1 Oak Hill arrived safely at home with my wife & children all alive & in the great mercy of God in better health than when we left, we did not deserve to be thus favored & we offer to our Heavenly Father the sacrifice of praise & thanksgiving for his preserving care. We did not leave Gull Prairie till the 8th July on account of my money not coming from Government arrived in Detroit the 9th called on Mr. Lee, Clerk of Land Office (Mr. Richmond being absent) he told me orders came the day before to pay me - he paid 200 dollars we took steam gen Maine & arrived in Buffalo on the 11th. Came to take packet & arrived in Avon 12 Oct. night 2 miles from Father Powers found our friends usually well. Spent 9 days in Avon Oct 20. Having been requested by Mr. Bruster the minister preached in the Congregational church Oct 22. We resumed our journey to Ellicott arrived at my brother Enos Smith's in Albans Oct 26. Mr. 26 my parents were not there as expected to find them. Oct 27. We attended meeting where I went to go 12 years since. I could recognize me & except the Pastor Mr. Washington Smith with whom I attended New Mr. Cotton, Chaplain in the U.S. navy preached.
29. Went to Lebanon, my native town finding my parents at the falls living with my sister Harriett. Mother's health is given to her by my grandfather. On the other hand, he is badly afflicted with what is called Fritis. Tanner, it was an exceeding grief to me, but I would submit to the will of God he is able to do but very little yet seems in another respect to enjoy good health.

My oldest sister Eliza S. Brown was buried the 26 of last June leaving 6 children (an infant Thomas) alive when she died. She was a devoted Christian & has gone to her rest. She is the first who has died of our family of 10 children. She has not lived many her last words were happy are they who live as they hope to die. She died in Purgtowntown S. C.

Aug. 8. By the request of the Pastor Rev. Eliph. Hill Dorman who has been Pastor since I was quite young, I preached at N. at the falls. P.M. Mr. Dorman preached the funeral sermon of my sister Eliza. It was an impressive, solemn scene.

While in Albany visited besides those named Dr. Daniel Powers & Mary Ann Foggins Enosburgh & sister Newton of my native town (Dr. Thomas of it) Grandmother Austin & young son Uncle John at live in our old home. Northvale we visited sister Mary Pettengill East Sheldon & aunt Dema & Highgate Falls.

Feb. 17. Preached at Enosburgh Center. Rev. Mr. Wilcox's made a collection of clothing for Chief.

Feb. 24. Gave a history of our Mission to the Quaker Center meeting house called for help for Chief.

I bought Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, 4.00.

Mr. Wm. St. Hearn gave us grave stone with the following inscription: Esther Eliza daughter of George A. & Arvilla A. Smith died March 15, 1844 aged 3 years 7 months 9 days. Then infantly beside Saturday 30 bid my parents farewell & returned to St. Albans.

Feb. 31. Preached P.M. in the Cong. Church Rev. Mr. Smith.

Sept. 8. Started for home. Stoped at Syracuse the 6th at Cousin Mary Trulley's spent the Sabbath.

Feb. 7. Preached P.M. in the St. Pres Church Rev. Mr. Platts.

Monday 8 left Syracuse & arrived in Beaver. Saw my father commissions usually well.

Sept 18th. Arrived for home. Mother, Paws, Sister Anna and daughter 7 yrs old & Bro. David Paws 14 yrs old in company with us. Father Paws is to come this fall or next Spring.

17. Our arrival in Buffalo put up at Wehrem Temp. House.

18. Took Steamer London but the wind kept in Port till near night when we left with very rough sea. till near midnight nearly all the passengers were very sick but we were preserved from a watery grave — we came on the Canada short and arrived Detroit the 19 evening.

20. Took cars & arrived in Marshall P.M. then hired carriage & arrived at Bro. Paws midnight having our relatives in Marshall cause they were not able to ride further.

21. Bro. P. went after Mother & we met returned with all safe at evening.

24. Mrs. Smith quite ill & George has the dysentery.


29. Came to Otsego (Mr. Faws).


Oct 1. Came to Richmond. 2. Same.