ARVILLA (POWERS) SMITH

DIARY, 1834-1845
INCLUDES REMINISCENCE, 1808-1834
Stephena A. Powers was born Nov. 27th 1808 in the town of St. Albans Co. of Franklin and State of Vermont. My parents were not professors of religion therefore I was never taught the consequences of sinning against God and the need of a change of heart. I was indulged in many pleasant pleasures which are fully calculated in themselves to engross the youthful mind and at last if not prevented by the grace of God to destroy the soul. When about seven years of age I commenced for the first time going to a Sabbath School in Village of St. Albans established by the Colonists I attended this but six weeks when I was removed to one in neighborhood which the Methodists managed. This fell through by reason of some mismanagement this ended my Sabbath school my mind had been affected many times while reciting in the Catechism I well remember what feeling I had while joining with my teacher in singing the hymn of Resurrection of Christ. These have fallen from my eyes while singing "This is the day when Jesus broke (The power of death and hell)
(And I shall still wear Satan's yoke)
At the age of ten, my sister older than myself united with the Methodists. This made some stir for me. (Although I was convinced of sin) for if at any time she reproved me I would turn upon her for being a Methodist, what a wonder that God did not use me off in this time of my wickedness. Surely it was through the forbearing mercy of God that spared me, until I reached my twentieth year. I hated the era of my youth life. I can give for the glory and may I still continue to be eternally in the strength of my Redeemer. The winter of 1825 was a time of revival in this place my mind was awakened many times when hearing of the conversion of my acquaintances but these were away and left me still more hardened in sin and iniquity. Thus I remained a stranger to God until March when Itrusted the Lord to forgive my sins. It was at a prayer meeting, my attention was aroused. I became much alarmed about my situation in the sight of an angry God. The sins I had committed against him caused great horror and distress in some would I have fled from the presence of an heart searching God. Required sin in all its horrid form presented itself before me. I read the passages that Christ had pronounced upon the sinner, inconsistent. Then I saw that I was undone unless Christ appeared in my
behalf a poor guilty wretch was all I could plead in the sight of a merciful God. At length I was persuaded by the free and sovereign grace of God to give up the work and trust in him alone who is able and willing to pardon even the wildest sinner. God I found set for as my soul and as I humbly trust abundantly pardon and maims thirst appeared to vastly away my transgressions and sent me into life. The cause of Christ was all mytheme he had gained the victory over me notwithstanding all my fightings against him his con- straining love was more than could resist I now felt myself the most unworthy of mortals beings and in God was my strength and support I could say thy will be done and not mine. My views were now changed in regard to the character of God instead of being a hard master I found him to be a merciful just and holy being on him I found joy and comfort in believing. I went into the methodist society in the course of six weeks my parents were believe in that doctrine I was prejudiced in favour of that denomination although I did not wholly believe the doctrine I found by experience that I was not to live by works but by faith alone. The year 1831 the 2nd day of June a school in Emorburgh twenty miles from father spent my time quite pleasantly through the summer finished my school returned home in about a fortnight.
attended a Camp Meeting three miles from my father.

I could not at all reconcile such licentious

conduct as I saw began to question whether any

good could result from such Meetings. Still I

was not willing to condemn them wholly. About this

time I became acquainted with a young man

with whom I afterwards walked the winter.

following. I attended the young ladies school in

the village in which time I drew a map of

the United States. First of May commence teaching school in Fairfax five miles from faith

continued six weeks and from ill health left

it until I should recover but continuing
to grow worse and they were obliged to get another

teacher Mr S. and myself thought it best to

marry as my health was declining fast and

my parents were not able to support me as

at least my father was given to intemperance which made him very cruel to his

especially to his children accordingly we were

married the 4th of July 1830 Mr S. employs

a Physician I soon began to recover from the

help of bitters and strengthening things. We spent

the summer at his father's. Mr S. had been studying

for the ministry for two years continued his

studies through the summer. The next fall
we moved to Abberich where Mr. S. engaged a school for the winter. The spring following engaged it for the next summer and winter. The spring holidays closed his school all well pleased returned to St. Albans where he again resumed his studies in hopes of getting through by another spring the 20th of June a son born unto us the next winter. Mr. S. taught school at St. Albans Bay the latter part of this winter was a distressing one to us both. I was seized with the banket black while at father Smith's six miles from Mr. S. school which liked to have carried me off before I recovered. My little boy was taken very sick was recovered as I supposed when I took him to father Smith's on a visit about seven miles distant. He was attacked very violently, and his life was despaired of for some time. This sickness brought him so low that he did not recover for many months. Spring between and Mr. Smith was obliged to abandon his object he had so long labored for the instrumentalities of the Minister that presided over his church. Thus our hopes of future usefulness as a preacher of the blessed gospel were blasted by the conduct of one man. We now resolved to go to the West. We of was informed of a colony that were colonizing to go to which. Sir, he accordingly wrote to one of the company for information desiring to be received as one of the company he received an answer
that they were to start the 10th May and solicited a
company, we now made up our minds to start the 16th
of May from N. Adams which would bring us to this
shoal where we should be ready to set sail with the
colony. We were now greatly opposed by friends on bot-
sides, stumbling blocks were thrown in our way but
all the would not turn Mr. I. from his object he
remained inflexible to entreaties. We accordingly
started the 25th bidding adieu to all our loved kin
and native land it was a day peculiarly distressing
to us all I took my last leave of my father the day
before he was a man of very tender feeling when he was
himself I can never forget his coming into the room
to bid us farewell little George was sitting upon the
floor he loved the child very much George said he as
he went up to shall grandpa ever see you again the
little fellow put out his hands as usual but he cou
no longer contain himself sobbing out a long sobs
will he left us but to part with my dear mother
was the most heartfeltly, to myself from a rich
and tender parent who had nurtured me from
my infancy and with whom I had spent my days
of sorrow and affliction sickness and distress, and was
now to leave her in the hands of an untemperate
man I said she on the morning of our separation this
is a cruel separation death is nothing in compara
to be torn from my children and then too that I
have been my staff and my comfort, is more than I
can bear it was a very distressing scene as our fri
rels were all so much in accordance Father Smith ac
company us as far as the great ferry and my bro
as far as Burlington we arrived at Burlington the
next morning where we parted with my brother as
tea
...D acquaintance we learned that the company were not going very soon we thought it best to go on and take the steam boat that night we had five miles to go the road was very rough the night dark we arrived there about half past nine my sister and myself went into the tavern while Mrs. S. and his uncle in the people about all retired accepting a couple of Irishmen my feelings were too big for attendance we were soon to take our leave of beloved father the last friend the roar of the boat was heard at a distance the lamps were lighted about which had a very gloomy appearance we went aboard about half past ten loaded father on the wharf fifty miles from home about Mr. I took a deck passage sister and myself took cabin eight o'clock next morning we were in Whitehall having a pleasant voyage. We breakfasted in company with a family that were going to the 3rd took on a canal which carried us to the junction on the 11th day in the afternoon Saturday we took the western canal quite a contrast between this and the one we left the former quite large and convenient the canal contracts inconvenient fits the lock we had a very severe rain storm yet our Captain and company were so pleasant that rendered the voyage very pleasant. We saw some very fine places while passing through N.Y. but it is to be lamented that the Daho is so little regarded almost every kind of business going on that as well as Lockport is but a very grand place in itself in this we saw what the art of man could do to add grandeur and splendor to the works of nature...
We arrived at Buffalo after nine days voyage on the western canal. We went on board of a steamboat on Lake Erie on Mon. 20th. She had on board about a thousand we took deck passage and during the voyage not a place to lie down as it rained constantly. The lower deck was crowded. Arrived at Detroit Wednesday about noon. 22nd., just a fortnight from home we left our native soil. We had just arrived after forty miles from the place of our destination. Fortunately Mr. S. sold his watch for five dollars but this did not much more than pay our expenses while there, but while we were desiring what we found a man going with part of a load from some of where we landed. He took our load and trusted Mr. S. until he could. We left Detroit the same two hours high. Arrived at the house of the Rev. Mr. Knopfler just a week after leaving Detroit till Prairie town of Richland Calamagrostis. A thousand miles from our native country among strange destitute of anything but our other household goods. Here we lived two days we found a house that we could occupy a few days fortunately it was rather unfortunately a Presbyterian Missionary to the name of Jones came to Mr. S. in the course of twenty-four hours after we left Mr. S. and fifteen dollars cash per month he appeared very fares and smooth and many inducements before he left. I am not to go. We should stay for
a short time or we did however we took up our abode with him the 4th of June we found her to be a lovely woman but a woman of much sorrow and grief but to speak of his character I shall say little and that will enough to of a minister that he was anything but a christian. We staid until the 27th of July, during the time I worked for my bread in a small house owned by Mr. Barnes the Post Master situated but a few steps from his door a pleasant family. Time passed quite pleasantly until we were by the hand of the Lord visited with the grievous disease of consumption with the dear one of my soul who was seized with it in August. Mr. S. and myself in Sept., most of them for two or three months not one of us able to help ourselves the inhuman frostbite in the same predicament this disease presented until the next spring with Mr. S. and myself. Mr. little he was attacked with it very mortally continued with him five weeks which brought him very close, with another return of it which by the grace of God, his opinions pills barked but a short time. Feb. 5, 1834 the Creeks met on full praise which was the commencement of a glorious revival the continue fifteen days during this period about seventy souls were saved among the number was sister of previous to this she was a staunch nunslist in estimate sinner but she was enabled to cry as the poor sinner did God be merciful unto me as sinner she found him truly merciful and ready to forgive. Sinners were brought bound at the feet of Jesus were ready and willing to confess their sins to God and one another.
There had been much difficulty among the inhabitants of Gall Prairie for two years past. They had gone to great length to divide each other's characters. At the last meeting they had divided the church two meetings were held, with much of each other. The difficulty originated from this. Where should be the spot for a meeting house? To be created, it was unanimously decided. When it should stand it is now erected but fresh matters are breaking out and what will be the result? All the Lord only knows.

Thursday night, August 28th, 1834. I was attacked very violently with the bilious fever. Friday, called in Dr. Whetstone. He was of no benefit but left me in a most of my life. Saturday, the 29th, at 12 o'clock gave birth to a son. He died about the time the child was born. The manner in which the child was lost its life is truly very aggravating. My physician in his utmost anxiety to save my life and also that of the child stretched the neck of the child; it survived only ten minutes, and after suffering everything but death itself it died. It was taken from me, and that from the wholly by the mismanagement of a physician. It is no longer a question in mind. The practice of medicine by the present day is or not right. It is my decided opinion that it is the most disgraceful practice that was imposed on mankind. My physician was honest enough to acknowledge that his hands had taken the life of the child (a very rare instance) when a moment's reflection might have saved it. My recovery from this sickness was very slow; several times, my life was despaired of, but in all these afflictions I have been restored to my former position in God that he has again restored me.
to health. Bless God and my soul; and all that's within me praise his holy name.

Nov 27th 1834 Thursday Thanksgiving day

This is the anniversary of my birth day 26 years of my life have gone into eternity and I am yet the spared monument of the amazing mercy of God.

Nov 30th Sabbath day A fine day we have had a little snow the ground is now bare. We have had a full view of an eclipse this day came on about one o'clock was with three or four hours can we not admire that being when we behold the heavens and works of nature that he hath wrought with his own hands how wonderful thou art Lord of hosts heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. It is now several months since I have had the privilege of attending a religious meeting of any kind almost a year since last I communed with this church last.

Dec 17th Sabbath day We have a little snow on the ground a very cold day Mr. So has gone to meeting a mile distant which is held in an old store my sister and myself at home dark night seems brooding over us coldness and indifference prevails in this church almost a year has expired since the Lord poured out his spirit here in copious effusions on whom are the streets of his spirit I am fully fear we shall be found that among us at the coming of the Lord Jesus will be found barren as the fig tree. I truly feel alarmed at the condition of my own soul and have reason to fear the spark of
I once possessed is almost extinguished the more excuse I frame for my stupidity the more I am condemn'd if I have not every means of grace the Bible which is the key to happiness and holiness is in my hand the heathen are without excuse but I am not awake O my soul and do thy first works

Sabbath 21

In this holy day Christ ascended on high sitting at the right hand of God pleading for his saints blessed Lord thou art all mercy and grace Thou hast felt my infirmities and pitied my weaknesses thou hast all that humanity could suffer for such a guilty polluted worm as I While I was under the curse of the divine law a subject of wrath a child of Satan thou didst appear in all thy humility love and truth to redeem me by thy precious blood heavenly father breathe that holy spirit upon me raise my sinking spirits call off my wandering thoughts from this vain world give me a deep sense of my own corruptions and of my entire dependence on thee alone repair I bow the ruins of sin and erect them again on my heart may sin the destroyer of peace reign no longer in my heart help me to shun the allurements of this world to avoid temptations for they are many and seek wholly to promote the cause of my dear redeemer may I be willing to suffer hardships privations losses friends and everything this world calls good for thy sake give me wisdom from on high for then knowest my weaknesses make me strong in thee then I shall fear naught that this world can do
The debating society was formed in this vicinity the 19th of Dec the first meeting was one of the disputed 1s the question was this ought capital punishment to be abolished an important subject it was decided in the negative the next debate will be at my house we hope it will prove a great advantage to this society.

Dec 28th Search my heart O Lord and try me in the most high help me to supplicate thy throne of mercy for without thee I can do nothing acceptableness in thy sight Why should I any longer grovel in the dust when thou hast blessings in store for me

Jan 18th Sal 1835

Shy helped word is unto me as meat is to the hungry man it strengthens the body... the word gives vigour to the soul a thankful doer of it I am finding some sacred history his evidences of the truth of the Pentateuch or the five books of Moses no rational person can dispute them I sing thou art wonderful in thy doings varous are thy ways and past finding out we
have before our eyes the judgments of the wick
ed and the reward of the righteous thou hast sa

t that the wicked shall be punished in wretched
ess, and thy word has never failed: justice is the
court of the universe. Man created holy, disobeyed
t his law because he was the originator of his misery,
because the subjects of divine wrath. For all this the
Lord did not forebear in beholding
the misery man brought upon himself. The God
who showed upon himself that
gave the promise of a Messiah to some who
save a perishing world

March 1895, Sabbath, etc.

Mr. S put himself under the care of the
St. Joseph's Presbyterian about a year ago at the Meeting
of the session here and was to have examined
the next session which the 30 of Sept. last
my sickness at the time prevented his attendance.

The next sitting of the Presbytery was at White
Regent fifty miles distant the first Wednesday in
Feb. he accordingly started from here Tues.
the 3 arrived there, Wednesday was examined by
Messrs. Wells, Warner, Humphrey, Brown he was
accepted in all the branches languages excep
ted he was not expecting to be examined
in those particular branches therefore he
had prepared himself. He is now studying the
Greek has some knowledge of the Satanic we have by the blessing of God to meet the expectation of the next Presbytery which (if nothing prevents) will meet the first of Sept. next at Niles. If God designs that he shall be a minister of the Gospel he will surely bring it about and if not it will be for the best. Although we cannot see why it should be yet we know that all he does is for the best good of his creatures.

I feel this evening an unshakable confidence in God's help. When man the wisdom of man is foolishness when compared with him. When I turn my eyes within me, all is dark and vain sin the destroyer of my peace rules over me. Satan binds me fast in his abysmal chains, he seeks to destroy my soul. Shall I any longer be a slave to this vain world and drive the Savior from my heart? Alas, my soul stretched every nerve and press with violence.

Come Lord and dwell within my breast; clothe me with thy righteousness. I take possession of my heart and bid the man of sin depart.

Last Tuesday 24th we received a letter from Brother W. which gave us sad news Sister Lucy says he is not expected to live her trial is in God, has been baptized, and the Lord is my soul.
March 21st Mon. Oh Lord thou art in myself exalted above all beings and praise what shall I render unto thee for all thy kindness toward me. An hour spent in meditation or prayer is better than years spent in sin & folly. Also how little of my time devoted to thee? Sooner am I wearied in thy service than in the service of Satan.

Feb. 28th March 7th Three weeks ago I lay ill.

TJ

Three weeks ago I lay ill. I have not been able to do much since it is truly a great affliction to me. I am very weak and unwell. The former part of last week I enjoyed mind and body well in spiritual things. Sunday I visited a sick woman a short distance away. There some things transpired which gave occasion for unhappy feelings. Since that time my mind has been like the troubled sea, fearful forebodings, discouragement, fear and sorrow continually. Heavenly Father give me wisdom from above that will counterbalance all my natural defects. May my mistakes make me more humble and penitent. May I come to thee to be healed from all my wounds. Lord deliver me from the power of the enemy.
I am wretched and undone unless thou dost apply thy cleansing blood to the washing away of all my sins. I am a guilty polluted worm Satan fills my heart with wickedness and keeps me at a great distance from my God. I may I tremble and stand in awe of thy help me to exercise deep repentance. So far it is thy delight to forgive the penitent and may I watch unto prayer and by thy grace be enabled to subjugate all my evil passions for without thee I can do nothing. Get thee in then I can do all things and strengtheneth me I may thy grace separate me from this ensnaring world and sanctify me more and more through the word of thy truth until thou remove me from this world and my dwelling in heaven. Shall this be my last happy to sing the song of angels. I deserve to go down to hell and dwell with devils. I may have eternity in view continually and be willing to be spent in the service of my God the remainder of my life. Lord all my inward foes subdue. Apply thy cleansing blood and from my nature pure and true and bring me back to thee.

Sib. Ev. This day is very warm all attended meeting but myself. The P. is engaged.
in writing to one of his sisters Sunday at the last, I have not been privileged with
meeting with the children of God but a few
times since I came into this country, yet the
art here even in this remote region of
the west, you then art a God at hand and not
far off then hast brought us through many
dangers seen and unseen then hast raised us from
in the sick bed and we are now the
monuments
of my great mercy and loving
kindness then art you are worthy to be ad-
ored by angels and men.

Sat. by April

Ah me miserable a child of wrath
a servant of the devil you is me
I am undone I fear I shall die an
unchanged unpardoned under the divine
wealth of the omnipotent I fear interpose
in my behalf save me from destruction
why is it then hast spared me and called away from this
world that were useful and these fami-
lies as to all those around then while I only live to be a curse to
my family and fellow creatures
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patiently endure trials and tribulations although we may have all kind of hardships in the way help us to rejoice in them all knowing they will work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of if rightly improved by us. Salle day My.

On the 18th of April I was attacked very suddenly with severe tooth pain but with a free use of opium I passed the critical period of seven months My body is weak to day and my mind by fatigues and it my thoughts run to ends of the earth help me O my god to fix my mind on this may I feel solemn in the presence forgive my sins the past weeks What have I done the past month and year of my life for the glory of god nothing I confess with shame and guilt not one act of my life has been for the benefit of the cause of Christ great will be my condemnation if I did not repent and do my best works I for humility of heart and deep repentance for my past ingratitude to god may I alter myself and with the grace subdue all evil passions and be willing to any thing for the sake of Christ who died that I might live I for a week and good spirit which will bear much endure much suffer much may I bless and curse and continually pray for my enemies if they seek my hurt help me to pray for their precious and immortal souls O my father give me more love for the brethren may ever regard the character of a brother in Christ as my own considering and injuring done to a brother or sister in the church is my injury to the blessed cause I for a heart to prove my self to be in from sin set face
Sat, day June 7, 1835.

May 15th we moved to Gall Creek we have with a family a man and his wife and one child a pleasant family she is a Baptist and he a Presbyterian having been once a Baptist. My health is very poor some better than formerly. Sister Jane came home last Sat. was thrown from her horse and sprained her ankle which was very painful while with us she returned on Mon. Morning to her school have not heard from her since she was much pleased with her school having been in it four weeks. Mr. S. has gone to the Prairie to meet meeting three miles distant at a retrenchment of an opportunity present to attend a protracted meeting at the county seat twelve from here before he returned. The meeting will go it is held in a place where infidelity prevails to a great extent so that the Lord would give a spirit of prayer and exhaustion far and near for the outpouring of His spirit upon the place if there was one faithful the blessing of God will attend that meeting. It will not be in vain for them to come together if they lay hold on the precious promises and present with God in prayer. I expect to begin this month the last. I shudder at the thought of being again confined. I feel many times that it will be my last sickness and to bring another dear little one into the to be without a mother is more than I can endure to think of it over comes me. I know glorious God that we submitting may I say at all times they will be drowed in the bosom of our Lord and not mine if in my providence there seem at fit to bring another infant into the ear of an afflicted father. Give him wisdom from above may he make a wise choice in the selection of a companion that will bring up his little ones.
Bath, July 12

I have heard to day that Sister Jan
is sick of a fever she is among strangers but I
trust good people My health is so poor I fear
I shall not be able to ride there have not
seen her for six weeks may the Lord sustain
her in her affliction and if we no more meet
in this world may we be so happy to
meet in our fathers kingdom where
all tears shall be wiped away I have had the
agony for three weeks and am expecting to be
confined every day I have a great many fears
O for more confidence in my God he alone
is able to carry me through

She commenced having conferences in our little village four
weeks ago to day Mrs. S. is the only professor
that takes an active part our members are
small few twelve offhills and one half
superprofessor last two young men from the
Prairie came to our gift we had quite an
interesting meeting I pray they be so conduct
ed that some good may done and the mind
of our gather glorified in the salvation of al
here O for a spirit of prayer and prevailing with
God to day among his people for the outpouring
of spirit Last Fall I heard the Rev. Mr. Bro
don from Ohio preach the first I heard for
months he was called here to deliver a tem
perance address at the celebration of the 4th
of July which was an Sat an oration also was
delivered on the occasion and a dinner was prepared at the corners.

Sept. 27th

This summer has been with us a scene of sickness. The 17th of July Mr. S. and our little son Jane was brought home on a bed after a week's sun but little but through the good providence of God was enabled to keep about through their sickness yet it was with the greatest difficulty that I did by making use of opium in the meantime no help could be obtained not even a watch in any part of the place the 29th sister Jane was able to ride to the Prairie. Mr. S. was able to walk about the 30th I was affected severely with the fever two days something so much overcome me it was hardly thought I could recover sister I was at this time on the Prairie and Mr. S. was obliged to do all the work in and out it being for much for soon brought him down again sister I returned and found her in a very low state. Sister I returned able for some length of time sister I returned to her school continued it a fortnight was brought home with the ague and fever Mr. S. was then shaking with it little S. had down was then at the same time in a number of fits this all had it some time and before I came down with it Mr. S. very hard before I came down with it little broke his up sister James continues yet little is also better I found my woundings would do me a serious injury I broke up my clothes
with gin guina have not had it for a week.

Sold day This is a lovely day Mr. S. and sister

I have gone to the Prairie to attend meeting Mr.

I have a very bad and sister I had a hard fits

of the clergy yesterday I have felt something of

its day hope I shall not have as hard as I

have it but the Lords will be done it is for

this way God afflicts his children many times

we have had the most sickness of any family on the

Prairie it is designed for one good by our hea-

venly Father and may we make a sight im-

provement of it our may work out for us a

far more exceeding and eternal weight of

Glory.

Sat. day Nov. 6 Thursday 5th I had a hard

fit of the clergy broke it up by the fences. Mixture

Mr. S. has a bunch of it every day shall we not

praise God that we are alive that we can desire

we should be lifting up our eyes in hell & may

I with the psalmist say praise the Lord of my soul

and all that is within me praise his holy name.

I have not since the first of June been privy to

meeting with people of God there is plans for

worship next year semister no one that seems to

take any interest in building up the cause of

the Lord how long will the sanctuary be forgotten

how I said will the children sit with their arms

folded in sleep awake us to a sense of duty

Dec. 6th The 14th of Nov. I gave birth to

a little daughter I was taken sick the next morn-

ing previous was deliver the next day

about noon had no Physician but two

Wm. men all was right the baby healthy...
Saturday Jan. 31 [1836]

Another year has commenced and may I with it commence anew in the service of God.

A week ago last night our little daughter was taken very ill with a cold and Mon.

And hence we despaired of her recovering but she is now recovering very fast we may we give thanks unto God for his blessing and for his mercy which endureth forever.

Saturday Feb. 21st

This is the second Sab. that Mr. Smith has been called away since he was licensed which took place on the 1st of Feb. 1836—last Sab. he went in company with Mr. New Men Jones and preached one Sermon he was invited to come again a week from to day yester day he started for the Penury and preaches there to day may the Lord bless his labours and make him bold in declaring the truths of Gospel may he be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove for the enemy of souls goeth about seeking whom he may devour. I may we stand fast in faith and lay aside every weight and sin which both easily besse and press will patience the race that is set before us we have put our hand to the plough may we not look back

Feb 21st Mr. S. preaches at Comstock today.

O that he may be the meager in the hands of God of bringing souls to Christ. My heavenly Father thou say I live every day as though I should rather than the next to whomsoever close by on clarity the most of our days pass away like a weaver
It will be said of us that we are no more 0 may I be prepared to meet my God in peace. I always feel a depression of spirits in the absence of my beloved companion. It seems a gloom on every thing around me. I am friendly and alone. Although surrounded by friends yet God is my friend. He will never leave nor forsake me. He is far better than all earthly friends if he preserve his instrument of doing some little good in the world and may I be willing to endure hardships, privations, losses, afflictions, and life to advance the cause of my chosen Redeemer as King.

Cold day yesterday Mr. S. went to Pitts to preach. Formerly called the Poor Man's God. Would fly his colours there four and a half years ago he preached there the first sermon that has been preached there for five years it is a very convenient place but for the presbyters of religion that I could see my standing in sight of God I often fear I have never been converted my affections are so fixed here I have so much desire for the pleasures of this world and its allurements that I am almost led to conclude that I no longer have any grounds hope in Christ is this way wrecked that have I so long maintained an outward form of religion while my heart has been at enmity with God if my God distril thy gloomy fears separate all my carnal desires and afflictions from me they have smash a wide breach between thee and me make me clean in thy sight enable me to exclaim in my heart my Lord and my God there is no all on all
I have but heard the prayer of thy servant
rejoice in my soul for the Lord he is God and his mercies
endureth forever. Thou art willing to save me only as I
am what Moses, what bow the host manifested
yourselves in a rebellious worm of earth. I know that my
daily walk is grievous to my God and that too often
I crucify my Lord afresh and off. May my daily
prayer be that God would give me charity, meekness,
patience, sobriety, forbearance, and many other char

to grace so that by my celebration of them may
be constrained to embrace their Savior and be

April 3. This is a most lovely day. I feel
quite unaccounted in being deprived of atten

during public worship almost a year since, I
have heard a sermon preached excepting
I have heard a sermon preached excepting

sabbath. Mr. I preached at Mrs. Burns
in our neighborhood he preached again
to day at Otsego. For the light divine spitt
to beam in upon our enlightened minds as may
to know our duty which we owe to our Maker.

Sabbath and discharge it a manner best
calculated to honor Christ and promote the
cause. Sal. May 12. Three years ago today.

we started for Michigan how rapidly the time
rolls away it appears to me while ruminating
on the scenes that took place three years ago
to day but a day they appear but yesterday
events. Our moments fly above
Now will our minutes fly?
May the remainder of days be spent in service of my master God. I thank God that I shall have the precious moments more last given it is a precious gift from the bountiful hand. This is the third Sabbath has been about three weeks ago today. The preacher at the county seat a fortnight ago at Detroit again to day at the same place may we see some fruits of his labor. We received a letter from others Smith and brother Horatio May 2, which gave us much pleasure.

Last had our little daughter baptized by the Revd. S. Woodley. May she be wholly the regenerations. I was not unmind of the high to direct us in training up our children. 1st and Mrs. S. started for the city of Allegan yesterday is to the time since yesterday June 12th. Mrs. S. has taken the agency of the Real. God Society she is to visit every family in the city and furnish the destitute with Bibles. As he commenced the 5th June has your one Gall Braidie yesterday.
Fellow Prairie preacher there to-day when he returns I know not what to do but last night with my little ones expect to until he returns. I shall be obliged to take my babe in my arms and my little boy by the hand and go a half a mile after my cow but this is but a little when compared with what others have done before me. I told July 3rd much rain has fallen these weeks past the thirst of June we had a hail storm the most severe one I ever witnessed it lasted fifteen or twenty minutes my hair the hail we thought would measure three quarters of an inch in diameter it was attended with heavy thunder and lightning a great quantity of rain fell yesterday Mr. I started for Gum Plains intending to preach there to-day I for a spirit of prayer search me a friend and know my heart try me and know my thoughts in all my carnal affections and desires deposit on thou rule and reign in my heart without a rival July 12th before yesterday I communed within the church on full Prairie the second time since my conversion with it which is above two years gone as I was attacked with the illness but am much better today
Sat day Aug 4th To day Mr Smith has gone to
Otiago to preach the 2nd day of August we
came to Plainfield a few days previous I
was attacked very violently with the fever
had two fits my health was very feable when
I came here we stayed at Bro Thomsons
while Mr S was preparing a house for us
to occupy during our stop here the 12 Mrs
Storers after the remainder of our gauds part
of them having arrived got on the 13th party some having
turned over an injure nothing we took
possession of our new habitation the same
day about two o'clock P M without a door
or window or chimney we obtained a hop stove
which warmed the room sufficiently and done
cooking and door stool Mary Jane had a
very sick day of the ease she was attacked
the Monday preceding she had had it every
day for a fort night it is quite feable Mrs
S has preached here two Sabathes we had two
female prayer meeting appointed the
11th day of August on Thursday at the shade
Chosen at two o'clock in the afternoon the first that had ever been in this place it was very difficult for me to attend on my ball was quite sick of other ague but I did attend and I believe I was blessed although there was but three of us but I dive myself to claim the promise we have had the time in singing praying and conversing I spoke and in these three sisters Mrs. Adams Mrs. Don

...mont Mrs. Thompson the same views and feelings respecting the cold state of the church which I had long felt and fervent prayers were offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the awakening Christians offered up for the 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August 23rd have departed today to conclude his business. My sister is gone I feel quite lonely. My little girl has had a fever for 3 days.

I attended a female meeting at Dr. Thomas' house. We had a good meeting there. There were 6 past Sept 1st our female meeting was held at home.

An unusual amount of prayer. There was a prayer meeting at the schoolhouse. Sister attended. My little girl was sick. I could not leave her Thursday. We had not any meeting today. Sunday's little girl has had the grippe and fever for 3 weeks. Tomorrow she is wasted away to a skeleton. She is better today but she is a feeble little thing. We know not what comes to take if one gave her Quinine it gives her a very bad cough. Mr. S has been to Otsego to preach Thursday Oct 10th. My little girl's cough.

Stopped to day by breaking it with Quinine Sunday 18th. He moved into a house we call our own. We were sold out of house and home and now obliged to think Mr. S has done all the work with the exception of a day and a half. My children have caught a very bad cold be coming into an illness hour. I suffer almost from...
Smoke having no fire place no door a few
flour up a for a fire place but suffering so
much from smoke we were obliged to put out
the fire and put up asmall shop stove we
have boiled by it a number of weeks. My
little girl a severe cold and last Monday
might we thought her dangerous Monday.
She had a hard fit of the ague had it
every day since she is very sick I fear
she will go into a consumption how her case
continues yet the past week has been
one of business we have had two tailors
in the house making a coat for Mr. J.
and Mr. I. had been employed in building
a chimney it is completed on a social
one it is indeed. Mr. I. has preached her
today I have not been able to attend on
account of my back she looks as much like
a corpse as anything I can imagine so that the
Lord would restore her to health he is my God
prayers my all in him above I trust
Sept. 5. Nov. 18th A week ago to day I carried my
book to meeting and Monday she was taken
with a violent cold and has been quite sick
ever since although since better now I
left her a short time with sister to attend our
meeting it was rather distressing to day.
We met in our old school house with
the windows all open and not any fire and
but few attended. It has been a cold day. Mr. I preached from above. It being windy and cold, the preachers were not able to preach. The day was a funeral occasion. Mr. B. preached once a fortnight at Stroud.

Friday, with the delirium tremens, or distressed creature, are not those who sold him biyers guiltless or wonder can they feel a clear conscience? If they can their heart now be still what an awful account will they have to render to God at the day of judgment.

Some weeks ago, I took myself to meeting. The child was very sick. The next week, my little boy was attacked also. They are now on the gain. Last Thursday the Rev. Mr. Hare from VPS and an acquaintance called on us and stayed over night.

Sat Eve, Dec. 25th. My family are well. This evening Mr. B. preached here. To-day I have attended meeting, to-day as I have not felt able Mr. I has gone to prayer. Meeting it is quite stirring. A week ago last Friday we attended the funeral of Mrs. Long.
the Mother of the Rev. Mr. War who stopped over night with us from Vlg she died at Dr. Foster's at Otsego Mrs S. preached the sermon at being the Third Sermon within a short space we were called there on Sunday I did not return until last Tuesday she died a happy death O that my last end may be like hers she was 66 years old came to this country in good health but took a violent cold which settled on her lungs we trust she is with her God whom she had been served Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord O that I may be wise in time to prepare for eternity my time is actually passing away and is it spent in such a manner that the Judge of all the will say unto me Well done faithful servant entering now into the joy of my Lord

Jan 1st 1837 Sab Evening the commencement of another new year how many of my fellow creatures have been numbered with the dead and I a living monument of amazing mercy of God O infinite Love! to show such a rebel as I am my God his wrath forbid me the chief of sinners shall how shall I recall the miscut time these weeks and months that have been almost useless I fear and never be redeemed but my heaven! forever ready to forgive he is very chary unto me this is the way walk go not and I forewarn at Otsego to say at 10 now reaching sing at 7 o'clock four evenings in a week.
Friday 6th 1837 Meeting at my house today to take into consideration to forming a church in this place. The Rev. Mr. Knapen preached it was so late they adjourned till tomorrow Sat 7th. So early but a few present the candidates for church membership were examined and adjourned till to morrow 11 O’clock. Rev. Mr. Knapen preached attended to the reexamination of candidates in all 176 males & females. I did not attend meeting until after the sermon my children were quite well the candidates after adopting the articles of faith and form of covenant were pronounced freely conformed members of the church of Christ it was a solemn season God and angels were looking upon us with a smile they may it be like a well water garden in which beget forth much fruit in due season may this church prove to be itself to have been planted by the Lord of hosts and may the seeds of light sown in the hearts of the children in this place.

Friday Jan. 13th 1837 Mr. J. received today a commission from the A. H. M. I.uthor giving him as laborer as a missionary in Clinton and Otsego Michigan one year.
from the first of July lost pledging themselves the sum of two hundred dollars towards supporting us. God grant it may not be spent in vain.

Sal 15th have attended meeting Elder Hall preached. From 15th Luke 9:18 a very good sermon. He came in here at mission. Mr. S went to Otsego last eve return to Morrow.

Mon. 18th Mr. Smith started for Marshall in company with six others. Two of whom were ministers very interesting company all called here for dinner. A very pleasant day.

Tuesdy very fine day all alone.

Wed. A very tedious day. What a change in the weather since last evening I am alone with my two little children have to feed my cow bring my wood am see to every thing in door and out. It is certainly a very unpleasant thing to live in cold water. And what is this to what Christ endured? Wed night, I am my little ones will retire little knowing what may take place before morning; it is a severer a night, as I ever knew in Michigan and my neighbors within a quarter of a mile Thursday a cold day alone to day.
10th Feb. Mr. S with his company return all took tea myself quite as well. Mr. S expects to have been ardered but the Presbytery refused on the ground of his being a congregationalist. Saw Mr. S preached to day very interesting at 11th Sat. Mr. Roberts and wife came here to stop a while unexpectedly Mr. S goes to Church to night came quite unwell Sat. 12th Start night about twelve I was called out to a half a neighbor for child. Mrs. Dumont her husband was absent and no Physician had a sick time while there. I carried my poles and it was very stormy indeed it was a serious time with us to walk a half mile on foot through a storm was so the unpleasant for me it being the first time I was ever called out for that purpose she was not much sick but no one of a Dr. notwithstanding the bodies except myself were for sending for one nine miles this practice I wholly discountenance it. It lies in my opinion a demoralizing influence and hope it well soon be done away.
Feb 27th 1837. Day before yesterday Mr. Smith started by dog team for White River for the purpose of getting his letter of dismissal from the Presbytery to give the association when found I was quite unwell sister forsook much to do. I expected to start for Gall on the morrow with Rev. Mr. Ware and wife to be present at the forming the association March 1st. The first of this month we arrived on Gall called at Mr. Bob. Barrows stood over were treated very kindly we had a cold bony ride our horses were very slow stopping and travelling twelve miles we did not get there early enough to attend the meeting the first day went to meeting the next morning at Ely Miller's Mr. S preached a very appropriate sermon on (deny yourself at the time of your grief). After sermon we had a communion service it was a refreshing season to many it being the first communion ever formed in Auck. We hope it will bring about much good although the means they have been used by the Presbytery to carry this intent effect is very unpleasant and they must stand and fall for themselves and we are only responsible for our own conduct. We trust in a God of Heaven grant that we follow the footsteps of our Saviour and the Apostles we need the example of Christ the Holy Spirit to guide us in right path of duty to a heart a life to God a communion.
season is unutterably solemn of that I could have a clearer evidence of my union with Christ than I can constantly have a lively sense of his immediate presence when I look back upon my life it appears to me but a blank what have I done for my God can one be a child of God and yet do so little towards promoting the cause of God? There is so much sin in my heart I fear I have not yet put off the old man with his deeds my cry to is the day assist me O God in saving all for thine it shall be to renew my covenant with thee.

April 1st Friday This day has been a very quiet day to us the congregation met they came here yesterday first eve we had a lecture from the Rev. Mr. Price of Marshall this day an Ordination sermon by the Rev. Mr. Whipple on charge by the same right dear fellowship by the Rev. Mr. Warr Mr. Pierce administering the Sacrament Pleased be God for his know shown unto us O how unworthy we have made ourselves by our ingratitude to God and search out the motives by which I am actuated I fear after a critical examination selfishness the most prominent feature of all I place in my heart
April 11th Monday Am. I a child of God do I love him with all my heart I fear I am deceived do I see so many imperfections so much inwardly in yet remaining in my heart that I can scarcely raise my eyes to heaven. This makes me wonder if I am really a sinner. In all the commandments of the Lord blameless do I delight in the Lord and the inward man may there inquiries be profitable unto me and may I endeavor by the help of God to live in life of conformity to God in all the duties he requires of me.

The third day of this month Mr. Adams with his family came in here to stay while he could up a house. She is a member of our church a lovely woman he has left the profession but has given up religion. O may I never be left to the honor the cause of my blessed Redeemer. It is calculated to be April 11th. This is a delightful day for all the breezes of the easterly. You all the gratitude is due God. I may I admire and adore the great Jehovah the fowls of heaven sing praises to God and shall man be silent. Great is God and greatly to be praised. I may I sing praises unto my God while he lends me breath.
April 16th. Today attended a wedding at Otranto. Mr. W. married them the first time he has ever performed a ceremony of this kind. It was as pure as water, we took a glass of cold water in preparation to it. It gave occasion for some blasphemous remarks, in regard to our Saviour turning water into wine but upon the whole we found a much more civil company than we expected. Where immorality is so prevalent.

Jul 29. I feel unusually cold and stupid. Today it is a wonder that God stores such a rebel as I am what loving kindness he manifests to such rebellious worms as I am and cause my God his wrath forebear me the chief of sinners spare.

When I look into my heart I can see nothing but confusion. I can turn out no particular sin or sin but a multitude rush into view at once.

God save me from dishonouring thee glorious name. George will be first the 2nd of June and he has never been to school but one day. He can read well in readings, spells well in words of two syllables, and answer a great many questions in geography, astronomy, the most accurate singer I ever heard for a child.
April 27th Three weeks ago to day our Jewish prayer meetings commenced none have attended yet but sister Thompson sister Adams and our school teacher Miss Bruce we shall have them Thursday in future we have had them on that day for five weeks past all our house but Friday last month my little girl was taken very ill and Tuesday little George was attacked very violently with theague and fever as we supposed his fever continued to rage above twenty four hours after that he appeared to be better was again seized with the same and his was very sick it is nearly forty eight hours since his fever returned My little girl is better Mr Se has gone to Olpego to Ire with June 4th Sob log little J has been dangerously ill she had a course of the inflammatory fever and inflammation of the lungs his case was a doubtful one for some time he is now gaining although very deep made by the discharges from his head through his ears two of our neighbors children have been in the same school are now recovering O the long suffering
merely of God how oft has he brought our children near the grove to humbly appear once and as oft restored again but on we worthy of blessings from so holy a being from art I have need this to reflect on my former sinful state and condemnation and on my present ill desert and ins perfections and from whom all these blessings flow who has made me to differ from those that perish for lack of knowledge I bow may I feel dependence my weakness and obligation to live a holy life but Wednesday Mrs Adams left here after spending two months with the desired my prayers she is now in the woods four miles from my inhabitants in a critical time with our unkind husband may the God whom she serves be her all in all we shall feel his love in society help me O Lord to double my diligence seek not prevented come from attending the Lord lost female Ferguson by give me a spirit of prayer
Prayer makes the darkest clouds brighter.
Prayer climbs the ladder of hope and
gives exercise to faith and love.
Brings every blessing from above.
Mr. S. has gone to Obed to preach,
may he have bold in speaking the full
concord of God whether the time will
have of us to bear.
Saturday 11th June. The health of my children
is so delicate that I remained at home
although with much desire to be at the
house of God. Mr. S. preaches here today.
I fear his labours will wear him out;
he walks three miles out and returns.
He is obliged to lead the singing which
renders it necessary for him to stand
from the commencement to the close.
Then the Sal School at intermission
and a five o'clock meeting there.
He complains of a pain in his head after
meeting every Salt. I may not be
spent in vain but may be successful
in winning souls to Christ.
Oh, my God, make me faithful in
the vineyard much depends on.
On the 14th June 1914, I have received a communication from the President of the W. J. reform Moral Reform Society, and interesting letter, full of good feeling and interest for the cause of moral Reform in this region of country. O Lord, give wisdom and grace to proceed in this great enterprise. July 14th. This is the seventh year of our marriage, and I have every reason to thank my God for giving me so kind and affectionate a companion. O how often have I violated the more commonly instead it is great grief to me that I so often threw off the garb of our affectionate companion. May it be my cry day and night. Lord, give me grace, but it was Communion season after Meeting. I went home with Sir Chamberlain's family. Mr. I knew in that neighbourhood, it joined so lead and I was so feeble. I did not attend Meeting visit sister James.
School Mon. &. Mon. found it very interesting was treated very kindly by the P. family a lovely family. They thought no harm but I am. I have felt better. July 14th have attended meeting all day. Mr. S. has preached to a large con.

This sermon was convincing. His forenoon sermon was from Rev. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. The afternoon from Jeremiah you to the strong hold of prisoners of hope. That his suffer to day may be the means of turning many to Christ. A meeting was appointed to day for the purpose of forming a female moral reform society on Thurs. 4 o'clock. Agreeable to that appointment we met on Thursday at 4 o'clock at the school house. A formed a society called the Plainfield and Otsego female moral reform society auxiliary to the NY female moral reform society. It had an interesting meeting. We have ten on the list and expect ten more. It was unanimously voted that Mr. School breach on the seventh command a week from to day we shall meet a week from next Thurs. Mrs. Crittenden is the Directress. Mrs. S. 2nd Direct myself the Secretary, Miss Howen the Treasurer. Mrs. P. Otton. Mrs. W. Briggs Executive Committee.
July 25th. Saturday. Mr. Sagar is a sermon on the 7th Commandment the first Dever heard on that subject the house was crowded good attention generally some gentlemen kept their faces covered the whole of the sermon at which indicated something wrong I think if a vestment could not hold their countenance during such a discourse as that it must be for the want of light on the subject and some Christians shut their eyes and ears when this subject is presented to them is too delicate when will Christians be more come and in regard to it I must get on my hear out of curiosity for there will be shouting and clapping of hands we think there must have been disappointment for a more attention audience I never saw the last week paper away without hearing any contrary minds expressed Saturday 30th July the getting up this morning to our surprise we found a wooden horse at the gate with a paper nailed to it with these words was then on it as nearly as I can recollect
Mr Smith having recently been informed that you intended to preach the same sermon that you preached on Gun Plain last Sab therefore these few lines are to inform you if you do you will be put upon this horse and two or three good stout fellows to want as for the whores you talked about last Sab we don't care anything about them we don't care about having our young fellows hear about them many bad women there are in London or N York your at society (belonging to the female moral reform society) you had better drop and let your neighbours live in peace

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It is not so surprising to us when we hear the quarrels of Christ opposing Moral reform as it is to hear the professed followers of Christ speaking all manner of evil against some of better class have arrayed themselves against us. Mrs. S has gone to Oceano to-day; she feels the need of more wisdom.

We met here on Thurs. the 27th, according to adjournment note to meet again in 40 weeks. Two members have taken off their names because of opposition. They met with them from their father. The time is coming when the sinner will be separated from others, when the line of distinction will be drawn between the Church and those that oppose Moral reform. God grant that the time may soon come when every member of Christ's flocks will feel that he or she has a part to act in this great enterprise. Professing Christians must come to the conclusion ere long that they are exerting an influence either for or against it (as far as their voice is heard or their example felt) that (how ever reciprocally they may) is deep and wide. It is true a small number acting on right principles may do something in crushing this high headed monster, but our entire revolution will never come.
place until the whole church takes hold
and decided stand on the side of moral
reform can we ever expect to carry
victory while the professed friends of Christ use
every means in their power to counteract
the influence we exert over others as presiding
society. The reason is best known to themselves
and others have left the
room. Thursday we met agreeably to adjourning
and were present an interesting meeting we made, above of another
Director as our 13. Director has left the
society. She proved herself to be our enemy
to the society instead of a friend. I hope
God will give her repentance as she has
gone 10 for us to call me a liar and a
hypocrite. We have reason to suspect that
she has made a great deal of mischief
in the society. She is now out of it and
we would rather reduce our number
to a few sincere honest discreet persons
than to have our society destroyed and
the same injured by a Judas
who has gone to Obrego. Boston. I am with
me, I have been quite unwell to have
not been able to attend meeting
of the riches of free grace. how is it
That such a vile worm as I should
trust of his dying love & what blessing
are laid up in store for those that talk
God August 15th Brother Wm. Pauers came
then from Ohio we had not seen them
for four years Tues. 19th today Brother Wm.
has left for home he made an engage
ment with Miss Briggs last evening she
is a lovely girl the 10th of this month our
Moral Reform society met again to
very interesting meeting Sept 4th Mon.
Yesterday we had a communion season
Mrs. J. changed with the Rev Mr. Hunter
Mrs. Bateman Mr. H. joined the church
by letter. If I cannot better describe my
feelings than in the following lines
complaints

How sweet to my soul in communion
with vanity
at five Mr. Zinkman gave us a lecture
on slavery the first time that subject
came ever been brought up in this place
we had an interesting day the subject
in the former part of the day was where
and be separate
There were some of our own faith (Presbyterians) that refused to continue with on the ground of Congregationalism. This was a very unhappy circumstance, that for such a trifling cause they refused to communicate with the members of God what could oppose of religion do? As if could they say see how christians love one another do they might say see how they are divided if that christians could see how much injury they do the cause of Christ and that the church is bleeding at every pore while this church is so divided that christians might go heart and hand in the service of this God and at [illegible] 12th 1837 This day have I consecrated myself over to my God last evening in the same Lord life. I found much to work for humble myself before God I saw nothing that I had ever done for the glory of God or the happiness of my family. I found I had indulged myself in unpleasant life whenever any thing occurred to irritate me and this had given cause for much unhappiness between us and the question was how was this to be satisfied it must
To come away I must begin indeed I shall ruin my family and destroy well I come to my God whom I have so often off and sought my dear husband whom I have made so unhappy and declare a solemn engagement with my God that if he spare me one week it should be consecrated to him and my prayer today is Lord give grace give me meekness patience forbearance and submission to thy will. Last Sat. Mr. S was absent and my little boy five years of age wanted permission to ask a blessing and I told him what will gain my son I said the Lord's prayer and he went through with it very time done right I think I have said this to him he requested me not to tell it I then quoted Christ's words the He who thought a moment say that he is not ashamed of it
Oct 15th yesterday Mr S. went to Allegan to attend the installation of the Rev Mr Lyon as the Pastor of the Church which meeting he spoke and helped on. The Rev Mr Warne preached to us today. From these words remember Lottis lot it was an interesting discourse to me he showed to us plainly that many seem well for a season and then turn back to the beggary elements of the world and perish. Oh I a true follower of Jesus or shall I like Lottis wife too, become a fuller of salt. Now I do not to have been our communion season at Boston but on the account of the inclemency of the weather we are detained this whole week. I had anticipated this as a happy season to feel willing to commend it to the disposal of divine providence who orders all things agreeable to the counsel of his own will. The Rev Mr McLean the agent for the Education Society called on us. Last night stayed with us over night we thought it of no use to call a meeting Mr S in person with the agent called on a few families there are cold and indifferent of the subject. Our family of Presbyterians.
sorely treated them with common civility
there are some people of this place and
either the Pharisees they carry a fair exterior
while inwardly they are full quavering and
wickedness. My nearest neighbour Mrs
Buttenden has called me a skeptic and
refuses any reconciliation
her family has said in my presence
that we were disturbers of the peace of soci
all these things will work for our good
she is a poor guilty woman contracting
at the day of wrath. I have been reading
March 21st of St. John with Henry's
and subtly of that eh. Before well has
written in letters of God 6 that I could
ought to fully comprehend the word of God
in full praise. The Awful Branch that took place
at his own store door by James Ayres. His nei-
Mr. A. came to stop them. Mr. G. sent
Mr. G. caught up a brick to hit the
the tenant and they gave him several
flows with this first. She had put a few hours
Mr. G. was an active member of the Presbyterian church of that place. He has left a wife and numerous relations to mourn. Mr. G. had been considered a dangerous character ever since his residence there, he has civil and one child. He is committed to prison there to await his trial. Mon 27th. This day completes my twenty-seventh year of my life. I feel newer to return is not this. a solemn thought. O Lord teach me so to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. 31st. Thanksgiving day. Mr. I. has given us a sermon. It was so rare. The last few attended but we had a few meeting after preaching we were invited to meeting with Mr. Russell and a little supper with Mr. Russell. I had a very interesting interest in conversation. God grant that it may be a profitable season to all. We have had a hard rain but a very warm one. Dec. 31st. Yesterday Mr. S. went to Allegan the G. sent to teach singing school for the first time. Returned this afternoon. I have been alone with my little ones when on time they were I need more wisdom & patience to bring them up. For God I can see my children take the advantage of my failings & inconsistencies. I find that when excuse myself for doing that my I am too tired or unwell or was by various affections, thinking a more convenient time will come or then I can better attend to them.
that they gain new strength and are more abiding
and become more settled in faith. George has
been a very good boy to his read two chapters in
the new Testament, answered three chapters in
the catechism, read a hymn in Watts's Divine
Songs. He has requested me to pray with him.
Mr. S. has gone to Otsego to-day we have no
meeting here. Little S. was quite sick with the
chills last eve. is quite unwell to-day. This day
loses this year I can I look back on your efforts
in the service of God, the answer is no. O that I
could dwell on this subject, Lord help me to feel
and reflect with profit. Little G. is singing.

How do I pity those that dwell
In darkness and ignorance, they see not
They know no heaven they fear no hell.
They end in joys more endless than
Sabb 14

Last S. I was quite unwell and at the
our communion season I was deprived of the
joy of privilege of coming with the people of God
to-day in communion with the assembled, I am not
able to attend neither would I wish to be. As we are shut and from time. O that the time
may soon come when all Christ's disciples will
come to the table of the Lord together.
Again I preach at Otsego to-day. My corse have
been burned with pangs for tears have run down
my cheeks while seeing and hearing the immanently of the people of this place. He who was
made but a little lower than the angels has
so debased himself as to render himself others.
was in sight of a holy God and a witness to a Christian community. I have been seeking the Advocate of Moral Reform, what an exhibition of human depravity is therein set forth.

Jan 22, 1833. Most to-day I have sent my report of the Female Moral Reform Society of Clarion and Obega. J. F. Female Moral Reform Society, our so is exemplary in their two dollars was raised to this sum first time an under one subscriber attained but could not send it with the report by reason of being able to obtain any money but small savings soon as it can be procured. I trust the Lord will bless our feeble efforts.

Sat day 28, 1833. Reading to-day the Jan. 14th, the Advocate a piece broaching important facts and considerations, Dr. 2, I find there stated that the number of abandoned females in the city of Paris is 51,343. In 1856, it is not as if of life either from sheets destruction or because they were infants and had not lived. As soon for them is this not enough to make a parent's heart bleed that 80,000,000 many thousands shoud be left a sacrifice to the merciless destroyer without the true principles of nature and religion implanted in their minds while young. Such thoughts would not such a heart show and go into eternity without one regret of life.
He is very tedious to day Mr. S. has gone to Chicago, he is quite well, is feeling himself out he walked 5 miles & begun once a week teachers to sing & schools & returns and teaches one here both days makes about twenty miles. Lord give them strength and grace according to His day. Settle G has commenced reading the New Testament by course to day.

Set 15
There received by the land slides.

State presents from Mrs. Lyon & Mrs. Elizabeth, the amount of five dollars, previous to that I had received two yards & three quarters of calico from Mr. Lyon & St. To-day visited sister Thrown & she is very low with the inflammation of the lungs; she requested me to praying and read a chapter and she we have prayed together and been blessed. O pray time I told her she was very weak what of that said she I want to feel different incidently I sung some show pie for I have for some forgiveness pray with her and I believe the Lord.
helped me her fever soon left her in a very low state. I had no further opportunity of conversing with her. I have had quite a sick turn since I returned. Mr. I. has gone to visit her yesterday. The Rev. Mr. Smith from home river took dinner also Mr. Bushby our school teacher and Joseph Elliott an educated Indian and Christian. So soon after they left. Mr. B. Smith an Indian called and took dinner. He is a member of the church at Mr. B. Oregon can talk good English and is teaching the Rev. Mr. Lyons and wife and daughter and Mr. Winslow and wife called and took some refreshments. It was a happy day with me but a pleasant one and one is more pleased to enter taken friends than I am. March 3rd.

So day Mr. M. Day returned to him. Secured quite a number of presents from Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Winslow which were greatly received. Mr. D. has a book sick day. I have had quite a about four weeks but I can say
Saturday, April 29th

I am recovering from my confinement March 30th. Seven in the two I was delivered of a fine little daughter. She has been quite healthy. I have had no physician with my two last children. I have succeeded much better than formerly. Only two females have attended me with my last. Mrs. Stewart has been with me both times. Although I am now fifteen miles from the place of my former confinement, Mr. I did all that was necessary to see the care I hope the time will soon come when all women will receive necessary assistance and from the court. The abominable practice of physicians and midwives of the Christian public will cease. I have examined this subject and treat the practice as one of destructive influence. I was confined on Tuesday sister Jane came home on Sat. Sat. morning news came that brother Ware was dead. He had been sick but a few days and died suddenly. She being alone with her little ones. Mr. Breach preached his funeral sermon in the PM. April 1st. He had been a Pastor of a church in
of a number of years came to this country year and last fall taught him a forty were lost was getting on in a way to live. He had joined the Congregational Association with much he had given up preaching on account of his pecuniary embarrassments he was a useful ornament to this church of which he was a member. Our hope is his gain. Obed are the dead that die in the Lord. Since my sickness another W. W. has made me a present out of money a set of nice crockery and the Lord know her tenfold above us. He was presented me with a calico night gown and some small articles.

Jan. 9, 1838. In company with sister Thompson and Russell visited sister White in parting she embraced me very affectionately, why should in this world have more reason to love the people of God than the minister of Jesus Christ? There is such a union of heart and feeling when all is right work that this feeling might more extensively prevail is my prayer and that minister might feel their responsibility and that churches might come up to their highest privilege.
shall sinners go down to hell and Christian, would Lord help them to look about and see what they have to do. The 10th of May we came to Allegan found no store in our house we to the Ogees stand until the 12th.

Sat. Day. 19th. We are in one own hired dwelling very well situated Mr. S. preaches here today. I stay at home as it is inconvenient to take my little ones, feel very dull I can realize but a little of any thing. I have not time and spirit enough to think of God for his mercies and blessings what a wretched state I am in Lord. Shake my drowsy powers.

Sat. 20th. Mr. Smith started yesterday for Allegan to administer the sacrament to them which he promised to do when we left O what a blessed privilege this would be to my soul almost a year since I have communed with the people of God. And present definite the privilege of going to the house of God, the thought of being able to attend any more than I can endure I little will attended a Sabbath school last Saba. For the first time he beheld the short verses of the
6th Chap. of Acts he has been of it well and has
through a Sunday school talk has attended
today. I think I can adopt the language of
the poet & let me frame this day he wholly
thanked me for his own manifestation of deep repentance for his sins. He appeared very
definitive throughout the afternoon about
sun down he took his card and sang a few
of the psalms previous to this. I had
conversed with him on the importance
of giving himself to God. He appeared with
solemnity and meditation after singing he
requested that he might lead in prayers I
questioned in regard to his feeling and that
God would not accept the prayers of the
independent tears rolled down his cheeks
expressing me to let him pray. Another
I want you to pray do let me pray he knelt
down he prayed with much sincerity and
consistency. I was astonished to see so
much of it in a fellow child we arose
after I had prayed he sat down and
turned his face with his hands. I asked him if he was seeking the Lord and
what is the matter. My son said, "I am
such a sinner, I cannot hold up my head. I repeated some passages of
of scripture he burst into tears and said "mother I have been so wicked I have never seen God in my life. mother I wish I had been a better boy. Father asked him if I should pray with them. Yes said he and I want to pray again. We both prayed. He prayed sincerely to be forgiven after he more from his illness he said mother I feel better. How do you feel and be with some animation in his countenance I was as though I could sing and pray.

June 3rd Sabbath day all have attended meeting.

But myself last Sabbath we had an little daughter free will who had been baptized. Lord helped us to bring her up for God our little son. God has been a very good obedient boy the past week.

June 9th Tuesday to day. Mr. S. left as to be absent a week or two on his agency for the Indians a gloom overspreads everything in his absence but duty calls and we submit.

July 5th Thursday. Read letters from husband today. He will not return until next week, he informs me that he has received.
October 30th. A draft from the AM Missionary Society of one hundred and fifty dollars for the past year if being a mistake or not seeing it before the Lord provides for
the unworthy. Sat. 7th My tale that had the good grace to give all things are controlled by Thee Thou dost all things well it grieves me to see my little suffer so much yet the Lord doth it and must be
still

August 14th. Brother Alex came from Ohio and taught them Healthy and Briggs from Gall Praise they expect in a few days to be married

16th. Mr. W. returned with Miss Briggs this afternoon 18th. Husband hired a carriage for ten dollars to carry us to Gall Praise to attend for the wedding

21st. Attended meeting on Gall Praise heard Rev. Shepherd preach from Hosea 5. He was joined in matrimony to this Briggs by Dr. Clark the minister. They were married at the close of the five o'clock service at the meeting house the first couple I ever saw married at church was very much pleased with it indeed
it was truly a joyful occasion to us all when she discharged the duties of her station better than I have done I have unfolded I have tried Lord help me to do my duty to my dear companion and little ones then I must given one may I have been help from thee to train the them up in the way they should go that when they are old they will not depart from it what folded promises to parents and I claim such promises as there is no man my whole trust be in thee Guide me O thou great Jehovah.

Dec 1st Shadrack began the Indian school they have returned very anxious for school and is the decision of the society that Shadrack shall teach a day singing school and preach Sabday to them an interpen here has been employed and the boards with us

21st Joseph Elliott and wife have returned she had been to the Prairie has lost this child she will spend the winter with us she is ansious to learn to work
Sat 29th - The Indians have often assembled at our house to pray to hear us stand and preach to them. They gave good attention while he told them of the importance of understanding the scriptures. Lord give them understanding hearts.

9 6th - Husband began his school this afternoon. May he have wisdom and grace give them from on high.

Sat 30th - Husband preaches to the Indians at the school house today. The soapy had a full house this forenoon. May they seek to know Jesus and abandon their Catholic notions.

Jan 27th - Sat day eve. Have attended meeting with the Indians had a full house. It gave me great delight to see them benefited brethren listen so attentively to word of God may it work like heaven in their hearts.
April 1st. My husband started with ten Indians on the bend expectation. I have reason to thank God that he has given me children to comfort me in my dear companions absence. May the Lord go and come with him.

April 13th, Sat. We all started for the mouth of Hecamos. We intended to go on with the Indians to Macoupin. It was a beautiful day with five Indians in the boat. They all laid to their oars such harmony with all their movements I never saw before. We arrived at Nework before dark. Found cousin family well. The Indians went on to the mouth. Husband was quite crown her good jetting on his leg.

That night Mary Jane was very sick through the night. First night she continued so through the day. She has an attack of the being fever. She had a severe cold and her system is very bilious. She has vomited a great quantity of bile. She has been very sick through the day. I think her fever abates a little. This afternoon she be
the Indian Missionary has called here to know if he could have a meeting with the Indians Thursday afternoon. Mary Jane is now free from fever which is the first since the first attack. She has been a very sick child; I have not had my clothes off since she was taken. Mr. I. does not return; sister is with me which adds greatly to my happiness.

Friday afternoon. Little daughter has been quite comfortable since her face left her but her fever is returning again. How destroying it is to see children so sick and no companion to consult with or take off some of the responsibility. I'm good and has been exceeding kind which has greatly relieved my anxiety. Thus the Lord is good to bring one when he takes another. Sister Jane was obliged to leave me yesterday; for her it was painful for us both. Mary I. is on the gain but I am alone. I have no one to look to for comfort; but that God

Sol. 12th May. Mr. I. has not returned this is the fourth week since he left. He was intending to be gone only sixteen days.
Friday Sept. my little girls were quest and I was alone. They both had theague but the Lord takes care of me.

Thursday morning. My dear husband has not yet returned. I the anxiety fears I never knew them to the extent that I now do. I see them myself down in my rocking chair to commence. in lonely condition I can see him in imagination in the lake struggling for life amid the rolling waves perhaps trying to repeat the name of his dear companion and little ones again I see him on the barren shore of the great lake almost dying with fear calling for his dear wife. Perhaps he is waiting for the winds to subside with no society but the waters homesick hardly enough to eat with nothing but the cold ground for a bed worn out with fatigue and hardship there thought are too much for me I cannot endure. I shall see my dear ones once more. I say once more if the Lord will but if it be not the loss can never be made up. He is the companion of my youth. I gave my heart to him, and one else can ever have it. I pray the Lord to take care of them and if we are not
permitted to meet again on the earth, may we rejoice in heaven to part no more.

Sabbath. Five weeks has expired and my dear husband is again with us. I could not express my joy also at his success. The Lord has been with him, he suffered much, yet the Lord prospered his way. 24 Indians returned with him and set down hundred dollars with them for the purpose of buying land in this region; they are all very intelligent respectable, might say gentlemen. They have every appearance in their manners be of being so. The chief is a fine-looking fellow.

June 2nd. Sabbath. Since (husband) has returned from the mouth Mack has been achieved a 2nd time, and it was the decree that Mr. Kellogg, husband and 8 Indians go to Tonio on the 22nd. Mon., 22nd. The Indians hired two wagons and started for the sand place last night about midnight. Husband returned after walking 18 miles weary and exhausted. I fear sometimes my dear will be worn out before much good will be accomplished but a blessed promise is at hand: ‘As thy 10 shall thy strength be.’ This promise has been verified with all those stiff labour in the Lord. Husband with all the Indians and Surveyors started for the location intending to survey and
get a little crop into the ground. The Lord sent another loco to keep us from hunger a little while he presented us with more than a bushel of meal and more than the quantity of flour and a little pork we were on and knew not where to go for the next my mercies have been greater than my afflictions all my life through I will rejoice in God our children are all well could I know that my husband was my mind would be at rest it would be my happiness to be with him forever in the wilderness may the Lord help him to do good to day it is communion to day with this church I could not get out of may they communicate with their God may his spirit descend upon them I hope to see a revival of religion in this place before I leave Gone me a praying spirit of God for thy Son's sake.

June 15th but I have just witnessed the death of an aged friend Mrs Sibley Johnson. She died as she lived a child of God she was the mother of twelve children all professors but one may my lost end the life hers 14 hours. returned from the General hospital quite undersell 16 husband has left me again to day to go back since he will be five miles from any living being O God protect him
June 20th. Our little George Nelson birth day, a very strong day very unlike the day of his seven years old. He is when I look back upon it; it seems but a day he has received a long lesson to-day seems quiet. He is a child of reflection. I hope he is one of God's chosen. 21st. I have been a good boy since his father left he has recited five lessons in geography. I have just received a letter from husband he has been detained at the mouth of this river from winds and rain how soon he will return he knows, my God only knows my anxiety for him.

Sat day 23rd. George continues to be a good boy which is a great comfort to me little M. to improve in good conduct I have punished her for disobedience. She appears very humble and submissive. That the spirit of God would rest upon my dear family. I have felt more than usual anxious about the souls of my children. They will soon go from their parents, if they live the true principles of Christianity, is the only safeguard and that Lord would change their hearts in the prayer of a mother.
July 4th. Thus is the 9th anniversary of our marriage and mercies have been for greater than our afflictions. God has carefully provided for us. We have been blessed with four children. One of the little flock God has taken to himself. We are all well to-day and most of the people of Allegany are celebrating the day as for we enjoy our own little family best as circumstances render it necessary to be at home. How little we know what nine years will bring about. May we continue to live in the discharge of every duty to God and one another.

5th. The visitor brother was found him quite out of health. He has lost all his property through the village of a snow. He was in 100 with him was a little farmer. A little farmer away the Lord reward him for his ministry.

Sat 21. We soon expect this to be the last. Sat we shall spend with civilized people. We expect to go this week near the Lord.

Aug 1st. Thurs. We are nearly in readiness to leave Allegany. Expect to start to-morrow for Black River to a land of strangers.
August 2nd I called on Mrs Lyons to agree with them whether they intended we should take the remainder of the box or not consisting of prints cards books &c in the hands of the lady in Rochester to see that they were all and to be delivered into my hands she at first refused to let them go but after some plain conversation with her Miss Lott concluded to let them go arter as we parted on good terms but could say all is not right in the house as all of Mrs L called on the afternoon or was sent for by Mrs L, and took away the cards and prints. The letter had the seal for some reason we know not as we shall get it. Mrs L promised me if I should have ten dollars for every lock that the breach promised us a bed brass kettle some other things which they would leave.

Sept 1st. The second of August in the afternoon as late as five o'clock we set sail De Goodrich and wife Mr Emerson and wife came to the place we were to start from. They were friends indeed till the Lordeward they trusted quite in well our canoe sailed very pretty we arrived at Mr Wests at nine in the evening all well we had come some miles.
after dark liable to run on to snags and shoals and logs we could see nothing but the Lord preserved us in this hour of danger blessed be his name the people were very kind Mr I was quite sick through the night started quite for the month it being Sat felt anxious to get through arrived at Richmond five o'clock Mr Mann's people would have us stay to tea we were very much satisfied I had adjusted my husband in paddling it bring new business to talk one very much arrived at the mouth about eight in the eve found our connections all well sister Jane was in her school stand at Mr Langhans over Lake husband quite unwell preached at Mr Butler five o'clock Monday with blown very hard our men came in the afternoon to take us up the lake we all went to the mouth in boat starting out but the sea was not calm until eve we returned to Newark Tuesday it blowed again from the west in the afternoon Capt Mary and_CFG in a sail boat to take us up the lake we was volunteering on this point Wednesday morning we started with a string band bricks for the village of Superior arrived about nine at Mr. Cook breakfast at Mr Piper in the afternoon took possession our Institution
Sept 28th day...it is almost a fortnight since husband left here for Allegan expecting to be gone only a week but the anxiety a wife feels for a husband indeed I do not know that there is any sin in having those anxious feelings for the welfare of a dear companion I have given him into the hands of God that I feel a desire to hear from him or see him again. May the Lord prosper this way and his path brighter and brighter may he continue with his God while separated from this world. I often try to realize my situation were he taken away by death when I have been mourning over my lonely situation this summer while after an absence of a week or few weeks of his return to the embrace of his family what joy we feel. But God is able to remove him from where there would no return. This thought at times seems more then I can endure. God has promised as my dog is so shall thy strength. May God, Mr S and our hired man come for Oct 3rd. Mr S and our hired man came for the purpose of taking us to our intended home. Husband said the house was not comfortable the logs and a pit roof and a small piece of the floor and a very little knitting was all that constituted the house but my mind was made up to...
...all circumstances rendered it necessary to do so as our man must leave and I must necessarily work alone in the woods six miles from any inhabitants. All things considered, we felt it a duty to go trusting in God for deliverance from difficulties and dangers accordingly we set sail on Friday morning in a skiff and took a very small boat loaded down with necessary articles leaving no one to steer but myself little George seven years old new business for us both it was with the greatest difficulty that we reached the landing in time to make our way through the house before dark. My husband was worn out with fatigue we found our man at the landing he had taken the cow across. I started with my three little children alone leaving the men to load their packs with beds and articles for the night it being very near night the trail somewhat blinded I lost my way but providential the overtook me before I got far out of the way we were soon overtaken by the darkness of the night but by means of some birch boughs I put in my work bag we made our way through happily to build a shelter for our weary bodies our man left a storm came on
one good gods did us but little good we were obliged to take our lodging on the ground. Monday Mr. I and little I went to Superior ahea.
y storm come on and they were obliged to camp on the ground in an Indian wigwam and stand alone in the woods with my two little children. Ouailla was quite sick. I suffered much in mind with the awful prospect before of being left alone here. Without provisions and for any years were that they were drowned but Providence favored me with their coming the next morning before I was dropped into a young Indian educated at Chirbin Institute and the old chief called on us Wednesday 13. Mr. S kept for Alleghen leaving me with a boy 13 years old. Saturday little A has had the ague very hard we are very lonely. We have seen a human being since. Mr. S kept the Lord is only comfort. I have not had a night's rest since Mr. S left.

Now little Mary Jane was four years old. The 14th day of this month she is a very slender child and a more restless little creature I never saw. I am at a loss to know what course to take with her I often
feel the need of more patience and wisdom. I need wisdom from the Lord which will enable me to train her up in the way she should go. She appears often very thoughtful and makes some very sensible remarks. She puts question that I am not able to answer. But the one of only that spirit of restless, being overcome she will be ruined. I fear little ones should be lost. Through the mismanagement of their parent, them up for God and put them for his kingdom alone is the prayer once James 2:4. My dear husband absence of ten days never was I happy. We had seen since we left our provision. I had sent the borrow a few potatoes to give the cow but out any but the Lord brought as a friend the Lord for all his mercies how often where sinking in despair has he raised me up I can truly say.
Lord and my God, that I would have continually in sight of Thy countenance. Am an unchangeable Being who fulfillst every duty with Thy presence even by thine elect. Over as whether sleeping or waking at home or abroad. How it was my birth day, I was very sick with the ague. 31 years of my life is past and that have I accomplished for my heavenly Father. My days have past away as a dream. Many important things which transpired years ago seem but as yesterday. Yet how many changes have taken place ten years ago? I knew not the cores of a letter in my own native land one of another nor a thousand miles separate some of us. I with my little family of three children and husband are acting in the capacity of missionaries of the cross of Christ not a family within five miles of this is my situation altered for the better. To a man whose object is to benefit a little portion of mankind and also to be one with him in training our little ones for future usefulness and a glorious inheritance in the Kingdom of God. I know one is happiness beyond what I deserve how unworthy of such blessings what an improper the servants I have been in the service of. To count such a master the Lord make me more faithful may I be more constant at the throne of grace. Prayer makes the darkest clouds withdraw.
Saturday 22 Dec. The chief came last night to spend the night with us. Said he you will get tiresome if we do not come and see you now and then. He thought was a horn of a steer as a present. He asked Mr. J how came the Indians on the continent. Mr. J gave the history of the Israelites, which took him till midnight. I was quite sick and heard only a part of it. Which was very interesting. It appeared very obvious from some remarks the old man made that he believed the Indians were the descendants of the ten tribes expressed much gratitude for the instruction Mr. J had given him. Called him together and said he should often call to ask questions and that we should often get a piece of venison to season our soup when they should understand they hunting better. It is truly astonishing to see with what eagerness they grasp at the truth while many enlightened people treat it as not worth their attention. To day Mr. J gives them an on temperance 25th. Christmas day. Mr. J preaches to them on the truth of the Savior. Sal day 29th. The core of my family and my whole house...
our room is only twelve by seventeen not  

a shelf or cupboard of any kind to hide a store of  

chairs table tent as to fill and sometime a half a dozen Indians also I have all my  

saw Mr. S. cours to do knitting housework  

but not any one to save me a step all  

this with the care of three children is suffi  

dent to keep me engaged in business from  

sitting till late bed time I often feel an  

uneasiness about it as I honestly desire a  

little more leisure to devote exclusively  

to my children but this particular I  

fear will never be granted as my is of  

the opinion that a wife ought to perform  

her own domestic concerns herself and  

assiste the instruction of her children  

but the with me is even a mother of  

slender constitution perform all the  

labour necessary in family and at the  

same time discharge the particular duties to her children as she ought  

know not but some may do it I feel  

unqualified for the task and often see  

ready to sink under the weight may the  

Lord strengthen and support me under every  

trial and while I am deprived of every  

privilege but comfort of my family and  

while my hands are constantly en  

ployed in supplying the wants may
Jan. 1st. 1850

Another year has fled and we are
are yet monuments of the mercy and
grace of God with what shame and regret
do I look back on the past year & that I
may be wise and consider my lot ever
and with the New Year begin anew in
the service of Christ. We have had quite
an interesting day 31st our Indians or
more took supper they brought a deer for
the occasion and we cooked it they showed
much respect for us in their conduct.

On 13th Husband left for Allegan to attend
the annual meeting of the society. I am
alone and much out of health.

Sabb day Husband returned yesterday.
A great quantity of snow has fallen since
the last and very cold weather and snow
to affect me but my little boy seven
years old the interpreter's wife and anoth
Indian woman has slept here ever y
night except one. We have not seen a man since he left had one very.

Severe hot of the Ague husband returned with quite a pack on his back. Through the deep snow we said almost worn out with fatigue how heartcheering it is to meet with a companion after an absence.

Feb 17th Husband left 7 days for Boston for the purpose of entering the lot we now have on it a beautifull day I am alone with my little ones one Indian woman is all the society I have within two miles or more. The line near I have had some as lonely feelings as I ever experienced but I find comfort in the Lord in him is my hope and trust.

In the Lord in ihn is my hope and trust. I may I never separate the Lord my God whom have I in heaven but then or who on the earth beside the

Feb 23rd Husband has not yet returned.

I have been a most lonely being little 82 was very sick Friday little 4 was sick last night I slept but little little 2 has been quite well and a very good day he has brought in all the wood I have great reason to keep the Lord for three such sweet children. They are a great
Comfort to me in my lonely condition
the interpreter and wife live near but are
and company for me I am alone night and
day my health has been very poor have been
afflicted with a severe headache which has
made me feel that these some days and nights
are appointed unto me feel some better to day
my heart rises to God in thankfulness for
his great care over us the past week & for now
faith and love to him I feel very stupid
in my mind when I feel a relief from
pain I have no mind of my own that
my frequent prayer that I may do my
duty to my little ones & for his grace
to assist me I can do nothing with it
may the Lord the God my dear in his
absence I hope to see him to morrow it
will be heart I see him one this world
have no charmers without him I should
have no wish to stay only to bring up
my children
March 25th My dear husband left this
morning for Plainfield for the purpose
of uniting in two couple in marriage
one is sister Jane & Mr. W.C. Martin
she would have prepared being married
there had it not been for the difficulty
of getting here it truly a pleasure
For me to have been at this important moment as the house has made her home with us seven years she is one of our families but it is so ordered that I must remain at home with my little ones and others two miles of me I was quite by being written two miles of me I was quite sick all night had a hard time about sick all night had a hard time about the time husband left feel very weak hardly feel to keep about but the Lord I able to protect he will never forsake me and I thank if I am not dead he has been my comfort and support to day the house have I my soul help and praise him holy name 26th I suffered much lest night sleep departed from me my nerves were very weak and irritable my dog my only defence left me was gone most of the night after he returned the seemed very uneasy she would run to the mast door and growl which alarmed me much I shook as hard as I ever did with a severe ague at feel much distressed to day have not been able to sit up all day I suppose sister Jane has taken the marriage box or this time hope and trust she will her place
satter than I had done. I fear husband will not enjoy himself at all that of
this family.
27th. For as an agree this have not been able to set up, but a part of the
day have not been spent. But one person since husband left have felt very melancholy.
This afternoon opened my little tune by first psalm just caught my eye it was
so applicable to my situation that it reci
ved me much how much consolation
the love of God affords I should not
then it not for it. 30th. Stella Azvila.
A two year old this day has been a very
healthy child with the exception of the
olgae low stuff as to bring her up pos the
mustard returned. 28th. Breathed with gain
having walked above thirty miles in it
with a large pack on his back. I was very
happy to see him. Foster Jane is mister
which relieves me from many an uncle
April 19th. Visited Superior last Thursday saw the
first white snow. Last Sat. walked two an
half miles to get there gained most of the
time while there came home Sat.
husband brought three loads of goods to the
I was very tired finally we all were
I felt contented to get home and stay at
least a while to take three little children such a distance.

Mr. White, woods and roads must and will be attended with
great difficulty.

19th husband has walked
five miles and back to preach to the Indians.

Found them all gone we are entirely alone our cows left us. Friday for all
time we expect we do not expect to see
her again very soon she was all our dependence as we are out of meat butter but very little sugar we hoped to have sent by the
Indians on the subject had a letter written
but they have left and we know not what or how.

This teaches us a lesson of dependence
on God, The Lord is our shepherd we shall not want ever this is our song in times of
darkness and distress past

25th so the winter is the same is over the
flowers appear on the earth the time of laurel

of birds is come we can get along we have
from the Indians only by the by meet them
were at the mouth of Kalamazoo selling
whiskey to some other Indians we do not credit it now understanding our locality.
ation yet the opening of spring gives us press
our all nature seems to rejoice at the
return of this beautiful season the beautiful
sun the sweetness of air the flowers spring
ning from the earth the birds going to
their nests all these should call forth
our gratitude to him who hath all these
for his own glory our little ones are
all well little I have learned Twenty years
as The Lord is my shepherd I will fear no evil
The desire that they may glorify God in their
youth of Lord then host given them to as pre-
cious gifts for a season help us to restrain
them as plants that are to be transplanted
unto Thy garden of Paradise above
Friday 10th Husband left for Allegany I am
alone with my children we have heard
nothing from the east or provisions and
we are now about destitute of every thing
I am scarcely able to sit up day before had
a hard fit of the chills we have looked very
anxiously for Mr. Green the agent that
was employed to go to that last fall we are
are very needy until God sees fit to supply
our wants we must suffer the Indians han
not yet returned we have heard nothing
from them Lord strengthen your faith
continue our hopes and may we trust
in many promises which we are to keep and perform. Would any person claim them to themselves? Have we not trusted our dependence on our own strength? What would be our condition if we should be cast adrift? On Saturday, 17th about three o'clock, Friday, Mr. Coulson arrived, the Indians had arrived from Allegany with the Indians. This deliverance came when the last hope had nearly fled. The Indians brought us a barrel of flour and a little pork. Mr. B. can believe us from a debt which Mr. Coulson returned. At six o'clock, much lighter and toilsome, he found them. The Indians had gone down the river with our pork and flour but had no money. From Mr. P. he learned that on account of my ill health he had been sent home and found the good Lord had been around all things. Right and we will praise and bless them. Through great deliverance praise and bless them. They have given us unworthy of unbelief. If we forgive the faults of unbelief, may we henceforth have full confidence in all the promises He uses. Husband and Mr. B. have gone to meet with the Indians to do them good. God bless the laborers of the resoent may they soon be brought to their
Kingdom to day may this grace be planted in every heart of these poor natives as we stand with them rejoicing in God what a glorious time would this be if unworthy as we are may we see the day soon come that their forests will resound with praises to God and the name of our these poor ignorant outcast Indians ansecare our faith fill us with love and with the spirit

Sat Dec 7th have been afflicted with a illness complaint for a month past feel wholly incapable of doing my work but necessity compels and I must toll it through however severe it may be I think sometimes if a change could be if I could be converted into a husband I should make an effort to have a wife face differently from what I do I do not think husband realizes it as he ought I well know he makes more account of expenses than of my comfort and improvement which is a great grief to me I have wept in silence over it I often feel unreconciled on comparing my advantages with others whose prospects are no better than ours if I was confident that all would result well in the end I would submit cheerfully but such my health generally that it is impossible for me to discharge the duties of a mother to my children without more care for proper
meditation and study. It is the burden of my mind what will be the characters of my children. Will they be respectable that will neither regard God nor man or will the Lord answer the prayers of an unworthy woman and convert them to himself, he only knows my desires, and answers for them may his grace follow them, whether I am spared to bring them up to manhood among

June 20th 1837 our little son George P. is eight years old may he grow in grace and wisdom and knowledge, wrote to sister Charlotte and also Mrs. Goodrich on the subject of helping me in my destitute condition may the Lord put it into their hearts to help me;

Judy feel letter to day but the measles are so thick I cannot write

July 4th Sat. Today completes the tenth year of our marriage and help'd A God of it such a union but the black spots of my life I cannot wash out but I pray should spare my life for ten years to come this shall be left God's grace helping me Sister Jane has been here a few days on a visit has left to day I am alone feel quite unwell

Monday 6th Mr. Cowles has left us to day. For Grand river four or five
weeks will drag the time of my confinement but little prospect of any one with me but my husband although she is far more than any one else yet more help will be needed what our circumstances will be is known only to God and into his hands will I cast myself and all that is mine

Saturday, August 23rd

Through the great mercy of God we can record the birth of another daughter two weeks to morrow morning the Lord delivered one of this daughter with no other human being within six miles distance but my dear companion and little children. I was taken sick Saturday afternoon continued so through the night at four in the morning 10th of August my husband and myself were up all night the children were quite restless especially little Felicita as she had been accustomed lying on my arm this was somewhat grievous to us to hear her moan for another but as the good Lord so ordered it they were all quietly asleep at the time of my delivery and remained so until I was comfortably delivered. The state of my health had been such for months previous that we had anticipated serious difficulties when the critical
period should arrive yet I believe we had hast ourselves upon the Lord and surely his kind hand has helped us through. This tiring time I have had the most comfortable time than with all my little ones. The day of the birth two Indian came stand a few hours took care of my dog of my dog after they left Dr. Goodrich from Allegan one other bowl came stand over night in the morning but left Mr. C. for Richmond for the box of goods which has been sent from Phil for our use and the Gr for home Wednes, Mr. I returned with the box which he left at Superior & I do not feel as well to day as I did lost Saturday & have been too smart as husband has had all the do I have felt anxious to assist as much as lay in my power Mr. C. return from Allegan brought us these letters from friends one from mother one from sister Adelicia the other from sister Ada alone.

August 31st Mr. I left for Allegan and other places in pursuit of the cow little George has been a very good boy he has showed quite a manlike disposition and a few exceptions has been very obedient to day. few years and to day our little dog died Sab. day last few. This morning Mr. I returned he came within a mile and a quarter of home was over taken in the stove the woods being thick.
The cow being a great hindrance to him he lost his way and was obliged to lay down on the bare ground with no shelter but the canopy of heaven. Little Betty has been a great comfort to me since his father left but little Mary Jane is a great grief to her mother. I that the Lord would direct me in the right path of duty. Nov 14 Mary Jane is five years old today how swift time passes away it seems but a moment of time since the Lord gave her to us she has ever been a feeble child.

27th This day completes 32 years of my life what is life but a vapour a dream that every moment of my time might be filled up with useful work for my family and those around. O Lord enable me to redeem the time I have spent in folly and vanity.

14 Dec England commenced school in our kitchen. I hope it will be a prosperous one although small.
1741, It is by the great mercy of God I am permitted to record another new year. Yet I cannot realize it as I should. The past year has been crowned with many mercies from His all-bountiful hand instead of taking away the hand given us another flower to crown in his garden of our earthly paradise below. What ungrateful return have I made him! What have I done that has been acceptable in the sight of a holy God? Yet what seeres have I now that will stand the test in the great day of account? O Lord, break my heart in pieces, subdue all my evil propensities and unholily desires. Show them all. Show pity, Lord, O Lord, forgive me. 11th. Our little one Esther is six months old today. She has been a very healthy child. She has not been baptized; we wish for some Christian brethren to be present, we fear she is an idol in our affections. May we have a true and consistent affection for all our sweet babes and be allowed to say, Lord, they are thine; do with them as seemeth thee good.
yesterday an Indian came and informed us of the death of a child wanted five candles how horrible they should be subjected to such superstition: ceremonies when will these things cease to be? Mr S invites them to stay I am quite unwell my right side has been very painful for several months I fear I shall never be any better until I can be released from labour having a school in our house has a bad effect on my health but the children will be benefited by it for reasons I am willing to forego all difficulty March 30th Azelia Azelia is three years old today may the Lord make her his She winter past has been one of trial and sickness we have sent some what provision as we wrote to Allogan for some necessary articles for our compost such as candles groceries but heard nothing from them for nearly four months we were shut out from all civilized society that length of time with scarcely the comforts of life being nearly two months with no
other light but that of the stove indeed the Lord provided us friends in the Indians and they not been more than usually kind we must have suffered very much the chief went to Grand Haven and made our state known to New Ferry and Mr. Quezcy and received from them groceries candelas 120 to the amount of four dollars or more this was received by us with grateful hearts never shall we forget them may the Lord reward them with blessings that will not perish but by using that will abide with them in the kingdom of our God

Sab May 20 About three days since the Rev. Mr. Hyde came from collegen in company with Mr. Coeels to visit us and acquaint himself with our situation he is the corresponding secretary of the society and being lately from New-England was a stranger to the whole matter except what information
he could get from the records of the old Society, from them he could learn nothing of the State of matters here.

he seemed somewhat surprised that we had no term school not even a song he treated us with much severity what his motives are for so doing is mysterious to us he visited the Indians on day I was quite sick and alone with my little ones had a very ill turn would have been happy to have seen a human being sick for allot when he left felt better in the afternoon of this thus following he returned with Mr. C who had gone to get Sister of Guadalupe to come and stay with us as she writes she cannot come Mr. Hyde came to assist in putting up the school house Friday the Indians were sent for seven came the body of the house was put up before night we gave them a dinner and supper my health was very poor Mr. C assisted me with his help and some provision cooked Mr. S brought greatly relieved
May 7th, 1841

Two weeks ago to day I had an interesting day with our little son George. I observed him in tears while reading the child at home. I inquired the cause. He seemed too full to speak. He said, I feel very bad. What do you feel bad for? O I am so wicked. How long have you felt so these or four days? On searching him closely I found him earnestly inquiring the way to Zion. I read to him the fifty first psalm. Singing and praying, he seemed deeply affected and said, he was willing to give himself to God. He was bathed in tears during the whole and so affecting was the scene that the two little girls, M. J. and A. B. kept aloud at the close of my last prayer he prayed he seemed very humble, we sang sovereign grace.
he join in it with all his heart seems to forget his tears at the close I said if God could forgive the thief on crops will he not forgive wrong

yes man I believe he has I feel better I told there was danger of our being deceived he must examine himself and pray and give himself wholly to the Lord but I have I don't feel as I could ever do wrong again he seems to give evidence of a change of heart his inquiries are very matured and indicate a serious and thoughtful state of mind we need not look for perfection in such a child if we who have Often been overtaken by the soul's how can we expect our children to lift for more grace for more holiness of heart
The intended to have had our baby baptized during Mr. Hyde stay but the final conclusion was that I must go out soon but my health is much better and the difficulty is great I think I shall remain here almost two years has gone by I have only seen the faces of three white women.

July 15th 1811 One week yesterday we arrived here from a rest of two months having visited most of my friends in that time. Found brother's wife quite sick apparently in the consumption with a babe six months old. Sweet little creature may the Lord preserve its dear mother to bring it up in the fear of God. Sister Jane McMartin expected to be confined in four weeks after it left that length of time has more than exceeded I feel anxious about her. Met with Adaline for the first time in eight years she was very much altered she has promised to come as soon as her school closes and Steve
the winter had arrived at the mouth of Mapamago a week last Friday. Round Mrs. Mary Ann Millard had just arrived from Green Bay. She is to be our interpreter. This was providential that she should be ready to come with me, come through or that it was beautiful on Lake Michigan. We landed home just at night, tired and hungry, having rode on freezing water about twenty miles and two an a half by land with all our little ones. We had some reason to rejoice that we had found home once more after so long a time separated and broken up and meeting with so many children it is reasonable to suppose that home would be a happy place.

August 15 Saloon day.

A week ago a company of men, women, and children were taking an excursion over the Mapamago river a gal of wind upset their skiff and plunged them all into the river. Five of number were drowned among those that were drowned was cousin Abigail Mcloughlin, wife of James McLoughlin at New Park, her two children were saved a Mr. Bottings was all that could save him he saved three of his own and three with his wife were lost.
I what a shocking that they have you before an avenues God unprepared breaking his law pleasuring themselves heaping up wrath against the day of wrath whom will men to wise and think on them later and show long will little children have to suffer for the sins of their parents instead of being trained up in the way They should go they are led on from one sin to another until their doom is sealed for eternity Abigail would have been an interesting woman if she had been her guiding principles instead of that her selfish love uncontrolled passion which men like many others let loose made her an unhappy woman often in her family she has been a frequenter of religion was anxious to have meetings and seemed to continue to realize the importance of it I feel condemned I have no more faith in O may I never drink from the sin of portents a duty as to warn the sinner to flee from the wrath to come O may this awful thought be a warning to others not to trifle with God holy day Mrs. Willard is now absent at Grandin she has been gone some weeks my health is very poor working more than I for any service during the rest of the year and is much to be done how strength wisdom grace meekness patience of one so others are God a mother
need to train her children in the way
they should go; yet this is the written
word of God; shall I, one moment, think
he will not give them up? No, no, for the
heavenly Father, although of honors and
placings of love, give me more energy of
soul and more faith, more of a
spirit of prayer prevent effectual
prayer that will prevail with thee
that will bring down blessing on the
beloved ones. Thou hast given me

Sept 20th
Mom are being along this
weekend having gone out to see a sick
Indian family little Mary five year
of age having sworn to bed after lying
a few minutes probably in thought
say, and I love the Sabbath, I wish
we could have the Sabbath all the time. No doubt
we will all the day but one
were Sabbath day. Because it is
so pleasant. The dog looks no
different does it see that we
look different you said. I will see
yes, yes, she said.
many other remarks she made especially interesting

Oct 31st Sab day Time has rolled us of another Sab and here I advance one Sab days journey towards the kingdom of my God I fear I am not my heart cold and lifeless my faith inactive my is that by some means may come This lifeless come to a new and live by faith the exercise of which will blessings upon my dear family and those around me to day I led my two little daughters as usual into the woods to pray with them after I had prayed Mary Jan desired to pray she did and was affraid to teard she seems really to realize her sinfulness in the sight of God her expression was I have given myself to God I will live for all my life and then I will love one of the poor little Indian children about God Ma I will love to do it she has seemed to be in a deep study all day once she remarked Ma what would there be if there was no devil
after I answered her she enquired again what would then be if then were no God man such enquiries show an active mind O that I may grow in wisdom and grace and in the true knowledge of the Saviour that I may lead these precious lambs the great Shepherd of souls. If I knew any thing of my own heart it is my earnest desire for prayer am I deceived how devoted to their heart of mine I cannot fully know myself from show me what I am

Nov. 4th

Now 41st six years to day since the birth of my little daughter Mary Jane I may preciously observe have I enjoyed with her I think the affection of entrusting such an untrustworthy person with such precious jewels
Dec 1st

Mr. J. F. Littlejohn arrived here today bringing the painful intelligence that his brother, Mr. Powers' wife and child, have been called among the dead. She was a lonely woman, her example was that of a devoted follower of Jesus. I spent a week with her last summer. She was then for advanced in consumption, and a healing change has been made. She exchanged a world of sorrow for a world of glory. May this truly afflictive dispensation of providence be sanctified to the saving of his soul may he seek to grip the rope that has caused all sorrow.

Jan. 1st

One more year is gone. Why am I spared it that I may benefit my family, my fellow beings? So how little have I done for either? Such a worthless being am I and in such restlessness.
stations in this like I truly feel worse than un relics in the place I occupy I now pray to God that he will forgive and blot out my sins from his book of remembrance and renew worthy converse of myself to God to be his and all that I have and are shall be his in the strength of my redeemer may all my inward foes be slain that satan may my peace again little Mary Jane Xays to me Manna the devil is wicker people you want the what if there was no god no devil and we had no souls what would we be

Jan 9th held meeting in our new house today for the first time the principal part of the Indians was present they had a prayer meeting there long Catholic wore truly tedious
first time I thought it would be the last weeps compelled by necessity to stay, poor deluded creatures, how long will it be with you. Job 16th. Few attend worship to day.

Feb 6th. Only ten were present to day last Sab. none came a few days before Miss Wilcox and myself gave the chief a plain talk it came to please therefore to show us their determination to hold on they place at to hold on they place at their own way for my talk with the Chief I commenced with the importance of a change of least after dealing plainly on this subject I told him plainly what the Bible said on baptism and that it would never save him although his priests had taught him if he depended on it he now find his error when it was
would be too late. I then told him his priests had no power to forgive sins that only belong to God and much more in a plain but kind manner and Mrs. Willard added when you confess to your priests you will never be any better.

He replied we cannot go up to heaven to find God. We answer him that God was everywhere if you repent of your sins and be in the word alone and pray he will hear you. He showed at first some signs of anger but became quite calmer.
March 19th
Our son and daughter, George Nelson and Anne Jane, have promised today that they will submit to the rules of the family at table also during family worship.

The rules are these:
1st. Attention must be paid to washing and combing the head before coming to the table.
2nd. Observe good manners in coming to the table after being seated. Pay strict attention to good order.
3rd. No more than what is necessary to be used, no loud laughter, such gestures or running away from the table can be allowed unless absolutely necessary. Therefore, the must speak to their parents if before they leave the table.

Further, they must read when their parents are for family worship unless special business calls them away after all are seated and reading is announced and noise is to be allowed. From these all enough to understand the design of family worship.
Monday 26th March

George and Mary have thus far carried out their resolutions which makes me to rejoice may God help them to overcome every evil word and work and put off the old man with deeds and put on the new man Christ Jesus.

April 1 and 2 are improving slowly I feel a great earnestness to see them following after their Saviour I fear I may wrestle like Jacob and prevail like Israel for them.

A few nights since I dreamed of sailing with my little children up a river in the night trying hard to get to some port after many trials and difficulties I discovered something that had the appearance of our treasure for it and after washing through quite deep water with the children I set my boat on land I then had my small glass lamps in my hand but the faint glimmering light afforded me but little help I directed my course to a new but small house having come to it I must seek a high peak.
The first thought was impossibility but by 8 o'clock which old without any difficulty I went with trembling steps to the door all was dark and silent. I entered with very lamps I could see that. The appearance of the house was rough and unworthy and also very narrow. I saw on entering a flight of stairs before me they were straight and narrow with great fear and despair of mind I with reached the top of them with my children behind me before me was a door closed in doubting whether I should get admittance but what was my surprise on opening the door on beholding a beautiful room with beds already made and a lamp beside the door I sat my children on the bed and sat down myself I had now no need of my lamp that came and went I knew not how I thought to myself why have I been directed here or who lives here that is of kind to me I was afraid every step I took I trembled when I took hold of the latch of the door but how happy I might be here if my husband was here but I am alone in a moment the door opened and a woman came in her appearance...
was not handsome but when she spoke it seemed more than human
when she seemed to me this room is yours but we have been waiting
for you to come and pray with
some of your Indians an thought waiting to hear that I pronged
had our interesting time but they fell left but the woman she said
to me you see that I could not
what I must, I and
expecting so much said she
look at it she said I examined it
it was it was made of wood she
said to me gone you must turn
it around every night right to turn
I said to her how to fill it
almost gave to look under the bag
I did and there a great plant I saw
she then left me & then put the
children in bed and was preparing
to go myself when she called out
and said Mrs. I was below I went
to the room where he was and
so then I came in that did not speak to him
June

Brother Mr. Suter Adahm husband

Frances Mills and Eliza Mills came in here on a visit came with a horse carriage as far as Richmond the women both horses and rode through on horse backed ten miles very bad road I had not seen them for a year it was truly a joyful sight to me then having never been but three white females before Sat 5th 1843 Mr. S. joined Brother other to Eliza Mills in matrimony we had a pleasant visit with them the Indians unknown to us had sent for a Catholic priest this dined them attending meeting on the 20th this was a sore disappointment to us and also our friends they left us on Tuesday following
June 20th, Mon.

Today makes our little son George ten years old; during these few years many changes have taken place in our family. What new events will be brought about in the ensuing year of time to come is only known to God. May this dear son be guided by the Holy Spirit and be fitted and prepared to work in the vineyard of the Lord is the prayer of his mother.

August 10th, 1842

Today our little C is two years old. She is a very persevering child. When a year and a half she could sing and talk any thing she heard said or sung. Among the early hours Jesus and other children in temple cry Hosanna, to the son of David.
14 August 181

I am slowly recovering from sickness caused by abortion which took place July 26th I have advanced two or three months all had the appearance of decay, probably all circulation had ceased for two weeks or more. I have been very feeble, most of the time was obliged to take the care of my family. The third day and for necessity have worn warm. I have been able to their has been no one in the house it too much for one to do. I hope and trust this affliction will be a special benefit to my soul. I feel my own frailty and dependence on God and a nearness which I have felt before yet now in separation between God and my soul it seems but mockery that I have ever tried to serve my God. What a mercy that he has not cut me off in my sins or left me to my own heart's desire. I can say Lord let me live order as it pleases thee only glorying myself in thee.
Valley Oct 30

Concerning with my little daughters to day on the all important subject of religion found very tender and acceptable I then proposed praying with them my eldest daughter Mary Jane aged seven wished to pray first the made a humble and penitent prayer during the time our little son came in and almost as soon as I commenced praying they began weeping and continued so I took until the close of the prayer till all then some fell into her feeling and wept aloud for some time I pointed her to Jesus the friend of sinners she says I feel that I have been so wicked I replied to her it it through fear of being punished that makes you cry so do I no ma I don't think of that it is because I am such a sinner I tremble ma.
fell so do let me pray too. What shall I do? She knelt in her knees, I sat by her side. She prayed, the prayer of a penitent child. I prayed again. She continued to cry only louder and more earnestly. I then pressed upon her the duty of giving herself to God. She said, how shall I know when God purdons me? I answered her and then told her to go with her little sister, who was weeping and praying alone. I heard her praying very earnestly. She came to me looking quite cheerful. Now I feel better in my inquiries, how she felt in a long every day, not their wicked actions, but their souls. I never want to anything wrong again. This evening I was reading the narrative of Catherine Yates. She wept bitterly, saying she trembled because she was so great sinner and she wanted to be like that girl prepared to die.
O that God would carry on the work begun in her heart and make her an heir of grace and a new born babe in Christ Jesus this is the earnest prayer of her dear mother.

October 10th. I feel to hunt for my dear England that he has in some measure pointed out some particular sins may the Lord make them more plain before me. I have read that I have been travelling the crowd road to death and facing灭亡 in the way but thorns and thorns and tearing my own flesh and disturbing the peace of my murmuring and complaints of them that would walk in the way that leads to God my prayer is to be unceasefully I feel too unworthy to address the throne of my heavenly Father.
I feel that love for my God and Saviour that I would not exchange for worlds. I love thy charming music to my ear.

I have dwelt much on the happiness of Heaven can such a wretch be permitted to enter that hallowed place and sing redeeming love.

I have been quite unwell for a few days past but feel better this afternoon. My heart has been burned for the souls of those poor innocents in their own due time to remove the veil which blinds their hearts and turn their feet from the way to perdition. I feel encouraged to go forward in this great work and count the provisions nothing if we can be the means in the hands of God in saving one soul. But I feel to say who is incompetent for these things.
Jan 1, 1849

Another new year has presented itself to me in circumstances of meek and lowly, the careless and wicked manner in which I have lived the past year I am filled with shame and conviction when I reflect upon my past conduct and can only exclaim, God be merciful.

But I will now in the presence of a holy and righteous God, make a new and solemn covenant with him to be true for time and eternity all that I have shall be his, my unborn and spiritual do I pray to assist me in fulfilling this my engagement with thee, my God and king.

Commenced teaching three Indian children (which are all that are here with our children in our house the second day of Jan. I have continued four weeks and have done according to the best of my ability, feeling most of the time unable to do any thing. It has been both pleasant that I have been among advantages in reading and spelling.
Obl. 29 Jan.

One more beautiful day I am permitted to spend on the earth perhaps the last another may at least be from ill health I may have heard the last season, from my dear. How well it is right as I have long abused, his kindness and affection I sincerely believe the times now that I hardly dare ask for pardon from you, and correct myself to Lord forgive a thoughtless, selfish creature of time help me to devote the moments of time allotted here to the glory of thy name and happiness of my dear family. Then if it seem with this good to remain the con quers where I pray these grace you dear companion, a wish of deep and lasting peace. That will render life agreeable, in me and not a burden give my children a mother, that is filled with the holy spirit affections and kinship at all the time that do I pray that then honor may be promoted
Jan 1849

Five months my diary has been neglected from sickness but my kind father in Heaven is again restoring me to health and the society of dear family. The first of February I was taken sick with symptoms of confinement (as we suppose the full term had come not supposing we were mistaken in regard to the time) then continued more than a week. 26th Feb. the same symptoms again appeared for ten days I suffered severely from travail pains without any advance of the birth after a week of distress one after another using all the means in our power for promoting it without any effect and my strength fast failing we sent for Dr Stedman of Allegan he arrived here before light on the morning of the 5th and after travelling thirty miles through the deepest snow we have ever known...
after a thorough investigation of all my previous symptoms he decided that instead of labor pains it was an inclination of the womb (as it had advanced so far as we supposed it to be the membranes and Dr. I made an effort to break them but found it impossible) and also his opinion was that I should not be confined under two months upon which I was from this time confined to my bed (being much destitute of support being my necessities led to be upon my back with my hips raised) most of the time of waiting delivery which was the first of May the Lord was pleased to give us a little daughter to weigh three pounds and three quarters being much disfigured from the manner of its birth it lived ten hours the Lord save the Lord hath taken away another of our precious ones to inhabit heaven blessed be his name I was myself quiet comfortable my husband made the coffin and burned it with his own hands with my other attendants May his family and an old Indian woman
Have been out to visit our friend with our family. Mrs. Willard accompanied us and had a pleasant visit. Our children all caught the hooping cough. Left George with sister Jean to attend school since our return. Little G has been very sick. Have had but little expectation of her recovery. Has not taken a step for months. One of her legs has caused much distress for nearly a year. She is now a little more comfortable. Had our interesting conversation with the chief mother. She is earnestly inquiring the way to heaven. O Lord, open her eyes that she may see.

Our little G is a very happy child. We do not know how to live without her. She has even been an object of some delight. That this world should be found without her I cannot think. O my Heavenly Father, open her eyes to see a comfort and solace of my poor heart.
Old Town, March 29th 1844

Esther Biggsmith was born in Old Town, Allegany County, N.Y. August 10th, 1844 and died March 18th, being 3 years, 9 months, and 8 days old. In this we feel the heavy hand of affliction. The Lord has taken from us a lovely, promising flower, one of the choicest of blessings. The dearest earthly comfort in this our solitude surrounded only by the red men of the forest. Many, many about hours has the tender, cheerful, and pleasant by her sweet and cheerful conversation. Her melody music this room where I have spent so many happy hours alone with this beloved child is strange and with cannot find from one room to another to spend my precious one. She does not feel my affection. To the real love after came rolls through my absolute heart I kissed her sweet, warm lips for the last time. Her spirit to rest in my room, out exhaust body to rest my room, first look to depart her. I was able to ride see my beloved before I was able to rise see my beloved.
Your favour has taken you to his
Presence, the coffin in grave holds the
dust of my precious child, but I see the
not the yellow locks parted on that
Street, of noble forehead also those lovely
blue eyes that were complete filled
with innocence now look aloof with an
expression of the gloom of Heaven a
dream and heavenly smile rests on the
Cheek face those precious lips that
have been the charm of my life
have received the last and parting
kiss from your dear mother now
need no more, the care and tender-
ness of a mother months has the
watched over you with ceaseless
anxieties that only a mother can
feel God will take up of my sorrows
one day, this Sweet, to think that
pain more grieve will ever more
disturb that lovely one, my heavenly
father will take care of your precious
Street dust until the mor-"
never be repaired where shall I go in darkness is on every side can the songs of the birds speak in times of sorrow to my favour I will go there cannot heal the wound thou hast made keep for thy self which have brought this heavy affliction upon thee for I forgot not the work thou gavest me to do thou hast other souls in thy keeping take care of them and I will give thee thy wages thou art still in the wilderness where souls are perishing for lack of knowledge look around upon the work which I have given thee to do think not on these past scenes remember another link is added to the chain that binds thy soul to thee I who am the sovereign hath spoken that the so dear that too the same soul to earth be it and know that I am God a cup of sorrow I indeed have given thee to drink but love thy head in some times or drink to the very dregs sweet will be the effects upon your soul
April 12 I was delivered of a little daughter. She gave symptoms of health at first which made our poor broken hearts rejoice. I named her Esther & her weight was 4 pounds 9 ounces. My heart was light. My pains forgotten. I saw another little & saw a striking resemblance and so there was for her grave was the same as my beloved husband. She expired in the arms of Mrs. Williams 7 hours from her birth. She closed its eyes and laid it out making the third time she has laid out in life than a year. So deep and dark are thy ways past finding out hast thou not a controversy with us. Our hearts are bleeding our spirits are broken prop us up by thy omnipotent arm. Before we sink into this heavy affliction this is the final drive. The angel of death hath visited us and plucked sweet precious flowers three had just begun to bloom ere they were cut.
from the statute the other a triennial. Is ever blooming ever sweet its form gave sweetness to all around. Its lively hue gave delight to every heart. Neither sorrow, disappointment, nor pain or distress could delight it. Beauty even death did not mar its loveliness. The eyes could gaze upon it with delight even the gaze had not robbed it of all its charms.

It has been transplanted from earth to heaven where the heat of the sun nor the chilling winds of winter can no more disturb the tender blossom when it no more needs nourishing care of parents. There it ever blooms in all its beauty and fragrance for angels to gaze upon cherished by the kind hand of the dear Redeemer.

June 18 Another Sabbath has returned. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls. I have just been with the little girls.
each other and him who makes them blessed forever. Why should I have a
thought to call them back; precious little
if you would not leave such a happy
place for earth again? Do not offer your
parents you loved so dearly, yet your
mother
her fingers around your wasting dart
wishing to catch one glimpse of your love-
ly, dear now could you speak to your
heart-broken mother you with lips uplifted
would say please mamma but Etta stay
have you well? to stay with Etta soon
Lord hear their murmurings when
their rising tears and make me to
regain that I am counted worthy
of adding to number of the redeemed
in heaven.

Our son G. left June 10 for Gall
Prairie in company with brother
Tom and brother Francis Wells who
came to make us a visit. Brother Tom
proposed to board and send him to
school. O what a treat to part
we only two with no one else of
the former home left, and we expect
Mep. off to go every day. O Lord be thou
our comfort and support a

mourn
June 16th A brief memoir of Esther Eliza Bell
She possessed from her earliest infancy a mild and affectionate disposition and as she grew more happy traits of character which made her lovely to all who knew her grew with her growth and strengthened with her strength. She was naturally of a delicate constitution at a very early period she manifested a great fondness for music at the sound of the fagot she would drop her play and sing to creep to her mother to join with her in singing. She was always cheerful pleasant and happy gayer and subsignious tender hearted and obliging never at any time known to have been angry always greeted if she was displeased with her at the age of twelve months she began to talk at fifteen to sing with the family her voice was clear as a flute her whole soul seemed to be engaged in it. She was excessively fond of children when they were happy when they cried she was always grieved.
her countenance was always cheerful and happy, lively and animating; yet there was a seriousness and gravity in her appearance that indicated that her thoughts were of heavenly origin and such was her conversation that no one could hear it without being strongly impressed with that she was posturing for the upper world in her affection, sympathies and attachments. She was a child but a woman in all her actions, words and thoughts. Her questions and remarks were far above her years. She thought herself competent to do anything she saw others do when not two years of age she would bring large sticks. She would say: "I want to do it myself." After accomplishing the object would explain now and then: "A good girl to help mamma.

In the city she learned to use her needles; very young and great pleasure in setting by the side of her mother to sew. She would get her mother's knitting work and say: "Please learn Ete to knit but her mother feared it would take too much.
would tell her she was too young. She would always reply to this & say, "I'm not old enough to tell her. She will not mind." She inquired after some stockings. But seeing she could not be persuaded, she would burst into tears at her manner. Her mother expressed deep regret that she ever glanced her so pleasant a gratification. She had a great pleasure in wiping dishes haying this. She continued to do it at a short time before her death. She has often persevered and brought the butter after the others had left. Her associations with children. She would always yield the point in every thing she would give up the last playing sooner than control. She often requested a piece of dough to make little cakes which she would distribute to everyone and would express great sorrow if any one was forgotten and would be sure to redeem it next time. There was a seriousness and marked attention even when very young. That is not common. Her Endeavorispensable was the occasion of, Sunday often she summer held during her hones of play. The first.
except and clapping of her hands and
Mother she too can never be forgotten.
Her curious remarks and reproofs has
been a matter of astonishment to them.
That then it has often been remarked
more that knew her than those not long
for this world. The winter after she was
two years old she hopped up on the floor
floor it seemed to hurt her very bad
at the time but we apprehended no
danger proceeding from she continued
there until the former part of the
next summer when she seemed better
we went out to visit our friends on
your return she was taken with the
hooping cough and the cough as we
supposed flirt. Now know it to have
been the disease that she died with.
The suffering severely from the cough
her fever was raging with great prostra-
tion and sweating hours and no appetite
I took her cradle from under her
and gave it to our pastor for his cale
she gave it up cheerfully although very
much attached to it I sat two hours
that is a together during her puseuities
of fever she would say mamma this
is not so nice to see the caddie but
little Edie Bajson went it snow
Mary died because she cried so much
she succumbed in breaking up the fever
but her lameness increased so much
that was with much difficulty that she
could walk at all. In Dec., she was
again attacked, her distress seemed to be
centered in her leg for three weeks.
She was the most suffering little
creature I ever beheld especially nights.
Yet she bore it with heavenly patience
and meekness. Her whole soul was dedi-
cated to reading the Scriptures, singing
and praying. Talking of God and heaven ever
when her agony is great.

During her short life she always had a great
respect for the worship of God. Her behavior
was that of a mature Christian at
meeting during family worship and
at table when Blessing was asked her
whole attention was devoted to the subject.
her dear parents never had occasion
to correct her, for use be ham at any
act that set her at post for the worship of
God. Her little hands would be folded
together and her eyes partly closed while
the Blessing was crowned upon the meal.
Upon us if at any time her sister
spoke near her did any thing that she
thought was wrong the wound shaker
her head with looks that spoke more than
words. She would afterwards say she'd not
think it was very wrong to do.
put your hands together as Ete does some
times she would appeal to her father or
mother to know if she was right and
that she was their mother. 'Tittle woman one
mother she would reply Ete is not a woman,
tittle is another tittle girl.' This was always
her reply one day I told that she was a
woman once she replied another what
makes you call Ete a woman see.
Tittle tittle fingers and feet I know yes
they are very small well will you call
Ete woman any more I told her she
was another tittle girl one a moment
in deep thought another if Ete lives she
will be like you she said yes I saw
in what makes us grow. I said God
well she said Ete knows that but then
do we grow Ete can't see herself grow
after explaining it to her she replied Ete
dont be a woman why the said
the Indian woman living with us about
gun want to a woman and work like
your mother yes she said Ete can work
now but Ete wants to be a tittle girl
and always live and sleep with women.
Before she could speak plain the war
say to her sisters that not want to do
it last want you (meaning child).
she was three years old when she saw
a white child after she had seen she
told to her mother do these white and
children know any thing about God
Many other remarks which showed the sincerity of her mind at the time which I have forgotten.

premises to her sickness in Dec. 20 after we were all in bed on hearing the farmer's children... abundantly. She said does God payson love God when he cries or is he being told that he was too young to know any thing about God well the lady she thinks God paysom will love God when he gets old enough because God takes care of him all the time. Then she said she thinks God loves him when he gets angry. I told her that he loved little children but he did not to see them angry well I think God doesn't love him when he is angry. I said don't you love God paysom very much but she don't love to see him get angry and cry so hard. She hopes he will be a good boy and loves God when he gets old like she. She says again do all children love God? I said no mother. She has loved God a great while don't you think God loves her? I wish all little children loved God then God would love them. Mother loved God then God would love her and her pa and ma pray. She loves to pray and hear pa and ma pray. Many other things she said which have gone from my memory after all was silent and from my memory.

One supposed all were asleep I heard her lips going forth this prayer: O Lord sleep. O sleep. Sleep little tête make her a good girl. Sleep to sleep and beseech Amen and immediately fell asleep.
She appeared to recover from her severe attack in Dec. But could not walk a step. Her leg was useless except she could swing when sitting in her chair and also creep about the floor. She was happy and content in the home. Her happiness could only be enjoyed when she was able to visit the church and other places. A cloudless horizon Christianity would shine brighter in her character than it now does. Her greatest delight consisted in singing, praying, and reading during her destitute sickness. She must sit in the chair with her Bible and read her verse in turn her voice was heard distinctly above the rest although it seemed like talking to the next, it move her. She could not be perilled on to sit or lie down. But she must kneel down with the family and repeat the Lords prayer never can more interfering scenes be forgotten while memory lives.

From the time of her recovery to the last of Feb. She seemed to enjoy comfortable health and spirits still we could see a slow decline and a rapid growth in grace. She would sit hours with intense interest over the pictures representing the persecutions of Christians calling one and another to look at them to make remarks that might call the attention of a mature Christian. She said to me one morning, "Mother, do you think God will make you well?" I told her I hoped He would.

Well, mother, will you try to be good to make you well and she said, I think..."
God will make her get well but she can't see.

God can see you, mother, and I can't but God can
see you and hear you. She then closed her
eyes and seemed quite engaged in prayer. She
seemed often that she took new courage that
she would recover.

Feb 22 Mr B, myself, Mr J and A started for
Newark, we left the little girls at Mr. Shaw's
left Esther I went by with Mrs Williams. She had
appeared more unwell than usual for some time. It
but we little that she was so soon go.
She remarked on leaving me one day, I was going
Mother to take her with you. She must go
with Mother. I told her it would last her leg to
ride and Mother would come quick. She said
we were but much an extra effort to be
cheerful but I see an unwell aspect of
mind which she strove to conceal the more
we left. She affected all the glee and mirth she
was master of. We intended to have returned the
second day, but were necessarily detained the
third till more found her feverish and
cut down Miss C. She enjoyed herself
well the first day, but when night came on
her fever returned. She seemed for her mother
during the night in the morning she apprised
better. In the afternoon her
fever came on and the disappointment of
not seeing us increased her suffering much
soberly moved in the paper without her parents. The
next day was one of anxiety and gloom.
The day we came she asked for her high chair to sit by the window that she might see us when we came after sitting apparently in deep trouble. My mother thought she was thinking on what I was thinking of, but what was I thinking? I was thinking about the Lord and how well I thought I would give him a good scolding if he took my mother away again. Then smiled, which was the only time since the first day she continued to grow worse every day. Fevers, pains, and faintness of fever, panting at every breath, laboring hard at every breath, small quick pulse, thinness of skin, blood settled under her nails but in all her weakness and distress not a complaint is heard from sweet lips when she saw me weeping over her she would say what makes you cry, because she is as sick as I want another child. She isn't very sick only a little bit. Her pain is little. This was always her reply. Her love for family worship continued while she had her reason. She had that exquisite delight in singing we could not be expelled by any spirit of earth. She would sing to her after she was struck with death. She with her father alone, buried her own part with astonishing sarcasm, while she played on the organ. She hymns were her choice. Come let us awen them. But this was her favorite. She would sing till she come to the last, but one then she would say more father and I that each in the day. Then the last. She would sing the same O'Kettle.
from the Lord She seem to appreciate the
meaning of that excellent figure another of her
children was when overwhelmed with grief the
House another though troubles apart as and
dangers afflicting another Behold the waiting
servant Lord to Blackwell Also so
some lonely building to him Sparrows more
another awake my soul and with the dead
two demons another change one was sick awoke
at dawn on the Sabbath day. More two
last were her more. Among two days previ
ous to her death we had thought her dying
just before she called to sit by her side and
going to her I being come holy Spirit revealed
her in Blackwell. She struck in our way
with one and with such clearing that when
she heard her in the kitchen came to see
if it was her that came more. She repea
ted the verse after her father (O Lord) we
praise and proue the great and glorious
name of Jesus joined in singing
that when the time came for kneeling
she raised her Heavenly blue eyes on us
all with an expression look which seemed
to say this is the last time truly it was
the last time her voice was heard to assure
her God below. She soon after fell into
a state of unconsciousness and ground away
her life the last night but one before her
Aged 21, I went to take a little rest. Her father had laid down by her. I had grown bitter.
I went to her and found her alone with her Todd. She asked where is Pa? I told her that he
lay by her side. Can't see Pa. I said to her, and she I can't see Pa. I'm so tired and
said, Mother lay down by the side of the
this was the first words she ever uttered.
I laid down by her side, but her agony was
so great I could endure no longer. I arose
and retired to bed but not to sleep.
It seemed almost that my soul and body
came together into one. This was Friday
night. She continued in the agony. Some
times croaking and groaning every breath
till Mrs. Green. At five till four her soul was released
from its earthly tabernacle to join the
angels in glory above in praises to God
and the Lamb.

March 15th, 1847...
14 April 1845

The Lord was pleased again
to send me another son but was also pleased to take it
away. It survived an hour and a half.

"See the lovely blossoming flower
fade and wither in an hour.

Pleasures only bloom to die.
Yes I think I fully realize these words.
I had anticipated the birth of this precious
jewel with the greatest pleasure at the
same time knowing that most severe
ills could be the only alleviation in being
wise it into being. But what are the
pangs of child bearing compared with the
great joy of so sweet a treasure in it is
enjoyed five times. But thou wert written
me O Lord is it not enough. My heart
is broken with grief. I could say my head
in dust or ashes. Yet I could keep dog in
thought O Lord. If thine anger but turn
away from us they us not. O Lord in
thy hot displeasure but spare us. We
pray the Holy one may yet rejoice in
the new precious gift from the
one who is so precious. Give us the
wise to be his servant one more
while it shall be the Lord's by consecratio
grant us this our desire and a double portion of thy grace to train it for the
only be other dear ones than those left unto us. O Lord of hosts, four pledges
of our love bestow them taken from us in a little less than three years my
eyes behold the little heaps of earth side by side under the shadows of a
Peach trees my signs and tears thou hast seen; forgive me, my murmuring
and complaining. Remove from me all unquiet and transgression, remember me
in thy compassion and for the third hour to save thy servant, for I am but
dust and ashes.

My heart was used the thought duty
called back upon us to try a change
of climate accordingly we set out
for our native state in June
had a pleasant voyage and all
our relatives being except husband's
closest sister she died a short time
before our arrival. Father Smith is in
a sick condition being seriously
afflicted with the stomach disease
it was truly an affecting sight for
he returned after a pleasant visit of
three months to our much loved home
brining Mother Powers sister churchia
a little girl also brother David for so full Prairie life father Powers
to come in the Spring taw rap to
be again lovely lodged in our own
pleasant dwelling although instead
of being surrounded by our dear relations or friends among the pleasant
hills and valleys of our native land
we have in contrast the woods and
mountains of the forest yet the change
of all is pleasant if with them I
can be doing the will of the Lord
We have all improved by the favor
God so we mind the Lord be
praised amen
I could have stroked my fortunes' tide,
And bowed the sick ones sneez;
Have traced haughty glance of pride,
For she a single tear;
I could have smiled on every blow
From life's full quiver thrown,
While I might goe on thee and know
I should not be alone.

I could I think I could have brookecl
On for a time that thou
Upon my fading face hast lookt
With less of love than now.
For then I should at least have fell
The sweet hope still my own,
To win the back and whilst I dwell
On earth, not been alone.

But thus to see from day to day,
Thy brightning eye and cheek,
And watch thy life and sande waste away,
Remember strong sole.
To meet thy smile of tenderness,
And catch the gentle tone
Of kindness ever breathed to sleep,
And I'll be alone.

To mark thy strength each hour decay,
And yet thy hopes grow stronger,
As filled with heaven-ward trust thy say
Earth may not charm thee longer.

Yet deepest to too much this heart
Must break when thou art gone,
It must not be— we may not part,
I could not live alone!

Jane 26th 1833

Frederick Smith

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Nero the 6th emperor of Rome