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Friday, January 1 All at home to-day. I have lived 75 years past My wife Susan, lived 58 yrs. My father Dan. lived 71 yrs. My mother Catharine lived 66 yrs. Mr. Gr. F. Dan Wright lived 75 years. My Gr. M. Sarah Wright lived 86 years. My Gr. F. George Reeder lived 77 years. My. Gr. M. Margaret Reeder lived 80 years. My Grt. Gr. F. Benoni Bright lived 42 years. My Grt. Gr. M. Eliza (Smith) Wright lived 61 years. My Grt. Gr. F. John Van Cleve lived 41 years. My Grt. Gr. M. Catharine (Benham) Van Cleve lived 81 years. Snow in the night.

Saturday, January 2 It is a very snowy day. I go to Miamisburg but snow had closed the traction to Germantown. So I returned. Qr. Meeting at Germantown. I wrote letters. It snowed but little in the night.

Sunday, January 3 Thermometer 20 below zero. I attend Broadway Christian (New Light) Church. Rev. S.D. Bennet pr. Luke 13.24, "Strive—enter—straitgate." Joseph Boyd called an hour in the afternoon; and Agnes Osborn, a half hour at 5:00 aftn. Agnes starts to-night to Chicago to continue her course in the University.

Monday, January 4 At home all day except a call at Lorin's in the evening. As usual, I wrote some letters. Our mails came with new carrier, on new route after 10:00 & after 3:00!

Tuesday, January 5 I wrote Rev. F.E. Kinneman & Alice Crull, etc. Letter came from Flora Stevens & Ray. Bills came for cost of my new warehouse in Fairmount. Katharine spent afternoon and eve. at Mary Emmons'.

Wednesday, January 6 At home. I wrote several letters

suggested by old letters I had run across. Received a paper giving account of the sixtieth anniversary of Harvey & Delila Wright's wedding, Dec. 27, 1843. Wilbur and I meet Malone and Walley on the subject of oil lease, at Young's office.

Thursday, January 7 Met Malone and Walley at Young's Office. We fail to agree and they leave.

Friday, January 8 Lorin brings me as a nice present a six-shelves to my writing desk.

Saturday, January 9 Moderate weather. I made arrangement to get our mail at the station near cor. of Williams & Third Sts. I went to town in the Aftn and sent Ray Stevens a nice linen book, Cinderella, Jack the Giant Killer, etc.

Sunday, January 10 Mod. weather. I arose early. At 10:30 I heard Rev. Merle H. Anderson pr. at 3rd St. Pres. Church, Col. 1.19. He is quite young, has a splendid voice and good ability. May he be humble. I called a half-hour at Lorin's in the evening.

Monday, January 11 At home mostly as usual. I sent two drafts amounting to \$303.62 to pay for bills on my warerooms. Sent them to Ellis Wright. I paid the last time to Winter's Bank for drafts!

Wednesday, January 13 At home as usual. I wrote to D. Koerner in answer to his dissatisfaction over all the lower rooms of the Publishing House not being rented.

Thursday, January 14 At home. Three volumes of Lyman

Attott's commentaries came by express. I sent for Wilson's Ear Drums. I wrote D. Koerner on Hypocrisy of the cry about my "going to law." Ida Grabil visited our young folks.

Sunday, January 17 Heard Rev. D. Frank Garland preach, an able and eloquent sermon, Ps. 48:12,13. At home the rest of the day. Milton and his sisters spent the afternoon with us. It is a moderate, cold day.

Monday, January 18 This is a moderate winter day with little or no thawing. I receive Wilson's eardrums which do not seem to benefit me. I wrote Driggs, Wright & Wiley, also Ellis. Lide (Harry) Hawk called in evening to learn Mrs. Dillon's address.

Tuesday, January 19 At home as usual. Efforts of the Fowlerton Window Glass Company to telephone to us. I spent some hours retracing in ink my diary of 1877, which I found fuller than I had supposed. Wrote letters to some of our old Liberal preachers.

Wednesday, January 20 At home. Mr. Brown and Leick of Fowlerton, came to see me about gas and oil leases on my land. I went to town, bought an eight-day clock, letter paper, etc. Clock \$4.50. Thawing and some rain.

Friday, January 22 At home. Collected interest on Loans. Brought eight-day clock home for my study. Called at Lorin's. The water in the river is within ten or twelve feet of the top of the levy. Rain ceases about 11:00. Mr. O. Chanute supped with us.

Saturday, January 23 At home. There is a "skift" of snow. A moderate day with no thawing.

Sunday, January 24 I remained at home all day and slept a good deal having been short of sleep last night. Lorin's three children spent the afternoon and evening with us. A steady cold day. At 7:30, I heard Rev. D.L. Meyers at the Fourth Pres. Church, Heb. 11.27.

Monday, January 25 Weather mod. I went on 8:43 train via Arcanum, Shirley, and Anderson to Fairmount, arr. about 2:00. Called at Driggs' hardware store and then went to Ellis Wright's. Supped & lodged there. Snow fell early, late and all night.

Tuesday, January 26 The snow is about 12 inches deep. I mostly staid indoor, but went to the store a short time.

Wednesday, January 27 Cold Weather. I went to see Mrs. Holloway & Mrs. Frank Davis about the sale of their lot next to Bryan's. I dined at Ellis' and went on 3:05 train to Fowlerton. I called at Frank Kirkwood's a half hour, and Wm. Reeder came after me & took me to his house where I sup and lodge.

Thursday, January 28 Cold Weather. I dined at Robert B. Reeder's, and he took me to Oliver A. Glass', where I sup and lodge.

Friday, January 29 Cold Weather. Oliver took me to the farm (R.W.White's) where I dine. John Deitrich came in the forenoon and talked Long, representing the "Eastern Oil Co." F.J. LaDuron came afternoon and talked oil for Royal Window Glass Co. & took me to see Levi Simons' wells. Go to Fairmount & staid at Ellis'. Long's [last word is unreadable]

Saturday, January 30 Weather moderate. I went on 8:08 traction to Gas City and thence to Union City & home arr. at Dayton about 4:00. Read letters and wrote Clay. It thawed some to-day.

Sunday, January 31 I was at home all day. Lorin's three older children were with us in the afternoon and to supper. Lorin and Netta called an hour in the evening with Horace (baby brother).

Monday, February 1 Received a phone from R.W. White saying gas poachers were about to come on my land. I go on 6:00 tr. to Union City & Muncie. Lodge at the Southern Hotel, near the depot.

Tuesday, February 2 Went on 7:00 C.I. & E. tr. to Fowlerton, to White's & Levi Simons, and dine at Simons. Go on to Marion. Consult St. John & Charles. Lodge at Harfield House. Snow blockade at Deer Creek Hills.

Wednesday, February 3 Go on 7:00 to Fairmount. Get security on bond. Return & confer with Attorneys. Return to Fairmount. Dine at Ellis Wright's. Go at 3:05 to

Fowlerton. Supper and lodging at R.W. White's on my farm.

Thursday, February 4 The 6:43 tr. to Richmond was 1 hr and 10 min late, so I saw Wm. Millspaugh about price's on White's [unreadable] lot and Foster's. Reached Richmond about 10:40 and Dayton about 12:15. I wrote White & Dillon in the evening.

Sunday, February 7 I heard Rev. Garland pr. at 10:30, Gen. 20.1-3. Not a happy effort. Lorin and Netta went to her Uncle Walter Stokes' funeral in Lebanon, and all the children were with us all day. They called for them in the evening. The river full of floating ice, and water high. Great Baltimore fire began.

Monday, February 8 Weather mild. At home. News came to-day that the Japanese last night, with torpedoes, disabled three Russian ships at Port Arthur, about midnight.

Tuesday, February 9 Cooler Weather. The evening papers abound with the Story of the Japanese raid on the Russian ships at Port Arthur, disabling the battleships, Retvian and Cesarevitch, and the cruiser Pallada.

Wednesday, February 10 Cold Weather. At home. Wrote J.S. Beers a long letter. War has been proclaimed between Russia and Japan.

Thursday, February 11 At home. The cablegrams seem to indicate that Japan is getting the better of Russia at sea, and is occupying Seoul. I wrote long letters to Wm. Dillon & to Wm. Beers. I received a letter from M.L. Spencer about the depositions he took at Hagerstown, Md. Katharine and Miss Wuichet walked out to Fairfield, for exercise.

Saturday, February 13 I was at home all day, except an afternoon trip to town for various small purchases. Prepared letters of Circulars for the Penn & Va. preachers.

Sunday, February 14 I called at Lorin's & dropped some valentines. At 10:30, I heard Rev. Garland pr. Ex. 20.7. Milton and the girls visited us.

Monday, February 15 I went on the 8:43 train to India-

napolis. I put up at my sister's daughter's Mrs. Laura Winchell's, 2214 N. Illinois Street. Her soninlaw & daughter live with them. Mr. Heard & Minnie & Harold (12 mo. old). Clarence & wife, visited there.

Tuesday, February 16 I remained at Austin Winchell till 11:00 & went to Lebanon, Ind. Went to Dr. John A. Morehou's. At 8:00 I married Otto B. Bowman & Mary Morehouse. Byron Bowman and Miss Geotz and Prof. R.A. Clark & Miss Purviance were there; also many relatives & Neighbors. Lodged at Davis's.

Wednesday, February 17 I went on traction road to Indianapolis, called at Fay Wright's office at 404 S. Meridian St. Went to Rushville. Called at Dr. G.P. Dillon's, & Thomas Wright takes me to Harvey's, my brother's, 8 miles north.

Thursday, February 18 John & Drusilla McKee, Jabez & Frances Rhoads, Emma and Grace Frazer, & Effie & David Kirkpatrick came in to see me, and spent several hours.

Friday, February 19 Charley Gray took me to May (6:40 tr.) and I went to New Castle, saw W.A. Brown a few minutes, and went via Richmond home, arr. about noon. Slept some—read some.

Sunday, February 21 Heard Rev. Garland preach on Sabbath observance, Ex. 20.8. Congregation very small, it being somewhat rainy. I called at Lorin's a half hour.

Monday, February 22 I went on 8:43 tr. via Richmond, Economy & Muncie to Fowlerton. Dined at a restaurant. Went to the farm (R.W. White's) and to Levi Simons'. Went on 5:40 tr. to Fairmount & sup and lodge at Ellis Wright's. F.D. Updike, of C.J. Oil Co. called and talked to me. He had been to Dayton to see me.

Tuesday, February 23 I went on 8:10 In. U. car to Marion. Saw Att. Charles and we had conference with Att. Brownlee, and later some telephone communications with him. I went on 5:00 car to Fairmount. Sup & lodge at E.W.'s. Ellis has been indoors nearly a week.

Wednesday, February 24 I remained at Ellis Wright's all day. We had some telephone messages from ny attorney

at Marion. I did only a little writing. Ellis was at the store a few hours in the afternoon.

Thursday, February 25 I remained at Ellis Wright's. I found Ellis is an Oddfellow. Att'y Charles telephoned me to come to Marion early. Brown M.D. called & left Ellis medicine.

Friday, February 26 I went on 6:10 car to Marion. Mr. Charles wrote up a form of contract and Att. Brown had an interview with us, and Mr. Charles went to Wabash. Later we had an interview with Updike & Brown. After an hour's warfare on terms of expiration of lease, we agreed signed new lease, released old one, dismissed suit. I went home, saw Sam Stover and Fred Landis.

Saturday, February 27 Wrote some letters, went to town, deposited a check & bought a monoglass, which proved too weak. Slept nearly two hours. Lorin and Milton called in the evening.

Sunday, February 28 The day was gloomy and it drizzled rain and I remained at home all day. Lorin and Netta and their girls went to Lebanon, and their boys staid with us. I slept several hours.

Monday, February 29 I went on 5:40 tr. via Lima to Huntington, Ind., arr. at 11:25. Dined at restau. & went to Att'y's Spencer's & Watkins' offices. Dr. Dillon & I sup and lodge at S.A. Stemen's. We called W.H. Clay over.

Tuesday, March 1 I go to the College exercises at 8:00, & lead devotions and make a short address on Uprightness. I called at S.L. Livingston's & at Publ. Office, & then go on 11:47 tr. to Wabash and Marion. Pay St. John & Charles for services \$50.00. Go on to Fowlerston. Sup & lodge at White's & get written lease with him on farm. Co. are drilling for oil.

Wednesday, March 2 I go to Fairmount on 7:40 tr. & to Wabash & thence to Huntington on 9:01 tr. Dine at restau. I was at Pub. Office a few min. Sup at Clay's, lodge at Livingston's. J.L. Buckwalter pr. at college at 7:00, Eph. 2.5, "Mind be in you." Good sermon, but wrong construction of the text, as is usual.

Thursday, March 3 Blustery day. I remain at L's till 4:00. I write to J.C. Coulson (Pa.) and home. I call at the office, and sup and lodge at H.C. Foate's. Children Heiley & Evelyn Debora.

Friday, March 4 I went to Publ. Office at 8:30. Dine at restau. with O.B. Bowman. I sup & lodge at S.L. Livingston's. His sons away. Stanley, Clifford and Chester. Daughters at home, Nellie & Edith.

Saturday, March 5 I went to Office and W. Dillon went to Delphos. I dine at Prof. Gragg's & remain till 4:00. I sup and lodge at S.A. Stemen's. His daughter, Mrs. Johnson of Andrews and two children are there.

Sunday, March 6 I preached at College Chapel at 10:30, Ps. 119.30, "I have chosen the way of truth." I dined at Prof. T.H. Gragg's and remain till nearly night. Rev. Han Shu & wife there. I sup & lodge at Livingston's. We converse on facts & documents.

Monday, March 7 I have quite a talk with L. on theological subjects. I call at Geigers & at F.H. Cremean's. Talk on Flyer. They have a son Lorin. I dined at Market St. restaurant. I called at Publish. Office. I go on 2:35 tr. to Lima & reach home at 8:35. I gave Clay check of \$70.00, on loan to Com.

Tuesday, March 8 I sent telegram & letter to Clay concerning Keiter's second year's books, and Wilbur & I wrote later in the day. At home.

Wednesday, March 9 I am at home all day. I wrote to Reuchlin. I slept much. Katharine rides out to Harrisburg with Miss Wuichet and they walk back, twelve miles, as they come by Polk Church.

Thursday, March 10 At home. In afternoon get letter from Clay on some figures not understood. Wilbur and I answered.

Saturday, March 12 At home. Get letters from Clay and Dillon on Smith's examination of K's books. I wrote several letters.

Tuesday, March 15 Wilbur went on the 5:50 morning train via Lima to Huntington. I slept several hours as I

had lain awake last night to awaken Wilbur.

Wednesday, March 16 At home. Sent off Yearbooks and pictures to the relatives. Wilbur got home at 9:00, eve.

Thursday, March 17 At home. Rev. W.H. Kindel visited me in the afternoon.

Sunday, March 20 I attend the First Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Howard P. Whiden pr. Acts, 26.19. Obedience to the Heavenly Vision. He is a small, delicate man, and a fine orator.

Monday, March 21 Weather fair. I was at home all day. James Manning, an old neighbor, from whom I bought my house, called for a friendly visit. Milton, Jr., called in the evening.

Wednesday, March 23 This is a beautiful warm sunshiny day. I called on Prof. Blumenschein in the afternoon to see him about music lessons for J.G. Wilberforce. I called at Lorin's in the evening.

Sunday, March 27 Lay down for a nap & slept too long to get to church. Milton dined with us and Leontine came an hour in the afternoon.

Tuesday, March 29 At home. Catharine (Van Cleve) McFadden died at her home, eight miles north of Dayton, at 7 o'clock this morning. She was my Mother's Cousin, a daughter of William Van Cleve.

Wednesday, March 30 At home. Agnes Osbo[r]n dined with us.

Thursday, March 31 At home. Wrote to Rev. J.S. Rock & to Wm Miller.

Friday, April 1 Went to Tippecanoe on the traction but could not across the river to get to Mrs. C. McFadden's funeral. She is my mother's cousin, a daughter of William Van Cleve. Her age was about 87 years.

Saturday, April 2 Went on 11:00 train (traction) to Crawford's. Wm. Eubanks met me & took me to his house. Quarterly Conf. after W.S. Strete had preached at 2:00. I sup at at [repeated in text] Daniel Woggoman's.

I pr. at 7:30 (at Olivet) Prov. 25.2. Lodge at Wm. Eubanks.

Sunday, April 3 At Sab. School at 9:30. An excellent speaking meeting followed. W.E. Strete pr. at 11:00, John 14.19. I assisted by Strete's request in the communion. I dine with many others at Geo. W. Warvel's. Strete pr. at 7:30. I lodge at Aaron Wysong's.

Monday, April 4 I came home on traction arriving at 9:00. I spent much of the day sleeping & resting.

Friday, April 8 At home. Call[e]d in the afternoon at Swank's and John Nicholas's.

Saturday, April 9 At home. Wrote several letters. In the evening I saw Albert Shearer who had been at Catharine McFadden's funeral, April 1st.

Sunday, April 10 I attended Third Street Presbyterian Church and heard Rev. Merle Anderson pr., Acts 17.11.

Tuesday, April 12 I went on the 8:43 tr. to Richmond and thence to Fowlerton, Ind. and to R.W. White's. The first oil well, recently struck, was being divested of salt watter [sic] & oil pumping began at 7:00 eve. I lodged at Oliver Buller's.

Wednesday, April 13 I Went on 6:40 tr. to Fairmount & thence to Marion. Paid my taxes. Came back to Fairmount, dine at Ellis'. Go to Fowlerton & sup & lodge at White's. The oil well is a good one, at present running 50 barrels a day.

Thursday, April 14 I go on the 6:40 tr. to Richmond. Call at Caroline Zeller's. Go on traction 11:00 car home arrive at 1:00. Primary election at 4-6 o'clock. Lorin went to Cleveland to-night.

Friday, April 15 At home all day. Call at Lorin's in the evening. Lorin had returned home.

Saturday, April 16 Wrote an article for the *Conservator*, stating the facts of the Controversy.

Sunday, April 17 I attended Third St. Pres. Church and heard Maurice E. Wilson preach, Rev. 21:13, a rather

fanciful sermon. I had heard it at his own Church. I called at Lorin's in the afternoon.

Monday, April 18 Revised and rewrote my article, "The Real Issue."

Tuesday, April 19 I went to New Castle, Ind., via Arcanum and at the Court-house compromised my suit for damages, the defendant paying me \$175.00 and Costs. Mr. Ben Koons was with me & very friendly. He lives near Moreland. David W. Kinsey Cashier of the Citizen's State Bank is also a friend.

Wednesday, April 20 I was at home all day. Wilbur went out to Sim[m]s to work on his flyer.

Thursday, April 21 I was at home all day. Leontine and Horace were with us all day. Both behaved very nicely.

Friday, April 22 I was at home all day. Received a letter from C.H. Kiracofe concerning an article in reply to the manifesto of the "Big Four" in the paper. I wrote to W. Miller & C.L. Wood, and sent each a copy of the editor's letter.

Saturday, April 23 I was at home. I received Wm. Dillon's article to read that the editor had declined to publish.

Sunday, April 24 I was very dull to-day, not very well and I remained at home. Lorin's children visited us. Lorin called in the afternoon. It rained a little in the forenoon and considerably in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 26 I was at home. I received a letter and card from C.L. Wood about the discussion started in the late Conservators. The day was rainy.

Thursday, April 28 I was at home. I did less work than yesterday. It was another damp day. I called at Lorin's in the evening.

Friday, April 29 I was at home. The boys went to Sim[m]s to work on their machine.

Saturday, April 30 I was at home. The boys again went to Sim[m]s. This is the seventy-third anniversary of the birth of my wife, Susan Catharine Koerner. She lived to

be 58 years old. Her father, John G. Koerner, lived to 86; her mother, Catharine Fry, to be 92 years old.

Sunday, May 1 At Main Street Lutheran Church heard Dr. Garland on Hebr. 6.7-12, this being the 5th anniversary of his pastorate. I heard G. Campbell Morgan, at Third St. German Lutheran Ch. on "What is a Christian man?", 2. "What he will do?", at 3:00. Lorin & Netta called in the evening.

Monday, May 2 I went on the 8:43 tr. via Richmond to Fowlerton. I had supper & lodging at R.W. White's. The second oil well is well on the way in drilling. Another derrick is up. White's oats are up. I trimmed my orchard.

Tuesday, May 3 I sold my corn, 60 cts per 100 lbs, \$107.64. Dine early at Whites & go on 11:42 train to Fairmount & out to see Ed. Smith at Thomas Dyson's. Return on 3:05 tr. to Fowlerton & White's. W.R. Br. of W.M.A. met at Hopewell Ch. I lodge at Oliver Buller's.

Wednesday, May 4 I called at Wilson Simons, at Dick Nottingham's Stable & John Leach's, & Chas. Malone's. I opened the services at W.M.A. meeting. Dined at O.A. Glass's. Supper at White's. At the meeting in the evening. I pronounced the benediction at the close. Lodged at Ol. Buller's.

Thursday, May 5 I called at the oil well (which was drilled to sand at midnight) and went on 6:45 train via Richmond home.

Saturday, May 7 I was at home. Looked over many letters and special documents. Sent to R.W. White two copies of contract for building the house on my farm & two copies of sepcifications, signed.

Sunday, May 8 I heard Mr. Anderson, pastor pr. at Third Street Presbyterian Ch., Ex. 15:23, "Waters of Marah." I saw John H. Weller, Mr. Fred. Shrot's friend, there. Lorin's children came up in the evening.

Monday, May 9 I went on 5:40 m. train via Lima to Wren, Ohio. I see Mr. Drear, a traction promotor, on the cars, and Rev. T. Weyer. I dine with Weyer at Wm. Bowen's. We call in afternoon at Mr. Frysinger's, whose

wife lay a corpse. Bp. Barkley came in eve. We lodge at Bowen's.

Tuesday, May 10 Weyer pr. the funeral at 10:00. The bishops met at 2:00 at the church. Barnaby & Floyd absent. We transacted business. We dine and lodge at Bowen's.

Wednesday, May 11 Bishop Floyd came at 7:15, but absent all forenoon tho invited, but present in aftn, but we adj. at his suggestion. In aftn. I call with Floyd an hour at J.K. Wagers, at 3:00. We board at Bowen's, who have no children.

Thursday, May 12 Bp. Barnaby came at 7:15, but did not meet with us. Floyd came to Church to ask us to go to J.K. Wagers for a talk, and to notify Barkley of a board meeting there. We declined to go from the Church. Barnaby & Floyd came to Church, but soon left. Mission board met at 2:00. Becker read protest.

Friday, May 13 Board meeting forenoon & afternoon, following printed program. I presided. Spread their protest on journal. D.P. Sherk dined with us and lodged last night. Miss Lena Winkle, just from Africa, present. Floyd pr. at 8:00.

Saturday, May 14 The Board met at 8:30, completed the program and made final adjournment at 11:00. I ate an early dinner, and went with Barkley and Montgomery by livery to Ohio City. Reach home via Lima at 8:35. Slept 7 1/2 hours.

Sunday, May 15 I hear M.E. Wilson (1st Pres.) at 10:30, John 21.9, not one of his best. Ivonette and Leontine dine with us.

Monday, May 16 I was at home. I went to town collected interest on loans, bought presents for Lorin's children, etc. I wrote many letters about the Board meetings of last week.

Tuesday, May 17–Friday, May 20 [W]riting on a reply to the four Trustees. At night I had a chill. . . . I took quinine to day, not feeling well.

Saturday, May 21 I called at Albert Sheraer's & talked with Edith who was alone.

Sunday, May 22 Heard Rev. Holmes Whitmore (Episcopal) on Matt. 9:37,38, on Theological Education. A fair discourse. The cars are running over the temporary Third Street bridge. The old bridge is partly torn down. Composed a sermon on the ministry.

Monday, May 23 It rained early in the morning. Went out to Sim[m]'s Station to see the brothers attempt to fly. Too little wind. Went and came with Lorin's. Encountered rain on our return.

Wednesday, May 25 This is Wednesday's record. At 2:30, we were at Huffman's farm at Simm's station to see an aeronautical flight, but a rain came up & hindered. Many were disappointed. I went and came with Lorin.

Thursday, May 26 Went at 9:00 car to Huffman farm at 2:00 Orvill[e] flew about 25 ft. I came home on 3:30 car. It rained soon after.

Friday, May 27 I was at home. Went to town in the forenoon. Wilbur and Orville went to work on their Flyer.

Saturday, May 28 Went at 8:30 on traction to Isaac Swartzel's. Came home. At 7:00, I sent off the reply of the three trustees to the four: "The Facts and the Records." Called at Lorin's.

Sunday, May 29 I went on 12:30 traction to I. Swartzel's to pr. his wife's funeral, expecting to start at 6:25 via Arcanum to Deer Creek, Ill., to pr. Rev. G.M. Freese's funeral. Went on 6:25 train, to Illinois.

Monday, May 30 I reached Bloomington, Ill., at 5:47, and Deer Creek at 9:40. Levi J. Freese took me to John Stumbaugh's and after din[n]er to Rev. G. M. Freese's. Rev. W.W. Knipple was there. We remained. Stumbaugh is a son [in?]law of Freese.

Tuesday, May 31 Funeral at 2:00. Text Acts 7:24. Many vehicles in the procession. We remain till morning.

Wednesday, June 1 Levi took me to Deer Creek and I go

on 7:40 tr. to Gibson City. Visit J.F. Croddy. Call in eve. at Mitchel's.

Thursday, June 2 Nan Croddy, John's wife, came from Fisher. I go on 4:04 tr. to Alexander. Lodge at Kent House, in Alexandria, Ind.

Friday, June 3 I go on 5:35 car to Fairmount. Breakfast at Ellis Wright's. Engage George Coons to paint my house there. Go on 9:20 tr. to Fowlerlton. Call at White's. Dine at restaurant. Go on 1:10 tr. via Richmond home. Arri. at 5:30.

Sunday, June 5 Heard at Grace M.E. Church H.C. Jameson pr. on Immortality as an Incentive, Job 14:7-14. Lorin and family called in the evening.

Monday, June 6 Made out my assessment. Looked at various fronts with reference to my new store building at Fairmount. (I did not build it this year.)

Friday, June 10 I went on the 5:40 train via Lima to Huntington, Ind. Wm. Miller with me from Lima. We dine at Midway Restaurant. Publ. Board met at 2:00. Wood & I sup at Clay's. Oratorical exercises at 7:30. I lodge with Miller at Livingston's. Anna Rowenhorst there, Stanley's intended.

Saturday, June 11 Board meeting at 9:00. Wm. Miller and I dine at Midway. I hear Rev. W.H. Kindel at 7:30. I lodged at S.A. Stemen's.

Sunday, June 12 Rev. O.G. Alwood pr. baccalaureate at 10:30. Did well. I dined at Isaac Stemen's. Called with C.L. Wood at S.A. Stemen's. Sup there. W.H. Clay pr. at 7:30, "Whatsoever is pure." I lodge at Prof. T.H. Gragg's. (Allen M. Harris died in Richmond to day and his family phoned me to pr. funeral.)

Monday, June 13 Publ. Board met at 2:00. Adjourned finally. I sup at Clay's. Glee Club exercises at 8:00. I lodged at Prof. Gragg's.

Tuesday, June 14 Educational Board met at 9:00. I dined at Rev. F.H. Cremean's. I sup at O.B. Bowman's & also supped there with Wm. Dillon. Dr. Johnson of Los Angeles fried the beafstake. Inter-college exercises at 8:00.

I lodge at O.B. Bowman's. Dr. Moorehous & wife there.

Wednesday, June 15 At 8:00, saw Mr. M.L. Spencer on the Bealor note suit. Commencement exercises at 10:00. The two Allen's, Miss Romig & Miss Davis graduated as B.S. & Phillips as A.B. At Allumnal dinner. Go on 3:29 traction to Wabash & to Fairmount. Lodge at Ellis Wright's.

Thursday, June 16 I go on 9:20 tr. to Fowlerlton. Dine at R.W. White's. I go on 1:10 tr to Richmond & reach home in Dayton at 5:15.

Saturday, June 18 Went out in the forenoon to J.J. Reeder's in Ohmer Park. Went in afternoon to Simm's Station. Went going on 6:30 car to Germantown; only John C. Wright (cousin Samuel's son) came & I remained at home.

Sunday, June 19 I went on 8:30 tr. to Germantown. I was at Sabbath School. I preached at 10:15, Dan. 4.25, "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men" etc. Dined at Jac. Slifer's, in town. Called at 3:00 at Sarah Eiseley's—several there. Supper at Slifer's. I pr. at 7:30, John 7.17. I lodge at J. Wesley Fout's.

Monday, June 20 I fail to reach 5:45 car; so I go on 6:45 car to Dayton. Arrive at 8:00. The boys make some experiments with their flying machine. Mrs. Hall sews for Katharine. I read Root's great speech in the evening, at Convention in Chicago.

Tuesday, June 21 I wrote letters. I got Floyd's letter proposing an armistice. I walked to town & back. Called at Lorin's in the evening.

Friday, June 24 Katharine started to St. Louis, to the Exposition, to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Margaret Meachem, her college room-mate.

Saturday, June 25 At home. I went in the afternoon to John J. Reeder's in Ohmer Park & wrote a letter for him to Hon. R.M. Nevin.

Sunday, June 26 I heard Rev. Maurice Wilson pr. his last sermon, before Sept., from John 11.44, "Loose him and let him go." It is a fine day—cool in the afternoon.

Lorin and all his family came in the evening.

Thursday, June 30 At home. Sent out several hundred of the Smith Report on Keiter's books.

Friday, July 1 At home. Prepared the manuscript for press on my "Conservator as a Peace Agent" pamphlet, and took it to the printer.

Saturday, July 2 I went at 9:50 (10:15) on the train to Miamisburg. Waited at the bridge an hour for traction car to Germantown. Dine at Jac. Slifer's. P. Elder (Strete) pr. at 2:00. Qr. Conf. peaceful. I sup at Kindel's with A. Zehring & wife. I pr. at 7:45, Ex. 28.34. I lodge at Jacob Slifer's.

Sunday, July 3 I attnd S.S. at 9:00. Lovefeast followed. W.E. Strete pr. at 10:45. I introduced sacrament. Dine at Edwin M. Scott's. He married Sarah Eiselly, Wednesday. Mrs. Hulsizer, his sister, and the Sisters Scott there. W.E. Strete pr. at 7:45. I lodge at W.H. Kindel's.

Monday, July 4 I went on 5:45 car home arrived 7:15. I went to Woodland Cemetery and cut the grass on Susan's grave. Wrote letters to several of the pres. elders of my district, giving time of their annual Conferences.

Tuesday, July 5–Friday, July 8 At Home. Wrote many letters. The proof on my new tract came in the afternoon.

Saturday, July 9 At home. Wrote some letters. Received part of the edition of "Conservator as a Peace Agent," and mailed some in the evening.

Sunday, July 10 I heard Howard P. Whidden on "Be ambitious to be quiet," 1 Thes. 4.11 in which tho he strained the real meaning of the text, he preached an able discourse. He is a good extempore preacher, and a fine workman.

Monday, July 11–Friday, July 15 At home writing letters and mailing . . . tracts. Lorin's helped.

Saturday, July 16 Go on 8:43 train to Richmond & Fowlerton. Dine and sup at R.W. White's. See Levi

Simons, & Oliver Buller. Levi takes me to Wm. Reeder's. I sup at Levi's & lodge at Reeder's.

Sunday, July 17 Called at Robert Reeder's more than an hour & went with his children to Church at Hopewell, in Fowlerton. I stop an hour in McConkle's house. Bro. Cole came. Pastor Bartlett had me preach at 11:00, Isa. 11:1–12. Dine at White's, lodge at Buller's.

Monday, July 18 I go to my oilwells, and see about arranging windows in my new house and go on 8:20 tr. to Marion. I saw Mr. Charles & go to Fairmount. Dine at Ellis Wright's. Go via Gas City home. Engine broke near Trotwood & delayed us. Home about 8:00.

Tuesday, July 19 Wrote; mailed some tracts, slept a little.

Wednesday, July 20 Sent notices of time of Conferences to Indiana ministers. Milton directed some pamphlets on typewriter. I paid Young and also Funk.

Sunday, July 24 At home. Called at Lorin's in the evening.

Monday, July 25 At home writing letters. Katharine returned home from St. Louis at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27 At home writing letters. Afternoon, Katharine wrote 39 letters notifying my preachers of the time of conferences. Lorin and Netta called in the evening.

Thursday, July 28 I went on 9:50 tr. to Lima, O., to sell my oil. Got home on 3:00 train.

Saturday, July 30 At home. Mr. Walker, son of the Pres. of the Commonwealth Jewel Company called and we had a talk. I orally agreed for the company to drill another well, if done soon. Wilbur and Orville completed the reconstruction of their Flying machine.

Sunday, July 31 Heard Rev. E.E. Baker pr. at First Lutheran Church, John 5:17. He was pastor there eleven years, is now of Oakland, Calif. Lorin's children visited us in the afternoon.

Monday, August 1 Getting ready to go to my confer-

ences. The boys went out to Simm's, but found the weather unfavorable to their experiments.

Tuesday, August 2 I started at noon for Marengo, Ind., and made all connections nicely. I attended prayer-meeting. I lodged at Rev. J.M. Johnson's.

Wednesday, August 3 We go on 9:20 tr. to Velpen. John Lee's son took us out to Philip Davis's. Quarterly Conference at 2:00. We lodge at Phil. Davis's.

Thursday, August 4 An. Conference opened at 2:00. Five ministers besides myself, and one lay delegate were present at some time during the session of three day's. Johnson & I board at Joseph Colgate's, 1 1/4 mile from the church. Rev. J.T. Miller pr. at 8:00, 1 Cor. 13.13.

Friday, August 5 Conference continued. We board at Colgate's.

Saturday, August 6 Conference continued. I dine at Rev. Daniel Davis's. We supped at Mack Robinson's. J.M. Johnson pr. at 8:00, Dan. 2.44. We lodge at Colgate's.

Sunday, August 7 I preached at Cup Creek Church, 122 Ps. 1 v. We dine at Phil. Davis's. Mr. Slunders takes us to Velpen. We stay at Velpen Hotel kept by Mr. Geddes.

Monday, August 8 We start on the 4:10 tr. I breakfast at New Albany and reach Dayton at 2:20. Found all well.

Friday, August 12 At home. Rev. W.H. Kindel and R.S. Kindel called an hour. He says C.S. Johnson and D.W. Wogoman have come out on my side of the church controversy.

Saturday, August 13 Warm day, I was at home engaged as usual. Wilbur made two flights of 800 and 1304 feet respectively, & Orville one of 640 ft. The speed was 35 and 40 miles to the hour. They were made in Huffman's field at Sim[m]s Station, in the afternoon.

Sunday, August 14 I attended Riverdale U.B. Church and heard Bishop E.B. Kephart pr. 2 Pet. 1.16, a good sermon. It was at the Liberal conference.

Monday, August 15 Wrote letters and copied some let-

ters. The boys worked on their machine at Sim[m]s.

Tuesday, August 16 I was getting ready to go to Rock River Conference. I went on 9:00, eve. train via Richmond & Logansport to Chicago. I slept 4 hours on the way.

Wednesday, August 17 I arrived in Chicago at 7:15 A.M. I breakfasted at Oxford Hotel. I went and got a clergy certificate of Western Passenger Association and went on C.B. & Q. tr. to Buda, Ill. Lunch at a Restaurant, and walk a mile to North Western Depot, and thence with Revs. Flarkarty & Waters on 7:05 tr. to Manlins. Young Plumley takes me to Greenville Ch. Wm. Beers pr. Lodge at Nicholas'.

Thursday, August 18 Rock River Conference opened at 9:00. By special resolutions Barnaby and Floyd's Appt. of Becker to hold the conferences was condemned and I was recognized as the lawful bishop. Conference progressed well. I board at James Nicholas's, a half mile south Daughter is Mary. Miss Lillian Lewis boards there. J.J. Margilleth pr. at 8:00 well.

Friday, August 19 Conf. continued. We had much rain. Mrs. Gianetta Waters pr. at 8 o'clock, and we had quite a lively meeting.

Saturday, August 20 Conference continued. Wm. Beers & wife & Theron O. Lewis dined with us. The stationing committee met at Nicholas' at 6:00. W.W. Oberheim pr. at 8:00. Missionary Subs. followed about \$88.00.

Sunday, August 21 We had a good lovefeast. I pr. at 11:00, 1 Pet. 1.25. Coll. at \$37. I dine, sup & lodge at Rev. J.W. Cortwright's, in the parsonage. No meeting at night on account of hard rain which began at 5:00.

Monday, August 22 Many came in at Cortright's. I dined at Sidney Barber's one-fourth mile south of the Church. I go across to Nicholas's and he takes me to R.A. Lathrop's in New Bedford, and I sup & lodge there. He is sick with bowel trouble.

Tuesday, August 23 I remain at Lathrop's till evening. Miss Carrie Daggett, night telephone operator, boards

there. Bro. Cortright took me to his house where I lodge.

Wednesday, August 24 Rev. J.W. Cortright takes me over to Sheffield, and I go thence to LaSelle and to Elwin via Decatur. I sup & lodge at Rev. W.W. Knipple's. He reads me his communications with Kiracofe, extinguishing the latter.

Thursday, August 25 Knipple and I go on the 7:05 morn. tr. to Decatur. We called on Bro. B.F. Price, who is paralyzed. I got a \$200 draft on the Nat. Bank of Decatur on First Nat. Bk of New York and railway guide & went on noon tr. to Taylorsville. Dined at John Dapperts and remained till morn. I got many letters and papers here.

Friday, August 26 John Dappert took us to Mound Chapel, 6 1/2 miles south, and E. Illinois Conf. opened at 9:00. Kimpple, Hamilton, and Davis & Dappert present. Business proceeded well. Home at Elmer A. Brooken's, Dappert's soninlaw. Sup at Ollie Chesterman's. Rev. W.M. Davis pr. 8:00, Heb. 2:3. Rec. letters forwarded by Wilbur & ans'd Floyd & Morrison.

Saturday, August 27 Conference finished business in the forenoon. I mailed a letter to Floyd and card to Morrison. D.W. Hamilton dined with us, also a Mr. Jones from Taylorsville. Rev. Ressler pr. at 8:00, Prov. 18:24, "show himself friendly." He formerly lived in this neighborhood.

Sunday, August 28 I pr. at 11 o'clock, Hebr. 11:10. Dine at Louis Henney's. I pr. at 8:00, 2 Tim. 3:16. I lodge as usual.

Monday, August 29 We walked over to Mr. Kretzingers and Rev. Resler took Knipple and me to John Dappert's in Taylorville. In afternoon, we with them, visit some of their relatives in the country. Return to Dappert's. Knipple had missed train, but now went on 9:25 train home.

Tuesday, August 30 I went on 9:29 tr. to Bloomington & on Wab. 10:35 tr. to Hannibal, Mo., and there wrote Wilbur. Reached Keokuk in the night and staid at the Hotel.

Wednesday, August 31 I went on 8:20 tr. to Douds, and

thence to Rev. Wm. Heger's (Free Methodists) where I was sick (bowels) in the afternoon, but rested and slept well at night.

Thursday, September 1 I staid at Heger's till afternoon, and had my conf. home there. Missouri Conference opened at 2:00, and we had a pleasant session. I supped at Mr. Hewit's 1/4 m. n.e., E.M. Beauchamp pr. at 7:30, Ps. 34.8, a good sermon. A good testimony Meeting followed. Lodged at Heger's. He is a Free Meth. preacher.

Friday, September 2 Scott Adamson took me to church. Pleasant session. Dined at Chas. Dyer's west 1/4 m. M.E. Garlock pr. well at 7:30, John 10.9. Peterson exhorted. I lodged at Heger's. It rained in the night. Those entertaining conf. are nearly all Free Meth. of a good & modified sort.

Saturday, September 3 Bro. Heger takes us to church. Conf. proceeded well and closed at 5:00. I dine and sup at Dyers. Stationing Committee met at 1:00 at the outdoor stand. Rev. A.L. Williamson pr. at 7:35. It was a fair pleasant day. I boarded at Heger's, a very pleasant family.

Sunday, September 4 I pr. at 11:00 in the grove, Dan. 6.23. I also pr at 3:00, Hebr. 11:16. Dine with Heger's on the ground, sup at Dyer's. A very pleasant day. E.M. Beauchamp pr. at 8:00. I lodge at Heger's. I liked him and wife & children very much. He is a man of fine judg[e]ment.

Monday, September 5 Bro. Heger took me to Selma to the noon train, and I go via Eldon to Kansas City and lodged at New Albany Hotel, near Depot. I lunch at Eldon & Cameron Junction. I reach City at 9:15.

Tuesday, September 6 I went on 7:15 tr. to Edminister. Herbert meets me and I go in the buggy to Reuchlin's. We went in the afternoon to Turner's after Bertha. I lodge at Reuchlin's.

Wednesday, September 7 I staid at Reuchlin's till 4:35, and went via Meneger Junction to Leavenworth. I walked up to the United Brethren Church. On the way I lunched and called at New's. There was a Christian Endeavor entertainment at 8:00. Scott brought me many letters. I

lodge at H.W. Coldron's.

Thursday, September 8 Kansas conference opened at 9:00, and progressed well. I home at Coldron's. His sons: Byron, Bert, etc. Daughters: Anna (at home), Jessie Jack, of Deming, New Mexico, and Mrs. Shelly, living in town.

Friday, September 9 The conference goes in forenoon to visit State's Prison. We have a session in the afternoon. Rev. D. Miller, Liberal P.E. was present. J.C. Hope was elected P.E. Stationing Committee met at 4:30 at the Ch. Rev. E. Atkinson pr. at 8:00 a good sermon, Mart. 6:10, "Thy kingdom come," etc.

Saturday, September 10 I got my laundry, bought a telescope (valise), sent letters, etc. Conference continued, and closed at 4:00. F.V. Smith pr. at 8:00. I board as usual at Coldron's. I found this a good home, and the family were very pleasant.

Sunday, September 11 I pr. at 11:00, Dan. 7:23. Sacrament followed. I called in afternoon at Reis's. Sunday School at 3:00. A. Ritchie sups with us. J.C. Hope pr. at 8:00.

Monday, September 12 I went on 7:50 tr. to Edminister, & to Reuchlin's. It rained at night and next morning.

Tuesday, September 13 I remained at Reuchlin's. I wrote some and slept some. Mr. McHaffey was there in the forenoon. He was a little groggy as well as quite an actor.

Wednesday, September 14 This was Helen's 15th birthday anniversary. I mailed letters. I went on 11:05 tr. to Manhattan, Belleville and Mankato, arr. 9:00. Lodge at the Hotel.

Thursday, September 15 I visited J.S. Rock. I go on belated train to Ezbon. Rev. J.D. Lamb meets me and takes me to Rev. Wm. L. Horton's, at whose house West Kansas Conference opened at 3:00. Rev. W.A. Perkins pr. at 8:00, at Ash Creek Sch-house.

Friday, September 16 Conference continued at Horton's house. Rev. D.M. Harvey, of Liberal Church & wife there. R. Goldsworth pr. at 8:00 at Sch. H. I home at Horton's.

Saturday, September 17 Conference at Ash Creek School House. W.A. Perkins was elected P.E. I dined at J.M. Pixler's, where I boarded in 1901. Conference closed at 4:00. F.W. Bertchinger pr. at 8:00.

Sunday, September 18 Testimony Meeting at 10:00. I pr. at 11:00, Luke 17.23, "Greater born of women." I dine and sup at Rev. J.D. Lamb's. I pr. at 7:30, Rev. 5:9, "Sung a new song." I lodged at Horton's as usual.

Monday, September 19 I went with W.A. Perkins to Lebanon, 12 miles, by 8:00. All trains were behind to-day. I went via Belleville and McFarland to Wichita. I lodged at Cousin Fanny Glenn's (Geo. M. Glenn's) on Campbell St. Mabel, 18, Georgie, 16; Ruth, Helen are their children.

Tuesday, September 20 Wrote letters in the forenoon. I went on 1:30 Frisco tr. to Fredonia. I sup and lodge at Rev. H.E. Smith's. Rev. H.E. Smith's. Rev. H.D. Tatman called. Rev. L.V. Harrell lodged with me.

Wednesday, September 21 I dined at Rev. H.D. Tatman's. I got my overcoat, sent by express. I sent my peace proposal to the editor. I sup & lodge at Smith's. Rev. L.V. Harrell pr. at 8:00, Acts 1.8.

Thursday, September 22 Neosho Conference opened at 9:00. I commented on John 13th Ch. Business proceeded well. I dined and supped at Tatman's. Rev. N.C. Pierce pr. at 8:00, Gen. 5.24, "Enoch walked with God" A good speaking meeting followed. I lodged at Smith's, my Conf. home.

Friday, September 23 Conference proceeded. I dined and supped at at [repeated in text] Tatman's. Rev. A.A. York pr. at 7:45. A good speaking meeting followed.

Saturday, September 24 Conference proceeded well and closed before 5:00. Dined with Pierce at Rev. Barnet's Cumb. Presbyterian. P.N. Lambert pr. at 7:45. A good testimony meeting followed.

Sunday, September 25 I made a Sunday School address at 10:40. I pr. at 11:00, Dan. 6.28. Dined with Pierce & York at Mr. Maybee's. I pr. at 7:30, Rev. 5.12. Sacrament follows.

Monday, September 26 Tatman made a great fuss against Smith. I dined at Tatman's. Tatman made very little showing at the informal meeting held at the Church at 2:00, I sup & lodge at Smith's. L.V. Harrell pr. at 7:45, Matt. 6.10. Maybee & wife joined church.

Tuesday, September 27 I go at 2:45 on the early Frisco tr. & we leave at 3:15 for Springfield, Mo. Slept 4 or 5 hours. Wrote letters on the train. Reached Springfield at 3:00 p.m. I went to Rev. S.B. McGrew's, 625 Division St. Go to the post-office. About 40 at meeting. Hiram Brown pr.

Wednesday, September 28 I remained at McGrew's all day, my conf. home. I preached at the church, just opposite, at 8:00, Luke 10:37. About 45 present.

Thursday, September 29 Rev. J.B. Crom came, conf. having been announced locally to begin at 9:00, J.B. Crom conducted devotions. Session proper opened at 2:00 and proceeded well. Mrs. Eva. G. Dane and Geo. Burger arr. at 6:00 p.m. G.W. Masters pr. well at 7:45, Heb. 2:1-3. About 50 present.

Friday, September 30 Conference progressed well. I received a letter from Katharine. Rev. G.W. Hughey visited Conf.. We had a talk about the M.E. Gen. Conf. which he attended at Indianapolis in 1856. He pr. us a fine sermon at 7:45, 1 Cor. 1:23,24, 1 1/2 hours in length! Dined with us. 309 Walnut St.

Saturday, October 1 I wrote to Katharine. Got a bank draft for \$100.00. Conf. closed at 4:00. I called at Sister Stickney's to see Geo. Burger. Mrs. Eva J. Dane pr. at 7:35, John 6.35. Bro. McGrew's had temporary care of Harley Fink, an illegitimate boy born at the poor-house.

Sunday, October 2 I preached at 11:00, Rev. 5.13. I dined at Eliza Jane Stickney's. Mrs. Philinda Allen of 1316 Grant St., and Geo. Burger there. Mr. Howard's, Mrs. Stickney's soninlaw, there. I sup at John Gabriel's. I pr. at 7:30, Titus 2.13,14. I had addressed the S.S. at 3:00. Board at McGrew's. Some 8 asked for prayers.

Monday, October 3 I dined at Bro. Harris's. I went to bank and to the Depot. Called at Allen's 1316 Grant St., an hour. Sup & lodge at McGrew's. I pr. at 7:30,

Acts 1.11. Several asked for prayers.

Tuesday, October 4 This is a warm day. I went to Frisco Depot and took the early (5:05) tr. to Wichita, and thence took the 5:00 train to Hutchinson and lodged at Cousin Elsin E. Arderey's, (Dr. Lorimer Arderey) 118 A. Street East.

Wednesday, October 5 It is quite cool. I go on 9:30 tr. to Stafford. Rev. J.H. Watson meets me, and I dine with him at Mr. Johnson's, ex-Rev. Gallagher took me to Robt. J. Clinkscale's, 1 1/4 m. north of Zion Church, my Conf. home. Children: Mary, 20, Bourke, 12. DeSelm work's there.

Thursday, October 6 I called at the parsonage (D.R. Sappenfield). Conf opened at 2:00. C.B. Sherk pr. at 8:00, 2 Tim. 1:12. I dine, sup & lodge at Clinkscale's.

Friday, October 7 Conference continued. I dine at Sappenfield's. C.B. Sherk pr. at 8:00, 1 John. [rest is blank]

Saturday, October 8 Conf. continued and closed at 5:00. I. Rollins pr. at 8:00, Zech. 8:23. The session has been very pleasant and harmonious. I dined at T.B. Deselms', two miles east.

Sunday, October 9 I pr. at 11:00, 2 Ki. 2.9, "Double portion of thy spirit." I dine at Joe Guyer's, 4 miles northwest. Her brother, Bombgardner there. Children: Wilbur, Gladys, etc. The Parents were students at Lane University. I pr. at 8:00, Rev. 7:14. Communion. I lodge at C's with Sherk and Rollins.

Monday, October 10 I remain at C's till afternoon, and C. took me to Stafford & I go on 3:15 train (Mo. Pac.) via Conway Springs & Wichita to St. Louis via Kan. City.

Tuesday, October 11 I arrive at Kan. City at 8:15, and go on 10:10 tr. to St. Louis. Saw some of the awful wreck near Warrensburg. I arrive at St. Louis at 7:15. I go on 18th St. to Wash. Ave. and lodge at Mrs. Mary A. Sargent's, 3131. This was my lodging place while attending the Lou. Pur. Exposition.

Wednesday, October 12 Lodging 50 cts, breakfast 25 cts. I went on Olive St. cars (two blocks east) to the Exposition. I spent most of the forenoon in "Varied Industries" Building, and afternoon visited "Machinery" and "Transportation" buildings. Lunch (15), and I sup with Meachem at the Alps. Go via Olive St & Compton Ave. home.

Thursday, October 13 I spent the forenoon in "Manufactures," "Forestry, Fish & Game," "East Indies," "Philippines," "Aeronautics," etc. Reached Sargent's at 7:25. Last night I attended pr. meeting at Pres. Church. cor. Conway & Wash. Pastor's comments were fanciful.

Friday, October 14 I took my baggage and checked it at Union Depot. I then went to the Exposition and visited "Electricity," "Liberal Arts," "Fine Arts" "Education," "Agriculture" & went to "Machinery." Saw Rev. Mr. Meachem. Went to Union Depot & at 11:35 started, on the Vandalia Line, home.

Saturday, October 15 We reached Indianapolis about 7:35, and home (Dayton) at 11:00. All from home except Marie the house-maid. Found and read many letters. Slept some. Emptied my valises, etc, etc.

Sunday, October 16 I remained at home and rested. My nearest neighbor, Wm. Webbert Wagner died about 7:00 in the evening. I had known him 33 years or more.

Monday, October 17 Rev. Mr. Myer of Fourth Pres. Church called to see about my taking some part in Mr. Wagner's funeral. His nephew, "Will" Wagner, called in the evening to give me some dates about his uncle.

Tuesday, October 18 I wrote up a memorial paper. The funeral occurred at the house (next door) at 2:30. Burial in Woodland. I read the Memorial paper at the funeral and made a few remarks, and went to the burial in Woodland Cemetery.

Friday, October 21 Went to town in forenoon. At home reading and writing. I got a telegram in the evening from Rev. Aaron Worth, saying that Sarah E. Worth, my cousin, died at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22 I go on 11:00 tr. via Union City

and Ridgeville to Briant, Ind. I sup & lodge at Worth's. His sister & her son & daughter. "Cousin" Arelia was there, and Agnes' daughter came in the night.

Sunday, October 23 I wrote out a memorial paper. Funeral by Rev. Seekins of Fairmount. Pastor is Rev. Carter. Dine at Worth's. I pr. at 7:30, Rev. 5.13. Lodge at Worth's. Sarah was buried just west of town. I read the memorial paper at the funeral.

Monday, October 24 I went on 8:00 tr. via Ridgeville and Jonesboro to Fowlerston arr. at 3:00. I went to White's, and supped and lodged there.

Tuesday, October 25 I made a settlement with White. I dined at Oliver Glass's. I called in the afternoon at R.B. Reeder's. I went on 5:40 tr. to Fairmount. Supper and lodging at Ellis Wrights.

Wednesday, October 26 I went to Marion and paid my tax and went on 9:43 tr. via Delphos to Monticello, Ohio, to Auglaize Ministerial Institute. Lunched at Delphos. I sup and lodge at [repeated in text] Conrad Wash. Sites, Wm. Dillon pr. at 7:30, Eph. 4:30, "Grieve not H. Sp," etc.

Thursday, October 27 The Institute continued in the forenoon. I dine at Sites'. I went on 1:54 train home, arr. at Dayton at 5:30. The Institute, without discussion, unanimously adopted Wm. Dillon's resolution denouncing the fraud of casting 49 and even over 50 ballots for Pres. Elder when only 47 members were present.

Sunday, October 30 I heard Rev. Howard P. Whidden pr. at 11:00, Isai. 26.15, on the Lou. Pur. Exposition, a fine sermon. I called an hour at Lorin's.

Tuesday, November 1 Went out to the aeronautical grounds at Sim[m]'s Station. The boy's fail[e]d to get the Flyer well into the air.

Wednesday, November 2 Went again to Sim[m]'s. Wilbur made one flight of 3/4 mile.

Thursday, November 3 Went out to Sim[m]'s. Wilbur flew 3/4 of a mile and landed breaking the machine some.

Friday, November 4 Sent out many letters to the preachers on the election of delegates.

Saturday, November 5 Wrote letters, etc. Mary Peffers closed her week of house keeping for us.

Sunday, November 6 I heard Rev. D. Frank Garland pr. from Judges 5:23, "Curse ye Meroz."

Tuesday, November 8 I voted for Ro[o]sevelt and Fairbanks, and went out on 11:00 car to Sim[m]'s Station. The boys made no flight. Went to Main Street and got the election bulletins. Roosevelt is overwhelmingly elected. This is Milton's birth-day anniversary, the twelfth.

Wednesday, November 9 The news is still more favorable to Roosevelt, 325-343 electoral votes & unprecedented pluralities. I go on 11:00 car to Sim[m]s. At 2:00, Wilbur flew three (Lacking one-fourth) miles in 5 minutes and four seconds. The distance was only limited by failure of engine.

Saturday, November 12 Went in the forenoon to John J. Reeder's in Ohmer Park. At home the rest of the day.

Sunday, November 13 I heard Rev. Maurice E. Wilson pr. Matt. 6.10, on Social duty—not apposite! Ivonette & Leontine came & spent the day. They behave so nicely.

Tuesday, November 15 Wrote letters in the morning. Went on 11 traction to Sim[m]'s. Wilbur at 4:00 made a two-mile flight. Orville had flown 1/2, 1/3 and 1/8 mile earlier. Reached home at 5:00.

Thursday, November 17 At home. This is my seventy-sixth birth-day anniversary. Mine thus far has been a highly favored and happy life. Bless the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever. I get ready to start for Canada to-morrow.

Friday, November 18 I left home on the 5: 35 a.m. train to Toledo. Go thence on 2:17 tr. to Buffalo, N.Y., arriving at 10:25 (11:25 E.T.), where I lodge at Arlington Hotel, 75 cts. This is Lorin's forty-second birth-day an-

niversary. He was born at my father's home in Fayette Co., Ind.

Saturday, November 19 I go on the 5:47 a.m. Mich. Central train to Stevensville. I breakfast at Rev. J. Howe's. D.B. Sherk & I dine at Mrs. Aramantha Baker's. I sup & lodge at Rev. J. Howe's. Counsel with three of the five trustees & Sherk, Howe and Hendershot at 9:30, even'g.

Sunday, November 20 I preach at 10:30, Judges 5.1,2. We raise \$334 and dedicate the "First Church of Stevensville" 26 X 40 ', concrete-block. I dine at Bro. Edward Spear's, in the country. Father and Mother Plato (Sister Spear's parents) also there I preached at 7:30, Rev. 7.13, 14 . I lodged at Rev. J. Howe's, in "parsonage."

Monday, November 21 I remained at Howe's till after 3:00, and he took me to Wm. Spear's to supper, and I preach at Garrison Road Church at 7:30, Dan. 6.23. I included too much for effect. We lodged at Mrs. Jacob Shisler's, not far from the Church. Her sons bought Texas lands.

Tuesday, November 22 We dined at Bro. Nathan Day's. We supped at Br. Merner Shupe's. I preached at Sherkston Church at 8:00, Matt. 16.17, on Expeimental Religion. We lodged at Isaac Sherk's.

Wednesday, November 23 I go on 7:50 tr. via Brantford, Harrisburg and Galt to to [repeated in text] Berlin, arr. at 1:00, Go to Rev. D.B. Sherk's, but dine and sup at W.H. Becker's, where I see his mother & sister Divit. Call at Rev. J.B. Bowman's. Attend pr. meeting. Saw Snyder, Deitwiler, Miss Musselman, etc. Lodge at Sherk's. Slept 10 hours!

Thursday, November 24 After Shopping, I dined at Rev. A.R. Springer's, the pastor's. At 3:20, Rev. Springer took me to Rev. S. Swart's for Supper in the country, and at 8:00, I pr. at Manheim, I Cor. 1:30, "Wisdom, righteousness", etc. I lodged with Springer at Samuel S. Herner's, a teacher & Q. Conf. Preacher.

Friday, November 25 We return to Berlin. I studied my address for evening. I dined at W.H. Hilborn's. I sup at

Moses Eshelman's. I gave an address at 8:30, (Gen. 50.20), on "Divine Providence & Missions." I lodged at Sherk's.

Saturday, November 26 I got and read many forwarded letters. Rev. S.H. Swarts took me to his house, where I dined. In the afternoon, he took me to Amos Hilborn's, in New Dundee, where I sup & lodge. His bro. Aaron & wife sup & lodge there.

Sunday, November 27 I pr. at N. Dundee at 10:30, Matt. 11.11, on John Baptist. I dine at Gotleib Betschen's, 1 1/2 ms. North. He took me to Berlin to Rev. J.B. Bowman's. I sup there. I pr. in Berlin at 7:00, Rev. 7.2,3. About 3 inches of snow fell last night & lay all day.

Monday, November 28 I leave Berlin at 11:00 (11:40). Part of the way there were 6 or 7 inches of snow. I lunch on the train and reach Port Huron at 3:45 (2:45 Western time). I reach Durand at 6:20, and Alma at 8:45, and visited Wood [?] and Rev. E.D. Root till 2:00 morning. Slept three hours. I lodged at Rev. C.L. Woods.

Tuesday, November 29 I left Alma at 7:29, reached Toledo at 12:55, took C.H.& D tr. at 2:15 (2:47) and reached Dayton at 6:05 (7:00) and found family well.

Wednesday, November 30 I was at home all day. Wrote letters. Slept an hour in the Aftn. I called at Lorin's an hour in the evening.

Thursday, December 1 At home all day. Wrote some letters. At Lorin's a half hour in the evening. I went to the Torrence Huffman's farm on 12:00 Car, and saw Orville at 4:00, fly two and 3/4 miles.

Friday, December 2 At home forenoon. I go to aeronautical, but owing to cold wind there was no attempt to fly.

Saturday, December 3 I was at home all day. Wrote letters. Nothing unusual occurred, except that Ida Whitehead, after four weeks service, left this afternoon. Her fault was whineing about the work and her ill health. She left voluntarily. She did good work.

Sunday, December 4 I, at First Baptist Church, heard

Rev. Howard P. Whidden preach, 2 Cor. 1.12, "On the Simple Life." He is a fine thinker and orator.

Monday, December 5 Went to Huffman farm, but saw no flying.

Tuesday, December 6 Went to Aeronautical grounds in the afternoon, but there were no flights. I wrote letters in the forenoon. In the evening I read the President's Message through in full. It is an able & unique document. Wrong on Woman's exclusion from bread-winning and revival of whipping-posts.

Wednesday, December 7 Again I went to "Aeronauts." No flight. We are using the back stairway put in yesterday by the carpenters.

Thursday, December 8 I remained at home all day. The carpenters are still tearing up the house to put on two additional rooms. I get a letter from my farmer, saying that the oil company is pumping my third oil well.

Friday, December 9 I went at 1:00 to Sim[m]'s. It was a damp—windy day. The boys failed to get off in any flight. I got home on 6:00 car. It began to snow at nightfall. The Aeronautical ground is a very level field of eighty-seven acres, on Torrence Huffman's farm.

Saturday, December 10 I was at home all day. I got several letters bearing on the election of delegates, and one from Barkley. I write several answers. There were several inches of snow.

Sunday, December 11 I remained at home all day. Lorin, with Horace, called an hour in the afternoon. Horace is very stout, and promising every way. Milton came about 4:00 and remained till night. He is of good size, good-looking, and well-informed.

Monday, December 12 Mrs. Louise Murray came this morning to do our house-work. I wrote letters to-day. Lathers are busy on our house, and clutter up everything.

Tuesday, December 13 The plasterers are plastering our new upper rooms. I write letters. John Wright came in the evening. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. He copied a part

of the Wright Genealogy, reaching back to John Wright of Kelvedon, in Essex County, Eng., as early as A.D. 1500.

Wednesday, December 14 I wrote letters and a number of full cards. Plasterers still at work. John Wright in the evening continued to copy the Wright genealogy, and completed it.

Saturday, December 17 I went to town at 9:15 & on the 10:00 car to Germantown arr. at 11:30. Dined at J. Wesley Fouts'. Rev. C.S. Johnson, P.E., pr. at 2:00, Mark 11:22, I sup at Kindel's with many others. Ja. pr. at 7:00, Eph. 5:14. I lodge at J.W. Fout's. It snowed this morning.

Sunday, December 18 At Sab. School at 9:00, & I taught the whole School. A precious testimony meeting followed. Elder Johnson pr. at 11:00, John 19:19. I introduced the sacrament. We dine at Isaac Swartzel's two ms. in country, with Johnson, Kindel's etc. I pr. at 7:00, Rev. 7.3. I lodge at Edwin M. Scott's, in Lizzie Long's house.

Monday, December 19 I go on 6:00 car to Dayton arri. at 7:20. Read letters, slept 2 hours, Mr. A.J. Root came at 4:30. He read his articles for his bee Journal. He went on 8:00 car to Springfield. Mr. Root seems to be a fine old gentleman. He lives in Medina, Ohio.

Tuesday, December 20 I was at home reading and writing. I went to town this afternoon and bought Helen a red mohair dress and Bertha an oil cloth blackboard.

Wednesday, December 21 I was at home all day. I received a letter from Bishop H.L. Barkley and sent him a long answer. I answered a letter from W.H. Willoughby. We sent a Christmas box to Reuchlin.

Thursday, December 22 I wrote a long letter to Lucinda (Wright). I sent for a clergy certificate to Cen. Pass. Association.

Friday, December 23 I wrote a long letter to Emma Zeller Dennis. It is a rainy day. I wrote cards to Wood and Barkley. I read considerable in the weeklies.

Saturday, December 24 At home. I wrote a letter to S. Kearn and one to W.H. Clay. A little rain to-day.

Sunday, December 25 At 10:30, heard at Grace M.E. Rev. H.C. Jameson pr, Luke 1.10,11, a sermon of extraordinary excellence. Lorin's family dined with us. The children were sweet as can be. A little rainy especially at night. I read much.

Monday, December 26 I wrote to A.F. Stoltz, W.W. Knipple and A.X. Harrison. It rained to-day to fill a great need. I read considerably in "The Strenuous Life," by Theo. Roosevelt.

Tuesday, December 27 This is a warm winter day. But it turned cold in the evening. I wrote letters and many cards. I got not a letter. This is the sixty-first anniversary of the marriage of my brother Harvey Wright, and Delila, (Stephens)—both alive and well, to their great age.

Wednesday, December 28 It is a cold raw day. I write some letters and many postals. I got a letter from Emma Z. Den[n]is, saying that Prof. had a set back on stomach trouble about two weeks ago.

Thursday, December 29 I had thought of going to Grant Co., Ind., to-day, but decided to post-pone. I received my Clergy Certificate on Cent. Pass. Asso. this morning, No. 5793. It proves a most beautiful and moderate day.

Friday, December 30 The weather is mild and delightful. I write some letters. Nothing of very special interest occurs.

Saturday, December 31 A delightful day. I wrote a letter to Mrs. Mary Wyatt, Philomath, Oregon, an old pupil of mine in 1858! I finished reading through Roosevelt's "Strenuous Life." The first two-thirds is not only able, but very interesting. The addresses in the last part have much repetition. I sat up till an hour of 1905 had come in. The year came in with bells, whistles and guns.